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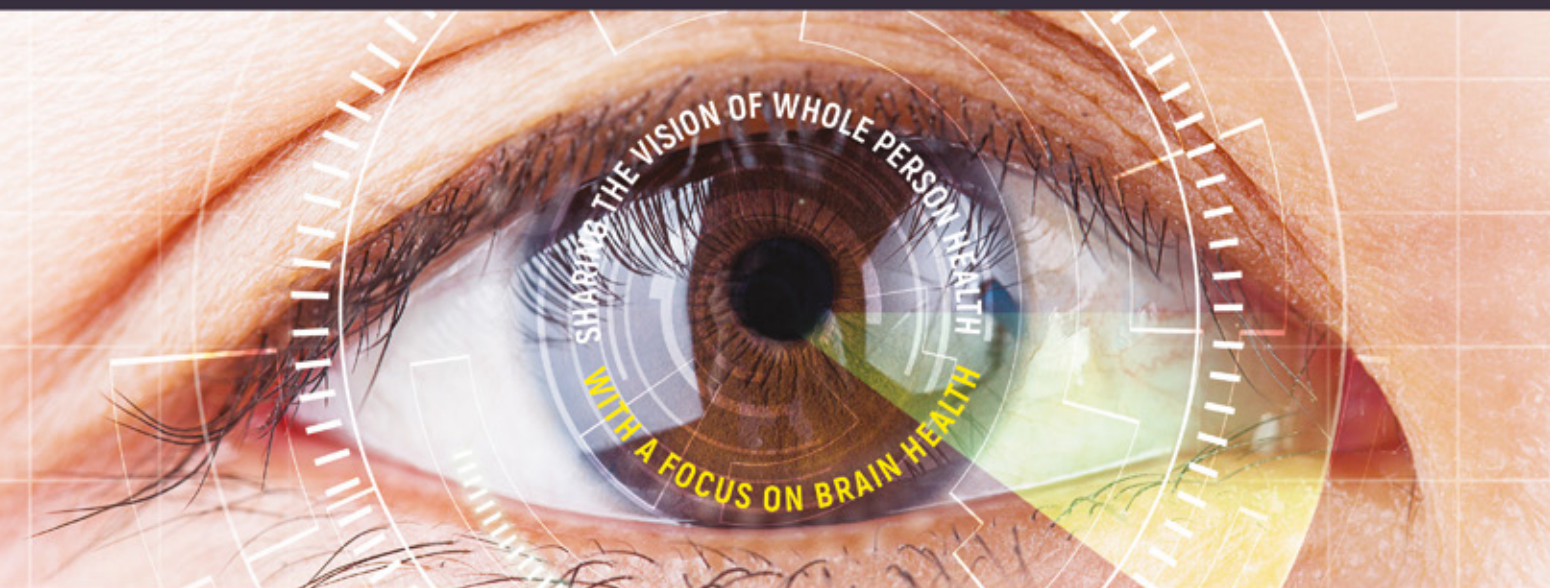
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## ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE

"They say Aslan is on the move—perhaps he has already landed."

These words mark a turning point in CS Lewis's classic novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Narnia is gripped by an unrelenting season of snow and ice. The winter seems like it will never end and evil flourishes while "good" creatures must hide, collaborate or risk being turned into statues. Into this vanquished land step the four Pevensie children—from the midst of one great war into the genesis of another. Little do they know they are a catalyst for it.

But the real change will ultimately come through Aslan—the Christ-like ruler of Narnia. In the midst of dark and difficult times, it seems that there is evidence of his coming, signs that things are beginning to change. A flower, the traditional herald of spring, poking through the snow. A bird song, snow melting, the season changing. These things provide evidence that winter's power is waning and that the days will soon be lighter and brighter.

If you watch the news you'd be forgiven for thinking we live in thrall to an evil villain. In fact, it's tempting for Christians to read into everything as a sign of the world's wickedness. It seems it is always winter, never Christmas. We've become immune to the suffering around us because there is just so much. Our prayer echoes the revelator's: "Come quickly Lord Jesus."

It's also easy to think it's winter for the Church. Under attack from the new "-isms", young people leaving, scandals and controversies, our churches are shrinking, getting older, getting too mega, getting too shallow or getting too fundamentalist.

While it's right to acknowledge that there are challenges—and then do something to address them—sometimes we need to step back and see the signs of spring all around us.

The Holy Spirit is "on the move—perhaps He has already landed".

As someone who works in Church communications, I'm blessed to be inspired by all the good news stories I get to read.

## THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT GOD IS MOVING.

Across the world, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is seeing amazing things happen. Japan—long considered an impossible place for evangelism—has run an evangelistic campaign that has captured members' imaginations and got them believing in outreach again. In Africa, hundreds of thousands have been converted through Total Member Involvement.

Closer to home, communities throughout the Pacific are currently holding reaping programs, led by Church members who have been trained for the purpose. They are calling it a "modern-day Pentecost". This is different to the past—now there is an intentional emphasis on nurturing and finding a place for the new converts. On page 10, you'll find an amazing story of healing and reconciliation on Pitcairn Island, one of the world's most remote Adventist congregations.

Local churches are changing the way they do things—coming up with innovative ministry ideas that are impacting their communities. Cell groups are building authentic communities. Bible reading groups are starting up all over the place. There is a real focus on youth retention and building and equipping leaders.

Personally, I've seen God work miracles and answer prayers in the lives of a few people close to me.

There's no doubt that God is moving. It may have felt for a time like He was absent or distant. It may seem that the world is a dark and difficult place. But Christ has already won the victory and every day more humans declare for His upside-down kingdom.

We know what happens when Aslan arrives—the sacrifice he makes and the victory he wins—an echo of Christ's sacrifice and victory.

Yet Christ has promised to come again and we know the ending of that story as well.

Winter's strength is waning, the King is on the move, and you and I can be part of it—a thriving, disciple-making movement that can impact our communities, our countries and our world.

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## BORDER EVANGELISM

The Adventist Aviation plane recently flew me, with other PNG Church leaders, along the border of PNG and West Papua (Indonesia). The purpose of the four-day trip was to see how the Church in PNG could help the Church in West Papua.

Today there are more than 300,000 Seventh-day Adventists in PNG and only 40,000 in West Papua. Although PNG speaks Tok Pidgin and West Papua Bahasa, and the governments are different, there are still many cultural similarities. Following Paul's counsel in Romans 15:1-6 that the stronger should help the weak, PNGUM desire to support the West Papua Mission even though we are crossing Church division boundaries. West Papua is part of the Southern Asia Pacific Division (SSD).

I was challenged as I listened to a VIA (Volunteers in Action) worker from Amanab tell of his one-day walking trips into West Papua to give Bible studies to the few scattered believers there.

Then, amazed at some lay people from Tomubil, PNG, who have started a church in West Papua—allowing the West Papuans to do the baptisms and receive the tithes and offerings. The PNG people are capturing the vision to reach beyond their borders—even though it costs them.

All over PNG the people are praying for God's work to be strengthened and grow in West Papua. The church people along the border value the prayers. They are asking for Bible and health picture rolls, godpods, Bibles in Tok Pidgin and Bahasa, and more Bible and health workers.

The SPD and PNGUM will support their efforts. All of us can support the growing disciple-making movement in our region—across the road or across the office if not across the border.

The Australian Union is also supporting the fledgling Church in East Timor (also in the SSD). A group from Sydney has just returned from a community service and evangelistic trip there. SSD is very thankful for the support of the SPD in their territory.



