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THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM

JOHN CHAN

"NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." Matthew 2:1.

These travellers were wise because they sought the Lord diligently and found Him. I believe anyone who seeks the Lord is wise. If these wise men were to come to Jerusalem "the city of peace" today, would they find the Prince of Peace? If these wise men came to Sydney, Auckland or Suva, would they be disappointed?

It was 1982. I was working as a migrant minister for Asian refugees. They found Australia a wonderful haven from their own war-torn countries. It was as if they had been transported by a magic carpet to this fantastic land of electronics. Simple things such as ice-cream, TV, electric blankets and microwave ovens fascinated them. How-

ever, soon the initial thrill of discovery began to wane. Some asked, "Is this all there is to life?"

Then Christmas came. The decorations, the bright, blinking lights accompanied by the enchanting Christmas tunes at the supermarkets created a festive atmosphere that was so very strange to these newcomers. Many of them seldom show emotions of gaiety. Their children were petrified by the "Ho! Ho! Ho!" of the stout gentleman wearing a white flowing beard and a red coat.

"What is it all about?" our bewildered visitors from the East asked.

Can we be a guiding star?

The wise from the East, as well as from the West, will seek Him and worship Him. Only then will we have
"PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD
WILL TOWARD MEN."



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

THE MEMBERS of the team responsible for preparing the RECORD each week, want to take this opportunity to wish our readers every happiness during the festive season and much of God's blessing throughout the coming year.

Smiling at you from the picture are (from left) George Gilbert, proofreader and photo secretary; Wayne Louk, layout artist; Mrs Glenda Fairall, editorial secretary; Kelvin Ellis, foreman, photoset department; Pastor Geoffrey Garne, editor; Mrs Joy Totenhofer, assistant editor; Graeme Brown, copy editor and senior proofreader; Mrs Losena Sirilo, Miss Kerrie Maxwell and Chris Powell, phototypesetters.

This is the last issue of the RECORD for 1985. The next issue will be the one dated January 18, 1986. This is also the very last issue of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD you will ever hold in your hand. From the beginning of 1986 it will be the *South Pacific Record*.

At its meeting on November 20, the Division committee placed a call for Pastor James N. Coffin, an assistant editor of *Adventist Review*, to serve as editor of the *South Pacific Record* and *Signs of the Times*. It is anticipated that he will arrive about the middle of next year, and I will continue to serve as your editor until then. Thereafter I hope, God willing, to continue making a contribution to the program of the church in a pastoral capacity in one of our Australian conferences.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your editor for the past five years—a privilege I will continue to enjoy during the first half of 1986.

May 1986 be a year in which you will experience many evidences of God's love and leading, many answers to prayer, many fulfilments of His promises, and many reasons to love and trust Him.

Shalom!

Sincerely yours in Jesus,

Geoff Garne

IN JANUARY SIGNS:
TOWARD THE YEAR 2000.
GET ONE TO GIVE!

A NEW HOME AND A CHANGED LIFE

E. R. PIEZ, Secretary-Treasurer, Greater Sydney Conference

WHAT WILL our new home and the changed lifestyle be like? What will we find on arrival? What are the opportunities to start life over again? Such were the thoughts going through the minds of several migrant families as they neared the coast of Australia recently. They were coming as refugees from various Latin American countries, and how much they needed a change from revolution and other political problems!

For some, the change came in a way they did not expect; in fact, in a way they could not have imagined. Some met Spanish-speaking Adventist laymen who regularly visited one of Sydney's refugee hostels; some saw advertisements in the Spanish newspapers offering invitations to attend special meetings that were being conducted by two of Sydney's Seventh-day Adventist churches. Yes, the change came, and they are glad. They are making their new life in a new land, but they, like Abraham, now know about a much better land and are looking forward to settling there. As a result of attending these meetings, they have learned of a better way of life.

Three other men also travelled from South America to Australia this year. They, too, wondered what they would find on arrival. Their trip was to allow them to be the visiting speakers for the evangelistic outreach being conducted for the benefit of the Spanish-speaking people of Sydney.

A baptism in the church at Wetherill Park in Sydney's western suburbs on Sabbath, September 28, provided a delightful climax to these meetings. Three hundred and eighty people were present for a very dignified occasion when ten more persons were baptised. This made a total of twenty-two so far for the campaigns. One good part of the day was that approximately thirty more people responded to an altar call, expressing their

desire to be ready for future baptism.

The Hispanic church members were pleased to support the Botany program which started in the East Lakes Community Hall in mid-August. They had a baptism on the previous Sabbath with four persons being added to their church membership. Another ten asked for Bible studies so they could be ready for the next baptism.

Now that the public part of the program is over, the two Spanish churches are gearing up for personal participation. As the new quarter commences, Sabbath school classes at the Spanish church in Wetherill Park have been arranged to fit the areas where the members live. Each class will have the responsibility for some evangelistic work in their district. The names of persons in the area who have attended some of the meetings will be given to each class. These people will be visited and invited to meetings which will be held in the various homes. In addition, two groups will work in the migrant hostel to care for the interest there. The new church members will also be involved in this outreach program.

The Hispanic church, too, is also planning a strong consolidation program for the remainder of the year, using their members to prepare these new interests for baptism and church membership.

It is expected that further baptisms will be held before the year is over, which will be the result of contacts made during the public mission outreach.

While all the public meetings were of an evangelistic nature with the presentation of our distinctive doctrines, there was a very personal presentation at each meeting. Pastor G. Clouzet, a retired minister from Argentina who has been a church administrator for years, was the first to arrive. He has an exceptional ability as a communicator. His

messages were presented very clearly. Each meeting was directed toward people with a Latin American culture, which was most interesting. After each meeting the people were invited to stay and chat and ask questions, and many friendships have developed which will yet encourage decisions for later baptisms.

Dr S. Maldonado, who is in charge of our medical work in Chile, assisted the evangelist, Pastor J. Millanao, for the first few meetings. He presented the successful 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking program in each of the two locations. Approximately thirty-five people were successful in giving up the smoking habit.

Pastor Millanao, who is a younger man, is a regular evangelist from Chile. His presentations followed the style of our Australian evangelists. With his deep, rich, bass voice, he was able to take part in many musical items. He also gave a good coverage of our church doctrines, and his presentations were well received.

There is no question that these meetings have left the membership of both churches with a greater understanding of the gospel and a richer experience with Christ. It has also left them with an increase of twenty-two members so far, and potential for many more baptisms. Besides this, their desire to bring others to Christ has been kindled, and the members, with their respective pastors, are following up these interests.

I was pleased to be able to participate in most of the meetings through the translation service. I enjoyed the style and content of each presentation, and praise God for the results which can be seen in the changed lives of those now regularly occupying seats in church each Sabbath and filling a place in service for God. ■

Pastor J. Millanao, an evangelist from Chile, baptising a new member at the conclusion of the Spanish evangelistic campaign in Sydney, NSW.

Pastor E. Olivares, pastor of the Spanish church, taking part in the baptismal service.



Photos: E. R. Piez.



THE PERFECT TREE

RAY FORNO

IN AUGUST 1945 I was in Kerikeri, a small north Auckland village, recovering from an injury, and my doctor had advocated plenty of light exercise. Accordingly, it was my custom to take long, leisurely walks up and down the byways that crisscrossed Keri in those days.

Early one crisp, clear morning I was out walking. The sun was just up. The dew on the grass sparkled like diamonds, and I felt it was good to be alive. On one side of the lane down which I was walking was a tall windbreak of Australian gums, and behind the gums, growing on a rather steep slope, was a magnificent mature orange orchard in full bearing.

As I walked on I came to a wide gate, behind which was a smooth driveway, leading in a broad curve up to the homestead belonging to the orchard. I stopped and leaned on the gate to admire the multitude of golden fruit hanging in great clusters from the green trees. If you have ever seen an orange grove in full bearing, you would know what a superb sight it was.

As I stood there admiring the orchard, I noticed a man coming down through the trees, stopping occasionally to inspect the crop. When he saw me leaning on his gate, he came over and wished me a cheery "Good morning"—he had walked down for his milk, which was in a white enamel billy can by the post-box.

"I saw you leaning on our gate," he said. "Can we do something for you?"

I replied in the negative, explaining that I had paused to admire the orchard at close quarters, that it looked especially lovely in the early sun. The man agreed with me, and I commented on his industry and his care for the trees, and that the orchard was a credit to him.

"Oh," he said, "don't give me the credit. All you see in front of you was given to me. It was a free gift—a present, if you like."

I stood silently for a moment or two, then said, "What a truly marvellous gift! Someone must really appreciate you."

The man smiled slowly, then said, "You know, you've got it all wrong again. You see, it wasn't a person who gave me this present. Oh, no. Just listen for a minute." He put the billy of milk down gently on the driveway, then shooed the cat away and leaned his forearms on the rail of the gate. The story he told me went like this.

"Years ago, when Mother and I came to Keri, we had very little money, and this piece of property was the only one which matched our pocket, so we bought it. In those days there was no house on the land, only an old tin shed in which some previous owner had stored manure. Nevertheless, we moved our things into the old shed, and somehow Mother made it comfy, although we froze in the winter and roasted in the summer.

"As you see, the majority of the land lies

on a rather steep hill, and although the trees had been planted long before we came here, they were doing poorly. Their leaves were yellow and the ground, generally, was as dry as chips. However, one tree in the orchard was the exception, and that tree grew in the most unlikely place—right on top of the hill in what seemed the driest, dustiest spot in the whole orchard. Ten centimetres of bone-dry dust lay around that tree, yet the tree itself was a picture—a huge orange tree, about five metres in diameter, and almost the same in height. Its leaves were a dark, glossy green, and bore masses of large, golden fruit.

"Mother and I puzzled over that tree for many hours. Why was it so radiantly fruitful, while the trees all around it were such pitiful specimens, stunted and sickly? We pondered the problem for two years, and at last could stand it no longer. We decided we just had to know the answer.

