

# RECORD

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**D**r Allen Sonter, principal of Pacific Adventist College (PAC) received a Medallion of Merit from the Seventh-day Adventist Education Department at PAC's 10th graduation ceremony. The citation noted that Dr Sonter has for the past 36 years been associated with education work in the Pacific Islands basin.

He and his wife, Margaret, have served in Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. He then became the director of education for the church in the central Pacific. Dr Sonter has worked in various capacities at PAC since its opening in 1984; Chairman of the Education Department, Academic Dean and Principal. In that time he completed a PhD through the University of New England, Australia. He is one of the few remaining career expatriate missionaries working for the church. Allen and Margaret Sonter intend retiring in Toowoomba (Qld), Australia, early in 1994.

News of PAC's 10th graduation can be found on page 11.



# Why You're Reading This



**M**y friends used to write to me, and the real stalwarts (better than I deserve) still do occasionally. I write letters, and sometimes, when not paralysed by guilt, I post them.

I have an almost bohemian approach to letters. I always feel they should be messages from the soul—and so I wait for my soul to be inspired (that may take some time), choose the right paper for the person (are they geometric, recycled or the pressed-flower type), find a pen with a comfortable flow, and then write.

I then read the letter over, and if it doesn't sound right, I try to pep it up, but often that can sound forced. I find it best to leave the letter for awhile, and then weeks, sometimes decades later, I rediscover it. I'm then mortified, and can't send it because I'm too embarrassed.

I do treasure my friends. We've shared a mixed bag of experiences, none of which have ever truly divided us. Even variances in faith leave our friendships intact.

So sometimes I reread their letters (just to remind myself of what letters look like). And to me each letter is a piece of a person. It's an indication of what they value and what they want to share.

It's a bit like RECORD "friends." It would take intense energy and pen

selecting to maintain contact with all those friends the RECORD puts in your lap each week. Many are friends most readers haven't yet met. Like Berto, the kind of friend who knows our faults and foibles, but does something special for us anyway.

There are those other friends who are great describers, who want to share what has happened in their personal life and their church life. They're not gossips, they'd just like you to *know*—to feel a part of everything.

And there are soul bearers who want to share their experience of God that they treasure so much. Often they are very personal, at other times they're the learned explanations of a scholar.

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They give something of God to us, and that's a treasured quality of Christian friendship. Some RECORD friends may approach certain subjects in a different way too. Letters received on the nature of Christ have displayed that. Yet the RECORD is still read. We still want to know about each other. We still want to learn from each other.

I remember RECORD being used as a big go-between friend not so long ago. We published a letter from someone who just expressed their personal loneliness (of course we didn't print

their name). But we received letters from RECORD friends that person didn't know they had. Each one had enclosed a stamped and sealed letter for us to forward to them, something Glenda, RECORD's editorial secretary, delighted in doing.

We get letters from those who miss us, saying: "Thank-you for the RECORD each week. We sure do miss it around Christmas time." We get letters from those who read the RECORD from cover to cover: "I always look forward to the next issue of RECORD because I believe it is the official paper of the South Pacific Division and reflects 'all' happenings throughout our Division" (Honiara, Solomon Islands); "We appreciate its news and views"; "May I say I really look forward to the RECORD each week and generally read it from cover to cover. God bless you in your work"; "You're doing a great job and I appreciate the RECORD each week."

We even have those who tell us we err, and not on the side of divine, either. RECORD does have some rather special friends, but there's space for disagreement in friendship.

We can't all be with each other each Sabbath, but RECORD comes to visit, to let you know how everyone is and to share Christ. That's why RECORD is in your hands right now. That's why you're reading this. It just passes the word along and, as one of RECORD's friends termed it, "in reaching out to others, it embraces everyone."

Karen Miller

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### Heavy Bibles

To suggest that Ellen White's writings would have been included in the sacred canon, as did the Letter "Humble Statement" (December 18), must surely open a Pandora's box. Apart from the fact that the Bible would be too heavy to take to church, there have been various other prophets whose writings were not included in the Scriptures (see 1 Chronicles 29:29 and 2 Chronicles 9:29).

It is a profitable exercise to read Ellen White's eight-page introduction to *The Great Controversy* where she touches on the subject. She writes of various inspired Bible writers and says that, despite their diversity, they present "perfect harmony." She speaks of the Bible as being a "perfect whole" and that "the Spirit was not given—nor can it ever be bestowed—to supersede the Bible. . . ."

It would seem that Ellen White was well aware of her role, and to declare that her writings would have been included in the canon must be regarded as speculation of dubious value.

Bob Donaldson, NSW

### Unbalanced Article

How can you print such an unbalanced article as "Jesuit Influences" (December 11)? Presumably, the writer's objective is to prove that Adventists would never allow the Jesuits to influence their church. The writer obviously lost sight of his objective as the article only deals with the Council of Trent as if this were the only Jesuit influence.

Malachi Martin in his book *The Jesuits* claims that Jesuits had "brilliant success" and "universal influence" for 425 years.

And not all Trent's theology was wrong. The Reformers agreed with much of it. For instance, G C Berkouwer in his book *Faith and Justification* (used as a reference in the article) says: "In the opening passage of the sixth degree (on justification), Christ is confessed as Redeemer. God has given Him as Redeemer through faith in His blood."

Calvin Maunder, NNZ

### Absolutely Brilliant

I have just reread "Jesuit Influences." It is absolutely brilliant. I

only regret that it had to be so brief. Could you follow it with another to help us understand the Reformation and Spirit of Prophecy concept of the sin that remains?

Milton Wainwright, NNZ

### Desperate Need

I found "Jesuit Influences" to be great reading. A well-researched article is always a pleasure to read and this one was timely and the message timeless. There is a desperate need for a genuine, open-minded approach to the study of Scripture in the light of Christ's absolutely glorious and vicarious death for the human race.

Brian Smith, Vic

### Under Attack

Ignatius Loyola set up the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) to counter the Protestant Reformation in order to bring the "separated brethren" back to the fold. If "the Adventist Church receives its heritage from the Reformers," then it would be a primary object of attack.

Only the Scriptures will safeguard God's people from being deceived.

Eric Goodwin, NNZ

### Still Staggered

The news item "Survey Cause for More Study" (December 18) stated that the position of director of women's ministries be a paid *part-time*

position. I'm still staggered that this division does not have the conviction to make this position full time and take affirmative action to redress the gender bias that exists at conference, union and division levels, as far as women in executive positions are concerned.