**GLENN TOWNEND**  
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## NEWS

## CHILDREN CHALLENGED TO FOCUS ON HEALTH

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

Children from Adventist schools in New Zealand participated in a variety of fun and healthy activities as part of Adventist Health Week 2018.

The children and their teachers were involved in a daily health challenge for five days; those who completed the challenge received a Health Week certificate.

This year's Health Week focused on the 10,000 Toes campaign, an initiative of Adventist Health and ADRA to tackle the epidemic of diabetes in the South Pacific.

Along with the five-day challenge, the children participated in mufti days and other initiatives to raise money for 10,000 Toes.

According to Adventist Health Ministries (NZ) director Adrielle Carrasco, Health Week is becoming a big event on the calendar for Adventist schools in NZ. "It was such a blessing to hear the positive feedback coming from our schools," she said.

"So many children have benefited not only by participating in the Health Week challenge but through raising money that will go towards helping our Pacific nations to combat type 2 diabetes. It's great to see how our Church can support our Pacific families."

Whangarei Adventist Christian School principal Anna Charlie said Health Week was so popular at her school, the students asked if they



**MUFTI DAY FUN.**

could do it every week.

On day one they enjoyed a free buffet breakfast. On day two they were encouraged to drink plenty of water. Day three was all about exercise—every 30 minutes they stopped what they were doing and did the chicken dance. On day four they learned about the importance of sleep and on the final day they gave thanks to God for making them special.

Southland Adventist Christian School (Invercargill) held a mufti day on the final day of the challenge to raise funds for 10,000 Toes.

"Our students were asked to come dressed looking 'healthy and fit'," principal Josh Taylor said.

"Students could dress in fitness gear or they could even dress as their favourite fruit or vegetable. We had some great outfits!"

Plenty of healthy fun was also enjoyed by students at Hamilton Adventist Christian School, according to principal Shaun Hurlow.

Activities included a fitness circuit run by the school's house captains and a mufti day with the theme "Shine" to encourage students to think positively and have a bright outlook on life.

Health Week resources were developed by the Health Ministries department of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, including a special song with lyrics based on how to prevent type 2 diabetes.



**ENJOYING A HEALTHY BREAKFAST.**



## HEALTH PROGRAM OPENS HEARTS TO JESUS

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

Almost 200 people have requested Bible studies following a health program held in Aenalaema village, on the outskirts of Honiara, Solomon Islands, in May.

The locals have also been inspired to build a wellness centre in the village. It will be used for health clinics, Bible studies and training in the Discovery Bible Reading method.

South Pacific Division health director Dr Chester Kuma ran the health program with doctors and nurses from Naha Adventist church. They conducted daily health assessments—in five days almost 1000 people received

a check-up. In the evenings Dr Kuma gave health talks on the secrets to living longer, lifestyle diseases and the dangers of alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana and betel nut.

"It really opened their minds and they were so happy they received this information," Dr Kuma said. "The crowd grew every night. Towards the end of the series there was an appeal made and we had almost 200 people come forward requesting Bible studies."

A number of Naha church members will be relocating to Aenalaema village to connect with the community and start up a church plant.

"I said to Naha church, 'Don't bring these people down to your church, don't take them out of their area, because if you do, you will lose them,'" Dr Kuma said. "Instead, go to them, work with them and once they have decided to accept Jesus they will become missionaries to their own people."

There was previously no Adventist



A MUM AND HER CHILDREN AT A HEALTH CLINIC.

presence in the village, which has around 5000 residents.

"It's becoming very clear that using the health approach—going into communities that have long been resistant to the Adventist faith—is opening doors like we have never seen," Dr Kuma said.

"People are responding. You are just sharing basic health information and people are making decisions to accept Jesus into their lives."

"The big thing now is getting the local churches to move out of their comfort zones and be involved in planting new churches. That is the way the good news about Jesus will spread."



WORKING ON THE NEW WELLNESS CENTRE.

## CHURCH LITERACY PROGRAM ADDRESSES GREAT NEED IN PNG

RUSSELL WORUBA

A total of 54 participants completed the Level 1 adult literacy training course offered through the Central Papua Conference (CPC) Women's Ministries department in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Conducted over eight days, the course focused on assisting grade 10 leavers and above, who have had

limited teaching experience, whether formally or informally through the Church's Sabbath School, children's ministries or youth departments.

The course registered more than 20 illiterate adults. Tok Pisin was the language of instruction.

Participants came from the city and rural districts throughout CPC. One young family walked four days from the small village of Boto to attend.

At the end of the program, Conference women's ministries director Joy Koi acknowledged the facilitators, teachers and learners who participated during the workshops. With a special emphasis on women, she elaborated a growing concern: "Literacy is important to the Church in two principal ways; to nurture the members and as outreach. It is obvious that unless

a person can read with at least a minimal degree of fluency, he or she cannot read the Bible or anything else the Church produces. These persons cannot do any type of Bible study that requires reading or writing."

A consortium comprising representatives from the PNG Union Mission, South Pacific Division, ADRA, Pacific Adventist University (PAU) and Sonoma College developed and accredited the course.

The program was opened and closed by CPC secretary Pastor Rex Koi, who thanked the facilitators and participants, urging them to read the Bible and find Jesus for themselves and "to empower our people to follow on with their education and make meaningful contributions to the great gospel commission and in society".



YOUNG FAMILY WHO WALKED FOUR DAYS TO ATTEND.

## NEW CEO FOR ADVENTIST MEDIA

JARROD STACKELROTH

A new CEO has been appointed to Adventist Media (AM).

South Pacific Division (SPD) president Glenn Townend informed AM staff that Dr Brad Kemp had been appointed to the role after current CEO Calvin Dever was called to the SPD to manage special projects.

Dr Kemp was serving as the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference president, a role he has held since 2013. "I have always been amazed at how and where God leads," he said. "When my wife Coree and I were asked to go to New Zealand five years ago it was a step in faith."

Aside from his recent role, Dr Kemp was associate general secretary at the SPD and, before that, spent 12 years in Papua New Guinea (PNG) working in a number of leadership positions, including general secretary and communication director for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission from 1996 to 2000. Dr Kemp also served as a minister, area supervisor and family ministries director.

Pastor Townend, who is chairman of the AM Committee, said Dr Kemp is well-suited to the role. "Under Brad's leadership, Hope Channel NZ was launched onto free-to-air TV and within a year was the number one religious broadcaster in NZ, with average viewership of around 200,000 a month," he said.

"With this experience, I believe Dr Kemp will make a

significant contribution to the already great work that the team at AM is doing."

Dr Kemp, who has also been part of the AM Committee in his capacity as a Union president, hopes to use his Hope Channel NZ experience in this new role.

"I have a strong conviction that media is the way for the Church to reach the masses. With the right message, media platforms and opportunities we can do things together as a Church that can have a significant impact in the communities to which we minister."

Mr Dever has held the AM CEO role since 2015. Before that he was business manager. He has worked at AM for 11 years.

"I want to thank Calvin Dever for his leadership of Adventist Media," Dr Kemp said. "He leaves me with a great team who have a shared vision for media ministry. I am humbled by the opportunity to lead the wonderful team at AM. Please pray for us all as we serve in this unique part of God's work." Dr Kemp will begin his new role in August.



DR BRAD KEMP.

