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Photographers Give a Positive Image

An audiovisual program, entitled *Strike at the Heart*, produced by Ian Baskin and Martin Willis has been shown in part in both New Zealand and Australia. Mr Baskin (pictured right) and Mr Willis are both skilled in the area of photography and sound.

Fifteen computer-synchronised projectors are to be used to present *Strike at the Heart* in a complete screening at Avondale College on Friday, August 26, in the college church. The screening is part of the college's 1994 Homecoming Weekend.

What I've Learned About Signs



Why do you put those personalities on the cover of *Signs*?" she asked. And from the way she asked it was clear I was about

to hear several reasons why I shouldn't.

But I've learned something about personalities on the cover of *Signs* that was well-illustrated recently by one church that contacted us. They wished we could put Queen Elizabeth on the cover every month because "her" issue was going faster than any other since they've had their *Signs* rack.

It seems many people are attracted to the magazine through the personality on the cover.

And most of these personalities are preaching a message better than we can. When Ray Martin speaks out about family and the marriage commitment (in the August issue), people will take more notice of him than if you or I made the same point. When Oprah Winfrey (September's issue) reveals that she prays (on her knees—just like her grandmother taught her) each evening before she goes to bed, it will be noticed. And what about the commitment and dedication of Mother Teresa (in October's issue)? Her life is recognised as a challenge to selfless service for Christians and non-Christians alike.

Our evangelists have used the drawing power of the personality for decades in their evangelistic advertising. How many people have attended meetings because they saw Tutankhamen on a leaflet or billboard?

I've learned something else about *Signs*. People don't mind the magazine being Adventist—which it openly is. Most issues feature Adventists doing good within the community. It always features the work of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). And always, ADRA receives donations for the projects mentioned.

Because people don't mind the magazine being Adventist, we have no hesitation in featuring the Sabbath or the second coming or even, as we're doing in the October issue, a story about William Miller and the 2300-day prophecy, and another about Ellen White (150 years after the 1844 disappointment).

I've also learned that we're currently receiving more responses from our advertising. In the few months since running Dr Wright's column and advertising his titles, 119 requests for his books have come in. This means 119 homes have been visited by literature evangelists. Some 325 people have signed up for Bible correspondence courses. Although books aren't advertised in *Signs* every month, readers have bought 157 Adventist books in the past 12 months with titles ranging from *Meatless Microwaving*, to the most popular, *The Antichrist and the New World Order*.

I'm learning something else, too. The best years for *Signs of the Times* are in front of us. The magazine is and must continue to develop. We're seeing improvements each year, not only in the magazine, but also in how we choose and prepare articles. And we're continuing to learn—even if from mistakes we've made.

We're determined to keep assessing and working toward making the magazine the best it can be. We're watching

trends within other magazines to see if there's a better way to present our message. And we're always open to suggestions (it was a suggestion from someone outside the publishing house that made us decide to go to the smaller format).

We'll continue to follow Ellen White's counsel for *Signs of the Times* (she was actually writing about the *American Signs*): "Long, dry articles are not wanted for this paper" (*Counsels to Writers and Editors*, page 111).

And we'll continue to follow her strong counsel to preachers: "The truth for this time is to be proclaimed. A decided testimony is to be borne. And the discourses are to be so simple that children can understand them" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 8, page 185). We try to present the messages in *Signs* to a reading age of 10- to 12-year-olds (something *Reader's Digest* and national newspapers have been doing successfully for years).

When James White, on June 4, 1874, first published a weekly missionary paper entitled *The Signs of the Times*, he wanted it to be (as he wrote in the second issue) "not only an expositor of the prophecies, a report of the signs of our times, but also a family, religious and general newspaper for the household." To this he added a comment in the July 23 issue: "Through *The Signs of the Times* we wish to erect thousands of pulpits . . . where we can appeal to the people. . . ."

The look may have changed, we may be 120 years and half a world away, but the purpose of our *Signs of the Times* remains the same.

I've also learned, from the comments of readers and sponsors, that *Signs* is doing what it's meant to be doing.

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Speaks for Many

Dr Hammond's witty letter, "Re: Obituaries in the RECORD" (July 2) speaks for many of us. Anniversaries, Weddings and Obituaries should be mentioned with respect and dignity, not reduced to cold statistics in *our* paper.

It is noticeable that while these items of human interest are severely curtailed, the advertising has blossomed into verbosity. "Positions Vacant" are set out in mid-Victorian splendour of vocabulary. Is it a fact of money wins even over memoria?

Ruth Kreig, WA

The editor has lost hair and sleep on this issue, but there were two reasons for the change. Postal increases have just hit the RECORD (Print Post began on July 23). We don't know the full impact yet, but it will mean several thousand dollars extra in cost. To offset this new cost we have less staff working on the RECORD and less time for the remaining staff to do what used to be done with Noticeboard. And the monthly Adventist Review being trialled during this 12-month period means less space.

Money winning? Advertising income pays more than 10 per cent of total costs and helps keep our RECORD.

Clowning's No Joke

I was distressed by the letters of condemnation concerning Christian clowning ministry (July 16). Having our young people and their outreach compared to spiritualism, voodoo and the occult shows an unnecessary spirit of criticism and intolerance.

Clown ministry is but a small part of a large and active outreach program taken by the group who were criticised. They organise evangelistic rallies, drama, musical outreach and are a very active addition to both church and Sabbath school worship.

Clown ministry is used to bring joy and happiness to other children confined in hospitals and institutions. Why is it that so many people are quick to criticise and condemn our young people's guided efforts?

Lance Nilsson, NSW

Ministering Youth

I was disturbed by the letters condemning clowning. Let me give you a first-hand account on the use of clowns in ministry.

Young people, prepared to give up their two-week school holiday, went to the areas of Gayndah and Mundubbera (western Queensland) to run a Kids Club program (where they used clowning) in the mornings and community service projects in the afternoons (mowing lawns, tidying up gardens, painting a laundry and doing jobs the elderly are unable to do).