"Arming ourselves with two spades, we climbed the hill and dug that tree up. As we dug, we noticed the complete absence of roots under the tree's branches, as is usual with citrus trees. No, the root of the tree was like a huge post, and it went straight down. After three solid hours of digging, we came to a pan of hard bluestone, and this single root protruded still further down into a cleft in the blue rock. Eventually we had to lever the root out of the rocky cleft, and the effort was so great I had to sit in the dust to regain my strength.

"While I rested, Mother climbed into the hole and peered down into the open gallery from which the root had emerged, then in an excited whisper she said, 'Ben, I can see and hear running water.' On further inspection, we found inside the shaft from which the root had been removed, two holes, and the water was issuing from one of these with some considerable force, only to immediately turn over and flow out of sight down the other hole.

"We were astounded, intrigued and delighted, and we hugged each other. I rushed off down the hill to our shed, and struggled back up again with a bag of cement and a couple of handfuls of washing soda to make the cement set quickly. Then, with the aid of a piece of field-stone, we blocked and plastered the drain-hole over. Within minutes, the large hole we had dug was half-full of water, and we estimated the flow at around seventy litres a minute.

"During the next two or three days, Mother and I worked from dawn till dark, digging shallow furrows down through the orchard, radiating from the hilltop like the spokes of a wheel, and, from that day to this, our orchard has flourished.

"So, my friend, everything you see before you was a present to us, a gift from the water—our homestead and all it contains, our tractor, cultivators, our car, Mother's roses, our new driveway with its blue lobelia



borders, our windbreaks, the sweet verberna by your feet—everything, everything is a gift to us from the water, and moreover, the water constantly sustains all we have.

"You know something else?" he said. "We are not the only ones to benefit from the water. The strain of orange we grow is known as Ruby Blood, a thin-skinned variety with deep crimson flesh, which is juicy and as sweet as honey, and also widely sought after. Those who buy and eat our fruit enjoy the rich goodness of it, but little do they know they savour the water's bounty."

He walked over to the nearest tree and chose two ripe oranges and tossed them to me. "Here," he said, "taste for yourself the nectar—the water's sweetness."

Then, walking back to the gate again, he said in a low voice, as if speaking a confidence, "You know, when we dug that tree up on top of the hill, our elation was so great at finding the water that we forgot the tree, and it lay in the dust and sun for hours, and the sun burned its roots and it died. It has always been a wonder to me that the only perfect tree in the whole orchard had to die, in order that all the other scruffy trees might have life, and have it more abundantly."

HOME AT LAST—TO STAY

LAUREL HERBERT

LAST SABBATH I was baptised by Pastor F. L. Mackay in the Murray Bridge church, South Australia, which had been beautifully decorated by loving hands for the occasion. It was the most wonderful day of my life, and I would like to tell you how all this came about.

I was born into a wonderful, loving, Seventh-day Adventist family. From my earliest recollection we had a beautiful Sabbath school and church in our home or in the shade of a large tree on our dairy farm in northern Queensland. Just our family, as there were no other Adventists around. Our dear father used to tell my brother (now Pastor Don Mitchell) and I stories from the Bible each night as we would drift off to sleep. How I loved to hear of Joseph's coat of many colours, as we did not have many of this world's goods ourselves! We had family worship night and morning every day of our lives, and our home was filled with love.

When I was eight years old, our parents decided that they should sell the farm and move to Avondale, where we five children could receive a Christian education.

As I grew into my teens, I lost my way. I was very self-willed and imagined I was having religion forced on me. I decided that I could never be "good enough" to please God anyway, so I may as well fully enjoy the life I had here and now. I wholeheartedly set out on the "good time" road.

The good times turned out to be not so good. The devil kept me blind for forty years. The elusive happiness always seemed to pass me by. My three children brought me much happiness, but I think my grandchildren brought me even greater joy. Now and

again I would think about coming back to the church, but the old devil would remind me of my wasted life and insinuate that God wouldn't accept me now. After all, he would suggest, it would be like saying to God, "Well, I've done my thing. You can have the bit that's left!"

I decided I would not insult God by offering Him so little, and I just drifted on until a great personal tragedy knocked the bottom right out of my world. My eldest grandson, who was the light of my life, was drowned at the age of nine. I was devastated—absolutely shattered. In my grief, I thought that I would like to go to church, but I went to the graveside of my grandson on the way. This, plus the emotion of going to church on my own after all these years left me in a very emotional state. The dear people of the Murray Bridge church looked after me and comforted me. They made me feel welcome and wanted, and showed me such loving and caring.

As a result of this loving concern I got in touch with Pastor Mackay, and went to visit him and his dear wife. While he was talking with me—I cannot remember his exact words—but like a flash of light I could see and understand God's great plan of salvation. My blindness was gone. I clearly comprehended that I did not have to be "good enough" before I could come to God. That He loved me, even as I was, and that if I came to Him and confessed my sins and accepted Him and His wonderful sacrifice by faith, His grace was sufficient for me. My grief was relieved, the Holy Spirit had begun His work in me. Since that day I have not missed a wonderful day of Sabbath school and church.

My baptism last Sabbath was, for me, a foretaste of heaven. I could truly feel the love of God and the love of God's people. The care and concern of these dear people for me is something precious that will stay with me for all eternity. I just thank our loving heavenly Father for Pastor and Mrs. Mackay and my dear, loving friends here at Murray Bridge and Mannum. Also for my brother and sisters and my loving parents who have never stopped praying for me. Without their care and concern I possibly would never have come back to the church.

What I would like to convey to our readers is that, like me, we may have many people brought up as Seventh-day Adventists who have drifted away. Maybe some of them have the desire to come back as I often did. Maybe they are just waiting for one word of love, or encouragement; one word of hope; to remind them that our Saviour loves them with an undying love, and all we have to do is come to Him in repentance and sweet surrender, and He will gladly lead us the rest of the way.

If anyone knows someone who has grown cold, or who has drifted away, please go to them in love and encouragement. It may be just the one word they are waiting for. It may be the one gesture that will save another soul for our Lord.

I just can't wait to see the lovely face of our Saviour when He comes to take us home! And I anticipate with delight the joy that will be on the faces of my dear parents when they see that their prayers were answered and their wayward daughter has come home with them to be with our Lord. Love and caring can accomplish much more than lecturing. ■

Remarkable Leading of the Spirit

DENIS JONES, Literature Evangelist, Northern Australian Conference

I WAS DRIVING HOME at the end of a hectic week of inviting people to our Marian Revelation Seminar. A large, imposing home on the left came up as usual, but this time a young man was looking over the front garden. An extensive lawn gave me 500 metres to think things over. *I should stop and invite this man to the seminar*, I thought, but then dismissed it as ridiculous to expect anyone to respond on such short notice. The still, small voice protested that I had no right to go past—I must stop!

With an urgency I braked heavily to draw up at the gate. As I walked through the gate, Glen Breadsell saw me and came halfway down the path to meet me. I introduced myself and gave the invitation, and was questioned for nearly twenty minutes. Then Glen responded "I'll come if my wife will." My mind raced, *I must ask to speak to his wife!* Then, to my surprise, the still, small voice gently but firmly said, "Do not ask to see his wife." I thanked him for his time and left.

Apparently several ardent religionists had walked down his path, but this day, he told me later, something told him to accept the invitation offered. Glen and his wife Roslyn came to the Revelation

Seminar, studied with Gavin Rowe and were baptised at Pastor Kent's mission baptism. Praise God for His love and guidance! ■



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

D. R. STICKLEN

THE CHRISTMAS story is still as thrilling and powerful as when it was first told by the angel to the shepherds on the plain near Bethlehem. The story of Jesus is the greatest love story ever told: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The great love of God for this world defies description, and it will be the subject of our contemplation throughout eternity; how God's Son became a man.

Galatians 4:4, 5 tells us that "when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

God had directed the movements of nations and the tide of human impulse and influence until the world was ripe for the coming of the deliverer.

At this time the systems of heathenism were losing their hold on the people. Men were weary of pageant and fable. They longed for a religion that could satisfy the heart. While the light of truth seemed to have departed from among men, there were people who were looking for light and who were filled with sorrow and perplexity. They were thirsting for a knowledge of the living God; for some assurance of a life beyond the grave.

Satan at this time was exulting that he had succeeded in debasing the image of God in humanity. Then Jesus came to restore in man the image of his Maker. None but Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin.

The coming of the Messiah had long been foretold in prophecy, and He desired men to accept Him upon the testimony of the Word of God.

Caesar Augustus is made the agent for the fulfilment of God's purpose in bringing the mother of Jesus to Bethlehem. She is of the lineage of David, and the Son of David must be born in David's city.

Out of Bethlehem, said the prophet, "shall he come forth . . . that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity." Micah 5:2 (margin).

In the city of their royal line Joseph and Mary are unrecognised and unhonoured. Weary and homeless they traverse the entire length of the narrow street, vainly seeking a resting place for the night. In a crude building where the beasts are sheltered they at last find refuge, and here the Redeemer of the world is born.

The whole world is brighter for His presence. Above the hills of Bethlehem are gathered an innumerable throng of angels. They await the signal to declare the glad news to the world.

In the fields where the boy David had led his flock, shepherds were still keeping watch by night. Through the silent hours they talked together of the promised Saviour, and prayed for the coming of the king to David's throne. "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:9-11.

But the angel must prepare them to recognise their Saviour in poverty and humiliation. "And this shall be a sign unto you," he says. "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Verse 12.

Then the joy and glory could no longer be hidden. The whole plain was lighted up with the bright shining of the hosts of God. Earth was hushed and heaven stopped to listen to the song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Verse 14.

Oh, that today the human family could recognise that song! The declaration then made, the note then struck, will swell to the close of time and resound to the ends of the earth. "And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Verse 16. "Heaven and earth are no wider apart today than

when shepherds listened to the angels' song."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 48.

Wise men from the East, men of noble birth and learning, men of wealth, follow His star. "And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him." Matthew 2:9-11. These men of noble birth and influence fall in love with Jesus, then they shower their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh upon Him.

