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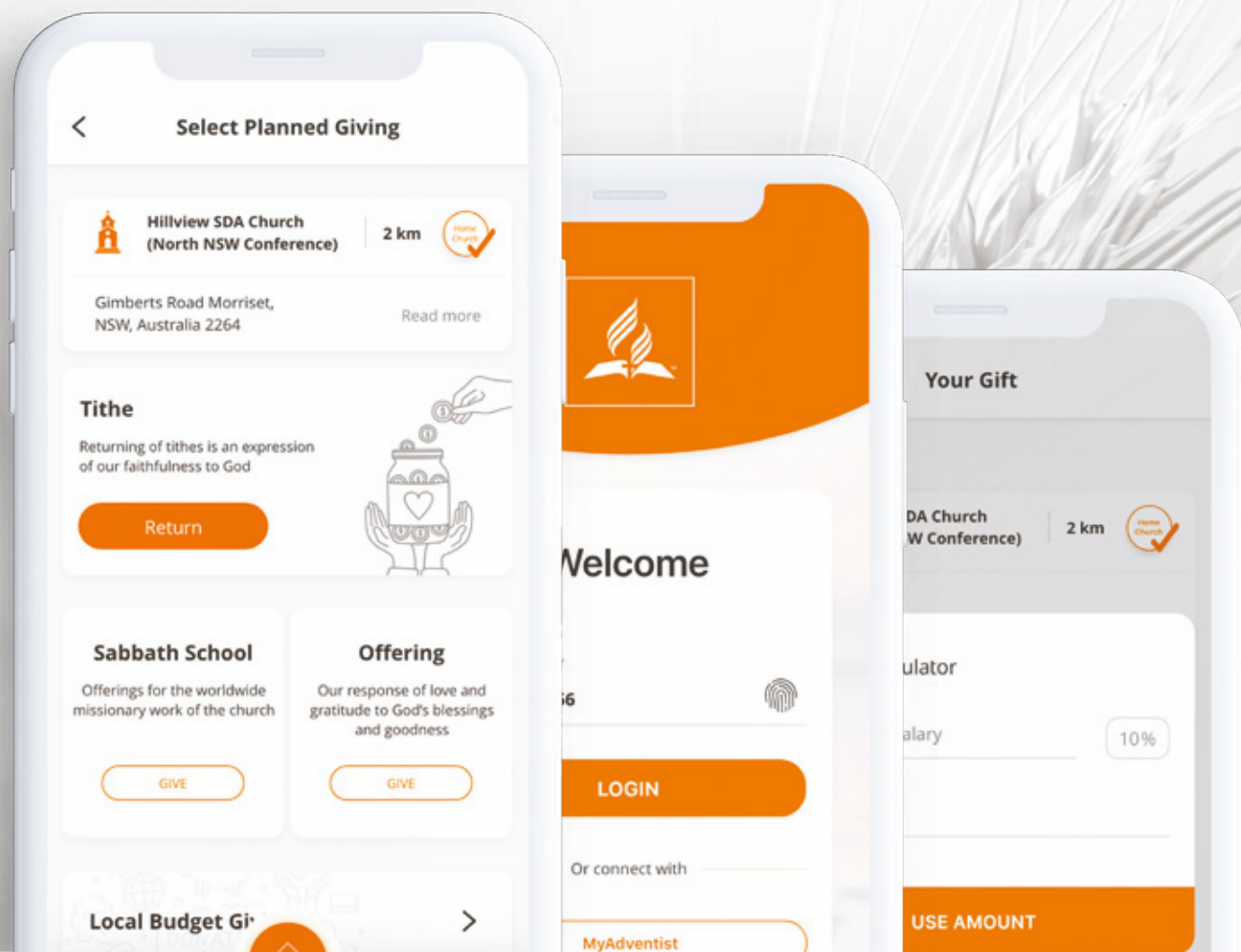
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## HOW TO OVERCOME WRITER'S BLOCK

A blank page. The intimidating void. As a writer, a blank page is so many things. It is impending creativity, infinite possibilities and intimate self-revelation. It can also be a nightmare.

A blank page is the boon and bane of my existence.

