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## ***Signs* Video in Churches**

Next week (August 7) church members in Australia and New Zealand will be viewing a video that promotes the work of the church's evangelistic magazine, *Signs of the Times*. The video is a first for the *Signs* campaign and was created in a joint effort by Signs Publishing Company and the Adventist Media Centre. Pictured previewing the video are some of the *Signs* staff (from the left): Karen Miller, Doug Burns, Dorothy Powrie, Travis Manners and Helen Guest.

# It's Our Responsibility



church funds to evangelism. If a project doesn't have an evangelistic base, it's relegated lower down the funding pile.

Here, at *Signs*, we have a magazine that is totally evangelistic—distinctly Christian, distinctly Adventist. And it receives no subsidy from the church. Financially, *Signs of the Times* doesn't even make the funding pile.

Every week we receive positive comments from non-Adventists who subscribe to or receive the magazine. It's impossible to measure how many people are influenced for Christ by *Signs of the Times*. But they are.

I remember when *Alert* magazine disappeared. I noticed because it wasn't there anymore. I was a teenager then and it used to come to the library of the state school I attended. Our family didn't subscribe, so I read it at school. Great magazine.

I missed it when it finished, but then it was too late to do anything about it.

Leonie, a friend I shared house with, started to get *Good Health* magazine. The then editor, Gary Krause (a friend of hers), said subscriptions were falling, so she began to buy the magazine to help out. I'm glad she did, because then I could get to read it. Sometimes I'd rip

it out of the plastic wrapper and read it before she got home. It's an outstanding magazine.

*Good Health* has an uncertain future. Non-Adventist health professionals praise the magazine, government newsletters use it as a resource, and some 2000 Adventists read it.

I liked *Signs* magazine. I remember getting it free at church once a year in August. Great read. I used to read it at friends' places because usually they'd subscribe, and I guess I never got around to it (subscribing just always seemed a parent thing to do).

To my mind, *Signs* is an effective evangelistic Adventist magazine. And yes, I work here; and yes, I could be biased; but yes, it is a terrific magazine.

Lack of commitment is going to kill *Signs*. It finished *Alert* and is destroying *Good Health*.

And I know there are people reading this who are like me and never get around to subscribing to anything, let alone *Signs*—well, now it's time.

I feel like turning over tables. I feel like being non-budget-mental and saying, *Why are we allowing the only evangelistic magazine we have to spiral downwards into rapid suicide?*

If your friends aren't going to a "Dead Sea Scrolls" evangelistic campaign, they might want to read in *Signs* about why Bernhard Langer, the golfer, is a Christian (in the upcoming November issue).

The *Signs* is relevant. It's doing something practical about making the lives of your non-Christian friends better.

I'm a youth of yesterday, who was

told I was the church of tomorrow—often. I suppose that means now. So if this is my church, I want contemporary evangelism.

And if we don't do something about it, every negative statement I've made in this editorial will be inevitable—we'll see the end of *Signs*. Being told the church is yours doesn't make it so. If we want something for our church, we have to do something about it.

If we want church growth, we have to get involved. If we want this church to remain functioning, we have to support each other.

Many, many people (some 6000) do subscribe to and sponsor *Signs*. And many have done so before I learned to read. They made the church theirs by being involved in it. They're the quiet achievers of this church. They're the Mr and Mrs Chelbergs of this world who visited my father and my then non-Adventist mother with *Signs*. They made things happen.

And, with respect, this editorial is not for them, because I know how frustrated this must make them feel.

This editorial is for people like you and me, who want the best to happen, but never actually commit ourselves to it; who are so used to being passive bystanders of the church that we forget that the church may actually need us.

*Signs* needs two things to survive: the continued support of those quiet achievers; and every non-subscribing Adventist to sponsor two subscriptions. Then, for the first time for many years, *Signs* will be financially on top. And *Signs* will survive.

Then we won't be a church waiting for things to happen. We'll be a church putting its money where its mouth is.

Karen Miller

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### Self-interpreting Bible

In his article "Prophecy and Current Events" (RECORD July 3, 1993), Dr Gerhard Pfandl rightly says that "the Bible is its own interpreter." He then retreats from that position by claiming that the "historicist principle of interpretation is the only justifiable method to interpret apocalyptic prophecies." Why resort to such an intellectual approach when the Bible is well able to interpret itself also in the area of apocalyptic prophecy?

Ellen White predicted a "great revival" when we better understand the prophetic books (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 113, 114). Revelation, she says, is "full of truth that we need to understand" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 116). She also mentioned that the "solemn messages given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy first place in the minds of God's people" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 8, page 302).

In my efforts to allow the Bible to determine its own sequence of events, I have arrived at an understanding of the prophecies concerning seals and trumpets that I find logical and attractive, and that strongly reinforce the views of our pioneers on a pre-Advent judgment and the close of probation.

Ron Earle, SA

### No More Ignorance

Oh that people, especially Adventists, would not be so ignorant of the laws of nature that the Creator has put in place.

Water dowsing (divining—Letters, July 3—is a misnomer) is merely based on electromagnetic fields. Those who have large amounts of electrical resistance cannot dowse very well, if at all. There are a lot of unknowns about it simply because ignorant, religious people have decided it was of the devil—because they could not understand it.

C J G, NZ

### Apologise to ADRA

There is scientific evidence why water divining works. In every material substance there is an atom that consists of a neutron and a proton. An electron revolves around the neutron and causes a magnetic field. The electromagnetic force of an atom attracts its own kind.

We are told our bodies consist of water and minerals. That's why we can accept the possibility of a person standing on a particular site being able to respond to minute changes in the electromagnetic environment caused by the presence of moving water or mineral deposits underground.

Roy Stirling is simply using the wires as antennas, just as our TV or radio uses an antenna. There is no mystery to it. ADRA deserves an apology, for they are using God's channels to relieve human suffering. R Kranz, Vic

### Wizard Sticks

What prompts me to write is "Shame on ADRA" (July 3, 1993). I am sure the writer is a sincere person. If he knew that Ellen White once employed a water diviner I feel sure it would put his mind at rest.

