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## Ballarat Adventist School Wins Again

**T**he Ballarat Adventist School has won, for the second year running, the "Best School Entry" award for its float in the Ballarat Begonia Festival's annual parade. There were 12 school entries and 58 entries altogether.

The festival's theme was "We're 40, Let's Celebrate" (the Begonia festival is 40 years old). The parade took the form of a giant party. The school entry depicted God's party in heaven when Jesus takes His children home.

The float was a truck with a "food" laden table. The food was made by students from papier mache. The children sang "Picnic in Heaven" and handed out leaflets during the parade. The Melbourne Advent Brass accompanied them.—*Sandra England.*

Temperance Offering Today



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## EDITORIAL



### Too Few

Get up. Get dressed. Go to Sabbath school. Smile at the greeter at the door who channels you into the appropriate class.

Walk in. Look around. There's no one you know to sit with, so you find the least conspicuous seat.

Some of class members give you a nod of recognition. You listen to the discussion.

The class is over. You follow the general movement to the foyer and

#### It's summer. Sabbath seems to last forever.

try not to look as obvious as you feel. Everyone is busy saying the quick hello to friends they haven't seen all week or collecting the children. Some glance your way and smile.

Time for the service. You walk up and down the aisle wondering where to sit, making sure you avoid the hymnbooked seats (you can never be quite sure on the quota of people to a hymnbook). You lose yourself in the sermon—listening to find the words He has for you. You sing the hymns and praise Him with music.

Too soon the service is over. You have to face the after-church "gathering." So you wander outside again. You stand to the side with your best friendly face on, hoping no one will trip over you.

People smile. They walk past. An older couple comes and talks to you, "Lovely to see you . . . visiting? . . . hope you come again . . . goodbye." The after-church crowd has diminished. You go home.

It's summer. Sabbath seems to last forever. You read all afternoon and ring friends STD.

It has been a couple of months now since you've been going to this church. You're not the type to approach the circle of people who obviously enjoy each other's company. And who've obviously decided you're not their type.

You have your usual spot in the pew now. But you don't go to Sabbath school anymore. It makes you feel lonely.

Staying and watching them chatting after church makes you feel worse, because they're not chatting with you.

So now you leave early because you're-busy-and-you've-got-things-to-do-and-places-to-go. And it sounds much better than saying you're going home to spend the day alone.

Sure, you know what to do, you've been told *you have to try harder, invite people around for a meal, be a friend to have friends etc.*

But we all know it's a cop-out.

The only time you truly feel at home is when you listen to the sermon and hear His word. You would feel most at home if someone would come to you and live His word.

Living His word means putting ourselves out. It may mean spending time with someone who bores us to tears. It means thinking ahead of time to ring and ask them home for

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Sabbath lunch. It means caring about someone else's needs ahead of our own.

You could be the answer to someone's awkward Sabbath. You could be the one who reminds them that "God is still on His throne and all is right with the world."

Don't pity the lonely. God speaks to their hearts; He and they have an opportunity to develop a special friendship.

Pity those who have need of nothing, least of all the need to give of themselves.

I thank God He loves those who find church a lonely place. Too few of us love that much.

Karen Miller.



# LETTERS

## Adventist Women

The editorial "Women's Role" in the April 11 issue of RECORD addressing the role of women was most timely. Some time ago, I received a copy of the report of the Toward 2000 Taskforce Committee commissioned by the South Pacific Division to examine and make recommendations on the role of the Adventist women in the secular world, their ministry and their church.

This report, prepared by four eminent Adventist women, provides some pointed insights into how Adventist women feel about the church. It also suggests a wide range of positive recommendations on ways to harness the vast, yet largely untapped skills, experience and wisdom of women into the structure of the Adventist Church in Australasia.

The editorial asks questions about representation and tokenism. It's interesting to note that at the time of presenting their report, the SPD was (is) the only world division that had not appointed a director to the Office of Women's Ministries as authorised by the General Conference.

As a church we champion a wide range of worthy Christian initiatives. It's a travesty that the role and status of women is so sadly neglected.

R. Hargreaves, ACT.

## A Question of Polysyllabics

I'm inclined to take a ho-hum attitude to typographical and even grammatical errors that slip by unnoticed by your subeditors, proofreaders and authors. I cannot remain silent, however, when I read this sentence in RECORD, April 18: "The periodicals make up 0.9 per cent of Australia Post's throughput."

Throughput? Throughput?!? O, my dear sir!

I hereby give notice of the formation of S.L.U.R.P.—the Society for the Liquidation of Ugly and Repulsive Polysyllabics. I call upon all who have a care for this euphoniously mellow language that Shakespeare rejoiced to use so magnificently and in which the dignified beauty of expression reaches its peak in the Authorised Version of the

Bible, to join S.L.U.R.P.

Please send large cheques to the undersigned who is the founder and treasurer of this front-line, storm-trooping assault on those who would make our beautiful language an aural sludge-pot and a cacophonous monstrosity.

R. H. Parr, NSW.

*Your letter is thanked for. True, throughput is uglytype, but is now common-speak, as admitted by the 1991 edition of The Macquarie Dictionary. But then, Shakespeare was renowned for making up new words when current usage didn't fit. We're actually setting up a society entitled S.T.R.O.O.D.L.E.—Society Trying to Remind Ourselves Of Developing Linguistic Extemporisations. Donations (not tax-deductible, but just as large as for S.L.U.R.P.) will be accepted by the editors.*

## Unwanted Skills

Thank you for your editorial on the role of women in the church (RECORD, April 11). In our schools, students of both sexes are encouraged to take leadership roles and to have an active involvement in planning and participating in school events. Girls often take the predominant part in these activities.

However, upon reaching full adulthood, these same girls find that the

skills gained through our schools are not wanted by the church, unless it's in the children's divisions of Sabbath school. While this is an admirable place to serve, not everyone is suited to working with children.

What then happens to the leadership and public speaking skills we've been taught? They're rarely allowed to surface—both the church and the women are losers. Talent is being wasted.

J. Tinworth, NSW.

## Hard Way

Upon reading the poem "The Lord Says" (April 18), I couldn't help but notice the line "For the Lord says His way is hard." Matthew 7:14 in the KJV says "strait and narrow", NIV "small and narrow", RSV "narrow and hard." Upon checking the SDA Bible Commentary, I find no reference to hard at all. There's a world of difference between narrow and hard.

John Wilkinson, Qld.

