

A close-up photograph of a young woman with light brown hair and freckles, looking through a magnifying glass. Her green eyes are sharply focused through the lens, while the rest of her face and the background are blurred. She is holding the handle of the magnifying glass with her fingers at the bottom of the frame.

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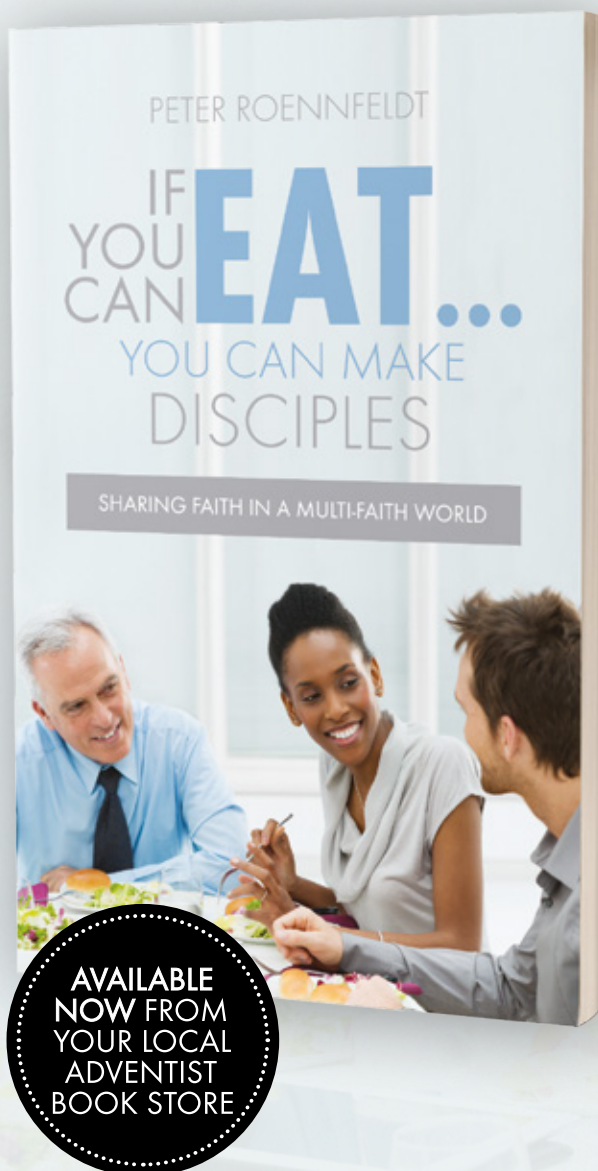
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HOW DO WE SHARE OUR FAITH IN A COMPLEX POST- CHRISTIAN WORLD?



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—Terry Johnson, President, Greater Sydney Conference



THE THEOLOGY OF DIRT

"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure some of them are dirt." I heard this quote at a conference recently, from a man qualified to make it. Simon Lister has made this quote—originally attributed to the father of national parks John Muir—his life's motto. A Christian with a passion for photography, Simon travels the world on a dirt bike, taking photos of disadvantaged children for UNICEF.

The reality for Simon is that he has to leave the well-travelled roads to get what he needs—to get dirty and to get out to be effective.

It got me thinking. Maybe we need a theology of dirt.

There is a strange story in the Gospels. Jesus, who has healed so many with a word or a touch, spits into the dust, making mud. He wipes it on the eyes of a blind man and instructs him to go and wash it off. When the man does as he is told, he receives his sight (John 9).

The obvious question is, Why did Jesus use mud to heal? We would cringe at His method today. Organic, messy, possibly unhygienic, it doesn't make sense and seems unnecessary. There are lots of theories, including the idea that spit held some special, healing significance in those days. But I wonder if the John who began his Gospel by placing Jesus as the power behind Creation, saw parallels in that account: the power of God, working in the clay and bringing forth new life (Genesis 2:7).

God, it seems, is not afraid of a little dirt.

In fact, right through the Bible, we see dirt having significance. We were originally created as gardeners, cultivating the ground we were made from (Genesis 2:15). God is described as a potter—a dirty business—while Jesus uses agrarian stories of farming and soil and harvest to explain the kingdom of heaven. He is also known as the Good Shepherd. I've never seen a clean shepherd (or clean sheep for that matter unless they've just been washed and shorn).

In the parable of the sower, we are dirt—our hearts are the soil the Word of God can grow in.

As far as metaphors go, dirt is a good one. Humans

can be messy and smelly and found in all the wrong places, just like dirt.

We need to engage with the things that are dirty—chronic disease, mental illness, refugees, homelessness. In the story of the Good Samaritan we see two groups of people: those not willing to risk becoming unclean and the man to whom humanity was more important.

However, the thing we are often most interested in keeping clean is our reputations. So we avoid situations with dirty people. We rock up and serve or take a Bible study but don't have them live in our home. We attend their children's birthday parties but don't stay back for after work drinks (abstaining of course) to be a listening ear, where bonds are formed.

We avoid creativity and the arts because an artist's conclusions are sometimes messy. We don't give people space to question or work through their questions, because we have all the answers. Instead of giving them biblical literacy, we give them the neat, tidy answers wrapped in a bow. Unfortunately, an answer that is not hard won in the dirt of discovery is often

easily blown away in the winds of change.

We talk about the discipleship cycle in terms of farming. But sometimes we are more comfortable talking than acting.

As Adventists, we have more of a theology of clouds and trumpets than a theology of dirt.

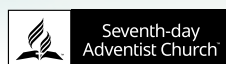
We are in good company though. Jesus' disciples were more interested in empire building than in the upside-down kingdom.

The kingdom of God is not some ethereal place, some future reality. The kingdom is the allegiance we owe to our King and seeing His will lived and realised in our own physical surrounds. We need to get dirty, doing life with people, meeting their needs in the here and now before they even realise they have questions about the after. If we are to follow Christ's method alone, maybe we need to get our hands dirty.

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BEST SABBATH AFTERNOON

I wish you could have rocked back and forth on the steep and rough roads around Honiara (Solomon Islands) with me in the Mission 4WD with a few of the pastoral leaders of the Church on a recent Sabbath afternoon. However there wouldn't have been enough room for you. We visited seven of the new churches planted since my last visit in early 2015. Each of these churches has a mother church that supports them with personnel and finances.

At the first place we met a group of new members who were returning from a regional meeting in Maranatha Hall, where I spoke with more than 5000 disciples of Jesus. They had their photo taken in the incomplete wooden church that was being built by the community leader, who is a Catholic. Earlier this year Dr Chester Kuma ran a health evangelistic series—it had such an impact that the Catholics wanted to support the Adventists.