The story is told by Arthur White in *The Early Elmshaven Years*. "With what anxiety we surveyed the ground and tried the wizard water stick and discussed the possibilities. . . . Finally we chose a place and began digging down through the surface of the dry earth where the dust flew more than 20 feet below the surface" (page 366). [The area had experienced drought for eight or nine years.] After digging deeper than 24 metres, an underground stream was found, "plenty of water for all purposes!" Fay Morris, WA

*The topic of water divining/dowsing has caused considerable interest, but this is the last letter we will be printing on the topic.*

### Signs Suggestion

I help in the Christchurch Women's Prison doing voluntary work in the flower garden. I get called the Flower Lady.

Every so often, *Signs of the Times* are deposited in each cell block of the men's and women's prison. Fortunately an Adventist man has been able to minister spiritually in the men's prison and I am able to, in a limited way, as I work with the girls.

*Signs* could give us a real boost if you would please include the New Zealand address for the free Bible-study courses advertised in the magazine. As soon as prisoners advise they wish to study, we can go in and contact them. D L Prouting, SNZ

*Of the four Bible-study advertisements run in Signs, a New Zealand address is featured on three. Your letter has made sure that a New Zealand address is put on the fourth. Thanks for pointing out the problem.*

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## Romanian Church

A new Romanian Seventh-day Adventist church has been organised in Melbourne, Victoria. The 40 members and their children have functioned as a company for several years. The new church, under the leadership of Pastor Paul Boeru, meets for regular services in the William Arnold Hall on the campground in Nunawading. The Romanian church will seek official admission to the sisterhood of churches that comprise the Victorian Conference at the next conference session.

## Ararat Restaurant

Members of the Ararat Seventh-day Adventist church, Victoria, are planning to open a vegetarian restaurant in a shop adjacent to the police station. The members have also volunteered to manage and staff the restaurant. The restaurant would "present to the public a healthful alternative in the area of diet reforms." The church members are also planning to introduce Lifestyle seminars and a natural-remedies clinic incorporating hydrotherapy and massage at a later date.

## Volunteers Needed

The Moree "Breath of Life" crusade for Aboriginals and Islanders will be held nightly from October 16 to November 18 in Moree, NSW. The featured speaker is Afro-American evangelist Pastor Charles D Brooks. The planning team needs volunteers to help with all aspects of the program—from operating the PA system to putting up tents. Aboriginal denominational leaders in Moree have offered full support for the crusade, some even offering their own backyards as space for erecting private tents for

visitors. If you are willing to be available as a helper for the crusade, regardless of your skills, phone (067) 52 2909, or write to: "Breath of Life," PO Box 4, Moree NSW 2400.

## PE Lecturer Needed

An advertisement for a physical education lecturer for Avondale College, in Noticeboard of July 10, gave an incorrect deadline for applicants. The correct deadline is August 16. Further information and applications should be addressed to: The Principal, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265.

## Church 50 Years Old

In 1943 the Temora (NSW) company became the Temora Seventh-day Adventist church. Three years after officially becoming a church, the church



members bought a building and transported it to the present site at 127 Polaris Street, Temora, with the aid of several trucks and tractors (pictured). The Temora members are celebrating this 50-year anniversary on September 4 and invite all past members and friends to attend. There will be morning service at 11 am, followed by lunch, an afternoon program and an evening program. Speakers on the day will be Pastor Neil Lawson, Pastor Lyndon Schick and Pastor Don Fehlberg. For more information contact John and Robin Fisher on

(069) 77 1619.

## Musical Distinctions

Evita Menkens (left) and Francis Bobongie (right) won two Trinity College Exhibition Awards for pianoforte and one for



singing. Francis also gained the highest distinction marks in Australia in 1992 in her piano examination. The two talented musicians attend Mackay Seventh-day Adventist church in Queensland.

## Hat-trick for Ballarat

Students and teachers of the Ballarat Adventist Primary School, Victoria, won the prize for the "Best School Entry" in the Ballarat Begonia Festival procession for the third year running. Their theme this year was "God Colours Our World." The school bus was decorated as a giant paintbox, while the students were colourfully dressed as flowers, frogs, birds, butterflies, cows, sheep, donkeys and a few artists with large paintbrushes.

## WORLD CHURCH

### Radio in Sarajevo

For more than six months the Seventh-day Adventist church in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, has been broadcasting "Voice of Hope" programs on Radio

Bosnia-Herzegovina. "The programs are well-presented and appreciated in Sarajevo," said Tihomir Kukolja, Adventpress director from Zagreb, Croatia, who recently visited Sarajevo. "The 15-minute program is produced weekly, and deals with topics concerning real-life situations." The programs were the idea of Nikolina Mustapic, a journalism student, who is public relations officer for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Sarajevo. Working together with professional technicians, he and another producer prepare the program for broadcasting. It is aired before noon every Thursday.

"Through this radio ministry Seventh-day Adventists are contributing to the already well-established humanitarian work of ADRA. Given the situation in Sarajevo, where the main preoccupation of all citizens is to survive, one admires an initiative that requires not only skill but also fresh ideas," Mr Kukolja commented. The radio ministry is one of a variety of Seventh-day Adventist presences in the media. The media also announce arrivals of ADRA convoys. In spite of the tragedy in Sarajevo, Seventh-day Adventists are talking about hope and showing actions of love.—ANR

## Youth Congress

Some 700 young people attended a four-day youth congress in Zagreb, Croatia. The congress was the first held under the auspices of the Croatian-Slovenian Conference. Marusevec Seminary was the setting for a series of meetings with the theme "By Love—Serve One Another." Pastor Ole Kendel, youth leader from the Trans-European Division, was the main

speaker for the congress. Among the variety of congress events was a Bible-reading marathon. The entire Croatian Bible was read in 57 hours and 28 minutes by young people who attended the congress. The marathon was supplemented by a Bible competition, which involved three different age groups. The competition trophy was awarded to Edvard Miler, a first-year theology student from Pula.—ANR

## China Report

In China there have been 28,000 baptisms during the past two years. Since 1990, the annual distribution of Bibles and other religious books has increased from 4665 to 17,367.

## Thailand Mission

The Thailand Seventh-day Adventist Mission has been requested to conduct a Bible conference concerning last-day events for 20 Baptist pastors and many lay leaders in the Lahu area of Thailand. Global Mission outreach has faced a challenge in Thailand, as the country has the highest population of Buddhists in the world. However, many congrega-

tions have been organized in previously unentered areas during the past three years. Congregations have been organized among the E-Gaw and Lahu tribes for the first time. Chapels for these groups have recently been completed.