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## Just a Coincidence





# The President on Independent Ministries

by Robert S. Folkenberg

**Let us cease the derogatory remarks about others and follow Jesus' plan in dealing with wrong.**

**D**ear fellow believers: I want to share a concern with you that lies close to my heart. Many of you have written or called me asking about independent ministries, and I want you to know where I stand. Is it true that the General Conference is out to destroy independent ministries? The answer is no!

I've been told there are several hundred entities not integrally connected with the church. Almost all of these make a significant, positive contribution to the mission of the church.

Many provide a wide variety of services to fellow Adventists and the public, including vegetarian restaurants, educational institutions, health care, publishing, religious radio and TV broadcasts and orphanages. These prefer to be known as supporting ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

One ministry supports a group of evangelists who are made available to church organisations around the world.

Another, Maranatha Volunteers International, having overseen the construction of hundreds, if not thousands, of buildings for the church around the world, recently completed its largest single project ever—in the Dominican Republic, where more than 1200 volunteers built 25 churches in 70 days!

## **By Their Fruits Ye Shall . . .**

Organisations that demonstrate by



Pastor and Mrs Robert S. Folkenberg. Pastor Folkenberg is the president of the General Conference of the SDA Church.

their fruit, a commitment to the mission of the church, merit both the descriptives *supporting* and *ministry* as well as the appreciation and backing of church members and leaders. For these, "organisational independence" is only a matter of function and legal status, not mission. Their loyalty to the church and zeal for proclaiming present truth are indistinguishable from that of the church itself.

I recently read two compilations of

Ellen White's writings dealing with "self-supporting" work and noted two characteristics:

1. "Self-supporting" is normally linked to the concept of "missionary." Independence from the church was born of the financial necessity to send families to unentered areas as missionaries, not by a mission different from that of the church.

2. "Self-support" is presented in the context of unity with the church. "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (*Testimonies*, Vol 9, page 117).

The concept of an active laity and supporting ministry of the church isn't only encouraged by Ellen White, but found in the example of the apostle Paul, who, by his own labour, supported himself and others as they spread the good news.

While the vast majority of these ministries truly are supportive and declare their loyalty

to the church, a few private organisations, calling themselves "independent ministries," do not meet this standard. These point out what they see as deficiencies in the church, its members, and its leaders.

Tragically, while subtly attributing these failings of a few to the church in general, they set themselves up as the guardians of historic truth and as the only trustworthy expositors of God's Word.



On the foundation of distrust they build an organisation that isn't accountable to any wide constituency; that foments doubt, distrust and disunity; that diverts millions of dollars that might better have been used for gospel proclamation among the vast populations of the world that have never heard the name of Jesus; and at times even drives members from the church.

Are there problems in the church? If so, do these failures justify the attacks by private organisations against the church?

To the first question the servant of the Lord answers, "There are evils existing in the church, and will be until the end of the world" (*Review and Herald*, Sept 5, 1893). It's sad but true, for I'm reminded every day that the evil one is hard at work within God's remnant church.

### Continued Study Needed

To achieve personal spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's message to us, we must continually study the Word, and the Spirit of Prophecy. But the exaggerated individualism that characterises today's culture must not fragment the unity needed in God's final movement.

The vast majority of our teachers, pastors, editors, elders and other leaders are firmly committed to the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14 and the fundamental beliefs that we hold dear.

Sadly, there are a few who, following modern trends, doubt the accuracy and/or authority of Scripture. They reject one or more of these fundamental beliefs (the sanctuary and related truths are among the most frequent casualties), yet insist they have the "right" to remain in positions of responsibility. To these I appeal, fall on your knees and, with Scriptures in hand, search and pray until you have peace with God. If you find you are in harmony with the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we will rejoice with you. If not, simple honesty and ethics require that you resign any appointed, elected or employed position, until you can embrace that which our church upholds as truth.

A more common weakness in the church, however, isn't rejection of the truth, but rather neglect of prayer and study of the Word. In harmony

with the Perth Declaration (see *RECORD* November 16, 1991), I plead with teachers, pastors, editors and other leaders to preach the Word and feed the flock. Enough of salvation by psychology! We need a deeper understanding of the sinfulness of the human heart leading to repentance.

Let us uplift Jesus and the cross, thus providing the sinner with peace of mind, assurance of salvation in Christ and connection to Him who is able to "keep you from falling and to present you faultless" (Jude 24).

Let me assure you I'm not calling

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for uniformity. There is ample room for diversity in searching the Scriptures for truth, even while demonstrating a firm faith in the fundamentals.

### Attacks on the Church

Do the failures of the church justify the attacks by private organisations against the church?

No! While there are problems in the church that must be resolved, these must be settled by those loyal to the church who are entrusted with responsibility at every level of church administration, beginning at the local congregation. Self-appointed critics, whose fiscal survival depends on their ability to shift members' loyalties from the church to themselves, have conflicting interests and therefore are untrustworthy counsellors to the church. Their very survival appears to depend on the mix their leaders choose between piety and doctrine on the one hand and criticism of the church on the other.

The approaches of destructive critics vary widely. One group features the sensational, shrill, tabloid approach whose attacks stimulate a sharklike feeding frenzy against the church, albeit among a narrow audience. One of these, for example, recently reported falsely that I visited

the pope twice this past year. The author never even called to check the "facts." One cannot help wondering why such an erroneous report was printed. The truth is that I have never seen, met or talked with the pope and have no reason or plan to do so. Neither has he asked for an appointment to see me.

### A False Litmus Test of Orthodoxy

The mix of piety and criticism among others is more subtle. Their publications include a far higher proportion of that which is spiritual or doctrinal in nature, including reprinting of major segments of the Spirit of Prophecy. By proclaiming their convictions on a narrow list of topics, not accepted by the body as a whole as vital to our message, they, in effect, turn acceptance of their position on these issues into a litmus test of orthodoxy. Thus they draw a pious line in the sand by leading their readers/listeners to choose whom they will trust—the church or their private organisation.

Some ministries in the name of piety and preaching the straight testimony, present quotations of Ellen White that encourage independent, self-supporting missionaries. At the same time they ignore the quotation calling for unity and the yielding of individual wisdom to the body of believers (see *Historical Sketches*, pages 122-125). Such behaviour misrepresents spiritual counsel and gives the appearance of intellectual dishonesty. Tragically, the gullible are their lawful prey.

About these private organisations the servant of the Lord wrote: "Those who start up to proclaim a message on their own individual responsibility, who, while claiming to be taught and led of God, still make it their special work to tear down that which God has been for years building up, are not doing the will of God."

"Be it known that these men are on the side of the great deceiver. Believe them not. They are allying themselves with the enemies of God and the truth. They will deride the order of the ministry as a system of priestcraft."

