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Adventist Book Centre managers from across the South Pacific Division in front of the North Fitzroy carriage house above which the church's first press in Australia began printing in 1886.

Division-wide ABC marketers meet

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

Managers and marketers representing every Adventist Book Centre (ABC) in the South Pacific Division met in Warburton for the annual ABC Marketing Seminar, March 3-9, to review the 2006 denominational book and product releases. They came from PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

Coincidental with the seminar was the launch of *People Are Human*, by Dr Graeme Bradford, a follow-up to his 2004 book *Prophets Are Human*, published by Signs Publishing Company.

Because 2006 is the centenary of church

publishing in Warburton, the seminar used a heritage theme, and included a tour of the inner-Melbourne sites of pioneer Adventism, led by church history buff Llewelyn Jones. The tour included historic North Fitzroy and the first premises of the Echo Publishing Company, the forerunner of Signs Publishing Company.

South Pacific Division representatives who attended included Pastor Terry Golz, Publishing Department director; Rod Brady, the CFO; and Pastor Joseph Talipuan, from PNG, in his first official appointment since arriving in Sydney to be personal ministries

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Eyes fixed on Him are released from the snares of the old snake.

Deception—Apple to Zion

DECEPTION HAS BEEN AROUND AS long as women have been asking, “How do I look?” As long as men have been selling used cars. As long as children have been “liberating” cookies. As long as lions have looked lazy. As long as Satan has had horns and a pitchfork.

Adam and Eve weren’t very good at it on their first try—God saw right through them. But give them a few years and watch their children. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” A classic line of innocence and *woe is me* that rings from siblings’ lips today.

“It wasn’t my fault!” “I didn’t see him standing there.”

“He shouldn’t have put his head where I was swinging my fist!”

“I mean seriously, am I my brother’s keeper?”

Then, not so very much later, we see a younger brother wrapped in goatskin and feeding his father meat and broth that he didn’t cook and claiming a birthright that he didn’t deserve.

No wonder God told the Israelites, “Don’t cook a kid in its mother’s milk.” Jacob was stewing in his mother’s ambition. And he didn’t see a thing wrong with it—just opportunity.

We could go right through the stories of the Bible adding deception upon deception until we were so tied up in a knot of lies that we wouldn’t know which way to look for truth.

A woman named Jael, who invited the king in to rest, warmed his drink and

spiked his head.

A warrior named Ehud, who said he had a message for the king, put a short sword in his belly instead.

King David sent his right-hand man, Uriah, to his death to steal a wife and silence a story.

Solomon held a sword ready to dissect a newborn to discover the deceptive mother. If only it were always that easy. If only we were always that wise!

But perhaps the most devastating deception of all unravelled when the least of the twelve returned to throw 30 pieces of silver back at the priests. “I have betrayed innocent blood!”

The whole thing had been a deception from the start. Judas’ original plan—*I’ll sell Him out and He’ll fight when they attack! Then we will set up our kingdom!*—failed. Jesus didn’t fight back. Judas saw his plan coming undone and the money began to smack of treason.

Judas returned to the halls of religious piety to reclaim his innocence. The money flew through the air at the priests, and the words cut through the cold night, “I have betrayed innocent blood.”

And the reply, “What is that to us?” severed a heart.

He too was deceived, by his own heart. They couldn’t forgive him. Only Jesus could. And Judas couldn’t bring himself to face Jesus.

I am beyond forgiveness, he thought. I did what I did. His death is on my head.

And with such deceptive thoughts he wrapped one end of a rope around a tree, the other around his neck and leapt off the branch. Judas was dead—dead wrong.

Jesus came to forgive sins. He came to forgive all who call on His name. Judas would have heard Him say that a time or two in their three years together. So, why the misconception? Why the hard-hearted self-punishment?

Because the master of this earth is a deceiver. Satan is the father of lies. And he has been weaving his web of deceit since Eve’s first wayward bite. He’ll do all he can to convince each of us that we are unworthy, that God is unwilling, that life is unchanging and that forgiveness is unavailable. But he is wrong—dead wrong.

One day we will see. But for now he continues to deceive and many of us continue to emulate his deceptive ways. There is only one way out of his devastating downward spiral of deceit: Look to Jesus.

Eyes fixed on Him are released from the snares of the old snake. Hearts fixed on Him are changed. Lives fixed on Him are forever His.

Let us lift our eyes. Lift them up from the serpent’s bites all around us. Lift them to the centre of the camp—to the cross.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who became sin for us, so that we might become righteous—and we will be healed.

David Edgren



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and Sabbath school director. Representing the Australian Union Conference was its CFO, Kingsley Wood.

Alan Holman, a Signs, Sanitarium and Adventist Media employee in different capacities over several decades, added an insider's personal dimension to the heritage theme with his mirthful anecdotes of Signs's more recent history that had the group in stitches.

Liz Dunstan, Signs Book Department manager and seminar organiser, says that the more-than-100 new denominational titles and products launched at the seminar will be on ABC bookshelves within weeks. Introducing them, from Signs's sister institutions in the US, were Pastor Dale Galusha, president of Pacific Press (Boise, Idaho), and Doug Sayles, director of trade sales at Review and Herald (Hagerstown, Maryland).