In another church, I met Tiffany who was baptised the previous Sabbath against the wishes of her parents and friends. But she was at the afternoon youth meeting. She had not come to the regional meeting because she had helped in a branch Sabbath School to start a new church that morning. This was Total Member Involvement and mobilising people for multiplying churches.

I visited three of the seven new churches planted by the Lau Valley church—all of them full on Sabbath evening with young people leading out. I was so blessed and I prayed a wishful prayer—that God would allow every church in the South Pacific Division to have a new outreach project like I saw in Honiara!



GLENN TOWNEND
SPD PRESIDENT
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800 HIT THE STREET FOR SAN RUN FOR LIFE

LEISA O'CONNOR/RECORD STAFF

Federal and state parliamentarians were among the 800 participants in this year's Sydney Adventist Hospital Run for Life on August 19.

Federal MP and Minister for Families and Social Services Paul Fletcher and State MPs Matt Kean and Alister Henskens took part in the event, which was officially kicked off by Hornsby Mayor Philip Ruddock who fired the starter's gun.

The event raised more than

\$A30,000 for the renovation of bathrooms and kitchens at the San's Cancer Support Centre, which provides support and information groups, education, counselling, wigs, massages and transport—all at no charge. The centre offers anyone in the community who has cancer, or whose loved one has cancer, a calm, caring and safe place to receive the support they need.

The San's medical records department team, the "Record

Breakers", raised \$3677 and entered both the 10km run and the 5km walk. A number of local schools and corporate teams also participated in the event.



HORNSBY MAYOR PHILIP RUDDOCK FIRES THE STARTER'S GUN.

DISCIPLESHIP FOR PNG VILLAGE CHILDREN

RUTHY BATU/RECORD STAFF

More than 80 children from the small Adventist church in Kemabolo village, outside Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), received "Big Rescue Bibles" when Central Papua Conference (CPC) children's ministries director Ruthy Batu visited in early August.

Of the 103 members at Kemabolo church, more than 60 are children. Illiteracy is a major challenge in discipling children and older church members in CPC and PNG. But a thrilled Mrs Batu watched as children, assisted by

church leaders and other adults, immersed themselves in their newly treasured Bibles using the Discovery Bible Reading method, which was shown to them by the Discipleship Ministries Team from the South Pacific Division.

Kemabolo church has initiated a Bible study every Sunday at 5pm, which attracts people of all ages—including children. The church also operates Kemabolo Adventist Elementary School with two volunteer teachers, who say their passion for children and seeing them learn more about Jesus has driven them to continue teaching despite not being paid.

"CPC children's ministries has distributed more than 5000 Bibles in 10 of our districts," Mrs Batu said. "Despite the efforts, there is still an overwhelming need to meaningfully resource churches."



A GIRL RECEIVES HER BIG RESCUE BIBLE.

SANITARIUM WORKS WITH FULTON TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH

TRACEY BRIDGUTT

Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing Australia is working with Fulton College, Fiji, to help it become a centre of influence to improve community health.

A Sanitarium team recently helped to construct a garden nursery at Fulton, which will enable the college to cultivate its own fruit and vegetables. The team also supported Fulton with a bore drilling project that will provide an ongoing water supply on the college grounds.

The projects were part of a community service day organised by Sanitarium in conjunction with ADRA Fiji. Sanitarium staff also helped out at two local schools, doing a number of maintenance and gardening projects, providing healthy breakfasts for 250 students and their families, and donating sporting equipment and stationery.

Sanitarium general manager for sales, Steve Beams, said the main

objective of the day was to provide Fulton with the assets and skills to champion more sustainable practices for fruit and vegetable production and water use, both at the college and in the surrounding community.

"Our hope is that Fulton College will share their learnings with nearby schools, who now also have their own nurseries to cultivate fresh fruit and vegetables, and over time become more self-sustaining," Mr Beams said.

"While we were in Fiji, we learnt that this country has the highest rates of type 2 diabetes in the world—about four out of every 10 adults. Furthermore, only 16 per cent of the population is aged more than 55 years due to premature deaths, primarily caused by non-communicable diseases.

"By making locally grown, nutritious and less energy-dense foods more



ON THE JOB AT NADELE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

accessible, we hope the nurseries will go some way to helping this community adopt healthier eating behaviours—now and into the future."

Leading up to the trip, Sanitarium employees were involved in fundraising activities for the community service day, raising more than \$A11,000. They also personally donated stationery and books to the schools.

The community service day was part of Sanitarium's Sales, Marketing and Category Conference, themed "Together Towards Tomorrow".

CONFERENCE LEADERS RETURNED IN AUGUST SESSIONS

MARITZA BRUNT

Two Australian conferences recently held their annual constituency meetings, returning all of their officers to their positions.

In South Queensland, president Pastor Brett Townend, general secretary Pastor Colin Renfrew and CFO Scott Hopkins were all voted back to their positions by delegates at the Watson Park Convention Centre on Sunday, August 19.

"We have a real desire to 'flatten' the Conference structure and be more responsive to the needs of the local

churches," said Pastor Townend. "We are materially blessed as a Conference, but my desire is to see this transfer into kingdom growth by better empowering and resourcing those on the front-line of ministry."

The following weekend, August 25 and 26, saw delegates meet for the Greater Sydney Conference's constituency meeting, held at Mountain View Adventist College in Doonside. Pastor Terry Johnson, Pastor Adrian Raethel, and Eva Ing, president, general secretary and CFO respectively, were all returned to their positions.

"It is a privilege to serve God in any capacity He chooses to use us and it's a blessing to serve in the GSC for the next four years," said Pastor Johnson.

Five missional strategic focuses were also voted on during the session.

"We have a lot to consider and we will be doing that in the context of

turning up the spiritual heat personally and corporately, growing intergenerationally, empowering our members, engaging with our community and developing a digital media overarching strategy," Pastor Johnson said. "Our team will be actively engaging in helping the local church to make this happen."

The meetings were an opportunity for networking and worship, and included the presentation of administration and departmental reports and financial statements. Both meetings were attended by Australian Union Conference (AUC) president Pastor Jorge Munoz, secretary Pastor Michael Worker and CFO Peter Cameron.

"We are excited about the future, and it is our hope and prayer that the returned officers will be led by God through the next four years," said Pastor Munoz.



SQC LEADERS AT THE CONSTITUENCY MEETING.

AVONDALE SCHOOL CELEBRATES STORM CO MILESTONE

COLIN CHUANG

Avondale School (NSW) has celebrated its 20th consecutive year of STORM Co trips to the rural town of Cobar.

