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75 Years of Camp Attendance

A West Australian probably holds the world record for camp-meeting attendance, having attended every WA camp in the past 75 years, reports the communication director for the conference, Pastor Bob Manners.

Harry Harders of Toodyay, in the Darling Ranges near Perth, and his wife, Ruby, were pictured during camp this year (April 4-8). Mrs Harders has attended every camp for 70 years.

"We wouldn't miss it for anything," they say.

Mr Harders recalls whitewashing the buildings of the Jumperding camp in 1922. With time on his hands after losing his job for keeping the Sabbath, says Pastor Manners, he turned his attention to other interests. This also allowed him the time for camp, an interest he has kept ever since.

And, adds Pastor Manners, the Harders plan to attend again next year.

Reinventing the Theological Wheel



Sometimes you encounter the most amazing ideas in the General Conference car park.

Several months ago I was getting into my car at the end of a long day when a man and a teenage boy pulled me aside. They had a bundle of papers with them and wanted to give me one.

The man looked at me and said: "You're William Johnsson, aren't you? You wrote an article in the *Review* about Jesus being eternally God, and you're wrong!"

Which led, of course, to an interesting conversation.

The boy thought he would skewer me on the original text. "Do you know what the Greek word for 'only begotten' is in John 3:16?" he asked with a smirk.

"As a matter of fact, I do," I told him. "The word is *monogenes*. I have taught classes in New Testament Greek. I'm glad to hear you know the Greek. Where did you learn it?"

"We taught ourselves," said the man.

"And the Greek proves you are wrong," said the boy, hardly able to contain his glee as he delivered the *coup de grâce*. "The word *monogenes* comes from two words—*mono*, which means only, and another one that means to give birth. So that proves Jesus was a created being."

"Friend," I said, "it proves no such thing. The very same word, *monogenes*, is used in Hebrews 11:17 for Isaac. Isaac was *not* Abraham's only-begotten son, but he was the special son, the unique one. And that is what *monogenes* means. In

Greek, as in English, the meaning of a word is more than the sum of its parts. For example, if we say that something was the *highlight* of the day, we don't mean that an actual elevated light was involved."

They were ready to argue, but saw a security guard approaching. Man and boy rushed to a van, leaped inside, and drove away fast. Some things in life are more important than *monogenes*.

Who knows—you may meet someone with the same burden in your church parking lot. Or the ideas may come in your home through a paper delivered by post.

We are witnessing a rebirth of bad theology among some Seventh-day Adventists. Ideas that seemed to be behind us, dead and buried, have made a reappearance.

Some Adventist pioneers believed Christ was a created being, and did not accept the Trinity. But, guided by study of the Bible and reinforced by the writings of Ellen White, the church long ago corrected these ideas.

In Clarion Tones

Our fundamental beliefs state our official understanding in clarion tones: "There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons" (Fundamental Belief No 2). "God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. . . . Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ" (Fundamental Belief No 4).

These doctrines go beyond theological hairsplitting. They reach to the very heart of our faith; they are vital to our salvation. They point to the ultimate question that every person must face now and before the bar of God: Who was Jesus?

The Scriptures tell us that He was the

Word, eternally one with God, who became flesh (John 1:1-3, 14). All that God is, He is—eternally is. He is the beam of the divine glory, the stamp of the divine essence (Hebrews 1:1-3). He is the Head over all, the First, the Origin, whether of things in heaven or on earth or in the church (Colossians 1:15-18). He is the Alpha and the Omega, the One who was, is, and evermore shall be (Revelation 1:8).

Jesus of Nazareth forgave sins (Mark 2:10). That assertion brought down the wrath of the Jewish religious leaders because they recognised what it entailed—the claim to deity.

"We are not stoning you for any of these [miracles]," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God" (John 10:33, NIV).

To those who believe, however, that claim is everything. If Jesus was not who He claimed to be, we are still in our sins.

Ellen White affirms Jesus' eternal deity in irrefutable statements. "In Christ," she wrote, "is life, original, unborrowed, underived" (*The Desire of Ages*, page 530). Search Ellen White's writings via CD-ROM, and you will find numerous references in which she refers to Christ as "God incarnate" etc.

If we accept Jesus as truly God, the simple monotheism of Judaism gives way to a broader understanding of deity. God is one—but in three coeternal Persons. This teaching stretches our intellectual powers, but resonates in our life of faith, is grounded in Scripture and finds strong support in Ellen White's writings.

Let's not try to reinvent the theological wheel. Any attempt along those lines leads to a dead end—either in ancient heresy or modern liberalism. William G Johnsson
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Next Week:

The reality of mental illness.

Playgroup Update

Just an update on the work of the Newsfront item "Playgroup Wins in NNZ" (March 16). Some 17 years ago a group of Papatoetoe church mothers started a playgroup in the hall of the old Papatoetoe church in Wentworth Avenue. It catered for approximately 50 church and community children.

The playgroup ran in this hall transferring to a home, as was mentioned, six months after the old church facility was sold. The playgroup moved into the present church facility after its opening in 1988.

A number of mothers from the community whose older children attended the Wentworth Avenue hall brought their younger children to the new facility. It is wonderful to see how this community outreach has borne results with God's leading.

N Liggett, North New Zealand

Those Titanic Chairs

I agree wholeheartedly with "Arranging the Chairs" (Letters, April 6). Our young people don't need entertainment and celebration, but the vision that this church grew on 100 years ago.

God calls our children today just as surely as he called Samuel and Moses. Train them not to look inward at a dying world, but to catch a vision of service to their church and prepare them to stand in the time of trouble just ahead—for with youth rightly trained we can finish the work.

May God raise up leaders of a calibre to catch the vision and run with it—and save our precious youth. Mavis Eastwood, Vic

Politically Correct?

Change, although hard to take, is necessary, and I fail to see what is politically correct (as in "Arranging the Chairs") about presenting a relevant message in a relevant setting. If change brings on deeper love for Christ and gets people excited about their faith, it must surely be a good thing.