A promotional graphic for the magazine 'Signs of the Times'. On the left, a magazine cover is shown, featuring a white robot head with a black, pixelated or 'glitch' effect on its right side. The cover has the word 'signs' at the top, 'ROBOT REALITY' in large red letters, and 'THE FINAL ROUND' below it. The magazine is resting on a pile of white, angular, crystalline blocks. To the right of the magazine, the word 'signs' is written in a large, white, outlined font, with 'of the times' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. Further right, the website 'NEW.SIGNSMAG.ORG' is displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with 'COMING AUGUST 25' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The background is a solid light blue.

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## POLISH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

DANIEL KUBEREK

The Adelaide Polish community celebrated 50 years of worship in their College Park church building on May 26.

The event commemorated the golden jubilee since Polish Adventists moved into their current heritage-listed church.

"Our 50th anniversary was a great opportunity to look back at the rich history of College Park church and thank God for His presence in our lives over those years," said Pastor Erik Kral.

A packed house witnessed the church's history through anecdotes, photographs and singing. Keynote speaker, Pastor Jan Jankiewicz, charged members with continuing to fulfil God's work by growing the church.



ADELAIDE POLISH COMBINED CHOIR.

The night kicked off with the church's video ministry, CP Film Studio, premiering a new short film about arriving in Australia and forming a community.

Additional messages from past ministers Eugeniusz Majchrowski and Jan Pollok also reflected on God's guidance throughout College Park's history.

The diversity of musical talent within the church was on full display. A time for reflection about dearly lost members was shared by the church choir, singing "Blessed Are They". Among the names were the church's first pastor Jerzy Lipski (1910-2004) and Pastor Dariusz Kuberek (1962-2005).

A final piece, "Down to the River to Pray", by the conference choir ended the night on a sweet note, before everyone gathered in the hall for a different kind of sweet. Signature Polish dishes *pierogi* (dumplings) and *paczki* (jam donuts) were among the many delicacies shared by the evening's guests.

The event was live-streamed to a large audience in both Australia and Poland.

## STUDENTS GET A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE AT SAN CAREERS FORUM

LEISA O'CONNOR

Three hundred students got a glimpse into the future of medicine—including the use of virtual reality—during a careers forum hosted by Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW, in late June.

The free Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine (STEMM) initiative was designed for female students to help inform their future career choices, with women identified in an UNESCO report as under-represented in science, technology and medical careers despite growing demands and significant labour shortages.

Eight of the San's leading female



DR PAYAL MUKHERJEE AND HER DAUGHTER EESHA GIVING A VIRTUAL REALITY DEMONSTRATION.

medical specialists spoke to the girls about their career paths and how they made it into their fields.

The Sydney Adventist Hospital Clinical School of The University of Sydney and Avondale College of Higher Education showcased educational opportunities for students.

## NEWS GRABS



### GOD'S DESIGN ON GALAPAGOS

On June 27—exactly four months before Creation Sabbath—a four-part series of short films was released to help teenagers (and adults) learn about amazing Galapagos island plants and animals from a biblical, faith-affirming perspective. Each of the films is available to freely stream from Geoscience Research Institute at <grisda.org>. —GR/



### GAMING DISORDER

A study by researchers at Loma Linda University, a Seventh-day Adventist institution in Loma Linda, US, has linked ADHD severity with video game addiction. The findings suggest that people with greater ADHD symptom severity may be at greater risk of developing problematic playing habits. —Adventist Review



### CREATION CARE

More than 600 volunteers took part in an Adventist-led tree-planting initiative in Paraíba State, northeast Brazil. The plan, backed by ADRA, looks to counter water erosion and create awareness of care for God's creation. —SAD News



## FLASHPOINT



### SOUP AND BUNS

The youth group at Cairns Samoan Seventh-day Adventist Church (Qld) has been reading the Gospel of Mark. On June 23 they decided to put their words and discussions into action by organising a soup and bun night in the city for those who were hungry. According to one of the organisers, Elizabeth Suavai, there are plans to hold another soup and bun night in the future. "Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night," she said. —Record staff



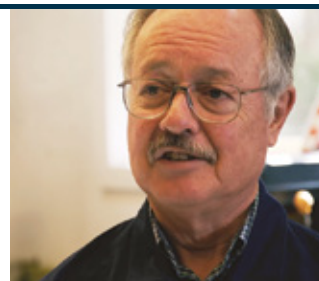
### LEADERS BRUNCH

A leadership brunch run by the Greater Sydney Conference's Women's Ministries team was an opportunity for local leaders to reflect on the first half of 2018 and share what they had been doing in their churches. Instead of having a designated speaker, the ladies chose to have an open mic session during which anyone could discuss what they had been doing for women's ministries in 2018 and what their plans were for 2019. "We mapped out 2019 so the leaders could go back to their churches and make sure they created a meaningful women's ministries program for next year," said Beryl Landers, GSC Women's Ministries director. —Vania Chew



### SIDE-BY-SIDE SURGERY

In a first for Sydney Adventist Hospital, a complex dual console gynaecological operation using the state-of-the-art da Vinci robot has been performed with both surgeons working side-by-side. The San is one of only four hospitals in NSW thought to have dual consoles. The procedure involved both surgeons controlling the robotic technology while seated at separate consoles, sharing and swapping control of the instruments, taking turns as needed to complete the combined gynaecological-colorectal procedure. The patient required a hysterectomy and surgery to remove severe endometriosis that extended into the bowel. —Leisa O'Connor



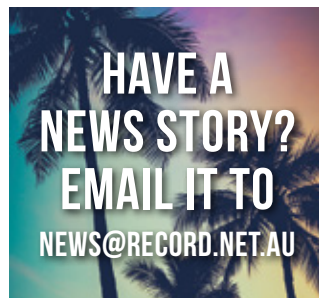
### SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

The Geoscience Research Institute has released the latest film in its *Seeking Understanding* series, featuring local Seventh-day Adventist doctor David Pennington. The short film was premiered at an event in Wahroonga, NSW. *Seeking Understanding* is a series of short films featuring scientists who embrace the documentation of history and view of reality found in Scripture. Dr Pennington has had an illustrious career as a surgeon, professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery and researcher, with 45 professional publications to his name. The film is available at <grisda.org/seeking-understanding-da-vid-pennington/>. —GRI



### FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Every year, students from all over the Pacific are baptised at Pacific Adventist University, PNG. This group were baptised at the close of a Festival of Faith program, conducted by South Pacific Division youth director Dr Nick Kross. —Thomas Davai



### FOCUS ON LITERACY

A two-day literacy training pilot workshop was conducted at Buruni Adventist Church on Guadalcanal Island (Solomon Islands) by five teachers from Kukum, Tenakoga and Salamaroa Adventist schools on June 9–10. Of the 20 participants, only five were Adventist. The free training was organised by the Adventist youth coordinators for the East Central District of Guadalcanal Island and the Buruni church elders. —Edmund Losi



### HEALTH EXPO

South Pacific Division health director Dr Chester Kuma worked with the Sepik Mission to conduct a health expo in Wewak (PNG) recently. Thousands attended the week-long event, which included a daily health clinic and nightly evangelistic programs. According to Dr Kuma, this initiative was part of the SPD's comprehensive health strategy. —Tracey Bridcutt



### CENTURY CELEBRATED

Prior to her 100th birthday (June 27), Daisy Lattimer had an early celebration on the Sabbath with members of Farleigh church (Mackay, Qld) at the Good Shepherd Lodge where she lives. Her nephew Laurie Warren and his wife Elizabeth organised the event with a short service by Pastor Ragoso Tagalao. Her secret? Staying active. She keeps herself busy with her arts and crafts, and with reading materials from church. —Ragoso Tagalao





## PUMPED UP FOR OUTREACH

When Josh Gonzalez realised he was 25 kilos overweight, he decided it was time to start a health journey. He dedicated time and effort into not only eating more healthily but putting together a home gym so that he could work out each day.