At the dedication of *People Are Human*, Pastor Galusha spoke of the important place of prayer in the preparation of books produced by Adventist publishing houses. He said the books were "prayed over" at many levels—from the author praying about their work to dedicatory prayers for the books before they are shipped. "They're the most prayed-over books in the world, but all that prayer isn't going to make a difference in a person's life—

that's up to the Holy Spirit working on that person," he said.

RECORD editor Nathan Brown, the book's co-editor, says that *People Are Human* comes at a time of renewed interest in books about Ellen White, such as *Acquired or Inspired?* by Dr Don McMahon, also published by Signs. One of the big questions addressed in *People Are Human* is why Ellen White is still relevant to the church," says Mr Brown.

People Are Human continues to explore the history of the Adventist Church, particularly in an ideological sense after the death of Ellen White in 1915. It also looks at the outcome of the 1919 Bible Conference.

Mrs Dunstan said she expects the book will add much to the already high growth in sales of denominational books, which, sales indicators suggest and she anticipates, will continue.



Kathy Chee

Nathan Brown, RECORD editor; Doug Sayles, director of trade sales at Review and Herald; Liz Dunstan, Signs Book Department manager; Dale Galusha, president of Pacific Press; and Glen Reed, general manager of Signs Publishing, at the launch of *People Are Human*.

"At the seminar we awarded four ABCs [Christchurch, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane] for achieving a more than 20 per cent increase in the sale of denominational product.

"We're both thrilled and encouraged by this significant increase in the amount of denominational product moving through the ABCs over the past year. I believe it's because people are realising the relevance and high quality of the books produced by our Adventist publishers that relate specifically to us as a church."—Adele Nash

◆ A trial of 30,000 *Search* DVDs letterboxed by 45 churches led to only 17 responses. However, in 2005, 162,000 *Search* 6 letterbox cards were purchased at \$A20 per thousand and led to a minimum of three responses per thousand—that's \$A7 per response. Pastor Harry Halliday from Ballina church, NSW, found letterboxing to have limited success so went doorknocking. After visiting 62 homes, in three-and-a-half hours, he found 15 were not home and 16 declined the offer but 13 took a DVD, six took a video and 12 accepted a

Signs magazine. While Adventist Media does not use radio as a means of advertising (due to the success of the television campaigns the advertising budget is spent on this method), they have created 30- and 60-second radio commercials that can be obtained free for use with a radio station a church either operates or is involved with. The next round of TV advertising targets rural south Queensland from April 1 to 9 on Southern Cross Television (169 spots) and the Orange/Dubbo area from April 22 to 30 on WIN Television (106



spots). Alice Springs, NT, and Singleton, NSW, churches have both hosted dinners recently with the *Search* video presenter Pastor Geoff Youlden (pictured) that led the attendees to return for a prophecy series.—Discovery News/Scott Wegener

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◆ Sixty years of marriage, 55 years since hers and 35 years

since his baptism—those are the very impressive scores belonged to Maria and Jaroslav Zeman (pictured). Their anniversaries were marked with a ceremony at Granville church, NSW, where they have been members since their arrival in Australia from Croatia 15 years ago.—Serge Princip



Australians revitalise church

KAPIT, MALAYSIA

Two Australians have been part of revitalising the church in Kapit, Sarawak, Malaysia. On February 25, 21 people were baptised and 15 more decided to be baptised, thus trebling the membership.

"The work started in Kapit in the 1970s," reports Pastor Gilbert Tan, general secretary of the Sarawak Mission, "but due to a shortage of pastors the church fell away."

In 2004 John Brereton, publishing director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission (an Australian), chose Kapit for a literature-evangelism outreach. Later that year Mr Brereton conducted a brief series of evangelistic meetings. Some former members returned and the new group was nurtured by Pastor Aiti.

"When I came in for a reaping series, many people had already received Bible studies," says Pastor Calvyn Townend, the former general manager of Adventist Media. "From the opening night in the Meligai Hotel conference room we had a full house. In fact on the third night, some of the team took 50 primary-aged children for a Vacation Bible School-type program in the foyer.

"The only way to get to Kapit is by river express," says Pastor Townend. It is a two-and-a-half-hour journey from Sibul. "Kapit



Pastor Aiti baptised Mr Aik.

is a busy regional centre of about 10,000 people. While there is a good local road system, it is linked to the rest of Sarawak only by river.

"One large group came each night from a 'long house.' They crossed the river in wooden canoes and from there they travelled in small buses. At least two bus drivers were baptised.

"Among them was Mr Aik," reports Pastor Townend. "Aged 83, Mr Aik had been a tracker for the British Army during World War II."

"I always looked for the truth," said Mr Aik. "This week I found it and decided to be baptised in the biblical way to follow Jesus' example."

"I'll not forget the enthusiastic response to the 10-night series," says Pastor Townend. "Now the meeting place is too small and they are searching for a permanent venue."—RECORD staff

Andrews University president to continue until June 30

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN, USA

Three days after it received his resignation, the Andrews University board of trustees asked Dr Niels-Erik Andreassen to remain as president of the institution through to June 30. Dr Andreassen agreed to the request.

Dr Andreassen had tendered his resignation on March 6 at a meeting of the university's board of trustees. At a break during that meeting, according to a news release from the university, the leadership of the board asked Dr Andreassen for his resignation and he agreed. When he wrote his resignation letter, Dr Andreassen stated that it would be "effective immediately."

