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Adventist Pilot Receives Award

Squadron Leader Gregory Evans, a Seventh-day Adventist, was awarded the Order of Australia (OA), Military Division, earlier this year for services to the Royal Australian Air Force as Operations Flight Commander No 36 Squadron.

A graduate of Avondale College, Cooranbong (NSW), in 1980, Mr Evans taught at Newcastle Seventh-day Adventist High School in Hamilton. His interest in aviation led him to begin flying lessons at Avondale Flying School. As this became more than he could afford, he followed a childhood dream, and applied for the RAAF so that he could fly Hercules transport aircraft.

He was accepted in February 1981, and graduated in June 1992. He was selected for pilot duties ahead of others in his peer group, an indicator of his ability.

His OA citation reads, "He has earned this respect through his energy, dedication, outstanding professional knowledge, exceptional flying skills and his overall leadership abilities."

Mr Evans is pictured (right) shaking hands with the Governor of New South Wales, Rear Admiral Peter Ross Sinclair, at the award presentation.

Seen, but Not . . . What?



Three different scenes in three different churches one Sabbath morning. Maybe you'll recognise one of them.

Scene 1: A five-year-old walks shyly to the front of the church and stands on the spot marked out for her. She begins to recite a poem about sharing.

Two lines into the poem her voice drops, slows and then she stops. She looks down at Mum in the front pew. Mum whispers the next few words.

Memory back, confidence too, the girl moves into the rest of the poem. Her skirt swirls to the left and then to the right and back and forth as she moves with the rhythm of her voice.

When she finishes she half walks, half runs back to her mother and together they go back to their seat.

Scene 2: It's offering time. Today the offering is being taken up by the primary-school-aged sons and daughters of deacons and deaconesses. Their mothers or fathers stand beside them as they pass out the offering bags.

Some look nervous. Some take this very seriously. A couple have cheeky grins.

After they finish taking up the offering they file, father-son, mother-daughter, father-daughter, mother-son, to the front of the church. They bow their heads as an elder prays over the offering. There are no smiles now. This is serious.

Then the children place the offering on the table at the front of the church

and go back to sit with their parents.

Scene 3: The children's story time brings children hurrying to the front. The pastor has the story today and he's a good storyteller. You can see that the children like this part of church.

He's dramatising the story of the lost sheep, involving the children in the search for the little sheep lost in the wilderness. There are a few laughs from the congregation as the pastor leads the children from place to place across the front of the church in search of the sheep. They stop occasionally to listen for his cries.

Finally they discover the lost sheep. He wasn't in the wilderness after all; he was behind the organ.

Then, for a moment, the pastor quietly talks to them about how God cares for them. He asks them to put their hands up if they want to be God's person.

All hands go up.

The story over, the organist plays the introduction to a hymn as the children go back to their seats.

Maybe one of those scenes, or a variation on one of them, was played out in your church today. Why?

Nobody can remember the poem the girl recited—except her parents, who lived through the never-ending practising. All the others remember is that she scored 10 on the cuteness scale. Was it worth it?

Should the deacons be relinquishing their role into the hands of the unordained?

And are we just entertaining children (bribing them?) by having a story? In my day (at this point you're meant to feel sorry for the strict

upbringing I had) all I was allowed for entertainment in church was a hymn-book and a hanky. Should it be any different now? Besides, don't those children have Sabbath school to do some of those creative, fun things?

Let's get serious about church, right?

Right! Serious enough to say to children that they are a part of the church. That it is their church as well as the grown-ups. That they will be encouraged to lisp their way through a Scripture reading, or an appropriate poem, or a simple song for the church. That they can assist the adults in the tasks of the church. That there will be a message specially designed for them.

What kind of signal does this give the children? It says that the church where this happens for them is *their* church. The church is building memories for them. The church is training them.

And just as the pastor challenges adult hearts and minds, we'll want him, and others, to ask the children for commitment as well—a commitment aimed at their level.

Asking *Why do we do this?* is always a valuable question. It's a question that should be asked about the kind of involvement that's suitable and effective for children.

In writing about "public worship," Ellen White comments: "While we worship God, we are not to consider this a drudgery. The Sabbath of the Lord is to be made a blessing to us and to our children" (*Child Guidance*, page 531).

Should children be involved in the worship service? I think I know what the One who once said, "Forbid them not," would say.

Bruce Manners

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We Should Know

In his editorial (July 9), Dr Bryan Ball mentioned two issues causing confusion and division in the church. These are the nature of sin and the nature of Christ.

I recently conducted an informal survey in our Sabbath school and discovered that only about 20 per cent of members present had any definite idea about what the church believed on the subject of the nature of Christ.

If our church leaders are concerned about the confusion, and if this issue is important to an understanding of the gospel, then why are the people not informed? Anyone interested should read *The Man Who Is God* by Dr Edward Heppenstall.

Martin Poels, ACT

Question of Loyalty

In this end-time era, the remnant church is desperately in need of genuine loyalty, because into our denomination has crept offshoots, critics and apostasy.

There are those who meet outside of regular church service and criticise the ministry and never come to a knowledge of the truth. There is a questioning of interpretation of the Scriptures, repudiation of the Spirit of Prophecy, Sabbath-keeping carelessness and even Sunday observance.

Anyone who denigrates the Spirit of Prophecy is not a genuine Seventh-day Adventist. Millions have been influenced to the truth by the likes of *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of the Ages* and *The Great Controversy*. The church is feeble and defective, but it is still the apple of Christ's eye. So instead of bickering, scandalising and not attending church, try uplifting and supporting for a change. Genuine loyalty is catching. Let us copy Christ. And try Galatians 2:20 for the ills in our church.

R Roy, NSW

Reason for Right Wing

We support Dr Bryan Ball's call for healing and unity. We are not and never have been members of any "independent" group. We have, however, been closely associated with people on both sides of the fence. The tragedy is that the situation should never have arisen.

Let us not forget the origin of the protest groups in the South Pacific Division. During the '70s loyal soul-winners warned the church administration of the time of dangers in Dr Des Ford's

teachings. When their warnings were rejected, the Concerned Brethren felt duty-bound to publicly give warnings.

Despite our church's official position after Glacier View, there was, evidently, support for Ford and his theology coupled with often shabby treatment of those taking a stand against it.

The failure of administration to take a clear, public stand against the new theology or to recognise the legitimate concerns of those protesting the church's perceived drive toward apostasy, resulted in the entrenchment of critical right-wing groups and the spawning of aberrant fringe groups.

Left-wing groups whose beliefs and practices are also of concern to mainstream Adventists, however, seem to have thrived unchallenged. This perceived inconsistency fosters suspicion even among members and erodes the credibility of public declarations.