## Cairo Baptisms

In Cairo, Egypt, more than 20 people made a decision for baptism following a five-week evangelistic program. Pastor Sven Jensen, the church ministries director for the Middle East Union, led the campaign. An enthusiastic team of youth assisted by translating the messages into Arabic and helping as needed. Sabbath meetings drew about 150 people. Week-night attendance averaged 100 people. An extreme Islamic group threatened to burn down the church if two large banners promoting the meetings were not taken down. The meetings continued, and the banners were damaged, but no harm was done to the church. Despite these obstacles, seven people were baptised in the Heliopolis Seventh-day Adventist church as a result of the campaign. Pastor Bert

## Avondale Homecoming

The alumni homecoming committee for the 1993 Avondale College homecoming on August 27 and 28 are endeavouring to contact students whose last year at Avondale is one of those listed below. If you have not received your personal invitation, or know the whereabouts of someone who hasn't, please contact the appropriate person—also listed below:

1933 Lyn Bartlett (049) 77 1107  
 1943 Don Halliday (049) 70 5248  
 1953 Annette Bailey (049) 77 1249  
 1963 Merle Bruce (049) 77 1807  
 1968 Margaret Ashton (049) 77 2078  
 1973 Denise Roy (049) 77 1842  
 1983 Rose Robinson (049) 77 2683

Smit, Middle East Union communication director, says, "The Lord continues to bless the difficult work in the Middle East."

divided into several individual mini-series. The first episodes will be screened next year.—*The Times*

## NEWS EXTRA

### Bible on TV

The whole of the Old Testament is being made into a television series. The project, called "The Bible," is co-funded by American television magnate and owner of CNN, Ted Turner, an Italian group called LUX and the German multimedia group Kirch. The series is being directed by Joseph Sargent of the original "Star Trek" television series. The film series will last 35 hours. The first two episodes, starring Richard Harris as Abraham and Barbara Hershey as Sarah, have just been completed in Morocco. The producers believe that "in a world increasingly dominated by the media, televising 'The Bible' is the best way to make its contents and message available to the greatest number of people around the world." The project is to be

## Obscene Bible

An atheist in Brooklyn filed a petition with the local school district to have the Bible outlawed in school libraries. Gene Kasmar, 55, said the Bible was "lewd, indecent and violent" and was "unsuitable for schools." He offered 20 pages of biblical references to such subjects as concubines, wine, nakedness and incest. The assistant superintendent of the Brooklyn Center District, Dennis Morrow, responded that the Bible does indeed portray some poor human decisions. "But," he added, "just as the newspaper attempts to accurately report the evils of humankind as well as the good, the Bible appears to report about real people, real problems and real history."—*The Christian News*

ANR: Adventist News Review  
 AR: Adventist Review

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**August 7** Signs of the Times Rally Day  
**August 14** Pathfinder Day; Pacific Adventist College Offering  
**August 21** Sabbath School Emphasis Day

## Perth to Update Church Roll

Perth Seventh-day Adventist church is currently trying to update its church roll. As a former conference office—city church, they are having difficulties locating many people. If you have any information as to the whereabouts of the following people, could you please contact the church clerk, John Houghton, care of the Perth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 50 Havelock Street, West Perth, WA 6005. The names are: Dianne Carter, Terry Chapman, Glen Cracknell, Carol Davis, Horace Doddenead, Lee Ellison, Loenie Ellison, J Emslie, E Emslie, Colin Fletcher, Sheray Givney, Kathleen Greenway, Merlene Hall, Shirley Harris, Lynelda Kingston, A Macri, Gary McDowall, Geoffry McMahon, Lennard Oakes, Marjory Pitt, Ngaire Pound, Marie Pringall, Gerlardus Riekerink, Fayrene Shaw, Donald Shepherdson, Jessie Shepherdson, Leanne Tully, Peter Vanderweeden, Brenda Vanderweeden, David Wilson, Kay Wilson and Daisy Wroth.

# The Pillar Doctrines

by George R Knight

**These five doctrines came to be seen as the “landmark” or “pillar” doctrines.**

**B**y early 1848 the Sabbatarian Adventist leaders, through extensive and intensive Bible study, had come to basic agreement on at least five points of doctrine:

1. The personal, visible, premillennial return of Jesus
2. The cleansing of the sanctuary, with Christ's ministry in the second apartment having begun on October 22, 1844—the beginning of the antitypical day of atonement
3. The validity of the gift of prophecy, with progressively more of the believers seeing Ellen White's ministry as a modern manifestation of the gift
4. The obligation to observe the seventh-day Sabbath and the place of the Sabbath in the great end-time conflict prophesied in Revelation 11-14, and
5. That immortality is not an inherent human quality; people receive it only through faith in Christ.

These five doctrines came to be seen as the “landmark” or “pillar” doctrines of Sabbatarian Adventists, and later Seventh-day Adventists. These five beliefs set this branch of Adventist off, not only from other Millerite bodies, but from other Christians in general. Those five distinctives stood at the heart of the developing Sabbatarian Adventism and made them a distinctive people. As such, those doctrines were highly valued and avidly preached by the seventh-day people.

The Sabbatarians, of course, shared many beliefs with other Christians, such as salvation by grace through faith in Jesus' sacrifice and the efficacy of prayer. But their preaching and teaching emphasis fell on the distinctive pillar doctrines. This emphasis grew partly out of the fact that they had to defend these beliefs in their encounters with other Christians, and partly out of their desire to share these teachings with those who did not know them. This one-sided emphasis eventually led to problems

that would need to be corrected.

It is important to realise that the five pillar doctrines did not stand alone. They formed a unified doctrinal-prophetic package. At the core of this package were two biblical ideas—the sanctuary and the three angels' messages.

Of the centrality of the sanctuary in Sabbatarian belief, Roswell F Cottrell wrote in 1863: “We find, not only that the sanctuary is the grand centre of the Christian system, as the earthly was of the typical, but that this subject is the centre and citadel of present truth. And since our temple is in heaven, and in that temple, ‘the ark of the testament,’ containing ‘the commandments of God,’ and in the midst of these commandments, the Sabbath of the Lord, fenced around by nine moral precepts that cannot be overthrown, it is no wonder that the enemies of the Sabbath should, not only strive to abolish the Ten Commandments, but to abolish the true sanctuary in which they are deposited.”