"Once my home gym was set up, the guys at my churches started talking about how they'd love to train there," says Josh, who's an associate pastor in Sydney. "And that gave me an idea for our men's group. The group used to meet at the church on Wednesday evenings for prayer and a catch-up. Now we meet at my house for prayer, Bible study and then a physical training session. We've bonded even more because of it."

Attendance fluctuates each week but at least 10 men attend regularly. A couple of the men have personal training experience and lead the gym sessions.

"It's good spiritual exercise

followed by good physical exercise," says Josh.

For Josh, one of the best things about this arrangement is that the neighbours are watching.

"Our garage door is open during these sessions. The other day, a neighbour asked about our gym equipment. He used to train with another neighbour a few years ago but they no longer had the machines."

Seeing this as a potential outreach opportunity, Josh has decided to open up a timeslot during the week and invite his neighbours over to use his home gym. He looks forward to being able to train with them and get to know them better.

"I'm thankful for this (opportunity)," Josh says. "It's opened up doors to not only reach out to my church community but to my most local community—my neighbours."

**I VANIA CHEW** PRODUCER, MUMS AT THE TABLE.



## DIGGING IN HIS WORD

WITH GARY WEBSTER

### LESSONS FROM NOAH'S "FLOOD MYTH"

In spite of stories of a great flood found in numerous cultures, of ancient flood tablets discovered in Mesopotamia that are similar in detail to Noah's flood, and evidence of a world-wide flood found in geology, most today deny a global flood, calling it one of the "flood myths". More astounding is Peter's prediction made 2000 years ago that, along with a denial of creation by the word of God and the return of Jesus, the biblical flood story would be scoffed at. But what lessons does God want us to take from this true and historical story today? [READ](#) 2 Peter 3:3-6.

1. Like Noah's day, with its continual evil thinking, violence and obsession with selfish pleasures and forbidden practices, our world is totally unaware it is on the brink of destruction by God.

[READ](#) Genesis 6:3,5-7,11-13,17; 7:4; Matthew 24:36-39; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10; 2 Peter 2:5.

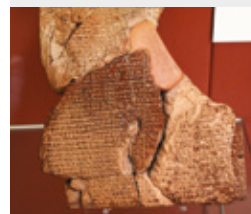
2. The same incredible, long-suffering, gracious love of God for those clinging to sin in Noah's day is what holds back His wrath from destroying sinners now. He is not willing that any should perish.

[READ](#) Genesis 6:3; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 3:9.

3. Like Noah, during this time while God's mercy still lingers, we must step out in faith, put self aside and proclaim God's warning messages to those around us.

[READ](#) Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5.

Won't you determine right now to share the saving gospel of God in His last warning to a dying planet by having a conversation with someone or through literature, a DVD, Facebook post or a YouTube clip?



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BABYLONIAN FLOOD  
TABLET IN THE  
BRITISH MUSEUM  
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SIMILAR TO THE  
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# Miracle on Pitcairn



**Deep-seated tensions within the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Pitcairn Island had seen numbers dwindle from 22 attendees to just five. The church was set to close. Then a miracle happened.**

When Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline was asked to go to Pitcairn Island, he soon realised he was facing a significant challenge. Before travelling to the tiny, isolated Pacific island, he spoke to one of the five remaining church attendees. And things looked grim.

"He said to me that they had planned to tell the Union to close the church, to sell the church properties, including the Mission house," said Pastor Adeline, a long-time evangelist based at the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC).

"This was due to major tensions among the members. Some of them had not spoken to each other for years. We must remember that they have been in a very difficult situation, without a permanent pastor for some time."

The Adventist Church has a long history on Pitcairn Island, which has about 54 residents—mostly descendants of the sailors involved in the mutiny on the *Bounty* in 1789. Twenty-two residents are listed as members of the Adventist Church—arguably the most isolated Adventist church in the world. The island has no airstrip and no safe harbour. From New Zealand, it's an arduous journey to get there, involving two flights and two boat trips.

The last full-time pastor spent six

years on Pitcairn up until 2011. Since then two pastors from French Polynesia Mission spent one year each on the island. The last pastor left in 2015 due to ill health.

NZPUC leaders saw that the church members were "desperate for spiritual refreshing", but the Union was unable to find a suitable pastor, according to secretary-treasurer Graeme Drinkall. So they came up with a plan: to send one pastor every quarter, each spending two and-a-half weeks on the island.

Pastor Adeline was the first to go there under this new arrangement. Soon after his arrival, he was asked about his strategy to sort out the issues between the church members. "With my hand on my Bible, I said, 'Listen, I don't really have a plan, but I have this old Book, and I have God and I believe He has a plan for this island. By His grace I'm going to just expound on His Word. And I believe God will do something.'"

And so his mission began. Every evening at 7pm—aside from Thursday when the supply boat arrived—Pastor Adeline held a meeting at the church. The first meeting, on the Sabbath, saw 26 people in the pews, both Adventist and non-Adventist. Every morning at 7am he also held a revival series specifically for the church members.



"Slowly but surely the members started to realise that even though the church is about people, first of all it's about God," Pastor Adeline said. "It's about His name, His character, His glory in our midst. It was helping the members to see why we exist as a Church, not for ourselves, but to be a light to Pitcairn, to help people to see Jesus. We are here to save the lost."

"From then on God started to work miraculously. Members started to go to the houses of those they had hurt and confessed their sins. It was a miracle to see them at church sitting together, singing, holding hands, praying with each other, crying with each other."

This became a powerful testimony to all those on the island, including the mayor who started attending the evening meetings. He encouraged his wife to attend.

From 26 attendees on the first Sabbath, there were 36 the following Sabbath and 37 on the final Sabbath, which was a day of much rejoicing as five baptisms were held in Bounty Bay. A further five people have requested baptism, including the mayor and his wife.

In a post to her Facebook page, Pitcairn resident Melva Warren Evans said the outcome was "nothing short of a miracle".

"I tell you now, miracles can and do happen," she said. "I watched them unfold these past 18 days. Decades-old animosity, dried up and blown away by the revelation of our sinful nature when compared to Christ's character. We learned to give up self and focus on Jesus. We

stopped looking for fault in others while examining our own warped character. We prayed together, for each other and for our community. We asked God to, once more, take control. From a community in crisis, in 18 days, we have become a community united."

Pastor Adeline said he appreciated very much the people of Pitcairn Island for their hospitality and warm fellowship. "They are very welcoming and took great care of me," he said.

"It was the privilege of a lifetime to go there; the island is so beautiful, filled with fruit trees and natural wonders."

With such a significant spiritual transformation underway, he wants the momentum to continue and is appealing to church members around the South Pacific to pray for the

people on Pitcairn Island.

"It's a miraculous result," he said. "This was not a physical work, it was spiritual warfare. Satan had been trying to claim the church and the people. Only the Spirit of God can penetrate our soul, melt our heart, smash our pride and make us new."

"But we want this to continue. That's why we need prayer. We need people to continue to pray for Pitcairn so that what is happening there will blossom and bear eternal fruits."

NZPUC leaders remain committed to appointing a permanent pastor to Pitcairn Island and pray that God will help them to find the most suitable person.