It was stated, "Christ's way is the high road of commitment and self-denial. . . ." The article in question mentioned that the decision to change the worship style at camp was made "after much prayer and planning." If this is not commitment and

self-denial, I don't know what is.

Also, I believe John the Baptist is referred to in the Bible as "The voice of one crying in the wilderness" (Matthew 3:3). I see this as something removed from the ordinary, unusual, yes perhaps even a "marketing strategy."

The article in question was written to highlight not only the physical changes made to the program, but the changes to the faith of those in the congregation. This is the point that the writer of the letter has overlooked.

It seems he misunderstands why these changes were made. While *destructive* criticism is about, it will do nothing to encourage and further the work that might be accomplished with younger generations.

Lindsay Wells, NSW

Quench the Spark?

A well-meaning prayer partner once prayed, "Lord, if there is a spark kindled in this prayer meeting tonight, then, Lord, water that spark."

His misused words were unintentional—but as I have read, with deep disappointment and concern, some letters concerning the New Zealand camp-meeting I am sadly persuaded that some folks' goal is indeed not only to "water," but to completely douse the sparks kindled by the Holy Spirit.

"More on NZ Camp" (March 16) wrote with warmth and enthusiasm of a Spirit-led camp. We had phone calls reporting the sheer joy of spiritual revival during that blessed time. But there were others who could only "complain lest too much credit go to the rearranging of the platform" (March 30). Another highly critical letter (April 6) condemns the whole report, as an effort to save our youth, as futile as "rearranging the chairs on the deck of the *Titanic*."

As I reread the report I found the writer did not indicate that it was the changes that increased the attendance, rather that the changes made seating difficult to find, thus encouraging folk to be early.

It's a worry that the blessings obviously enjoyed and reported on should stir such irrelevant criticism. Thousands were converted on the day of Pentecost, yet there were those who said, "They're drunk!" I plead caution in launching critical words against such a spiritual revival lest we be found "resisting the Holy Ghost" (Acts 7).

Estelle Hughes, NSW

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Warburton Still Supports Anzac Spirit



For the 30th year in succession the Warburton Ladies Ensemble, members of the Warburton (Vic) church, under the direction of Lyn Robinson, 73, sang at Warburton's RSL Anzac Day commemorative service on April 25. "The ensemble grew out of an item for big

camp more than 40 years ago," says Mr Robinson. "Since then more than 80 singers have come and gone, and while there are still a few of the original singers—

Susie Lilljedahl, Joy Davis and Marion Robinson among them—this will be the last time it performs." Accompanists have included Vera Wood (Raethel), Dorolyn Kingston, Gloria Grosser, Tom Mitchell and Elizabeth Dunstan. Pictured above is the ensemble circa 1965.

Did You Hear . . . ?

. . . What readers told the *Messenger*, the British Isles eight-page, fortnightly equivalent of *Record*, when it asked readers for input on content and style? Here's what was reported:

- [*Messenger's*] attractiveness is its ability to bring the entire Union family together;

- I hope you never lose the home-town perspective in favour of theological treatises from the high and mighty;

- It needs a spiritual article for the isolated;

- Some of the news items, including weddings and obituaries, are several months old and cannot be classed as news;

- Parish news, weddings and obituaries should be kept;

- The employment of the services of a copywriter would be useful;

- The latest issue is by far the most boring in a long time;

- It would be nice if all advertising was on the back page with the deaths and marriages;

- Some tasteful graphics would not go amiss, or a small inspirational cartoon;

- Give consideration to leaving some things out;

- We don't need to know which preacher preached where—unless he caused such a stir that the church hasn't been the same since;

- Omit the trivia.



Refuge Upgrade

Sanctuary 7, a women's refuge on the Gold Coast of Queensland, has recently been able to upgrade its kitchen facility thanks in part to a generous donation of \$A4000. "It was in desperate need of repair," says Pat McGrath, Sanctuary 7 coordinator. "The new kitchen is a definite improvement and a lot more practical. Thanks to those who are constantly supporting us financially. . . . We tend to forget all the positive events of life." The facility is to receive further refurbishment and repairs.

The Signs Are Write



Signs of the Times editor Pastor Bruce Manners has released details of an increase in payments to authors of *Signs* feature articles. Writers of original features and those containing original research can expect about \$A30 per printed page (up from \$A25). There is a bonus for writers of the cover-page personality story with payment up to \$A200. "We pay for articles in recognition of the work involved in writing," says Pastor Manners. "And our payments compare favourably with that paid by other Christian magazines." There had been no increase in payments since the smaller *Signs* magazine began five years ago, in 1991.

PACIFIC ISLANDS Tongan Congress

More than 400 Tongan young people—many from Australia, New Zealand and the USA—converged on Beulah College, Tonga, over the year end for an international congress. Pastor Sonatane Vunileva, minister to the Los Angeles Tongan Community church, with Dr Erika Puni, the assistant secretary of the North New Zealand Conference, were guest speakers. "The youth left with . . . the challenge to tell people everywhere that Jesus who is Saviour is soon to come," says Dr Puni.

WORLD CHURCH Centenarian Death

The oldest Adventist in the Inter-American Division (IAD), Oleana Matilda Rahming, of Andros Island, Bahamas, recently died at the age of 109. She had been an Adventist for approximately 70 years, reports *IAD Contact*.

Web Sites Get Nod

Two Seventh-day Adventist World Wide Web (www) "sites" have received mention in *God on the Internet*, a guide to religion on the Internet by Mark Kellnor, "On Computers" columnist for the *Washington Times* and an accomplished religion writer. Mr Kellnor draws attention to the Adventist Information Ministries and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists sites. The book rates the Adventist Information Ministries (AIM) site fourth of the top 10 religious web sites. "AIM is a terrific example of what can be done by a denomination to

make itself more accessible to the masses," said Mr Kellnor. The book includes a description of the site, which itself contains brief historical and statistical information about the church.—ANN

50th Celebrated

The Roundelwood and



Photo: Messenger

Akaroa Nursing Homes and Health Care Centre at Crieff, Scotland, are celebrating their 50th year of service to the British Isles Adventist community. The Crieff institution was begun by Drs Gertrude and Ted Brown, who were

inspired to do so after working with Dr J H Kellogg in the United States. When the opportunity to purchase the Crieff property opened, the couple did not have the £1500 deposit. Within a half hour of praying about their need, a former grateful patient telephoned with an offer of that exact amount of money to give toward their work. Pictured is Roundelwood—similar in concept to the Warburton Health Care Centre (Vic)—which was purchased in 1970.

