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## EDITORIAL

# Good Health! Makes You Feel Better



Have you seen the *Good Health!* magazine lately? If not, take a look—you'll be surprised.

"Who needs another health magazine, though?" some may say. "And look at how much it costs a year—almost as much as a cheap meal (for one) at a not-so-ritzy restaurant."

But when you think about it, that's not much for something that's really such great value.

The name *Good Health* was given to one of the first denominational health periodicals in the United States. That was back in the middle of the last century—when doctors qualified with six months training, and practised their questionable art on unsuspecting patients.

There were many ill-informed voices suggesting a variety of unscientific "cures" for the wide range of infectious and chronic diseases that were part of everyday life. Who should be believed?

The philosophy of that early magazine was to educate readers to a level where they could make some intelligent choices in the area of health care.

Thankfully, those days are past, at least in developed countries. But the problem of health care remains.

However, there's a new twist. Infectious disease was once the scourge of every home. But now, that problem having been largely controlled, degenerative problems have replaced it. We now face coronary heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes.

Add to these a growing dependence on drugs—legal and illegal. People are leaning on chemical crutches to enable them to cope with the stressors of everyday living.

How can a magazine like *Good Health!* help with these issues?

This attractive and up-to-date publication targets first and foremost those readers in the 20-45 age group—who are particularly at risk of developing lifestyle illnesses. And this group stands to gain the most by adopting a prudent lifestyle.

But *everyone* needs to learn the sound

and proven principles of preventive medicine. Thus, children and senior citizens aren't forgotten. Nor, of course, is relevant information on social, family and drug problems.

That's why *Good Health!* can be used to guide inquiring minds to consider positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, cocaine and a wide variety of pills and potions that are used in the frantic quest for peace of mind and a good life—now.

Those who are missing *Alert* magazine can be confident that *Good Health!* (and the excellent youth publication *One Jump Ahead*) will keep the temperance banner flying.

*Good Health!* seeks to keep readers reliably informed on current health-maintenance issues. Competent authors prepare each article. And a consultant reviews each article.

The magazine can be trusted and quoted. Readers will be spared the mass of misinformation that often appears in many of the glossy health publications that clutter shelves of newsagents and bookstands.

*Good Health!* is a magazine to share with your family and friends. It should be placed in waiting rooms, motels and libraries. Every school and church in the community could benefit from receiving this publication.

That's where you can help. The life of a magazine depends upon paid circulation. Would you please take a little time to plan for *Good Health!* to be delivered quarterly to your home and to your relatives, friends and community?

Our society has many problems—social, emotional, physical and spiritual. "If we would elevate the moral standard in any country where we may be called to go, we must begin by correcting their physical habits. Virtue of character depends upon the right action of the powers of the mind and body."—*Counsels on Health*, page 505.

*Good Health!* can help. Try it!

Don Bain, Director,  
Adventist Health Department,  
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# LETTERS

## Possible Cause

After attending worship services for more than 40 years, I'd say without a doubt that the problem of boredom ("Ho-Hum," May 6) lies primarily in the length of the service rather than in the content. Repeatedly I see most members showing interest for the first 15 minutes. Then the fidgeting begins.

Surely a speaker should be able to deliver a message, no matter how important, in 20 or 30 minutes. Ministers attend seminars where this point is made repeatedly—and yet every Sabbath they keep on and on.

Sermons that concentrate on only three or four points are more likely to live in the memory of the hearers—and more likely to prevent boredom.

Jean Pascoe, NSW.

## Confusing

When the disciples asked Jesus for a sign ("Signs or Signs?" May 13), did He not give them many signs? And He likened them to the fig tree's spring shoots, saying, "Likewise when you see these things, know that the kingdom is near."

Paul wrote of perilous times to come in the last days. Daniel forecast an increase in knowledge at the time of the end. Jesus said that after the gospel went to all the world the end would come. Don't these constitute signs?

It seems rather confusing to say that there's only one sign.

C. P. Southwell, NSW.

## Practical Tips

May I suggest that we can make our worship services ("Ho-Hum," May 6) less boring if we:

1. Get straight to the point of worship—adoration, reverence, paying homage to God (not to ourselves).
2. Give praise uncluttered by empty, meaningless phrases and clichés, which only cloud the real message we want to convey.
3. Be ourselves and not try to copy others. We're all individuals.

Erik Andersen, New Zealand.

## If the Shoe Fits

The article "The Claytons Doctrine of the Second Advent" (April 29) is an excellent description of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's current attitude toward Christ's second coming.

When I finished reading it, the Holy Spirit convicted me that I am the "mockers" about whom the Bible speaks in 2 Peter 3:3, 4. Having been so convicted, I repented, knelt and confessed my sin of unbelief. I don't want to be a mocker and hypocrite any more. By the grace of God I want to be a real Seventh-day Adventist.

John Janiuk, NSW.

## The Real Problem

It isn't the format or content of the worship service that effectively keeps it from being boring ("Ho-Hum," May 6). If we're in love with God, it's enough just to be there.

*Steps to Christ* pages 44 and 45 says it all: "When Christ dwells in the heart . . . love to Christ will be the spring of action. . . . A profession of Christ without this deep love is mere talk, dry formality, and heavy drudgery. . . ." In short, it's boring.

Elva Jenkins, NSW.

## Serious Implications

The article "Love One Another" (April 15) has serious implications when the texts are put together to form a love theory that is designed to hold people in the church. Too many modern religions have a similar social-club approach and tend to forget the true meaning of church attendance.

I'm not denying brotherly love. But we mustn't imply that this is what saves people and that it's all we need to achieve ourselves. In the time of trouble

ahead, no one can take another's test. Each person must stand by himself or herself.

Mark West, New Zealand.

## Can't Agree

I disagree with Dr Martin Strahan's suggestion ("Healing," May 13) that Christ's ministry was a "disinterested ministry," that healing itself has "intrinsic value," and that Jesus didn't merely use healing as a "spiritual bait."

"The Saviour made each work of healing an occasion for implanting divine principles in the mind and soul. This was the purpose of His work. He imparted earthly blessings, that He might incline the hearts of men to receive the gospel."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 20.

Medical missionary work has been called an "entering edge." Surely it's an entering wedge for the implanting of spiritual blessings.

A medical ministry must also lead the person to Jesus—or it becomes a band-aid ministry. We're told that "apart from divine power, no genuine reform can be effected. . . . Not until the life of Christ becomes a vitalising power in our lives can we resist the temptations that assail us from within and from without."—*Id.*, page 130.

Richard Gee, NSW.

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## Just a Coincidence...





# A Seventh-day Adventist Response to AIDS

by Elvin Adams

**The Seventh-day Adventist Church is dedicated to meeting the challenge of AIDS comprehensively and compassionately.**

**T**he spectre of AIDS looms larger every week. We're afraid for ourselves and our families. We're ashamed when we see rejection of people who have AIDS. We worry when we see no vaccine or cure in sight for years to come. Above all, we feel helpless in the face of something that might become the plague of our lifetime.

How will Seventh-day Adventists respond to this global crisis? How will the church's administration, educational system, medical system, local churches and individuals relate to this epidemic? Seventh-day Adventists and all Christians are challenged to demonstrate how sincere they really are about their mission and purpose.