It is important to emphasise both the centrality of the sanctuary in Adventist theology and the fact that theology is a

unified set of beliefs. Thus to challenge one part of the system is to challenge all of it.

The second organising and unifying biblical image for Sabbatarian Adventism's theology was that of the three angels of Revelation 14. These messages not only tied all of Adventist theology to the sanctuary service with its judgment (and salvation) message, but it enabled the Sabbatarians to place themselves in the flow of prophetic history.

Beyond that, the three angels' messages eventually became the prophetic force that spread Seventh-day Adventist missions throughout the world as the church sought to take its unique message “to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6). But that mission vision was far from the minds of the few struggling Sabbatarian Adventists in the late 1840s.

On the other hand, even then they were beginning to catch the prophetic import of the three angels for their work. In 1850 James White published an important article summarising their conclusions on the topic.

White equated the first angel's message (see Revelation 14:6, 7) with the Millerite preaching of the second advent. For him the time element in “the hour of his judgment is come” was crucial.

“The whole advent host,” he penned, “once believed” that something special would happen about 1843. “The unbelief of those who doubt now,” he continued, “does not prove that we were all mistaken then. The passing of time, and the perpetual backsliding and unbelief of Adventists has not changed the truth of God into a lie; but it remains truth still.”

The second angel (see Revelation 14:8), White emphasised, “followed” the first angel. When, in reaction to the preaching of the soon return of Christ, the churches began to shut their doors to the Millerites and disfellowship them, then—under the leadership of Charles Fitch—the second angel sounded the message of “Babylon is fallen. . . Come



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out of her, my people.”

“The second angel’s message called us out from the fallen churches where we are now free to think, and act for ourselves in the fear of God,” penned White. “It is an exceedingly interesting fact, that the Sabbath question began to be agitated among the second advent believers immediately they were called out of the churches by the second angel’s message. God’s work moves in order. The Sabbath truth came up in just the right time to fulfil prophecy.”

White saw the message of the third angel (see Revelation 14:9-12) as the climax to this prophetic movement. It would be God’s last message of mercy to the world just prior to the great harvest of souls at the second advent (see Revelation 14:15-20).

He pointed out that in Revelation 13 and 14 and in the message of the third angel there are but two classes of people. One persecutes the saints and receives the mark of the beast, while the other continues to be patient in waiting for Christ to return (in spite of the October 22, 1844, disappointment) and is “*keeping the commandments of God.*”

“Never,” wrote James as he moved toward his presentation’s emotional climax, “did I have such feelings while holding my pen as now. And never did I see and feel the importance of the Sabbath as I do at this moment. Surely the Sabbath truth, like the rising sun ascending from the east, has increased the light, in power and in importance until it is the great sealing truth. . . .”

“Many stopped at the first angel’s message, and others at the second, and many will refuse the third; but a few will ‘follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth,’ and go up and possess the land. Though they have to pass through fire and blood, or witness the ‘time of trouble such as never was,’ they will not yield, and ‘receive the mark of the beast,’ but they will struggle on, and press their holy warfare until they, with the harps of God, strike the note of victory on Mount Zion.”

Truly the Sabbatarian Adventists saw themselves as a movement of prophecy. Because of their convictions they often referred to their movement as the “Third Angel’s Message.” □

*Adapted from George R Knight, Anticipating the Advent: A Brief History of Seventh-day Adventists, Pacific Press, 1993. Dr Knight is an Adventist historian.*

# Pastoring Pastors

by John Gate

**The local church pastor is the key person in the church’s structure.**

**A**s a pastor I have a special group of parishioners. Nearly every one of them goes to a different church on Sabbath. There are about 960 of them scattered over a vast area—in 13 countries. My ministry is to minister to ministers. You might say I’m the pastor’s pastor.

I make no pretence about being able to visit them all personally, but the Ministerial Association is a team. I have counterparts in the five unions, and each conference and mission has a minister to represent the pastor’s interests. Through this team network we endeavour to give our pastors pastoral support.

The worldwide church has designated 1993 as the “Year of the Pastor.” We are endeavouring to recognise the pastoral family in a special way this year.

The local church pastor is the key person in the church’s organisational structure. A new pastor is ordained as a pastor of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. In a special way the pastor represents the vision, direction and plans of the worldwide church to the local congregation, while leading the local church in unison with the worldwide family churches. Local church pastors have a powerful influence in maintaining unity in the sisterhood of churches.

As I visit with pastors at minister’s meetings, camp-meetings etc, I find almost complete unity among the ministers in their commitment to Jesus and His message for today, in their vision for the church, and in their enthusiasm for the work of ministry.

But pastors and their families are human, and each has different strengths and weaknesses.

As a church we have expectations for

our pastors. Condensed into a concise job description it would cover four main areas:

1. Spiritual leadership
2. Administrative leadership
3. Pastoral leadership
4. Evangelistic leadership.

Everything a pastor is expected to do can be listed under one of these headings. A church is adequately pastored when the four leadership ministries are cared for in balance. Very few pastors are equally skilled and effective in all four areas, so they need to harness the gifts and talents in the local church membership.

However, church members also have expectations of their pastor, and often they communicate those expectations very directly to the pastor. Add to that the vision and expectations the pastor and pastoral family have for themselves and the church and the picture can become complex and, sometimes, frustrating.

From the outside, the life of a pastor may appear easy. But from the inside it can be very stressful.

Now, the last thing most ministers would want is for anyone to be patronising about their ministry; but at the same time, most ministers would function more effectively and freely if they knew that the members of their churches were aware of their pastor’s concerns, and acknowledged their understanding in an affirming way.

Of course, pastors and pastoral families don’t have these needs only in 1993. It’s just that this year we want to heighten the awareness of members to the needs of their pastoral family, and encourage support for the pastor.

Pastoral ministry has a high stress component, but it also has great rewards. Pastors feel a sense of reward, security and appreciation in their ministry when there are baptisms and spiritual growth in their local congregation;

when the local conference administration takes an active interest in and supports the pastor's ministry; and when members extend genuine appreciation and affirmation.

Here's how you can help me in my ministry by encouraging and affirming your church pastor—not just this year but anytime in the future.

- Adopt an attitude of understanding and sensitivity to the stresses in pastoral ministry. For example, some pastoral families face difficulties when transferred away from children or parents.