Millions of people in all walks of life since that time have fallen in love with Jesus, and the good tidings of great joy are still sounding and resounding throughout the world today.

When we fall in love, something leaves us and goes out to the person we love. So it is when we fall in love with Jesus; all our affections are centred in Him. Jesus is the answer to all our desires. He is "the desire of all nations." Haggai 2:7. ■

Jesus Christ: God-man

DORIS MILLER

Why did Jesus make such stupendous sacrifices?
Why did He suffer such insufferable sufferings?
Why did Divinity become humanity?
Why did He make Himself such a willing sacrifice?

A well-known writer has recorded, "Omnipotence was wrapped in swaddling clothes."

Ask yourself, Why did He leave:
Angels for Animals?
Adoration for Abuse?
Concord for Conflict?
Crown for Cross?
Devotion for Derision?
Glory for Gethsemane?
Heaven for Hell?
Homage for Hatred?
Love for Leering?
Plenty for Poverty?
Reception for Rejection?
Sinlessness for Sinfulness?
Splendour for Sordidness?
Veneration for Vilification?

The answer is found in one small word, LOVE. The deep, majestic abundant—though incomprehensible to our finite minds—love which the Creator had for mankind is the answer. So great was this love that He wanted to bestow upon the greatest of His creations, MANKIND, the opportunity of obtaining everlasting love and everlasting life.

That is why He loved, even to death. ■

Eastern Solomons Mission Strikes Devil's Headquarters

NATHAN RORE, President, Eastern Solomon Islands Mission



The devil priest, Koesaia, and his wife after their baptism. Koesaia is no longer a priest of the devil, but a servant of God.

UP IN the highlands of Guadalcanal lived a devil priest by the name of Koesaia, who belonged to a devil-priest tribe. Their tradition says that the tribe comes from the first man who ever lived on Guadalcanal. Because he was a devil priest, all his descendants were also devil priests. He possessed three powers; namely, the power of healing, the power of protection and the power of wealth.

People from all parts of Guadalcanal looked to him for help and healing. It was believed that Koesaia's power came from the tooth of the first man of Guadalcanal, from the eagle's tongue and from a piece of ginger found in Koesaia's possession.

Koesaia trusted his devil and wanted to serve him as long as he lived. He had nothing to fear, for he had all the power and wealth. He would have nothing to do with religion and was not the least bit interested in church, even though the Seventh-day Adventist Church made its way up to his home village. His devil gave him all he wanted.

When people got sick they went to Koesaia for treatment. He rubbed their faces and bodies with the piece of ginger, and immediately healing took place. In this way Koesaia became very famous throughout the island, and many people went to him for help and paid a lot of money to him. This is how he became rich.

In order to satisfy the devil, each time he was paid for healing someone, a proportion of his earnings was used to buy a pig which he sacrificed to the devil. One day Koesaia forgot to give the devil his share. The devil was then very angry with Koesaia and

caused him to become very ill. He took hold of his piece of ginger and rubbed it all over his body as usual, but this time it didn't work. He tried it time after time and called to his devil for help, but all in vain. He was now at the point of death; the devil couldn't help him any more. He struggled with the devil for three months. The devil now wanted to kill him, but somehow he couldn't cause him to die, but Koesaia suffered very much.

Right at this time one of our ministers visited Koesaia's village. The people in the village directed our Seventh-day Adventist minister to Koesaia's old hut, black with smoke. Koesaia lay helpless on his ground-floor bed covered with dust. As the minister entered his house, he accepted the offer of prayer made by the minister. His will, long bound by the devil, was now surrendered to the God whom he hated in years gone by. As the minister closed his prayer, this prisoner of Satan began to feel the power of true healing electrifying his whole body. He was completely healed by the power which is stronger than the devil's. He now knew that there was a God in heaven who was stronger and mightier than the devil he used to serve.

He is no longer a priest of the devil, but a servant of God. Before his baptism in 1983, he gave away his three devil powers and replaced them with God's power. His village at Ghaiparia is one of the six in the highlands of Guadalcanal that called for missionaries last year, but because of our insufficient funds to employ six extra workers, the calls were neglected until this year.

In May of this year the call came loud and

clear again and with urgency, for six missionaries. Our committee decided to send the five available volunteers up the rugged hills and mountains of Guadalcanal, "striking Satan's headquarters." Reports came back to us that Bible studies were being held among the ignorant and devil worshippers of the mountain regions. Lamb shelters are the most urgent need, and also homes for the five families. Kerosene, hurricane lamps, soap, salt, warm clothing, etc, are some of the items which must be sent up every month for the volunteer families.

We appeal to our Sabbath school members to kindly consider our need of the following four projects in the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission as they give their fourth quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this year:

1. Honiara Evangelistic Centre.
2. Honiara Youth Hall.
3. Lamb shelters.
4. Two clinics.

The Heathen . . . Bows Down . . .

Incredible as it may sound, devil worship is still widely practised in many parts of the mission field.

The ignorant inhabitants of many in the highlands of Guadalcanal and Malaita are still practising heathenism, and sacrificial ceremonies are still offered to their devils.

As you visit in the various homes and villages, you will find many who are still living in ignorance, and consequently their health condition is very poor.

They don't enjoy life at its best. They do not know the love of Jesus.

I once visited a certain heathen village where a narrow path led us to some groves on the other side of the village where we found some huts under the groves.

Let me give you a description of the hut, which consisted of two rooms with a partition in between. In the first apartment was the priest's bedroom, and in the second apartment was the holy place, with skulls of the devil priest's ancestors kept there.

Beside the hut we saw a heap of stones used for sacrifice. The ground around the altar is always kept clean, because that is where the devil priest kneels in prayer while the sacrifices are offered. It is always pig's flesh which is offered, and each ceremony has its significance to these devil worshippers.

Sometimes when there is a tribal war over land or fishing reefs, the need of reconciliation is of vital importance. Here the devil priest acts as a mediator between the two quarrelling groups, so a pig is killed and its flesh taken and sacrificed to reconcile the tribes.

On one occasion I saw and heard a devil priest praying to the skulls and asking for protection and pleading for fine weather. He assured me that his prayer was answered and the weather would be fine for the day to help



"Blue Print" is one of the youth witnessing groups at Honiara. This group visits Rove Prison fortnightly.

the fishermen who were at sea. Truly, "The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone."

As we came out of the hut, I pointed to the walls of his hut which had been badly damaged in a hurricane a few weeks before, and asked him why it was that his god did not control the weather and the winds, and allowed many homes in his village to be devastated, even his own devil huts.

The answer came loud and clear from the lips of this devil priest: "There is a God somewhere who has power above the devils that we serve. He has power that is superior to the power of our devil, and His power cannot be controlled by our gods." He spoke the truth.

There are many devil-controlled priests throughout the islands who are now begin-

ning to realise that there is a God in heaven who truly merits our worship and who can answer prayer. These men are interested in our message, and entertain our evangelists in their villages. They have learned from them about this Unknown God whom they ignorantly serve, just as did the people of Antioch in the days of Paul.

Evangelistic and Youth Centres

Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands, with its present population of 29,000, is situated on the north-western coast of the island of Guadalcanal. This was a battlefield during World War II, and it was in this area that the fiercest battle was fought some forty years ago, when many American and Japanese soldiers lost their lives. Reminders of World War II are still in evidence along



Photos: N. Rore.

Pastor Nathan Rore, president of the ESIM, baptises one of the criminals who accepted Jesus Christ while in prison as a result of the Honiara Youth witnessing group.

the north-western coast and in the jungles of Guadalcanal, and in many islands of both the Eastern and Western Solomons.

Many indigenous people living along the coast and inland, who knew nothing about war, but lived peacefully in their villages, were also affected by this terrible war. Many lost their homes and gardens and had to leave for the mountains, where they made themselves shelters from bush materials to protect their families from the cold breezes of the mountains and occasional heavy tropical showers. Starvation added to their problems and left them poor, miserable and at the point of death.

Fifteen kilometres east of our headquarters lies the *kunae* grass-covered "Bloody Ridge," with the tropical jungles stretching to the southern part of the ridge, and the

The Honiara Evangelistic Centre. Not yet completed, it is a large, steel-framed, brick-walled structure with a concrete floor.



THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING—



An old staff house, with a rusty, leaking roof, which badly needs replacing.

Betikama River flowing along the western and north-western side. This is where most of the American soldiers lost their lives in one of the fiercest battles ever fought on the island. About twenty kilometres east from here, past the Henderson Airport, is the beautiful palm-covered "Red Beach," where the American First Battalion landed.

The American army and navy left behind them many houses, trucks, jeeps, engines, bulldozers, workshops loaded with tools, water tanks, stores with bales of mosquito nets, bedsheets and blankets, building materials, etc. These materials were used throughout the country by both the government and the churches after the war. Even today one can still see homes, churches, school buildings and shops, erected throughout the islands some forty years ago from these old American war materials. On some islands they made some good roads for us, which are still in use today.

Our church headquarters were moved from Batuna, in the Western Solomons, to Honiara, about six kilometres east of the main town, and it is now known as the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission. It is situated on a ridge overlooking the islands of Savo and Florida, and the beautiful blue seas which stretch between these islands are known as "Iron Bottom Sound." This is where many American and Japanese warships were sunk during the war.

The homes for our headquarters staff and our Honiara Evangelistic Centre on the compound were all built of war materials. The old evangelistic centre built by the late Pastor W. R. Ferguson is not only deteriorating, but is now inadequate to accommodate the crowds during public meetings held on a yearly basis by both European and national evangelists.