We need to be adequately informed as to the dangers of AIDS and how it's spread. Fortunately, living up to the church's ethical and moral standards largely prevents the transmission of AIDS.

As a church we need to demonstrate a compassionate, positive attitude toward persons with AIDS. We must offer sympathy, forgiveness, acceptance and love, and we must do what we can to provide for physical and spiritual needs.

## What Is AIDS?

AIDS is the acquired-immune-deficiency syndrome. A contagious disease, it's caused by a virus called the human immuno-deficiency virus—HIV. The virus disables part of the body's immune system. This leaves the body unable to defend itself against a wide variety of infections and certain kinds of cancers.

Medical science is working intensely to combat AIDS, but so far only little

progress has been made. Some medications prove effective against some of the infections and malignancies that AIDS victims acquire. But to date there's no effective vaccine or cure for AIDS.

## What Are the Symptoms?

Shortly after acquiring the virus humans can transmit the disease even though they feel fine and have no symptoms. The commonly used blood test for AIDS remains negative for one to three months, and in rare cases up to more than 12 months. After the blood test for AIDS becomes positive, people usually remain healthy for several years. But during this symptom-free period they can spread the disease to others. Almost everyone carrying the AIDS virus will eventually develop symptoms and die of this disease.

An intermediate stage of the infection called AIDS-Related Complex (ARC) shows itself in a variety of symptoms, including: loss of appetite, weight loss, fever, skin rashes, swollen lymph nodes, diarrhoea, night sweats, fatigue and weakness. When the virus multiplies further in a victim's body, ARC turns into AIDS.

The disease usually develops fully within three to eight years of first acquiring the infection. People with AIDS commonly suffer repeated bouts with one or more infections. These episodes are marked by drastic weight loss, prolonged fever, diarrhoea, pneumonia, extensive skin disease, unusual cancers and severe infections of the mouth, throat or lungs. The virus can also attack the nervous system and damage the brain, causing loss of memory and coordination, partial paralysis and mental disorders.

## How Bad Is the Epidemic?

AIDS has been reported in nearly

every country of the world. During the 1980s AIDS has become an international epidemic—the number of people with symptoms doubling every year. Some people are calling AIDS the “plague” of the 20th century. At present, however, age-old diseases such as malaria, schistosomiasis and measles afflict and kill far more people worldwide than does AIDS. Yet AIDS remains a major threat to public health in large parts of the world. As many as 10 million people were carrying the virus by 1988.

The World Health Organisation believes that by the mid-1990s more than 100 million people around the world could be infected by the virus. One specialist in epidemics, Dr B. Frank Polk of Johns Hopkins University in the United States, says that some countries could lose 25 per cent of their population to AIDS by the mid-1990s.

## Can AIDS Be Treated?

Drugs, such as azidothymidine (AZT), effectively slow the progression of the disease. More than two dozen additional drugs are in various stages of testing and may be released in the near future. Meanwhile, patients are treated for the specific infections or cancers they develop.

Medical treatment for just one AIDS patient in the United States can cost as much as \$100,000. The prevalence of AIDS is straining medical facilities in many parts of the world, while the expense of treating AIDS threatens to overwhelm health-care provisions in even the wealthiest countries.

## How Do People Get AIDS?

AIDS spreads most often through sexual contact. Infected men or women pass it on to partners of either sex. Because the AIDS virus is carried in a variety of

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body fluids, it can be transmitted also by transfusions of infected blood or blood products and by improperly sterilised hypodermic needles. Instruments used for tattooing, ear piercing, cutting tribal scars, or penetrating the skin for any purpose can also carry the organism. Mothers can pass it on to children at childbirth and possibly through nursing.

AIDS isn't casually spread. You can't catch it by touching doorknobs, using telephones or eating utensils, eating out in restaurants, swimming in public pools, or using public toilets. Although the AIDS virus is found in very low concentrations in tears, nasal secretions and saliva, it's not passed on by sneezing, coughing or casual contact. It's not transmitted by mosquito or insect bites, or by contact with animals. Neither is it contracted by donating blood.

AIDS isn't transmitted by shaking hands, touching, hugging, or being close with people who have AIDS. It's not transmitted by living with people who have AIDS, so long as there's no sexual contact or contact with blood.

## How to Prevent AIDS

1. No sexual activity before marriage.
2. Keep sex within marriage.
3. Use oral medication rather than injections whenever possible.
4. For injections, use only sterilised or single-use needles or syringes.
5. Untested blood shouldn't be used for transfusions except in life-threatening emergencies. The risk of accepting blood must be measured against the risk of not receiving blood.
6. Don't share razors, toothbrushes or anything that could have blood on it.
7. A pregnant woman with AIDS should consult her doctor.
8. Educate other people about how to prevent AIDS.
9. Encourage those who have chosen a lifestyle that includes high-risk behaviours to use condoms and all other measures known to reduce the risk of AIDS transmission.

## AIDS and the Work of SDAs

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, because of its far-reaching ministry in nearly 200 countries, is likely to be meeting AIDS sufferers frequently. AIDS could break out near or in Seventh-day Adventist communities. We must do what we can to prevent outbreaks of AIDS wherever Seventh-day Adventists

have a ministry. This effort should involve Seventh-day Adventist ministers, church administration, hospitals, clinics, schools and local congregations.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is dedicated to meeting the challenge of AIDS comprehensively and compassionately. The General Conference formed an AIDS Committee in 1987. It's composed of experts in medicine, public health, nursing, church administration, minority interests, ethics, theology and education. This will ensure that the church's approach to AIDS is balanced, comprehensive and timely.

## AIDS and the Local Church

The fear of AIDS shouldn't compromise our witness. Those who test positive for AIDS and who are sick with the disease should find acceptance and fellowship in the local congregation. They should be comfortable in our church services. They may find a closer walk with God as we share communion with them. The local church can find many ways to minister to those with AIDS. Church members can join or form a community support group, or become individually involved in care and friendship with AIDS patients.

## AIDS and Pastors

Seventh-day Adventist pastors will find that AIDS in their community or congregation will challenge their ministry. Pastors should continue to stand in the door of the church to greet members as they enter and leave church. There

should be no fear in shaking hands. Pastors should continue to call on the sick at their home or in the hospital. AIDS should not change patterns of visitation or in any way limit spiritual ministry.

Pastors should be speaking publicly about AIDS. The moral standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with respect to sexuality and interpersonal relationships provide a barrier against acquiring AIDS. While advocating strict moral behaviour, the pastor should demonstrate the love and compassion characteristic of Seventh-day Adventist ministry.

## AIDS and SDA Schools

Since AIDS isn't transmitted casually, schools shouldn't refuse to accept, nor should they expel, students who have AIDS. Care should be taken to protect the confidentiality of students who test positive for AIDS. Parents and teachers should be educated as to the nature of AIDS and the steps required to prevent its spread. Guidelines for educational institutions and a recommended curriculum for AIDS education is available through the Education Department of the General Conference.

## AIDS and SDA Health-Care

Seventh-day Adventist hospitals and clinics should provide an environment in which AIDS patients can receive compassionate, quality care. At the same time, procedures and policies need to be implemented to minimise likelihood that any employee will be carelessly exposed to the AIDS virus. All needles, syringes and surgical equipment must be adequately sterilised. Blood and blood products should be tested and made as safe as possible.