Apparently, it was that phrase that was the root of a misunderstanding between Dr Andreassen and the board. Dr Andreassen thought the board was wishing for his resignation to be immediate while the board, upon receipt of his letter, assumed that it was Dr Andreassen's wish for a quick conclusion. The misunderstanding was resolved by further discussions between Dr Andreassen and trustees.

Currently, a 13-member committee has been appointed to search for a replacement for the president.—ANN staff

◆ A recent **ministers meeting in Greater Sydney Conference** discussed the growing trend of conducting **Bible cyber-studies** over the internet. While it was unanimously agreed that studying via the internet was both a time and financially economical method of preparing a candidate for baptism, disagreement came over the act of baptism itself conducted via the internet. A subsequent vote came out in favour of **cyber-baptisms** being recognised as a valid practice of the conference on the condition that the right **font** was used.—Owen Lee/Joe King

◆ **James and Mandy Cox** developed a plan to utilise the distinctive "market culture" of the city of Darwin, NT. In the past two years they have sought to develop a core team for their presence at the **Mindil Beach markets** and have developed a dynamic stall that seeks to be a place of "**advocacy for the poor**" and the sale of "fair trade" goods imported from very poor communities from around the world. They have been encouraged by the "community" they see developing around their stall and believe this may grow into a "shop presence" with areas for reflection,

prayer, discussions, meetings and a range of literature. Market evangelism has also been running (pictured) for more than six months at **Hamilton, NZ**, and they have handed out more than **1000 free DVDs** to the community. Hamilton have become so excited about this ministry they have put together a free "**Market Evangelism Manu-**



al" for any person or church that is interested.—Peter Roennfeldt/Roger Goodwright

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◆ The Adventist radio station **Hope FM**, run by volunteers at the **Papatoetoe church, NZ**, has been operating on the FM band of 106.7 in Auckland for nearly a year. With good coverage in the eastern suburbs of Auckland, regular feedback and comments are received from the public **complimenting the station** and its content—most of which is Christian

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Great news for ADRA Appeal

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A recent intensive study of charitable giving patterns within Australia found that doorknock appeals are notably more popular with givers than any other kind of surveyed appeal.

"This is great news for church members who have wanted to raise funds for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), but thought they would receive a frosty reception when going to people's doors," says Gary Christian, the ADRA-Australia director who oversees the doorknock in Australia.

The report, "Giving Australia: research on philanthropy in Australia," was commissioned by the Federal Department of Health and Community Services and released in summary form in October 2005.

Among the detailed studies was one where respondents were asked about the effectiveness of different methods of fundraising in eliciting their donations. The results were surprising, revealing that doorknock appeals were at least four times as effective as asking for donations in the street or public places when it came to working "every time." Television advertising and advertisements in magazines or newspapers were the least effective.

In terms of effectiveness, the doorknock

appeals also rated highest in the "most of the time" category and had the lowest rating in the "not at all" category.

"Doorknock appeals are light-years ahead of the rest in terms of popularly eliciting donations," says Mr Christian. "We have so many Adventists who gave up collecting for the ADRA Appeal in the bad old days when it was far more difficult.

"We have known for years that most people will now give a donation of between \$2 and \$10 at the door, but our challenge has been getting our Adventist members to the doors. The money is there but our collectors are not. Perhaps they are still labouring under outdated impressions that doorknocks are difficult."

Mr Christian believes that the days of denominational prejudice are largely gone, and people happily donate to any good cause. "Of course, now every charity is going to want to get a doorknock going, but this kind of fundraiser needs a lot of infrastructure and volunteers are not easily sourced for a new doorknock campaign overnight."

In 2006, ADRA-Australia has a request of all church members who want to see it continue doing great things—"Get on board with the doorknock this year because it's only getting easier."—*RECORD staff/ADRA-Australia*

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Canning Sanitarium canned goods?

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Changing lifestyles and demand for quick-and-easy foods to create gourmet family meals may be impacting sales of an Adventist long-time favourite and Sabbath potluck-lunch regular.

The humble can of Nutmeat may disappear from your local supermarket shelf despite the best efforts of Sanitarium sales teams to cajole supermarket management into keep it stocked.

"Over the past two years, supermarket sales of Sanitarium's canned range have been in steady decline," says group product manager Susan Wilson. "If people don't buy the products, supermarket managers are quick to remove them and stock products that sell.

"We encourage everyone who wants to be able to continue buying their favourite Sanitarium canned product to make a concerted effort to increase their purchasing," says Ms Wilson. "Just buying one or two canned products will potentially increase sales and may help the range to survive on shelf."