**TRACEY BRIDCUTT** HEAD OF EDITORIAL.

 @tracey\_findlay



# morning devotion

A work-based exercise challenge beckons me from bed for a walk on a chilly winter's morning. 10,000 steps a day—being an office worker that's not always easy to achieve!

I set out and look around. Two plovers watch warily at the top of my driveway, three magpies on a roof warble their morning chorus, gerberas stand proudly along a garden's edge, the crisp whiteness of a snowflake bush in all its glory.

The step counter reads 359.

The valley is rimmed by mountains, the lower hills dotted with cows, flocks of lorikeets fly overhead before landing on a bottlebrush tree, fellow walkers call out a cheery greeting, pigeons coo their morning song.

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy" (Psalm 96:11,12).

782 steps.

A white carpet under a gardenia hedge, the lilac splash of a lavender bush, the dairy cows grazing in the paddock, the chattering of the willie wagtail, the fire engine red of a poinsettia, the small brown birds hopping amongst the

branches, the orangey-pink tinge of the clouds.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1).

936 steps.

Walking up a steep incline, I look down and notice other things. The Maccas rubbish lying in the gutter, 1153 steps. The remnants of a squashed toad, rotting fruit dropped by bats, the rank smell of the dairy farm, 1236 steps.

The dirty ibis skulking for scraps, the dog that won't stop barking, waking the neighbourhood, 1385 steps. Thoughts of washing, dishes and school lunches awaiting me, dead stalks of last season's agapanthus, 1498 steps, puff puff.

The constant drone of early morning commuters reminds me I will soon be joining them and the challenges ahead at work today. But wait! By beholding we become changed (2 Corinthians 3:18).

How do you start your day? In life, generally, we find what we look for. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

The sun peeks over the edge of the clouds . . . a new day has dawned. 2497 steps . . . a good start. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24).

**MELINDA SOUTON** WRITES FROM MURWILLUMBAH, NSW, WHERE SHE LIVES WITH HER HUSBAND AND TWO CHILDREN.







# THE TEN

## Sabbath activities

### EVERYONE CAN ENJOY

#### 1. ASK FOR PRAYER REQUESTS

Post on your favoured social media platform or send a personalised message to a family member, friend or colleague—Christian or not—and ask if there is anything you can pray over for them. It's a great way to connect with those around you—you may be surprised at who is open.

#### 2. TRY 77 QUESTIONS

Pick a very specific object. The object must be in a Bible story, mentioned or not, or found in God's creation and it must be an item that everyone would have heard of. For example, it could be the lock on John the Baptist's jail cell—it's not mentioned specifically but you assume it would be there. Then, everyone must only ask Yes or No questions to try to figure out what you've chosen. You'll be surprised what people can guess entirely from yes or no questions.

#### 3. GO GEOCACHING

Go out geocaching in God's creation with your family and friends. This worldwide treasure hunt will lead you to amazing places and facilitate comradery while you get out and about with family and friends. See <[geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com)>.

#### 4. COLOUR A DETAILED COLOURING BOOK

There are many beautiful and detailed "grown up" colouring books available—of nature and even Bible themes. Perfect for a relaxing Sabbath afternoon with some good music playing and chatting with friends.

#### 5. LIST YOUR TOP 10

Compile your very own "The Ten" from different nature or biblical categories. Try listing others' top choices and see how many you get right. Categories can include fruits, vegetables, birds, mammals, sea creatures, trees, flowers, instruments, hymns, national parks, Bible books or stories, Bible verses, Jesus' miracles . . . More? List EVERY created plant and animal you can think of . . . More?? See how many you can take a photo of and catalogue!

#### 6. RE-LOOK AT YOUR FAMILY PICTURES/VIDEOS

If you haven't for some time, have a look at your old family photos and videos together, telling the stories around each scene. Maybe your kids have never seen them. If there are people in them who you haven't seen for a long time, make contact with them and arrange to catch up.

#### 7. CREATE A BIBLE SCENE

Either via painting, drawing, sculpture, Lego, animation, drama, poetry, song, diary entry, shadows picture, origami, veggie platter, etc, make a scene from the Bible.

#### 8. SOAP (STUDY A BIBLE TEXT)

Study a Bible text or passage using SOAP. Read a verse or passage and then:

S (Subjective)—write how it makes you feel.

O (Objective)—write something factual.

A (Apply)—write how you could apply the verse to your life.

P (Pray)—write a prayer to God based on the verse.

#### 9. VISIT YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Got a fruit tree, vegetable garden or flowers in your yard? Select some and deliver them to your neighbours. Offer to help with something. Plan some news to share while you're there, like what you enjoyed/did at church that morning, and have some questions to ask them to spark further conversation to help build the friendship. Alternatively, call or visit a person who lives on their own or has been unwell.

#### 10. CONNECT WITH THE HOMELESS

Put some meals together or prepare a backpack with simple comforts, and hand them out to some homeless in your city. Then spend some time with them. Ask them about their story, their dreams, their fears. Pray for them before you leave, as well as before and after you visit them.

For more than 400 additional Sabbath activity ideas visit <[sabbathideas.org](http://sabbathideas.org)>.

## SELFISH MIND SICKNESS

### *The experience of Salvation*

In infinite love and mercy God made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might be made the righteousness of God. Led by the Holy Spirit we sense our need, acknowledge our sinfulness, repent of our transgressions and exercise faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord, Substitute and Example. This saving faith comes through the divine power of the Word and is the gift of God's grace. Through Christ we are justified, adopted as God's sons and daughters, and delivered from the lordship of sin. Through the Spirit we are born again and sanctified; the Spirit renews our minds, writes God's law of love in our hearts and we are given the power to live a holy life. Abiding in Him we become partakers of the divine nature and have the assurance of salvation now and in the judgement. (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 45:22; 53; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 33:11; 36:25-27; Habakkuk 2:4; Mark 9:23, 24; John 3:3-8, 16; 16:8; Romans 3:21-26; 8:1-4, 14-17; 5:6-10; 10:17; 12:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 1:4; 3:13, 14, 26; 4:4-7; Ephesians 2:4-10; Colossians 1:13, 14; Titus 3:3-7; Hebrews 8:7-12; 1 Peter 1:23; 2:21, 22; 2 Peter 1:3, 4; Revelation 13:8.)

Sitting atop your shoulders is the most complex object in the universe: your brain. It contains approximately 100 billion neurons, each connecting to 10,000 other brain cells that are constantly reshaping themselves in a process known as neuroplasticity. This milieu of ever-changing organic matter is organised into sophisticated functional areas linked by numerous neuronal pathways.

One of these areas is the frontal lobe of the cerebral cortex. It plays a pivotal role in controlling higher mental functions such as voluntary movement, concentration, planning, emotional expression, judgement and decision making.<sup>1</sup>

Scientists know the frontal lobe

executes these functions but they do not know how it executes them. The brain that we can touch and see somehow produces something we cannot touch or see. The organic creates something inorganic. In fact, something immaterial—the mind.

A cursory assessment of the nature of the human mind accentuates a glaringly obvious problem. We all have an innate, intrinsic disposition to serve self.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky once wrote, "I say let the world go to hell, but I should always have my tea" (*Notes from Underground*). In other words, I don't care what happens to anyone as long as I get what I want. Sadly, this is too often true of our own minds. The reality of consciousness, our ability to

feel, perceive, experience and make choices accordingly, seems tarnished by the desire to serve self.