The anniversary trip took place during July's mid-year school holidays. A unique feature of this year's trip was the mentoring that took place between the Avondale team and the local community. Ten young people from Cobar, as well as another five who returned to the rural town specifically to take part in STORM Co, assisted the Avondale team in running programs and activities.

This year's team comprised team leader Jonathan Christian, on his seventh trip, 18 current students from Avondale School, two teachers, one cook, 10 former students and one additional leader. The two teachers were Karlie Fraser, who was a STORM Co team member in 2008 when she was a student, and Braden Oliver, who participated in his first-ever school STORM Co trip to Cobar when he was in Year 10.

A special surprise for the STORM Co team from the town of Cobar was a special anniversary cake, while Cobar Mayor Liliane Brady gave a speech thanking STORM Co for their contribution over the past two decades.

A wall mural was painted by Sahara Deppeler and Zoe Cochrane, and everyone, including the Mayor, youth worker Narelle Kriz and former Avondale School STORM Co leader

Mel Lemke, lined up to add their handprints.

The morning activities in the Cobar Primary School hall included

music, drama, puppetry, games, face painting and crafts, focusing on the theme "celebration". Each afternoon, the team was involved in community projects, ranging from moving mulch for the primary school to "Pick a Street"—randomly cleaning and gardening for Cobar residents free of charge.

Mr Christian said he hopes the association between Cobar and the STORM Co team from Avondale School will continue for many years.

STORM Co stands for "Service to Others Really Matters Company" and challenges students to serve a rural community without the expectation of anything in return, while developing leadership skills in the process.



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MISSION STORIES ONLY A CLICK AWAY

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Mission Spotlight videos can now be downloaded or played directly from a website, making them easier to access and share in Sabbath School.

Traditionally played via a DVD (and before that VHS tape and slides), the videos are all online at the Adventist Mission website <am.adventistmission.org>. They are easy to access and download.

"The clips report on past projects that you have supported through your Sabbath School offerings," said Dr Graeme Humble, South Pacific Division Adventist Mission director and field secretary. "They also profile current mission needs that invite your support for the future."

The website is not only the home of mission videos but is also a hub for other mission resources, such as the *Mission 360°* magazine and Mission Quarterly stories.

Dr Humble believes that making local churches aware of some of the broader



ADVENTIST MISSION STORIES: ONLINE AND ON DEMAND.

things happening in mission around the world benefits everyone. "Many churches become focused on their own needs. As the church looks at international mission, it also thrives locally," he explained.

The website includes opportunities to connect with projects on a more personal level, for example, via missionary blogs. Churches can adopt other Sabbath School or Pathfinder groups, write letters of encouragement and provide for other needs, by exploring web addresses of contacts on the last page of the online Mission Quarterly.

FIRST CHEP TRAINING IN THE ISLANDS

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

A course designed to help church members run health programs for their local communities has been conducted in the South Pacific islands for the first time.

Twenty-two Solomon Islanders are now trained to run Community Health Education Programs (CHEP), after a four-day training session was held in Honiara, conducted by former Victorian Conference health director Sibilla Johnson, who developed the Australian



COURSE CONVENOR SIBILLA JOHNSON WITH THE PARTICIPANTS.

Government-accredited program.

CHEP teaches participants about public and lifestyle health, vegetarian cooking and food safety principles. South Pacific Division health director Dr Chester Kuma, who assisted with the training, said it was exciting to see CHEP extended to the islands. He said Pacific CHEP training is supported by the 10,000 Toes campaign, which is aimed at preventing and reversing Type 2 diabetes across the South Pacific.

"A key strategy is that local churches become wellness centres where programs such as CHEP, the Comprehensive Health Improvement Program (CHIP) and Live More are conducted," he said. "This will raise awareness about the impact of lifestyle diseases and encourage people to take action."

CHEP training will be conducted in Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Vanuatu in 2019.

NEWS GRABS



FLOOD RESPONSE

With close to 400 people dead and more than a million displaced following severe August flooding in India, ADRA Canada has launched a campaign to support relief efforts. Early reports suggest many Adventist Church members and churches have been affected by the floods, which are due to unprecedented monsoon rains.—*Adventist Review*



OPTICAL ROBOTICS

Florida Hospital, an Adventist hospital in the US, recently became the first health care system in the nation to use a new surgical robot with optical sensors, allowing surgeons to perform procedures by just moving their eyes.—*ANN*



PRAYERS NEEDED

A deadly fire has claimed the lives of an Adventist pastor's family in Ghana. Pastor Ebenezer Kessie was away at a camp meeting when fire engulfed his apartment, killing his wife, their two children, his mother-in-law and his wife's niece. The Southern Ghana Union Conference has requested worldwide prayers for Pastor Kessie.—*ANN*

HOT TOPICS



NOT MEATING NEEDS

Air New Zealand has been slammed for including a meat-alternative, vegetarian burger on its in-flight menu. The "Impossible Burger", which swaps out a beef patty for a plant-based substitute, has been criticised for marginalising New Zealand's meat industry. —*New Zealand Herald*



SLAVING AWAY?

New South Wales is the first Australian state to pass modern slavery legislation. State government bodies and larger non-government organisations will be required to slave-proof their supply chains. The book of Revelation (chapter 18) predicts "woe" for slave traders as part of a broader economic collapse. —*Eternity News*



NEW DIRECTION

In the wake of growing outrage over apparent failures in handling multiple accusations of sexual assault and misconduct against former senior pastor Bill Hybels, the entire elder board and lead pastor of Willow Creek Church (USA) have announced their collective resignations. The announcement comes after a former Willow Creek employee became the tenth woman to accuse Hybels of sexual misconduct. —*Relevant*

ATTENDEES GAIN INSIGHT INTO DIGITAL OUTREACH

TRACEY BRIDCUTT

Adventists from the South Pacific Division were among the 250 attendees at the 2018 Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) conference held last month at the Korea International Exhibition and Convention Centre, Seoul.

The three-day conference—designed for those working in communications, media and technology—had participants from 39 countries, including four from Australia and three from Fiji. It explored some of the new and innovative digital technologies and projects being developed around the world to reach people with the gospel message. There were also discussions on a diverse range of topics, from crisis communication to copywriting, augmented reality to chat boxes.

This year, for the first time, a news summit was held on the eve of the GAIN conference. The joint initiative of the world Church's communication department and Adventist Review Ministries brought together about 40 Adventist journalists and communicators to share ideas and discuss opportunities for collaboration. One of the presentations focused on the South Pacific Division and how news gathering happens so effectively in our large, diverse territory.

The General Conference's communications team revealed plans for a global news collaborative platform and a global translation service. The goal, they said, is to create a culture in which Adventist news and developments from every part of the world are available to a global audience in multiple languages consistently and in a timely manner.