Rod and Cheryl Cooke, Qld

Say No to NCCA

Thank you for the editorial "Should We Join?" (July 23). No! A thousand times, no! Even if the NCCA constitution does assure Seventh-day Adventists that as members their individuality would be preserved and their theological differences defended, thinking people would still say that the church must agree with NCCA decisions, for they [SDAs] are members.

Our understanding of truth in Christ,

the Sabbath, the state of the dead and the sanctuary stand in contrast to so much of what other members of the NCCA believe. For us to join, then, would be reason to ridicule us.

I suggest all Adventists read the chapter "Impending Conflict" in *The Great Controversy*. Anyone who can read that and still think that we should join the NCCA is not thinking along the lines of truth. Isaiah 8:12 suggests that God's people should not make alliances with those opposed to us. G B Helsby, WA

No Change, Please

I felt sad at the suggestion ("Ordinances and Practices," Letters, July 23) that the service of humility and the Lord's Supper should be reduced to once a year and also at the use of the words "boring" and "meaningless."

This is a service of deep meaning and blessing and each believer should prepare prior to attending, carrying out the admonition of 1 Corinthians 11:26-29. Rich fellowship can be experienced in the act of humiliation. As well as remembering His death, this is a time to look forward to our Lord's return when we'll drink the fruit of the vine with Him.

Vi Munnerley, NSW

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Just a Coincidence...



Sales Up

Publishing Department book sales for July 1994 increased by 41.9 per cent on July sales for 1993. The month's sales were \$A155,000.

NA Appeal



Photo: E Watts

A total \$A15,540 was collected for the Adventist Annual Appeal north-west of Australia—in Broome, Derby and the towns of the Pilbara—from June 26 to August 1 by Ruth Watts, Bill Chapman, Nick Pellicciotta, Lin Kenworthy and Ted Watts. During the 37-day journey they travelled more than 8400 kilometres and gave away some 7000 "Try Jesus" leaflets and more than 2000 *Signs of the Times*. The team is pictured.

Youth Institute

A training institute for youth ministers was conducted by the Trans-Australian Union Conference at Lilydale Adventist Academy, Victoria, recently. This second training institute featured Dr Steve Case from California, USA. "It was excellent to observe how keen the pastors were to help their churches' young

people to develop a mature faith in Jesus," says Pastor Allan Walshe, the institute's director.

Refuge Needed

In the past three years some 600 people have been turned away from the Sanctuary 7 refuge, Queensland, due to lack of space. Recently some 10 children were living in the refuge—one child had its first birthday. Volunteer teachers presented craft activities during school holidays and a trip to Currumbin Bird Sanctuary was arranged free of charge. "Our prayer for the last months of 1994 is for your continual prayers for the staff, the women and their partners, and especially for the children," says Pat McGrath, the coordinator.

Patient Support

The first West Australian Adventists to be counsellors with the Australian Cardiac Association, Brian Alexander and his wife, Gwenda, say only those who have had the cut in their chest can be counsellors. "There are 120,000 people in Australia each year who have open-heart surgery," says Mr Alexander, who has had the operation. "They need to talk to someone confidentially and ask questions of someone who has been through it too. Because it takes a very long time to recover, some people require counselling for up to two years. We are glad that as Seventh-day Adventists we have more to offer these people than just a listening

ear."—*Biclink*.

Knitted With Love



Photo: H Halliday

Some 5000 hand-knitted wraps have been sent through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)-South Pacific to those in need in the former Yugoslavia, Fiji, Zambia and Rwanda. Patricia Muller (ADRA-South Pacific) is pictured holding a wrap knitted by visually impaired 94-year-old Mildred O'Day from the Tamworth district, NSW.

Cornet Champion



Just three years after taking up the cornet, Nunawading Adventist College student Jarred Gilson (pictured) has won the Victorian Junior Cornet Championships. The Year 9 student also took second place in the Soprano section for the State Championships. Earlier this year Jarred came third in the National Soprano Cornet Championships. Four generations of Gilsens have played in Melbourne's Adventist Brass Band, of

which Jarred is now a member. His great-grandfather started the band in 1924.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Pacific Video

A new Pacific music video has just been released by the Adventist Media Centre offering a variety of music—from traditional choirs and quartets to modern guitars and synthesizers. The tape "Keep on Singing" was filmed entirely in Papua New Guinea as part of a Pastor Tony Kemo evangelistic series. All the songs on the one-hour tape are in English. Tapes are available from Pacific Adventist College, Adventist Book Centres or the Adventist Media Centre.

WORLD CHURCH

Indian Youth

During the past two years, 35 people have been baptised in Pollachi, India, a city that previously had no Adventist presence. Giftson Chandran and Immanuel Dorairaj, two Spicer College students, presented simple health programs and invited the people to study the Bible. The work was not easy, for community leaders created resistance. Dr K J Moses, Global Mission coordinator for the Southern Asia Division, dedicated their new chapel.

International TV

An Adventist Development and Relief Agency employee recently appeared on "Good Morning America." John Wilcox (ADRA) was watched by more than 25 million people as a guest for a segment on how relief workers deal with post-traumatic stress, which aired on

Did You Hear . . . ?

. . . About Bickley church (WA) member Doug Major, who had his name misreported in the local community newspaper recently? In the report he was identified as Bickley Seventh-day Adventist church's treasurer, Major Dough.

August 10. Mr Wilcox, who was in Goma, Zaire, for six days to assess the refugee situation, said that it is faith that helps ADRA workers deal with traumatic situations.

GB Tent Series

Sixty-seven people joined the Adventist Church as a direct result of evangelistic meetings held in a tent pitched in East London, Great Britain. The series of meetings, which began on May 29, was led by Pastor Roosevelt Daniels from the Inter-American Division. Another series, which began on July 2, is being led by Pastor Leslie McMillan, communication director from the Inter-American Division, again in a tent, but this time in West London. —ANR

Middle East Growth

Some 2647 people have been added to the church in the predominantly Muslim Middle Eastern region since 1990, exceeding its planned growth by 22 per cent. —ANR

World Congress

Some 2200 young people from 20 countries gathered in Lausanne, Switzerland, in late July for an international youth congress. The largest delegation came from Germany (1200), with the majority from Europe. Some Australians also attended. A group of 105 young people made the trip from Tahiti. This is the sixth youth congress held in the Euro-Africa Division since the first in Chemnitz, Germany, in 1928. —ANR

Iraqi VBS

Only 145 of the few hundred Iraqi children attempting to enrol in a Vacation Bible School in Baghdad were able to be catered for

Nurses Graduate From Sopas Hospital

The June 10 graduation of 10 Sopas nurses at Sopas Hospital, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea, was attended by the Speaker of the House of Assembly the Hon Bill Skate, the Hon John Pundare, the Hon Dibare Yagabo and the administrator of the Enga Provincial Government, Anderson Aipit.