Where is the proper level of executive representation for more than 50 per cent of the church members? What happened to the "Taskforce 2000 Report" and the vast number of positive and innovative recommendations on the role of women in the Adventist Church?

It continues to surprise me that the issue of the role of women is seldom mentioned in articles or letters in the RECORD. Maybe most women feel that there is no point in trying to raise the issue because no one will listen or take action. Or is it because those who have taken on this battle have left the church because of lack of action?

Even the major political parties now realise inaction on this issue is at the peril of becoming irrelevant.

Please, sisters, take up the cause!

(Mr) Roger Hargreaves, ACT

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## The System

An 18-minute video on church structure and organization has been released by the South Pacific Division entitled "The System." The subject is treated with some humour and candour. The video was made by the Adventist Media Centre with young adults in mind. It is available, with a study guide, from Adventist Book Centres for \$A15.

## Youth to India

South Pacific Division youth are invited to attend a youth congress in India from November 8 to 13, 1994. The congress will be held in Roorkee, north of Delhi. The cost of the congress, excluding air fare, is \$US200. Special accommodation and food will be made available for international attendees, and a day trip to the foothills of the Himalayas will be arranged. Those interested in attending must contact the South Pacific Division Youth Department by February 24.

## Adventist Design

Some 22,000 Christmas cards carrying the design of Ballarat Seventh-day Adventist Primary School student Felicity Conduit were delivered to residents of Ballarat. Felicity co-won the design competition for the 44,000 personal Christmas cards sent by the Federal Member for Ballarat, Mr Michael Ronaldson.

## New Adventurers

A new Adventurer program has been created to take the place of the present Adventurer and Pre-AJY program. The new program, with administrative manual, workbooks for each class, and class cards comes into effect in 1994. The manual is

entitled *Adventures in Living, a Resource Manual for Families and Adventure Clubs*, and includes worship ideas for families. Local conferences and Adventist Book Centres can supply further information.

## Colorado Fair

"Dare to Care," the International Pathfinder Camporee to be held near Morrison, Colorado, USA, from August 2 to 6, 1994, has provision for 10,000 Pathfinders to attend. In 1989 some 13,000 Pathfinders and adults attended a similar camp, the Colombia Union Conference "Friendship Camporee." For more information on the 1994 camp contact Pastor Barry Gane, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. Phone (02) 489 7122.

## Bible Camps '95

Three Bible conferences were approved by the South Pacific Division for 1995, scheduled as follows: January 24 to February 4 at Avondale College, NSW; February 5 to February 11 at Monash University, Victoria; February 12 to

## Fire Appeal Launched for Community

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia has opened a Sydney-NSW Bushfire Appeal Fund to assist those who have suffered from the recent bushfire disaster. Pastor Tom Andrews, treasurer of the South Pacific Division, said when opening the fund that ADCARE—the community service arm of the church—, will give tax-deductible receipts for all donations given to the Bushfire Appeal. Donors are invited to contact their local conference office of the church. In addition, churches made a special collection on Saturday, January 22, when members contributed to the assistance of their fellow Australians during this time of need.

February 18 at Waikato University, North New Zealand. Speakers and topics include Drs Steve Thompson and Ray Roennfeldt on Revelation and Inspiration; Dr Hans LaRondelle on Sin and Salvation; Dr Ivan Blazen on Interpreting the Bible; Dr Clyde Webster on Science and the Bible; and Dr Roy Adams on The Authority of Scripture and Its Application in the Life of the Church.

## Europe's Growth

Australian-sponsored evangelist programs in

Europe have increased church membership in various areas: Penza—a team from northern NSW have helped the church grow from 15 to 355; Kirov—a team from southern Queensland helped the church grow from 19 to more than 150; Cheboksary—the Harker, Peterson and Laws families had more than 100 baptisms; Nizhny Novgorod—John Carter had more than 800 baptisms.

## Counsel Resource

A premarital counselling resource for ministers, entitled *Beginnings*, has been revised by Pastor Bryan Craig, the South Pacific Division's family ministries director. Pastor Craig has also produced a Family Ministries Resource Catalogue containing a list of current resources in areas relating to family ministry.

## 11 by 21 = Record

The combined 21st birthday party of 11 Adventist youth of Narromine church, NSW, was featured in the *Narromine News* on December 15, 1993. The article explained that all but one of the group attended the local Adventist primary school. Those celebrating were: John Heckendorf,

## Australian Bridge Over Rwimi, Uganda



Ian Butler, of Sydney, worked with the Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) in Uganda to build this bridge over the Rwimi River in western Uganda. ADRA and the villagers of Kirabaho village wish to thank Ian and the donors of Australia, who helped finance this project.



Paul Muirhead, Braeden Roberts, Greg Arnold, Brett Heckendorf, Jim Hawkins, Nicki Meddick, Vanessa Hyland, Doug Roberts, Kaylene Davis and Amanda Di Salvia.

## PACIFIC ISLANDS

### Atoifi News

Some 60 people have been baptised during 1993 in the Solomon Islands through Atoifi Hospital supporting evangelistic outreach. Some 15 laypeople supported by Friends of Atoifi are conducting 114 baptismal classes.

### Youth Lead

Of the 30 Voice of Youth programs conducted by youth in the Eastern Solomons some 68 people have been baptised.

## WORLD CHURCH

### Davidian's Faith

Graeme Craddock of Melbourne, Victoria, formerly a member of the Branch Davidian sect and before that a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is currently facing trial in Texas, USA, on a charge of conspiring to wage war on the US Government and murdering four federal agents. A report in Melbourne's *Herald Sun* of January 17 reads: "The trauma of mourning and incarceration has tested Craddock's faith, which he hasn't lost. 'I am really just holding on at the moment. I go through periods of long, deep depression and I cannot shake it off. I believe there is a God, and God is still in control, and my life is in God's hands. I got in to what I am in now because I trusted God.' June Craddock, and her husband, Ron, will go America later this month to be with their son, Graeme, as he faces trial."

### Property Returned

The headquarters of the Macedonian Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, taken over in February 1993 by a group claiming authority, is to be restored to the church with support of the Appeals Court in Macedonia. Ministers had been barred from entering the headquarters in Skopje and from conducting worship services. Local church leaders were advised to take legal steps to secure ownership of church properties throughout Macedonia.

### Pakistan Baptisms

Some 20 people were baptised at the conclusion of a three-week-long evangelistic series held in the Pakistan twin cities of Sukkur and Rohr. More than 50 people participated in the communion service. Pastor David Currie, a Trans-European evangelist, conducted the programs. A church building is being completed in Sukkur, funded by a United States citizen. Revival meetings are currently being held in Faisalabad, an area where many were baptised at the conclusion of Pastor Peter Roennfeldt's preaching.