## A Final Word About AIDS

Seventh-day Adventist Church members and employees have a Christian obligation to view people suffering from AIDS through the eyes of Jesus. If the epidemic continues to spread, the world may come to see its sufferers—as it once did lepers—as carriers of death, to be shunned and isolated. But Jesus set a different example, treating the lepers of His day with compassion. He always distinguished between standards about sin, which He never compromised, and care for the sinner, whom He always loved.

His servants in the Seventh-day Adventist Church must follow that lead in dealing with those who contract AIDS or sickness of any kind.





## REMINISCING

# Pioneer's Hope

by W. L. Willis

**For more than 60 years I've found wonderful assurance in what I believe is God's last message to a world facing destruction.**

I can still remember the arrival of the camel teams to our wheatbelt farm near Newcannie, Western Australia. The farm horses snorted and, tails erect, bolted to the far end of the property. They hadn't seen camels before.

It was 1914, and I was almost six years old.

The camels pulled wagons loaded with galvanised pipes five centimetres across. The men screwed the pipes together and laid them into trenches. It became our pipeline bringing water to the area—a luxury in those early pioneering days.

My parents had left Perth and travelled the 300 kilometres to Newcannie to venture into farming. The railway had come through the area only two years earlier. Narrow tracks wound their way from the railway siding through the virgin bush.

Corner survey peg 19983 marked our allotted 400 hectares (1,000 acres). My parents erected a tent and built a bush, or bough, shed. Then the hard work began—clearing and developing the land—and trying to get enough money together to buy horses and machinery to work the place.

The cattle often waded through the dam and polluted the only water they had. Mother's diary tells how she used to strain the water through a stocking to try to make the water usable. At other times she added epsom salts and let it settle in a kerosene tin.

Later she began taking Doolan, our cart horse, and 450-litre tank to a "soak" (spring) near a granite outcrop about 10 kilometres away. It provided beautiful water.

Doolan didn't like it much. He didn't mind pulling a cart with an empty tank, but he did object to pulling a load.

*W. L. Willis, a pioneering Australian and a pioneering Seventh-day Adventist, still lives near Merredin, Western Australia.*

Mother once even lit a few twigs and grass under him to get him going! He moved just far enough to leave the fire under the cart!

The whole family was glad when water was piped to our farm.

Pioneering was hard work. The men received £1 per acre to chop down the timber. And when it had dried out, they received the same amount to burn and clear the land, making it ready for the plough.

Those were days and years of poverty and struggle. We sent cream from our few cows to a butter factory in Perth. The trains were slow and irregular, and most times the cream was second grade and not worth much.

We tried sending rabbit skins to Perth (and, later, rabbit carcasses), but it meant much hard work and little money.

Merredin, 20 kilometres away, became a fast-growing railway junction. Our occasional visits there were real highlights—a one-day event by horse and cart. It wasn't until the late 1920s we acquired a motor vehicle.

In my late teens I began endeavouring to get my priorities right about life's plan and values. I remember a neighbour saying, "You beat the other bloke before he beats you."

It seemed reasonable—at least at the

time. After all, the "Great Depression" was beginning. The price of wheat slumped to 20 cents a bushel—roughly \$7 per tonne.

The year 1929 saw another great change in our lives. Pastor Roy Brandstater and his wife, Frances, came to Merredin to engage in evangelistic work. He studied the Scriptures with us. Mother, Howard, a younger brother, and I were baptised in a soak. We became charter members of the Merredin church.

My other brothers and sisters were also baptised as they grew older. We met with other Adventists in homes and hired halls until we officially became a church in 1941.

On April 4, 1953, we dedicated our church building. For months our church members had worked for this happy event. Building materials were scarce after the war, but we salvaged materials from other buildings we had bought. The church was opened debt-free.

After my baptism I had wanted to be a missionary and spent some time at Carmel College. Unfortunately, because of the depression, it wasn't possible to continue to pay my way. I went back to the farm.

My time at Carmel wasn't without its benefit, though, for on March 5, 1934, I married a wonderful Christian woman I had met while I was there.

Since then we've endeavoured to make our contribution to the church and community, and we're glad our three children are following the same pattern.

For more than 60 years I've found wonderful assurance in what I believe is God's last message for a world facing destruction. Events—indicating Jesus' promised return—are causing chaos and confusion. So as never before I look forward to Christ's second advent—the only hope for a perishing world. **W**

## We, the Editors . . .

As the editors at Signs Publishing Company, we know that our church faces many challenges as we enter the 1990s. We've committed ourselves to the mission and message of the church, using the skills we possess.

We have a particular concern at this time for our role in the church's outreach in the South Pacific. We're attempting to make our evangelistic magazine, *Signs*, relevant to the needs of people facing the 90s while drawing them back to the ancient solutions found in Biblical teachings.

We, the editors, have put aside the Sabbath of July 1 as a day of prayer and fasting for *Signs*. We feel the need of your support. Would you please take time to pray on July 1 for our *Signs* magazine, the *Signs* campaign, and us.

James Coffin, Gary Krause, Bruce Manners, James Rabe, Joy Totenhofer.



# Devilish Mathematics

by Bob Roy

**Once an equation shows that  $0 = 0$ , further developments are likely to be erroneous.**

Let  $a = b$   
 then  $a^2 = ab$   
 $a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$   
 $(a-b)(a + b) = b(a-b)$   
 $a + b = b$   
 $2b = b$   
 therefore  $2 = 1$

This seems to be correct algebra—except that we know that the last line isn't correct! Or do we?

Surely we can use algebra to prove things scientifically. And having *proved*

that two equals one, mustn't we accept that this is true?

We can take this equation even further:

If  $2 = 1$   
 then  $2-1 = 1-1$   
 $1 = 0$   
 $1xx = 0xx$   
 therefore  $x = 0$

Do you believe that God is infinite, that compared to Him we're as nothing? In providing mathematical proof that infinity equals nothing we've now vindicated Satan's argument when he said to

Eve, "You will be like God" (Genesis 3:4, NIV). Or have we?

Anyone with a knowledge of the fundamentals of mathematics will have noticed that there's a combination of truth and error in our algebra. Notice the third line:

$$a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$$

Because  $a=b$ , then  $a^2 - b^2 = 0$ , and  $ab - b^2 = 0$ . Thus, the third line is really stating that  $0 = 0$ , which is undeniably true! However, a golden rule of maths states that once an equation gets to the stage of showing that  $0 = 0$ , then any further developments are likely to be erroneous. It's a relief to know that all the conclusions beyond the third line can't be accepted!

There's no place for fallacies in the mathematical precision that God uses to control and to guide His great created works. His perfect law—His golden rule—is precise and fallacy-free.

Adherence to this golden rule is fundamental to our identification of the error in Satan's arguments, to our avoidance of the mistakes and pitfalls that will follow if we listen to him.

Satan said that created earthly beings could be the equal of our Infinite Creator. But his conclusions are based on fallacy. Oh, what a twister he is! **LE**

*Bob Roy, a lifetime Seventh-day Adventist, is a retired dentist who attends the Nunawading church in Victoria.*

## STORY

Andrew had come to play with Lisa, and they were having lots of fun.