Photo: P. Harrold

due to a lack of facilities. The children were divided into seven classes under the direction of Basima Fargo, with the help of 20 volunteers. The more than 300 parents and friends who visited the program said how much their children enjoyed the 10 days, and were thankful for the effort of the church in teaching their children about Jesus. —ANR

Academy Gives

Balcarce Adventist Academy, Argentina, is paying the wages of a Bible worker as part of their Global Mission emphasis.

Tribal Indians

A Bible given away in a radio contest resulted in the first baptism of members of the Kayapo Indian tribe in South America. Two church members from the Redencao Adventist church began studying with the Indians after one woman began studying the Bible she had won. Two families have joined the church as a result of this program. —ANR

10,000 Pathfinders

Ten thousand Pathfinders and leaders from around the world attended the August 1-6 "Dare to Care" International Pathfinder

Camporee held in Denver, Colorado, USA, while a second Pathfinder camp took place in Sweden. Countries represented from outside the USA included Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Estonia, Guam, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Paraguay, the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sweden and the Ukraine. The camp included community-service projects, a newspaper and a mile-long vegetarian hot dog made by Worthington Foods to be sold in nine-centimetre sections, with the proceeds raising funds for an AIDS-baby project. The camporee was under the direction of Pastor Ron Whitehead, with young people Kylie Eckenrogh (20) serving as executive coordinator and Andy Strong (20) serving as evening program coordinator. —ANR

Educators Convene

People who chair committees from Adventist colleges and education facilities around the world were brought together at an inter-

national education seminar in Silver Spring, Maryland (USA), from August 7 to 10. Emphasis was placed on achieving excellence in higher education and a sense of mission. Seminar topics included academic freedom and responsibility, strategic planning with legal issues, conducting the presidential search process, fostering institutional development and the expectations of board chairmen and institution presidents. —ANR

Lines Negotiated

Church delegates from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina decided to remain with their current church structure at meetings held in Belgrade on June 28, 29. Their response to the then-new political map in the process of being drawn up in the Balkans will be made in 1995 at the South-West Conference session. A *de facto* alteration was made in that pastoral and administrative care for Montenegro will be provided by the South Conference, while the Croatian-Slovenian Conference will for the time being look after the work in Sarajevo. —ANR

New Churches

Two new Seventh-day Adventist churches have been built in London in the past four months at Peckham in South London, and Chiswick in West London.

ANN-Adventist News Network

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CHURCH CALENDAR

September 17	Youth Commitment and Celebration Day
September 24	Thirteenth Sabbath
October 8	Adventist Appeal Rally Day
October 15	Community Services Offering

Your Views on News

Could you please take a couple of moments to help us evaluate the news in **RECORD**. Your answers will help us as we continue to keep you informed about what is happening in our church. If more than one want to answer the questionnaire, please photocopy this page.

Please circle a number indicating your level of interest in the following types of news in the RECORD.

(1—very interesting; 2—interesting; 3—of little interest; 4—not of interest to me):

Flashpoint (the section of short news notes)

1. 1 2 3 4 Australian and New Zealand news
2. 1 2 3 4 Pacific Island news
3. 1 2 3 4 World Church news
4. 1 2 3 4 News Extra
5. 1 2 3 4 Church Calendar
6. 1 2 3 4 Did You Hear . . . ?

Newsfront (the section of longer news)

7. 1 2 3 4 Australian news
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11. 1 2 3 4 General Conference decisions and news
12. 1 2 3 4 ADRA news
13. 1 2 3 4 Current issues in the church
14. 1 2 3 4 Local church news
15. 1 2 3 4 Cover news stories

Now rate how well you think we report the news under the various categories.

(1—excellent; 2—good; 3—could do better; 4—poor):

Flashpoint (the section of short news notes)

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29. 1 2 3 4 Cover news stories

30. It's possible to get the **RECORD** to *most* churches a week earlier than we currently do (some wouldn't receive, say, the September 10 **RECORD** until September 17). Should we send the **RECORD** to *most* churches as quickly as possible?

30. ☐ Yes ☐ No

31. Should we report more on what is happening in the Christian world outside the Adventist Church?

31. ☐ Yes ☐ No

32. Should we occasionally use investigative reporting techniques in reporting news within the church?

32. ☐ Yes ☐ No

33. Recently we ran news items concerning the activities of some involved in what have become known as "independent ministries." Should we continue to do so?

33. ☐ Yes ☐ No

34. Do you think you can trust the news in the **RECORD**?

34. ☐ Yes ☐ No

35. Do you think the **RECORD** gives a balanced news picture?

35. ☐ Yes ☐ No

36. Should the **RECORD** avoid news that is negative concerning the church?

36. ☐ Yes ☐ No

37. Do you think your conference is well-represented in the news?

37. ☐ Yes ☐ No

38. We occasionally compile special reports on areas of the church to keep church members informed. Is there any part or activity of the church you would like to see a report on?

39. Please make any comments or suggestions you think may be helpful:

About yourself

Please tick or fill in the following information so that we know something about you.

40. Age ☐ 19 or under ☐ 20-24 ☐ 25-29 ☐ 30-39
☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-64 ☐ 65 or over

41. Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

42. Church you attend _____

43. Conference _____

44. Are you church employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

45. If yes, are you:
☐ Administrator
☐ Pastor
☐ Teacher
☐ Other

When you have finished with this survey, pass it back to your **RECORD** secretary by **September 24**. The **RECORD** secretary will mail your response back to the **RECORD** office. Thank you for your help.

My Gluten Mis-steak

by Lynden Rogers

They were steaks with a difference when he took over in the kitchen.

I was trapped. We'd been discussing the vanishing role stereotypes in contemporary marriage. It had gone well at the start. Then I made the mistake of observing to my wife that she was indeed blessed among women to have a husband who was totally non-sexist, non-chauvinist, indeed, as nearly as I could tell, completely egalitarian!

By the time the conversation ended I was committed to taking six months long-service leave to look after the kids, house etc while my better half caught up with a career already eight years (and three children) in arrears.

Smart men know when they're beaten.

Within a few months there I was, rising at 4.30 am, confecting nourishing school lunches and organising my shopping list for the day!

Well, that's how it could have been!

We were building a house at the time and I had anticipated (privately, fortunately, so don't let on) that life as a housewife should leave considerable time for small projects. But it didn't always work out that way.

I well remember one particularly memorable day involving some concreting. It was an overcast morning and I had anticipated no difficulty completing the job (as well as two loads of washing).

No sooner had Readymix left, however, when the clouds rolled away like a scroll and the sun appeared in its strength. It was hard work shovelling the stuff where I wanted it and, in the heat, it was drying out with a vengeance.

It was then that our baby daughter had her third "accident" that morning. Fortunately, being meticulously organised, I had strategically placed a row of buckets in order to expedite hand cleansing and just as well!

Almost ready to get back to the cement when . . . The laundry tub has overflowed before, but this time a tidal wave was flowing over my new cement.