### ADRA's Record Year

"More than \$US13 million of outgoing aid and more than \$US6 million of incoming aid means that the Adventist Development and Relief Organisation of the Trans-European Division has experienced a record year in 1993 both as a donor and recipient of aid," said John Arthur, director of ADRA-Trans-Europe at the agency's year-end board meeting.

### Sarajevo Worship

Adventists of Sarajevo worship together regularly,

### Lowes Are With Us Always



Four generations of Lowe men, of Western Australia, are pictured at the dedication of the family's newest member, Jacob Ramon Lowe, at Esperance church, WA. Seated is great-grandfather, Raymond Lowe, to his right is grandfather, Larrie Lowe, to the left is father, Conrad Lowe, and in his arms is Jacob.

calling each other brother and sister regardless of being baptised or not, says recently returned volunteer worker Pastor Mirko Milanovic. "Hundreds regularly attend church," he says, "despite the obvious danger. . . . People feel safe and secure in the church." Adventists and the Adventist Development and Relief Organisation assisted all people regardless of cultural or religious differences.

### A NEWSTART

The president of the Marshall Islands, Amata Kabua, extolled the virtues of the NEWSTART program after attending Weimar Institute in California, saying he wanted his cabinet to go and be educated in the NEWSTART principles.

### Care for Boys

Chernobyl boys exposed to radiation spent three weeks in the Adventist Youth Centre in Poppi, Italy, and the Old People's

Home on Forli. The 130 boys, aged 7-12, studied, did gymnastics and went on excursions. The Red Cross, ophthalmologists, physicians, schools, churches and mayors of the two towns all contributed to make the boys' stay a success.

### Brazilian Killed

A 28-year-old missionary from Brazil, Gilsenberg Pereira de Araujo, was killed on January 2 in rebel gunfire at Lome Togo, while serving in the Sahel Union of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division. He had recently conducted an evangelistic crusade where 50 had been baptised and a further 20 were attending baptismal classes. The four African nationals who were with him at the time were also killed. Their names were not available.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

February 12 Family Worship Day  
February 19 Stewardship Day  
RECORD Offering



# Help for the Hearing-impaired

by Graham Weir

## Churches can help those with hearing difficulties.

Of all the sensory handicaps none is so devastating and profound in their effect upon social relationships as a hearing loss. Most of us expect to become a bit hard of bearing as we get older, but few realise the devastation it can cause.

Hearing aids aren't always the solution. One of the biggest problems is with background noise. "I can hear all kinds of things again, but I still can't understand what people are saying to me when I'm in a group," users say.

One response to such difficulty is to withdraw rather than trying to live in a world of incomprehensible half-sentences and misunderstood meanings. Bluffing becomes a means to peace.

This dismal picture is reflected in a report by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (1981) that revealed that 86 per cent of the hearing-impaired population were *not* using their hearing aids successfully for one reason or another.

For churchgoing people, this problem can become a social nightmare with the potential for frustration and embarrassment. Their decision to simply avoid the hassle and stay home is hardly surprising.

In 1990-91, while living in Tasmania, my wife and I were asked by the

A complete audio-loop kit including headphones for those without hearing aids or T-switches sells for around \$A650-700 (portable kits with smaller loop amplifiers—\$A200 less). If you have a need in this area, or require information on the audio-loop system, contact Pastor Ray Coombe, Director, Christian Services for the Hearing Impaired, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. Phone (02) 489 7122.

Tasmanian Conference to conduct programs on hearing loss for the Adventist churches in the state. We made a survey of hearing problems and attitudes. Out of a total of 337 respondents, 16 per cent said that they personally had problems hearing sermons; some 29 per cent said they had someone in their immediate home with hearing problems; 14 per cent said they knew of someone who avoided coming to church because of hearing loss; over 34 per cent said they knew someone who had tried a hearing-aid, but decided it wasn't useful.

These figures present a challenge to the churches, for there is a great deal we can do to make life easier for the hearing-impaired. We can show that we care by doing something practical that reflects real understanding of their needs.

While a loudspeaker system does help, too often it doesn't. Loudspeakers provide volume, but not necessarily clarity.

One solution is the audio-loop system for sound reproduction. This technological development has made it possible for many hearing-impaired people to again hear with perfect clarity in large group meetings—such as churches—where it was otherwise very difficult.

The loop system consists of a special amplifier supplementary to the usual PA equipment. It is connected to an antennae wire, or loop, which encircles the church tucked under the skirting boards or carpet. The audio-loop hardware is connected to the output end of the PA system to ensure that all microphone and audio sound sources are routed through the radio-loop and to the hearing-impaired listeners.

Many hearing aids are fitted with a "T-switch." Switching it disconnects the hearing-aid's normal microphone (cutting out background noise) and turns on a tiny radio receiver inside the hearing-aid. This picks up the signal from the audio-loop.



An alternative, for people without T-switching, is for the church to provide a set of cordless "audio-loop" headphones that work in the same manner as a hearing-aid with a T-switch.

Two excellent examples of the use of the audio-loop system are installed in the Launceston and Ulverstone (Tasmania) churches. In Launceston the loop is also used by Sabbath school lesson teachers wired for sound. With up to four classes in action at once within the church, there is a problem of background noise. The loop system eliminates that. The sound signal is routed through the loop, but not through the loudspeakers.

Launceston has also purchased a smaller portable audio-loop for use in outreach programs such as prophecy seminars—a fact that can be advertised.

In Ulverstone an audio-loop was incorporated in their new building while it was still under construction. They have saved on equipment costs by locating a single set of PA and loop equipment on a moveable trolley and routing all cables to a single panel of sockets in each room.

Retirement villages and nursing homes can also do much to enhance the lives of their residents by installing the audio-loop systems and should give high priority to their purchase. □

*Graham Weir, hearing-impaired since the age of eight, currently works as a rehabilitation counsellor. He is a member of the Waitara church, NSW.*



# No Time to Pray?

by Jerry Unser

## The simple formula that transformed one person's prayer life.

**D**ear Lord, thank You for this day. Help me to witness for You to someone today; forgive my sins; and please keep me safe on the roads. I'm sorry this is short, but I know You'll understand. I love You, Lord—Amen.

So starts the day of another Christian, one who teaches and preaches, but one who is so busy working for Jesus that he hasn't got time talk with Him—me.