Jesus used parables to reach the people of his time. We need to keep our ministries current to meet the needs of those Jesus has told us to minister to. Clowning may not be for everyone—however, it cannot be dismissed as ineffective.

One clown brought on an average 27 children each day to a Kids Club program to hear about our best friend, Jesus. If it takes a clown to bring them in then I'm sure that Jesus is pleased because His little ones have come to sing songs about Him and hear stories told by Him. I've seen clowning in action and know that it works. Let's not hinder the gospel because people use different means to express it.

Name Withheld

Timely Editorial

I would like to thank the president of the South Pacific Division, Dr Bryan Ball, for his timely editorial (July 7), the Statement of Affirmation and also the Declaration of Dependence by Ken Long.

As a member of our church for some 53 years and having survived the tail end of the Fletcher movement, the SDA Reform group, the Brinsmead faction, the Ford group and several other individual ministers going it alone, I thank God for the faith He has given me and that I am able to say, "I'm still here with the present remnant believing in the 27 fundamentals etc."

Could I humbly ask that my name be added to the thousands of other Adventists who, with me, still agree with the Statement of Affirmation?

G B Helsby, WA

Assurance of Support

The call in Moses' time "Who is on the Lord's side?" in Elijah's time "How long halt ye between two opinions?" and in Elisha's time "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" was sounded in Dr Ball's editorial. Thank you for the precious list of names also. We assure him of our love, interest and support. There are mighty Ninevahs coming to the call, yes, precious Ruths, Rahabs and Gideons as well. Everything points to eternal victory.

J Patrick, NSW

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Just a Coincidence...



Maberly Research

An Australian Adventist, Dr Cliff Maberly, is currently directing the Global Mission Buddhist Evangelism Research Center in Bangkok, Thailand. The centre has recently opened two projects in Laos, a country with little Adventist presence. Dr Maberly reports seven Sabbath-keeping families are already meeting in one congregation. The centre is also involved in renewing contact with members disconnected from the church by 33 years of communist isolation.

\$A2000 for Russia

Cooroy (Qld) church member Rene Popovsky, and a group of others, have joined Pastor Gavin Rowe as he travels to Russia to complete a follow-up program consolidating the church set-up in a prior visit by Pastor Ray Kent. Each member of the team is paying their own airfare and living expenses, and is expect-

A First for South Pacific ABC Managers



ed to raise \$A2000 toward the cost of literature (\$A1 provides literature, \$A2, a Bible). Twenty representatives from Adventist Book Centres (ABC) across Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands attended their first ABC sales seminar held in the South Pacific islands. The meetings were prepared specifically for national ABC managers and staff. ABCs now operate in Lae, Port Moresby, Rabaul, Goroka and Mount Hagen. The Signs Publishing Company organised and ran the program, with participants being David Woolley, Signs general manager; Rod Nixon, book department manager from the Signs; Pastor Bruce Campbell, South Pacific Division publishing director; Graham McCutcheon, treasurer and ABC director for Papua New Guinea Mission (PNGUM); Russell Halliday, associate treasurer from PNGUM; and a leading Adventist businessman from Port Moresby, Kila Ware. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of books are being sold across Papua New Guinea and the island nations. The seminars are planned to become an annual event.

Degree in Law

Roger Magnusson, son of Dr Eric (a former principal of Avondale College) and Nainie Magnusson, graduated from Melbourne University, Victoria, with a PhD in law on April 27.

Health Graduate

Leslie White graduated from Curtin University in Western Australia with a Master of Science in Health Sciences. The degree was confirmed *in absentia*, as Mr White is currently serving with World Vision in Vietnam.

Noosa Expo

Advent Expo 2000, a three-nights-a-week program running for 12 weeks and presented by Pastor Nick Kross at the Noosa (Qld) Bi-Centennial Hall annex, began on August 7. Continuing for three weeks, the programs deal with life-

changing issues. Each night a vegetarian entree is served and recipes distributed. Child-care facilities and activities are also available.

Puni on TV

Dr Erika Puni, assistant secretary for the North New Zealand Conference, was the speaker at a televised worship service sponsored by the government of Western Samoa, in Apia on May 29. The service, celebrating the Year of the Family, was televised live. Prime Minister Hon Tofilau Alesana offered a prayer of thanksgiving while the Minister of Women's Affairs read the Scripture. This was the first time that the Seventh-day Adventist Church had received an invitation to participate in a church service on Samoan television since the beginning of TV Samoa a year ago. A summary of the sermon was printed in the government paper *Savalal* the following day.

SAH Resourcer

Melva Lee has been appointed Director of Human Resources for the Sydney Adventist Hospital's (SAH) Human Resource Department. Mrs Lee trained at the SAH, graduating in 1976. She attained her Bachelor of Administration (Nursing) from New England University in 1991 and was, until recently, Assistant Director of Nursing-Personnel for the SAH.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Sonoma Boosted

The technology department of Sonoma Adventist College, Papua New Guinea, has been regenerated since its reopening in 1991. A mechanic and carpenter have been added to the department, volunteers have worked on machinery, the Adventist

Did You Hear . . . ?

. . . About the Adventist whose vegetarian fast-food business is booming even though he's closed from 4 pm Friday to 8.30 pm Saturday?

Preston Bradley opened Faque Burgers three years ago near San Diego State University, San Diego, USA, and it's doing quite well, thank you. There's even talk of franchising.

Customers ask questions at Faque Burgers. Questions like:

- why the business closes for Sabbath hours. He tells them he keeps the Bible Sabbath of rest. During the first year about 30 people a day asked the question.

- how to pronounce the name. "Once they've heard it," he says, "they never forget it."

- what the burgers are made of. He isn't telling except to say they're fresh and he makes them on the premises.—*Insight*



Development and Relief Agency have supplied K2000 of equipment, and K3000 of equipment was donated by Michael Robert and Clem Long. The Grade 7 students, and 16 building students and also teacher education students, are reaping the benefits in classes.

WORLD CHURCH

Laos School

The first Christian school to be reopened in Laos will be an Adventist school. The Korean Union and the Buddhist Evangelism Research Center have developed the plans. The Seventh-day Adventist church is one of four denominations officially recognised by the Laotian government.