Then Mother suddenly noticed that it was very quiet. She couldn't see the children playing in the cubbyhouse. She wondered where could they be. What were they doing?

She stepped out of the house as they came running from the bushy trees.

"Come quickly and bring some water!" they yelled as they raced toward her.

Seeing a spiral of smoke rising above the dry bushy trees, Mother understood why the children wanted her to "get some water."

Lisa, Andrew and Mother quickly filled buckets with water and ran to the fire. The water slowed the fire a little, but Mother could see at a glance that it was spreading too rapidly for her to put out.

They didn't have enough water in the

## "Only a Little Fire!"

by Lyn Medhurst



tank, the dam was too far away, and the hose too short. Mother ran back to the house and rang the fire brigade. She hoped the wind wouldn't carry sparks and start other fires.

Two fire-engines soon arrived. Lisa and Andrew watched wide-eyed as the men worked quickly to burn off, contain and finally put the fire out.

"How did the fire start?" the fire-chief asked Mother when they had finished.

"Well," Mother said, "two little people found some matches and decided it would be fun to have a bush barbecue!"

The fire-chief turned to two very uncomfortable youngsters and said, "Never play with matches, especially in the bush."

"But we only wanted to make a little fire!" they both replied.

But we all know that little fires never stay "little fires," don't we! **LE**

*Lyn Medhurst writes from Bonnell's Bay, NSW.*



Photo: Margaret Newton.



## Asian Aid School Opens at Orphanage

A new school of four classrooms is opening this month on the campus of the Sunshine Orphanage near Bangalore, India, reports Helen Eager (pictured with her family), when speaking to the Taree (NSW) church on May 13. In addition to the orphans, children from the surrounding villages will be admitted to the school—which was built to relieve crowding on the 17-seat van that previously took 50 children to school in Bangalore. Now students in classes up to Grade 4 will attend the orphanage school. While speaking at Taree, Mrs Eager told of places near Katmandu (Nepal) where water is rationed to three glasses per day. She also said that plastic sheeting and sacking are luxuries in India—because “people can make themselves a one-room shelter—which is a vast improvement over living and sleeping on the streets.”

## Bus Outreach

The South Australian Community Services bus operated for the first time at the Cornish Festival at Wallaroo and Moonta on May 14 and 15. As a result of blood-pressure checks, 60 names were received for follow-up seminars. “It was interesting that about half of the names were from the local area. The rest were visitors from Adelaide and even as far afield as Bairnsdale, Victoria,” says bus ministry coordinator Yvonne Douglas.

## Baptism in Burma

Chin Chu, a police officer who was formerly a Buddhist and then a Methodist, was recently baptised in Burma after hearing the Adventist message on AWR-Asia. During a period of disappointment in his life Mr Chin heard the station theme song, “Lift

Up the Trumpet,” on his portable radio. The song made him forget his anger. He wrote for the Bible correspondence course, completed the studies, and was baptised.

## Video Awards

Two Adventist video programs received Silver Screen Awards in the US Film and Video Festival competition on May 5. *Africa! Continent of Explosive Growth*, produced by the *Adventist Review*, won an award in the Documentary TV Program category. The 60-minute video program, highlighting the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Africa, was produced by David Brillhart, William G. Johnson and Ray Tetz. *What It Isn't, What It Is* received an award for editing. It was produced by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, with David

Brillhart, Warren Nelson and Colin Mead editing the video. Colin Mead is a son of Pastor Kenneth Mead, former youth leader and administrator in the South Pacific Division. Colin is now working at the Adventist Media Center, Thousand Oaks, California, USA. The US Film and Video Festival is the largest international event devoted exclusively to the industrial film and video medium. The festival gave only 67 gold and 110 silver awards to more than 1,400 entries.

## Lost City

A fortress found buried on Egypt's Sinai Peninsula could be the lost city of Rameses, the place from where Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, an Egyptian author says.—Melbourne's *The Sun*, May 22.

## Teacher List

The General Conference Education Department is compiling a list of Seventh-day Adventist faculty and staff in non-Adventist colleges and universities. Anyone fitting this category should send name, address, highest degree and current position to GC Education Department Survey, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 USA. Those who respond will receive a complimentary copy of *Dialogue*, a new publication for Adventist teachers and students in higher education.

## Historic Reunion

The Brandstater family plan a reunion to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Collinsvale (Tas) church on August 26—and another one in Sydney on September 3 for those who cannot get to Tasmania.

Sixteen years after Emanuel and Carolina Brandstater arrived from East Prussia, they joined other new members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in their community to help erect the first Adventist church in Australia.

## Old Hymns Needed

The elder of the Mount Hagen (Papua New Guinea) church urgently needs more old hymnbooks. If any churches still have copies of superseded hymnals, please contact Pastor Ray Coombe, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076 (phone 02 489 7122) for details of where and how to send them.

## Lecture Tour

US creationist geologist and researcher Dr Steve Austin is on a lecture tour of major Australian centres during June and July. Dr Austin has delivered his lecture “Mount St Helens—Explosive Evidence for Creation” to many lay and professional audiences, including one gathering of more than 1,000 petroleum geologists. More than 60 people were killed in floods and mudslides following the 1980 eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State, USA. Dr Austin's “before” and “after” slides of the area suggest that multiple layers of sedimentary rock, large canyons, and even the first stages of coal formation can take place in days, weeks or months—and need not require millions of years. Dr Austin's visit is sponsored by Creation Science Foundation, PO Box 302, Sunnybank Qld 4109. Phone (07) 345 8122.

## Ulverstone Series

Pastor David Down will conduct an evangelistic



campaign in the Ulverstone church, Tasmania, during August.

## Bible on ABC

ABC Radio will feature a series of 13 features on the history and theology of the Bible, commencing on Sunday evening, July 9, at 5.10 pm. The series, presented by well-known British broadcaster Brian Redhead, is compiled from experts in Britain, Europe and America. The series will give Adventists an opportunity to become conversant with what many religious leaders believe today.

## Aboriginal Seminar

"Doc" Reynolds, of Esperance church, has become the first Aboriginal layperson to conduct a Revelation Seminar in Western Australia. Some 20 interests are developing as a result of outreach to the Aboriginal community. Two have already been baptised, and others are preparing for baptism.

## Missing Members

The Trans-Australian Union Conference recently discovered that less than half the church members in its territory attend Sabbath school. Percentages ranged from 28 per cent in South New South Wales, 37 per cent in WA, 42 per cent in Tasmania, 44 per cent in SA to 54 per cent in Victoria.

## New Freedoms

Legislation proposed by the Soviet Council of Religious Affairs would legalise most church activities in the Soviet Union, an American scholar of Soviet religion says. According to Kent Hill, executive director of the Washington-based Institute of Religion and Democracy, the draft Law on Freedom and Conscience would allow Christians op-

portunities to spread their faith openly and allow parents to provide religious education for their children. —Religious News Service.

## Vatican Visit

When officials from the National Council of Churches (NCC) visited the Vatican from April 10 to 14 there were no stunning breakthroughs on the ecumenical front. However, the meeting did lay the groundwork for deepened relations with Catholics in the future, reports the Religious News Service. During the visit—the first for 20 years—Pope John Paul said he was as deeply committed to ecumenism as his predecessors.