This year GAIN was held alongside the



PASTOR TED WILSON AT THE GAIN CONFERENCE.

Northern Asia-Pacific Division International Mission Congress (IMC), which brought together about 4000 missionaries and gospel workers from China, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan and Korea. GAIN participants attended the IMC morning worship and evening programs, being inspired by the music presentations, stories and testimonies from the mission fields.

Seventh-day Adventist world Church president Pastor Ted Wilson, who took the Sabbath worship service at the IMC, stopped by the GAIN meetings, affirming the work of the attendees.

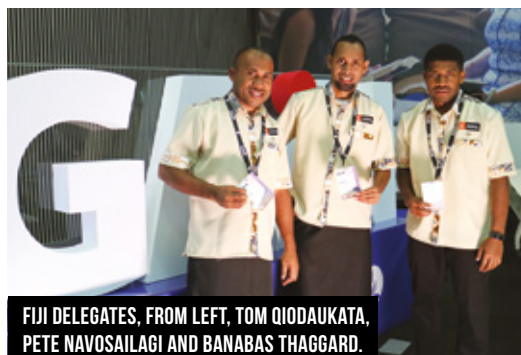
First-time GAIN attendee Pete Navosailagi, communication and media assistant for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Trans Pacific, said it was a privilege to be part of the event and network with communicators from around the world.

"One of the things that I learned is that mission comes first and not your church entity or your department. And make mission a personal thing in your life," he said.

"[GAIN] has really help me both personally and [in] my field of work—[it] will boost my work and rewire the use of media as a powerful tool to reach out

to people and align them to the Word of God for Bible study and lead them to baptism."

SPD communication director Steve Currow found the conference was "a great opportunity to refine communication strategies, enhance professional skills and be challenged by technological opportunities with representatives from most of the world divisions".



FIJI DELEGATES, FROM LEFT, TOM QIDAUAKATA, PETE NAVOSAILAGI AND BANABAS THAGGARD.

FLASHPOINT



PLANTING SEASON

The weekend of August 10-12 saw the Wellington (North NZ) region's first church planting weekend. Seven church plants were represented and were led through the workshops by Dr Paul Siope and Pastor Francis Pule from the South Queensland Conference. "The weekend was an awesome platform for our church plants to share, ask and learn," said Pastor Kwan Matautia. "We thank Dr Siope and Pastor Pule for the experiences shared and knowledge gained, but most of all, for a new-found passion to serve God through our church plants. —NNZC



DISCIPLESHIP ADVENTURE

Teens from Avondale Memorial Church (NSW) led a Spirit-filled worship entitled "Discipleship Adventure" on Sabbath, August 25. The entire teen Sabbath School class was involved in the service, which included a welcome party, praise and worship, collecting the offering, Scripture reading, prayer, kids' time drama and sermonettes. The service explored the idea that the disciples were often confused, clueless, afraid, hungry and discouraged followers of Jesus, but these were exactly the type of followers Jesus was looking for and that being a disciple of Christ isn't a bad way to live; it's the only way. —Monique Keet



TRAUMA TRAINING

ADRA Samoa and Loma Linda University recently partnered to conduct community resiliency model training in Samoa. The four-day workshop, which was run in early August, equipped participants with the knowledge and tools to understand and treat trauma resulting from any kind of disaster. "With ADRA's response efforts in many disasters, we see the need for sociological assistance," said ADRA Samoa managing director Su'a Julia Wall-work. "We can provide technical recovery systems with water and shelter, but when their emotions are affected, we need a different kind of help, which we learned here." —Samoa Observer



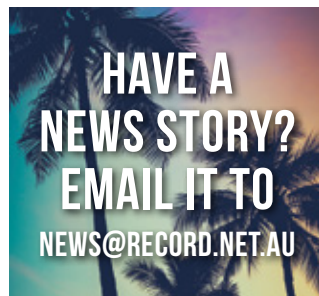
NO OBLIGATIONS

Contrary to the adage that "there's no such thing as a free lunch", a group from Gympie Adventist Church (Qld) started a "no obligations" free meal program. The lunch, held once a month, aims to demonstrate a healthier lifestyle, build bridges and show others Jesus' love. After a vegan lunch, there is always a presentation on healthy living, including topics such as exercise, first aid and bread making. Fresh produce is grown and donated by team members and recipes for all the dishes presented are handed out at the end. The group recently celebrated their first anniversary and continue to grow in numbers, even receiving invitations for home visits. —Sandra Lee



A CRAFTY IDEA

Plenty Valley Adventist Church (Vic) recently held its second art and craft show. Inspired by an article written by South Pacific Division president Pastor Glenn Townend about art in church, Plenty Valley members want to encourage other churches to try it out. Their suggestions include organising a themed worship service with a creative speaker, collecting plenty of picture hooks and display tables to showcase art and creating a community event. If the church or hall is hired out, the exhibits can be left for a few weeks as a silent witness. And, above all, encouragement for other church members is key. —Gwen Pascoe



SOMINIM DEDICATED

More than 600 people recently attended the opening and dedication of a new Adventist church in Sominim (PNG). New Ireland area supervisor Pastor Richard Koroi officially opened the church, with people from all around Konos attending the service. An evangelistic crusade held the week prior saw more than 300 people from the community attend, many of whom stayed for the opening and will attend further meetings. —Levis Koraveda



DESIGNED

More than 100 women from across Wellington (NZ) recently gathered for a women's retreat. With the theme "Designed", Yvonne Hypolite, LeeAnn Thoresen and North New Zealand Conference women's ministry coordinator Lynelle Laws offered new insights into God's Word. Lynelle and her support team thanked the women of the region for their support and for the blessing they are to their churches and communities. —NNZC



SHEETS FOR STUDENTS

Independent ministry Operation Food for Life recently presented new sheets and blankets for on-campus students studying at Pacific Adventist University (PNG). Donated by the "Sheet Ministry" at Port Macquarie Adventist Church, with the help of Joe Paletua from the Wahroonga Adventist Dorcas Society, the bed coverings were an answer to the students' prayers. —Dennis Perry

faithfm celebrates 10 years

Australian Adventist radio ministry Faith FM has celebrated 10 years of broadcast with a special service in Melbourne.

Hosted by Nunawading Adventist Church on July 28, the Sabbath program was a chance to celebrate the miracles and lives Faith FM has seen changed in their decade of broadcast, and was well attended by both church members and listeners from interstate.

A highlight included testimonies from listeners whose lives have been changed through the ministry of Faith FM. Listeners also had the opportunity to meet Faith FM Breakfast Show hosts Lyle and Monica, who took Sabbath School, and the "Aussie Pastor" Lloyd Grolimund, who presented the sermon.