On Line

Some 85 Compuserve kits have been purchased by the Georgia and Cumberland Conferences in the USA. All pastors and teachers in the union have been supplied with the kits to assist in communication, giving them access to the SDA database currently on line.

Church in Iraq

Iraq has a growing population of Seventh-day Adventists. On June 18 some 300 people attended the first ordination service of an Adventist minister in Iraq in nearly 20 years. Earlier that

month some 200 people attended a service presented in Bagdad by Pastor Maurice Battle, associate secretary of the General Conference, at which eight young people were baptised. More than 40 per cent of those attending the program were under the age of 35.

Solusi University

Solusi College, an Adventist tertiary institution in Zimbabwe, has been given official university status. Plans are under way for a September inauguration and celebration.

ADRA in Haiti

As the international embargo tightens on Haiti, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) remains first on the list of relief agencies to receive fuel supply rations and has been asked to increase its food distribution recipient base by 50 per cent. The agency's trucks now deliver food to 225,000 Haitians on a daily basis in the capital and the central plateau region. So far the limited fuel supply has not interrupted ADRA's food distribution. Lack of parts for truck maintenance, frequent roadblocks from armed citizens wanting bribes and the lack of security for relief workers threaten the agency's operations. The Adventist hospital in Port-au-Prince remains open, although other area hospitals are shutting down due to lack of fuel and supplies.

Wrongpoint

Brother Andrew Simpson, the principal of St Benedict's Teachers College at Wewak, Papua New Guinea (PNG), is not a Seventh-day Adventist as reported in Flashpoint (July 16). The use of the title "Brother" in the original news report caused some confusion. Brother Simpson belongs to an order of Catholic priests and gave high praise to the appointment of Dr Geoff Gibson of Pacific Adventist College as chairman of PNG's National Association of Teacher Education.

Adventists Suffer in Rwandan Conflict

Although there are no accurate counts of those killed, the Rwandan conflict is believed to have claimed the lives of a considerable number of church workers and members, including two field presidents, reports Pastor David Syme the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) director for the Africa-Indian Ocean Division (AID).

Unconfirmed reports also indicate that a major massacre took place at the church's Mugonero Hospital and church. Hundreds of people are reported to have been killed.

An estimated 120-140 thousand Seventh-day Adventists are among Rwandan refugees now in Zaire, reports Pastor Syme.

At least 300 church workers have been able to cross the border into Zaire, according to Pastor J J Nortey, the president of the AID. Several hundred Adventist refugees are reportedly camping in the church in Goma, Zaire, and in the office compound at the East Zaire Field Office.

Carl Wilkens, the ADRA director for Rwanda who chose to stay behind during the crisis period, is alive and recently visited his family in Kenya. He is currently travelling in Rwanda with the permission of the Rwandan Patriotic Front to evaluate the situation there.

Apart from houses looted at the beginning of the conflict, the Adventist University of Central Africa remained relatively untouched until the fall of Gisenye when the campus was heavily looted by those fleeing to Goma, Zaire. It is reported that looters who returned to the campus and government soldiers were caught and many were killed by the Rwandan Patriotic Front soldiers.

ADRA is currently involved in:

- A 10-15 person medical team is providing basic medical care for refugees. They have 200 cholera kits effective for up to 4000 people.

- Two ADRA trucks are purifying and distributing water.

- 150 tonnes of clothing is being sent to Goma.

- A United Nations plane carrying ADRA goods—including medicines, hoses, water pumps and purification tablets—and a medical team arrived in Goma on July 27.

- Barry Chapman, ADRA-Uganda director, has taken two trucks of food, clothing and water pumps.

ADRA is beginning to concentrate its efforts in areas that will help return the country to normal as soon as possible, including the re-equipping and staffing of the Mugonero Hospital and refurbishing schools used as shelters during the conflict.

ADRA-South Pacific director, Pastor Harry Halliday, expresses deep appreciation of additional support that has enabled the agency to respond in such a positive way in Rwanda. Donations are still needed through ADRA, 146 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076. Donations are tax-deductible in Australia.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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| August 13 | Pathfinder Day
Avondale College Offering |
| August 20 | Sabbath School Emphasis Day |

Building a Paper Bridge

by Lee Dunstan

Ken has a habit. He's had it ever since he traded in his Harley for something safer (with four wheels). Ken picks up hitchhikers.

It began the day after he'd preached a sermon on sharing one's faith: "There's a world out there; we need to relate to the people in it," he'd said, little knowing how soon he'd have to practise his preaching.

On his way to Sydney the next day he chanced upon a hitchhiker, a tough looking character and, against advice and his better judgment, he picked him up.

After travelling a few kilometres the hitchhiker asked to be dropped off. Ken stopped and the hitchhiker climbed out. *I'd better witness. I'd better say something*, he thought and so identified himself as a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

"Oh, a Seventh-day Adventist minister. I was once a Seventh-day Adventist. I even went to a Seventh-day Adventist school," said the stranger. Then, looking Ken in the eye, he said, "Pastor, would it be too much to ask you to pray for me—right here."

After that prayer on the highway, Ken drove off determined that forever he'd be a "pick-up pastor." He'd never pass by a chance to witness, he decided. And he hasn't.

"I've met hundreds of hitchhikers, many like that one, and I've prayed with many of them, too. I don't know the result, but I think it's a little like giving away a copy of *Signs of the Times*," says Ken. "We're often looking for a specific, immediate result, but we're told to just spread the literature and in the kingdom we'll hear the stories of people it has touched."

"I'm glad that right from my early days in evangelism I've always used the *Signs* as my number one piece of literature. I'm positive that it's been an instrument in leading people to a knowledge of our truths."

Ken has always had an interest in classic cars, and so when he drove into a beach-side caravan park in southern New South Wales and spotted a man unloading a shiny, low-slung E-Type

Jaguar, he couldn't help but go over and inquire about it.

"I like your E-Type," said Ken.

"Do you?" the driver responded.