The Bible makes an audacious claim. It states we are all in need of saving. Romans 3:23 says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". The Bible states our condition is flawed, fallen and infected with sin and that subsequently we need saving. Saving from what? From our self-centered mind.

The Bible illuminates how salvation is achieved. Ephesians 2:8,9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

This is the defining feature of the gospel. The transliterated Greek word





for saved is Sozo. Sozo literally means “to save a suffering one”, “to heal”, “to make whole”. The Bible asserts that salvation from our self-centred mind is not achieved through anything we do ourselves. No amount of internal focus, mindful chastisement or rigid disciplinary action that any other repair system offers can mend the selfish minds we possess. This is because they all centre on what morally broken humans must do to fix themselves.

Jesus transforms our selfish, sin-sick minds by turning our focus from ourselves to others. The Bible admonishes us in Philippians 2:5 to “let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”.

Ellen White describes Jesus’ humility and selfless death on behalf of humanity. Jesus “was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. By His stripes we are healed.”<sup>2</sup>

Infinite grace. Unutterable descension. God Himself became a human being and, in our same human nature, lived a perfect life of selfless love, inasmuch as is possible experienced the eternal separation of God, rose from this death and ascended to heaven, victorious on your and my behalf.

Jesus decided He would save

humanity at any cost to Himself and when we understand this, we repent of our sin that caused Him such pain. Romans 12:2 says we are “transformed by the renewing of our mind”. Jesus takes our heart of stone and replaces it with a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:25–27) and we begin to live for others. This is the experience of salvation; the act of healing that turns our minds from attributing all transformation and self-improvement from ourselves to God.

I am a sixth generation Seventh-day Adventist. I grew up in the Church to God-fearing parents and, like Paul, could have boasted of my birthright and religiosity (Philippians 3:4–8). I attended faithfully, sang songs and tried in my own strength to do the right thing.

Yet Jesus was not my reality. I was not experiencing salvation.

In late high school I decided to put the Bible to the test and committed to reading my Bible an hour a day. Initially, waking at 6am was tedious and unfulfilling, but I persisted. As I discovered Bible truths and started each day with prayer I noticed a change within me. Jesus became my best Friend and Confidant. Those close to me noticed a change in my behaviour and demeanour.

Through no effort of my own I became a different person. Jesus sozo’ed me. He continues to heal my self-centred mind and make me whole.

In his book *The Last Battle*, CS Lewis writes of Emeth, a devoted follower of the god Tash. Towards the end of the book, Emeth is speaking to the royal subjects of Narnia of his encounter with Aslan (Jesus) in Aslan’s country (heaven). Lewis pens:

*So I, Emeth, went over much grass and many flowers and among all kinds of wholesome and delectable trees till lo! In a narrow place between two rocks*

*there came to meet me a great Lion. The speed of Him was like the ostrich, and His size was an elephant’s; His hair was like pure gold and the brightness of His eyes, like gold that is liquid in the furnace. He was more terrible than the flaming mountain and in beauty He surpassed all that is in the world, even as the rose in bloom surpasses the desert dust. Then I fell at His feet and thought, surely this is the hour of my death, for the Lion (who is worthy of all honour) will know that I have served Tash all my days and not Him. Nevertheless, it is better to see the Lion and die than to be scum of the world and live and not to have seen Him. But the Glorious One bent down His golden head and touched my forehead with His tongue and said, Son, thou art welcome. And since then O Kings and Ladies... my happiness is so great that it even weakens me like a wound. And this is the marvel of marvels, that He called me Beloved, me who am but as a dog.*

Like in Emeth’s experience, sin has plagued you and me all the days of our lives. Whatever you have done, whatever sin you have committed, however self-centred the mind in your intricate brain has become, Jesus died to sozo you. To heal you from the sickness of selfishness. And in the marvel of marvels, sinner, He calls you beloved.

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# #mumlife

**M**y son Elliott turns two this month. Those who have read my columns from back in 2016 would know becoming a mother has been an unexpected journey for me. Don't get me wrong: Elliott wasn't a surprise, but the fact I wanted to be a mother was.

However, even as Elliott embarks on his impending journey towards the terrible twos, the trying threes, the full-on fours and then some, I still cannot deny this all-encompassing visceral love I have for him. Of course I miss the weekend sleep-ins, the flexibility of my time and not having to put up with incessant whining when Elliott's in one of those moods. But I now get to enjoy early morning snuggles with a little human, I am more efficient, and carefree, infectious giggles often fill the house.

Let me make this clear: my life isn't "richer" or "complete" because I have a child. It's simply different. There are upsides and downsides to both states of being; it's simply about finding the positives and focusing on them. Life takes on a slightly altered perspective when you become a mum and your priorities shift, but I will make no claims of being more fulfilled.

It has only been two short years and motherhood has been a surprising

journey, but I am also grateful for the privilege of owning the arms Elliott buries himself in whenever he experiences an "Ow", of hearing the excited exclamations of "Mummy!" when he spies me through the kitchen window as I'm arriving home, and of witnessing the many adorable and hilarious antics only a toddler is capable of.

And, just as I'm celebrating my two-year anniversary of being a mum (I mean, my son's second birthday), this month also marks one year since I became involved full-time with *Mums At The Table*, a ministry intending to build a community—the proverbial village—for mums.

Motherhood is an interesting journey. You are one woman with one or more children, sharing with them your deep, personal values and beliefs within the supposed security of your home, but often it can also feel like every single decision you make as a mother is placed on stage, then critically analysed and torn apart by the rest of the world—even in a Christian context. Especially in a Christian context. It's as if we've forgotten the Bible's admonishment not to "let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their

needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29).

If there's one thing I've learned from being a mum and from being a part of the *Mums At The Table* community, it's that mothers—whether or not they believe it to be their calling in life—are trying to do their very best. We're struggling with the guilt of giving ourselves some "me" time even if we really need it, we're struggling with trying to figure out the optimal way to raise our children in the face of conflicting information, and we're struggling with how a single misstep might make us a social pariah, doomed to sing the "Baby shark doo doo doo" song alone, forever.

Mothers, like most other human beings—and like the children we're trying to raise—seek validation, respect and just that little bit of gentle kindness. When the children are having a meltdown, when we are running late for yet another appointment or when we aren't able to put a healthy, home-cooked meal on the dinner table, we're not being irresponsible, we simply need understanding and maybe a little bit of help.

**MELODY TAN** MAGAZINE EDITOR AND TV PANEL-LIST, MUMS AT THE TABLE.



HI KIDS!



# KIDS SPACE

## SHEEP AND GOATS

When Jesus comes in all His glory, He will divide people into two categories that He refers to as “sheep” and “goats”. He will tell the “sheep” to come to heaven with Him and enjoy what He has been preparing for them since Creation. He tells them why they are going with Him—because they cared for the needy and suffering, demonstrating His love in their hearts while they were here. Those who cared only for themselves, the goats, will be cast into outer darkness.