Like Jacob in the night, it is often something I wrestle with long before any words are spoken (or typed), a blessing is given and a name bestowed.

Each day is like a blank page. Our spiritual lives, our careers and positive life changes are areas in which we seek improvement and achievement—yet they often remain the same year after year as we remain crippled by indecision and apathy.

Procrastination and passivity—like dragons protecting the treasure of inspiration, they can derail the greatest of intentions. Not only for writers, but for all of us.

Passivity can destroy marriages, families, churches and lives. Think I'm being dramatic? Read again what happened to King David's family as siblings raped and killed each other and his kingdom was wrestled away. The active, giant-killing young man had been replaced by a guilt-ridden, hesitant monarch, and his family and kingdom suffered for it.

Deadlines keep us honest. Unfortunately, other important things fall off the wagon as we get the visible and urgent done, but neglect the invisible and internal. We can be crippled by doubt, barely functioning, as passivity grips us, yet still tick the boxes and appear like everything is held together. No-one knows our private shame. A dream delayed often becomes a nightmare.

As I've been thinking about these ideas lately, I've come to see that some of the strategies I've had to learn and use to defeat writer's block, might just come in handy in the battle against passiveness.

So let's strap in for Writing 101: How to overcome writer's block.

**Just start.** Start with things you know before you tackle things you don't know. It doesn't have to be gold, but trying anything is better than doing nothing.

**Have the right conditions,** the right atmosphere. Be willing to fail and edit as you go. Learn and adapt. You can't learn and grow if you never move and try.

**Pray.** This will help you find the right mindset to tackle any problem.

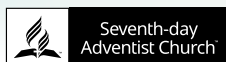
**Stretch your legs,** get some fresh air, go for a long walk with no music or distractions. It works wonders for inspiration, not only for writing but for anything you're wrestling with and it will help you refocus.

**Remain inspired.** Surround yourself with new thoughts and sources of wisdom outside of yourself. Read widely, travel or talk to new people if you can. Try new things. If you fall into the habit of doing the same old thing every single day, it can cripple inspiration and hamstring your writing, your creativity, even your life decision-making. This is where TV (or YouTube/on demand services), social media and your smartphone can be so dangerous and damaging. While they are powerful tools and can be positive when used correctly, they also encourage passive consumption. There is a reason many games on your phone and videos you watch don't display the time while you are engaged with them. They don't want you to be aware of how much time you're wasting.

**Have the right attitude.** Fear and doubt will derail us so cultivate an attitude of positivity and can do. Remember why you love or are passionate about what you're doing. Love goes a long way and remembering the why of something helps you through the desert of how.

Remember that even in our waiting, we are expected to be active (parable of the Ten Virgins). We often don't hear back from God immediately or in our time but we have instructions, a vision and purpose that we can enact during the waiting. He left us the Spirit, who struggles to use our passivity but can work with activity. Your dreams and desires, even God-given ones, need your active participation before they can become reality. So what are you waiting for? Maybe these writing tips can help you to make those decisions that can deliver results today.

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## PASSING FAITH ON

A colleague of mine attended an Adventist school reunion. He enjoyed catching up with classmates from the past but was shocked at the lack of spiritual continuity. Only four of 23 students from Adventist families were still active in the faith of their childhood. There were many issues: addictions, relationship breakdowns, relocation, university, drifting, unanswered questions—but most seemed to suggest that the Church did not care about their absence. A tragic loss.

Passing on faith and values is the role of the current generation (Deuteronomy 6:7-9). Faith is caught and taught.

The Bible suggests four ways to pass faith onto the next generation:

1. Tell them of God's character and actions (Psalms 22:30,31, 71:18, 78:1-11, 100:5, 145:4). Toddlers to retirees value hearing what God means to you and how He has worked in your life. We need to keep providing opportunities to share our personal God stories.

2. Take them on historical tours and show and tell them the stories of the past (Psalm 48:12-14). Tours of the Bible lands, Reformation Europe and Adventist heritage sites build faith. So do movies like *Tell the World*. How many people know the origin stories of your local church or school?