Workers Evacuated

Two Seventh-day Adventist auditors working in Monrovia, when rival factions began fighting, were evacuated to Ghana after being trapped in their hotel for a week. Amankwa Boateng and Matthew Aappiah were on their way to worship services on April 6 when they heard gunshots, and people began looting. They returned to their hotel

BMX Rider Sticks to Principle



Photo: The Suburban

When Joshua Parry (pictured) of Darwin, NT, qualified for the national BMX championships, he hit the newspapers for his faith. Joshua received publicity in the local Darwin press when he told them he refused to compete on Saturday, the Sabbath. "I go to church; that is what I believe in," he said. Unfortunately, while he made it to Nerang, Qld, for the national competitions, he fell during a practice run and broke his collarbone, and was unable to compete.

ABC Managers Hit Heritage Trail



Photo: L Dunstan

Llew Jones, a retired printer with family roots going back to the earliest days of Australian Adventism, led Adventist Book Centre managers from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands on a heritage tour of Melbourne's historical Adventist sites as a part of their annual meetings. Included in the tour was a visit to the original Echo Publishing Company seen behind the group.

as the fighting spread. Shortly after, the hotel was surrounded by armed men. They were rescued by soldiers who escorted them to the American Embassy. From there they were flown to safety by helicopter and plane. According to reports the Seventh-day Adventist Church mission office in Liberia was also looted. To date, there are no reports of deaths among the church members in that country.—ANN

NEWS EXTRA Prayer Helps

Families that pray together survive surgery better. That's the conclusion of Ohio State University researchers who studied 150 people who had a family member undergo coronary bypass surgery. Levels of depression, how the patient handled the situation and what they learned from the experience were measured.—*Health and Fitness News Service*

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 18	Commencement of Adventist Health Week
May 25	Conclusion of Adventist Health Week
	Health Offering
June 1	Literature Evangelist Day

Stopping the Pew Wars

by Bill Townend

Why is it that an apparently successful local church congregation goes into decline or collapse? Could it be that people have moved away from the area? Or maybe a change of church leadership has been the cause? Perhaps there was no planning for the future?

There is also at least one other reason, one that has been around as long as there has been a church, in fact probably as long as there have been people on planet Earth—"People simply can't get along with one another."

A recent Australian study indicated that 25 per cent of those who left their congregation did so because there was conflict with local church leaders. In the

tion are highly valued attitudes within our society. But these same attitudes actually contribute to breakdown in relationships.

Brian Hathaway, in his book *Living Below With the Saints We Know*, says, "God placed a high priority on the quality of our relationships together and that He has an incredible goal for us in this area—relationships between Christians are to mirror the relationship between the members of the Trinity."²

This is reflected in the deep and intimate words Jesus prayed in the upper room prior to His crucifixion (John 17). "Father . . . Father . . . Father . . ." Jesus repeats in His prayer as He pours His heart out in the great prayer of passion. He prays for Himself, then the disciples and, finally with great intensity, for believers down through all the ages.

What is it that produces this great outpouring of passion from the heart of Jesus? It isn't evangelism, or church growth, or worship, or revival. In one word it is a passion for *unity*. Harmonious relationships among His people. That is what is really on the heart of God.

Take a look at the prayer in John 17. In 26 verses there are 168 pronouns (I, you, me, them etc). The prayer just breathes relationships and intimacy. An intimacy as close as the relationship in the Godhead. In the prayer there are 42 times where the Father and Son are linked together (you/me, I/you, us), and 42 times where we are linked to the Father and/or Son (I/you/those, they/yours, you/them/me, I/them). In other words, Christ links Himself to the Father as many times as He links us to either the Father or Son.

The relationship could not be closer. A high standard has been set for our relationship with each other in God's church.

Brian Hathaway makes the point well: "This is the standard, it is the yardstick, anything else is second-rate. This is the model for Christian marriage and family. This is the model for relationships within

and between local congregations. This is the model for home groups, church committees, youth ministries and leadership teams."³

So how can I have unity in my own home church? There is no magic formula, no special action the church board can take. It simply comes down to you and me as individuals determining to make a difference as we relate to other people in the church.

Frank Martin in his book *War in the Pews*⁴ makes seven very practical suggestions to help the unity process:

1. Do I keep my nose—and my opinion—where they belong?

"Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own" (Proverbs 26:17, NIV). Stay out of quarrels and issues that are not your concern.

2. Do I hold others—and myself—accountable for unfounded rumours and accusations?

The only reason gossip ever goes anywhere is that so many of us choose to tolerate it. If we all let it be known that we are no longer in the rumour business, churches would be a lot more peaceful and united.

3. Do I think before I speak?

James 1:19, 20 says, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires" (NIV). Instead of running off at the mouth, saying whatever



Baptist churches 70 per cent stated conflict with the congregation and/or its leaders for leaving.¹

How is it in the Adventist Church? In our desire to see our church grow, we may have placed too little emphasis on living together and relating to each other. Many congregations are now paying the price for that, with divided, split and dead churches.

The church is made up of people. Each one is different and sees life from their perspective. Too often these differences have led to tension. If the tensions have not been dealt with properly, interpersonal relationships have suffered even further.

Self-centredness, pride and competi-



er is on our mind in the middle of a dispute, we need to bite our tongue and gather our thoughts.

4. Do I live a peaceful, genuine life?

"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever" (Isaiah 32:17, NIV). Living a peaceful, godly life is the best way to ensure that conflict and disunity are kept at bay.

5. Am I alert to trouble?

Be on the lookout for apparent small issues that have the potential to become major conflicts. Take the initiative to open lines of communication as quickly and kindly as possible.