## SEPARATE THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

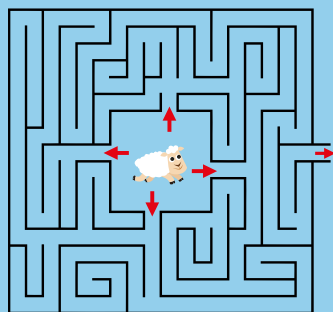
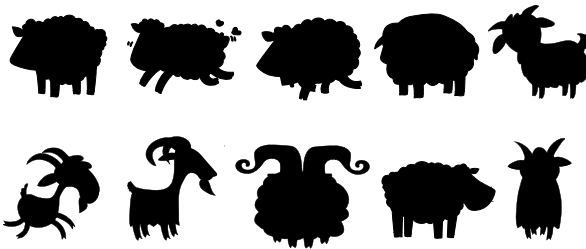
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## COMMUNITY MESSAGE

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(SHEEP)  
in need is like taking care of \_\_\_\_\_  
(GOATS)

## WHAT DOESN'T FIT?

CIRCLE THE SHEEP OR GOAT THAT DOESN'T FIT



Help baby lamb find mummy sheep



## MEMORY VERSE

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

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## STOP THE SNIFFLES WITH THESE SIMPLE SUPERMARKET ITEMS

With winter well and truly upon us, we find ourselves searching for tips, tricks and potions that promise to keep coughs and colds at bay.

While a single food may not hold the answer to stopping a cold in its tracks, there is a powerful combination of foods that will help keep your immune system in tip top condition—your best natural defence against coughs and colds.

Give your immune system a helping hand by making sure your shopping basket includes:

### HEALTHY GUT FOODS

It all starts in your tummy—a healthy immune system needs to be supported by good gut bacteria. For this you need prebiotics and probiotics.

You'll find probiotics (live bacteria that are beneficial to your gut microbiome) in some fermented foods and most supermarkets are now stocking a much larger range. More important than probiotics, you'll need the prebiotics that feed them. Our healthy gut bacteria depends daily on the special prebiotic-rich fibre they receive.

### HEALTHY FATS

Need another reason to eat avocado on toast? Healthy fats can help regulate your immune system's response to infection, so make sure your shopping basket includes foods like avocado or nuts. A handful of nuts at least five times a week can provide a good source of zinc, which also helps to boost immunity.

### POWERFUL PLANTS

Phytonutrients are chemicals released from plants to help them stay healthy. We can reap the same benefits by eating plenty of plant foods.

Why not try some of our shopping basket essentials for a strong immune system?

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### SHOPPING BASKET ESSENTIALS



### HEALTHY GUT FOODS

Keep your gut happy by eating foods full of probiotics (sourdough, kefir, yoghurts and sauerkraut) and prebiotics (whole grains, legumes, and veggies like Jerusalem artichokes, asparagus and onions).



### HEALTHY FATS

Healthy fats are really beneficial to our immune system, so fill your shopping basket with yummy foods like avocado, almonds, cashews, walnuts and olive oil. These will help boost your immunity and protect your immune system from infection.



### POWERFUL PLANTS

Eat the rainbow! Plants contain so much natural goodness and our shopping baskets should be full of them. During your next shop, throw in some coriander, turmeric, cumin, carrots, berries, spinach and lots of other spices, herbs and veggies to stay fighting fit this winter.



### Roast vegetable tart

This tart combines the rich, bold flavours of roast vegetables with creamy feta and crumbly shortcrust pastry. It can be prepared a day in advance and served hot or cold.

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## WHO CARES?

In the June *Adventist World*, a recent study reported on former Church members. The study showed that of the former members, 40 per cent reported that no-one had contacted them while 15 per cent were contacted by the pastor. Does this mean that basically very few Church members care about former worshippers?

How sad!

David Crawford, QLD

## DOING FAITHFULLY

I want to thank you for printing such a powerful story, "When a scammer met a tele-evangelist" (Feature, June 30). Such an inspiration!

The author adds a new dimension to witnessing and doing faithfully whatever crosses our paths. Thank you for your encouraging article and thank you *Record* for printing it.

Keep up your good work.

Kristine Stahl, SA

## TERMS OF THE HEART

In the "Trauma and the church (Part 1)" editorial (June 30), Jarrod Stack-elroth has placed a new perspective on the story of mankind's fall and redemption. New in the sense that he uses new, modern and literary terminology in parallel with traditional theological terms.

I appreciate that in doing this he is connecting directly with all who relate to having lived through the traumas he describes. So often elevated, even pompous theological terminology is not translated into terms that we can understand emotionally.

I believe Jarrod has

successfully grown our understanding and, in doing so, has provided a reminder that salvation theology is about redemption, recovery and acceptance. These are words with emotional significance, while propitiation, justification and sanctification speak to the mind, not the heart.

Geoff Beissner, NZ

## BULLYING IS NOT OK

To say I am appalled with the article "An unlikely Pathfinder" (June 16) is a huge understatement. I cannot understand how it was passed by the editor.

I refer in particular to the paragraph where you talk about playing the dinner party game, "Remember that one Pathfinder camp when . . ." I was actually sick to my stomach when I read about what you thought was such great fun and probably the most worrying that you thought it was suitable to write in a magazine that goes far and wide.

Having been a teacher of young children for over 40 years, I can understand what psychological damage can be heaped on individuals with this kind of

bullying, for bullying it was. I am presuming the victims of your "fun" were probably not socially accepted by the "power group" of which you were part. They too may have had to be cajoled into going to the Pathfinder camp by their trusting parents, as had you.

The child with the teddy probably wouldn't go without it—a precious, comforting toy from some loving relative.

You would not even use the "long drop" it was so gross, but took part in putting someone's precious teddy in it. I wonder does she/he bring that up for entertainment at dinner parties? Don't think so.

The child tied to the tree could have been allergic to ants and had a life threatening reaction. Young children are not aware of these complications, but it must have been a terrifying experience for the victim. Just awful!

The footnote does not cancel out what you have bragged about as being such a fun experience at Pathfinders.

It was pure and simple bullying and I hope current Pathfinders don't read it and

decide to copy.

Janelle Cracknell, NSW

### Editor's note:

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I agree that bullying should have no place in Pathfinders or anywhere else, especially in the Church. On reflection, I can see how this may have been perceived. Thank you for raising awareness.

In this particular case, all parties have remained connected and good friends. Those reminiscing included the "teddy person", now a Church leader. Maybe this was not expressed as clearly as it could have been in the article.

Pathfinders has a positive and healthy impact on our young people and the Church. That was the point of this article and I hope this was also clear.

**NOTE:** Views in "Have your say" do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Comments should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All comments are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author's original meaning will not be changed. Not all comments received are published.

## Obituaries

**ELSTERS**, Lidija, born 28.10.1927 in Latvia; died 30.5.18 in Melbourne, Vic. In 1945 she married Janis Elsters, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughter Lydia and husband Claus; and grandchildren Inara and Deiter. Lidija joined the Adventist Church after immigrating to Australia. She was passionate about sharing her faith.

*Lindy Sperring*



**FINNEY**, Robert John, born 31.8.1953 in Wyong, NSW; died 1.5.18 in Gracemere, Qld. In 1980 he married Lynette Laughlan. Rob was predeceased by his son-in-law Jason Caswell in 2016. He is survived by his wife; daughters Christine and Terilee (Wowan), Karen, and son Andrew (Gracemere); grandchildren Haileigh, Darci, Connor and Madison; and sisters Joan Thompson (Inverell, NSW) and Irene Hanmer (Samford, Qld). Rob grew up in Morisset, NSW. He and Lyn spent 16 years sheep farming at Reedy Creek, Ashford, NSW, where they raised their family. In 2000 Rob and Lyn took over Coral Coast Funerals in Bowen, Qld, and in 2010 moved to Buneru Cattle Station at Wowan. Rob was a third generation Adventist and maintained a lifelong connection with the Church. Rob's faith sustained him through the ordeals of his cancer treatment and he endured his illness with characteristic humour. Rob was passionate about farming, flying and his family.