I've been like this for a long time—all of my adult life. But then I realised that I needed more—a "heart" as well as a "head" religion. My heart said to seek the face of Jesus (Psalm 27:8).

Now I'm having an experience with God every time I ask. This started when I began making a specific time and a place in which to meet God.

It takes some discipline to make a prayer-life work. Satan knows the formula: no prayer equals no Christianity.

Another thing that has helped me is the working out of what I want to say. I was shown an acronym of "ACTIONS" to help me get (and give) the most from my prayer time. Here is how it is:

### A—Adoration

Acknowledgment, honour and reverence to Almighty God. My God is worthy to be praised; He is the creator of the entire universe; I want to come into His presence with reverence and wonder; my God is an awesome God. This aspect of prayer is crucial. It is the time to invite the Holy Spirit to intercede in praise to God (Romans 8:26).

### C—Confession (1 Chronicles 29:11)

Admission of a sinful life and sorrow for sin. Clinging to sin will block our communication with God. We need to repent, to turn around and head back to God. I

like the way David asked God to forgive his hidden faults as well as his wilful sins (Psalm 19:12, 13). I am a sinner.

### T—Thanksgiving (1 John 1:9)

Gratitude to God and recognition of His power in our lives. God loves to hear us say thanks. I owe God everything (He loves to hear me say it as much as it is good for me to think about it); God likes love letters (He inspired the Psalms and the Song of Solomon with good reason);



### I—Intercession (Psalm 100:4)

Praying for others. Prayer is power on tap; it is the most fundamental ministry; it is the power of good available to be directed in any way I choose; prayer is the weapon of kindness that I can shoot with my eyes shut and never miss.

### O—Organisation (1 Timothy 2:1)

Letting God be in control of all aspects of our daily lives. I save this part of my prayer until the end, because this is the time God speaks the most directly to me. I like to go hour by hour through

the day in my mind and ask God to bless me; I ask God to give the words to say and the wisdom to act. Things come to mind as I pray. I write them down when I'm finished. I count them as orders from above and they take priority.

### N—Notice (Psalm 23:2)

Noticing the application of God's Word in our lives and allowing Him to change us. It's no good reading the Scripture, hearing God's messengers and listening to all of God's messages if I never pay any attention to Him. A Christian's life is based on obedience. If I want the blessing, I must act. Listen to God, then get into gear and do what He says.

### S—Supplication (Psalm 119:105)

Presenting our own requests to Him—my God is my heavenly Father and He loves to give good gifts, the best of which is His Holy Spirit. I desire it; I seek it; I plead for it; He fills me with a supernatural experience. When there is something that I need, I ask for it. I can't tire Him and I can't wear Him out. Nothing in my life is too small for Him; nothing is too big. When I pray in His name, my desires become His desires and He loves to answer my prayers (see Philipians 4:6).

I want to share this, because others are probably like me. I hope you find God touching you as you pray. But if you're at all like me, then you'll still have a hard time getting up early. You'll still find an excuse for not taking the time this morning and you, like me, will still miss out on the better blessing of talking to God.

Spend some time in prayer and then go and tell someone else about what prayer can do. Ask them to pray for you like I'm asking you to pray for me. Together we'll be talking to God. □

*Jerry Unser is chaplain for Adventist high school and university students in Brisbane, Queensland.*



# Message From Turkey

by Brett Eagle

**Looking at the Laodicean landscape reinforced the message to today's Laodiceans.**

**M**y friend Harls and I were in Turkey. Our time was limited, but we'd decided we had to visit the ruins of the seven churches of Revelation. This was the last leg of our journey and, as the sun set fiery red on the horizon, we finally stood amid the ruins of the last of the seven—Laodicea.

It was a barren and desolate landscape. The dust rose from the ground and clogged our throats. As the shadows stretched long in the glowing red light of dusk, the surrounds took on an eeriness.

I remembered the threat God had made against Laodicea to "spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16). It seems like a forgotten place now, dusty and abandoned. In fact, it is.

Of all the ruins of the seven

churches, Laodicea is the only one that had no contemporaneously built structure, preserving it for tourists.

We'd been lucky to find Laodicea at all. A local inhabitant found us driving in the vicinity and guessed we were looking for the ruins. He offered to take us to them (for a few Turkish lira, of course).

The high plateau on which Laodicea was built is now rural farmland. It has been ploughed again and again so that the only noticeable features are a few scattered ruins. The theatre, having been cut out of the side of the hill, is one of the few areas unploughed. Other than that there is only a few piles of stones that had once been structures of some kind—temples, private homes, public meeting places—and the great underground aqueduct.

The aqueduct was visible only because of a gap left open near one of the structures. It ran deep under-

neath the ground, but we were able to stand in it with head stooped. It is large and impressive and, being well-preserved, we walked as far as we dared into its blackness.

To the north, from the high plateau of Laodicea, we saw the white limestone deposits of Hierapolis (Colossians 4:13), now Pammukale, which, with some justification, means "cotton tower." It does resemble a giant pile of cotton.

From these limestone hills, about 10 kilometres away, the Laodiceans brought back the tepid waters that rose out of hot natural springs there. This water was thought to have healing properties. The aqueduct, stretching 10 kilometres to the south, brought cold water from where ice-cold mountain waters descended from the winter snowfields on the Lycian and Phrygian Taurus Mountains. The hot and cold waters were used effectively for the keeping or restoring of health.

Just beyond Laodicea the hot waters from the mineral springs and the cold waters from the mountain streams flowed together into the Lycus River and became "lukewarm" in the process. Once this happened, it was thought that the waters lost their healing properties.

This helps to clarify the imagery of the address to the Laodicean Christians. They had become "lukewarm," and in that state were useless (Revelation 3:16).

Reflecting on the place, God had fulfilled His word. He had spewed Laodicea out of His mouth. The ancient ruins are ploughed fields and,



Limestone deposits from the lukewarm waters of Laodicea collect on the hillsides of Pammukale, Turkey.



unlike other sites, there are no efforts for their preservation. Laodicea is a forgotten city.

Ancient Laodicea had its own industry as well. They became famous for their fine, black wool and the clothing they produced. This, along with its fame as a centre for healing, brought many travellers from Asia. The revenue that brought in enabled Laodicea to become a centre for banking, commerce and financial affairs—rich in gold and silver coins.

Strabo, a historian of the first century AD, informs us that Laodicea was among the largest of any of the cities in Asia Minor. In fact so great was Laodicea's wealth that in AD 60, when the city was destroyed by an earthquake, the Laodiceans refused a generous financial offer from the Romans to rebuild their city.