Therefore the church has undertaken the

project of a modern evangelistic centre right next to our headquarters to replace the old one. It is still uncompleted because of a shortage of funds. Seats, painting, furniture, the public-address system, electricity, fans, drainage, footpaths, toilets, are some of the many items that still need to be provided. Thousands of dollars have already been spent on this huge steel-framed, brick-walled and concrete-floored building. Many successful evangelistic campaigns have already been conducted in the uncompleted hall, and quite a number of persons have been led into the waters of baptism. Many are still having Bible studies, and we are expecting a large

This devil priest, standing on the right alongside one of our volunteer workers in a white shirt and shorts, and his people from inland Guadalcanal, need our help so that a missionary can be sent to teach them the worship of the true God of heaven. The man squatting in the front row is our evangelist in the area.



baptism in the pool inside the hall by the end of this year to attain our quinquennial goal of 2,000.

The old evangelistic centre has now been turned into the Honiara Youth Centre, but it also needs to be replaced with a large, modern-style youth centre where we can accommodate our young people to engage in their activities.

In 1982 two of the prisoners at Rove were led into the waters of baptism as a result of our youth witnessing groups. These hardened criminals accepted Jesus while in prison through attending the programs conducted by our youth every Sabbath afternoon. When they were discharged they went home as loving, humble Christians. Jesus had changed their lives.

Appeal

On behalf of my people of the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission, I wish to thank the world church who brought to us the glorious light of the gospel. From fear, superstition and fighting our fellow men, it has led us into the brotherhood and sisterhood of the church around the world as sons and daughters of God. There are yet many islands, many villages, many homes who still do not know Jesus Christ, His saving grace and imminent return. Our hearts ache for them that they may have the joy of freedom you have brought to us.

Will you continue to give liberally that the work may be expanded into these dark islands and villages? The Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering for the fourth quarter, 1985, is to come to our mission in the Western Pacific Union.

Please remember us, so that an abundance may flow into the treasury on that occasion to provide the means so desperately needed to reach and help our fellow countrymen. ■

SUPPORT OUR SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

REAPING AT QUIRINDI

BRENDON GOLDSMITH

SOMETHING tremendous is happening at the Quirindi church in northern New South Wales. The Holy Spirit is stirring people's hearts to make decisions to live for Jesus Christ. You may ask, What happened?

A Revelation Seminar was held in this town. Smiling Joe Webb, a theology student from Avondale College about to graduate and enter the ministry, together with his wife, Lyn, found it a privilege to travel the 200 kilometres from Cooranbong to run the seminar and pastor the little church at Quirindi. The result of this labour saw the church membership jump from fifteen to twenty-two.

Two families were baptised; Doug and Ruth Martin with their two sons Jeff and Shane; and the Shaw family, Shirley and her two sons Gary and Kevin, who publicly showed their desire to follow Jesus Christ. Shane Martin was helped down into the font as he had broken his leg in a motorbike accident. Shane hit a kangaroo on the way to the seminar. However, this did not stop his studying the lessons each week, as they were taken home to him.

When the Sabbath of the baptism arrived, the Quirindi church was full to overflowing as about eighty people came to witness this memorable occasion. Pastor W. Pascoe, from the nearby Tamworth church, conducted the baptisms, and Joe preached a very appropriate sermon entitled "Jesus and Me, and the New Life that Begins with Jesus."

These baptisms are not the end of the story in this town. On November 30, the membership will grow to twenty-three.

The work in Quirindi has been carried on by the Adventist Aviation volunteers. They have recently conducted a video mission showing the Kenneth Cox tapes. The Adventist Aviation teams have distributed many *Signs of the Times* and conducted Bible studies in homes. There is yet more fruit to be gathered into God's vineyard!

The church in the town had to build a font specially for the occasion and some members of Adventist Aviation helped with this. Joe's expenses also are subsidised by this association.



Photo: B. Goldsmith.

A Revelation Seminar in Quirindi resulted in the baptism of two families (from left): Gary Shaw; Pastor Wilfred Pascoe; Shirley Shaw; Doug Martin; Ruth Martin; Shane Martin; Kevin Shaw; Jeff Shaw and Joe Webb, who conducted the seminar.

God can move in a mighty way, and He is doing that right now in this country area. He can also move in mighty ways through people such as Joe Webb, people who are willing to let Him. When I asked Joe for his reaction to these baptisms, he replied, "I now speak boldly the Word of God. I know how Paul felt." May this also be your experience, fellow believers.

This Is Your Life—Gosford Church

MRS E. HARWOOD, Communication Secretary, Gosford Church, NSW

A FIFTY-SIX-minute video presentation was the high spot of the Homecoming Centenary Celebration weekend, September 20 to 22, at Gosford, NSW.

The weekend began with the jubilant singing of old-time favourites from *Advent Youth Sings*, and the majestic items rendered by the Lightbearers male quartet during the vespers on Friday night, and concluded with a treasure hunt for the kids at the church picnic on Sunday.

Enthusiastic members, former members and visitors filled the church to capacity throughout the Sabbath day.

During the old-fashioned MV program, Pathfinders and JMV's from many years ago joined with today's club members as they reminisced in the singing of choruses and reciting the doctrinal texts. A quiz and many musical items were presented. Pastor R. A. Vince, former youth leader of the Australasian Division from 1954 to 1966, and father of Gosford's present minister, Roger Vince, briefly outlined the commencement of the MV Society in Australasia.

At 8 p.m. the church hall was crowded for "The Best Saturday Night in Town." It was then that the audiovisual "Gosford Church—This Is Your Life," produced by Brother Leon Hilder, was shown. It presented the beginnings



Some former Gosford-Brisbane Water Pathfinders with their families, attending the Gosford homecoming.

of the SDA Church on the Central Coast and the family involvement in the church and community life since the original Gosford church was built in 1921, to the present time. Features included the Pathfinder work, the birth of the Central Coast Adventist School with first headmaster "Sir" John Hammond, the construction of the Naomi Frew Memorial Hall and the "Aunty" Win Allen family.

Afterwards the family involvement theme continued with musical items from some family groups and memories relived through "on the spot" interviews.

Gosford church's longest-serving members

Doreen and Eric Belford were honoured by the presentation of a card from the Centenary committee, thanking them for their unswerving example and faithfulness over the years. The youngest member, Alexander Greive, five and a half weeks, was also given a card on this occasion, wishing him and his family God's blessings on their lives.

A letter composed by the church minister and read by Louise Allen (fourth-generation Adventist) brought the evening to a close by reminding us of our life here on earth, and the hope we hold for our larger family life in heaven.

FIRST OCCASION FOR ST MARTINS

C. H. and F. M. EDWARDS, Church Communication Secretaries

ON OCTOBER 7, 1972, the Sydenham church held a baptismal service in their Elgin Street church, Christchurch. This was the last service to be held in that church. From then on, like nomadic people, those members were to wander from church building to church building in South Christchurch hoping and praying that they might get re-established in their own church again. However, many years were to pass by before this became a reality.

Their first move was to an old Methodist stone church. There they settled down with a view to buying the building. They submitted a quotation for the church as it stood, but another church organisation lodged a larger submission, so once again they were on their way, looking for another home.

Next they shared a comparatively new Salvation Army complex. They were very happy there for several years. Then the Army headquarters asked if they would be prepared to buy the building. But by this stage they had already invested in a lovely building site beside the Heathcote River, with its beautiful weeping willow trees along its banks. They had even contracted with an architect to draw up plans for a new church on that site.

Because of the Army's offer of a proposal to sell their church the architect was requested to stop work on the plans. However, the purchase of that lovely Army complex was not to be. A new Army captain arrived, who immediately doubled the rent and in-

formed our people that no sale of their building would take place.

Once again the Sydenham congregation was on the move—this time to an old wooden Presbyterian church over 100 years old, yet still serviceable, but not so the pipe organ. The architect was requested to continue with preparation of the plans for the new church. While still in this old church, a building contractor was engaged to erect the outer shell of the building and close it in, complete with roof, windows and doors. When this was completed some subcontractors were engaged to do specific tasks. However, the major finishing of the church was to be carried out by the church members. Fortunately there were carpenters, an electrician, plumbers, engineers and a painter and paperhanger, and other helpers within the congregation who rendered many thousands of hours of labour, not forgetting the pastor who readily took off his coat to assist from time to time.

At this stage, it should be mentioned that as soon as the Sabbath school rooms were completed the members moved from the old wooden church to the new building—at last in their own building again. However, there was much to do before the auditorium could be completed.

On Sabbath, October 12, 1985, just thirteen years to the month after they left the Elgin Street church, it was a special never-to-be-forgotten day for all our members. The

day was one of those beautiful Christchurch spring days, with just a zephyr of a breeze and brilliant sunshine, which added to our blessings.

Not only was this to be the first day that the church auditorium was to be used, but it was a special day for four young people who were baptised.

Following the baptism the congregation celebrated the ordinance of humility and the communion service, which all seemed so appropriate for such an occasion.

A fitting climax to this day was a nutritious fellowship luncheon featuring a birthday cake to celebrate the special day.

Pastor Andrew Kingston officiated over the baptism and communion services, and drew our attention to the blessing that God had poured out upon His people who await His return.

Surely God has blessed this company. A number of faithful members had remembered the church in their wills, and the people as a whole have given generously to the building fund. These people, too, are grateful for the assistance of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference and the South New Zealand Conference.

But the greatest of all is that the members thank their heavenly Father for health and strength that He has given each of them, and the blessings that He has bestowed upon them. ■

Kellyville, a Friendly Church

DAISY ARDLEY, Communication Secretary, Kellyville Church, NSW

KELLYVILLE is a friendly church, mainly composed of young people. It is located in a beautiful position very close to a golf course, and is set on its own acreage. Consequently we have many visitors, and they are always very welcome.

We have a very busy Sabbath school because we have a large number of children, ranging from cradle roll through to teenagers.

However, quite a few of our visitors are quite unusual. We have had the more usual puppies, pussies, chickens, guinea pigs, etc. But in addition we have also had a baby kangaroo whose mother was killed, a couple of little lambs, locally born, and a tawny frogmouth who met with a road accident and was nursed back to health.

So we are very good at welcoming visitors, and we will be very pleased to see you, too. Our church drive runs off the Windsor Road, a few hundred

metres on the Parramatta side of the traffic lights at Showground Road. Do come.