3. Don't tell them your doubts but how God led you through the questioning times (Psalm 73:14-17). Most of us have doubts and unanswered questions. Asaph did, but he didn't share these while going through the faith struggle—he wrote about it once he had an answer.

4. Sing the songs of the past revealing God's love and faithfulness (Psalm 48:12-14). I like new songs—the Bible encourages us to sing new songs—but the old songs have a heritage of rich theology. We need both.

If faith in God is not passed on, the Church is only one generation away from extinction. By being a warm, faith-living person we can halt the terrible losses.

**GLENN TOWNEND**  
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## PICTURE ROLLS MAKING A COMEBACK IN PNG

### RECORD STAFF

The picture roll—a popular discipleship tool of the past—is being re-introduced to Papua New Guinea communities with the support of the South Pacific Division.

On June 20, Madang Manus Mission president Pastor Garry Laukei met with the principals of Adventist schools in Madang. He demonstrated the picture roll as one of the best tools schools can use to share biblical messages without the need for a data projector and a laptop.

Among those attending the meeting, four of the principals couldn't wait to introduce the picture rolls into their schools. Joe Benjamin, principal of Riwo Primary School, invited Pastor Laukei to his school the next day to officially present the picture rolls.

Mr Laukei encouraged both staff and students to use the new resources every Sabbath morning for their branch Sabbath school and during the week for small group Bible studies. The teachers



expressed excitement in being able to use the picture rolls to evangelise to their students and the wider Riwo community.

"The use of the picture roll was something of the past and many students today have not sighted one in their schools and do not know what it is," Pastor Laukei said. "I would like to see more schools in Madang and Manus involved in discipleship making using the tool the Division has provided. Madang Manus Mission is pleased to receive the picture rolls from the Division and would like to thank them for re-introducing the picture rolls to make witnessing easier for those in the rural areas where technology cannot reach them."

## TUVALU STUDENTS WIN POETRY PRIZES

### RECORD STAFF

Three students from Funafuti Seventh-day Adventist Primary School have won prizes in a schools poetry competition run as part of Tuvalu Environmental Week.

Anishia Katoa received first prize, Kailelei Loia, second, and

Adrianna Pedro, third, in the Air Pollution Schools competition, which was organised and sponsored by the Ozone Depletion Substance Project, part of the Tuvalu Environment Department.

Funafuti is the only Adventist school on the island, with 213

enrolments in 2019 and 11 teaching staff.

Principal Kima Pedro said the competition was a great opportunity to promote Adventist education to the community.



## NNSW CONFERENCE HEALTHIEST IN WORLD

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

Natural Church Development (NCD) survey results have revealed that, between 2013 and 2018, the North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference demonstrated the largest collective improvement in cultural change within any region or denomination anywhere in the world.

Natural Church Development is an international, non-denominational organisation that distributes surveys to measure growth in Christian churches globally. NCD encourages all participants to conduct the surveys annually or every two years, to assess eight criteria: empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism and loving relationships.

Over the past five years, respondents in NNSW reported significant increased satisfaction in all areas.

Natural Church Development Australia director and NCD International co-director Adam Johnstone

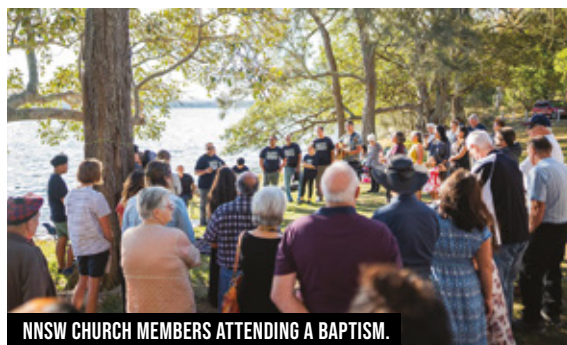
said there has been an “unquestionable level of healthy cultural change” across the NNSW Conference.

“Seven points overall progress, from 46 to 53 points, in five years, is the largest collective improvement I’ve come across in any region of any [Christian] movement in the world.”

The NNSW Conference’s growth can be attributed to their intentional NCD strategy, which has been in place for more than 10 years, and the subject of continual prayer and persistence.