By this stage the morning was far spent—gone, in fact. My lunch could wait, but a two-year-old must eat, and now. It was getting harder to remain in control. Just then the phone rang. It was a friend. "I heard you were at home these days. . . ." Grrr!

But back to housework and my first batch of gluten steaks. "Only use two cups of gluten flour," my wife had said. *But how could she know?* I thought as I contemplated the flour in the large mixing bowl? I could hardly see it.

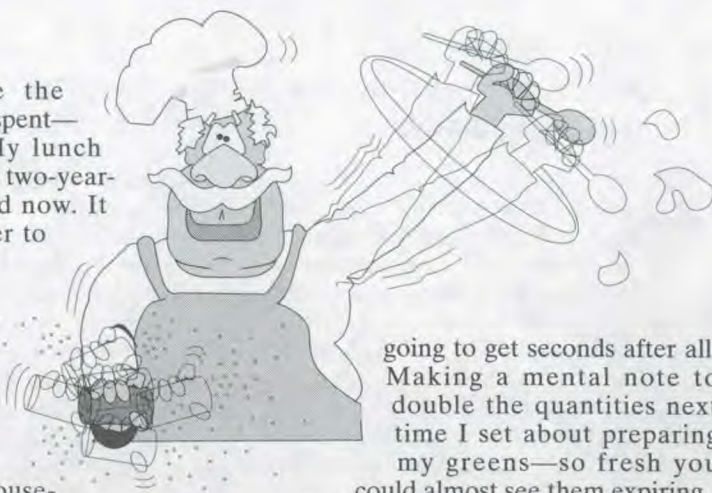
With abandon I threw in another two cups. It looked a lot better. A sachet or two of French onion soup, a liberal decoction of those spices from the rack that seemed right at the time and it was ready for lubrication.

"The same volume of water as flour," I'd been told, so I added it carefully, like a chemist handling a deadly ingredient. Nothing sloppy or imprecise in my kitchen. Everybody knows that kneading is good for bread, the more the better I vaguely remembered hearing somewhere, so I guessed the same applied to steaks.

It was hard work, but after 15 minutes those biceps, hardened by housework, had done their stuff. It was together into one long sausage. Time to slice it up. The water in the large pot was boiling in anticipation on the wood stove. (We're a bit countryish up our way.)

At this stage, knife in hand, indecision struck again. How thick? I reflected appreciatively on those succulent steaks that had left lasting impressions over the years and decided that one centimetre was the preferred measurement.

In they went. It was rather disappointing actually, all that flour, all that work, and they barely covered the bottom of the pot. Obviously we weren't



going to get seconds after all. Making a mental note to double the quantities next time I set about preparing my greens—so fresh you could almost see them expiring.

Some 15 minutes later I lifted the lid to inspect the steaks' progress. I was only just in time. Within a few seconds those steaks would have beaten me to the lid. Can you believe those steaks were side-plate sized and three centimetres thick! They were steaks with a difference—if only I could have found the phone number of the *Guinness Book of Records!*

The family were impressed. And intimidated. My two sons, who have never been known to refuse a second steak, lost their reputations that night. Tea was a silent affair as it was necessary to conserve every vestige of energy for chewing the steaks!

And was the whole experiment a success? Very much so for my wife. She enjoyed getting back to her career and establishing some continuity against the day when she might again venture full time into the work force.

And I enjoyed the change as well; the challenges were certainly different. Would I do it again? Well . . .

There are some residual problems though. Can you believe that even though I'm now back at work I still get saddled with housework? Unjust, isn't it? How can a man, worn out with work from nine till five, be expected to work after hours at home? No right thinking husband would demand anything like that from his wife, would he? □

When not in the kitchen, Lynden Rogers can be found working as a senior lecturer in physics at Avondale College.

Reaching Secular People

by Peter Roennfeldt

Secular people are ignorant of basic Christianity.

A church in decline saw their answer in a dynamic new pastor.

Standing before the congregation he gave an inspiring description of his vision and plans. Summing up his stirring presentation he said, "With God's help, I intend to lead this church forward into the 19th century!"

The chairman of the search committee whispered loudly, "You mean the 20th century!"

"We're going to take this one century at a time!" replied the pastor.¹

We struggle with change, yet it's the very essence of the gospel. Our Saviour Jesus Christ died and rose, and lives in us by His Spirit, to bring about change. Seventh-day Adventists should be on the cutting edge of change. The gospel, in the setting of the apocalyptic messages of the three angels, calls for change in our lives, our church, our society and the world.

Relevant Now

In his book *Reinventing Australia*, Hugh Mackay declares, "We have been plunged into a period of unprecedented social, cultural, political, economic and technological change in which the Australian way of life is being radically redefined."² Calling this decade "the Age of Redefinition" he says we struggle to redefine: **a.** gender roles, in the wake of the Women's Movement; **b.** marriage, due to the rising divorce rate and diverse groupings now called families; **c.** the place and importance of work, "simply because there is not enough of it to go around;" **d.** attitudes to invisible money, credit and how we shop; **e.** the redistribution of household income "creating a big 'new rich' class and a big 'new poor' class;" **f.** our cultural identity, "in the name of multicultur-

alism" with 23 per cent of all Australian residents born overseas and 25 per cent of all those born in Australia having at least one parent born overseas.

Seventh-day Adventists should be challenged by Paul Kennedy's recently published book *Preparing for the Twenty-first Century*. He believes the most important factors influencing a nation's response to change are its social attitudes, religious beliefs and culture.³

Each factor is being massively

process, where spiritual values and ideals no longer have a great influence on people's lives, now affects both developed and developing societies, through its missionary—television. Secularisation has demystified *all* religion, leaving an aching spiritual void in human hearts, creating a certain sameness in human experience and values. In his book, *How to Reach Secular People*, George Hunter III discusses 10 characteristics of secular people.⁶

1. Secular people are essentially ignorant of basic Christianity. They are biblically illiterate and misinformed about Christianity. They aren't in a position to understand the "basic assumption of the Bible—that God is their rightful Lord to whom they are accountable, who calls them to commit their lives to the will of God." They "buy" if it promises to meet their needs and wants.

2. Secular people are seeking life before death. They are "life oriented" rather than "death oriented." They "fear extinction more than they fear hell or seek heaven." "Consequently," Hunter writes, "they generally do not ask about life after death so much as they ask about real life this side of death." They struggle "to make sense of their life,

to find meaning and purpose, to attain significance, and to make a contribution where they live."

3. Secular people are conscious of doubt more than guilt. They acknowledge guilt to be behind society's problems. However, it is someone else's guilt—the "system," the establishment, their parent's generation, the younger generation, the Communists, or the Arabs, or the church!

Doubt has taken the place of guilt. People are confused—everybody claims to be speaking the truth, experience teaches distrust, the institutional



moulded by the processes of secularisation.