Sanitarium's canned range includes old favourites such as Tender Pieces, Country Hotpot, Vegetarian Sausages, Numeat and Nutolene.—*Julie Praestiin*

music and selected content from **3ABN and the Hope Channel**. Listeners are also tuning in from around the world and listening online.—*Michael Inglis*

More @ www.hopefm.org.nz

◆ **Five-year-old Conner Nelson** surprised his parents one day by telling them, "We should tell others Jesus is coming soon." When asked how he wanted to do this, he replied, "I think I'll just go to their door and say, 'My name is Conner. You don't know me, but I think Jesus is coming soon. Would you like a DVD that talks

about it?'" After a practice session, he went to work on a street right next to his church in Cadillac, Michigan, USA. Conner was the lead canvasser and his pastor travelled with him to help fill in any gaps. Soon, his **seven-year-old sister, Sheree**, and their mother, Brenda, joined his special project—then many in the Cadillac congregation were inspired to also share the DVDs. To date, more than **800 Final Events DVDs** have now been distributed.—*Craig Harris*



◆ The goal of the Atlantic Union is to encourage the support of **1000 prayer warriors** by June 2006. Following the first **Atlantic Union Prayer Institute and Prayer Conference** held recently on the campus of Atlantic Union College, Massachusetts, USA, more than 130 individuals left committed to returning to their churches and recruiting at least 10 prayer warriors by June 2006. The presenter for the power-packed, Spirit-filled weekend was **Samuel Telemaque**, prayer coordinator for the Caribbean Union Conference. He taught participants how to enhance their

prayer life and, through workshops and printed materials, prepared them to train others to be effective prayer warriors.—*Ednor Davison*

◆ For several years the Stanborough Park church, UK, has printed an attractive newsletter each quarter in order to keep the local community informed concerning internal happenings and future events. More than 7000 of their colourful six-page bulletins are distributed to the same homes four times each year. The newsletter highlights the variety of programs the church runs.—*John Arthur*

AYC '06 challenges, uplifts and plans ahead

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

On February 23, 190 young people from across Australia and New Zealand, as well as other parts of the globe, gathered in Melbourne to be involved in the Australian Youth Congress (AYC) '06, organised and sponsored by the Gateway Adventist church. AYC '06's stated goal was to train an army of young people to be soul winners and share the gospel.

The opening address given by Pastor Chester Stanley, president of the Australian Union Conference, laid a solid foundation, preparing open minds and willing hearts for the weekend ahead.

In addition to the morning and evening sessions, daily workshops were held over the three days of the congress. Each workshop had the aim of equipping participants with the necessary tools for effective outreach.

Rachel Webster, who attended the workshop on effective soul winning, said, "These meetings helped me to understand the science of soul winning."

Marlon and Marvin Goldsmith attended workshops on leadership and discipleship, and said, "The four-part series by Johnny Wong was quite an eye-opener. During this series we explored the key factors toward leadership and more specifically start-



Some 190 young people gathered in Melbourne for the Australian Youth Congress '06.

ing and leading a group in our own areas. Examples include cell groups through to youth groups. We left with the courage and knowledge of how to start a small outreach program."

The Sabbath program was an open day and was attended by more than 300 people. On Sunday, General Conference vice-president Pastor Mark Finley made a special guest appearance at AYC. He challenged people to make a commitment to God and work to spread the gospel. As a result of this, 10 people made decisions for baptism and a further 62 young people decided to prayerfully consider becoming Bible workers for Mission Melbourne 2007 to be conducted by Pastor Finley.—*Adele Nash/ Amy Aitken/ Hayley Shannon*

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LAA teacher awarded for excellence

LILYDALE, VICTORIA

Jason Smith, a teacher at Lilydale Adventist Academy, was recently awarded a citation as the Independent Teacher of the Year for teachers with less than five years experience by the Australian College of Educators, Maroondah District.

The award was won on the basis of excellent and innovative teaching in the business area and leadership in a wide range of extracurricular activities, such as the Students Representative Council and sports coaching. Dr Daryl Murdoch, principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy, acknowledged the efforts of Mr Smith. "Jason is a dedicated and hardworking teacher who is prepared to go the extra mile for students."—*David Jones*



Jason Smith is congratulated by Dr Daryl Murdoch, principal of LAA.

◆ **Water wells** are saving lives both physically and spiritually. President of Living Water International **Jerry Wiles** says it's happening at one of the wells they provided to serve 15,000 people. "There are now **35,000 people surviving off this one well**. What's even more exciting is that the well has been the focal point for evangelism. We estimate the majority of the people that are living off that well **have come to Christ**." Living Water is working in 21 countries to try to help just some of the estimated 1.1 billion people with unsafe drinking water.—*Crosswalk*

◆ In his State of the Union address, **President Bush** vowed to pursue legislation to outlaw all forms of "human-animal hybrids," a reference to the latest debate over the definition of human life and where to **draw the line in merging human and animal cells** and genes. At issue is the creation of so-called "chimeras," generally defined as beings that share human and animal cells. Religious conservatives say science, by creating new life forms, is **tampering with the work of God**. They are joined by some ethicists in warning that the merging of

animal and human cells should be banned, lest humankind be faced with all kinds of moral decisions about the rights of newly created man-beasts.—*J Scott Orr*

◆ A leading public-health researcher has found that the claim of a small amount of **alcohol being good for our hearts needs a re-think**. "It's probably only relatively heavy drinking that has a heart benefit," he says in *The Lancet*, "and even then the costs are too great to make it worth trying." His argument is that the evidence for good from alcohol is from observ-

ing the health and wellbeing of large groups of people—rather than testing alcohol intake in a trial. Such studies are unreliable because **people are not the same**. Those who don't drink are probably healthier than those who do and those who drink a little probably lead healthier lives—and no amount of statistical correction can make up for this. So when it all boils down, the evidence of a heart benefit from alcohol **comes from moderate to heavy drinking**—at levels where the harm from drinking outweigh the benefits.—*Health Minutes*

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Australians help to keep girls safe in Thailand

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Macksville church member Barbara Sadler recently volunteered to spend a month in Thailand, to help secretaries and office staff of Mission College upgrade their work-related skills. There she found out about the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) "Keep girls safe" project, helped Helen Hall at her refugee school on the Thai-Myanmar border and learned about how women engaged in prostitution find a new life in Christ through Rahab Ministries.