6. Am I open-minded?

Remain open to discussion and to someone who may hold a differing opinion. Being open-minded means being willing to change our minds and opinions when we discover that we are wrong, or there is another way.

7. Do I pray for peace and unity in my church?

Pray for guidance, for wisdom, for the leaders and for your fellow church members. Make Jesus' prayer of John 17 your prayer.

The disciple John, who recorded this prayer of Jesus, responded in a positive way. In fact in the letters he wrote to the early church he repeats over and over again the need for love, thus bringing unity in the church. He even says it is an evidence of being born again (1 John 4:7).

As church members, we must live at peace with one another. If we want our church to grow, there must be love and unity. "For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20, NIV). □

1. Rowland Croucher, Pointers, *Bulletin of the Christian Research Association*, March 1994, Vol 4:1.

2. Brian Hathaway, *Living With the Saints We Know*, N-Joy Publishers, Auckland, 1996, page 7.

3. *ibid*, page 14.

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Deathbed Words of Life

by Judith Vysma

King David's last words, according to the record, were words of advice to his son, King Solomon. They were words from a great king, a God-follower, a great sinner and a man of great compassion.

"Be strong . . . Act like a man . . . Walk in God's ways . . . Be wary of treachery . . . Be hospitable . . . kind . . . caring."

Deathbed words pouring from anguished hearts are sometimes curses, sometimes requests. They are advice. They are pleas for forgiveness.

The words of my dying mother speak to me of her way of life. A life of caring for others, love for her family, of her content to rest in the care of her Shepherd. We heard no words of the fear of death, obviously knocking with ever-insistent vigour on her pain-racked body. Repeatedly, though, there were words of love for us, her family and friends.

No words of complaint, but unforgettably and amazingly, words of gratitude! "Thank you, thank you!" for any small thing we found to calm the waters of that storm-tossed passage.

And, when life was so nearly over and there came a difficult day when semi-consciousness was mixed with extreme pain, she found peace only in the gentling words of the psalm of the Shepherd. And when we faltered in our reciting, her lips, soundlessly now, took up the precious promises: "Though I walk through the valley . . . Thou art with me. . . I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

John tells us that if all Jesus said and did was recorded, the books could not be held in all the world! Metaphoric? Maybe, but he made his point.

The Word of God, with material historical and glimpses personal; with the objective of showing life eternal, of presenting the deepest spiritual truths and the most comprehensive code of ethics, would not tolerate unnecessary words.

Jesus' final pain-abbreviated sermons on the cross must have immeasurable meaning.

This was the Lord's final chance to impart His message to the world. Thirty-three years had been filled with this mission. Every thought, every word and deed, was devoted to this cause.

We hold our breath as we listen to His "deathbed" messages.

A message of comfort and peace to sustain each one of us. A cry proclaiming with triumph, "Father, I go to my death surely. I commend unto You My keeping in the sure and certain knowledge that You will accept Me, that You will preserve Me."

Christ's final message to us was one of hope, of assurance, of praise.

When life's final journey is taken, our Father *will* accept us. His hands *will* sustain us. He *will* continue to hold us precious.

We can, in perfect peace, with complete assurance, give ourselves into His keeping. □

Judith Vysma writes from Jinboomba, Qld.



Giants in the Land

by Eric Were

Being average physically, is much more convenient all round—unless you're a basketball player!

Hidden in a box of family memorabilia, I found an old postcard from London. Printed from a photograph, it depicted a very tall man standing at the base of Nelson's Column—probably around the turn of the century.

The caption reads, "The Irish Giant at Trafalgar Square, London. 8ft 1in high. Tallest British subject, and one of twins."

It's a striking picture, this giant of a man contrasting with a crowd of sightseers—normal-sized people stopped for a moment on their way to work.

Obviously the Irish giant couldn't walk through an ordinary doorway without stooping, nor could he stand upright in the average English pub. Because of his size, there would be few places where he would be comfortable.

If he lived today, he could not fit into a London taxi—let alone a mass produced car! He would have difficulty in most forms of transport. Would the notoriety of being the tallest man compensate for the fact that he would be a misfit in most situations from an elevator to a hotel bed?

Being average physically, is much more convenient all round—unless you're a basketball player!

The Bible states that before the Flood there were "giants in the earth" (Genesis 6:4), and after the Deluge they continued to occur. The Israelites in their travels from Egypt encountered the sons of Anak—called Anakims and Emims (Deuteronomy 2:10, 11).

Another famous giant was King Og of the land of Bashan, who was called the remnant of the giants. King Og's height isn't stated, but his bedstead receives special mention, being nine cubits long and four cubits wide (4 metres by 1.8 metres (see Deuteronomy 3:10, 11). A king-sized bed indeed!



The most famous biblical giant was Goliath of Gath, the Philistine's armour-clad showpiece—three metres tall and carrying a spear the "length of a weaver's beam." But Goliath was brought low by a pebble from David's slingshot (1 Samuel 17:4-7, 40-50).

Goliath had big relatives. In Gath there seems to have been a whole clan of men of "great stature"—a brother of the giant and sons of the giant (2 Samuel 21:18-20).

Apart from physical giants, we are all acquainted with giant achievers. They often become victims of the "tall-poppy syndrome," fair game for knockers and detractors. There are those who are ready to cut intellectual giants down to size. Most leaders will tell you it's lonely at the top.

Moses, one of history's greatest leaders, didn't find it easy. The people murmured and complained about the food and the lack of water in the wilderness. They criticised Moses' leadership and talked of rebellion (Numbers 11:4-6; 14:1-4; 20:2-5).

When Korah, a would-be upstart, confronted Moses and questioned his authority, the ageing leader was almost brought to the end of his endurance and he "fell upon his face" (Numbers 16:1-4)—but he raised himself and carried on to finish his task

with honour.