"Yes. I like its colour."

"Do you?"

"It's got a lovely interior."

"You think so?"

That Ken wasn't welcome was clear, but undaunted he lurched on. "How much did you pay for yours?"

"Really, it's none of your business."

What to say? Ken wasn't making any progress.

"I have one, too," he said.

"Well, then, how much did yours cost?"

"My son sent it out to me from the US where he'd owned it for 17 years. I'm restoring it. It didn't cost me anything."

The Berlin Wall was falling and a few minutes later Ken, along with the E-Type owner, was headed off down the road. It was only for 10 minutes, but it was long enough for the man to begin sharing a few problems on his mind.

After the ride he asked Ken what he did for a living.

"I'm a minister of religion," Ken told him.

"I find that hard to believe," he responded. Ken told him he was in town to take a church service.

Later that night there was a knock on the door of Ken's caravan and the E-Type owner asked if he and his friend could visit the Bermagui church to hear Ken preach.

He enjoyed the worship program and stayed for a potluck lunch, a beach walk and closing Sabbath. Late that night he again knocked on Ken's caravan door.

"I just wanted to thank you," he said.

"We enjoyed the walk on the beach and the discussion in church."

The following week, Ken was preaching in Cowra and this time his new friend



Passing *Signs of the Times* to hitchhikers and casual acquaintances has created numerous witnessing opportunities for Ken Mead. "It can become the first step in leading someone to accepting Christ as their personal Saviour."

accompanied him, travelling in Ken's car. Returning to the campground he noticed a copy of *Signs of the Times* in the glove box. Bernhard Langer, the US golfing champion (November 1993), was featured on the cover.

"I like to play myself," he said. "Can I have a read?"

Ken gave him the magazine and the next day he came to Ken and thanked him for it. He had particularly enjoyed an article on lifestyle, he said, and it had given him some ideas on how to cope with the pressures within his own life (he's a business professional).

This acquaintance, but by now a friend, has stayed in touch with Ken since returning home and has attended church—even dropping into worship on his way to the Australian Football League grand final.

He's also asked Ken to officiate at his forthcoming wedding and they often visit in each other's homes. On a recent visit to the businessman's home, filled with expensive furnishings and paintings, Ken was pleased to observe a stack of *Signs of the Times*.

"I haven't any idea of the outcome these—or of the hundreds of *Signs* I've handed to individuals," says Ken, "but as a magazine, people are acclaiming it. It can become the first step in leading someone to accepting Christ as their personal Saviour." □

Sanitarium's Health Check

by Eckhard Kemmerer

Only four years short of its 100th birthday, the Sanitarium Health Food Company has almost finished a complete physical check-up to see what is needed to ensure a healthy business in the next century.

Conceived out of the church's concern for healthy living, the company can proudly point to many achievements by its committed production, sales, accounting and development staff.

Meanwhile, healthy eating has grown from a fringe issue, at the beginning of this century, to being a major concern for the average consumer. Now, most of the public has moved to the position Sanitarium has held all along. And almost all the other major food manufacturers have joined the health bandwagon (often in name only) and made it more difficult for Sanitarium to maintain its unique position in the marketplace.

It was time for a check-up to review the company's strengths and weaknesses.

We realised that, in order for us to recruit talented staff, we needed to offer reasonable and competitive remuneration. Sanitarium is now better positioned to do this by offering salary packages that are competitive with other food manufacturers. This will help add marketing finesse and discipline to existing production and sales strengths.

As well, we've focused on a position we believe no other company can claim: *Health is built into Sanitarium products from the recipe up, not from clever advertising down.*

Independent research by the advertis-

It's Still "So Good"

So Good soy drink has been one of Sanitarium's big successes. The market has grown from nothing in 1986 to worth around \$A42.5 million.

Sanitarium formulated a true milk alternative with a smooth, creamy taste, and all the calcium, vitamins and minerals of milk (*without* cholesterol and lactose).

Up until recently not much was known about lactose intolerance in the community. A CSIRO paper recently produced on the subject (sponsored by Sanitarium) discovered that up to 1.5 million Australians and 590,000 New Zealanders can't drink milk because their stomachs don't contain the enzyme that helps to absorb dairy products.

Sanitarium has launched a major communications campaign to the public as well as to doctors, nutritionists, community health nurses and naturopaths in Australia and New Zealand, helping them understand the problem and treat it more effectively.

As part of this campaign there will be TV interviews and talk-back radio explaining the lactose problem to the community and suggesting So Good is the ideal alternative (which it is!).

There is incredible potential for the soy milk market. So Good currently has 73 per cent of the market share so ... so far, so good.

ing agent Young and Rubicam shows the public hold Sanitarium in high esteem. Esteem is a quality that is earned, not bought. However, the study showed that not enough people are familiar with Sanitarium.

While you can't buy esteem you can, fortunately, buy familiarity and so a new series of advertising campaigns for our major products will lift Sanitarium's familiarity and allow us to launch a number of new healthy foods over the next few years.

Sanitarium has made a commitment not only to get maximum performance from existing products, but also to drive category innovation by continually bringing out new and exciting health foods. In order for us to accomplish this we'll continue to invest in the business,

in creativity and in people.

Sanitarium's final goal, however, is not only for business growth. The board wants to ensure that Sanitarium continues to make its vital contribution to church finances in order to meet the spiritual as well as the physical well-being of Australia, New Zealand ... and beyond. □

Eckhard Kemmerer is the marketing director for Sanitarium Health Food Company.

Fruity Bix—Ripe for Picking

Sanitarium, in Australia, is about to launch its most exciting breakfast cereal since Weet-Bix. New Fruity Bix will be launched in the next few months. Fruity Bix are spoon-sized biscuits that combine the natural goodness of Weet-Bix with tasty real fruit pieces, in two flavours, apricot and tropical.

The breakfast cereal market is extremely competitive and littered with new-product failures. Despite this, Sanitarium is confident that Fruity Bix will be successful. Results from an extensive research program are very positive and the retail trade has accepted the product with overwhelming enthusiasm.