"From such turn away, have no fellowship with their message, however much they may quote the *Testimonies* and seek to entrench themselves behind them. Receive them not, for God has not given them this work to



do. The result of such work will be unbelief in the *Testimonies*, and, as far as possible, they will make of none effect the work that I have for years been doing. . . . Those who thus bring the work of God into dispute will have no answer before God for the work they are doing" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 51, 52).

The church is being attacked from within by people on two extremes. One extreme undermines the authority of Scripture, our fundamental beliefs, and our distinctive end-time message. The other extreme, under the subtle guise of piety, attacks the structure, authority and therefore the mission of the church. The church has, all too often, failed to address both attacks adequately.

Both extremes are destructive to God's expectations of His church. Both bring about disunity, an obstacle to the latter rain, and divert resources from our Lord's mission to His church.

"There is a great work to be done in the world, a great work to be done in foreign lands. . . . With all the responsibility upon us to go and preach the gospel to every creature, there is a great need of men and means, and Satan is at work in every conceivable way to tie up means. . . . The money that should be used in doing the good work of building houses of worship, of establishing schools . . . , is diverted from a channel of usefulness and blessing into a channel of evil and cursing" (*Ibid*, page 43).

Jesus knew that the evil one would try to bring about disunity. Our Lord described the consequences of disunity when He said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand" (Matthew 12:25, NKJV). The apostolic record confirms the early church's struggle for unity.

### Jesus' Plan for Unity

Jesus' divine plan to resolve differences, as described in Matthew 18:15-17, is too often ignored or forgotten. As your president, I ask your forgiveness for times when I may have skipped over any of the steps outlined in God's plan. Please pray that God will grant wisdom to those who must deal with those organisations whose activities tend to undermine either

truth or mission. All church initiatives must be compassionate yet sustain the integrity of the church body.

I appeal to each pastor, Bible teacher, administrator, church board member and leader to uphold God's Word and the teachings of God's remnant church and, following these biblical steps, under the guidance of the Spirit, work together to keep our church unified. To all, laity and employees alike, let us cease the derogatory remarks about others and follow Jesus' plan in dealing with wrong.

If the plan described in Matthew 18 doesn't seem to fit the problem you see, consider that it may not be a problem God has given you to resolve. Trust that God, who is in

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charge of all things, will use those He has delegated to "right the ship."

On the other hand, if a problem is within your area of responsibility, pray that God will give you the wisdom and courage to carry out your responsibility.

### Collective Selfishness or Sacrifice?

I wish each could share the burden of opportunities waiting for action. For example, the doors into one of the largest Muslim countries in the world have been flung open. We can now send a large number of workers to China and the countries of the former USSR, yet sufficient resources are not available to respond to these opportunities.

There are many reasons for this, such as collective selfishness instead of collective sacrifice. Many of us expect the church to meet so many of our felt needs, without the balancing Macedonian call from the unentered areas of the world, that we do good things to an excess. Too often, resources needed to reach others with the gospel are consumed by those who have already received the good news.

Another reason is diverted resources. The dollars diverted to the few private organisations whose activities lead to disunity and shifted loyalties are resources Mrs White said

would be better used for gospel proclamation.

It's indispensable that each of us, prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit, evaluate each private organisation. Those whose loyalty to the message and mission of the church are above reproach, whose fruit gives evidence of new souls for the kingdom, deserve our prayers and support.


On the other hand, those who cause the reader or viewer, whether subtly or directly, to choose between them and the church, demonstrate that they are not inspired of God.

I admit to increasing frustration in dealing with this situation. Last summer, just before standing to preach a Sabbath sermon at a Canadian camp meeting, I was handed a sheaf of bulletins from another shrilly critic. I shared with the congregation my frustration with these destructive critics of the church. In retrospect, I wish I had shared my convictions with more tears in my voice and the pain in my heart rather than just the frustration. This is just evidence that God isn't finished with me yet.

I love this church. I believe our fundamental beliefs with all my heart. I believe the Lord's gospel commission was not a suggestion but a mandate. I believe Jesus is coming, and soon, sooner than most of us expect.

Are independent ministries of value? An organisation's independence does not make it bad or good, holy or unholy. All members, leaders and organisations (church-operated or independent) that contribute to hastening our Lord's return should be reinforced and supported. Those weakening the church and distracting from Heaven's mission must be properly dealt with according to God's plan.

It hurts to see division in our churches and members deceived by attack and innuendo. What we need is to fall at the cross with broken hearts, more concerned with sharing the good news of salvation than imposing our personal agenda and convictions on the church.

I appeal to all to "press together, press together, press together." I ask you to join hands with me in seeking the Lord and finishing the work. 

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# Adventists and Fitness

by Terry L. Butler

**H**ow physically active are Seventh-day Adventists? And how fit are you compared to the average Aussie or Kiwi?

Judging by responses to questions in the 1989 Lifestyle Survey of 4000 Adventists in Australia and New Zealand, the picture mightn't be as good as we'd like.<sup>1</sup> A significant proportion of Seventh-day Adventists have inadequate weekly exercise. In this respect we're no different from others in the population. In fact, on the average, we may be less physically active than others in our community.

Figure 1 shows that older Adventists indulge in less exercise. Twenty-seven per cent of those over the age of 25 indicated they had less than one hour's exercise per week.

Perhaps the less-active lifestyle in the late 20s is associated with marriage, family and work commitments. Whatever the cause, the low level of activity doesn't ensure even a maintenance of fitness—at least half an hour of vigorous exercise 3-4 times per week is necessary for that.

Of course, not all Adventists were unfit. Nearly 50 per cent of respondents had four or more hours of exercise each week.

In addition, the survey showed that, in every age group, males, on average, were more active than females. This difference was more pronounced in the teenage years. Approximately 70 per cent of young men had four hours or more exercise each week compared to 47 per cent of young women.

It comes as no surprise that more Adventist leisure time is spent watching TV than in physical fitness (Figure 2). This is particularly true for those over 25 years of age.

While intensity and frequency of exercise weren't measured in the Adventist Survey, a 1986 study of the physical activity of Australians provides some relevant information.<sup>2</sup> Comparable to the Adventist data, 71 per cent of respondents participated

in some form of physical activity with approximately half of those surveyed exercising to keep fit. However, only 26 per cent were active enough to maintain physical fitness.

The same survey indicated that walking was the preferred form of exercise with 58 per cent reporting that they had walked for exercise in the previous fortnight. This was followed by swimming (23%), callisthenics/aerobics (21%) and jogging/running (16%).

Australians and New Zealanders have a worldwide reputation as lovers of sport, outdoor activity, vigour and vitality. But for many, the only activity is walking to the lounge and stretching out to watch TV.