Paul, who took Christianity to the limits of the then known world, suffered hardship, persecution, stonings and beatings, shipwreck and hunger (2 Corinthians 11:23-27), and was at times criticised and deserted by his friends. Near the end of his life, imprisoned in Rome and facing court charges for preaching the gospel, Paul wrote to his spiritual son, Timothy, and poured out his heart's loneliness.

"At my first defence [in court], no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. . . . But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength. . ." (2 Timothy 4:16, 17, NIV). He further implored Timothy to visit him and to bring his books and parchments, and his cloak; and in all diligence to come before winter (2 Timothy 4:13)—a pathetic plea from a cold, lonely dungeon.

But the ever-courageous Paul writes, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day. . ." (2 Timothy 4:7, 8, NIV).

What a testimony from a giant—of faith. What a challenge. □

Eric Were writes from St Agnes in South Australia.



ADRA in Overalls

The People People!

Every day about 60,000 people die from starvation, more than 500 million women and children live in poverty—and at least 44 million people are homeless.

What is it like to watch your child starve?

What would you take if you had to flee your home in the middle of the night . . . and never return?

How would you survive an earthquake, hurricane or fire?

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ADRA-Philippines responded to more than 30 disasters in 1995. Emergency food rations were distributed for 72,000 people per day. In total more than 110,000 people benefitted with more than \$A500,000 worth of aid.

ADRA-Vietnam, responded to community needs following severe flooding. Australian volunteers Mel and Dorothy

Davey are still working in Vietnam, distributing rice, blankets and mosquito nets to more than 400,000 people. By the end of April more than 400,000 kilos of rice had been distributed.

D Tidwell, ADRA-Vietnam

Sri Lanka is a country torn by civil war and turmoil. **ADRA-Sri Lanka** staff have taken food staples, rice and *dhal* (lentils) as well as cooking pans and spoons, shelter tarpaulins and clothing into the troubled areas.

WD Joseph, ADRA-Sri Lanka

As a result of the monsoon rains, the major rivers of Bangladesh flooded, seriously affecting 12 million people.

ADRA-Bangladesh distributed almost \$A60,000 worth of aid in rice, lentils, salt and spices, and tarpaulins.

O Lofton-Brook, ADRA-Bangladesh



ADRA still faces many challenges in the former Yugoslavia in spite of the peace process. Since the outbreak of civil unrest ADRA has delivered more than \$A15 million worth of aid in cash and kind. This has come from at least 20 different countries.

In some cases volunteer drivers have risked their lives in steering truckloads of food, clothing and medicines through war zones.

J Arthur, ADRA-Trans-Europe

Whenever an ADRA representative visits those who have benefited from the material assistance, the response is the same:

"Please thank all those who sent help in our hour of need. It has meant so much to us." □



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Critical Teacher Shortage Looms

Australia is moving toward a severe shortage of teachers and this trend is reflected in the denominational ranks, says Errol McDonald, head of Avondale College's education department.

Unless school-leavers think about teaching as a career now, by the year 2000 there will be a projected Australia-wide shortfall of some 10,000 primary and secondary school teachers.

The possibility of massive teacher shortages are highlighted in a paper presented by Barbara Preston, executive officer for the Australian Council of Deans of Education. She said that by the year 2000 education will require a 128 per cent and 110 per cent increase in primary and secondary graduates respectively.

Much of the shortage will result from the retirement of older teachers already in the force, says Mr McDonald.

"As governments struggle with accelerating political, economic and social change, teachers are becoming increasingly important," he says. "They need to socialise the young in ways that provide meaning and purpose for their lives."

"To do this, teachers need to be well educated with a commitment to the ministry of teaching," he adds.

Mr McDonald said that the potential shortage is reflected in present enrolments in education at Avondale College. Currently there are only 202 trainee teachers across four years of the primary and secondary Bachelor of Education courses. This is about 100 fewer than 10 years ago.

The education courses at Avondale include a biblical studies component in each year of study.

Mr McDonald says that graduates from the college's education degree are held in high regard in the education sys-



Primary teachers from Australia and New Zealand attended Avondale College as part of their qualification upgrading program. College teaching staff are seated in the front row.

tem, with many taking up employment in the church's system.

"I think it's one of the most secure options for students because of the huge shortage looming," said Mr McDonald. "Governments are realising the value of

Mr McDonald said that the goal of the South Pacific Division's education department is that all Adventist school-teachers in Australia and New Zealand should have the opportunity to have a degree by 1997.

their teaching profession and pushing pay scales up." As well as graduating new teachers with a high standard, he adds, the college is providing ongoing education to former students who graduated from nondegree courses in years past. This helps these students gain degree status, with the college providing summer schools until 1997.

Photo: M Ashton

Musician Points WA Youth to Christ

New Zealand-born Steve Apirana inspired the youth of Western Australia with his personal testimony and blues gospel music at the Easter long-weekend Western Australian Conference camp held at Maida Vale, says Raewyn Jones, of Bunbury, Western Australia.

"God has been good to Steve Apirana," he says.

Something that is evident is his ability to put Scripture into '60s and '70s blues rhythms. "It's a gift from God," he says.

The self-effacing Mr Apirana tells how, as a street kid in Christchurch, he met the Open Door Mission. While there he and other street kids formed a band, which came to be man-

aged by a Christian from the mission. The influence of this one person transformed their lives.

He and his friends soon realised their Christian lifestyle was compromised by playing alongside such popular rock bands as Split Enz and Dragon and, after turning down an opportunity to play with Joe Cocker because of a Bible study, the group rededicated their lives to God.

Mr Apirana said that he now enjoys a serious relationship with God and believes that God is work-

ing through him and his ministry. He has played at numerous camps and youth rallies and Mrs Jones says his ministry is enjoyed by youth and adults alike.



Steve Apirana: a style that was a hit with WA youth—and their parents.

Photo: Ken Hall

High Growth Creates Needs



Some of the ministers at the recent Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission workers meetings. More than 2000 people were baptised in the mission in 12 months.

A major problem of growth in Papua New Guinea is that ministers lack the resources—but not the dedication—to serve their people and to win souls.

According to Pastor Jerry Matthews, secretary of the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission, this was made obvious at the first workers meetings to be held at Moruma (near Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province).