1844: Sick with Disappoint

by Arnold C Reye

The hope and courage of our spiritual forebears provides a model of focused Christian living and witness.

I waited all Tuesday [October 22, 1984],” wrote Millerite Henry Emmons, “and dear Jesus did not come; I waited all the forenoon of Wednesday . . . but after 12 o’clock I began to feel faint . . . my natural strength was leaving me fast, and I lay prostrate for two days without any pain—sick with disappointment.”

Hope and disappointment are twin emotions of the Christian life. But the experience of the Millerite believers in the years 1843 and 1844 represents one of the strongest examples of the tension between these two emotions.

Millerites believed “about the year 1843” was their year of liberation, the year of the Second Advent. Initially reluctant to be specific, by January 1843 William Miller advised his fellow adventists: “I am fully convinced that some time between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844, . . . Christ will come, and bring all his saints with him. . . .” He based this on the 2300-day prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and his understanding of the Jewish calendar.

The faith of some wavered through pressures created by their own expectations—and those of the watching world. Fanatic tendencies by small but visible fringe groups also caused the Millerites problems. In the face of these dangers, Miller said: “Keep cool; let patience have its perfect work. . . .”

Most accepted Miller’s advice, going about their work in a serious manner, but filled with an air of expectancy and urgency, feeling unbelievers needed to be told of the imminent return of Jesus. Evangelism was done enthusiastically by new speakers such as Elon Galusha, George Storrs and Joseph Marsh, joining Charles Fitch, Josiah Litch and Joseph Bates on the preaching circuit.

During the “year of the end” Miller’s health was fragile. A decade of almost continuous preaching and travel had

taken its toll and his 61-year-old body said “enough.” Despite his disappointment at having to leave the work to others, Miller rejoiced that his wife and eight children all shared his expectation of the imminence of the second coming.

A determined effort was made to evangelise not only America’s Southern States and western frontier, but also Great Britain and Scandinavia. The printed page was sent where ministers could not go. Extensive use was made of books, pamphlets and leaflets as well as periodicals such as *Signs of the Times*, *The Midnight Cry* and *The Voice of Elijah*. By November, Litch could declare that Millerite publications had reached “the various parts of the four quarters of the earth and various islands of the sea.”

To sustain the faith and hope of the believers, Millerites used camp-meetings and conferences, and they established Second Advent Associations. Although not an intended outcome, Millerites were alienated by the mainstream Protestant churches and experienced opposition due to those activities, and the advent thrust of Millerite preaching and interpretation of premillennial events.

Pulpits were no longer offered to Millerite preachers and many believers were disfellowshipped. For example, Ellen Harmon’s family were members of the Methodist church in Portland, Maine. In September 1843 they were placed on trial and disfellowshipped.

Millerites became convinced that these churches had become a part of Babylon and were doing the work of the antichrist. So Charles Fitch urged, “If you are a Christian, *come out of Babylon!* If you intend to be found a Christian when Christ appears, *come out of Babylon*, and come out now!” And they came out in their thousands.

As Millerite evangelism reached a new peak, opposition from society also increased. Hooligans tried to break up meetings, the religious and secular press engaged in ridicule and slander, and they were taunted with ditties such as “Millerite! Millerite!

When are you going up?”

Cartoonists enjoyed depicting, in a variety of modes, the ascension of the Millerites. There was little that could be done except grin and bear it or respond with equal wit.

A Congregational minister, on meeting James White, exclaimed: “Why, Mr White, are you yet in the land of the living?” To which James White quietly responded: “No, sir. I am in the land of the dying, but at the soon coming of the Lord I expect to go to the land of the living.”

The predicted “year of the end” concluded on March 21, 1844. Millerites faced the days before the 21st with hope and anticipation. Itinerant preachers returned to their homes to share the blessed event in the company of their families. But the day came and went—and the disappointed ones had to face the laughter of their critics and their own self-doubts.

While disappointed, Miller didn’t share such doubt. In a letter to Joshua Himes written four days after the disappointment, he said: “I am still looking for the dear Saviour, the Son of God from Heaven, and for the fulfilment of the promise. . . . I expect every moment to see the Saviour descend from heaven. I have now nothing to look for but this glorious hope.”

While some lost their faith and hope, the leaders and most followers continued to wait with eager expectancy.

In their search for meaning and understanding, the Millerites came across a number of scriptural passages that took on new meaning. Habakkuk 2:2, 3, Matthew 25:1-13 and Hebrews 10:36-39 each spoke of a “tarrying time.” This postdisappointment period must, they concluded, be the tarrying time. They believed their responsibility was, then, to rekindle enthusiasm and persevere in preaching the second advent.

By late June 1844, evangelists recommenced their preaching and witness to a scoffing world. In July, William Miller undertook a preaching tour and in one

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city drew an audience of over 4000 people.

In addition to renewed evangelistic zeal, camp-meetings were reinstituted to nurture the believers. One camp-meeting convened at Exeter, New Hampshire, in August 1844. Joseph Bates was a principal speaker, but found it hard to enthuse the gathered believers. They'd heard it all before and wanted nothing but affirmation of their hope. This came unexpectedly.

During a morning session Bates was preaching, but felt his words were falling on tired ears. Suddenly his preaching was interrupted by a woman calling in a loud voice: "It is too late to spend time on these truths . . . [they] have served their purpose and their time." Then, turning to a man beside her, she added: "Here is a man with a message from God."

The man was her brother, Samuel S. Snow, who had just ridden onto the campground. Snow argued that the fulfilment of the 2300-day prophecy (Daniel 8:14) would take place in the autumn of 1844. His study of the Jewish religious year convinced Snow that the cleansing of the sanctuary would be fulfilled on the Jewish Day of Atonement, that is, on the tenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. Using Karaite Jewish reckoning, Snow arrived at the date October 22, 1844.

Snow's revelation galvanised the Exeter camp into action. They had a specific date and they had only two months in which to provide a final warning. Although Miller and Himes and some other Millerite leaders were most reluctant to focus on a specific date, others had no such inhibitions. Acceptance of October 22 ran through the Millerite ranks like a rampant bushfire. From "Lo, the bridegroom tarrieth," the rallying call became "Behold, the bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet him."