Yet some 85 per cent still believe in God and about a quarter of Australians attend church fairly regularly.⁴

Should we stand back and allow the faith questions of secular Australia to be answered by the Barbara Thierings and Bishop Spongs?⁵

One World—Secular!

We now live in what is often termed a secular society. The secularisation

church is hardly credible and every cultural and peer group has a different message.

4. Secular people have a negative image of the church. "They doubt the intelligence, relevance, and credibility of the church and its advocates," says Hunter.

5. Secular people have multiple alienations. Many don't feel they're in touch with nature, their neighbours, the political and economic systems, or their work. "Many people are dying of loneliness," he says.

6. Secular people are untrusting. Many have been "burned, manipulated, and exploited so many times that their guard is up."

7. Secular people have low self-esteem. There are "vast numbers of people today who do not believe in themselves, or affirm their identity, or positively value themselves, or feel a sense of self-worth," adds Hunter.

8. Secular people experience forces in history as "out of control." There is a high level of anxiety. Secular people see history as "an endless series of large-scale surprises, shocks, and threats—from the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr, from the Vietnam war to the cold war to the sudden dismantling of the Soviet Union to the sudden Persian Gulf crisis, from volatile stock markets . . . to the AIDS epidemic. Many people feel that 'no one is in charge.'"

9. Secular people experience forces in personality as "out of control." An increasing number of lives are out of control. Sam Shoemaker observed that "almost everyone has a problem, is a problem, or lives with a problem."

10. Secular people cannot find "the door." "People who are not disciples of Christ are 'lost' and need to be found," says Hunter. "They search for God, ultimate reality, and faith, but they cannot of themselves find 'the most important door in the world,' which is 'the door through which people walk when they find God.'"

People know there must be something else to life—there must be a door—but, they don't know where to find it, they don't even know what—or, for Whom—they are looking. But, they are groping, craving, grasping!

We must try to understand the attitudes, values and situations of secular people—the broken people of our com-

munities, those experiencing a spiritual chasm in their lives. Those who are not in tune with each other or with God.

Revelation Now

The message of Revelation 12-14 is that God has people who are baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit. Represented by the "woman clothed with the sun" and "the rest of her offspring,"⁸ they are saved by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. They love the Lord Jesus, and are sealed and baptised by His Holy Spirit. Obedience to the Lord and His Spirit, for them, is more precious than life itself.¹⁰ Possessed by the Spirit and power of Elijah, they are faithful to, and share the message of, Revelation 14:6-12. This is a message for end-times—Elijah's message for today!

This message of Revelation 14:6-12:

1. Begins with the gospel—the story of the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

2. Invites the messengers to first explain the basics of Christian faith.

3. Speaks to all in our multicultural,

Their messages will be practical: salvation, prayer, faith, joyful obedience, peace and trust.

global city—"every nation, tribe, language and people."

4. Offers the assurance and freedom of eternal life now.

5. Explains how to live now, before death. It says, "Fear God and give him glory."

6. Reveals that God is in control as Creator of all.

7. Calls us to worship and trust our saving Creator, who gives value and esteem to our lives.

8. Admits the corporate guilt of "Babylon"—society and the church.

9. Acknowledges the sin, injustice and reactionary attitudes of Christendom.

10. Foresaw the multiple alienations—reflected in the struggles of beast and false prophet.

11. Demonstrates that God is in control—and Jesus is coming!

12. Opens the "door" to a life that touches others in significant, obedient ways and eternal life.

A People With a Mission

This message must be borne by peo-

ple who are saved and baptised by the Holy Spirit. By life and message, these will bring many to be saved and baptised by the Holy Spirit. By life and message, these will bring many people "back to the Lord their God."¹¹ They "will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."¹²

Their contact with people will be in areas of common interest and concern—family, employment, the environment, health and fitness, stress, escape and coping mechanisms.

Their messages will be practical: salvation, prayer, faith, joyful obedience, peace and trust. Doctrinal and prophetic themes and understandings, sensitively and carefully shared, will provide perspective on a living, saving, obedient relationship with Jesus Christ.

The messenger is filled with love for Jesus Christ and compassion and sensitivity for the lost. The messenger realises that he or she is a member of the body of Jesus Christ. There is a sense of oneness with Jesus Christ and fellowship with believers. This love will speak powerfully to secular, lost people. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35. □

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Peter Roennfeldt is the South Pacific Division coordinator for evangelism to the secular society.

Australia Leads in Jewish Work

Melbourne, Victoria, is now recognised by Global Mission workers as the leading city in the world in working for the Jewish people, reports John Paige, the coordinator of The Israelite Heritage Institute. The work in Melbourne is conducted by The Israelite Heritage Institute of Australia.

On a recent visit to Australia, the head of Sabbath House—an American-based ministry for Jewish people—Sanford Howard, commented that the work in Melbourne was a great encouragement to him and his life's ministry.

Letters from ministers around the world requesting information on working for the Jewish people are being sent to the Melbourne branch of The Israelite Heritage Institute. Mr Paige considers the institute's work to be a ministry of friendship.

"We have ongoing contacts based on friendship," he says. "We knock on doors and test areas to find where the Jewish people are. There is a huge variety of Jewish people: Russian, Polish and secular Australian.

"We are feeling our way a bit in this ministry. We send out *Shabbat Shalom* magazines and have nearly 200 people on the mailing list, and we've also had 39 Jewish people apply for the Bible correspondence course.

"In the past three weeks a Jewish doctor accepted the Messiah. He wrote to us and said it's wonderful to know there is an organisation such as The Israelite Heritage Institute, and he's going to tell all his friends."

The institute is funded as a Global Mission project.

The late Pastor Don Self originated the ministry in Melbourne in 1975 with Roger Dawkins, the current chairman.

"Originally there were hundreds of interests—however the leading individuals were transferred and the program collapsed over a period of time. In 1987 Pastor Self felt a burden to reinstate the Jewish work and institute here in Melbourne."

A committee of seven preside over the institute: three are ministers, Pastors Darrell Croft, president of the Victorian Conference, Pawel Ceislar and Tony

Campbell.

Seven people work full-time going from door to door seeking Jewish people. Often, says Mr Paige, they have to be open to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Of those going door to door, Ducia Simmons is a Russian interpreter who has a Jewish family. Born in China, she attends the Croydon church. John Khun of Brighton church has been working for Jewish people for 40 years.

"There are many Russian Jews in Melbourne and Sydney who have lost their Jewish roots and are anxious to get them back," says Mr Paige. "They are hungry for their language, so we bring them the Russian New Testaments so they can read their language.

"We help them find jobs. We run the health van two or three times a year, usually outside the Caulfield Town Hall [Victoria], and on the average we get about 190 people going through, 90 per cent of whom are Jewish. They love it and are waiting for us when we get down there.

"Some 15,000 to 20,000 brochures are given out and we advertise in the *Australian Jewish News*.