- You should expect your pastor to be a spiritual person, but remember, spirituality does not equate with perfection. Your pastor is human. Love covers a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8), and is patient, keeps no record of wrongs, does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, trusts and preserves. Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13).

- Be affirming. An affirming person looks for the good in others and expresses it in an encouraging way. Be a Barnabas. His real name was Joseph, but because of his encouraging and affirming ways they called him Barnabas—which means "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36).

- Do something practical and special—especially this year. For example, at an opportune time pray with and for your pastor and pastoral family. Invite the family home for a meal. In most cultures sharing a meal with guests is a demonstration of acceptance, friendship and fellowship.

- Arrange something special at church. Maybe a pastor's day—a special Sabbath where the pastoral family is acknowledged. Encourage each church department to do something special in honour of the pastor. Be creative.

Each conference has a copy of a video prepared by the General Conference Ministerial Association on "How to Love Your Pastoral Family." It's full of good ideas on how to show appreciation for your pastor, your pastor's spouse and their children. Why not contact your conference president or ministerial association secretary and ask for a copy of that video.

Why not make use of the affirmation note with this article? Write an affirming message, right now, and give it to

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"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together . . . but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:24, 25.

your pastor. Or put it in the offering plate with your tithes and offering next Sabbath as a thank-you offering. Do it right now—for your pastor and as a

favour for me.

*John Gate is the Ministerial Association secretary for the South Pacific Division.*

# Used by God

as told by Don Pink

**S**ome time ago I received a lead card for the south of Perth. Seeing it was some distance from home, I left it for some weeks until I was down that way. When I called and asked for the woman whose name was on the card, her husband said she had passed away four weeks earlier. I expressed my sympathy, and he invited me in and proceeded to show me around the house.

Both he and his wife had furnished the house lavishly. They had silver from one country, riches from another. Finally he asked me into his plush office and asked me to sit down.

Then he said, "Don, all that expensive furniture is now worthless. It counts for nothing." Then he talked



about his late wife for some time.

Before I left I asked if I could share my story with him—he replied, "You've got 10 minutes." After I'd shared my testimony he said these words that I'll never forget: "Don, I've had a number of people sit in that chair, men of renown, politicians, archbishops, but none of them have ever

told me that story. Thank you."

He asked the price of the books and, without looking at them, handed me a cheque. I left. I was told that six months later he too passed to his rest.

What a privilege to be used by God to share a message that may have given this man a chance for the kingdom.

*Don Pink, a literature evangelist from Western Australia, tells of a visit to a country property.*



# He Never Had a Chance

by Leith Higgins

**So many dreams remain unfulfilled and so little is accomplished.**

**H**e had been waiting 38 years beside the pool of Bethesda. Every so often, they believed, an angel would come and cause the water to move. The first person who managed to crawl into the pool at that time would be healed. The sick and the suffering jostled for position beside the pool.

When the waters moved sick people clawed and climbed over each other, trying to be first. What chance did he have against those with lesser ailments?

He spent a lifetime waiting. Then one Sabbath a stranger appeared and said, "Do you want to get well?"

Today we see many like him. "By sin we have been severed from the life of God. Our souls are palsied. Of ourselves we are no more capable of living a holy life than was the impotent man capable of walking" (*The Desire of Ages*, page 203).

"For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, NIV). "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9, NIV).

Just as they gathered around Bethesda, waiting for their big chance, so today we find them gathering around their Bethesdas—their Bethesda could be money, power, status, fame or even God. If only they could get there first. So they strive to get ahead, chasing careers, ambitions, fame and fortune.

Jesus once told of a Pharisee who prayed, "God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get" (Luke 18:11, 12). This man obviously thought he had already won the race, but was he a winner?

In the race to the pool there are so many who look like they've won, but when we take a closer look we find they aren't winners at all. And therein lies the problem; if we kept on looking, would we ever find a winner?

And it's easy to find the losers. They're the majority who don't become

famous, powerful, rich or even righteous. Life for them becomes more of a spectator sport, watching those who look like winners.

Among the losers is this man who never had a chance. Had he given up?

His answer is pathetic, in the true sense of the word: "Sir, I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I'm trying to get in, someone is always ahead of me."

He could hardly expect help, and he couldn't help himself, but despite all this he still wanted that one big win.

Ellen White wrote of a vision where she saw two crowns being offered to the people of this world; the crown of life, and the crown of earthly treasure. She describes how the clamorous crowd surged forward to grasp hold of the crown of earthly treasure, the winners grasping this crown at others expense.

But in the background "images of want and wretchedness appeared in the multitude, and looked wistfully at the treasures there, and turned hopelessly away as the stronger overpowered and drove back the weaker. Yet they would not give up thus" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 1, page 348). This vision seems to parallel the story of the pool,

with life's losers looking in one direction for something they will never have.

The story of the pool of Bethesda is for those who have never had a chance, those still wanting to win. Life is passing them by and they can never expect to be satisfied. As a result so much talent is wasted. So many dreams remain unfulfilled and so little is accomplished. Even in the church a lifetime may pass while just watching the righteous race.

Maybe if we stop looking at the pool we will hear the still, small voice of God saying, "Do you want to get well?"

Or, like those at the pool, unable to take their eyes off the water, will we say: "Lord, I'll be satisfied with a bit more money. I'll be really happy if you solve this dilemma for me, if you let me have one little win."

Jesus ignored the man's comment about the pool and simply said, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

Before he could think, his body was in motion for the first time in 38 years.

It happened just like that. Healing came when he obeyed the voice of God and got up and walked away from the pool. □

*Leith Higgins is an elder of the Maida Vale church in Western Australia.*

## STARTING POINT

### Godly Ministers and Members

Comments about the Sabbath school lesson for August 7

Paul challenges the younger Timothy to live out his Christianity in a practical way in a world full of godlessness, false doctrine and apostasy; a world that parallels the world in which we are called to live our Christianity today.

#### Reflection

**1.** Why does Paul advise Timothy to "have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives tales"? (1 Timothy 4:7, NIV; see 1 Timothy 4:10).

**2.** How are the people of God to

relate to the gifts God has given them in the light of gross godlessness and apostasy? (See 1 Timothy 4:14.)

**3.** Are these gifts reserved only for the clergy, or are we all gifted to reach the world for Christ? (See 1 Corinthians 12.)