The new enthusiasm and feeling of inexpressible joy was summed up by George Storrs when he wrote, "I take up my pen with feelings such as I never

before experienced. Beyond a doubt, in my mind, the tenth day of the seventh month, will witness the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven. We are then within a few days of that event." With these strong feelings of expectancy, Storrs and the others launched themselves into heralding "the True Midnight Cry."

Ultimately, even Miller and Himes accepted October 22. Unbeknown to the other, both accepted the advent date on the same day, October 6. Miller wrote to Himes and declared, "I see a glory in the seventh month which I never saw before . . . I see a beauty, a

The Millerite movement fragmented into smaller groups.

harmony, an agreement in the Scriptures, for which I have long prayed, but did not see until today."

How did the Millerites spend the last days leading to October 22? Besides warning unbelievers, they confessed their sins and righted wrongs. Many sold their assets and contributed the money to spread the "final" warning message. Some ceased their business activities and forgave debtors. Some farmers neglected their crops, giving away their animals. Some said goodbye to unbelieving relatives.

In retrospect this appears extreme, but what would you care of material things if you were totally convinced Christ would return within days? Within the context of the times, this was perfectly rational and consistent behaviour. They believed Christ was "at the door," nothing else mattered.

By the eve of October 22 most of the estimated 150,000* Millerites had retired to the places where they wanted to meet Christ: in private homes, in

churches, or at some other place special to them. Most waited calmly; a few were anxious and fearful. All waited in vain. The 22nd came and went and left the Millerites numbed and reeling.

"Sick with disappointment," said it all. As they gradually moved to pick up the pieces of their lives, even the jeering and mocking of the world had little impact. Some lost all hope, some quietly went back to their former churches, but others retained their hope and complete confidence in Scripture and in the truth of Christ's promise of return.

One of these was Miller. "I have been waiting and looking for the blessed hope, and in expectation of realising the glorious things which God has spoken of Zion. Yes, and although I have been twice disappointed, I am not yet cast down or discouraged. . . . My mind is perfectly calm, and my hope in the coming of Christ is as strong as ever," he wrote on November 10. What courage! What hope!

Following this Great Disappointment the Millerite movement fragmented into smaller groups, each looking to find strength and meaning. It was one of these groups that eventually emerged as the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The hope and courage demonstrated by our spiritual forebears provides for us a model of focused Christian living and witness. Given the technology and resources available today, what might we achieve in proclaiming the gospel were we filled with like zeal and determination? □

**The total number of Millerites on the eve of October 22 is not known with certainty. William Miller gave a conservative figure of 50,000. The American Antiquarian Society has estimated the figure at between 150 and 200,000.*

Arnold C. Reye is the education director for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference.



Adventist Education Breakthrough



Pictured from the left are: Mr G Ludbrook, local government member; Alan French, principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy; and Ross Reid, director of education for the Victorian Conference, watching students, as they access the new computerised library system.

Lilydale Academy's (Vic) computerised library facilities, officially opened on July 19, have meant an expansion in access to information for academy students, linking with Victorian Conference colleges, Gilson, Nunawading and Mildura.

"This is an exciting venture," said Graham Ludbrook, Area Director of the Department of Employment, Education and Training for the North East of Victoria. "The \$A64,000 given in government

grants has meant that the academy will be running, what for some, will be viewed a pilot system."

Books, and all newspaper clippings from the library's vertical files, will be transferred on to disk and CD ROM. All will be accessible to students through any computer in the school at any time, and also from their homes, should they possess a computer and modem.

Each student will be given a password to access their own file, which they can use to work with and store assignments on the school's hard disk. If students have a modem, they can store their file on a Bulletin Board and use it on their home computer.

As part of the package, each of the linked schools has been supplied with a computer, laser printer and modem access connections. The cost was included in the funding given by the government, the academy and the Victorian Conference.

"It is expected that in five years time students will be buying their textbooks on CD ROM," says academy principal Mr Alan French. "Some schools have already listed computer notebooks as part of Year 7 equipment so they can more readily access CD ROM materials."

"With the installation of our new library facilities we are more than up to date, and are giving our students skills in the use of new technology."

The OPAC multimedia system used by the school runs video with sound and graphics, rather than just text. The system has been simplified as much as possible to make it user friendly to students. The school has a capacity for 60 computers.

The system was opened in front of students and staff of the academy by Mr Ludbrook. Guests present at the official opening of the new system were; Dr John Waters, Trans-Australian Union Conference education director; Ross Reid, Victorian Education Department director; Anne-Marie Peate, School's System Development Officer for the Victorian Conference; and Victorian Adventist Education Foundation Development Officer and Tony Morgan, principal of Nunawading Adventist College.



Government funding to Lilydale Adventist Academy was made because all three Adventist secondary colleges in Victoria would have access to the new library system.

ADRA Buries Thousands in Rwanda

The director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Uganda, Barry Chapman, (an Australian) and a team of 30 have spent the past six weeks pulling corpses and body parts from Lake Victoria and burying them on the shore.

"We're just glad its over," reports Mr Chapman. "The whole thing was so horrible, so exhausting. We just want to move on to other work and get our

minds off this job."

The ADRA-Australia director, Pastor Harry Halliday, reports that ADRA-Australia had provided a tractor, body bags and antiseptic to help with what he said had become a "horrible health hazard."

Since May, ADRA has worked with three other humanitarian agencies to clean up Lake Victoria, clogged with decomposing bodies. The bodies,

results of the Rwandan tribal massacres, were dumped into the Kagera River in Rwanda and carried by the current into Lake Victoria.

The ADRA team buried more than 1000 bodies on the 10-kilometre stretch of beach assigned to them by the Ugandan government. According to Mr Chapman, the beach is 150 kilometres north of where the Kagera River flows into Lake Victoria. "In other

words, the corpses that have drifted this far are a fraction of those on the lake," he says. Zaire and Tanzania, countries that also border the lake, have shorelines that are also inundated with rotting corpses.