The program concluded with an afternoon concert led by Faith FM's marketing and communication coordinator Gavin Chatelier, and the official launch of a new radio station in Doncaster, expected to reach a significant eastern-Melbourne area, including Nunawading.

A video produced by the Adventist Church in Australia (AUC) and shown

during the offering told the story of Faith FM over the past 10 years, from its small beginnings in rural Victoria to more than 130 radio stations today.

"We had no money, no experience and no idea where to start," said Pastor Cristian Copaceanu, who was pastoring the Traralgon and Moe churches at the time and now serves at the AUC as the director of personal ministries, Sabbath School and stewardship. "If God really wanted us to move forward, He'd have to fund it, and funds did arrive—\$A6000 in the first week, to be precise."

On July 20, 2008, the first radio station was installed. In addition to the launch of the Doncaster station, another transmitter was recently installed that covers the Yarra Valley suburb of Seville. The station is being hosted at the house of a gentleman whose wife recently passed away, but not before she was baptised into the Adventist Church. Though he is yet to take a stand of his own, he has welcomed the Faith FM hardware in his garage. Another radio station has been launched in the NSW coastal town of Yamba—part of the North

NSW Conference's purchase of 14 radio network licences on the North Coast.

"Radio is a medium that reaches behind closed doors, and we reach the best part of a quarter of the Australian population; more than five million Australians," said Faith FM producer Bradley Martin. "We're not being sedentary as a Church in trying to spread the gospel—we are using the tools that we have."

"The Faith FM radio ministry continues to grow by God's grace," said Michael Engelbrecht, Faith FM coordinator for the AUC. "Our aim [with the anniversary celebrations] was to give glory to God for what He has done, to continue to raise awareness and to connect seekers with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and this was achieved."

"When I visit churches, someone will come and say, 'I'm here because of Faith FM', and it's exciting," said AUC president Pastor Jorge Munoz. "We look forward to seeing what God will do in the years ahead."

| MARITZA BRUNT ASSISTANT EDITOR.





LIVING HIS WORD

WITH WAYNE BOEHM

LESSONS IN WAITING

In Genesis 25, the Lord informs Rebekah that she is carrying two sons who will become two nations and the older will serve the younger. The Bible quickly reveals the personal characteristics of both sons (Genesis 25:27,28). The boys could not have been more different. One would be a hunter and nomad (Esau), while the other a shepherd and homebody (Jacob).

Things begin to unravel for the family as they live according to their own desires and plans. **CONSIDER** Genesis 25:29-32. What does this story reveal about the two brothers? What do you learn about Jacob from the request for his brother to sell the birthright? Esau's request was not difficult and should have been fulfilled as a natural part of the family relationship. However, Jacob's response suggests he had long thought about how he might secure the birthright.

CONSIDER how Genesis 25:33,34 further emphasises Jacob's desire to secure the family blessing and birthright.

An underlying weakness has again emerged in the family line. It was clearly foretold that the older would serve the younger, however, Jacob impatiently thought to hurry the process.

CONSIDER this: do you need to learn similar life lessons? Do you move forward to "help" or "orchestrate" circumstances to help fulfil God's promises? As these stories illustrate, this approach does not end well.

CONSIDER how Psalm 27:14 might impact your life decisions and actions as you wait for God to fulfil His purpose for your life.

BARBERSHOP BLESSINGS

If you're thinking of getting your hair cut, you probably wouldn't envisage having it done in a church. But at least 55 people from the community entered Mizpah Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Auckland, New Zealand) for that very purpose on July 29.

Church pastor Keli Pepa had been trying to think of a way that his church could connect with and give back to the community. Then came "a lightbulb moment". He had been a barber for 15 years before entering pastoral ministry. What if he used his previous trade to help the community by offering free haircuts?

His church members were keen to help. They converted one of the church rooms into a "barbershop". The youth helped create a welcoming space/cafe where people could wait for their haircuts. ADRA and Sanitarium provided items for food parcels for families in need, and a couple of local barbers donated their time and expertise to help Pastor Pepa with the haircuts.

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) president Pastor Eddie Tupai blessed the opening of the initiative.



ative. "We had about 20 families from the community come," said Pastor Pepa. "We managed to do 55 haircuts from 11am to 4:30pm and we handed out around 160 food parcels."

Mizpah church will continue running this initiative, offering free haircuts one Sunday a month until December. They are thankful to have found a way to serve their community and show them the love of Jesus.

VANIA CHEW ASSISTANT EDITOR.



FOLLOWING THE RIGHT DIRECTIONS

I love urban exploration. The idea of entering a space that has been abandoned and rejected is both intriguing and thrilling. One of my dreams is to visit the abandoned city of Pripjat—unoccupied due to the high radiation levels since the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.

Having lived in Adelaide for 22 years and visited every conceivable place on offer, finding a hidden nook or cranny brings a newfound sense of wonder. My girlfriend Julia often scoffs at my love of the untouched and forgotten, saying I love “grungy” places.

The urban exploration scene in Adelaide is huge—hidden tunnels from the 1800s have been found under the city; quarries left alone for 30 years and even World War II era bomb shelters.

Julia and I were set on finding a short abandoned train tunnel in the Adelaide Hills—available to public access. The only problem was locating it. Instagram posts gave us an idea of what it looked like, but no other specifics. Internet searches bore no answers apart from vague directions scattered across various websites. Using these to pinpoint an alleged location on Google Maps, we were able to triangulate a tunnel site in close proximity to where our elusive tunnel was meant to exist.

Further supporting our theory that we were looking in the right place, the train line from the tunnel extended past a confirmed abandoned train station. Everything made sense.

Arriving at the train line and following it towards the tunnel, a number of warning signs triggered in my mind. These train tracks are too new, I thought to myself. Rather than having the rusted and derelict look I expected, they looked maintained. I brushed it off; the internet claimed it is used occasionally for historic train rides.

As we rounded the final corner, we discovered that

we had in fact arrived at the wrong destination. There was a train tunnel there; a huge stone structure that extended at least twice the length of the one in the photos. But it wasn’t the one we were looking for. With no evidence of imminent danger, we took a few photos inside the 100m long tunnel before starting to head back.

Less than two minutes later, walking along the side of the train track, we started hearing a low rumble. “Sounds like a plane,” Julia said.

Moments later, a large passenger train zoomed past us, pulling more than 10 carriages. I was stunned—had we still been inside the tunnel when the train came through, we may have become one with the track.

How often does this happen in our spiritual lives? We try to take control of our situation, and sometimes end up in the wrong place at the wrong time. In our quest to find the train tunnel, we had put together various pieces of information—some confirmed and others assumptions. The result was we ended up in a place where we shouldn’t have been.