#### Action

What impact am I making on the world? Jesus will not come while His people simply bemoan the terrible conditions in the world and the church. Rather, He has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit so that, together, we can make a change.—*Barry Oliver*

# Adventist Boom in South America

Four days were set aside in the South American Division (SAD) in the first week of July for spiritual, evangelistic and administrative planning by approximately 100 of the SAD union and conference personnel. Pastor Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, attended the meetings.

"There are more than 1.2 million

members of the South American Division who meet in more than 11,000 churches," reports Pastor Folkenberg. "These congregations are cared for by 1100 pastors. Global Mission dominates the thinking of the members and leaders alike. They reported that during the past three years 1200 previously unentered communities now have churches.

"The more than 400,000 members of the Inca Union (Peru and Bolivia) meet in 3400 congregations attended by 220 pastors—an average of more than 15 churches per pastor. The 40,000 baptised during 1992 represent a growth rate of 10 per cent.

"Tragically during recent months in the Lake Titicaca Mission 18 church leaders have lost their lives and 15 more are in prison today. Their imprisonment is politically motivated. They were unwilling hosts to rebels who demanded to be housed and fed. When the government discovers in whose home the rebels stayed, the 'hosts' are imprisoned.

"In spite of these events, evangelism continues. After ADRA [the Adventist Development and Relief Agency] completed a 10-month agricultural training program in an area traditionally difficult to evangelise, attitudes to the church changed. There are now 1000 people attending church each Sabbath.

"Members of the Titicaca area decided to evangelise further by building and operating a 10 kW AM radio station. By their gifts of bicycles, produce, sheep, llamas and alpacas they have raised \$A25,000 toward the cost of the station. They expect to start broadcasting in October.

"Thousands have attended mass-evangelistic 'Revive' meetings held in different countries in the SAD. Church members prepare for these meetings for six months before the speaker, Pastor Alejandro Bullon, South America's ministerial secretary, begins.

"More than 30,000 attended the Rio de Janeiro effort and in Sao Paulo an auditorium seating 15,000 was filled for two nights, with many more waiting to get in. The evening's sermons were broadcast nightly by area radio stations. Follow-up work is carried on by local pastors and church members.

"In Manaus, a city of 1.2 million on the Amazon River, one of every 50 people is an Adventist.

"In the East Brazil Union, 15 new churches are being established by 14 laity-financed Bible workers. These Bible workers were assigned areas unentered by Adventist evangelism.

"Church work in the unentered areas of the SAD is flourishing."

## Island Church Celebrates 80 Years



A virtual entourage of musicians and guest speakers shared a weekend with church members of Lord Howe Island as they celebrated 80 years of Adventism.

The Seventh-day Adventist church on Lord Howe Island recently celebrated 80 years of Sabbath-keeping. The first Adventist to visit Lord Howe Island was a weatherbound Pastor John Cole, en route to Norfolk Island in 1896.

Periodic visits during the next 17 years culminated in 13 baptisms in 1913 and the formation of the Lord Howe Island Seventh-day Adventist church.

A special program was conducted to celebrate the event from April 22 to 26. The congregation of 22 was supported by guests from the Greater Sydney Conference: Pastor Adrian Craig, president; Peter Brewin, secretary-treasurer; Dr Tom and Pam Ludowici, from the Sydney Adventist Hospital; Pastor Geoff Youlden, Adventist Media Centre evangelist; and the 11-member Wahroonga Church Brass, led by Kingsley and Karen Wood.

The program commenced with Pastor Youlden presenting a vesper program, and leading out in the

Sabbath-day program in the local community hall. More than 100 people attended. Pastor Youlden is now planning a short evangelistic campaign for the island during Easter, 1994.

Pastor Len Barnard was visiting master of ceremonies for the Anzac Day program, while three visiting Adventists took part in the march. Pastor Percy Holmes, a former pastor on Lord Howe Island, also participated.

"The weekend culminated on Sunday evening with a special concert for church and community members," reports Mr Brewin.

Service awards were presented to Beth Wilson from Lord Howe Island and Shirley Summerscales from Norfolk Island for their 29 and 18 years, respectively, of service as treasurers of their churches.

"For those of us who attended the anniversary, it was a blessed time of fellowship and a tremendous witness to the community," says Mr Brewin.

## Bishop Speaks at SAH



Photo: N Hills

Australia's "smiling policeman," Sergeant Geoffrey Little (right), Senator Bronwyn Bishop (centre) and assistant Constable John McDonald addressed Sydney Adventist Hospital volunteer workers and guests on July 1.

**A** Liberal Senator for NSW, Bronwyn Bishop, was guest speaker at Sydney Adventist Hospital's volunteers luncheon held in the Wahroonga

Activities Centre on July 1.

Senator Bishop spoke to the more than 100 volunteers and guests on "Women's Role in Politics."

"It really matters that one is accessible and available in a face-to-face way," says Ms Bishop. "Being in politics is truly a vocation."

"I have not met one member of parliament who went into politics to make Australia a worse place. It doesn't matter what side of the fence you're on, they are there to make Australia a better place."

Among guests attending the function was Graham Weir, the Fox Valley Medical and Dental Centre's new hearing rehabilitation specialist. Mr Weir spoke on early warning signs, adjusting to hearing loss and developing positive utilisation of available technology and counselling.

Australia's "smiling policeman," Sergeant Geoff Little of North Sydney Police Patrol, also addressed the group.

He spoke to the volunteers of community safety, home security and personal safety. Sergeant Little is a United Nations Ambassador of Goodwill and has travelled the world with his bright approach to life and "arresting smile."—*Neroli Hills*

## Mount Druitt Church Is Dedicated

**M**ount Druitt (Sydney, NSW) church members honoured their benefactor, the late Mrs Rachael Moss, at the dedication of the new Mount Druitt church and complex on May 30.

A company has been meeting in the Mount Druitt area for the past 40 years, beginning in the 1950s at the home of the Moss family. It was their wish a church be built in the area.

"At the age of 84, Mrs Moss was still chopping her own firewood, and caring for her elderly neighbours," says Pastor Lyndon Schick, communication and health director for the Greater Sydney Conference. "It is little wonder this quiet, unassuming lady was known as the 'Angel of Mount Druitt.'"