PS. Kellyville church would like to compile as complete a record of their church history as possible. As a part of this history we are anxious to obtain photographs of all the families or individual members who have been members at Kellyville.

We are seeking photographs of these people at the stage at which they were members at Kellyville. If you are unable to give us such a photograph, we would appreciate it if you could loan it to us, so that we can have it copied and return it to you.

If you can oblige, please send the photos to Daisy Ardley, 44 Wrights Road, Kellyville, NSW 2153. ■





Maranatha in Seddon

V. STOLNIK, Communication Secretary, Seddon Church, Victoria

THE FIRST Maranatha Seminar in Yugoslav was held at Seddon church on two weekends in September. Our three churches in Melbourne were well represented with more than ninety members attending.

Anyone who has attended a Maranatha Seminar knows just what a blessing they are. It brought us much closer to our Saviour and to each other than we had ever experienced before. It is beautiful to see tears of joy as God's people share in his love.

For many it has meant a new direction in life and the beginning of a much closer relationship with Jesus through the hourly

prayer, through Action Teams and greater involvement in witnessing for Christ. From the response of those attending the seminar it will certainly be the first of many as we continue to serve Him and glorify Him in our lives.

We wish to thank Brother D. Veleviski for organising a Maranatha Seminar for our people of ethnic origin, and also to our pastors from three churches, Pastor M. Radovanovic, Pastor D. Jakovac and Pastor P. Stojanovic, for their dedication and leadership at the seminar.

Maranatha!



Dorcas group from the South Auckland Samoan Adventist church, Mangere, ready for their visitation to the Middlemore Hospital (from left): Mrs E. Ryan, Mrs U. Faatamai, Mrs L. Leia, Mrs L. Tesese, Mrs S. Seuseu (Secretary), Mrs V. Afamasaga (Leader), Mrs T. Iga, Mrs U. Filia and son Fala Filia, Mrs M. Finau (Assistant Leader), Mrs A. Sauni (Assistant Secretary).

DORCAS TODAY

ONE OF our Dorcas groups from the South Auckland Samoan church in Mangere, has a regular program of visitation to the Middlemore Hospital. Sometimes they also visit the Auckland and Greenlane Hospitals and various homes.

They take flowers, bowls of fruit, and cards on which they write or type a Bible verse which tells those who are sick that God cares. Like Jesus when He was on earth, He lived to serve others, and it is His will that we do likewise.

Our group meet once a month, and the subjects taught are First Aid, Vegetarian

Cooking and Health. We also sort clothes, mend or sew and pack the clothes into boxes and bags ready to be distributed to homes who need our help. We also pack boxes of food when difficulties arise, eg, when a father is taken sick and cannot work to provide for the family, during strikes or any other similar problems.

The Dorcas Society of the South Auckland Samoan church hopes to continue to have the spiritual and physical strength, so they can render their services to others in the name of Jesus.

Ministers in Overalls

INEEN CORNELL

IT WAS that time of the year, when preparations were being made for the annual Victorian Conference Bible Convention, to be held on the grounds adjacent to the "Coronella" Retirement Village. I live in a unit at "Coronella," and my seven-year-old non-Adventist relative was spending part of his summer holidays with me.

One day, following a tour of exploration, he came running home to me, calling out excitedly, "What's going on over there?" I suggested that we should go and find out.

We sat on a log, out of the way of the loaded trucks, and the busy men who cheerfully greeted us as they passed by. "Who are these men?" asked my young visitor. I replied that they were ministers. "Ministers!" he exclaimed in surprise. "They don't look like ministers to me!"

Realising that the only ministers with whom he was familiar wore clerical robes and were to be found in churches, I added that they were indeed ministers—ministers in overalls. They were digging trenches, pitching tents, clearing roads and generally doing anything requested of them to get the place ready for the big gathering of God's people.

There was silence for a while as this puzzled little boy looked around. Then came the question, "Where is Bob Hawke?" This took me by surprise, and before I had time to answer, two more questions followed. "He is a minister, isn't he? Why isn't Bob Hawke in there, doing his bit?" I tried to explain the difference between a parliamentary minister, especially a prime minister, and minister of religion.

That night I thought about these men willing to serve their God in whatever capacity, no matter how humble the task. The president of our conference was in there with his men, "doing his bit," just one of the Seventh-day Adventist ministers in overalls, remembering that, "the servant is not greater than his lord."

Their Lord and ours, left the glories of heaven and the adoration of angels, to live in poverty on this earth and die like a criminal so that we might have eternal life. "The great are truly humble; the humble are truly great."



**ADRA Trucks Ready to Roll in Ethiopia**

Five large trucks and their contents, donated by Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, have been released from Ethiopian railway customs after having been held for four months.

The trucks, three of which have trailers, are loaded with 46,328 pieces of clothing and 1,450 kilograms of milk powder to be used at feeding stations and for relief work in Ethiopia. The trucks will be used to transport such items as food, clothes and medicines to disaster areas throughout the country.

—Adventist Review.

67-Year-Old SDA Sets Race Record

Sixty-seven-year-old Adventist health enthusiast Charlotte Hamlin, assistant professor of nursing at Andrews University, set a national record for the 5,000-metre race-walk at the Master Sports International competition held in Toronto, Canada, August 8-27 this year. Hamlin, who also earned first-place medals in the 100- and 200-metre race-walk and the long jump, said, "I want to show the capabilities of the human body when you don't blow it by sitting for thirty years." She came home determined to improve her abilities before the next Masters games, in 1989.

—Adventist Review.

SDAs in Chile Sponsor No-Drink Day

Mass media throughout Chile rallied behind the annual Adventist Church-sponsored "Day Not to Drink Alcohol."

Newspapers around the country carried such headlines as "All Chile Will Say No to Alcohol Today," "The Call of the Adventists Is Simple," said one paper: "Do not drink today. . . ."

Reporters who interviewed people found that they "welcomed the call, although they made jokes" about it.

A cartoon in Santiago's *La Nacion* showed a skier buried up to his neck in snow—but the trusty Saint Bernard rescue dog with the rum flask around his neck was being shooed away by a stern-looking woman skier carrying a placard saying, "Today is the day not to drink alcohol."

—Adventist Review.

Youth Urged to Revolutionise Africa for God

During the PREACHRIST Youth Congress held at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, September 4-7, 1985, Flight Lieutenant J. J. Rawlings, the young revolutionary Ghanaian head of state, made a surprise visit to the congress, his first to an official Seventh-day Adventist gathering.

Rawlings told the Adventist young people that he believes in God as they do and that they should live their Christianity, not just talk about it.

"You've got to help our people," Rawlings said. "Jesus touched the sick and transformed

them. The essence of Christianity is service, not power."

—Adventist Review.

Harvest '90 Off to Good Start

During the first six months of 1985, the Inter-American Division saw 54,279 people baptised—which was a new division record for the first two quarters of a year. The South Mexican Union baptised 15,467, and the Central American Union 8,591.

The Inter-American Division, in addition to its Ministerial director, has named an evangelism director for its Spanish fields—Jaime Castrejon—and is considering similar directors for its English-speaking and French-speaking fields.

The South American Division has added associate Ministerial directors to enhance outreach during Harvest '90. Ministerial director Amasias Justiniano will be assisted by Daniel Belvedere in Spanish work and by Jose Bessa in Portuguese work.

The North American Division has set a Harvest '90 goal of 225,000 baptisms. The Pacific Union leads the North American Division with a goal of 60,000.

The Texas Conference estimates that 1,000 Revelation Seminars will be held throughout the conference during Harvest '90. The conference goal is to baptise 3,000 people.

—Adventist Review.

California Youth Finds, Returns \$13,000

The "finders keepers, losers weepers" adage did not apply when an Escondido, California, Adventist youth recently found a bag containing \$13,000 in cheques and cash in a local shopping mall.

Fourteen-year-old Frank Brigante, a member of the Escondido SDA church and a student at Escondido Adventist Academy, delivered the bag to police.

The bag belonged to the manager of an apartment complex, who said her purse and the bag had been snatched from under her arm as she was getting out of her car to deposit the money in the bank. Apparently the thief had thought the bag contained only cheques and had discarded it, she said.

—Adventist Review.

GC President Urges End to Arms Race

General Conference president Neal C. Wilson wrote to the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union asking that they end the international arms race when they met on November 19 and 20 in Geneva.

In letters to President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Wilson said that "millions of men, women, and children around the circle of the earth . . . are most anxious that the conference will be the beginning of the end of the international arms race, a contest which consumes huge portions of the world's financial resources while millions of our human family suffer in poverty

and die from famine and disease."

Wilson urged the American and Soviet leaders "to find ways whereby nations can channel their energies and resources into positive, non-military, humanitarian endeavours in order to make our world a happier, healthier, and safer place to live."

—Adventist Review.

Adventist Review: Coming Event

Every Adventist home in North America that is listed on the union paper mailing lists will receive the January 2 issue of the *Adventist Review*, according to *Review* editor William G. Johnsson.

Johnsson says it will be the first of the once-a-month issues to be distributed division-wide as a result of an action taken at the 1985 Annual Council. "For twenty years or more church leaders have been talking about getting the *Review* into every home," he says. "At last, the hopes and plans of the years are coming to fruition."

"It is my hope and prayer," Johnsson says, "that the *Review* will help to build up the church in North America—that it will help Adventists everywhere to catch the excitement and privilege of being part of the worldwide family of God."

My Favourite Recipe

SAVOURY PIE

- 1 cup Veggieburger or Casserole Mince
- 1 cup soaked Sanitarium Granola (½ cup dry)
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion, sautéed
- ½-¾ cup grated carrot
- ¼ teaspoon each of sage and tarragon
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- Salt to taste

Mix together with 1 egg if desired. May add ¾ cup tomato soup if more moisture is needed.

Mix together:

- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- ¼ cup of oil
- ¼ cup plain or SR flour
- 1 tablespoon lecithin

Add sufficient warm water to make a stiff dough. Knead thoroughly and allow to stand for five minutes before rolling out. Cut rounds to line pie plates. Add filling and put pie crust on top or make into sausage rolls, pasties or individual pies. Delicious with gravy or for picnic lunches. Bake in a moderate oven, 30-40 minutes.