During her month in Thailand, Mrs Sadler visited the Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai region, Mission College in Muak Lek, as well as visited the refugee camps in Mae-sot. She was accompanied by Joy Butler, women's ministries director for the South Pacific Division.

"I love teaching and doing volunteer work," says the volunteer area coordinator for women's ministries for the western and mid-north region of the North New South Wales Conference. "Since I can't be a full-time volunteer due to family commitments, I thought the next best thing was to do short-term volunteer stints."

Mrs Sadler, a qualified secretarial teacher with close to 30 years secretarial experience, helped train the office staff of the Trans-Pacific Union Mission in Honiara some six years ago. She was invited to present to the staff of Mission College by Mrs Gail Valentine, the institution's HR director.

During her 12 days at Mission College, Mrs Sadler provided group and individual training to assist secretaries and office staff, representing eight nationalities, find more efficient ways to complete their work assignments and

to make their work for the college more effective. She also taught a class and was a guest devotional speaker.

"Barbara brought with her an enthusiasm for helping women to achieve their full potential, and this was demonstrated by her warmth and genuine interest in not only helping with technology but in her joyful Christian presentations," says Mrs Valentine.

According to Mrs Sadler, the month in Thailand was one of the most wonderful experiences of her life. "I saw so many different things, experienced a different culture and met so many wonderful people," she says.

Mrs Sadler also appreciated learning more about the lives of the girls both ADRA and Rahab Ministries was helping. "It helped me understand the prostitution industry, the culture, and why they do the things they do."

Director of ADRA-Thailand, Greg Young says, "To be a poor girl in Thailand can sometimes mean being dispensable—a 'possession'—easily traded for money, and then used for sex. Human trafficking, or modern-day slavery, is a horrifying reality for its victims. The desperately poor and uneducated are easy targets. In Thailand, where the sex industry thrives, girls as young as 10 often end up in the sex industry."

In 1998, Mr Young and his staff were working in a rural area and noticed that girls in the village weren't in school.

It soon became clear why. Even though education in Thailand is free, it is still pos-



Barbara Sadler.

sible to be too poor to attend school. Students must pay for books, transportation and uniforms that can cost about \$A500 a year. It is easier for parents who are struggling to survive to send their children to work to help support the family. But often there isn't sufficient work in these small, poor villages. So when men and women come from the big cities proclaiming the abundance of jobs

as maids in big houses or as waitresses in restaurants, parents often succumb to the allure. Parents are often given as little as \$A130 for their daughters along with the promise that their daughters will work and send back money.

"What most parents don't know is that their girls will end up in brothels where they are expected to have sex 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says Mr Young. "Often these girls can't get back home. If they are sent back to their villages, it is with some sort of health problem or disease like HIV."

ADRA staff began working with these girls in 1998 through the Nowarat Project. In this, the staff would go to the schools and talk to the principals and teachers about girls who used attend their school. This was how they found the girls they then helped. ADRA-Thailand helped pay for books, uniforms and transportation. In 2005, ADRA started a full-scale prevention operation called the "Keep girls safe" project.

This project aims to keep girls out of prostitution by teaching them skills for everyday life, including how to look for a job and be a good citizen and even about dating. Language classes are also run in the evenings. The "Keep girls safe" program also has staff dedicated to educating communities on what really happens to young girls who are promised jobs in big cities. The field coordinator also works with the health department and the social welfare department.—Melody Tan/Far Eastern Division Newsletter/Taashi Rowe/ANN

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Simple homes like the one pictured above are found on the hills in northern Thailand, where parents struggle to provide for their families.



10 keys to passing on faith

BY DAVID McCLINTOCK

IF YOU COULD ENHANCE THE PASSING on of your faith to your children, would you? A qualitative Adventist study conducted in Australia explored the experience of faith transmission across generations. The report noted conditions that appear to lead to successful faith transmission and conditions that may lead to the rejection of personal and corporate faith.

There appeared to be 10 areas where the respondents' faith transmission could be enhanced.

1. Strong family faith traditions and good relationships within the family provoked positive memories and were great vehicles of ensuring maximum faith transmission. One person, who was no longer a Christian, reflected on the positive memories he still retained from the Friday-night "singing around the piano" and the special family time that Sabbath and family worships meant. The importance of developing positive family relationships with listening and understanding rather than an autocratic parenting model were also helpful.

2. Warm, supportive families, schools and churches were also helpful to nurture our

children. As one respondent said, "The time I was struggling with my faith, when I most needed to talk issues through, my family and pastor appeared to withdraw." From a parent's perspective of the tension with that process, a parent stated their child's withdrawal from corporate Adventist affiliation being "like a death in the family." In reflection on church schools it was the relationships with teachers that were remembered, rather than the academic content of classes. Again with churches, it was the caring, supportive pastor and church family that won out—not the worship style or sermon content.