"Our ministry is based on the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. It is a Holy Spirit-led mission. We don't accept tithe money—if we know it's tithe we send it back. We fill out expenditure reports, although not asked to, and send it to the General Conference. We do accept donations, as Global Mission funds do not cover running costs or capital outlays," he says.

The institute has 35-40 members and many help with letterboxing, even though they are not active in doorknocking or liaising directly with people. They support the street team through helping with running costs and capital outlays.

Jewish ministry is being further developed in Cooroy, Queensland, where a small group meets. A Sydney group is being formed through Pastor Peter Joseit. And people in Western Australia are following through on contacts.

"We took Ducia to one of John Khun's old Jewish contacts," says Mr Paige. "This man is very Jewish, a



Photo: J. Paige

John Paige, coordinator of the work of the Israelite Heritage Institute in Melbourne, hopes for a Seventh-day Adventist synagogue where believing Jewish people can worship.

Russian Jew. He was born in China like Ducia, so she spoke to him in Russian. He was also brought up in a Seventh-day Adventist school in China.

"Many years later," he told us, "I migrated to America. I was walking down a street in San Francisco one Sabbath morning and there was an Adventist church having a service, so I thought I'd go in. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw my high school principal was running the service."

"As we sat there talking to this gentleman, John Khun asked him who he says Jesus is. 'Jesus is tops. He's my Saviour. I accepted him long ago.'"

About 10 per cent of Jewish people are secret believers, claims Mr Paige, but are afraid to say so.

For a Jewish person to become a Christian means losing their culture, family, friends and heritage. And for Jewish believers to enter a Christian church is a foreign experience that many do not enjoy.

The Jewish people feel alienated by the way the service is carried out. Jewish people stand for prayers rather than kneel. Their concept of reverence is quite different. Our church services are designed for an Anglo-Saxon culture, not the Jewish culture, says Mr Paige.

Jewish believers often decide to go back to the synagogue because although they believe in Jesus, they are not comfortable in church.

"Our dream is to build a Jewish Seventh-day Adventist synagogue with a nucleus of Seventh-day Adventists," says Mr Paige. "It would be a neutral meeting place that they'll run and where we can learn from each other. We haven't the funds for this, but we have begun fundraising."—Karen Miller

Convicted Murderer Is Pardoned

Convicted murderer John Ruruka was one of seven prisoners serving life sentences pardoned by the former Governor-General of the Solomon Islands, Sir George Lepping, on June 7 in a historic act of mercy.

Dr Harley Stanton, of the South Pacific Adventist Health Department, met Mr Ruruka as he attended his first church service after becoming a Seventh-day Adventist 14 years ago. Dr Stanton writes:

It was hard to believe that a murderer could bring me to tears, yet this man did.

John Ruruka was 35 and had been in prison for 16 years. He was the eldest in a large family from Bitaama in the north-west area of the island of Malaita. His mother died when he was 10 years old, which proved to be a crucial event in his life. This event and a growing sense of alienation from his family, made John angry and frustrated. He vented this anger through drinking alcohol. He told his family he was going to drink, and keep on drinking until something happened in his life to stop him.

"I wanted to go my own way and disown my family," he said. "I remember my brothers shed tears at that time. One brother, who is now a customs officer, was nine and my other brother, now a doctor, was 10. I was working with the marine division.

"When I went home, my aunt, who was looking after us, would tease me and my brothers. She kept reminding us that we had no mother. I felt I was nobody.

"I started drinking with my friends. One night there was a fight at Burns Creek. I was stabbed by some gang members. Then I struggled with and stabbed a man in the back. Later he died in hospital."

John was convicted following a three-week murder trial in the High Court.

At first, in prison, John's life of rebellion and anger continued.

"On one occasion," John said. "I held a 240-volt cable in one hand and felt the shock run through my whole body. I held the Bible in the other hand and I wished I could kill myself. But God's power is greater."

John began to reflect on his life. At this time, members from the Naha and White River Seventh-day Adventist churches visited him.

"After two years in prison I committed my life to the Lord," he said. "I have worshipped on Sabbaths for the past 14 years.

"Life in prison is tough. There were four beds to a cell. We lived as brothers,



John Ruruka was pardoned by the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands after serving 16 years of a life prison sentence for murder. Mr Ruruka had become a Seventh-day Adventist in prison.

and sometimes prisoners provide the love and care you did not receive as a boy.

"No one would swear and there were a series of rules. Sometimes these simple men would argue. They learned to treat me as a leader. Even the authorities warmed to me and learned to trust me. The officers would call me and I would pray with them. They looked on me as a peacemaker. Now, the prison commandant is my best friend.

"I also wanted to be reconciled to the family of the man I had killed. That meant giving money to them. After I met Jesus I told my father to reconcile the families together. Now I have love for people. I want to help someone who is hurting."

During his 16 years in prison he had time to study a number of courses and acquire skills. He studied accountancy, diesel mechanics, joinery, radio repair as well as his Bible.

"Today I feel much better educated. I have talents I can use and I am not keen

to stay in the town. I would like to set up my own business and use the means so God can lead me."

I asked him how he felt about the move from maximum security to a free life.

"I was a little fearful of moving into the real world. I still dream of my prison cell, my bed, the place where I spent 16 years of my life. And I question myself. It will take three to four months to make

the change from the routine of prison. The discipline of prison was good for me. But life is meaningless if Jesus is not there.

"I want to have freedom to share. I want to visit with my family. I want to start with my family and when my family has found reconciliation and peace, then I can extend to other areas. My aunt is open to reconciliation. I would like her to find Jesus in her life."

I asked him about the experience of being released and the pardon he received—and, frankly, the tears began to flow down my cheeks as he related the story.

"I had written a petition to the governor for pardon for many years, and then in May this year we heard that the Governor-General was going to release some prisoners on June 7, 1994."

It was a celebration day for the new Governor-General. It was announced that six prisoners were to be released—six of the 130 prisoners in the gaol (30 of these are serving life sentences). No one knew who was to be released until the names were read out on the day. And a decision had been made to release seven.

"When the Governor-General called me forward, I broke down and cried in front of the whole crowd, and they cried with me," he said. "Crying isn't common among the prisoners. And I didn't feel the prisoners had the joy that I had, but we were all in tears. Even the Governor-General was in tears—he had been a workmate when I was with the Marine Department.

"When I was pardoned, I experienced a wonderful sense of freedom, not only from the guilt, but in the Lord."—*Harley Stanton*

Photo: H Stanton

Samoans Centre on Family



Samoan family life impressed Pastor Des Hills (pictured left, with the district director of American Samoa, Pastor Kanela Alefaio) on his recent visit.

A Community Family Life Seminar in Apia for the people of Western Samoa, and conducted by Pastor Samuela Afamasaga (secretary of the Samoa Mission), was influenced by the fact that local Samoan culture is built around the extended family.