Fortunately, the Bible reminds us that it has the right coordinates for the direction of our spiritual lives.

“The Lord is faithful,” says Paul (2 Thessalonians 3:3). “. . . He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

Our relationship with God isn’t based on blind faith—His text, the Bible, explains itself within its covers. It tells us that “All scripture is God-breathed . . . so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16,17). It’s a great promise, that the divine inspiration behind the great Book is pointing us in the right direction and His great hope is that we get there by trusting Him.

DANIEL KUBEREK ASSISTANT EDITOR, SIGNS OF THE TIMES.



Bible verses that inspired hymns & worship songs

► A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM—HYMN #528

"Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land." (Isaiah 32:2)

► HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD—CHRIS TOMLIN

". . . Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty. The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent . . ." (Psalm 104:1,2)

► FACE TO FACE—HYMN #206

"For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (1 Corinthians 13:12)

► SHOUT TO THE LORD—DARLENE ZSCHECH

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy . . . For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done." (Psalm 47:1; Psalm 92:4)

► I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED—HYMN #511

"That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

► IN CHRIST ALONE—STUART TOWNEND, KEITH GETTY

"That is why we labour and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe." (1 Timothy 4:10)

► GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS—HYMN #100

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease . . . Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Genesis 8:22; Lamentations 3:22,23)

► ANCIENT OF DAYS (BLESSING AND HONOUR)—JAMIE HARVILL, GARY SADLER

"As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze." (Daniel 7:9)

► AMAZING GRACE—HYMN #108

"Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: 'Who am I, Lord God, and what is my family that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, my God, you have spoken about the future of the house of your servant. You, Lord God, have looked on me as though I were the most exalted of men' . . . He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'" (1 Chronicles 17:16,17; John 9:25)

► REVELATION SONG—KARI JOBE

"Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.'" (Revelation 4:8)

THE GREATEST TEAM ON EARTH

Unity in the body of Christ

The Church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue and people. In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures we share the same faith and hope, and reach out in one witness to all. This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children. (Psalm 133:1; Matthew 28:19, 20; John 17:20-23; Acts 17:26, 27; Romans 12:4, 5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 5:16, 17; Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 2:13-16; 4:3-6, 11-16; Colossians 3:10-15.)

Taonga.

This is the Māori word for “treasure”, and a word which is often used by a particular team to describe a certain black jersey they wear. Dave Loveridge grew up hearing it over and over. And, like most young Kiwi lads, grew up with one dream: to one day represent his country and wear that *taonga*.

It wasn't likely to happen. Dave struggled with injury throughout most of his school days, and eventually ended up working on the family pig farm in the New Zealand region of Taranaki. But in 1978, he received a call that changed his life forever. He'd

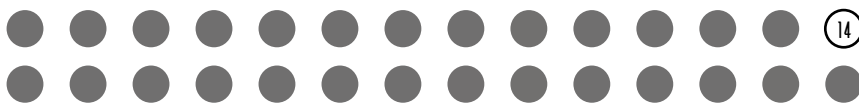
been selected for what some consider to be the greatest sports team in the world. He was an All Black.

In the five years that followed, Dave Loveridge played 22 consecutive tests for the All Blacks, including a stint as captain. At the end of 1983, he was voted the New Zealand player of the year, and in 1984 he was named the best rugby player in the world and flown to England to receive an award. Today, he's regarded as one of the best halfbacks to ever have played for the All Blacks.

Though many sports teams have triumphed, there is arguably no team on earth quite like the All Blacks. But

what makes them so successful? In his book *Legacy*, author James Kerr set out to uncover this secret. He spent six weeks living, travelling and immersing himself as part of the team. What he found was, in his words, “unprecedented”. The group of men could not have been more different from each other and yet there was something that brought them together. It was so powerful, Kerr devoted an entire chapter in his book to it. He called that chapter “Unity”.

For the world, such a concept is probably mind-blowing: How can one group of incredibly diverse individuals be so united? Well, for those of us



who are Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists, the concept shouldn't be foreign—not at all—because it's what we were called to do! We are "all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-29), so that "the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity . . . attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-16).

But what does this actually mean? In a world that is so divisive, in a Church that often struggles with this concept, how can we practice unity in our daily lives?

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR JERSEY

Why are you a Seventh-day Adventist? No two answers will ever be worded exactly the same, but here's mine in its simplest form: because I believe in this group of people who are committed to following Christ and His teachings through His Word, and who have important messages to spread in this world. This group of individuals are my team, and I love being part of this Church. We share the same faith and hope. And I know I have a place here. So do you. You are valuable and integral. It doesn't matter who you are as an individual—when it comes to following Christ, one person does not create a team. There's no "I" in team—we're better together. Take pride in belonging! Take pride in your jersey.

DON'T WISH YOU WERE A FLY-HALF WHEN YOU'RE BUILT LIKE A PROP

As an Adventist Church, we are so diverse. Isn't it fantastic? Unfortu-

nately, division happens when people start focusing too much on the differences rather than the strengths each person can bring. When it comes to furthering God's kingdom, our differences don't matter. We are one and the same; one body. The apostle Paul said it this way:

"So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvellously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't" (Romans 12:4,5, MSG).

Prop forwards are strong and dependable. Fly-halves are quick-thinking and organised. But as soon as we begin to compare, envy or wish we had the gifts, talents and skills of someone else, the team begins to crumble. Paul encourages us to remember the bigger picture:

"A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different but similar parts arranged and functioning together. As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it. No matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of" (1 Corinthians 12:14, MSG).

WORK TOGETHER TOWARD THE SAME GOAL

Being part of a team means having something to work toward. Without purpose, there is no unity. God has breathed life into His Church, our Church, so that we can fulfil the purpose given to us by Jesus Himself: "Go therefore, and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19, 20). What that looks like practically will be very different for each person, because we all have our own talents and spiritual gifts. But if we are united in Christ, and all working toward this same goal, then we are living out the great commission.

Dave Loveridge was just a pig farmer from Taranaki, but when he joined the All Blacks, that didn't matter. All that mattered, in his own words, was this: "We were one great big family—that was one of the major reasons for the success."

ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE COACH

Finally, and above all, we take our lead from Jesus, who is the source of our unity and everything we do. If we keep Christ at the centre, and His Word as our guide, we'll always know how to come together as one team, one body, one Church, so that we can live in a way that is "good and pleasant" (Psalm 133:1).