Early United Nations estimates projected the number of bodies in Lake Victoria to be 25-40,000. The Ugandan government estimated that 10-12,000 bodies drifted into their waters. Of these approximately 11,000 were recovered by ADRA and its three partner agencies, and buried in Uganda.

Mr Chapman praised the other three agencies for rallying together and helping with the clean-up effort.

"Our project went smoothly; all the workers did a fine job," said Mr Chapman. "It was one of the most difficult tasks I've done in my life; the impact of this job will remain with us forever. To stand on an open shallow grave of 30 people—it's an emotional experience."

Although they don't relish the idea, Mr Chapman and his crew recognise the possibility that they might be called back. "If that happens, we're ready," he said.

In addition to the clean up operation, ADRA-Uganda's office recently delivered eight tonnes of food to a refugee camp on the southern Ugandan border, and will continue to do so every week for as long as necessary. High-calorie, vitamin-fortified foodstuffs supplied by ADRA are being transported by the Red Cross.

Some 10,000 people occupy the refugee camp, which is maintained by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Red Cross. These organisations reportedly anticipate that the camp will be necessary for some time, and plan to operate for at least the next six months.

Global Mission on Christmas Island

Key opportunities for witnessing in the Christmas Islands, a Global Mission area adopted by the Western Australian Conference, have resulted from the June visit of Pastor Ken Vogel, the Western Australian Conference president.

The Western Australian Conference at its session in 1991 formally adopted Christmas Island and Cocos Islands as part of their territory. An Adventist couple, Jarl and Gay Andersson, now live on the island. Jarl is director of Government and Corporate Services and secretary of the island government administration.

Pastor Vogel reports that he feels there are many ways that the church could be involved in Christmas Island. Senior high school students could be boarded at Carmel Adventist College; children's holiday programs could be run by youth, along with community development projects; Seventh-day Adventist doctors could do locum work at the public hospital (Dr Ross Jose of Rockingham worked there for two weeks in July).

"The most powerful influence is people who personally know and love Christ rubbing shoulders with other people," says Pastor Vogel. "Gay and Jarl Andersson are just two. The more people who join with them, such as teachers (preschool through to Year 10), hospital staff, public servants etc, the greater the influence."

"Christmas Island is more than 135 square miles of land lying 2620 kilometres from Perth. It is populated by people desperately needing the knowledge of a loving personal God who assures their salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for sin. This salvation is available to all who believe. But they need to know so they can believe. Let us pray and even sacrifice to make that happen."



Mrs Gay Andersson (pictured left) with the committee members of the Women's Association, representing all cultural groups of the island.

Photo: K Vogel



Mr Jarl Andersson (pictured) and his wife, Gay, an Adventist couple, are committing themselves to Christian witnessing on Christmas Island.

Photo: K Vogel

Church Continues to See Growth in Fiji

Stories of amazing church growth are plentiful in the Fiji archipelago of 300 islands. From very difficult and small beginnings in 1891 there are now over 17,000 church members in a population of 750,000.

At the grave of

pioneer missionary John I Tay, the Fiji Mission treasurer, Pastor Aisea Vaciloa, told the writer (Pastor Des Hills) that "there are 25 churches and companies in Suva alone and 160 in Fiji. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the fourth largest church in Fiji."

In the pioneer days one man crossed the Wainimakutu River about 30 times to take the Sabbath truth to

several villages in a remote valley. Today there are more than 200 church members in these predominantly Seventh-day villages. The members worship in three modern church buildings, but one has to be rebuilt due to extensive damage by Cyclone Kina.

On my visit to these villages on the main island of Viti Levu I met the man who walked into the valley more than 70 years ago. Timoci (Timothy)



Caginikaibau was excited as he recounted the story of his grandfather, who learned of the Sabbath truth from a tract distributed in prison in the days of Pastor John Fulton.

These villages do not have electricity, but they have the light of the everlasting gospel. By the light of a kerosene lamp I shared with those gathered in the com-

munity hall the challenge for Christians to walk in the light of the world. Their enthusiastic response was inspirational to the visitors.

"Fly'n'build teams from Australian and New Zealand have built 10 churches in 15 months," reports mission president Pastor Roger Nixon. An Indian evangelistic centre is now being con-

structed in Kinoya, Suva. The funds were provided by a 13th Sabbath Offering."

Fiji is an amazing story of amazing growth. There were 1258 people baptised in 1993, perhaps the second highest in 103 years of the church's presence. More than ever there is a need to evangelise.—Des Hills

Media Drawn to Church Opening

More than 600 people attended the two-day celebrations for the opening of the new Alstonville Seventh-day Adventist church, NSW, June 18, 19. People from the community, and church members and friends from Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle and the North Coast of NSW witnessed the opening.

The Alstonville church was first established in 1979 when 30 members from the Lismore and Ballina churches hived off and met in local halls. In 1982, land was purchased in Pearces Creek Road, and the construction of a hall commenced in 1984. Sixteen families pledged \$A10 a week over a five-year period to raise the funds needed.

The hall was used for worship for about eight years, but overcrowding motivated the members to start fundraising for a church. A contract was signed and building commenced in 1993. The church has a membership approaching 200.

Personal invitations were sent to individuals and the entire area letterboxed. The local media gave extensive news coverage prior to the opening, creating a wider interest in the community. The publication of a three-page

special feature that appeared in the *Northern Star* (circulation of 35,000) two days before the opening focused on the activities of the church, its services and directory. There was further news coverage in the press, on radio and TV following the opening.

In commending the church for its sense of involvement in the community, Don Page, MP for Ballina, said at the June 19 opening, "This [the new church] says something of the spirit and commitment of the members. Examples have been your *Quit Now!* program, which has helped many to break the smoking habit, and your nutrition and vegetarian cooking classes have been appreciated. Your Pathfinder club is a great training program for young people, and your hospitals and schools are all evidence of your community focus.