3. Families, schools and churches need to avoid the exclusivism that is often associated with Adventism. Acknowledge there are genuine Christians who are not Adventists, otherwise we run the risk of our youth throwing the baby out with the bathwater and ditching everything. In fact one person who was working with a Baptist tradesman who was a sincere Christian, stated, "If Dad was wrong about only Adventists being Christians, then I figured he was wrong about Adventism and so I threw

that out as well."

4. We need to avoid confusing church, faith and God as synonymous. Many of the divergent children had confused salvation by church with salvation in Christ. This blurring then led to their dramatic shift in their faith paradigm. For most of the younger generation in the study, "faith" referred to their personal relationship with God, and corporate faith was simply how it was expressed. However for the parents in the study—a generation on—"faith" was used interchangeably for both personal and corporate faith.

5. Meaningful devotional life should be modelled at home, encouraged by teachers, and become an aspect of our church life. It would be valuable for our pastors to take seminars and present ideas on different personal devotional strategies that people could use. The most powerful reflections of some respondents was coming out of their bedrooms in the morning and seeing their parents—either mother or father—doing their own Bible reading in the kitchen or lounge room.

6. A significant factor in adolescent faith

development and the retention of our children and young people is **significant faith mentors in the church** who genuinely take an interest in them. This could include the hospitable hosts who invite the lonely university students home for Sabbath lunch, to the people who quietly take some adolescents under their wing and live their Christianity. The people who take the church youth out on a Sunday to waterski, encourage the musically inclined to become involved in the worship group or take an interest in their Sabbath school and social activities perform a valuable role in transmitting faith to our children and youth.

7. Service opportunities are an important aspect of enhancing faith. Memory

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events such as STORM Co (Service To Others Really Matters) trips, soup kitchens, fly'n'builds and other ideas fulfil a really important role in their faith-building. In fact, the families who had specifically had a service focus at home had kept all their children in the church and were all active Christians in their community.

8. Open, supportive communication within the family, the school and the church were important as well as nurturing effective decision-making skills appropriate to their personal development. Parents and teachers who took the time to listen and dialogue had a far better chance of passing on their faith than the dogmatic, autocratic person. It appeared that unless parents took the "risk" in a safe family environment to allow their children appropriate choice, then the children would exercise their newfound freedom without restraint once removed from the home environment.

9. Social and intellectual nurture were very important. Some people are more intellectually wired and need to be given the freedom to question and have legitimate

discussion on their concerns and issues. If ignored or simply told, "That is the answer, accept it!" then they ultimately moved away from corporate faith and sometimes personal faith. Others are more stimulated by social interaction and they need home, church and the school to be supportive and nurturing. If these social needs were not met and they were uninvolved, rejected or left out, then they too would move away from corporate faith and possibly personal faith. This means though, that parents, school and church need to be aware of the individual needs and try to match those needs as best we can.

10. Finally it would appear that we need to be much more sensitive to personality style and personal development—and to respond appropriately. Thus it would be valuable for the church to run workshops for parents on personality styles and the different ways to react to the different styles. Often as parents we confuse treating our children exactly the same with the ideal of being consistent. Consistency will be attained when we, like Christ, love individually and unconditionally but treat each person as an individual rather than as part of an assembly line.

Thus our families, schools and churches need to demonstrate God's love, acceptance and willingness to listen. We need to be inclusive and value individuality rather than feel threatened by it. We need to use Gardner's multiple intelligences so that we tap into the various ways that people naturally learn. We must be honest and encourage people to communicate openly. There is scope for recognising effective faith mentors and service opportunities and maximise these.

Ultimately, faith could be likened to a toothbrush—everyone needs one, but it works best if you have your own. Our goal is to permeate our children and young people with the God-factor, or—as Deuteronomy 6:4-9 explains it—our faith becomes a completely natural way of life to them. **R**

This article is part of a series from the Department of Children's Ministries of the South Pacific Division to help adults pass on faith to their children.

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Prayer keys: The secret life with God

BY PAUL PETERSEN

JESUS SAID, "AND WHEN YOU PRAY, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:5, 6, RSV).

Public prayer is not private. Private prayer is not public. It is possible to offer the most lofty and eloquent prayers in public without ever praying to God person-to-person. And some truly sincere Christians feel uncomfortable with praying in public, but enjoy a rich and secret life with God in prayer.

In His parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector (see Luke 18:11-14) and in His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus unveils one central key to a genuine prayer life: it has an element of secrecy. True personal prayer is a matter between you and God. He knows about it. Other human beings may not.

It is very true that such a life in prayer will affect your whole being, and it is also true that at times others may catch a glimpse of the secret behind your peace in times of stress and strain, your joy in face of troubles, and your love and willing obedience even when circumstances are unfavourable.

I remember a teenage girl speaking to me in awe of one memory she had of her much-loved grandfather, when she as a little girl stumbled into his bedroom, found him kneeling in prayer and hurried out, not seen or observed, but observing herself the secret behind his devoted Christian life.

May God help you to discover the joy of this secret, too. **R**

Paul Petersen is associate coordinator of prayer ministries for the South Pacific Division.

A day in the life of a mission pilot

BY ROGER MILLIST

As reported in RECORD, March 11, the Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) in Papua New Guinea is now flying again, after being grounded for almost two years. Back in the air, this is an account of events of just one day in the life of a missionary pilot.

AS I FINISH BREAKFAST, I PRAY silently, committing myself to God and His service for the day and ask that He will give me the strength and skills I need for the day. The relentless weeks of work are taking their toll. I need a break, but that is just not possible, not today.