This weekend, we're going to an All Blacks match. As I've done many times, I'll watch my husband proudly don his black jersey (and hat . . . and scarf . . . and jacket). I'll watch as he holds a hand over his heart and try not to cover my ears as he and several thousand other Kiwis belt out a slightly off-key version of the national anthem at the top of their lungs. I'll try not to get squashed every time the All Blacks score a try, because, once again, we've ended up sitting in the Away section and Kiwi fans are very enthusiastic. But this time, I'll marvel at the spirit of the fans when the All Blacks perform their *haka*. I'll pay attention to the tears of joy and pride in their nation, in their culture, in their team. And I'll pray for my family of Adventist believers across the globe, because I know, with all my heart, which team is truly the greatest team on earth.



MARITZA BRUNT

Sports enthusiast, journalist and assistant editor for *Adventist Record*.

she is enough

Say these words out loud: *Who I am is enough. What I do is enough. What I have is enough.* Learn to embrace these words . . .

Why do you exercise? Is it to get stronger, fitter, lose some weight—or do you exercise so you can eat more? I start with this question, for as women, if there is a deeper question to why you exercise or diet, then no amount of exercise or dieting will ever satisfy you! You have to face the question beneath the surface in order for you to find peace with yourself. Here is what I mean . . .

I was around 12 years old when I started to become obsessed with my weight and figure. Back then, one of my friends was bulimic and another would starve herself. I took the binge eating, starve myself and exercise approach to try and get the perfect body so I could be satisfied with myself.

What followed was a crazy cycle that kept me in chains. I would start by over-eating the foods I loved. Then enormous guilt and disappointment in myself would set in. I would vomit up as much as I could. I would miss the next few meals and then go smash it out in the gym until I had burned enough calories. This continued for

a number of years. And looking back on my photos, I was not fat. I was just never happy or content with my self image. The deeper question beneath the surface for me was, *Am I perfect enough?*

Now, I was not aware of this at the time, but I was chasing perfection and therefore no amount of exercising or dieting would provide me with a self image that would satisfy me.

The sad reality about eating disorders is that many do not recover. In 2017, the ABC news presented a report on how the Australian health system was failing patients with eating disorders. According to the report, “one in five eating disorders ended in suicide”. The Butterfly Foundation noted that in 2012, one million people suffered from eating disorders and 64 per cent of those were women.

Eating disorders often arise from poor body image and this peaks in teenage years. I remember my dad saying to me when I was a teen, “Renaee your calves are looking really skinny.” Rather than hearing the concern in my dad’s comment, I chose to hear his comment as a compli-

ment, for I was always fat in my eyes. The dissatisfaction in my self image still haunts me today. I still struggle to put the brakes on when it comes to yummy food. I eat when my mood is down or when I think I deserve a reward.

Now, desiring to look nice is not wrong. Wanting to reach a goal, be it weight, fitness or toned muscles is not wrong. I am asking you to look deeper beneath the surface to ascertain the true reason behind your goals. If you discover a deeper reason, you may have unresolved issues that need confronting. Failing to confront these underlying reasons puts you on a path where no amount of exercising or dieting will ever be enough. If you have an eating disorder, I encourage you to go and talk to someone about it and free yourself from the chains of perfection, guilt and dissatisfaction.

God made women in His own image (Genesis 1:27). God was satisfied with what He created. With God and in God women are enough. So why are we letting this world rule our ideals? It’s time we stand together and learn to stand alone in God and be satisfied in



who God made us to be!

We owe it to ourselves and we need to own it for the sake of the next generation of women.

My daughter Faith was in Kindy. She came home one day saying she was fat, while pinching her tummy.

"Why do you think you're fat?" I asked.

"My friend said so," she replied.

Her friend at school had learned that, because she could pinch her tummy, it meant she was fat. In teaching Faith this, since Faith could pinch her tummy, she concluded she was fat too. This broke my heart. It shocked me that this was happening at six years of age.

I do not want my daughter battling with food and self image like I do.

I do not want my daughter telling herself she is fat when she is perfectly beautiful in how God made her.

I do not want my daughter growing up thinking she is never enough.

I do not want any of our daughters or future daughters or women in general to think they are not ever enough.

We need to accept, appreciate,

respect and love ourselves as women. We need to encourage each other and never let our challenges drive us to silence. Let's share our battles with each other so that we can fight them together.

To be beautiful means to be satisfied with yourself. Beauty begins when you decide to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself. For it is not what you are that will hold you back. It is what you think you are not that will hold you back.

So say these words out loud: Who I am is enough. What I do is enough. What I have is enough. Learn to embrace these words . . . and you will grow to be satisfied with yourself, just as God is satisfied in who you are.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact Lifeline or other local support service.

RENAE MAUA (PICTURED RIGHT WITH HER DAUGHTER) ATTENDS AVONDALE COLLEGE CHURCH. ORIGINALLY POSTED AT <COLLEGE-CHURCH.INFO/SHE-MINISTRIES>.



STEP INTO SPRING WITH POWERFUL PHYTONUTRIENTS

We all know fruit and veggies are really good for us and are packed with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. But have you heard of phytonutrients?

If you haven't, you're not alone. Scientists are only just beginning to unlock the full therapeutic potential of these powerful plant compounds.

Pronounced fight-o-nutrient, it literally means plant nutrient. These are the natural compounds that give plant foods their vibrant colours, smells and tastes. And, because our bodies can't make them themselves, phytonutrients may even be considered "essential for life"!

There are more than 5000 specific phytonutrients and the list below is just the start:

- **Blueberries** have the phytonutrient **anthocyanin** that may help with memory.
- **Tomatoes** are rich in **lycopene**. This not only gives tomatoes their red colour, but research shows it may help fight heart disease and prostate cancer.
- **Ginger** has **gingerol** that has been linked to helping hypertension.
- **Oranges** have **hesperidin** that has been associated with a reduced risk of stroke.
- **Apples** contain **quercetin** that may help with inflammation.

These natural disease-fighting nutrients are part of the reason that eating a plant-based diet is so healthy and has been linked to providing more energy, a better complexion, being slimmer and healthier.

To bump up the phytonutrients in your diet, eat the rainbow! We're talking every day, in-season fruit and veg here—there's no need for exotic "super foods" that will break the budget.

Next time you're at the shops, why not pop some of these phytonutrient-rich fruit and veg into your trolley?



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RED, ORANGE AND YELLOW VEGGIES

Think pumpkin, capsicum, carrot and sweet potatoes; perfect for roast veggie salads and making warming soups. Or, go for fruits like tomatoes, citrus, berries and melons—great for snacking on or sprinkling over your favourite breakfast cereal.



WHITE VEGGIES

Easy to overlook but pretty essential for flavour, white veggies like garlic, onion and leek are great for bumping up the phytonutrients in pretty much any meal.



DARK GREEN LEAFY VEGGIES

Look for spinach, kale, bok choy or broccoli. Add them to a stir fry for a vibrant and flavour-packed dinner, or try cos lettuce for a delicious and crunchy salad.