*Ray Hobbs*



**HUDSON**, Norma Bertha Lorraine, born 23.6.1930 in Sydney, NSW; died 10.6.18 in Cooranbong. In 1951 she married Phillip Dobson. On 17.12.1978 Norma married Maurice Hudson. She is survived by Maurice; her children George Dobson, Vivienne Waterworth, Rowan Dobson, Leslie Dobson, Colleen Greiner, Shirley Symmans and Maurice's son Arthur Hudson; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. By profession Norma was a nurse. She taught piano and organ and mastered the pipe organ. She was selfless, hospitable and ever giving of her time and energy to the needs of others. Her Bible studies were instrumental in leading a number of people to Christ. Norma was much loved by family and friends.

*Roger Nixon, Maurice Hudson*

**LEE**, Audrey Aileen (nee Hewer), born 27.11.1920 in Bristol, England; died 26.5.18 in Cherrybrook, Sydney. She was predeceased by her husband Eddie and sister Joy Chesson. She is survived by her sister Marcia Brown (Campbelltown). After spending her early life in Guildford, the family moved to Browns Road in Wahroonga where she attended the Adventist school with Miss Camp as her teacher. Following her many years working for AGL, she travelled the world, returning many times to the UK where she was born. Audrey loved her God and enjoyed her many friends. She was a gentle, caring person who was loved and respected by all who knew her.

*Barry Wright*

**MCINTYRE**, Evelyn Margaret (nee McDermott), born 6.6.1925 in Ballarat, Vic; died 24.12.17 in Nunawading. She was predeceased by her husband Donald (2001), son Graham, and sisters Valerie and Norma. She is survived by her daughter Margaret and husband Eric (Millgrove), son Allan and wife Michelle (Hoppers Crossing) and daughter-in-law Marilyn (Bendigo); grandchildren Tracey, Paul, Judy, Kevin, Samantha, Brittany and Andrew; six great-grandchildren; and her sister Marjorie. Evelyn was a woman of faith who trusted God with a strong hope and sure assurance of His return. She was a skilled knitter and knitted many garments for mission needs. Evelyn loved church hymns and she read and studied her Bible every day.

*Morrie Krieg*



**PAGE**, Janice Leeta, (nee Haywood), born 10.1.1948 in Hawera, NZ; died 25.5.18 in Manaia. On 15.1.1969 she married David. Jan is survived by her husband (Cooloola Cove, Qld); daughters Penny (Central Coast, NSW) and Desiree (Cooloola Cove, Qld); and sisters Rae Broadmore (Manaia, NZ), Lauren Citrine (Melbourne, Vic) and Lois Murtagh (Waiuku, NZ). Jan began her career in the Victorian Conference office as an administrative support person. She was an extroverted, positive Christian, who exuded warmth and inclusiveness. Her kind and compassionate heart was demonstrated in the ways she supported people who needed practical and emotional help. She will be remembered by the many hundreds of people whom she impacted in a positive way in her

travels across the vast and remote areas of Australia and New Zealand

*Wayne Gredig, Craig Bates*

**PALMER**, Terry William, born 19.1.1951 in Warburton, Vic; died 27.12.17 in Marysville. He was predeceased by his brother Steven. He is survived by his daughter Lucy and her partner Daniel; sister Carol and brother Calvin and their families. Terry's sudden death was a shock to family and friends. The funeral service was held in the Warburton church. Terry is remembered as a man who cared about others and went out of his way to help them live a better life. He lived a life of love and care.

*Morrie Krieg*



**ROSEVEAR**, Verona Jean (nee Dawson), born 22.4.1932; died 27.5.18 in Maitland, NSW. Verona is survived by her husband Pastor Tui Rosevear (Thornton, NSW); children Dr Wendell Rosevear (Brisbane, Qld), Ruth-Anne Wells (Cliffleigh, NSW); Lois-Joy Scheman (Seaham); sons-in-law Ross Wells and Dr Graeme Scheman; and grandchildren Dillon, Chanel, Liesl, Rachel and Lyndell. Verona lived a selfless life. Her great loves were the Lord she served, family, people, children and music. Her strong faith in the blessed hope was shared by words and deeds to all. Parents and children loved her as a great teacher and true friend. They look back on her gentle influence on their lives, and call her blessed.

*Grego Pillay*

**SHIELDS**, Rochelle Margaret (nee Smith), born 11.9.1936 in Perth, WA; died 3.4.18 in Wallaroo, SA. In 1957 she married Doug Shields. She is survived by her husband (Kadina); children Andrea Scoines (Auckland, NZ), Gavin Shields (Wyoming, NSW), Christian Shields (Alstonville), Ann Shields (Kadina, SA) and Halley Despirito (Cooranbong, NSW). Rochelle was a wonderful wife, dearly loved mother and grandmother who is now resting in Christ, awaiting His glorious return.

*Scott Heitmann*

**STRUGNELL**, Jim Douglas, born 1.8.1926 in Forest Grove, WA; died 19.5.18 in Mirrambeena, Margaret River. In 1953 he married Dorrie Strugnell, who predeceased him in 2017. He was also predeceased by his daughter Roslyn Muellner in 2006. Jim is

survived by his children Cheryl Grosser (Perth), Mark Strugnell (Forest Grove) and Andrew Strugnell (Perth). Jim came from pioneer stock and lived on the farm for 88 of his 91 years. He loved the Lord and his family dearly. He will be remembered for his amazing veggie gardens.

*Clark Riggins*

**WOOD**, Eva (nee North), born 17.1.1927 in Perth, WA; died 29.5.18 in Rossmoyne. She was predeceased by her daughter Fiona in 2016. Eva is survived by her husband Pastor Bryan Wood; children Jennifer Walker (Busselton), Debra (Perth), Nigel (Perth) and David (Coffs Harbour, NSW); 11 grandchildren; and siblings Bill (Albany, WA) and Roberta (Albany). Eva served in communications with the Air Force during World War II. She cared for her family while supporting her husband in his work. Eva served her community, helping to establish support groups for families with disabled children. She was involved in encouraging the Adventist Church in WA to commence a ministry for the disabled.

*Roger Millist*

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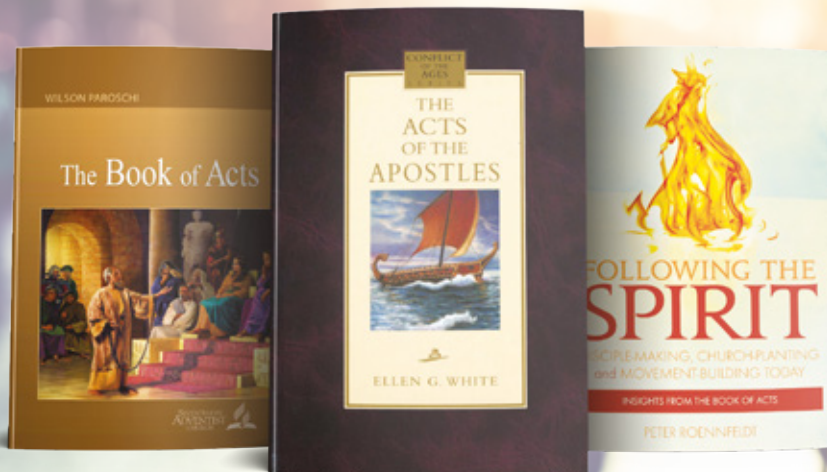
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