"My heart was touched by the needs

of our ministers and volunteers in the field," he says. "They serve a numerically larger group than the whole Trans-Tasman Union Conference, yet this dedicated group of workers still lack the resources—books, commentaries, slides and slide projectors—to do it."

Pastor Matthews says that more than 2000 people were baptised in the Eastern Highlands Mission area during 1995.

"Workers shared their experiences of soul winning in newly entered areas," says Pastor Matthews. "Senior pastors encouraged new workers to be self-sacrificing in fulfilling the gospel commission, and in sharing the three angels' messages."

Pastors Graeme Humble (ministerial secretary) and Philip Daboyan (stewardship director) from the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (based in Lae) addressed the meetings.

CHURCH NEWS

Wollongong, GSyd: Eleven denominations participated in the **World Day of Prayer** recently celebrated at the



Photo: A Fitzsimmons

church. Colleen Buxton (pictured centre), former children's ministries director for the South Pacific Division, spoke to the group of God's love; Olivine Coso, head deaconess, welcomed the visitors, and Illawarra Adventist Primary students sang. Lunch was served and the whole program, organised by Wilma Crofts (pictured at right), was considered a great success and witness. Pastor Dino Mastromihalis, the church pastor, is also pictured.—A Fitzsimmons

Bible Helps Heal Rwanda's Wounds

Exactly two years after the 1994 violence and killings in Rwanda—and for the first time since—the broader Christian community in Rwanda, Adventists included, met peacefully and purposefully together. The occasion was the meeting of the General Assembly of the Rwandan Bible Society. It met in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda.

Despite being a predominantly Christian country (at least nominally), the Christian denominations suffered from the same suspicions and resentments that have since affected the various tribal factions and prevented reconciliation and the reconstruction of their war-ravaged society.

"It was a privilege for me to witness to the power of the Word of God to bring together all the Christian denominations of Rwanda for the first time since April 1994," said United Bible

Societies (UBS) Francophone consultant, James Li-Hing.

"People have tried to bring Christians together to discuss matters or to work on a variety of subjects with a view to rebuilding the country and the church," he said, "but only part of the Christian community has responded in the past. It was a miracle, if one takes a closer look at the composition of the assembly."

The assembly consisted of 34 representatives of various denominations including the Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Evangelical, Brethren and Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

After passing a vote of thanks for Scriptures already received, the assembly voted to request an additional 50,000 Bibles above the number earmarked for distribution by UBS in Rwanda in 1996.



Photo: S Nelthropp

Parramatta, GSyd: Pictured above are some of the graduates of the 1995 cradle roll, kindergarten and primary Sabbath school classes (from the left): Revona Govender, Crystal Symes, Florelle Papin, Amanda Pakoti, Leatham Fitzpatrick, Jessie Tapara, and Elizabeth Delapedra and Mario Rogic behind. Standing behind the children are (from the left): Pastor Roger Govender, Marilyn Sedgwick, Delene Govender, Vanessa Masters and Adventist Media Centre evangelist Geoff Youlden.

Youth Reach Sydney's Needy

A group of 16 university students pitched a three-pole marquee in the centre of Redfern, Sydney, for a Vacation Bible School (VBS), which was attended by some city councillors.

To promote the VBS and encourage children and their families to attend, the Pathfinders and the leaders walked through Redfern streets in "Pied Piper" fashion (but using a Bible-styled Roman centurion), leading them to the tent, which was pitched on land provided by the South Sydney Council.

"There were a few minor dramas," says Ted Moxon, one of the club's leaders, "but the children were well-behaved." He said for some of the 61 children who attended, it was the first time they had heard the gospel or prayed.

"I'm convinced that VBS programs should be conducted by every church," said Mr Moxon.

Mr Moxon said that beyond the regu-



Sydney university student Karina Creighton takes time to help one of the city's disadvantaged at a VBS.

The VBS program was sponsored by the Redfern Aboriginal Pathfinder Club. They were helped by the Sydney universities chaplain, Pastor Greg Harker, and Pastor Peter Fowler of the Fox Valley Community church, Wahroonga.

"It was a pleasure to see the students enjoying the experience of making a difference in the lives of the children of the inner city," says Pastor Harker. "Other students have been inspired to run a similar project in western NSW as a result."

Pastor Fowler says, "I was amazed to see Ted [Moxon] walk down the streets in what has been a very hostile environment.

"Parents would stop talk to him and some even referred to him as their 'pastor,' because of the ministry he has developed among the urban Aboriginal families of Redfern.

"It has been slow progress for Ted and the group, but the rewards of their ministry are now being realised in the trust families have in

them."

Team members came from the Fox Valley, Polish, Windsor and Parramatta churches, and also from Melbourne, Brisbane and Korea.

Religious Rights Affirmed by Poles

Poland's Secretary of State, Dr Grzegorz Rydlewski, reaffirmed his country's decision to protect the rights of minority religions during his visit to Washington, DC, on April 16.

In 1995, the Polish parliament passed a law recognising the church's legal status in the country. In the late 1980s Dr Rydlewski was involved in drafting the country's principal church-state legislation that formed the basis for bilateral agreements between the state and individual religious bodies.

Dr Rydlewski, who serves as Secretary of Poland's Council of Ministers, on a visit to the United Nations in New York, met with officials of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's General Conference, Dr B B Beach, director of inter-church relations, and Ray Dabrowski, communication director. He was accompanied by Zbigniew Bylica, adviser at the Council of Ministers.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is recognised as a minority Christian church in predominantly Catholic Poland.—ANN

High Notes on Net '96

South African opera star Manuel Escorcio is scheduled to sing during Net '96, says Pastor Mark Finley, speaker for the satellite evangelistic effort.

"I have the highest regard for him," Pastor Finley said of Mr Escorcio. "He has a dramatic conversion story and is a positive influence."

Mr Escorcio came to study at the Seventh-day Adventist Helderberg College, near Cape Town in South Africa, as a young Portuguese student from Mozambique. His talent was discovered by the dormitory dean who told of his discovery to the music teacher. Manuel took voice lessons and began his 20-year career as South Africa's best known opera singer.