They said they needed no outside assistance and, as Revelation puts it, they considered themselves "rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing" (3:17).

All they needed for daily life they produced themselves. They didn't recognise their true state—"wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17). In this, the imagery of Revelation is again appropriate. God's gentle rebukes, given to those He loved (Revelation 3:19), was in language that the Laodiceans would understand.

But the message to Laodicea speaks to us today. None are so closed to the gospel as those who feel that they have no need. Christ cannot reach the heart that is full of pride and self-sufficiency.

It is easy for us to feel this way. Our lives are relatively free of trouble, and we may easily become complacent to the pleadings of God's Holy Spirit.

May we heed God's counsel to the Laodiceans and, on our knees, pleading in prayer, buy from Him that "gold tried in the fire"—that relationship with Him we need—that will cover "the shame" of our "nakedness" (Revelation 3:18). □

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# My Non-Adventist School

by Kobi Leins

**One of the worst moments in her life—the first day at her new school.**

**I**t was an important decision. I stood before the flagpole, among a thousand strangers, wondering if it was the right one.

I felt threatened. The buildings were old and decrepit, appearing willing and able to consume the students that entered their satiric-looking mouths. The morning sun glared in my eyes—eyes sleepless from anxiety. I was surrounded by a thousand people I'd never seen before in my life.

I felt very alone.

I knew that my "old" friends would be slapping each other on the back about now as the chatted about their holiday just past. Yet I had chosen to be here.

A hundred pairs of inquisitive eyes appeared to be staring at me, the new girl. My mind told me I was in the wrong place. I was a Christian—a Seventh-day Adventist. And I had always been led to believe that the others were strange and somehow different. Yet here I stood, alone among them.

I am part of a state school system now. In becoming so, I believe that I have never made a greater or more powerful decision in my short life. Those same people who stood as strangers now slap me warmly on the back as I get asked for the umpteenth time "and exactly why are you vegetarian?"

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of the experience is that the people I have come to know at my new school seem more accepting of others. Though subgroups exist, all mix together. No cliques. No classes. We're all in this

thing together.

Of course, not all state schools are the same as the one I attend, and not all Adventist schools are like the one that I left, but changing schools led me to question my strength and what I really believe in. Within this school I've found more people who think for themselves and behave in what they have found to be true.

People respect others' beliefs—as long as those beliefs can be supported. Very few live double-standard lives, because there is no requirement to be what you aren't.

I believe it's time that we closely looked at where we belong in this world. It's so easy to be a Christian when we are constantly spoon-fed—at home, at school, at church and, in some instances, at work—while the whole world moves on outside our Christian community unaware of who we are or the fantastic message that we have to share.

And I know, as when a friend came back to school following a week's absence, his father having been placed on a prohibitory order for bashing his mother, that I'll not be somewhere in a classroom studying Bible theory, but there to put my arm around his shoulder demonstrating that there is a God, and one who cares. □

*Kobi Leins has just returned from a fly'n'repair in Fiji and attends Greensborough church in Victoria.*





# Backs Turned to Evangelist

The unexpected reaction to this visit to a remote village of Karamui, Papua New Guinea, emotionally distressed Pastor Jonathan Todd, evangelist of the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission, on his arrival at the village to take a week's series of meetings.

More than 3000 people came from surrounding jungle areas and made homes of bush materials for Pastor Todd's arrival. As he stepped from the single-engine plane all the people lined the road from the campsite to the airstrip — children to grandparents—and turned their backs to him and his party.

"I thought to myself, *Here I am, coming to share Christ with these people and they are turning their backs to me,*" recounts Pastor Todd. "Nobody even turned to see who was coming. I was expecting to see their smiling faces and a good welcome. I couldn't hold back my tears, they streamed down my face like running water.

"On reaching the gateway to the meeting hall a 40-member choir group, all dressed in grass skirts, rubbed themselves with mud and sang as they came out of the bush; some came with different wild flowers and hung them on my neck. I couldn't bear it all.

"Everyone then lined themselves around the large playing field, faced each other and sang of the urgency to tell others of Christ.

"Then they explained why their backs were turned.



Fifty bales of clothing are prepared to help the bush people of Karamui, who believed the church had turned its back on them in favour of working in the cities with affluent people.

They felt that the church didn't care about people from the bush. They said that big crusades, meetings or workshops were always held in towns and cities where people were already aware of the gospel.

"You turned your back on us,' they said. 'You never visited us. It seems you forgot about the people in the bush and are only serving the people in towns.

"Now, seeing that you are here, these are the first meetings that we have had. Please tell us more. We want you to

pour it all out here!"

Pastor Todd spoke and the people kept demanding more. He preached the longest sermon he has ever preached. He began speaking at 4.30 pm and didn't finish until 10.30 that evening. At the end of the week 192 people were baptised and 972 joined baptismal classes.

"People there need a missionary, although there are no funds to provide one," reports Pastor Todd. "They also need clothes in good repair. I have seen men wearing women's dresses, or wearing T-shirts made for children. And they make that one item of clothing last for months without a change—they have nothing else.

"On returning to Goroka I told people of the Karamui people's need. They donated clothes, cooking utensils, pidgin Bibles and picture rolls. We have begun an account for funds to provide a volunteer missionary and are freighting 50 bales of second-hand clothing to the Karamui people."

## Tribute to Gifted Educator

I first saw him in the early days of 1938 at Avondale College," recalls Pastor Robert Parr—a former editor of the RECORD. "He had newly arrived at Avondale to take his place on the faculty. In no time at all, he had stamped himself on our minds as a man of outstanding gifts. He was a mathematician, a superb teacher of English, a musician, an athlete, a linguist and a preacher extraordinaire. With all of that he was the most self-effacing man I ever met. His name was Lionel Turner.

"Our paths ran somewhat distantly parallel throughout the ensuing years, and though we have met only occasionally in these latter times, I treasure

memories of discussions with a man of unusually acute perceptive powers, an original thinker, an articulate and whimsical raconteur, a man of scimitar-sharp wit and a Bible student with an exploring mind.

"In many ways, he was unorthodox without being eccentric, a very private person without being a recluse, a man of profound insights, but one who never lost the common touch. I do not expect to meet his like again, for he was unique in many ways.

"Lionel Turner was born in Perth, Western Australia, on September 8, 1907. In his teen years he attended the Perth Modern School, where he distinguished himself in scholarship and sports. He came to Avondale College in 1928 and graduated from the teacher's course in 1931.