As a church, we rightly emphasise the importance of good nutrition, vegetarianism and a drug-free lifestyle. But too often, we neglect the benefits of physical exercise. In the year of the Olympic Games we'll have the opportunity to enjoy the sweating and striving of superbly fit athletes—all reaching for gold. Rather than being a passive spectator, maybe we'll be inspired to a far greater personal activity level.

It requires motivation and effort to pull our-

selves from a reclining position and into a regular exercise program. But it's worth more than a gold medal if we do.

*Terry L. Butler is the director of the Adventist Health Department for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference.*

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**Hours of Exercise  
% of Adventists by Age**

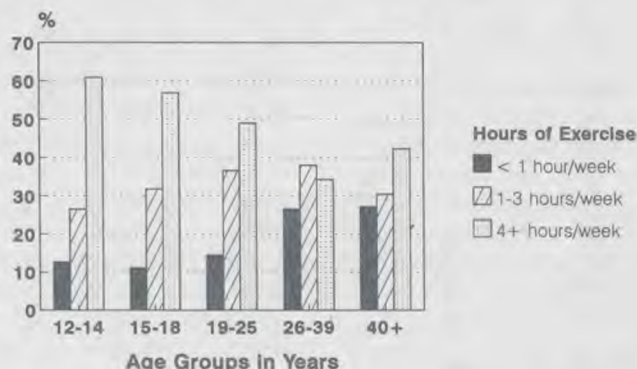


Figure 1

**Hours Spent on Types of Activity  
% of Adventists Participating**

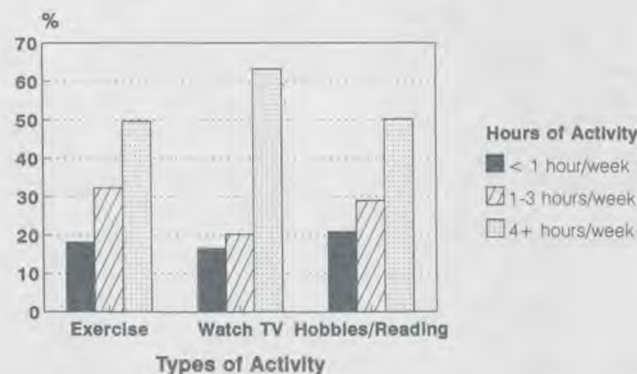


Figure 2



## Wet Pathfinders

South New Zealand Pathfinders enjoyed a weekend Easter camp at Pattersons Creek. Fifty-five Pathfinders attended the camp organised by Pathfinder director Pastor Bob Larson and two district directors, Jenny Kissener and John Dose. Despite the weather being cold and damp, "the children had a wonderful time," according to Rose Proud of the South New Zealand Conference office.

## 1000 Baptised

A Jamaican Adventist laymember prepared 1050 people for baptism on March 21 after a seven week evangelistic effort. Fitz Henry, the campaign speaker, operates a construction business and conducts two evangelistic campaigns annually. More than 6000 people attended the nightly meetings, and members from all the Montego Bay churches assisted in the program. The three conferences in Jamaica have a combined total of nearly 150,000 members.

## Misinformed

Misleading information regarding the Adventist trademark litigation case in America has stated that the case has cost the General Conference \$800,000 and that the attorney for the case is a Roman Catholic. Actually the case has cost \$200,000 and the attorney has been a Presbyterian for the past 30 years.

## Relief Respect

Respect of Christian churches has increased in Kuwait due to church relief efforts during the war. The National Evangelical Church now has an atten-

## Loma Linda University Sends Thanks



A Christmas card showing Dr Leonard Bailey, professor of surgery and head of the cardiac transplant program at Loma Linda University as Santa Claus to two of his patients, was sent to many of the transplant-procurement agencies in America as an expression of thanks for their assistance in Loma Linda Universities Medical Centers' transplant program. Baby Yvonne was the 100th infant to receive her new heart on May 18, 1991. As of December 10, 1991, 119 infants under six months of age have received new hearts at the centre.

dance of 500 in Kuwait city, and attributes its growth to the regained respect of the churches.

## Tongues at the GC

Languages and dialects spoken by those working in the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA are: Afrikaans, Malayalam, Arabic, Malaysian, Cebuan, Marathi, Chinese, Mauritian, Creole, Papiamento, Danish, Pidgin, Dutch, English, Filipino, Portuguese,

French, Romanian, German, Russian, Haitian, Scottish, Hindi, Sign, Hungarian, Spanish, Ilongo, Swahili, Indonesian, Swedish, Italian, Tagalog, Japanese, Tamil, Latvian and Telugu.

## Christian Voice

Trans World Radio, an evangelical network that broadcasts Christian programs internationally, celebrates 40 years of service. Trans World Radio operates under the direction of its founder Paul Freed.

Though the iron curtain has crumbled, the network continues to beam its programs into the former Soviet Republic, China and India.

## Influence

Television characters, 1462 of them, studied by the American Family Association, rarely show a hint of religious influence on their characters. Only 81 had identifiable religious affiliation. There were 51 Catholics, 21 Protestants, five cult members and three New Agers.

## Israel Bound

Two Christian organisations joined forces recently to charter a ship taking Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel. "Operation Exodus" represented the first Jewish immigration by sea in more than 30 years. Three sailings in December and January brought more than 1300 Jews to Israel. The journey was sponsored by the British-based Ebenezer Emergency Fund and the American-based "Exodus II."

## Christian Rights

Recently proposed constitutional changes in Mexico make provision for clergymen to vote, churches to own property, private schools to teach religion and foreigners to serve as ministers under some conditions. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari has suggested the changes.

## School Church

Moscow school officials have signed an agreement with an American training institute allowing it to set up offices and teach biblical principles in all city schools and orphanages. The agreement also opens school



facilities for Sunday family services. Five institute-trained instructors are already teaching in Moscow schools and the institute hopes to place as many as 3000 others during 1992.

## ADRA in Mexico

ADRA-International and ADRA-Inter-American Division committed more than \$70,000 to assist victims of Guadalajara, site of the recent gas explosions in Mexico. A plane carrying 150 tents for temporary housing and 1000 blankets was sent by ADRA to Guadalajara. More than \$180,000 worth of medical supplies was made available, and Mexicana Airlines has agreed to transport relief supplies free of charge. Local Adventists are supplying meals for the homeless and relief workers, clothes from ADRA are being distributed and an Adventist school is being used to house victims. Donations can be sent to: Guadalajara Relief, c/- ADRA, PO Box 129, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.