Escorcio quit his stage career five years ago and now uses his talent as a "shepherd-singer," as he describes himself.—ANN



The combined Redfern Aboriginal Pathfinder Club and university VBS team (along with Caesar) get a cheer from Redfern kids.

lar VBS-type content, the children were taught health education, personal cleanliness and good grooming. The VBS also gave each child a new toothbrush and tube of toothpaste, while a few received hairbrushes as prizes.

Campaign Begins in the Philippines

Pastors and evangelists from 13 countries converged on the Philippines the week before Easter to assist fellow pastors and laypersons in conducting the largest-ever Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic campaign in that country. The goal of the 700 simultaneously run meetings is to baptize 50,000 persons.

Participants included several from former Soviet-bloc countries—areas that continue to host many overseas evangelists themselves. Church leaders from Russia, the former Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Romania expect to take home fresh ideas for evangelism after spending two weeks with Filipino pastors who are noted for their soul-winning zeal.

A Romanian evangelist plans a national campaign in his own country next February and is inviting 30 guest teams to participate.

The Andrews University Gymnics, a gymnastics team from the Adventist Church's university in Michigan, raised \$US50,000 and flew to the Philippines in December. The 34-member team spent three weeks traveling through the islands. Following street performances, they distributed enrolment cards for the Bible course, along with the books *Steps to Christ* and *Desire of Ages*.

Team captain Eric Amundson says, "People mobbed us by the hundreds after our shows to get these." The Gymnics distributed 15,000 books, and when the sign-up cards ran out, they resorted to using a copy machine to make more.

The Gymnics also promoted the Philippine government's new drug education program and gave their personal testimony as to why they are glad to be drug-free.

Government leaders were so impressed by the enthusiasm of Adventist youth that they helped publicize the events and provided drug-education materials to be used in 30,000 home-study groups that met for weeks before the evangelistic series began.

As these meetings concluded the week after Easter, three teams from the Voice of Prophecy in North America arrived for 13 mass baptismal rallies in many of the Philippines' largest cities. It is expected that children, teens and young adults will dominate the decisions for baptism, since nearly 40 percent of the country's 69 million people are under the age of 14, with millions more in their teens and 20s.

The 614,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the Philippines make up about 7 percent of the church's worldwide membership. They worship in 3120 congregations.—ANN

CHILDREN

Hagar the Horrible, and the Fish

by Gwen Pascoe

Hagar the Horrible is a big, lazy, orange cat.

When he curls up in the garden he looks a bit like a pumpkin.

When he wants to be patted he purrs and meows. But if everyone is too busy to stroke or feed him, he jumps onto the newspaper, the computer, the fridge or the fish-tank bench.

He knows that if he crouches and pats the glass of the fish tank with his big, velvety paws, the fish will dart in all directions. He knows that someone will say, "Hagar, leave the fish alone!"

And he hopes someone will feed or stroke him.

In their tank the fish are safe, because they know there is only

one small opening where they are fed. They often hide in the water weeds where they feel very safe.

But one night Hagar patted the glass for a long time. He lashed his tail. He twitched his whiskers. His big, golden eyes glared.

One fish became so frightened that it swam faster and faster. It swam so fast that it leapt through the opening and crashed onto the floor.

Unable to breathe, it flapped noisily. Hagar jumped off the bench and stared at the fish.

When it was rescued, the fish lay on the sand at the bottom of the tank for a long time. Hagar the Horrible sat on the bench



for a long time.

He hoped the fish would jump out again.

The Bible says we have an enemy too. Satan wants to destroy us, but we are safe when we are where Jesus wants us to be.

Gwen Pascoe, of Melbourne, is the author of several children's books and a regular contributor to Signs of the Times.

Weddings

Cornell-Trapp—Linker. Andrew Cornell-Trapp and Eveline Marie Linker, daughter of Walter and Ruth Linker (Salisbury, SA), were married on 14.4.96 at Prospect SDA church. Graeme Olson

Coulston—Nash. Alan Coulston, long-time literature evangelist, and Helen Nash of Berwick, Vic, were married on 11.2.96 at the Dandenong SDA church. Noel E Bolst

Ellison—Wren. Thomas Henry Ellison and Joan May Wren were married on 7.4.96 at the Village church, Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. John R Lee, S A Bartlett

Farrow—Martin. Alexander Macnab Farrow, son of Cliff and Moira Farrow (Adelaide, SA), and Andrea Kaye Martin, daughter of Ian and Lynne Martin (Canberra, ACT), were married on 7.4.96 at Canberra National SDA church. A M van Rensburg

Jones—Hamper. Andrew Justin Jones, son of Geoffrey and Julia Jones (Murwillumbah, NSW), and Anita Wendy Hamper, daughter of Geoffrey and Delma Hamper (Murwillumbah), were married on 7.4.96 at Murwillumbah SDA church. John Skrzypaszek

Pellizzer—Teler. John Pellizzer, son of Giuseppe and Ernesta Pellizzer (Sydney, NSW), and Anne Christine Teler, daughter of Czeslaw and Julia Teler (Sydney), were married on 4.4.96 at St Martins SDA church, Christchurch, New Zealand. Aaron Jeffries

Tosen—White. Kenneth Tosen, son of Neville and Rhonda Tosen (Canberra, ACT), and Hayley White, daughter of Malcolm and Lina White (Ayr, Qld), were married on 8.4.96 at Morisset Hospital Chapel, Cooranbong, NSW. Eric White and Neville Tosen

Humphries—Belford. Simon Andrew Humphries, son of Noel and Glennys Humphries (Tamworth, NSW), and Melinda Joy Belford, daughter of Eric and Rosalie Belford (Gosford), were married on 31.3.96 at Kanwal SDA church. Doug Weare

Johnson—Schuck. Andrew John Johnson, son of Don and Del Johnson (Harrisville, Qld), and Coralie Joy Schuck, daughter of Nev and Norma Schuck, were married on 14.4.96 at Ipswich, Qld. David M Lamb