Within the new building is a plaque, commemorating Mrs Moss, that reads: "The property on which this building is located was kindly donated by the late Mrs Rachael Moss. For the generosity of this kind lady we are most grateful."

In June 1987, a group of young people conducted a video evangelistic program in the Mount Druitt area, planning to establish a new church group. Services began in the Oakhurst Neighbourhood

Centre in April 1988. Shortly after that the group was formed into an organised company with Farrel Steyn as the elder, and Pastor Graham White as pastor.

On June 1, 1991, the company became a fully fledged church with a membership of 51. The current mem-

bership stands at 67. Members are concentrating on reaching out to their local community to help the poor and needy.

Last year more than 500 Bible studies were conducted by church members. Led by Pastor White and Mr Steyn, the church has many plans to evangelise. Already new faces are seen each week at the twice-weekly prophecy seminars, and at the regular worship services.



Photo: L Schick

Present at the official opening of the Mount Druitt church, NSW, May 30, 1993, were: (from the left) (back row) Pastor Graham White; Kathy Jacobs, head deaconess; Ruth Brown; Farrel Steyn, head elder and builder; (front row) Sylvia White; Denzel Steyn, head deacon; Rodney Brown, electrician; Brian Steyn, builder-carpenter; Priscilla Steyn; and Steve Hogarty, who installed the public-address system.

## Adventist Speaks of War's Impact



Photo: P. Brewin

The Croatia Relief Organisation invited Tihomir Kukolja to Australia to help them raise funds by explaining the needs of those suffering in war-torn countries. Pictured (from the left) are: Peter Sparavec (CRO national vice-president), Ivan Jelacic, Hrvoje Petrusic (Croatia consul) and Tihomir Kukolja.

**T**ihomir Kukolja, ADRA-Croatia coordinator, editor of *Adventpress* in Croatia and director of the Croatia-Slovinan sector of *Adventist World Radio*, has spent four weeks in Australia raising funds for relief work in the countries of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was invited to Australia by the Croatia Relief Organisation (CRO).

Twelve months ago the Croatia Relief Organisation was set up in Sydney and has since raised \$A600,000 in aid, comprising of cash, medical supplies, food, clothing, building materials and other necessities.

Those relief supplies have been shipped to Zagreb in 28 containers, and distributed through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) network to needy war victims in the three countries.

Mr Kukolja has given graphic eyewitness accounts of the situation in Serajevo to many denominational groups and the media. He has told of the desperate flight of hundreds of refugees (including many Adventists) displaced by the war, who have lost everything.

Since its establishment, CRO has marshalled the support of several hundred members, many of them non-Adventists, to gather resources of aid.

This has come through many sources—individuals, businesses, Rotary Clubs, pensioners, people from varying ethnic backgrounds, and ADRA-South Pacific.

ADRA has supported CRO, as it does to all non-discriminating relief agencies.

CRO does not advertise itself as an Adventist organisation—its supplies are distributed to all in need, and it attracts funds from diverse sources.

ADRA has been, apart from the United Nations, the relief organisation with the most accessibility to those in need. ADRA passes freely through checkpoints due to its proven non-discriminatory method of relief distribution.—*L Knight*

## Church Has New Lease of Worship

**N**ew stained-glass windows and camphor-laurel walls enhance the 42-year-old building, originally a Methodist church, and more recently refurbished and dedicated as the Nambucca (Qld) Seventh-day Adventist church.

More than 100 people attended the dedication of the church after its

removal from its old site, and the renovations. The renovations included the stained-glass windows made by Jenny Lumsden, the relining of the walls, a large foyer and a new toilet block. Upholstered red-cedar pews were manufactured in Kempsey and a public-address system installed (including a loop for those with hearing problems).

"The renovations and extensions have beautified the building," said the shire chairman, Mr M Graham, at its dedication. "The renovations are a credit to all who participated in them."

Mr L Robinson, an officer of the Uniting Church, said the building had served their congregation for a period of 35 years.

"Many people had much love for it," he said, "because they had been baptised, married, and comforted in times of bereavement in this building. I would like to compliment you on what you have done to the building, and I wish you God's blessing and success in its use."

Much of the work for the church was done on a voluntary basis, and was completed free of debt. Some money was raised by street stalls, where vegetarian food was tasted and sold. The renovating and fundraising effort took three years, and was conducted by 60 people.

"The importance of a church is not in its building, but the people who make up the congregation," said Pastor Rex Moe, president of the North New South Wales Conference, in his dedicatory address.

"It is good to worship in a building that had such a long history of worship," added Pastor Ron Evans, secretary of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference.



Photo: R. Evans

A unique feature of the refurbished Nambucca church, Queensland, is the stained-glass work done by Jenny Lumsden.

# Is Giving Better Than Getting?

by Myrtle O'Hara

Christie loved having birthdays. Soon she would be 10 years old—almost a grown-up! She talked of nothing else other than the friends she would ask to her party, and the presents she hoped to get. She thought her mother would make her a new dress.

Like all mothers, Christie's mum wanted her children to be happy. But it worried her that Christie was happiest when she was thinking about herself. How could she help Christie to be unselfish?

Then she remembered a story she'd heard a long time ago. She would tell it to Christie and ask God to speak to Christie through the story.

That night, when Mum came in to have a little talk and say goodnight, she told Christie the story.

"During the last world war," she began, "lots of children were sent away from England and Scotland so they wouldn't be hurt or killed by bombs. A girl called Susan was sent from Scotland to America. There she lived with kind foster parents until the war stopped.

"Susan missed her own country, but she was very glad to be away from the war. But she often thought of the children who were still in Scotland. Many of their homes had been destroyed by bombs. They had nothing left. Susan wished she could do something to help them, but what?"

Christie was imagining that she was Susan. What would she have done? She couldn't think of anything.

Her mum continued: "Susan's birthday party wasn't far away. That gave her a great idea. Instead of having a party for herself, why not give a party to some of the children who had nothing left in Scotland! She asked her foster parents and they thought it was a beautiful idea.

"Susan told the new friends she had made in

America. They thought it was a great idea, too. Instead of giving presents to Susan for her birthday, they would give presents to the children in Scotland. The friends soon told others and those people told others. It seemed that everyone wanted to help make the party really special for the children who had nothing of their own.

"Some people gave presents—clothes, books, toys, games—and some gave money. Susan and her friends spent a whole day wrapping the presents. They had heaps of fun! They were imagining the happiness of the children who opened them.