## Sex Confusion

Sexuality documents have been recently released by the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church in the US. The 55-page document questions whether heterosexual relationships offer the only avenues for "healthy" sexual relationships. The United Methodist report was recently referred on to the denomination's national meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, after a 24-member panel could not agree on whether homosexuality is sinful. A majority of the panel favoured removing language from the church's books saying that homosexuality and Christianity are incompatible.

## Volunteer Health

Eugene Grosser, South Pacific Health Food Director, and Sidney Cole, Inter-American Division Health Food Director, were appointed to the volunteer position of secretary treasurer and director, respectively, of the General Conference Health Food Association at the General Conference's Spring Meeting. They will manage their positions while maintaining their current posts.

## 2000 Plans

The General Conference Session in the year 2000 is to be held at the Skydome and metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Canada.

## Islam Power

The growth of Islamic power was recently demonstrated in Algeria by the political victory of Islamic fundamentalists in the state's first free parliamentary elections. The fundamentalists' victory, according to *Christianity Today*, worries many in

neighbouring Morocco and Tunisia, where Islam enjoys strong appeal among the poor.

## Indonesian Bans

Indonesian President Suharto and his Catholic wife recently made a pilgrimage to Mecca to counter waning support among his military, according to *National and International Religion Support*. The government recently banned Christian meetings in hundreds of house churches around Djakarta until after the June election. Among other actions, courses on Christianity have been removed from public schools, despite their high demand.

## SAH Homecoming

Sydney Adventist Hospital is to have a Homecoming Weekend on July 10, 11 and 12. All present and past staff, both from the nursing and non-nursing departments, are invited to attend. Special programs and events are being planned for the week-

end, including a full Friday night and Sabbath program, Saturday evening concert and historical tours. For more information phone Arthur Patrick (02) 489 1271 (non-nursing) or David Williams (02) 487 9659 (nursing). The Nursing Graduates Association is also planning to hold their alumni banquet on the Sunday of the Homecoming Weekend.

## Angel Badge

Three gold angels superimposed on a world on a mid-blue background are being sold as lapel badges by Castlemaine church, Victoria, to raise funds for the restoration of their church building. Cards explaining the three angels' message of Revelation are supplied with the badges, so people interested in the symbol can understand their meaning further. See the Advertisements section for details.

## Estonian Needs

Pastor Rein Muhlberg of the North New Zealand Conference will be involved in an evangelistic campaign in Estonia in September (Pastor Muhlberg's forebears originally came from Estonia). He is keen to have funds to buy Bibles and lessons and to boost the Estonian budget. Donations may be made through the North New Zealand Conference Office, 73 Great South Road, Manukau City, New Zealand.

## Indian Evangelist Begins Working in Fiji



Photo: W. Talemaitoga

More than half the population of Fiji is Indian, and with the quinquennium theme "Global Mission" the Central Pacific Union Mission and the Fiji Mission saw fit to request the services of Pastor James Bagga, an Indian evangelist, to work among the Indians there. "He has already been visiting homes and running meetings," says the communication director for the Fiji Mission, Pastor Wapole Talemaitoga. "We are grateful to the South Pacific Division for their assistance."

*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.*



## Baptised After a 50 Year Wait



Mimoza Poska is baptised by Pr David Currie, in Albania's first Adventist baptism in 50 years.

**E**ight people became members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in what was a historic baptismal ceremony on April 18 in Tirana. The first to be baptised was Meropi Gjika, for whom this was a special day. She had waited 51 years to be baptised.

Meropi Gjika accepted the gospel through the preaching of Albanian-born Daniel Lewis, an Adventist missionary sent by the church from Boston, USA, in 1930. She became a member of a company of 12, but could not be baptised then. Her faith sur-

vived through decades of adversity and persecution.

"I praise the Lord for this day and thank him for realising my dream," she said as she stepped from the baptismal pool.

Mrs Gjika's daughter Margerita from Korce and grand daughter Esther were also baptised. Esther is now employed as a secretary for church work in Albania.

Also baptised were Aferedita Hasan and her son Sokol. They were baptised with Violeta Mita, who said she was "dying to be baptised" for so many years, and two young women Lisen Gjebea and Mimoza Poska, who comes from a Muslim family. The baptism was held in the former Enver Hoxha Museum, today an international youth centre.

"These are the first fruits of the power of God reaching the hearts of the Albanian people with the Advent message," says Pastor David Currie, who performed the baptisms. "We are delighted to see the establishment of a Seventh-day Adventist church in Tirana."

Following the baptism, seven young people expressed a desire to be baptised in the next few weeks.

Religion was declared illegal by Albania's communist leader, Enver

Hoxha, for nearly 40 years. He was responsible for the most fierce religious persecution in modern times.

"Our people cannot be blamed for our past. Atheism was imposed on us. Today we are victorious in Jesus Christ," commented Aferedita Hasan at her baptism.

Trans-European Division evangelist David Currie continues public evangelistic meetings in the centre. "The fact that the Word of God is preached here and the way people react to the gospel is a testimony to God's power," says Pastor Currie. The "Amazing Discoveries" series continues to draw hundreds of people. Pastor Currie is assisted by his wife Gaya, Pastor and Mrs Rolf Kvinge from Norway, Kerri Stout and Pastor Mark Cox from Florida, USA.

Mrs Flora Sabatino-Lewis and her daughter, Esther, are eager to establish one of the first Adventist churches in Albania.

Tribute was paid to Daniel and Flora Lewis, whose unwavering faith and desire to spread the gospel could not be stopped, despite persecution and jailing. The seeds sown by that family in the early 30s and 40s have come to fruition.

"All these years religion lived in human hearts. No human effort could destroy faith or stop victories for the gospel," said one who attended the baptism.—Ray Dabrowski.

## Ethiopians Going Home

**T**he stockpile of spent artillery shells helps explain the suffering of Ethiopia in recent years. It also helps to explain why great waves of humanity have washed across the country seeking some place just a little safer.

More than 3000 people have been displaced, some moving 800 km from their original homes. Some are soldiers. The rest are uncounted women and children and a large number of elderly people. Ethiopia has large numbers of people seeking safety, yet longing to return to their homes.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA-Ethiopia) undertook to repatriate some 2000 of such people about the middle of 1991. Working with local governmental

authorities and other aid agencies, these 2000 refugees were transported to a "main centre," usually a town close by their local village, at which point another aid agency became responsible for seeing they returned safely to their village.

Each person was provided with 25 birr (\$16.00) relocation allowance that would provide them with transport from the "main centre" to their homes, and a little extra for some food and incidental expenses while establishing themselves again.