Leahy—Brewer. Nathan Bryce Leahy, son of Gerry and Eileen Leahy (Maryborough, Qld), and Kristeen Marie Brewer, daughter of Jim and Noreen Brewer (Maryborough), were married on 31.3.96 at Maryborough SDA church. Geoff Donovan

Morton—Truscott. Darren Peter Morton, son of Peter (John) Morton and Shirley (Anne) Morton (Ballarat, Vic), and Sarah Jane Truscott, daughter of Paul and Linda Truscott (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 7.4.96 at Avondale College church, Cooranbong, NSW. Trafford Fischer

Sheldrick—Bullas. Leigh Sheldrick, son of Vic and Ethel Sheldrick (Mont Gambier, SA), and Jo-anne Lesley Bullas, daughter of Gordon and Audrey Bullas (St Marys, Adelaide), were married on 7.4.96 at College Park SDA church. Robert Porter, Angus McPhee

Sipus—Kirsch. Jason Sipus, son of Alex and Stephanie Sipus (Melbourne, Vic) and Inara Petra Kirsch, daughter of Roland Kirsch and Lydia Elsters (Melbourne), were married on 31.3.96 at Lilydale SDA church. Adrian J Raethel

Whitworth—Haywood. Richard Whitworth, son of Hugh Whitworth (Cairns, northern Qld) and the late Thelma Whitworth, and Susan Haywood, daughter of Rona Haywood (Scarborough, WA) and the late Theo Haywood, were married on 31.3.96 in the Alice Springs SDA church. David Blanch

Obituaries

Davidson, James Alexander Davidson, born 8.6.43 at Whakatane, New Zealand; died suddenly at the prayer meeting in Pakuranga church, Auckland. Jim was actively involved in ministry and touched the lives of many people. He rests in the blessed assurance and the certain hope of the resurrection. He is survived by his wife, Anne; children, Anita and Craig; brothers, Doug, Neil and Ross; and sister, Beth. He was predeceased by his parents, Bill and Margaret; and brother, Robin. H Rusterholz

Dawson, Harold Nicholas, aged 63, was born at Bathurst, NSW; he died in an accident on 24.3.96 at his home in Beecroft, and was buried at the Dungog Cemetery. A member of the Epping church, Harold was a warm and lovable Christian and is sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Thelma; his friends at Epping church, and a wide spread of relatives. Uniting Church ministers assisted at both the church and the graveside. R H Parr

Duff, Lynda Emily, born 11.1.09 at Shepparton, Vic; died 15.2.96 at Allamanda Hospital, Southport, Qld. She married Innes Duff on 24.6.33. They accepted the SDA faith in 1940 after studies with Pastor J Ross James.

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Lynda served the denomination at Loma Linda University from 1958 to 1968. She is survived by her husband (Beenleigh, Qld); daughter, Kathleen King (Park Ridge), and sons, (Dr) Ken (Wollongong, NSW) and Gary (Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA); nine grandchildren; and seven grandchildren. Gary C Roberts

Ford, Frances May (nee Goulding), born 20.2.1896 at Lurg, Vic; died 20.3.96 at Benalla. Frances was baptised as a teenager and was a faithful member of the Benalla church for over 84 years. She was the last surviving charter member of that church. She married William Walter Ford on 20.4.20. He predeceased her on 28.11.62. Frances was a loving and lovable Christian whose long life of over 100 years was a blessing to all who knew her. She is survived by two daughters, Zetta Waite and Val Waite; two sisters, Lillian McKean and Ida Service; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces. Mayo Logue, John Bartlett

Harzmeyer, Frieda Cecilie (formerly Haase), born 15.7.05 in Queensland; died 6.4.96 at Bendigo, Vic, and was buried at Daylesford beside her husband, Heinrich. They married in 1929 in Melbourne. Frieda was baptised in 1981 at Ballarat by Pastor Lin Burns. For the past 15 years she had been a resident of Alawara Retirement Village, Bendigo. She is survived by her twin sons, Ronald (Nunawading) and Edwin (Bendigo); seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. G D Giles, Laurie Hogarth

Heath, Mavis Jeanne, born 22.3.36 at Albury, NSW; died 29.3.96 at Mount Hospital, Perth, WA. Married Russell on 19.3.59 in Albury, NSW. During her lifetime, Jeanne helped many to find hope in the midst of grief. She is survived by her husband (Armadale, WA); children, Graeme (Perth), Felicity Drinkall (Sydney, NSW), Dianne Symons (Perth) and Nigel (Perth). Pat Marshall, Roger Millist

Isaaka, Daniel, born 19.11.80 in Aitutaki, Cook Islands; died 30.3.96 in a motor accident

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at Whitford, Auckland, New Zealand. He is survived by his mother, Sala McMaster (Auckland); and 13 brothers and sisters. Predeceased by his father, Mana Daniel Isaaka. John Veld

Ramsey, Sylvia Lillian Pearl, born 22.9.11 at Inverell, NSW; died 20.4.96 at Kings Langley Nursing Home, Sydney, NSW. She married Charles Edward Ramsey on 8.4.33 at Inverell. He predeceased her on 22.11.67. She is survived by her children, Lynn, Val Wright, Noel (all of NSW), Bruce (England) and Robert (Vic). Peter Theuerkauf, Wal Taylor

Rhodes, Florence Amy, born 24.7.10 in Dunedin, New Zealand; died 24.3.96 at Christ's Hospital, Point Chevalier, Auckland, New Zealand. Baptised in her teens, she was a faithful member of the Hamilton, Otahuhu and Mangere churches. Florry was predeceased by her husband, Cecil. She is survived by her sister Aileen. John Veld, Cathy Hay

Stewart, Frederick Moses, born 28.11.1898 in England; died 5.4.96 at the Bethesda Home and Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand. As a small child, he travelled to New Zealand with his parents. In 1993 he became an Adventist, due to his wife's loving instruction. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; stepdaughters, Margaret and Muriel; and stepson, Donald. H Rusterholz

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