## No-Alcohol High

Warburton Health Care Centre's Alcohol Recovery Program has had record enrolments recently—accounting for around one-third of the total bed occupancy at WHCC.

## MEGAMEXICO

During the first phase of the MEGAMEXICO crusade, Central Mexican Conference pastors, Montemorelos University students, and five visiting evangelists conducted crusades in 63 locations in Mexico City. Thus far 1,378 converts have joined the Adventist Church. MEGAMEXICO is a year-long effort to spread the Adventist message throughout Mexico City, which has a population of 14 million.

## More New Hearts

Operation Open Heart Team, sponsored by Sydney Adventist Hospital and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, returned from Vanuatu early this month following a series of operations in the government-run Vila Central Hospital. This is the first of several trips the team plans to make to Vanuatu. During the re-

cently completed trip the government had 68 people—ranging in age from one to 65—for the team to examine. However, the team sought to undertake the more straightforward operations on those over the age of five to build confidence in the team by establishing a success pattern.

## The Final Act

Fiji's Colonel Rabuka is circulating the video *The Final Act* among senior members of his staff, according to the Adventist Media Centre, which produced the video for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference. Central Pacific Union Mission secretary Pastor Aisake Kabu offered the video to the colonel and says that, as yet, he has not been able to get it back!

## SAH Occupancy

During 1988 the Sydney Adventist Hospital maintained a high bed occupancy rate—averaging 83.65 per cent. The industry standard is around 65 per cent. Admissions for the year totalled 18,994; surgical operations 12,609; deliveries 1,962; and day-care patients 3,989.

## Pastoral Shortage

Growth in China's Protestant church has produced a critical shortage of pastors, reports the Religious News Service. According to Bishop Shen Yifan of Shanghai—one of only two bishops consecrated in the Protestant church—China has about 850 ordained pastors to serve four million Protestant Christians.



## Singing Group Releases First CD Album

The Melbourne-based gospel singing group Frontier (pictured) reports that it recently became the first Adventist group in the South Pacific to release an album on compact disc, as well as on chrome-tape cassette. Group leader Mirek Stekla earlier spent three years with the Heritage Singers. The group will celebrate the release of the album by appearing at a concert in Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, on September 23. The CD, tapes and tickets are available at Adventist Book Centres.

*Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review, and have been sent to the RECORD via facsimile transceiver for immediate release.*



## Plaque Honours First SAH Grad to Die in Active Service

**R**ead Smith, the first graduate of the Sydney Adventist Hospital—or Sydney Sanitarium as it was then called—who died on active service, was honoured at a service held recently in New Zealand. I had the privilege of representing the SAH at the unveiling of a plaque during centenary commemorations at Gisborne.

Mr Smith and his wife, Lucy, were 1908 graduates of the hospital that had opened only five years previously. They were assigned to medical work among the Maoris in the Gisborne area of New Zealand.

They established their base at Tokomaru Bay, where there was no doctor and no readily accessible hospital. With nothing more than primitive conditions they began nursing two early pneumonia patients—one of them was the Church of England minister—using hot and cold water treatments. It was a tedious and time-consuming effort. The Smiths had first to collect wood, build a fire and carry buckets of water from a stream to prepare the treatments. However, both patients recovered.

The Smiths' fame spread. They were warmly accepted and their interest in children and music endeared them to the Maoris. They curtained off half the front room of their cottage as a clinic, and one month they averaged 10 patients a day. They loved their work and the people. "We would not change our lot for that of the Queen of Sheba," Lucy wrote to the *Australasian Record*.

However, winter conditions brought more difficulties for the pioneers—flooded rivers that had to be crossed in canoes, marshy bridle trails and innumerable mudslides. At the time, stage-coaches sometimes used the beaches at low tide to reach some villages, since no roads existed. Read Smith travelled by horseback, often drenched to the skin, and then cared for patients before returning home, still wet-through.

By the second winter, the Smiths were working from Tolago Bay. In late June, word came that two Maoris in Tokomaru Bay had typhoid fever, then a common and fatal disease. Read was sick, but he struggled out of bed and rode 40 km north. He found a typhoid epidemic raging and immediately set to

work, regardless of his own health.

For the next eight weeks he continued treatments until the fever epidemic was stamped out. Exhausted, he returned home, only to develop typhoid himself. He died on September 3, 1910. Six days later the *Poverty Bay Herald* quaintly reported the news:

"Quite a gloom was cast over Tolago Bay township on Saturday when it was known that Mr Read Smith had passed away. The funeral left the residence of Alan Tulloch\* at 10.30 on Sunday, quite a large number of pedestrians and horsemen following. . . . The deceased gentleman was working in the district as a medical missionary under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, having been trained at their New South Wales Sanitarium and sent to minister among the Maoris of the east coast."

The paper said that his characteristic conscientiousness "earned him the es-

teem and respect of the district. . . . The deceased was a splendid nurse. . . . His death will be a loss which will be keenly felt."

I felt honoured to stand beside the grave of this noble man as his selfless service to humanity was recalled. It was a privilege to unveil a brass plaque recounting his sacrifice.

Incidentally, following her husband's death, Lucy Smith visited relatives in Australia for a few weeks and then returned to New Zealand and continued her dedication to the Maori people by becoming a teacher at the Waikiki Island Maori School.

\* Father of Dr A. K. Tulloch, a distinguished surgeon at Sydney Adventist Hospital for 35 years.

By John Trim, director of Special Services at Sydney Adventist Hospital.

## Six Youth Baptised in New Plymouth, NZ



Photo: Greg Kingston.

**S**ome 60 people witnessed the baptism on April 15 of six young people in the Manganui River, about 15 km from New Plymouth, in New Zealand.

Local pastor David Thiele baptised five of the candidates and Pastor Wayne Gredig, who took the short sermon, baptised his nephew.

Four of the new members are from local Adventist families, and the other

two are new converts. Brian Smith's fiancée introduced him to Bible studies, and later an old school friend, Carolyn Hamilton, joined the studies. Despite family opposition, she made her decision and joined the baptismal group.

Pictured from left: Wayne Gredig, Brian Smith, Murray Mansfield, Jeremy Gredig, Cathryn Rice, Maree Rice, Carolyn Hamilton and David Thiele.



## Video Series Proves Winning Outreach in New South Wales

**B**athurst (NSW) pastor Peter Harper is conducting a video outreach combining both public and home evangelism. Using the "Digging Up the Past" series, he says he has a no-lose situation.

Originally the members were not optimistic about the response they would get. However, on opening night, April 8, almost every seat in the hall (holding 230 chairs) was occupied.

The audience not only sat through nearly two hours of lecture and video on the Pyramids of Egypt, but stayed for another half hour to ask questions of Pastor David Down, who attended the first program.

The videos are being screened twice weekly for 13 weeks. If the people do not return, church members visit and offer to lend them a video of the topics they missed—if they have a VCR. If not, they will invite them to their own homes to watch.

Pastor Harper says he has proved that the system works in small centres, too. He tried it in Mandurama, where the population for a 10-kilometre radius is only 500. Some 86 came to the small CWA Hall—only 13 of them church members.