A month's food ration was given to each person. This was in addition to the food and water for the journey (emergency food rations left over from the Gulf War provided the



Spent artillery shells give an indication of the battles fought in Ethiopia and explain the reason for so many people fleeing their villages in fear.





Displaced Ethiopians, victims of internal war, escaped their villages to overcrowded camps. ADRA has been involved in resettling, and bussing the people to their now safe villages.

passenger to return these 2000 people to their home villages.

These were the fortunate ones, for within a couple of months the population at the detention centres completely changed. People who had endured so much simply set out on foot without food or money to walk back home.—Neil Hughes.

## The Ethics of Medicine

The recent National Bioethics Conference, hosted by the Sydney Adventist Hospital, New South Wales, opened discussion on many ethical problems within the medical field for those attending from overseas and Australia.

The use of foetal tissue for transplants was discussed. The transplanting of foetal brain tissue to an adult brain has been shown, through thousands of laboratory tests, to have the capacity to develop and promote functional recovery after brain damage.

While advances in medicine and medical research proceed at an increasingly rapid rate, so do the number of ethical issues surrounding the research.

To date more than 300 patients have received human foetal liver transplants for various conditions, including Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID), leukaemia, aplastic anaemia and a variety of genetic storage diseases, reported conference speaker Professor Gareth Jones.

Professor Jones is chairman of the Department of Anatomy at the Medical School, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. He is the professor of Bioethics and director of their Bioethics Research Centre.

During his lecture "Brain Grafts: Searching for an Ethical Framework," he claimed that foetal pancreas transplants are known to reverse drug-induced diabetes in animals, and at least 600 patients with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus are reported to have received foetal pancreas transplants.

Trials using implants of foetal-membrane tissue into the striatum of patients with Parkinson's disease have been carried out in around 100 patients.

Such advances may mean many of

basis). To avoid riots, the food parcels were distributed outside the camp—there was little food in the camp.

Buses stopped at prearranged points approximately 20 kilometres from the camp where the rations were issued.

ADRA hired the buses from government transport authorities and provided an officer to ride with each bus to supervise the 60 people under their care. These officers checked

returnees onto the bus and at the distant central point distributed the relocation moneys. The problem then was to ensure the driver, bus, jerry cans used to carry water, and various staff members returned as quickly as possible for another trip.

The outward-bound journeys averaged 500 km and required an average of three days on the access ways Ethiopia calls roads.

It is estimated that it cost \$50 per

## Ministering From a Wheelchair

The Waa Waitara-Amos of Kawhia, New Zealand, was baptised on Friday, April 3, after being led to Christ by her husband.

Mrs Waitara-Amos' ancestors were contacted by a Jew who taught them from the Old Testament—including teachings about the Sabbath.

Her husband, Isaac, although an isolated Adventist for many years, maintained his love for the Lord and His Word. He is a keen Bible student who knows both Greek and Hebrew. He is a respected community leader in Kawhia.

Mrs Waitara-Amos asked to be baptised in a river that was special to her, but when it was discovered it would be too difficult with her wheelchair, she was baptised in the pool at Waikato Hospital instead.

Peter Marks encouraged her in her decision and assisted Pastor Phil Leenhouders at the baptism.



Pastor Phil Leenhouders (pictured left) baptised Mrs Waitara-Amos in the Waikato Hospital pool. He was assisted by Peter Marks.

The ministry Mrs Waitara-Amos conducts from her wheelchair, through letters and telephone, is far-reaching. —Peter Marks



these medical problems will soon be only history. But at what cost and with what heated debate? he Asked.

Dr Jones points out that the majority of these foetal transplants have been performed with tissue from foetus made available from induced abortion. This brings up another debate.

Do we have the right to use tissue from fetuses obtained from abortion, which many people believe is morally wrong? By using this tissue are we making something good out of something bad? Or are we compounding evil with evil? Are we simply proceeding ethically with available tissue, with no moral dilemma?

"Moral complicity appears frequently in arguments over the use or otherwise of data and materials emanating from the Nazi era," says Dr Jones, "but appears to be ignored in discussion of other areas dependant on the use of human material."

"These include the means employed to obtain a supply of human bodies for dissection in the 18th and 19th centuries in Britain (and still today in many countries), the source of human embryos and fetuses for the study of normal human development, and the source of organs for organ transplantation in adults."

"In the case of Nazi experimentation one argument is that the use of material or data deriving from Nazi experiments implicates the user in the Nazi crimes themselves."

"According to this stance we become one with the perpetrators of the original crimes, since our motives today cannot be isolated from the manner in which the material was obtained. "Even to cite unethical work is to validate it, and to demonstrate there is a continuing thread connecting respectable research today with ethically abhorrent work in the Nazi era. . . .

"Alternatively, others argue that we should be prepared to use the material and data, since they exist and cannot be denied. If the data is valid they cannot be invalidated, no matter how objectionable one may find the ethical behaviour used to obtain them. However, the horror should still be addressed, and no effort should be made to cover it up."

Other topics discussed during the two-day conference included: Valuing Human Life, From Anencephalic Foetuses to Gene Therapy, The Concept of Futility in Clinical

Medicine, What Nurses Think of as Nursing Ethics and Terminal Care Ethics.

Sydney Adventist Hospital not only sponsors this National Bioethics Conference each year, it also operates a Christian Centre for Bioethics that includes a library on significant bioethical material.

For more information on the centre contact Dr Tom Ludowici on (02) 487-9345. Complete manuscripts of any of the lectures are available from Sue Price on (02) 487-9346.—*Neroli Zaska.*

## Emergency Flight to Australia



(From left), Luanne, Clara and Martha holding Joseph, and Marint Losi pictured after Luanne's treatment. Luanne Losi, (inset) a victim of the rare disease acute transverse myelitis, with a low percentage rate of complete recovery, is recovering.

On her 13th birthday Luanne Losi, daughter of a self-supporting Pacific Adventist College (PAC) student Martin Losi, felt the onset of a disease that would display "the power of God when prayers are made in faith," according to Nerida Richardson from PAC.

Luanne was working in the college's agricultural gardens to help her father pay his fees and support the family. When she went home for lunch she had a numbness that made it difficult for her to even open the door.

She spent the next 33 days in hospital. The diagnosis was spinal cord compression. Recovery would mean travelling to Australia and possible surgery. The cost for Luanne's surgery and recovery was estimated at \$10,000.

Unable to cover even a fraction of the cost, Mr Losi asked the PAC principal for advice. Staff members and the college administration contacted the South Pacific Division officers who dis-

cussed the situation with the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

It was decided Luanne should travel to Brisbane, Qld, for treatment, as it was closer to Papua New Guinea and distance of travel was critical.