Helen McNabb, NZ.

MEET OUR AUTHORS

29—Others

OUR READERS have greatly enjoyed and appreciated our column "Meet Our Authors," which has run in the RECORD during the second half of this year. You didn't realise how many Australians and New Zealanders have contributed toward the creation of Seventh-day Adventist literature, did you? Inasmuch as we wish to conclude the series with this our final issue for 1985, we are going to make brief mention in this article of several others not yet included in our series.

DR NORMAN YOUNG, senior lecturer in the Department of Theology at Avondale College, has just had a book published by Review and Herald entitled *Rebuke and Challenge: The Point of Jesus' Parables*. The author looks at eleven of these well-known parables of Jesus, and highlights their central message.

A few weeks ago we featured our Division president as an author. His father, PASTOR W. M. R. SCRAGG, who died earlier this year at the age of ninety-five, was also a prolific writer. His most recent book, *Christ and the Unalterable Ten Commandments*, was published by Signs Publishing Company in 1984, only about six months before he died.

A missionary's wife who wrote a book based on many years of witnessing evidences of God's transforming grace in human lives, is MRS WINSOME SPECK. Her book *Too Late to Hide* was published by Pacific Press. At the moment they have in hand her manuscript for a sequel, entitled *Almost Too Late*.

PASTOR G. E. GARNE, editor of the RECORD and of *Signs of the Times*, had two books published during the 1970s. The first, *What God Has Promised*, published by Review and Herald in 1974, is a compilation of Bible promises arranged topically to meet the full range of human need and experience: promises of pardon; of victory; when discouraged; when in need of guidance; when sick; when bereaved, or dying; promises for the future; promises of God's willingness to answer prayer; promises for parents, and for students writing examinations—to mention only a few. The other book, *God's Tomorrow*, was published by Sentinel Publishing Association in Cape Town. As the title suggests, it is a study on what God has in store for our beleaguered planet and for His people when the long, dark night of sin and suffering has for ever ended. Since coming to Australia five years ago, he has had another book published, this time by Pacific Press, entitled *In the Sweet Here and Now*, which, as the title suggests, is a study on the joy of walking with Jesus on the path of obedience and discipleship. Pastor Garne also prepared the senior Sabbath school lesson series for the third quarter last year. He is listed in the index as a contributor to the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*.

ROY NADEN, who has been teaching at Andrews University for the past seven years

and currently holds the post of Professor of Religious Education in the School of Education, the Graduate School, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, authored several gift books during the seven years he spent at Advent Radio-Television Productions—Books of the Month as they were called—including such titles as: *Spotlight on Daniel*; *Spotlight on Revelation*; *The Riddle of Love*, and *Bible in the Heart*. While producer of Faith for Today in California, he authored several other books including *Beyond the Rush of Living*; *How to Live Above Suffering and Guilt*; *Secrets of a Happier Marriage and Without a Doubt*. At the same time came two Bible courses for Faith for Today: the first, *The Bible's Answer*, and second, a Daniel and Revelation course titled *Today's Life*, in magazine format. He is best known for the seminar, television and video material he has written. He produced the television drama series "Westbrook Hospital," which is still seen across America every Sunday on scores of stations. He also produced the widely acclaimed program on the martyrdom of John Huss, titled *Huss*, which won two Emmy Awards at the Religious Film Festival. This has been seen in thousands of non-Adventist churches across America. He has written the script for and directed the production of dozens of other video and television presentations, too numerous to mention here.

In 1944 PASTOR JAMES CORMACK's 269-page book, *Isles of Solomon*, was published by Review and Herald, and was the senior MV reading course book of the year throughout the world.

As reported in an earlier issue of the RECORD (December 10, 1983), ROBERT C. WILLIAMS has published a sixty-four-page book entitled *Introduction to Mormonism*, plus a seven-page bibliography and approximately forty pages of photostats of Mormon publications.

In and Out of the World, a collection of papers relating to the development of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Zealand, has recently been edited by PETER BALLIS, presently pastor of the Hastings and Napier churches, and published by Dunmore Press in New Zealand.

Also on the Centenary theme is a book written by LAURIE JONES of North Fitzroy church in Melbourne. Entitled *Beginnings*, the book is due off the press in early January 1986.

Possibly the most prolific and widely read Australian Adventist writer is DR JOHN KNIGHT. He has authored the well-known *Family Medical Care* and the *Everything a Teenage Boy, Girl, Married Couple, etc., Should Know*, series. Besides being published

by our own publishing house for sale by the literature evangelists of our Division, several of these books have been translated into foreign languages and are being printed by our overseas publishing houses for use in other divisions.

Non-denominational Works

In this series we have concentrated on works representing a direct contribution to the literature of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition to these, there are works by Seventh-day Adventist authors which are of a general rather than a denominational nature. EARLE PARKINSON of Warburton has, for instance, written a most interesting and authoritative book on the history of Warburton and its surroundings, *Warburton Ways*, which merits a place in every public library in Victoria, if not throughout Australia.

HOWARD DAVIS, now deceased, and formerly of Warburton, has had a collection of his poems published posthumously. Entitled *Look and Listen*, it is illustrated by his own photographs. Those who enjoy reading poetry would find that Brother Davis's poems possess quality, dignity, warmth and charm.

ALAN HOLMAN, who worked at SPC as art director several years ago, and has written the scripts for and directed the production of twenty-eight films, television programs, audiovisual and video productions at Adventist Media Centre, is the author of a book entitled *An Introduction to Saudi Arabia*. He is a member of the Writer's Guild of Australia.

The RECORD also reported (June 1, 1985) that MATTHEW STEELE of our Warburton Health Care Centre had had a book published by Methuen Haynes entitled *The Warburton Programme*. He is now preparing a follow-up family diet book, to be released by the same publishers, probably during 1986.

In the March 3, 1984, issue of the RECORD, we introduced our readers to GLENVILLE PIKE of our Mareeba church on the Atherton Tablelands of northern Queensland, who has written fourteen books on Australian history. His published works up to that time were: *The Last Frontier*; *In the Path of the Pioneers*; *Pioneer Pageant*; *The Men Who Blazed the Track*; *Over the Years*; *Darwin: Australia's Northern Gateway*; *Frontier Territory*; *An Untamed Land*; *Pioneers' Country*; *Roads of Yesterday*; *Voice of the Wilderness*; *Veins of Carbine Hill*; *Queen of the North*; *The Golden Days* and *Campfire Tales*. The two books with an asterisk have won literary awards. Those with daggers were co-authored with other writers.

KEITH IRVINE of our Division office is the author of an authoritative and beautifully illustrated volume on orchids. Bearing the title *Orchids for the Australian Garden*, it was published by Bay Books, a Sydney publishing house.

ONE PASTOR'S YEAR

KINGSLEY BROAD, Communication Secretary, Horsham Church, Victoria

PASTOR E. D. OLIVER commenced his ministry at Horsham church, early in February 1985, following the camp-meeting at Nunawading. Previously he had served as chaplain at Warburton Health Care Centre.

Our pastor also cares for Nhill church, seventy-five kilometres to the north-west, and Stawell church, sixty kilometres to the south-east.

In order to care for them all, each alternate Sabbath he conducts the Stawell services in the morning, and Nhill services are held in the afternoon. The following week he will spend all day at Horsham. This coincides with the Pathfinder meetings, and allows him more time for the young people.

We had been a rather quiet church, maintaining the *status quo*. But after the pastor's arrival, life seemed to move at a faster pace for us, and we felt more motivated.

Pastor Oliver followed up all the "It Is Written" names and contacts from members, and before long he was conducting between thirty and forty Bible studies.

He would travel up to eighty kilometres to give some studies. Therefore, due to the distances and the number of studies involved, he would be able to call only once a month. Even his day off on Monday was taken up with a study thirty kilometres away!

His progress reports to us at the Wednesday evening prayer meetings revealed some interesting stories. We were thrilled to hear of the drug addicts who rang the pastor at two o'clock one morning, seeking help. Two of these have since been married, and they are now studying to prepare for a new-year baptism.

A lady who had received a Sabbath school pamphlet from a former elder back in 1970, had studied the Bible, but never accepted the Sabbath truth. After a series of studies with Pastor Oliver, she was quite happy.

Then there was the young schoolteacher, whose mother had been keeping the Sabbath for years. He has moved into Horsham and is still studying.

One lady who has been preparing for baptism is waiting to overcome opposition from her husband.

Another lady has a Russian background. She is one of the out-of-towners.

Because of the increasing number of new contacts from the "It Is Written" program, some studies have been passed on to lay persons, thus spreading the load.

A 5-Day Plan and a two-day health van visit was a witness to the community and enabled us to make some good contacts, including an appeal from an alcoholic who experienced difficulty getting medical help. He was helped for several months, but still needs greater strength to entirely kick the habit.

The pastor's wife has formed a choir with the young people, and it is going extremely well, as are also the Wa-Rite sessions on Thursday mornings.

A baptism is a joyous occasion in any church, and ours is no exception. On August 24, the church was beautifully decorated to resemble a scene from the Garden of Eden. The ladies had done a beautiful job; you could see by their smiling faces how much they had enjoyed doing it.

This Sabbath there were six candidates: the family from Murtoa, Kingsley and Barbara Broad, their daughter Deborah, and their grand-daughter Holly. Sister Broad had attended a Revelation Seminar in 1978 conducted by Pastor Bruce Price. Then she attended continuation lectures at the church. Over the years she encouraged her husband, then her daughter and grand-daughter.

The other two candidates were Margaret Peachey and Rosemary Brennan, whose mother had been baptised last year.

A fellowship lunch followed the service to welcome the new members.

The Sabbath of November 2 was another joyous occasion when our pastor baptised seven of our young people, and also Mrs Anita Elliot, the lady from Warracknabeal to whom Brother Kerr had given the pamphlet back in 1970. Sister Elliot's mother came to see her daughter baptised.