"If a church is to be relevant in the future, it will have to be community focused and be working in a practical way for people. The Christian values for which you stand are needed in the community, and I hope you will continue to let your influence be felt."

The church ministers to a wide age group. Attending the opening of the new church was 101-year-old Mrs Martha Rosolen, a Seventh-day Adventist since 1954.

"I can't read now," says Mrs Rosolen, "but Pastor Ernie Krause usually comes on a Friday evening and reads the Bible with me and we open Sabbath together."

The youngest in church that day, nine-weeks-old Joshua Barclay, was dedicated by Pastor Krause. Joshua is son of Richard and Lynne Barclay, and brother to sisters Tiarna (three) and Chloe (five).

The church's dedicatory address as made by Pastor Rex Moe, president of



The youngest person at the program was Joshua Barclay, who was dedicated by Pastor Ernie Krause.

the North New South Wales Conference, who pointed out that everything we possess belongs to God and has been purchased by the sacrifice of Christ.

Pastor Laurie Evans, secretary of the South Pacific Division, spoke of true temple worship at the church opening.

"Jesus' message to the woman of Samaria was that worship centres in a person, not in a place. Worship is rooted in truth not in tradition. Worship grows out of an inward desire to express God, not an external facade of piety," said Pastor Evans.

"Passion for the lost was the central focus of the New Testament church. They preached Christ in the marketplace, they preached Christ in the cities of the earth, they preached Christ in the cathedral, they preached Christ in the streets. It was this passion that enabled Paul to say that the gospel had been preached to 'all the world' in his time.

"The witness of the believers must be Christ-centred, Bible-based and Holy-Spirit driven."—R Brown



Martha Rosolen, at 101 years of age, was the oldest attendant of the opening celebrations.

Photo: R Brown

Dad's Best Friend

Hil My name is Brendon Oliver and I'm 12 years old. To discover more about what God is like I interviewed my father, Dr Barry Oliver. He's senior lecturer in Ministry and Missions at Avondale College.

When and how did you find out about God's love for you?

I'm not exactly sure when I found out God loved me and wanted to save me, but I was fairly young.

My mother and father helped me learn about God's love. They showed me what a good friend God is. They studied the Bible and prayed together. When I realised the pain Jesus went through to save me I knew God loved me. I decided to let God save me and now we're best friends.

How do you know whether God is with you?

Lots of different ways. There's the prayers God has answered for me, and the miracles He's done. Without God there would be lots of questions in life I couldn't answer.

When I see the stars, the beauty of nature and all the other things God has made in our world, I know God is

with me. When I see love and goodness in people, I know God is real.

The detail of the human body and how every part of it works together so perfectly tells me that there just

has to be a God who is with me too.

When I read my Bible God tells me about his awesome love. It helps me to know God is always with me.



Brendon Oliver and his dad.

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God makes all the difference for good all the time! God has helped me in my life to avoid all the problems that many people have—and to deal with the problems that do come along. God has a huge part in my life, sharing and guiding me through everything.

Does God ever talk to you?

Sometimes I feel God's "gentle touch." At other times it's as if He takes hold of me and says, "Don't do it that way." For example, not so long ago when I was speaking, at the Hillview church weekend retreat at Riverwood Downs, I changed the sermon just before I was going to preach it. I was strangely impressed to do that. I knew God wanted me to do that. It is an awesome thing to know God is moving you.

Has God been a good friend all your life so far?

Always. God shows me the path to follow in life and the best way to go. God is definitely my best friend.

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Weddings

Barton—Nielson. Kelvin Barton, son of Daniel and Janet Barton (Gisborne, New Zealand), and Sarah Nielson, daughter of George and Glenis Nielson (Taurangaparua), were married on May 2 at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs J McGarva, at Makaraka. Ron Lewis

Chung—Ahn. Jin Hun Chung, son of Mr and Mrs Dong Kok Chung (Sydney, NSW), and Jeong Sook Ahn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sun Ho Ahn (Korea), were married on July 10 in the Sydney Chinese church. James Wong

Crisp—Twynham. Mark Crisp, son of Ian and Eileen Crisp (Townsville, Qld), and Lisa Twynham, daughter of Martin and Carol Twynham (Mount Colah, Sydney, NSW), were married on July 10 at the Galston SDA church. Eric White

Drewer—Willis. Geoffrey Drewer, son of Robert and Pauline Drewer (Cooranbong, NSW), and Timothea Willis, grand-daughter of Irene Willis (Cardiff) and the late Arthur Willis, were married on July 10 at the Charlestown SDA church.

Ray Mitchell, Wilfred Pascoe

Evans—Hodder. Craig John Evans, son of John and Betty Evans (Cessnock, NSW), and Caroline Maree Hodder, daughter, of Errol and Dorothy Hodder (Brisbane, Qld), were married on June 26 at the Park Ridge church, Brisbane, Qld. Bruce Price

Falzon—Falzon. Trevor John Falzon, son of Victor and Shirley Falzon (Mackay, Qld), and Kaye Lorraine Falzon (nee Garnham), daughter of Ernie and Beryl Garnham (Carmilla), were married on June 12 at the Mackay Central church. Arthur Faro

Erika—Teoteo. Solomon Fa'amanu Erika and Sialae Sandra Valasi Teoteo were married on May 15 at Wantirna SDA church, Melbourne, Vic. Phillip Brown

Kidd—Smith. David Kidd, son of Alex and Merle Kidd (Brisbane, Qld), and Odele Smith, daughter of Calvin and Joy Smith (Tekauwhata, New Zealand), were married on June 14 at St Augustines Holy Trinity church, Devonport, Auckland. Murray Spackman, John Denne

Powrie—Johnson. Jonathan Wayne Powrie, son of Leon and Dorothy Powrie (Warburton, Vic), and Wendy Evol Johnson, daughter of Arthur and Sibilla Johnson (Warburton), were married on July 3 at the Warburton SDA church. Trevor Rowe

Serra—Heckendorf. Kyle Dwayne Serra, son of Bob and Judy Serra (Plattsburgh, New York, USA), and Elizabeth Arlie Heckendorf, daughter of

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