A week ago the Adventist Media Centre called to see if they could come to film the work of Adventist Aviation in preparation for promotion of camp-meeting offerings and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for third quarter 2006. I have been busy all week with plans and preparations. They were due to arrive on the flight with the national carrier last night, but the aircraft could not be started so the flight was cancelled and they are rescheduled to arrive sometime this morning. People in some of the most isolated areas are waiting expectantly for us to fly in and visit them today for the first time in almost two years—will it happen?

At staff worship we again pray for God's leading in the activities and plans for the day. We have discovered He has the uncanny ability to bring things to fruition at the moment they are most needed. An example: last week our Papua New Guinea flight-

crew licences were issued after months of waiting on the exact day they were required for flight checking by an officer from the Civil Aviation Authority.

We are out of fuel for the aircraft; the oil company ran out of stock. It has finally arrived and cleared customs but on Monday four large landslides closed the Highlands Highway, so even once it is released there is no way of getting it transported up the highway. I have just commenced working on this problem when the phone rings. The human resources director for the church is at the terminal and no-one has come to pick him up. I was told late yesterday he was coming to visit. He inquires if there is anything he can do to help us while he waits for the mission personnel to come. Is there anything? Could he please work on all our job descriptions—the church has been waiting for me to send them through for months. I return to the problem of the fuel and transport but am interrupted by another call—the plane from Port Moresby is due here at 10.20 am.

I interrupt the problem-solving again to make radio calls, prepare a flight plan and inspect the aircraft to ensure all is in readiness for departure the moment the film crew arrive. Back again to planning the flying itinerary for the following week to ensure the pastors and volunteer missionaries will be ready when the plane comes for them on Sunday.

Soon it's 11 and still no flight has arrived. I check again; it is rescheduled for 12.10 pm. That is going to make our day's program

really tight—more radio calls to update the airstrips on what is happening, or not happening. More hurried decisions and instructions are relayed to our ground staff, arrangements are made to obtain money for an isolated mission that has no bank, accounts are approved for payment, a quick check on how the human resources man is progressing. Job descriptions are proofread, amended and approved. Now we better quickly have lunch so we are ready.

At 12.50, we hear the airline inbound radio call. The film crew finally arrive at 1.10. They are weighed, briefed on plans and by 1.30 we are airborne.

We fly past majestic waterfalls, over rugged mountain ridges, past isolated villages, across raging rivers. The people of Ubaigubi are building an airstrip on the side of a mountain; we fly over to inspect progress. They have been waiting for AAS to begin flying again so their airstrip can be opened and transform a three-day walk into a 10-minute flight.

As we descend toward Kora, a voice from behind asks incredulously if we are actually going to land *there*. Indeed. Fasten your seatbelts; this is a short, difficult landing. Moments later we taxi into the parking area as the waiting crowd waves, jumps, shouts, smiles and cries. After two years of waiting, *balus bilong mipela* (their aircraft) has returned.

As the nurse disembarks, mothers hug her tightly and wail. At long last they will have dependable basic medical care again. This nurse and her team have saved many



of these ladies' lives; now she has returned. I too am hugged and welcomed by the village leaders. I feel a lump in my throat. This is why I choose to be a pastor-pilot here in Papua New Guinea. It is worthwhile.

We walk to the medical clinic built with the support of Adventist Aviation and dedicated in memory of a mission pilot who died while serving these people. Short speeches express the hardship endured while AAS was not operating and how grateful they are that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has returned to again meet their needs.

Dark clouds are coming close as we take off to fly to the district centre of Karimui, where the people have waited all day for our arrival. They too have suffered many hardships with only limited air services. Two other air operators who were servicing this area have closed down in the past 12 months.

As we taxi into the parking bay, we are greeted by a large crowd of public servants, police, schoolchildren, village leaders and church members. A song of welcome from the schoolchildren and flower leis greet us as we walk to the district office. There's that lump in my throat again.

Again the village leader expresses appreciation at how the Adventist pilots have helped his people in times of medical emergency without discrimination and sometimes without payment. I know this is true. Just two weeks ago I made an unscheduled landing here only to find that a pregnant mother was critically ill and in need of urgent transport to hospital. Could we help? Of course we could. I hadn't planned to land there that day, but God knew and impressed us to be there just when we were needed.

As we prepare to leave, the district pastor tells us of an isolated village several hours walk from the nearest airstrip, which has requested the Adventist Church to send a missionary to teach them about God and His love for them. He asks if there is any way AAS can assist. Yes, we can help get the missionary to the nearest airstrip, but how can we visit, support and nurture him?

"Pastor, could you or your son come in and service our church-school sawmill sometime, so we can cut timber to build additional teachers houses and classrooms?"

I had to say no; I just do not have the time. As I climbed into the aircraft I re-



The Adventist Aviation Services crew: (left to right) Samson Nopi, Aaron Apio, Linden Millist, chief engineer, and Pastor Roger Millist, chief executive.

flected: if only I had a pool of church members from Australia and New Zealand who would be willing to give a few weeks to help repair buildings and machinery, paint, weld, rewire, replumb, fix boats and outboard motors, replace rusted roofs, install and maintain radio equipment, and undertake a million other pressing maintenance tasks throughout the mission. AAS could facilitate transporting them to the areas of greatest need and the pilots could continue saving lives and spreading the gospel throughout the remotest areas of Papua New Guinea.