The young candidates were aged from twelve to the early twenties. One was Cleve House, a grandson of the late Pastor Len House. Mrs House travelled from Bendigo

with Brother Jim Kerr to be present for the occasion. Sharon and Andrew Harvey, Greg and Rod Pitt from Nhill, Adrian Goods, and Barry Ladlow made up the rest of the group.

Some of these young people had left school and were in danger of drifting away from the church. It was good to see them take their stand with the Lord, indicating that their early training had remained with them.

The Centenary service on October 19 was well attended by members and their friends, some appearing in period costume.

Civic guests were the Member for Lowan, Mr Bill McGrath; the Mayor of Horsham, Councillor Don Johns, and Horsham councillor Bill Ower. Many local ministers of other churches were also present. Councillor Ower sang a vocal solo, "Consecration," accompanied by Mrs Norma Oliver.

Pastor Oliver's sermon gave visitors an insight into the beginnings and early history of our church. He concluded by reminding us of our aim to take the gospel to the whole world; through our lifestyle, our health ministry and our educational institutions.

As a finale Pastor Oliver lit a candle on a beautifully decorated Centenary cake. From this he lit a candle held by leading elder Cec Goods, who in turn lit a candle held by his son, elder Steven Goods, who in turn lit his young son's candle. This represented the passing of the light of the gospel from generation to generation.

Every member of the congregation received a piece of cake as they left the church.

A display of old photographs, books and other items from the past through to the present, showing facets of Adventist life and ministry, were on show in the cry room, and created much interest.

I could go on. As yet I have made no mention of our Friday evening fellowships; the Pathfinder activities; the Week of Prayer or the Appeal campaign. In all of these activities we have been faithfully encouraged by precept and example by our pastor and his wife. We thank God for a dedicated minister.



Four young men stand together in the baptismal font as Pastor E. D. Oliver conducts the service.

Some of the members who dressed in period costume for the Centenary service in Horsham church, Victoria.



NO PICTURES IN SABBATH SCHOOL

LYNELLE R. CHESTER

WHAT DOES the mention of the animals entering the ark conjure up in your mind? A picture of animals in orderly procession marching two by two up a well-supported wooden ramp? But have you ever contemplated just how we established this image? Of course, it came from exposure to pictures in our childhood. While as children the only real animals we may have seen were cows, horses, sheep, dogs and cats; our world was expanded through pictures. The elephant in the procession was much larger than the cow, and obviously caused more stress on the ramp.

Try explaining an escalator, or any other comparatively modern piece of equipment, to a child who lives in a rural village without electricity; a child who only knows the age-old system of cooking; a child who has never ventured farther than a few kilometres from home; a child who does not have ready access to books and pictures. Maybe you are starting to sense the difficulties some Sabbath school teachers face in presenting Bible truths to children who have never seen a lamb and find it difficult to grasp the seasonal importance of seedtime and harvest.

Thousands of children in our Division are in just that situation. The Sabbath schools pictured here are not isolated cases. Many, like these children on Malo Island, Vanuatu, have Sabbath school under the coconut trees, weather permitting. Their visual aids are restricted to dog or hen fights that may take place within their line of vision. These children have never seen a picture roll. By reading from a picture-less pamphlet, the teacher tries to convey the agonies of the crucifixion. And the children are bored! The impact of the gospel story is largely lost for want of visual representations.

Who can estimate the value of a picture? While you sit quietly reading the RECORD, the chances are that your child or grandchild is pestering you to read him a story from a well-illustrated book. Imagine your child with no books, no television, no video!

Now think of the pictures sitting idly in your home or church. Picture rolls sit in many churches year after year, unopened, while the Sabbath school regularly buys new ones. Those picture rolls would be treasured by many an island Sabbath school teacher! And the picture rolls would do yeoman service not only during the Sabbath school hour, but for branch



These children need the extra dimension that pictures can bring to learning from God's Word.



The children's Sabbath school room at Baiap village on the island of Ambrym, Vanuatu.

Sabbath schools, too.

If you have picture rolls to spare, send them to me at the South Pacific Division Church Ministries Department, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. We will see that they are sent to the districts where they are most needed.

Other coloured pictures, particularly pictures of Jesus, are desperately needed too.

Some thoughtful groups have taken the time to make visual aids for island Sabbath schools. If you have a yen to do this, may I suggest that you first contact me at the Division office or consult someone who is conversant with lifestyle in the area to receive the aids. Children in Western society enjoy singing "I Talk to Grandma on the Phone." It is a meaningful way for the children to appreciate talking to God

whom they cannot see. But if you live in a village where there is no public telephone, let alone a private phone in your home, you do not "talk to grandma on the phone." In fact, the chances are that you have never seen a telephone. The song then becomes meaningless, even with helpful visuals from Australia or New Zealand.

Yet there are helpful materials that can be prepared. My caution is so that many hours of work will not be wasted. Materials for island use need to be produced to suit the storage and climatic conditions to which they will be subjected. And, we must use meaningful concepts suited to the lifestyle of the children to teach Bible truth.

Take another look at those children. They deserve pictures as much as your child. Will you help? ■

Photos: L. R. Chester.

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TWO BROKEN ELBOWS

MYRTLE O'HARA

THE MISSIONARY looked out of his door and saw two weary people moving slowly along the beach toward the mission compound. The father was carrying his little girl in his arms. He and his wife had walked for days from their village in the mountains of New Guinea, taking turns in carrying little Rama.

As they reached the missionary's home and the girl saw him, she screamed, because she had never before seen a white man. Then she moaned as her father took away the leaves that covered her elbow, revealing a dreadful condition.

Over a week before she had been playing in her room built high above the ground, when someone pushed her and she fell. Her elbow hit the ground first and it broke, with the bones being forced right through the skin into the dirt.

Her mother held Rama in her arms while her father looked at her arm. He didn't know what to do to help his daughter, who was crying because of the great pain. He thought for awhile, then bit off about seven centimetres of a stick of tobacco. He chewed this up, filled his mouth with kerosene and chewed some more. Then he carefully spat the mixture over the bones and broken skin, but this only made the pain worse.

For a week Rama lay and cried most of the time. At last her parents decided to take her to the missionary, who gave her an injection to stop the pain and put her to sleep. He cleaned the wound and took out all the splinters of bone and put her arm in a plaster cast. Within a few days Rama was feeling much better, and soon she began to play with other children.

The people in her village had not learned about Jesus, and did not know how to look after sick and injured people. How happy Rama and her parents were to go the long journey back home and tell their village friends about the missionary's God! Of course they all wanted to learn more of this new way of life, and so the missionary was able to go there and help them.

This story reminds me of another little girl in New Guinea who also fell and broke her elbow so that the bones stuck out through the skin. But Lois was a missionary's child, and her father knew what to do. He and a nurse stretched her arm so that the bones slipped back into place, then they put a splint on the arm and bound it up.

They put Lois on a stretcher and two native boys carried her for four days down the difficult Kokoda Trail. Many times the track was so steep that the leading boy held his end of the stretcher high above his head, and the boy behind had to lower his end as far down as he could in order to keep the stretcher level so that Lois would not slip off.

When at last the doctor examined her arm he was very pleased with what her father and the

nurse had done. Then one of the native boys hurried back up the trail to tell her mother that Lois would be all right. He took only two days for the return journey. When Lois got better she had to stay for three months with a family in Bisiatabu until her father could come to take her home.

How grateful the natives of New Guinea are for the help that they receive from missionaries who give up the comforts of their homeland and devote their lives to helping less fortunate people! Let us always pray for missionaries everywhere, and do what we can to support their work. ■

Christ's Child

God bless our little children
That they may know each day
The One who loves them dearly
And ever shows the way.

At Christmas may they realise
The truth of words they sing.
He also grew as they must,
A child of the King.

All are so very precious,
Their ways we too must heed,
For they are our example
In trust, in love, in need.

May all reflect, this Christmas,
On Christ, the Babe who came;
To grow, to live, to sacrifice,
The gift of life proclaim.

—Pamela McBryde.

Wedding

FORD—VENVILLE. Reminders of God's ideals for home and family were given at a family wedding at Gladstone, Queensland, on September 15, 1985. Clinton Ashley Ford took as his wife Elizabeth Christina Venville. Clinton is the youngest son of William and Wilma Fox of Brisbane, and Elizabeth is the youngest daughter of Edward and Lorraine Venville of Bororen. Martin Brown.

Till He Comes

ARMSTRONG. Sister Elsie Adelaide Armstrong fell asleep in Jesus in the Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyne, Western Australia, on October 30, 1985, at the age of eighty-four years. At the Karrakatta Cemetery, loved ones and friends were reminded of the promises of God and the certainty of the resurrection at the return of Jesus. From an early age Mrs Armstrong was interested in spiritual things. Her mother, Mrs Alice Dixon, worked tirelessly and courageously in the early days on the goldfields in sharing her faith. Elsie maintained her faith and trust in God throughout her life. She now rests, awaiting the call to life eternal from the Saviour she loved and served. M. A. Chapman.

CHAMBERS. Tragedy struck early on the morning of Sunday, October 13, 1985, when Barry, second son of Eric and Judith Chambers of Southend, South Australia, was lost at sea. Subsequent extensive sea and air searches failed to

locate any trace of Barry. At 3 p.m. on Sabbath afternoon, October 26, a moving memorial service was held on the coast nearby where the tragedy occurred. As we lovingly committed Barry to the sea, the many floral tributes were dispersed on the watery grave from a nearby boat. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the immediate family and relatives, many of whom are members of the Rendelsham Seventh-day Adventist church. K. W. Andrews.

DEUTSCH. Born in Hungary in 1901, "Tony," as he was known in his adopted country, lived the early part of his life amid turmoil. He left Europe at the end of World War II with no living relatives, to find a new life in the land down under. While never a member of the remnant church, the only real friends he had were those associated with the church. He was faithfully cared for by Mrs. N. Batterson, the daughter of the late Mrs R. Davidson. He was laid to rest in the Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane, Queensland, on November 2, 1985, with those who loved and cared for him in attendance. Ray Woosley.