Advertising for the meetings consisted of brochures for the video "The Pyramids of Egypt," printed by Signs Publishing Company. (For any wishing to use this approach, time and place can easily be overprinted on the already-designed leaflet.)

In addition, the Adventist Media Centre made a half-minute advertise-

ment for transmission on the local TV station, and Pastor Harper submitted an article to the local newspaper—which came out just before the lectures commenced.

Churches wishing to follow this plan may obtain the necessary material from Pastor David Down, PO Box 341, Hornsby NSW 2077.

## WA Youth Escape in Four-Car Pile-up



**A**lbany youth, in Western Australia, narrowly escaped tragedy when attending a recent weekend campout at Kulikup.

"While travelling to Sabbath school along a narrow, winding gravel road near Kulikup, the leading car skidded on newly graded gravel on a steep incline and crashed into the roadside bank," says communication secretary Margaret Martin. "The following car stopped to assist, and while the occupants were alighting, the next car found it impossible to pull to a stop on the gravel. It crashed into the stationary vehicle, causing it to surge forward into the car on the bank."

"Amid the thick dust, Albany minister Graham Thompson crashed into the last car, resulting in the second and third cars (pictured) being total write-offs."

Not one of the 16 people travelling in the four cars was injured. Quick-thinking youth from the pastor's car averted further damage by rushing up the road in both directions to warn other vehicles.

"Neville Bylund, the driver of the third car, was standing between the two open doors when Pastor Thompson's car skidded in," says Mrs Martin. "He should have been crushed when the side of his car was swiped, but an unknown force lifted him over the front door, onto

## Your Adventist Church Library

**A**dventist Book Centres offer scores of Adventist books written by Adventist authors.

On average, the Seventh-day Adventist Church publishes one new book every nine days. But how many of these new titles have been added to your church library lately?

Books to interest younger children include *I Love Jesus* and *Jesus Loves Me*, plus Bible storybooks by Etta Degering entitled *My Bible Friends*. In addition, there's a set of nature books featuring different animals by Sam Campbell, and Uncle Arthur's famous *Bedtime Stories* and *The Bible Story*.

For juniors there are interesting adventure books—*Have It Your Way*, *Shipwreck on Devil's Island*, *Amy Carmichael*, and other books in this Hall of Faith series.

Teenage youth will be challenged by such books as *Terry, Detective in Search of Grace*, *Seasons of the Heart*, *When Love Returns*, and *Power of a Saint*.

For the young-in-heart such titles as *Sent Home to Die*, *Promise Deferred*, *The Calling*, *"They're All Dead, Aren't They," Leah*, and many more titles are available to choose from. They make good reading.

The serious reader should consider such books as *The Saving of America*, by a young, converted Jew, Clifford Goldstein. He discusses the USA, where a television preacher ran for president and the "Christian Right" have tried to dominate. It's vital to be aware of the signs of the times. Goldstein's evidence is immediate and Biblical, yet his identification of the emerging shadows of religious repression hardly fit the common expectation.

*Straight Thinking* by Dan Day points to a solid spiritual foundation to withstand the cults and -isms hammering at the door of today's Christians. The book is thoughtfully designed for either straight reading or as a study and discussion guide. In *The Mystery of Consciousness*, Donald E. Mansell investigates reported out-of-body experiences and defines the soul-breath of life. And Mark Finley's latest book, *Padded Pews or Open Doors?* is excellent for developing evangelistic seminars as a form of church outreach.

All these books—and many more on the shelves of Adventist Book Centres—should be in every church library and available for all members to read. Contact your local ABC manager for counsel on adding new books to your library.

By Winston W. Fletcher, assistant general manager, Signs Publishing Company.



the bonnet of his car and down the other side. There's just no explanation for how he was whisked out of danger."

The Albany young people led out in a thanksgiving service in the church the following week, praising God for deliverance. "Insurance replaced the two cars that were written off, and also covered repairs to the other damaged ones that are now back on the road," says Mrs Martin.

"How grateful we all are that our precious young people were all protected," she concludes. "Some may feel that irresponsibility caused the pile-up, but this wasn't the case. It's a very dangerous stretch of road, where five separate accidents have occurred so far this year. From this experience we have all been drawn closer to the Lord."

## Student Learns Meaning of "Missionary"



Photo: Leanne Davies.

Alister Hunt (right front, with some of the Kigali church congregation) found mission service in Rwanda included Sabbath preaching.

A young New Zealander says he has a different perspective on being a missionary after having just spent one year serving in Rwanda, Central East Africa.

"I really didn't know what I was letting myself in for," says Alister Hunt, of Papatoetoe. "But it proved to be a fantastic year. I really enjoyed my job and I learned so much about our church work."

"As a child in Sabbath school I heard of faraway places where the growth of the church was phenomenal," he continues. "But to actually be where it was all happening—with thousands of baptisms each quarter—was e-x-c-i-t-i-n-g! I

felt privileged to be part of it."

Alister admits he'd never thought about being a missionary. "That was for ministers, teachers, doctors and nurses," he says. "I was destined for a business career. But that soon changed!"

He found looking after computers, setting up accounting systems and carrying out the accounting function was only part of his responsibilities. He also became accustomed to clearing goods through customs, preaching Sabbath sermons (with the help of a translator), helping at the orphanage, and fixing the road during the wet season—so that cars could drive through.

"I found my work challenging—particularly the computer work," Alister says. "There are so many opportunities in service that I never dreamed existed."

This year Alister is studying full-time at Auckland University toward a Master of Commerce degree. But he says he would be happy to serve in the mission field again in the future. "I can see there are many needs that ordinary people can fill," he says.

By Leanne Davies, communication secretary of the Papatoetoe church, NZ.

## African Achieves Breakthrough Opportunity

The Malawi Government has accepted the suggestions of a middle-aged African Adventist to educate the young people of his country, to combat the decline in morality and to reduce the spread of AIDS. But the plan is in jeopardy through lack of funds.

Mr Sydney Mphoka, who attends a rural church near Malamulo Adventist Hospital, proposed that Adventist publications be placed in government military training schools—attended by the brightest students—throughout the country.

A recent letter from the Life President of Malawi, Dr H. Kamuzu Banda, praised Mr Mphoka's perception of the problems and advised him that the government would like to assist him in getting the project started—once funds are available.

Mr Mphoka estimates it would cost \$US65,000 to place 250 copies of *The Bible Story* (10-volume sets), *Everything a Young Man Should Know*, *Everything a*

*Young Woman Should Know*, *On Becoming a Man*, and 500 volumes of *Your Medical Guide* in the training centres. And although the authorities have given the go-ahead for the project to be implemented, there's no way that Mr Mphoka can raise the money in a country where the basic labourer's wage is around US 32 cents.

The original submission Mr Mphoka made during the 1985 International Year of Youth was in response to an invitation by Dr Banda for residents to help solve the country's problems. Some 60 per cent of the population of Malawi are aged under 25—about 4 million young people. Mr Mphoka outlined what he considered to be the country's main problems and gave reasons for the decline in morals, suggesting ways of overcoming the problems affecting adolescents in today's society.