Dr Lionel Turner, 1907-93

"He taught in Adventist schools in Warburton and Perth and then returned to Avondale College where he lectured in English and Mathematics. A stint of about 16 years there was interrupted



only by his study in America where he gained his PhD at the University of Southern California. He completed his service to the Adventist Church as principal of Sydney Adventist High School, as it was then called.

"For many years, Dr Turner has been plagued by ill health and failing eyesight. His quiet retirement at Tuross Head, NSW, was given to writing, exercising, listening to his beloved music and keeping his mind keen and active. He died on December 10, 1993, in his eighty-fifth year. He is mourned by his wife, Joy (nee Peacock) and his two sons, Tony and Terry and wife, Yvonne, and grandchildren.

"But his many friends and hundreds of his former students will also know more than a twinge of sadness when they learn of the passing of this good man, whose kindness and compassion and quiet modesty are now lost to us all, though his influence upon us will always remain. We treasure warm memories of this gifted scholar and loyal friend, and this is our comfort.

"Your students, your family and friends salute you, Lionel Turner. We who pause to mark your leaving us are better for having known you and are the poorer for your passing. Vale!"

## Former PM Addresses PAC Graduates



Sir Michael Somare

Ten years after he officiated at the opening of Pacific Adventist College (PAC), Papua New Guinea

Sir Michael Somare, a former prime minister, was a guest speaker for PAC's 10th graduation ceremony.

## Fire Threat to Church Property

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has opened a Sydney-New South Wales Bushfire Appeal Fund to assist those who have suffered from the recent fire disasters. (See Flashpoint article.)

Information currently available indicates that no church-owned properties or buildings have been destroyed in the raging bushfires that devastated hundreds of homes around Sydney and in the state of New South Wales.

Flames from a localised grassfire came within metres of the Hoxton Park church in the south-western area of the Greater Sydney Conference. Bushfires in the Lane Cove River Park came within five kilometres of the Wahroonga headquarters of the South Pacific Division office on Friday night, January 7. The Sydney Adventist Hospital was placed on Level 1 emergency alert. One Adventist family, the Mckinnons, members of the Waitara church, had their home completely destroyed at West Killara, and several other Adventist families were evacuated.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in New South Wales is responsible for emergency accommodation, and although thousands of homes have been offered, few have been needed. Lew Stevens, the State Commander for Emergency Accommodation and member of Mount Colah church, had arranged for refuge and accommodation centres around Sydney and the Central Coast in shopping centres and service centres. A number of church members have also been involved with the State Emergency Services on a personal basis.—Ray Coombe

"PAC has developed into a leading tertiary institution in the South Pacific," said Sir Michael. "It would be my desire to see future governments continue to acknowledge financially the role private institutions, such as PAC, play in the total development of the country."

In all 41 graduates received their awards under the theme of "Live to Serve."

The PAC principal, Dr Allen Sonter, was invited by the students to present the graduation address, after 10 years service to the college.

## Calvary Adventists Seek Unchurched

The Calvary Community of Papatoetoe, New Zealand, a concept of Pastor Paul Siopé, exists to draw those people unfamiliar with or disenchanted by church, to Christ.

The community is structured to attract people who have no history of church attendance, or who may have been Adventists but have since grown weary of church structure—either leaving for another church or leaving the faith altogether.

Consequently the building they have hired doesn't look like a church, and the "services" are conducted in a relaxed atmosphere.

"So far it's been a bit of trial and error," says church member Chris Kelly. "We are learning to listen with more sensitivity to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and many tears have been shed and long hours of prayer have been invested into this church planning venture."

An average of 100-150 people attend weekly, with home groups planned. "It is Pastor Siopé's hope that the Calvary Community would be a place where Jesus would be welcomed and heard gladly by the common people," says Chris Kelly.

## ADRA Thanks Volunteers

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) wishes to thank the 377 volunteers who during 1993 served the church in 22 various countries in the South Pacific, and in Cambodia, China, India, Malawi, Uganda and Somalia. Another team of volunteers work every Monday at the Sydney ADRA warehouse baling donated pieces of clothing.



**Camden Haven, NNSW**

Dianne Saunders, late in 1993, was awarded the *Camden Haven Courier* prize for public speaking, and received the inaugural plaque for her achievement as senior public speaker by the local Rotary club. She was also awarded the Port Macquarie music award for her contribution to music. She plans to attend Avondale College this year. She is pictured with Rotary member Gavan Grayston.



Photo: K Saunders

play in a vacant shop window were used to advertise the program.

**Esperance, WA**



Photo: R Morcombe

As 1993 was the year of the pastor, the kindergarten Sabbath school wanted to say thank you to Pastor Millist who often visits them; as well as their Sabbath school teacher Trudi Kleinig, and Keryl Thorpe, pianist and mural painter, for their care during 1993.

**Kempsey, NNSW**

At the conclusion of Pastor Des Potts's evangelistic program two separate baptisms took place, three people were baptised in the church font and five in the river. More decided to be baptised at the conclusion of the baptisms. A parade in Eastern costume and a dis-

**Queens Park, WA**

The new font was dedicated and then received Bob Schofield, Naomi May and Brenda Jones for baptism. Brenda Jones is pictured being baptised by Pastor Brian Wood, with minister Loren Pratt attending. The small church was crowded with well-wishers, friends,

**Mackay, NA\***

Four people were baptised and 20 indicated their desire for baptism at the conclusion of Pastor Geoff Youlden's three-week Amazing Facts Youlden Report late in 1993. Three Mackay pastors, Geoff Youlden and Greg Teshner of the Adventist Media Centre conducted the programs in the Mackay Entertainment Centre. Pictured with the mission team are the four who were baptised (from the



Photo: L Laws

left): Pastor Arthur Faro, Pastor Lindsay Laws, Noel Rauchle, Shaun Erixon, Belinda Erixon, Peter Burgess, Pastors Youlden and Bob Borresen. Prophecy Seminars were then held in five different venues.

**Coffs Harbour, NNSW**

Nigel Chesher (pictured) was one of five people baptised by Pastor Graham Allen on November 20, 1993. Three of those baptised attended the Youlden Report conducted earlier that year. Those baptised were Amy James, Lynette James, Elizabeth Hancock and John Heron. John Heron had attended an Adventist school as a boy and many years later decided to become an Adventist.



Photo: Pasto G Allen



Photo: L Pratt

They are pictured in front of a cross made by Philip Kendall, another youth from Esperance.