FLEMING. Ellen Fleming, was born into the Parmenter family at Lismore in 1916. The wife of Roy and mother of Glenda, Ruth, Ernest and Keith, she placed her life into the hands of the Lord on November 14, 1985, and was laid to rest in the Murwillumbah Lawn Cemetery, northern New South Wales, amid the beautiful surroundings of nature. Ellen Fleming was a true "mother in Israel," and her life was one of selfless service to her family, the church and the community. To the many friends and members of the family were given words of life, hope and certainty as we were directed to the promises of God. Eric Winter.

JACKSON. Samuel Jackson died unexpectedly in his home on January 29, 1985, from a heart attack. He was eighty-two years old. A grand old man, Samuel was

dearly loved by all who knew him. Astride his motorbike, with his Oxford accent and thoughtfulness, Samuel carried a quiet dignity wherever he went. A large number of church members and friends gathered at the St Martins church, Christchurch, New Zealand, to pay their last respects to this dear old man. It is with real joy that we look forward to the soon coming of Jesus when we will all be reunited with those who are sleeping in Jesus. A. J. Kingston.

(The writer apologises for the lateness of this notice.)

JOHNSON. Eunice Maud Johnson was born on October 23, 1886, and passed away on October 27, 1985, at Coronella Homes, Victoria, at the remarkable age of ninety-nine. Mrs Johnson was born in Harrow, near Hamilton in western Victoria, and served her Lord in many and varied ways, including seven years as a nurse in China. She joined the Adventist Church in 1965 at the age of seventy-nine, and moved into Coronella in 1970. She will be sadly missed by her fellow residents for her happy disposition. The funeral service was conducted at Coronella, where the mourners were reminded of the promises of God and of the great resurrection morning. B. G. Whelan.

McCUSKER. The Christchurch community in New Zealand was shocked when news filtered through of the tragic death of Trevor McCusker on November 2, 1985, at the age of thirty-one years. Trevor was loved by all, and highly respected in the Ministry of Works draughting office in Christchurch. Family and friends gathered in the Ilam church, where words of comfort and hope were spoken. We laid Trevor to rest in the Waimari Cemetery to await the day when the thoughts and intents of the heart will be fully revealed. The pastor of the Ilam church, Pastor McDonald, assisted the writer in the church and at the graveside. E. A. Ferris.

POLICE. Brother Nicholas Ross Police was in his ninety-second year when he went to his well-earned rest on October 22, 1985, in Royal Perth Hospital, Western Australia. From an early age he believed in God, and his faith and confidence remained strong throughout his life. He found comfort, assurance and hope in the precious promises of God's Word. He had a kind word for everyone, and appreciated all that was done for him. On October 25, words of comfort and hope were expressed to loved ones and friends as Brother Police was tenderly laid to rest in the Guildford Cemetery to await the call of Jesus on the resurrection morning. M. A. Chapman.

REDHEAD. Ruby May Redhead was born on May 8, 1899, and migrated to Australia from Liverpool, England, sixty years ago. On November 1, 1969, she was baptised by Pastor Lindsay Laws in the old Mount Gambier church on James Street. She was a gentle, humble, quiet lady with a deep commitment to her Lord and Saviour. After a long illness, Ruby passed away peacefully at the Oaks Nursing Home, Mount Gambier, South Australia, on October 18, 1985. Ruby's strong faith and courage will long be remembered. To Ruby's only daughter June, and her family, we extend our sincerest sympathies and rest in the promise of the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," which was Ruby's favourite. Lee Bodwitch.

ROBB. Shane Jason Robb fell asleep in Jesus on September 1, 1985, after a long and valiant struggle against insurmountable odds. His sisters Lisa and Cindy will never forget his companionship and example. His courageous mother and father, Dianne and Dennis, have memories of which they can be justly proud. Their little son, not quite reaching his eighth birthday, had lived a life that touched so many for good. Though he lies resting in the Templestowe Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria, the Croydon church and school have experienced an example of patient endurance rarely seen. Shane looked forward to the day when Jesus will come. We pray for that great reunion. H. E. Roberts.

THOMPSON. Norman Leslie Thompson, after suffering from the effects of World War II, passed to his rest on September 30, 1985, aged sixty-nine years. Although not a member of the Adventist Church, he came at times with his wife Joyce to worship at the Wynnum church. His wife, a long-time member of the Wynnum church, faithfully cared for her husband during the years of his suffering. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and two sons Leonard and Noel, also their families. A service was held at the Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane, Queensland, where the loved ones and many friends were pointed to the soon return of Jesus. V. Novelty.

WATSON. Robert Douglas Watson was called to rest at the Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand, on August 1, 1985. Bob was born on June 28, 1921, and was baptised by Pastor Beattie in 1947. He attended the Longburn and Hamilton churches. Bob was well respected in the Hamilton district as a school bus operator. The funeral service was conducted in the Remuera church on Sabbath afternoon, August 3. Words of hope and comfort were extended to his wife Elva and their children Helen, Linda and Calvin by Pastors F. McCutcheon, R. Faithfull, I. Muir and the writer. May the hope that we have in Jesus be fulfilled on the glorious day of the resurrection. J. B. Wells.

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Season's greetings and Christian love to all my friends at home and overseas. Dorothy E. Mills.

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Beulah College in Tonga has an urgent need for a farm manager for the college. Experience in peanut farming helpful, but not essential. Position is on the basis of the normal volunteer policy and is for the one year of 1986. Contact Pastor V. B. Parmenter, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Warrimoo, NSW 2076.



SEASONS GREETINGS! You know, some people are orientated to think of Christmas only as a five-course dinner, or the prospect of receiving gifts. Others try to crowd into it long arrears of kindness that would have been better shared the whole year through. Let us all remember what Christmas is all about—the greatest Gift.

ADRA has just received word direct from the Inter-American Division requesting blankets, tents, canned food, medical supplies, torches and a gas generator to help in relief efforts following the devastating Colombian volcanic eruption. These items were being prepared for airlifting from the US, and an ADRA team will accompany the relief material. Financial help from donors to provide more permanent forms of relief, as well as replenish supplies already low due to the Mexican disaster, can be sent through ADRA at the South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.

THE NUMBER of staff employed by the Sydney Adventist Hospital now exceeds the total employed by the Sanitarium Health Food Company, and is equal to the membership of the entire Tasmanian Conference.

DR BERT CLIFFORD, Medical Superintendent of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, has been asked by Anglican leaders in Sydney to assist them in developing a statement on bioethical issues.

THE RAAF has agreed to airlift two and a half tonnes of tools to Tonga for Beulah Adventist College. To airfreight the consignment would have cost in excess of \$50,000. A fly 'n' build team completed the construction of a new industrial arts complex at Beulah in August, and this shipment of tools will climax the project funded by ADRA and the Australian Development Assistance Bureau.

APPROVAL has been given for the building of a new mission launch in Papua New Guinea. It will be built in Milne Bay, and powered by a diesel engine.

TEUVO KALLIO, an Avondale student in the mid-sixties, has been invited to serve for a limited period as an ADRA relief worker in the Sudan, overseeing food distribution.

THE FIRST Cambodian pastor in Australia is Someth Lem of Melbourne. He will join the team of ministers in South Australia, where the Cambodian population is around 2,000, with an Adventist congregation of twenty-five.

OBERON in SNSW is a small church we don't hear a lot about, so we are glad to report they have recently held a Centenary day commemorating eighty-six years of Adventist history in their district. One spot special in Oberon's history is the baptismal spot in the river where first converts were baptised at the turn of the century.

INSPECTOR of operations for the NSW Ambulance Service is the new job for Val McMahon of the Wahroonga church. A 1953 graduate of the SAH, Val has been with the ambulance service for thirty years, and will be responsible to the state superintendent of the service. Val is a son of the late Pastor and Mrs B. H. McMahon.

JUST WAITING to be asked. A member in Albany, WA, mentioned to a non-Adventist friend she would not be able to meet her on a particular night of the week. "Oh, are you having another of those meetings for studying the Bible?" she was asked. When she replied in the affirmative, the next question was, "Could I come?" We don't have any doubts about the answer!

RECENT VISITORS to our Division were a group of Loma Linda doctors doing a survey of medical institutions. Leading them was Dr John Reeves, who took the opportunity to visit his in-laws, the Sprengels in Mountain View, Warburton. Dr Reeves attended Avondale College in the late forties, and this was his first visit in over thirty years.

THE TONGA HEART project, to raise \$400,000 and initiated by the Sydney Adventist Hospital, has launched a public appeal and is receiving good support. Westpac Bank have agreed to place 100 posters in their leading branches throughout NSW. The SAH received good media coverage for the launch of the appeal.

SYDNEY ADVENTIST High School did us all proud with their results in the Australian School Science Competition sponsored by the Australian National University in Canberra. For Years 7 to 10, the SAHS was above the state average, and five students received cash prizes, being in the 1 per cent of the state who received such results. Andrew Read, for the second year, was in this group, and was in the 0.1 per cent group for the state. Congratulations! Christian education compares more than favourably.

DAVID RUPE is a gardener with the Education Department in WA, and he recently received the only non-academic award made by the Director-General of Education during Education Week. The presentation made at the Perth Concert Hall was for "outstanding service to the Collier Primary School and community." David's school garden has also won two other awards donated by independent bodies. Congratulations, David!

VISITORS TO PAC last month included two Roman Catholic men who became interested in our work when it was opened up in a new area in the North Solomon Province. When told the "Seven Days Church" was only a "lik-lik" one, with no schools, and few members, they embarked on a personal investigation. Many Bougainville members helped pay their fares for a tour of PNG, visiting our schools, colleges, etc. We all trust this fact-finding tour will prove fruitful.

"FINALLY, BRETHREN ...": The Christmas spirit that goes out with the dried-up Christmas tree is just as worthless.