“The NNSW NCD strategy is the most consistent and deliberate one I have encountered,” Mr Johnstone said. “Plenty of local churches and conferences think about where they would like to be in five years’ time, but few are willing to stay the course to see the kind of results emerging in NNSW.”

Mr Johnstone has told the NNSW



Conference that the same level of progress can be achieved over the next five years if the Church maintains its current momentum.

“It would move [the Church] into rare fruitful territory as a collective Church body in the global context . . . progress that is almost undetectable day-by-day or month-by-month is celebrated from the hilltops!”

NNSW Conference’s NCD coordinator Gillian Knight is amazed at the survey’s results.

“My first reaction . . . was one of joy and pride to think that 10 years of hard work has paid off. Then to hear how we sit internationally was sheer disbelief,” said Ms Knight.

## CHURCH HISTORY REFLECTED IN NEW OFFICE

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

After years of planning, the Western Australian (WA) Conference opened its new office in Welshpool on June 9.

Complete with new facilities designed by State 28 Design Consultants, the office has been upgraded to better represent the Church in Western Australia.

“The old office was looking ragged and needed a lot of work to make it

look representative,” said Conference president Pastor Steve Goods. “We wanted the office to be more central, and closer to main roads, the airport and public transport.”

CFO Peter Dose was instrumental in moving the project forward, from working on budgets to consulting with the design team.

Elements of the Church’s history are reflected in the new design, with artwork representing the Adventist Church’s fundamental beliefs.

“State 28 wanted to know what we stood for—our history and values. We believe that God led us to State 28 as they really connected with who we are,” said Pastor Goods.

Conference secretary Lesleigh Bower agreed: “It was a wonderful experience to see our beliefs and

values translated by non-Adventist people into the new design.”

The new office features a training centre with capacity for 180 people, including dividable spaces and acoustics for recording and filming, as well as a staff hub that can be used for cooking demonstrations and events. There is also ample open space for meetings and community gatherings.

A special opening ceremony was held at the new office, with an invitation extended to all church members.

The Conference hopes that the new office will ensure that church and community members will come to know the Church in Western Australia as a transparent and accountable entity that succeeds in its mission to enable faithful followers of Jesus to share the good news.





## NEW 5 STAR SIGNS PROJECT LAUNCHED

### RECORD STAFF

Adventist churches and other groups involved in relationship-building with their communities will now qualify for a discounted rate on the Church's flagship evangelistic magazine, *Signs of the Times*, under the new "Community Connection" 5-Star Project.

"The era of fly-in, fly-out evangelism is over," said *Signs* editor Kent Kingston. "Increasingly now, we're seeing Adventists passionate about meeting the needs of their communities and developing authentic relationships with their neighbours, not as simply 'contacts' or charity cases, but as trusted friends whose barriers are dropping until a conversation about Jesus is as natural as breathing. These are exactly the contexts where *Signs* magazine helps to build that trust in an open, but non-threatening way."

The kinds of projects that are eligible for the discounted rate

include food pantries, ADRA op-shops, prison ministries and health retreats. Adventist campgrounds and convention centres are also included, as is Sydney Adventist Hospital, which has *Signs* racks in several locations.

"Basically, this is for ongoing programs run by Adventists in Australia and New Zealand that have regular contact with the public," Mr Kingston said. The funding may be provided by the program itself, by donors, or by a combination of the two. The experience from existing projects of this kind is that the demand for *Signs* magazines is usually higher than what a small group of volunteers can fund—external donors are vital partners.

The new Community Connection 5-Star Project will reduce the cost of annual *Signs* subscriptions to these



locations to \$A20, rather than the usual \$A26. Are you involved in a community project where *Signs* magazines would add value to the good work that's being done? Or would you like to partner with an existing project by sponsoring regular batches of *Signs*? A monthly donation of \$A50, for example, would provide a year's supply of 330 magazines.

Visit [signsofthetimes.org.au](http://signsofthetimes.org.au) to find out more about the new Community Connection 5-Star Project.