Prayers were offered as the Losi family began to seek support from relatives and friends in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, Luanne's home country.

Air Niugini heard of Luanne's situation and gave her a free airline ticket to

Brisbane and a 50 per cent discount for her father. The Australian High Commission rushed Luanne's visa through. On February 2 Luanne and her father flew to

Brisbane, still to face financial problems. The Red Cross Hostel, attached to the hospital, provided Mr Losi with accommodation.

Luanne was diagnosed as having acute transverse myelitis, a relatively rare disorder from which there has only been a low percentage rate of complete recovery.

The hospital board approached Mr Losi and

asked if Luanne could be used as a test case for the medical students because it was such a rare disease. That meant they would only have to pay for the three nights accommodation Luanne spent in hospital—all test and treatment expenses were to be free of charge.

Former PAC staff members Cliff and Val Morgan accommodated Luanne and her father. The Caboolture church, Queensland, raised money toward Luanne's medical expenses in both Port Moresby and Brisbane hospitals.

Luanne gradually regained feeling in her arms and legs. Today she's back in school, attending Mount Diamond Adventist High School. Although her prognosis is for complete recovery, there is still some numbness in her legs.

"She is a living, walking testimony of what God can do when, in a spirit of praise, we cast our every burden on him," says Mrs Richardson.



# CHURCH NEWS

## The House Vic Park Sabbath School Built



Victoria Park primary Sabbath school, Western Australia, constructed an African house as part of their investment offering fundraising. The small group raised \$35 by child minding, car cleaning, house cleaning, gardening and some money received from a member's "lost tooth reward." Eric Williams, Danielle Quick, Luke Longmore, Tristan Quick, David Aide, Annabelle Puehringer and Neitze Brody (pictured from the left) worked together to build the house: each brick cost 10 cents, each large brick cost 50 cents and all other parts cost 50 cents. The class teacher is Beth Sperring.—*Berryl Haimes.*

## Church Volunteers From Forster-Tuncurry



Forster-Tuncurry church members, New South Wales, have volunteered four months of their time in volunteer service to Aore Adventist High School, Vanuatu. The church sent a fly'n'build team to Aore in September 1991 when they completed school rooms, electrical wiring, painting and teacher accommodation, all projects begun by a previous team. Forster-Tuncurry church members engaged in fundraising efforts in order to send the team. Pictured are those returning to Aore to do more work because of the many needs they saw there. Kim and Greg Barratt, Eddie and Lynda Merzlake (pictured from the left) and their children (not pictured) are currently in Aore.—*Sherry Williams.*

## Smorgasbord

More than 100 local residents attended a "taste and see" vegetarian smorgasbord presented by members of Ballarat and Wendouree churches, Victoria, as part of the Kent Report lecture series conducted by union evangelist Pastor Gary Kent. Sanitarium products were made available for sampling in a display set up by Phillip Hyland. Recipes

Photo: L. Sperring



were given to participants, who expressed appreciation for the program.—*Frances Thomas.*

## Cairns School

Cairns Seventh-day Adventist Primary School, Queensland, recently prepared a working document to increase their school's declining enrolment figures. The education director of the Greater Sydney Conference, Leon Miller gave the school board ideas and from those ideas a document scheduling activities and tasks and an action timetable was written. Both the school and church Board adopted the working party's report and are now working to put it into effect. If any other schools are interested in obtaining a copy of the report to aid their school, contact the principal, Mr Kevin Tregenza, PO Box 240, Westcourt, Qld, 4870.

## Toowoomba School Celebrates 50 Years

Fifty years of Adventist education was celebrated recently at the Toowoomba Adventist Primary School, Queensland, with a weekend of special events. Former headmaster Dave Caldwell presented the Sabbath sermon and another former headmaster, Bill Irvine, hosted a nostalgia evening. School students presented items under the leadership of Joanne Cook and Sue Haslam. The first teacher of the school, Wanda Boulting (nee Neibuhr), at 93 years of age, is pictured planting a tree, assisted by past student Fred Gillam. Toowoomba Mayor Alderman Clive Berghofer was assisted by five-year-old Rhonda Devonshire in planting a liquidambar tree.—*Keith Peers.*

Photo: S. Williams



Photo: B. Cherry



# NOTICEBOARD

## Appreciation

**Ball.** Pastor M. S. Ball and family wish to sincerely thank all who sent messages of love and sympathy by phone, cards and letters at the time of their sad loss of a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We were deeply touched and encouraged by your sympathy. Please accept this as the answer to your message of condolence.

## Weddings

**Abrams—McKenzie.** Gregory Ronald Abrams and Kathy Maree McKenzie were married on March 15 at the Burleigh Gardens SDA church, Qld. Greg and Kathy plan to set up their home at Miami on the Gold Coast, where they both work. M. F. Browning.

**Bennetts—Murray.** Scott Bennetts, son of Graeme and Joy Bennetts (Melbourne, Vic), and Jodie Murray, daughter of Wayne and Chris Murray (Melbourne), were married on March 29 at the Ferntree Gully SDA church. Scott and Jodie, who met while training as nurses, plan to set up their home in Melbourne. Bud Beaty.

**Cody—Salgo.** Steven Bill Cody, son of Bill and Norma Cody (Adelaide, SA), and Carolyn Joy Salgo, daughter of Charlie and Lorna Salgo (Brisbane, Qld), were married on February 29 at the Trinity Gardens SDA church, SA. Steve is a mental health nurse, and Carolyn is a shop assistant. They have set up their home in Adelaide. Lynn Burton.

**Epps—Boulting.** Dean Norman Epps, son of Edwin and Heather Epps (Nelson, Sydney, NSW), and Fiona Jane Boulting, daughter of Ronald Boulting (Melbourne, Vic) and Barbara Boulting (Wilberforce, NSW), were married on April 12 at the Windsor SDA church, NSW. Dean will continue his studies at the University of Western Sydney, and Fiona will continue her studies at Blacktown TAFE. Bruce Shield.

**Fleming—Davis.** Matthew Fleming, son of Annita Fleming (Sussex Inlet, NSW), and Kim Davis, daughter of Don and Colleen Davis (Sussex Inlet), were married on April 12 at the Nowra SDA church. Matthew is a mechanic-technician, and Kim is a dental nurse. They plan to set up their home at Sussex Inlet. Cyril Brown.

**Galley—Dastry.** John Robert Galley, son of Godfrey and Antonina Galley (Wallsend, NSW), and Ni Wayan Frida Indriana Dastry, daughter of I Made and Maria Dastry (Probolingo, East Java, Indonesia), were married on December 15 at the Newcastle Polish SDA church, Wallsend, NSW. John is a licensed instrument technician, and Frida is completing her accountancy studies. For the present, they have set up their home in Killingworth, Lake Macquarie. Jan Jankiewicz.