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BEARDED BRIGADE

Pastor Glenn Townend details in “Beards” (August 25) how our Church leaders who attend this year’s GC Council are being encouraged to grow a beard to honour our pioneers. What are the women attending doing to honour the pioneers? Are there any women attending or is it like the recent GC youth advisory committee, which was composed solely of people who can grow beards? I would like to hear from our president news about the weightier issues that the Council will discuss, not cute stories about beards.

Terry Botrell, *Qld*

CULTURAL FACTORS

Re: “First CHEP training in the islands” (record.adventistchurch.com). Great idea.

It is wonderful to contextualise health messages for indigenous communities in the islands. Indigenous people have cultural ways to deliver messages too. It may help to tap into cultural ways of creating and delivering health knowledge.

Health education is important in the islands too. In my observation, most of the education materials in the islands is heavily based on medical models of health. This medical model of health is grounded on Euro-centric help—and health-seeking behaviours.

Unfortunately, most island communities are not in Euro-centric patterns of living. It would be an option to co-create community-based health education materials that are conducive to the other models of health that are prevalent in indigenous communities too.

In my island experiences the two trainings that I believe may help a lot in nutrition in the islands are

agriculture and cooking. It would be wonderful to have agriculture and cooking as key subjects in Seventh-day Adventist church schools.

In my personal opinion agriculture and cooking are the two most important sciences to learn early in school—after religious education. Both boys and girls can be blessed to learn religion and the sciences of agriculture and cooking early.

Lipson John Nunu, *via Facebook*

PLAIN SCRIPTURE

I commend both Emanuel Millen and *Adventist Record* for publishing a balanced critique of the triune Godhead in “Is the Trinity pagan?” (August 25)—a topic sadly controverted by the enemy of souls.

If we take plain statements in Scripture such as: Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Hebrews 9:14 and 1 John 5:7 just as written, we avoid the situation warned of in 2 Peter 3:16. Jesus advises us in Matthew 13:13–15 about having faith and discernment to accept and inter-

pret Scripture correctly.

Contrary positions exist for every Bible truth. One plus one equals two—that is the only correct answer, yet an infinite number of incorrect answers exist.

As a former Sunday-keeper who accepted plain scriptural statements on the Sabbath, it grieves me to hear certain Sabbath-keepers mock Sunday-keepers for being incapable of counting to seven, yet when it comes to the Godhead, they can be incapable of counting to three!

Boyd Trevithick, *NSW*

HISTORICAL FACTS

Regarding the article “First ABC set up in Adventist heartland” (June 30), the statement, “Bisiatabu is the site of Papua New Guinea’s first Seventh-day Adventist mission station, set up in 1908”, is incorrect.

While it is true that pioneer missionaries Septimus and Edith Carr arrived in what is now Papua New Guinea in June 1908, they took up residence in Port Moresby at the Ela Beach site, which currently houses the Central Papua Con-

ference and Port Moresby church. It was not until late 1909 that a lease was taken out on the Bisiatabu property, and it was 1910 when it was established as a rubber plantation and farm.

In 1914, the Government granted the Australasian Conference Association permission to operate the property as a mission station and engage in missionary activity from the Bisiatabu site. 2018 is therefore the 100th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church operating from the Ela Beach site, but, contrary to popular belief, Bisiatabu does not have its 100th anniversary until late next year.

Shirley Tarburton, *Vic*

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JOSEPH REVEALS HIMSELF

Just as Joseph has predicted, Egypt produces a lot of food over seven years. Joseph is prepared for the famine, which affects all that part of the world. During this time, Jacob's sons come to Egypt to buy some of the grain from Joseph's storehouses. Joseph recognises his brothers, but they do not recognise him. Joseph still feels angry toward them. He calls them spies, imprisons them for three days and then releases all but Simeon. He tells them to go home and get their younger brother to prove their innocence. When they return to Egypt with Benjamin, Joseph's heart breaks with love. He reveals himself to his brothers and forgives them.

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Obituaries

CRAGO, Percy, born 4.10.1931 in Cornwall, England; died 23.7.18 in Moora, WA. Percy moved to Australia in 1956 and married Valma in 1957. He is survived by his wife; seven children; 22 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Percy lived in Coomerdale and was an active member of Moora church.

Eddie Hastie

MILLER, Geoffrey Webb, born 22.12.1925; died 3.5.18 in Penrith, NSW. On 28.8.1947 he married Gwen Smith, who predeceased him in 2011. He was also predeceased by his son Barry in 1971. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Raymond and Georgina, Kenneth and Janet, Graeme and Valda, and Douglas and Sandi, and daughter Lynette and son-in-law Steve; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Geoff worked for Sanitarium at Lewisham. He served the Church in many capacities. As a builder he played a major role in the construction of the Forster and Bega churches and helped in ADRA work in Bega and Ballina. Geoff found strength in God and the love of his family.

Jeff Parker, Tim Kingston, Tim Merritt

Anniversary



JONES. Len and Margaret were married on 14.6.1958.

They are loving parents to Peter, Sue-Ellen, Kristine and Rodney, have 12 grandchildren and three step grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren and six step great-grandchildren. Len and Margaret continue to hold office in the Narrandera church and faithfully witness in their community. The couple's church community and friends extend their love, congratulations and

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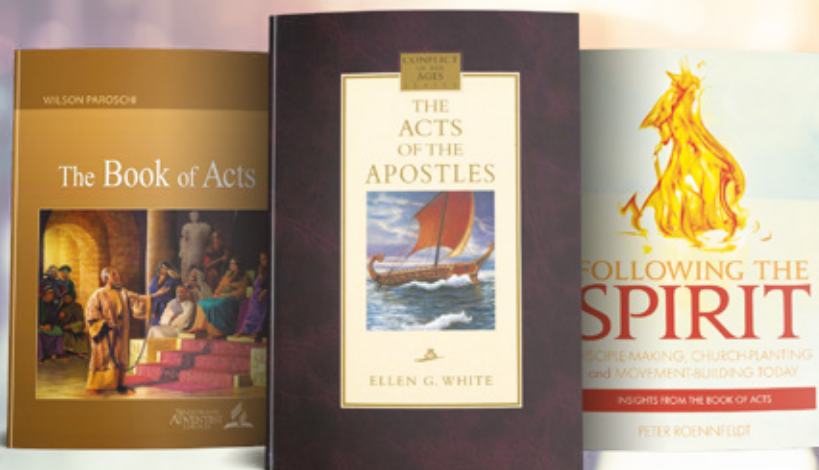
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For more details contact Jan | janbolst@adventist.org.au | 02 9847 3306 or
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