More than 500 people attended each of the 18 nights, and 75 per cent were not Seventh-day Adventists. The known results of the seminar are cause for rejoicing. Eight de-facto couples were married, one in a ceremony on the last day of the three-week seminar. Eighty people have been baptised, including several complete families. Pastor Afamasaga says that "public family life seminars incorporating the major teachings of the Scripture are one of the most effective ways of evangelism." He plans to conduct more Family Life Seminars and to do advanced study to further qualify him in this important area of Christianity.

If Samoa is the cradle of Polynesia, then the family is the cradle of Polynesian culture. The Christian Samoans also regard the church as an integral part of society. A tourist brochure states: "Every evening at dusk, each Samoan village takes about 10 minutes for family prayers." Visitors are requested to "wait quietly if invited to join in prayer with a family." The members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church certainly make church a priority and also respect the leadership of the church and its ministers.

The Adventist family in Samoa, according to the mission president, Pastor Ripine Rimoni, has more than

7000 church members worshipping in 63 churches and companies. The members in Western and Eastern Samoa demonstrate that they believe, as did Pastor W A Spicer, that "the Adventist family is a wonderful family to belong to."—*Des Hills*

Killings in Rwanda Says Bible Society

The General Secretary of the Bible Society of Rwanda, Tharcisse Gatwa, escaped from Kigali in early April and reports the death of the Seventh-day Adventist church ministries director for the Rwanda Union Mission, Pastor Amon Iyamuremye, who is said to have been burnt alive, with his family.

Pastor Iyamuremye was the vice-chairman for the Bible Society Board in Rwanda. The coordinator of the society's translation team, the Rev Giles Williams, said that the loss was very sad news: "He was a gentle man and a good translator, whose expertise will be hard to replace."

One of Mr Gatwa's most shocking experiences was to witness so-called Christians taking part in the wholesale slaughter. One group was even heard arguing about whether they would do their killing before or after the worship service. One missionary spoke of the unbelievable atrocities that contradicted the term "Christian" that had been previously applied to Rwanda.

The church has been radically hit, suffering the deaths of many leaders. Mr Gatwa says, "What we must do now is to forget the membership or baptismal card and start all over again to re-evangelise Rwanda from scratch.

"We will have to begin Bible work all over again once the fighting has stopped. But it is my firm belief that the Bible contains what people need for re-establishing justice and human rights, for convicting people of their wrongdoing and 'preparing them for every good work.'"

New AdCare Grants Available

The South Pacific Division recently approved the setting up of the AdCare (Adventist Community Care) Trust for use in Australia and New Zealand.

Interest from this trust (approximately

\$A15,000 per annum) is to be used to find community outreach ministries that fall within guidelines described as meeting community needs of a physical/material nature or of an interpersonal/relational nature.

Community needs have changed considerably in recent years and AdCare is dedicated to an enlarged ministry of care to those who can be helped by the outreach of the local church.

It is the goal of this initiative to assist local churches set up or operate community outreach ministries that meet the guidelines described in the division action.

To make the funds available as widely as possible, allocations will be made to approved ministries on a subsidy basis with the trust matching the local church on a dollar for dollar basis. Subsidies will be granted for projects ranging between \$A500 (\$A250 subsidy) and \$A2000 (\$A1000 subsidy).

Applications need to be made to the conference AdCare director, who has full details for the guidelines and procedures. Applications for 1994 will be received by the conference AdCare director not later than October 1.—*Alwyn Salom*

Evangelism in Canberra's Winter

Canberra was the host city for the 1994 Field School of Evangelism, where 14 students from Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands completed six weeks of intensive instruction (June 29 to August 5) regarding various forms of evangelism.

"The field school models a comprehensive approach to evangelism," says Dr Barry Oliver of Avondale College, key presenter and supervisor. "A comprehensive approach includes public evangelism, personal evangelism, seminar and small-group evangelistic methods." It must specifically target the Australian secular mind.

Dr Oliver stressed that for evangelism to be effective it must be "a process rather than an event. The last thing we want to do is burn over an area, effectively destroying any hope of reaching the community in the future."

Other contributors to the program were Dr Alwyn Salom, Dr Harley Stanton, Dr Terry Butler and Pastor Ray Baird. Classwork toward the MA

Religion degree included studies in: Personal Evangelism (how to reach a wide cross-section of people with the gospel), Evangelistic Preaching (preaching the gospel in a contemporary manner), Church Growth (identifying methods of internal and external growth) and Health Evangelism (developing personal health awareness and meeting the needs of the local community).

Dr Oliver further insisted that "evangelism will be truly effective only when the local church and its members become involved by inviting their friends to meet Jesus as part of an ongoing witnessing process." Discipleship involves all of us; lay members and preachers alike. The local church, if it accepts the challenge,

has the potential to become the witnessing powerhouse of the future. Public evangelism is most effective when we have "friends" as our guests, not strangers. Typically we have used public meetings as the groundbreaker. Recently, however, this approach has been becoming increasingly expensive.

During the evenings Pastor Graeme Bradford, in association with the three local churches and the MA students, conducted two evangelistic programs. The first program, "Winds of Change," was run at the Country Comfort Inn, July 18-23, with an average attendance of 85 people who were not Adventists. Pastor Warren Price, as a follow-up, ran a Prophecy Seminar.

The second program, "Lost Cities of the Dead," held in Tuggeranong, had an average attendance of 150 people who were not Adventists. Pastor Dean Jackson followed Pastor Graeme Bradford's program with a Prophecy Seminar.

The MA students are thankful to the members of the National, Tuggeranong and Woden churches for their support and hospitality over the six weeks. A special mention of thanks is offered to Pastors Graeme Bradford, Warren Price, Dean Jackson and Neil Lawson (president of the South New South Wales Conference), who supplied their time and talents to the success of the Field School.—*B Vickery, J Kingston*

CHILDREN

Sarah Jane Is Lost

by Maye Porter

Monique is a dear little three-year-old girl. She lives at home with Mummy and Daddy and little brother Zackary. Monique loves Zackary, but her favourite playmate is Sarah Jane.

Sarah Jane is a very precious dolly. Her dress is getting old and her hair is rather a mess. But Monique loves her very much. Wherever she is playing, Sarah Jane is there. When it is time for family worship, Sarah Jane sits quietly on Monique's knee while Daddy reads a story.

Both Monique and Zackary say their memory verse and kneel to say their prayers. Monique knows that talking to Jesus is just like talking on the phone to Daddy when he is away from home. When Monique snuggles up in her nice warm bed, Sarah Jane is beside her; and when Monique is belted in her car seat for a trip somewhere, Sarah Jane is tucked in, too.

One day the family and Sarah Jane climbed into the very big Sanitarium truck that Daddy was driving to a faraway town.