**Heeger—Gunter.** Denver Heeger, son of Denzil and Maureen Heeger (Sydney, NSW), and Corelle Gunter, elder daughter of Warren and Cher Gunter (Perth, WA), were married on April 5 at the Midland SDA church, WA. Denver, a subcontract fitter, and Corelle, a nurse, plan to set up their home in Perth. Pastor Gary Webster, an uncle of the bride, was associated with the writer in the service. H. W. Gunter.

**Jack—Steyne.** Stephen Robert Jack, son of Peter and Noeline Jack, and Lolita Gelinda Steyne, daughter of Farrel and Priscilla Steyne, were married on April 5 at the Uniting church, Killara, NSW. Stephen is a sales representative, and Lolita is a bank officer. They plan to set up their home in Castle Hill. Peter Jack.

**Mitchell—Axthelm.** Peter Norman Mitchell, son of Norman and Rosemary Mitchell (Sydney, NSW), and

Rhonda Andrea Axthelm, daughter of Hans and Irene Axthelm (Melbourne, Vic), were married on April 19 at the Wantirna SDA church, Vic. Peter is a service manager, and Rhonda is a nurse at Sydney Adventist Hospital. They plan to set up their home near Gosford. Bruce Manners.

**Moore—Chick.** Stephen John Moore and Tracey Leonie Chick were married on March 23 at the Burleigh Gardens SDA church, Gold Coast, Qld. Stephen, a computer programmer, and Tracey, a nurse, plan to set up their home in Sydney. M. F. Browning.

**Parkinson—Darlington.** Roger Allan Parkinson, son of Joyce Parkinson (Wagga Wagga, NSW) and the late Joseph Parkinson, and Joy Darlington, daughter of Thelma Basham (Young) and the late Claude Basham, were married on April 19 at the Young SDA church. Roger is a social worker, and Joy is a clerk. They plan to set up their home in Wagga. Ken Bullock.

**Wallace—Enberg.** Dean Anthony, son of Graham and Lynne Wallace (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea), and Lynda Maree Enberg, daughter of Georg and Lois Enberg (Niagara Park, Central Coast, NSW), were married on April 5 at the Kellyville SDA church. Dean and Lynda, both nurses at Sydney Adventist Hospital, plan to set up their home on the Central Coast. Adrian R. Craig.

**Yukich—Colley.** Johnny Peter Yukich, son of Slavka Yukich (Guildford, WA) and the late Mirko Yukich, and Valerie Kaye Colley, daughter of Muriel Williams (Morley) and the late Stanley Bone, were married on March 22 at the Morley SDA church. Noranda. John works with the Wanneroo Shire, and Val is a clerk at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. They plan to set up their home at Quinns Rock. Bryan H. B. Wood.

## 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 Signs Publishing Company staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

**Brown, Annie** (nee Howie), born July 13, 1908, in Scotland; died March 25 at Carinya Hostel, Atherton, Qld, after a short illness. Annie married "Andy" Brown in Brisbane in 1934. Through the years they were generous in their support of the church and the community. Loved by all, Annie will be sadly missed. She was predeceased by her husband in 1990. Alwin Hilton.

**Collings, Leaine** Lavinia, born July 7, 1959 in Sydney, NSW; died April 7 at Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga. She is survived by her husband, Robert James; daughters, Letia, Lisa and Tara (all of Sydney). Pastor George Rollo, a long-time family friend who conducted the funeral, had performed Leaine's dedication, baptism and marriage services. Pam Ludowici, hospital chaplain, and the writer, assisted in the funeral service. Ray Southon.

**Crute, Mabel Ann**, born November 5, 1892, in Preston, WA; died April 2 at East Victoria Park Nursing Home. Five months ago, family and friends gathered to celebrate her 100th birthday. She was a true pioneer of the Preston Valley where she was born, grew up, married and helped her husband develop their farm out of the bush. Following his death in 1939,

she bravely carried on with the help of her daughters, and successfully worked the orchard and dairy property, till she finally retired. Mabel is survived by two of her four daughters, Elva Barron (Bunbury) and Mavis Crewe (Calista); seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. M. A. Chapman.

**Fletcher, Edward Roy**, born June 6, 1901, at Stoney Creek, Qld; died February 17 at Ilam Lodge Home for the Aged, Christchurch, New Zealand. Eddie, as he was affectionately known, was introduced to the Adventist message by a mechanic who left literature in his customers' cars. He was later baptised by Pastor George Burnside. Eddie is survived by his daughters, Elaine Fehre (New Norfolk, Tas), Patience Fisher (Brisbane, Qld), Beverley (Matron, Ilam Lodge); son, Damien (Stoney Creek); and a brother. Pastor Stewart Presnall conducted a service at Ilam Lodge. Eddie was buried beside his wife at the Kilcoy Cemetery, Qld. Frank Cantrill.

**Garrard, Adeline Dell**, born April 2, 1916, at Mudgee, Qld; died February 20 at her home in Carlingford, NSW. She was a devoted wife to her late husband, Pastor Ed Garrard. She not only supported his administrative role in the church, but served extensively in her own right. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Denbeigh and Bev; and granddaughters, Leonie Jack and Helen Lindsay. Pastors H. W. Hollingsworth and M. G. Townend were associated with the writer in the service at the Avondale Memorial Cemetery, Cooranbong. Peter Jack.

**Kuresa, Falenaoti Momoi Sauni**, born May 2, 1909, in Fiji; died February 18 in Lower Hutt, New Zealand. When Momoi was eight, the family moved to Samoa. Her father was the first Samoan to be ordained to the ministry. From 1949 to 1959 Momoi trained in a number of different hospitals in New Zealand, specialising in various areas of nursing. She was the first Samoan to be assistant to the matron at Apia hospital. In 1962 she was awarded the MBE in recognition of her work in public health. Momoi was active in church work, involved with the youth, and the Dorcas society. She is survived by her daughter and family. Pastors Tau Sauni and Ativale Mulitalo assisted in the service. David Tasker.

**Lindley, Elizabeth Ann**, born February 4, 1910, in Gisborne, New Zealand; died April 4 at Palmerston North. She was a quiet and dedicated homemaker, caring for the needs and interests of her family. Elizabeth was 70 years of age when she joined the SDA Church. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Robyn and Jim Rogers (Palmerston North); and six grandchildren. Murray Strawbridge assisted in the services. K. G. Amos.

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