**Frankston, Vic**

Natalie Allen obtained her Bachelor of Science degree with first class honours from Monash University. The honours received were in Chemistry and Maths.

relatives and visitors, some sitting on the floor and others standing at the back. A fellowship luncheon completed the day.

**Capalaba, QLD**



Photo: D Seid

Books for children suffering after the Indian earthquake were made by primary Sabbath school members. Some 50 books were made from photograph albums with pictures and Bible verses they collected.

**Esperance, WA**



Photo: R Morcombe

Stacy Chambers (pictured left), and Jason Slade were recently baptised. Both gave testimonies at their baptism.

\* NA: The Northern Australian Conference includes north Queensland and the Northern Territory.



# Why Didn't God Stop the Fires?



Ben's eyes filled with tears as he looked at the little animal. It was still breathing—just! He gently wrapped the damp towel around it, trying not to hurt its badly burnt paws. How could a possum live without strong paws? It needed them to climb, to get food and water and find safe places to rest or hide. Ben wondered what the National Parks and Wildlife man would say.

The possum was shaking. It was hurt and frightened. Ben wished he could make it understand he was trying to help it.

He looked around. The possum's beautiful bush home looked as if someone had painted over the greens and golds and browns in gray and black. It smelt scorched and burnt.

The wind was blowing, but the bush was silent. There were no leaves to rustle. The birds had gone. So had their songs and bushy noises. It sounded eerie!

Usually the bush felt cool. Not anymore. There was no shade except for the long shadows of tree trunks that hadn't fallen.

The ground felt strange too. Even through his boots, Ben could feel the warmth. The soft bush carpet of ground plants and leaves had disappeared.

Just then there was a loud creaking sound. Ben watched as a branch broke from its charred tree trunk and fell. A small cloud of ash stirred.

Tears ran down Ben's face. The bush seemed an ugly, cruel place. He heard footsteps and soon Dad's strong arm was resting on his shoulders. It felt good.

Ben noticed his dad looked sad. He knew Dad loved the bush too. All their family did. That's why they lived close to the bush. They played there and found out lots of things about bush creatures and plants. It was great for exploring, bush walking and camping, and their favourite place for Sabbath walks and special family worships. Now it was ruined!

Ben showed his dad the possum's paws, then they took the little survivor to the wildlife man. Dad said he'd know the best thing to do.

Ben felt all mixed-up inside. He was sad and disappointed and angry. He thought about all the little creatures who'd lost their homes. Lots of them had been burnt. People had lost their homes. Brave firemen had died—and a mother. Many people had bad burns. The

bush was ruined.

Why hadn't God stopped the bushfires? They'd asked him to. Just some heavy rain would have done it! But God hadn't sent the rain. Ben wished he could ask God and hear His answer straight away. Perhaps then he mightn't feel so cross and disappointed with God.

He was very quiet. "Are you OK?" his Dad asked. "If you want to talk, I'm listening."

Ben liked that about his dad. He was always ready to listen.

"Dad, why didn't God stop the bushfires when we asked him to? It's not like He didn't hear us."

"You feel very angry with God, do you, Ben?"

"Well, he could have helped and He didn't. Now there's lots of people and things hurt."

"Many people get angry with God, Ben, just like you are. Sometimes I used to feel like that too."

"You, Dad?"

Dad nodded. "Usually people get angry with God when He doesn't make things happen just the way they hoped. We wanted the bushfires to stop. We asked God to stop them quickly. But for a good reason that you and I don't know yet, God didn't. Now you think God doesn't care.

"Ben, God has a very clever enemy who makes sure God gets blamed for things He has nothing got to do with. This enemy is cunning. He makes bad things happen and then he works hard making people think God doesn't love them. That's a big lie, but sometimes people believe the lie.

"God does care, Ben. He's still with us. And He feels what we are feeling because He made us and knows us and loves us. When we hurt, He hurts. When we're sad, He's sad. He hurts for every little bird and animal that was caught in the fire. He feels sad for every person who lost people and homes and special things in the fires. You know something, Ben. I think God is hurting more than we are."

That was a surprise to Ben! He'd never thought about God having feelings.

"But why didn't He stop the fire quickly, Dad? He easily could have!"

"I don't know why, Ben. But I know God is good. He never stops loving us. When His enemy makes bad things happen, God is extra busy working things out so that people will know He loves them."

"Tell you what, Ben! I've just thought of a special thing we can do in worship tonight to help us remember that God is love."

*(To find out, Ben had to wait until worship. You'll have to wait until next week's RECORD.)—Colleen Buxton.*



## Weddings

**Burzacott—Chapman.** Leon David Burzacott, son of Ron and Robyn Burzacott (Cooranbong, NSW), and Natalie Kim Chapman, daughter of Barry and Beverley Chapman (Kampala, Uganda, Africa), were married on December 12 at Cooranbong. Leon and Natalie plan to set up their home in Sydney. W Murray Chapman

**Corker—Rawlins.** Jamann Edwin Corker, son of Douglas and Janice Corker (Boyp Brook, WA), and Zofia Mary Rawlins, daughter of William Rawlins (Morley) and Veida Rawlins (Belmont), were married on October 3 at Bickley SDA church. Jamann and Zofia have set up their home in Melville. Tony Knight, Tony Robinson

**Derrick—Stevens.** Lynden Derrick, son of Peter and Judy Derrick (Upper Ferntree Gully, Vic), and Faye Stevens, daughter of Alwyn and Heather Stevens (Ferntree Gully), were married on December 12 in the Ferntree Gully SDA church. Faye has just finished her photolithographic apprenticeship at Signs Publishing Company. They plan to set up their home in Belgrave South. Bruce Manners

**Fisher—Winter.** Colin Edgar Fisher and Barbara Joan Winter were married on December 12 in the Avondale College church, Cooranbong, NSW. They plan to establish their home in the Cooranbong district. Colin is an accountant at the South Pacific Division of SDA and Barbara is a lecturer at Avondale College. Stan Winter

**Gorry—Dickens.** Nigel Wayne Gorry, youngest son of Frank and Meryl Gorry (Mareeba, northern Qld), and Georgina Doreen Dickens, eldest daughter of Douglas and Rosemary Dickens (Ravenshoe), were married on December 12 in an outdoor setting at Millstream Estate, Ravenshoe. Nigel and Georgina plan to reside in Innisfail. Frank Gorry