On the way home, they stopped to eat. Sarah Jane was sitting on a chair beside Monique. But . . . when the family returned to the big truck, poor Sarah Jane was accidentally left sitting on the chair.

As they were driving along the narrow, winding road, Monique suddenly missed Sarah Jane. Where was she? Oh, dear! "I left her on the chair at the shop!" cried a very worried little Monique.

"Quick, Daddy!" she begged frantically. "Turn the truck around and go back. Sarah Jane is all by herself."

"I'm sorry, dear," said Daddy. "I know you love Sarah Jane, but this road is so narrow and winding that I cannot turn the big truck around."

Then poor Monique cried very loudly and everyone felt very sad and tried to think of what to do.

"Let's ask Jesus to look after Sarah Jane," suggested Mummy.

Daddy stopped the big truck and Monique stopped crying. Suddenly she remembered that Jesus could see them right there. He could even see her dolly sitting on the chair. He could hear her prayers and she knew He loves to help little girls—and their dollies,



too. So Mummy, Daddy, Zackary and Monique bowed their heads and closed their eyes while Monique prayed this little prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I'm sorry I forgot Sarah Jane and left her behind. She is so sad and lonely and frightened. Please, Jesus, will you look after her? See you. Amen."

And our great, big, wonderful God, who loves us all so much and who loves to say "yes" to prayers of worried boys and girls, did just what Monique asked. In just a few days Sarah Jane was right back home again.—*Maye Porter is assistant children's ministries director, PNGUM*

Appreciation

Royce. To our many friends who have supported us in the loss of our much-loved Kahlie, we thank you. Ian and Mary, Daran and Janette Royce. "Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40.

Obituaries

Blows, Jean, b 6.8.12 at Woollahra, NSW; d 4.7.94 at Mullumbimby. Married Fred 25.4.40. Survived by her husband; and sons, David and Graham. Nelson Palmer

Cass, Florence Ellen, b 5.6.10 at Trimley, St Martin, England; d 27.3.94 at Mount Beauty, Vic. Predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, on 25.7.80 (United Kingdom). Survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and David James (Wodonga, Vic). Barry Gane

Collins, Alice, b 12.12.07 at Mount Morgan, Qld; d 15.7.94 at Star Gardens Nursing Home, Brisbane. Survived by her daughter, Shirley De Landelles (Brisbane) and son Reginald (Rockhampton). Gary C Roberts

Heil, Eldred August, b 22.6.07 at Pyramid Hill, Vic; d 31.5.94 in Wyong Hospital, NSW. Married Faith Hadfield 30.10.47. Predeceased by his wife 24.6.86; and daughter, Mary Lambert, 4.10.84. Survived by his sister, Caroline Heil (Nunawading, Vic); son-in-law,

Len Lambert; and four grandsons. L C Coombe, W J Stafford

Higgins, Cameron James, d 16.7.94 at birth in the South Brisbane Mater Hospital, Qld. He is buried with his grandfather, Len Weir, at Mullumbimby Cemetery. Survived by his parents, Steve and Glenda, and brother, Shane. K E Martin

Lee, Maisie Emily, b 19.3.22 at Deloraine, Tas; d 25.6.94 in Hobart. Married George William Lee 18.4.44. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by her children, Rosemary (Brisbane, Qld), Eddie (Hobart), Christine McCulloch (Hobart) and Glenn (Hobart). Graeme A Brown

Luder, Caroline Effedell (Effie) (nee Richter), b 26.4.14; d 6.7.94 at Range Haven Nursing Home, Toowoomba, Qld. Married Frank in 1940. He predeceased her about four years ago. Survived by her children, Vivian Kelly (Dalby), Fay Wilks, Les, Lew, and Carol Neale (all of Toowoomba). Ray Fraser

Minns, Robert Ernest, b 9.12.32 at Palmerston North, New Zealand; d 5.7.94 at Pukekohe. Married Nell Barton 25.8.54 at Timaru. Survived by his wife and daughter Julie (both of Pukekohe); son, Kevin (London, England); sisters, Isabelle Williamson, Beryl Phare, Jocelyn Wainwright and Barbara Williams. John M Denne

McClure, Louise Alice, b 17.4.06 in Glasgow, Scotland; d 4.7.94 at Warburton, Vic. Married William McClure 24.7.30. He predeceased her in 1979. Survived by her

children, Don (Geelong), Heather Howard (Warburton) and Martin (Luton, England). D W Croft, Phillip Bishop

O'Connor, William John (Jack), b 1909 at East Melbourne, Vic; d 4.7.94 at Yarra Junction Nursing Home. Survived by his wife, Yvonne; children Elaine, Lynette, Cliff, and their families; step-children, Gloria, Lorraine, Julie and their families. C C Winter, K Johanson

Roberts, Beatrice Irene ("Beat"), b 11.10.10 at Nhili, Vic. d 2.7.94 at Dubbo, NSW. Married Dennis Laurence Roberts 23.4.35. He predeceased her in 1966. She is survived by her children, Rodney (Orange), Barry (Narromine) and Beverley Ray (Dubbo); and brother George Radford (Narromine district), Eric Livingston, Ron Jones

Advertisements

Volunteer Service Opportunities—(1) Fly'n'build team to Kambubu Adventist High School, located near Rabaul, PNG. Beautiful, safe environment to work in. Need roofers, carpenters etc. **(2)** Volunteer trades teachers to work with building class at Sonoma Adventist College, Rabaul, PNG, supervising class projects. **(3)** Mechanical maintenance to relieve national staff while on furlough for three weeks. Undertake mechanical maintenance and teach trade subjects, Sonoma Adventist College, PNG. **(4)** Fly'n'build team to build a timber-framed church in Maramba village, behind Kambubu Adventist High School, PNG. Sonoma Adventist College building class is able to work with tradesmen on this project. **(5)** Cabinetmakers to build classroom fittings into the domestic science classrooms at Aore Adventist High School, Vanuatu Mission. Contact Volunteer Service Coordinator, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, or phone (02) 489 7122 for further information.

Vacancy for Missionary Doctor. A vacancy will occur for a doctor at Sopas Adventist Hospital in Papua New Guinea early in 1995. The appointment will attract denominational salary as appropriate for doctors, and while a regular term of service of three or four years is expected, the term may be negotiated. Applicants should send their CV and references to V B Parmenter, Associate Secretary, South Pacific Division of SDAs, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, or phone Mrs Miriam Stokes on (02) 489 7122 to arrange for an interview.

Two Builders Required. Two qualified volunteer builders are required to supervise the construction of a new hospital ward at Sopas Adventist Hospital, PNG. Need to be able to work with local national tradesmen. Good, safe working conditions in cool mountain air at 1800 metres above sea level. Length of service and time is negotiable during September - November 1994. Please contact Pastor Eric White, Volunteer Service, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, or phone (02) 489 7122 if you are able to help.

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