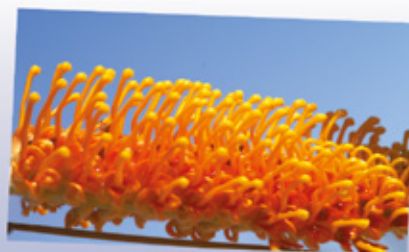
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## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR JOINS SPD

DANIEL KUBEREK

Dr Darius Jankiewicz has been appointed Field and Ministerial secretary and Spirit of Prophecy co-ordinator at the South Pacific Division (NSW).

Dr Jankiewicz has experience in academia, with 11 years as professor of Historical Theology and head of the Theology and Christian Philosophy Department at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

"Even though we have been gone for 15 years from Australia and 26 years

from Sydney, it definitely feels like we have returned home," Dr Jankiewicz said. "We're excited that, after many years abroad, we can contribute to church life in our home Division."

He is joined by his wife Edyta, who also served as an assistant professor in the Department of Discipleship and Religious Education at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and their young adult children, Caitlin and Ashley.

Prior to his role in the United States, Dr Jankiewicz was a pastor in Sydney and Tasmania, and served as senior lecturer at Fiji's Fulton College between 2004 and 2007.

Dr Jankiewicz's education includes a Bachelor of Theology at Avondale College, as well as a Master of Divinity and PhD in Historical Theology at Andrews University.

"I look forward to serving throughout the South Pacific in a pastoral and theological advisory role," Dr Jankiewicz said.



DR DARIUS JANKIEWICZ.

## PROPHETICA 2019 BRINGS PROPHECY TO HOBART

ROBBIE BERGHAN/RECORD STAFF

More than 250 people attended Prophetica 2019—a one-day series of 10 "TED Talk" styled 20-minute prophecy presentations held at the Hobart Grand Chancellor Hotel, Tasmania.

An additional group of more than 100 watched the event via livestream.

Four presenters—Canberra National Church pastor Justin Lawman, Faith FM morning show host Pastor Lyle Southwell, Devonport church (Tas) pastor Robbie Berghan and Tasmanian Conference president Pastor Gary Webster—all gave high-powered presentations.

"I can't believe I've never heard this before!" one attendee told Pastor Berghan in response to a presentation given on the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

The event was supported by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, including University of Tasmania ASOC students who helped make the program a success.

As a result of Prophetica 2019, 85 people registered to attend a follow-up group seminar "Secrets of Prophecy", which is now underway.

"Prophetica 2019 was a wonderful success and the Tasmanian Conference is now looking forward to taking it to other parts of the state next year," said Pastor Berghan.

To watch videos of the Prophetica 2019 presentations visit the Tasmanian Seventh-day Adventists' YouTube channel.



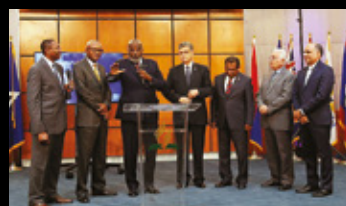
PROPHETICA 2019 PRESENTERS.

## NEWS GRABS



### 125,000 ADVENTIST GROUPS

nPraxis International, an independent Adventist movement builder, recently held its ninth Consultation in India. Representatives compiled a list of 8000 people ready for baptism in their individual ministries. Further reports revealed that 125,000 Adventist small groups meet across South East Asia, none officially recorded by the General Conference. —nPraxis International



### IMPRESSIVE BAPTISM GOALS

Leaders in the Inter-American Division developed a comprehensive plan to baptize more than 200,000 new believers by the end of the quinquennium (June 2020) at their Evangelism Summit on June 4 in Florida. The goal is to hold 104,000 evangelistic campaigns between January and April 2020. —ANN



### MEDICAL MISSION IN MEXICO

The Adventist Church in Mexico has purchased eight new vehicles to expand their medical missionary work throughout their union territory. The vans can be used to transport patients, medicines and medical staff to and from communities in need, with more than 200 Adventist health professionals participating in health clinics. —NAPD

## HOT TOPICS



### 'WRONG' TO SHARE BELIEFS

A study conducted by the *Barna Group* reveals that 47 per cent of Christian millennials believe that it is wrong to share one's personal beliefs with someone else "in the hopes that they will one day share the same faith". This is despite 94 per cent of respondents saying that meeting Jesus is the "best thing that could ever happen in someone's life". —*Jerusalem Post*