"At last everything was wrapped and put in a huge box. Susan put the money in a special envelope, along with a letter to the people who would open the box in Scotland.

"She told them her idea, and asked them if they would plan a yummy party right on her birthday for children without homes. Susan's foster parents helped her send the box all the way to Scotland."

"That was a good idea," said Christie. "What happened next?"

Her mum smiled. "Well, the box arrived safely in Glasgow, the capital city of Scotland. The people who opened it saw Susan's letter on top. They read about the party she wanted the children to have on her birthday. They saw the money and the beautifully wrapped presents. They felt so happy that someone remembered children who had no homes. They would love to plan a surprise party!

"So, on Susan's birthday, even though she was more than 6000 kilometres away, over 50 little guests came to her party. The children had just lived through one of the worst nights of bombing in Scotland.

"As they came to the big room where the party was to be held, their faces showed how tired they were. The clothes they wore weren't their own—almost everything they owned had been destroyed. But, someone had invited them to a party! They could hardly believe it. A party. Wow!" □

*Myrtle O'Hara writes from Cooranbong, NSW.*

*(continued in the next RECORD)*

## Bouquets for Adventist Women



Photo: River City Press



Photo: River City Press

Two Adventist women of Wanganui, New Zealand, were recently featured by their local paper, *River City Press*, as being positively involved in the community. The women, Rebecca Valentine and Dot Robson, both received floral bouquets.

Rebecca Valentine (pictured left) was congratulated for her work with the Order of St John; Dot Robson (right) for her support of neighbours, child care, and the achievement of attending every Wanganui St John meeting for 14 years.

## Wet and Wandering Pathfinders



Photo: Luah Wani

Ominous, dark clouds did not dishearten the hike of Kavieng Pathfinders, or their leaders.

A group of 57 Kavieng (Papua New Guinea) Pathfinders recently hiked through heavy rain, continuing their nature study of plants, birds and animals as they went. While their bodies and clothes were damp, it appears their spirits were not, said Jerose, one of the Pathfinders, "I don't believe the rain was a problem. It was a blessing for those of us who forgot to bring water."

## NOTICEBOARD

### Obituaries

**Aus**, Norman, born in Newcastle, NSW; died June 23, at the Caboolture War Veterans Home, Caboolture, Qld. Norman was involved in community affairs in Victoria for many years as a councillor and mayor of Ringwood Shire in Victoria. He also served during the second world war. Norman joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church early in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Valmai, and children: Jeffrey, Glenda, Desmond, Sharon and Warren. Lance O'Neill

**Grainer**, Merle Loretta, born June 16, 1934, at Yarrabah, Qld; died June 9 at her home in Mareeba. In 1953, Merle married Edward James Grainer. They had nine children. She was actively involved with a number of Aboriginal organisations, both as director and member. Among these were Kuku Djungan, the Julbu group, Yirimbee Committee Outreach group, Mooraridgi Cooperative Housing Society, the Aboriginal Senior Citizen's group and the Aboriginal and Islander Coordinating Council. Merle was baptised during 1991 after attending a visitor's day at the Mareeba Seventh-day Adventist church with her daughter, Carmen. She is survived by her daughters, Carmen, Patricia, Elaine, Kay, Denise and Brenda, her sons, Desmond and Edward, 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (all at Mareeba). More than 400 people attended the funeral, which was held in the Mareeba SDA church. Frank J Gorry

**Sewell**, Rene Myrtle, born April 3, 1908, at Moss Vale, NSW; died June 2 at Nowra Retirement Village, Nowra. She was the youngest of 13 children. Rene became known as Mummy Sewell during her last years of worship at Nowra SDA church. She had a strong

faith. She and her husband, Jim, had four children. She was predeceased by her husband and one son, Jim. She is survived by her children, Mary Batton (Moss Vale), Ralph (Warilla) and Elsie Breakwell (Orient Point).

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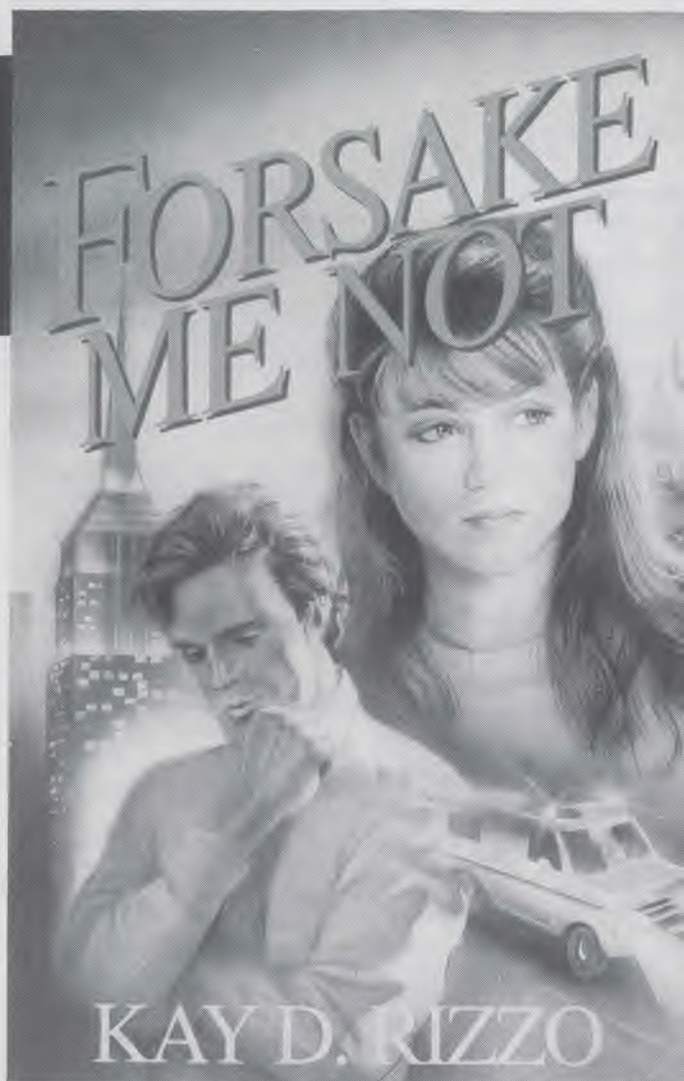
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