For a man who struggled through the all-too-familiar pattern of life in a developing country, Mr Mphoka has come a long way. One of a large family, his schooling finished at Form 4 because the family couldn't afford further education. Unemployed for many years, he worked in the family gardens until a friend invited him to try literature evangelism.

That was 15 years ago. For the past eight years Sydney Mphoka has been the Publishing director in Southern Malawi. Sometimes he still struggles to feed and educate his children.

"I wish you could meet this man personally," says Colin Radford, an Australian who works as scientific officer at Malamulo Adventist Hospital. "He has such a depth and knowledge of literature and science. But most inspirational is his knowledge and use of the Scriptures and Ellen White's writings. His submission to the government took him almost a year to compile—no wonder he's excited that his persistence and patience has come to fruition!"

"What an opportunity is ours to influence the future generation of leaders at a time when they're developing values and learning principles of leadership!" continues Mr Radford. "Some government officials are even suggesting the plan be extended to all government primary and secondary schools as well. This is an unheard-of opening, and I can't help but be excited. Yet I realise it can't happen without help."

"The East African Division is now the largest and fastest growing Division of our church. Churches are filling faster



than we can build them, and many congregations are forced to meet in the open. Yet finances are more difficult than ever here. Some 50 missionary budgets are being cut this year because of financial difficulty.

"I just long to see this project fulfilled," he adds. "What a tragedy if we couldn't implement it because members were unwilling to sacrifice! And what incredible joy it will bring to our hearts to share eternity with those we've had a part in bringing to the Lord at this time."

## Twins Baptised Following Older Brother's Witness



Photo: Cameron Duff.

**P**astor Peter Theuerkauf baptised twins Pauline and Vincent Boutros (pictured) on April 29 in an outdoor service at Castlereagh, near Penrith, New South Wales. Their brother, Tony, was baptised a year previously and had shared his faith with them.

"It was only the second fine Sabbath since December," says Penrith church communication secretary Leonie Duff. "Many members of the twins' family, as well as their new church family, witnessed the baptism in a bushland setting at the home of Frank and Glenda Hodgert. Tony was overjoyed to see his brother and sister baptised. He credits the Holy Spirit with what has been accomplished."

Tony introduced Pauline, a secretary, and Vince, a machinist, to Revelation videos and lessons. They then completed a Revelation course conducted by Pastor Theuerkauf.

## Statement of Mission

**T**he South Pacific Division has released the following official Statement of Mission relative to the Aboriginal Ministries.

**Believing** that the gospel of Jesus Christ alone can bring hope to those who have no hope, and that the fundamental truths of Scripture, as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and mediated through the power of the Holy Spirit, have transforming influence on the lives of all men everywhere:

### It Is Our Purpose—

**To Lead** Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people to Christ by clearly communicating these truths.

**To Discover** methods of communicating these truths in ways to reach traditional, urban and semi-urban people within these communities.

**To Give Hope** to those people who believe there is no hope.

**To Enhance** the lifestyle of such peoples through a continuing ministry that addresses spiritual, mental, social and physical needs in given cultural settings.

**To Assist** in the formation and the development of community ministries that utilise the spiritual gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

**To Support** the fulfilment of these goals through prayer, ministry and the sharing of resources, materials and personnel.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Seminar Leads to Wedding



Photo: Valerie Ward.

Pastor Michael Browning married Jenny Jones and Andrew Bott (pictured) in the Margate (Tas) Adventist church on March 27, following their attendance at a Revelation Seminar. "Their friends from the seminar attended their wedding and the church members showed their love by assisting with cooking for a veg-

etarian wedding luncheon organised by Verna Stanton," says communication secretary Valerie Ward. Jenny and Andrew are continuing to attend a Wednesday-night study group.

### Church Is 50

The Woy Woy church (central coast, NSW) celebrated its 50th anniversary on March 18. Trans-Tasman Union Conference president Harold Harker preached the sermon, and former minister Roger Vince—now a chaplain at Sydney Adventist Hospital—taught the lesson study. Visitors and members packed the small church and an overflow congregation seated in adjoining rooms watched the services on closed-circuit TV. Pastor Hugh Dickens—a retired minister, and currently senior elder of the Woy Woy church—hosted the occasion, assisted by his wife, Royce, and the local members. A sit-down banquet gave opportunity for reminiscing among the 130 people present.





## Penrith Outreach

During the recent local show, Penrith (NSW) church members publicised an upcoming stop-smoking program. Volunteers in pairs, or families, worked two-hourly shifts at the church's stall, handing out leaflets and answering questions from those who stopped to watch the programmed video. "Many non-smokers inquired about the course and took advertising leaflets for friends or relatives who smoked," says communication secretary Leonie Duff.

## New Approach

A "new approach" to youth evangelism conducted on April 22 in the Lambton Community Centre, Newcastle, attracted 90 young people—about 20 of them non-Adventists. The all-day seminar featuring self-improvement, included a free lunch, and was organised by Steve Wold, assistant youth minister in the North NSW Conference.

## Free Hire in Roma

Two copies of the video "The Final Act," produced by the Advent Media Centre, are in the "New Release" section of the Plains Video shop in Roma (Qld) by courtesy of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church. "The videos have a sticker on the cover indicating 'Free Hire' plus the church's address and a phone number," says church pastor Glenn Townend. "The videos are on the shop's computer listing—with the rating PG (Parental Guidance)—and in time we will be able to gauge how popular they are. If the 'Final Act' proves popular, we will supply other videos."

## Visitors Day

The 20 adult visitors (plus 15 children) who attended Visitors Day at Grafton church in NSW on April 15 received special bulletins thanking them for coming to share worship and inviting them to come again. Young people,

under the leadership of Doug Hamilton, opened the Sabbath school. Visitors were invited to join any class during the lesson study time dealing with Christ walking among the seven candlesticks. Pastor Lance Hooper preached the morning sermon on "The Saviour's Choices," providing proof of God's love and ultimate return. "Some of the visitors said they had never heard a minister speak so full of confidence in his God," says communication secretary Gaby Gentil. "One woman told me she was thrilled to learn the meaning of Christ walking among the candlesticks—

something she'd never understood before. Most of the visitors stayed to enjoy the banquet, and again expressed surprise that vegetarian food could be so varied as well as healthy."

## Voice of Youth

Sixteen young people from the Tongan church in Auckland (NZ) took turns in preaching during a public outreach held four nights weekly in the Balmoral SDA Community Centre during April. Pastor Fui concluded the series, which included health messages and musical items.

# NOTICEBOARD

## Anniversary



**Mr and Mrs Aleksandar Marinovic** celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary earlier this year when members of the Yugoslav church in Sydney, where they attend, extended congratulations and good wishes and honoured the couple with a special flower arrangement. Pastor Steve Jakovac also interviewed them during the service (pictured). Aleksandar Marinovic and Milja Tanasijevic were married on February 12, 1939, by the Greek Orthodox priest in Mihajlovac, Yugoslavia. Their son, Jovan, his wife and their two children, also attend the Yugoslav church in Sydney.—*Steve Jakovac*.