Minutes after departure on our return flight, we were faced with a wall of black cloud and heavy rain directly in our path. The radio informed us of torrential rain back at Goroka. This would be no relaxing, scenic flight.

But again, God opened a narrow path through the storm and by the time we arrived at Goroka the rain had eased enough to see the runway for a safe landing. As we refuelled the aircraft in preparation for Sunday, we emptied our last remaining drum: "Well, God, it's after hours now and Sabbath is about to begin, so if you want us to have fuel for next week, You will need to care for that in Your time and in Your way."

It has rained night after night for weeks now. As I approach our front gate, I engage four-wheel drive to slip and slide my way up our driveway through mud and slush

more than 30 centimetres deep. The media crew yelp in excitement. As I park the vehicle in the mud and the rain (we have no garage or carport), everything goes black. The power has gone off yet again, so that means no water for showers tonight.

After a candlelight dinner with our guests, we start the portable generator and watch a video of the gruelling trek made by Pastor Len Barnard more than 40 years ago into the same villages we had visited today. What had taken six weeks of foot-slogging back then had taken us just 20 minutes of flight today.

As we watched cannibals shyly line up for injections, I reflected on the hundreds of smiling, healthy, friendly, radiantly happy Christians who had greeted us only hours earlier. The gospel has brought an amazing transformation to the people of Papua New Guinea, and as a mission pilot I have the privilege of continuing to bring health and hope to the most isolated areas of this country.

As I fall into bed, exhausted, I do so with the satisfaction of knowing I am where God wants me to be, doing what He wants me to do at this time. **R**

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WWJD?

BY MICHAEL GODFREY

A new boy came to school today,
I do not know his name.
His shoes were old with little holes—
And his clothes were just the same.

His bag was small and second-hand,
He had no food to eat.
No-one wanted to play with him—
So he sat alone on a seat.

I watched him as he sat alone,
But didn't know what to do.
My friends were making fun of him—
I thought that I should too.

But now I feel quite sorry
That what I did was wrong.
It's not what Jesus wanted—
I wasn't being strong.

I should have been more friendly,
I was the one to blame
And not thought I was better—
God loves us all the same.

God wants us to love others
Even when we're not the same
And follow him together—
I think I'll ask his name. **R**

Michael Godfrey is 10 years old and attends the Coffs Harbour church.



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Hi kids,
The Bible is full of stories about many kings that ruled Israel and Judah over hundreds of years. Some of them loved and served God and some didn't. Read about them in 1 Kings.

RR

Fill in the Blanks

"...choose for yourselves this day whom you will _____
... But as for me and my _____, we will serve the _____."

Joshua 24:15 NKJV

Word Search

Find the names of the Kings in the list below. You can read their stories in 1 Kings

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Anniversaries

Gibbons, Ellis and Patricia (nee Backhouse) were married on 9.1.56 by Pastor A H Forbes at the Wahroonga Adventist church. They recently enjoyed their 50th anniversary celebration with family and friends at their home on the Central Coast, NSW. They have been blessed with four children and 10 grandchildren.

Weddings

Rigg—Derrick. Anthony Shane Rigg, son of Guy and Glenys Rigg (Cooranbong, NSW), and Jaki Elise Derrick, daughter of Peter and Judith Derrick (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 18.12.05 at the Mount Cotton Rainforest Gardens, Qld.

Jerry Unser, Jorge Munoz

Twine—Carruthers. Ashley James Twine, son of Geoffrey and Anne Twine (Perth, WA), and Brooke Carruthers, daughter of Greg and Debbie Carruthers (Cooranbong, NSW), were married on 03.12.05 at the Morisset Hospital chapel, NSW.

Ray Roemfeldt

Obituaries

Palmer, Calvin Henry, born 07.07.1922 in Suva, Fiji; died 14.02.06 at the Victoria Point Nursing Home in Brisbane, Qld. He was predeceased by his wife, Bobbie. He is survived by his brother, Pastor Nelson Palmer (Qld); sister Laurel (USA); children Wendy Whitson (Vic) and Robert (South Korea); and four grandchildren. Calvin was the second child of Pastor Cyril and Dora Palmer, who were long-time missionaries to the South Pacific. He graduated as a medical doctor from Sydney University in 1946 and spent time working in the Solomon Islands before returning to Australia where he worked as the medical superintendent at the Warburton Adventist Hospital. The family then moved to Wahroonga, where Calvin spent 26 years at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. He was honoured by the Queen for his services to the St John Brigade, being made a Commander of St John. He is now asleep awaiting the Resurrection morning.

*Ray Chapman
James Rabe, Clive Butcher*

Ritchie, Rubye Violet, born 07.10.1905 at Itarsi, central India; died 17.02.06 in

the Yarra View Nursing Home in Warburton, Vic. Rubye is survived by her children, Pastor Lyman (Vic), Kenneth (Vic), Mae Prescott (NSW) and Heather Killoway (Vic). Rubye and her husband, Charles, served for 32 years in India before coming to Australia in 1951, where they untiringly served the church until their retirement. Rubye was privileged to celebrate her 100th birthday with family and friends in 2005. She was laid to rest next to her husband at Stanthorpe, in the certain hope of meeting her Lord at the Resurrection.

Warren Fedorow

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