**Guest—Ellis.** Danny Guest, eldest son of David and June Guest (Healesville, Vic), and Ann-Maree Ellis, eldest daughter of David and Jeanette Ellis (formerly of Yarra Glen, Vic, now of Cooranbong, NSW), were married on December 16 at the Lilydale Adventist church, Vic. Danny and Ann-Maree plan to live in Cooranbong, where Danny will complete his ministerial training at Avondale College. Morris Krieg

**Jones—Karaoglanis.** Greg Jones, youngest son of Don and Elaine Jones (Narromine, NSW), and Angela Karaoglanis, daughter of Peter and Irene Karaoglanis (Cheltenham, Vic), were married on December 12 at Glenhuntly, Melbourne. Greg and Angela plan to continue working and living in Melbourne. Morris Krieg

**Pavlovic—Lutze.** Vladimir Pavlovic, son of Nedeljko and Zorica Pavlovic (Melbourne, Vic), and Rosemary Heidi Lutze (Melbourne), were married on December 5 at the Seddon Yugoslav SDA church. Vladimir and Rosemary plan to set up their home in Melbourne. Chris McClintock

**Wilson—Crozier.** Mark Wilson, son of John Wilson and Nancy Young, and Susan Crozier, daughter of Don and Betty Crozier, were married on October 31 at the Macksville SDA church, NSW. Mark and Sue are combining their gifts in ministry at Waitara church, Sydney. Mike Browning

## Obituaries

**Alexander,** Emily Sophia (nee Steicke), born November 30, 1907, at Katanning, WA; died December 13 at Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyne. Emily was a member of the Queens Park church, and actively involved in church life prior to moving to Sherwin Lodge in 1983. She is survived by her son, Raymond (Scotland), and daughter, Jeanette Smith (Albany, WA). Ian H Royce

**Bertram,** Evelyn Joyce (nee Ellis), born March 24, 1941, at Preston, Vic; died December 18 at Reservoir Private Hospital. Her enthusiastic contribution to the welfare work of the Preston church touched the lives of many in the community. She is survived by her husband, Vic; children, Maretta, Peter and wife, Christine, Heather and Amanda; stepchildren, Terry, Faye, Lynne, Robert, Michael, and their families; brothers and sisters, Beverley, Ronald, Norma, Gwen, Brenda, David, Andrew, Lisa, Stanley and Arthur. Mel Lemke, Kevin Geelan

**Davey,** Albert George, born May 30, 1903, in Charters Towers, northern Queensland; died December 28 at the Adventist Retirement Village Nursing Home, Victoria Point, and was buried in the Redlands Lawn Cemetery. As a young man, he was baptised by Pastor Frank Knight. George and his wife, Ann (nee Whelan), were married over 64 years ago by Pastor W Morris. George served in different capacities, including leading elder in the Brisbane Central church. He is survived by his wife; son, John; daughter, Rosemarie; and two grandchildren. S A Bartlett, E S House

**Gilbert,** Roger Benjamin, born June 1, 1909, at New Norfolk, Tas; died December 29 at Bendigo, Vic. He served in the RAAF during World War II. Following the death of his first wife, Winifred, Roger married Etma in February 1986. He was baptised by Pastor Eric Greenwell in the same year. He is survived by his wife; children, Raymond and Jennifer; and their families. He was predeceased by his son, Peter. L W Ritchie, L Hogarth

**Lee,** William Thomas Alfred, born April 7, 1910, at Scone, NSW; died December 3 at Kingaroy, Qld, and was buried in the Kingaroy Cemetery. William joined the Adventist Church at Muswellbrook in 1986, due mainly to the influence of his second wife, June. He was predeceased by his first wife, Martha, and one son. He is survived by his three sons and four daughters; and wife, June. Teuvo Kallio, E A Raethel

**Ralph,** Montague Arthur (Monty), born September 24, 1919, at Brighton, Vic; died December 24 at Box Hill Hospital. Monty was known for his practical skills and worked most of his life in various engineering enterprises. He joined the SDA Church in 1943. He was a foundation member of the Nunawading church, and voluntary site foreman in the construction of the church and hall. He is survived by his wife, Elsie (Blackburn); sons, Charles (Knoxfield), Kevin (Port Macquarie, NSW), Peter (Mount Evelyn, Vic) and Lindsay (Mooroolbark); daughter, Gaylene Thomson (Dalby, Qld); and brother, Norm (Hoddles Creek, Vic). Tony Campbell, Dick Edwards, Col Berry

**Scott,** Mary Goldie, born December 8, 1903, at Chatswood, NSW; died November 3 in the Forest View Nursing Home, Chatswood. Goldie graduated from Sydney Teachers College, and at the time of her retirement was headmistress at Birchgrove Infants School. She is survived by her sister, Winifred Harrison and members of her family; sister-in-law, Zoe Jones; and close friends. A memorial service was conducted on December 4. Les Parkinson, Colin Lewis, George Metcalfe

**Twine,** Hope Hannah, born July 18, 1909, at Toodyay, WA; died December 18 at Freeman Nursing Home, Perth, and was buried at the Karrakatta Cemetery. Hope worked for many years for the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Carmel. A life-long Adventist, Hope was baptised by Pastor Britten. She served in various capacities in the Bickley and Rossmoyne churches. She is survived by her sisters, Heene Twine and Doris McDonald (both of Rossmoyne); nephews and nieces. M C Bland, M A Chapman

## Advertisements

**Fly'n'Build—Papua New Guinea.** Volunteer carpenters, blocklayers, electricians, plumbers and handymen needed for a special fly'n'build to erect a four-classroom block at the Carr Memorial School in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, during February and March 1994. Please contact team leader, Robbie Erceg, (02) 653 1154, or Pastor Eric White, Volunteer Service Coordinator, (02) 489 7122.

**Volunteer Teachers—Vietnam.** ADRA Vietnam requires the services of two male volunteers to teach in the newly opened English Language Schools. Applicants should be 20 years or older, be a native English speaker and be spiritually mature. Service is for 10-12 months, commencing early 1994. Please contact your local conference Youth Department or Pastor Eric White, Volunteer Service Coordinator, (02) 489 7122.

**Endless Praise** is seeking young, talented voices for 1994. If you feel you have a gift for music and would like to use it through the ministry of Endless Praise, please phone (02) 725 6132 as soon as possible, or write to PO Box 721, Fairfield NSW 2165. We would love to hear from you.

**Bible Lands Tour** leaving May 3, 1994—22 days in Egypt, Petra, Israel with David Down, Turkey optional, or work on a dig for one week. No experience necessary. For free tour brochure write to PO Box 341, Hornsby NSW 2077, or phone (02) 477 3595.

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