## Life-Sketch

**Kozlan Assan**, of Kuranda, passed away in the Cairns Base Hospital, Queensland, on February 23, following a stroke. He was buried at Kuranda on February 27. Born at Mourilyan, near Innisfail, July 5, 1902, Kozlan was brought up in the Mohammedan faith and later became a leader in the Communist party. After attending meetings conducted in Innisfail by Pastors Robert Greive and Mervyn Ball, Kozlan asked God for a sign, and a miraculous answer to his prayer convinced him he had found the true faith. He never wavered from that decision. His favourite hymn was "O happy day! that fixed my choice on Thee, my Saviour and my God."

After the death of his wife, Edith, Kozlan took his seven children to Monamona Mission. While there he married Mary Newbury, who became not only the mother to his family, but together with her husband, served as dormitory parents to the girls at the mission until 1952.

The Assans spent a year near Innisfail, and then Kozlan began work with the Queensland Railways in 1953, a job he continued until retirement. The family located in Kuranda where Kozlan used his influence to encourage young Aborigines to achieve academically. He was a strong advocate of a vegetarian, non-drinking, non-smoking lifestyle. At his funeral many Aborigines came from long distances and paid tribute to one who had been a long-time leader to their people.—*Frank Gorry*.

## Obituaries

"We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16, 18, NIV. The editorial staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

**Assan**, Kozlan, 86, born at Mourilyan Harbour, near Innisfail, Qld; died February 23 in the Cairns Base Hospital. The Kuranda church was filled to capacity on February 27 as members of the Aboriginal community gathered to pay their last respects to Assan. He is survived by his sons, Willie Garling and John Assan; and daughters, June Grogan, Valmae Duffin and Rae Kelly. Son John, from Darwin, NT, and Noel Wason, of Kuranda, assisted the writer in the service. A life-sketch appears elsewhere.

Frank Gorry.

**Bailey**, Marion Maud, born January 2, 1910, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; died January 15 at the Greenwich Hospital, NSW, and was buried in the North Cooranbong Cemetery. Marion came to Australia as a small child. After completing her nurses training in Sydney, she continued on to become head of the Department of Deep X-ray clinic. Marion received the "Rose Creal Award" in nursing, as well as awards in radiography. The Bailey Chambers Institute, located at Mater Hospital Oncology Unit in Newcastle, was named in her honour. In retirement Marion cared for her mother. She is survived by her sister, Daphne Black; and nephews and nieces.

Calvin R. Stafford.

**Churchett**, Ernest George Frederick, 72, born at Norwood, SA; died suddenly on April 26 at Norwood. Well-liked by everyone, for 46 years Ernie was a milkman in the area where he was born and died. He is survived by his sisters, Ettie, Olive and Ivy; brother, Erwin; and brother-in-law, Rudy van Weenan. Graeme Olson.

**McDonald**, Eva Fanny, born January 27, 1909, in Collingwood, New Zealand; died March 6 at her home in Wanganui. Baptised in 1931, Fan was a faithful and much-loved member of the Wanganui church. She is survived by daughters, Marge Fuller (Auckland), Margaret Barker (Surfers Paradise, Qld) and Eleanor Thomson (Pacific Union College, USA); and sons, Neville (Keri Keri) and Errol (Avondale College, Cooranbong, NSW). Three children predeceased her. R. L. Michaelson.

**Pinkerton**, Elizabeth Emily, born January 11, 1891; died April 30 in the Box Hill Hospital, Vic, in her 99th year, and was buried on May 3. Having lost a dear friend



during World War I, Elizabeth remained single until in her forties, when she married widower Alex Pinkerton, who had two daughters, Jessie (Mrs Wiggins) and Evelyn (Mrs Elliott). When Alex retired they lived in Box Hill until his death. After many years as a devout Methodist, Elizabeth attended meetings conducted by Pastor Kevin Moore and was baptised in 1973. Soon afterward she moved to Coronella Retirement Village, transferring to the hostel in 1978. For 14 years "Pinky" was volunteer pianist at Coronella, and her cheerfulness and courage inspired many. Pastor Mervyn Sparrowhawk assisted the writer at a capacity memorial service at Coronella chapel.

Brian C. Smith.

**Schiffer**, Arthur Gordon, born August 18, 1929, at Sandgate, Qld; died April 22 at the Redcliffe Hospital. Gordon was a tiler by trade. He loved golf, fishing, children and animals. His first wife, Cloe, predeceased him in 1949. He married Moira on December 3, 1983. Baptised about 15 years ago, Gordon was a member of the Redcliffe SDA church. He is survived by his wife and children: Tracy, Andrew (both of Brisbane), Melissa (Sydney, NSW), and John (Brisbane); and stepchildren, Robyn Brian and Lyn (all of Brisbane). Robert Craig.

**Wenzel**, Alma Ethel Rose, born June 17, 1907, in Northgate, Qld; died April 16 at her home in Boondall and was buried at the Pinnaroo Lawn Cemetery. Alma and Ernest Wenzel were married at the Nudgee Methodist church on January 2, 1929. He predeceased her on October 13, 1982. Through most of her life, Alma worked tirelessly for the Methodist Church. In 1986 she was baptised by Pastor David Lamb and joined the SDA Church. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Aileen (Maleny), and Trevor and Kay (Adelaide, SA); and five grandchildren. Robert Craig.

## Advertisements

**General Practitioner Wanted.** The Fox Valley Medical Centre, attached to the Sydney Adventist Hospital, requires the services of a General Practitioner. This is a denominationally employed position in a general practice group, currently four in number. Interested doctors should contact Dr W. Johnson, phone (02) 487 0600.

**Books Wanted.** A final-year ministerial student is in need of a set of *The SDA Bible Commentary*. If anyone has a set that is no longer used, would you be kind enough to forward it to Benjamin Asa, Sonoma Adventist College, PO Box 608, Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

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**Finally: Smile—it increases your face value.**



# The South Pacific Division Supports National Bible Sabbath, July 15

The Seventh-day Adventist Church upholds the work of The Bible Society and Scripture Union. The South Pacific Division encourages church members to support National Bible Sabbath on July 15 to focus attention on God's revelation to all people—the Bible.

National Bible Sabbath is arranged on behalf of Australian Christian churches by The Bible Society and Scripture Union. These agencies are the conveners and facilitators.

Although Bible Society and Scripture Union recognise that every Sabbath is Bible Sabbath, this day gives the opportunity to celebrate the gift of God's Word, and to affirm its place in worship, nurture and witness.

It is a day for thanksgiving and committing ourselves to continue to hear and obey the Word of God.

Material for National Bible Sabbath includes a poster, Scripture Leaflet, and Ideas Sheet, and a 30-day introductory Bible Reading Guide.

All these items are available from the Bible Society in your state.

National Bible Sabbath has three objectives:

1. To get non-readers of the Bible started.
2. To get lapsed readers restarted.
3. To get regular readers digging deeper.

Pastors are encouraged to recommend suitable commentaries and Bible reading helps for their congregations.

Deuteronomy 30:14 is printed on the poster and is this year's theme. National Bible Sabbath is a good opportunity to underscore to both church and community—"You know it [God's Word] and you can quote it, so now obey it."

Linda Daniels, and her husband, Graham, tell of their encounter with the Bible in the Scripture leaflet available for Bible Sabbath. Contact The Bible Society or Scripture Union in your state for supplies—but do it NOW!



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