### BONE GROWTH DUE TO PHONES

In a study of 218 Australians aged between 18 and 30, 41 per cent were found to have horn-like bone spurs at the back of the skull, ranging 10–30mm in size. Medical professionals are increasingly seeing such growths, believed to be caused by excessive mobile phone use. This is prevalent in children and teens, who spend a lot of time with their heads tilted forward. —*Nine News*



### PRAYER BANNED IN WORKPLACE

A local council controlled by the Sweden Democrats has banned prayer during work hours at schools, care homes and council offices. The municipality in Bromölla, on Skåne's north-eastern coast, has justified the ban by arguing that it doesn't discriminate against a particular religion, and that a right to religious freedom also means upholding a right not to be subjected to public religious expression. The ban doesn't apply to private life. —*Premier UK*

## RAPID GROWTH FOR FAITH FM

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

Adventist radio station Faith FM has experienced significant growth in the past few months, with a steady roll-out of new stations in various locations across New South Wales and Queensland—including Port Macquarie, Lake Cathie, Wauchope, Armidale, Glen Innes, Mackay and Eidsvold.

The growth can largely be attributed to strong support from local churches and seed funding provided by the South Pacific Division that has enabled radio communications engineer Paul Holton to be employed to help meet local demand.

"When I look back on what God [has] accomplished with our small team of staff and volunteers in 2018, I am amazed," said Faith FM coordinator Michael Engelbrecht.

More than 30 local Faith FM radio stations launched from Seventh-day Adventist churches in 2018, largely due to campaigns promoting the platform. Most recently, Mr Holton assisted Ballina Seventh-day Adventist Church to install a radio antenna on June 21.



BALLINA CHURCH INSTALLING A RADIO ANTENNA.

"Local churches [usually] have first contact from listeners within weeks of launching their program," said Faith FM listener support coordinator Yuli Tjokoro. "[We] contact local church pastors to personally deliver [radio] prizes, and it's giving us great results."

Multiple improvements to content and branding have also extended Faith FM's reach.

"Church members [are] producing content for Faith FM, which gives the show a more Australian feel. We're moving away from third party sources," said Australian Union Conference (AUC) Faith FM radio producer Brad Martin.

Faith FM received a visit from

Adventist World Radio's leadership team in April, with the exciting prospect of partnering with them to establish a metropolitan-wide radio presence in an Australian capital city. Recent industry feedback from the Australian Communication and Media Authority expressed support for newer DAB+ digital radio services but also highlighted the value of narrowcasting services like Faith FM.

"For me, an encouraging shift was the strong support that narrowcasting services are now seeing as an important voice representing diversity in the Australian media landscape," said Mr Engelbrecht. "A few years ago, the future of narrowcasting was uncertain."

In the past 12 months, Faith FM has also expanded into outback territories by taking advantage of the Australian Government's Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) digital platform to deliver radio services to more than 350,000 homes via satellite.

Despite this growth, Mr Engelbrecht says that sustainability is a big struggle for Faith FM.

"Volunteers put in countless hours, and there's also the funding situation. I ask you to pray for us; if God puts a burden on your heart to support us, please contact us."

Faith FM's ministry has returned multiple requests for Bible studies and baptismal studies, with many individuals giving testimonies about how listening to Faith FM inspired them to reach out to a local church community.

"So often I'll visit a local church and people will 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."



CHURCH MEMBERS LEARN BROADCASTING.



## FLASHPOINT



### STUDENTS IN THE FAST LANE

Gold Coast Christian College (Qld) was invited to the national finals for F1 in Schools Challenge, held at Bosch headquarters (Vic) in March. The college's "Dark Matter" team finished in second place nationally and also received the "best new talent" and "fastest reaction time racing" awards, beating 22,000 other students who also competed in Australia. Globally, GCCC is one of 17,000 schools competing to build the fastest miniature F1 car, and is the hub school in their region. F1 in Schools is a unique STEM-based competition engaging students in real world learning. —Focus



### GOLDEN TOUR

Forty students and eight staff from Central Coast Adventist School (NSW) loaded onto buses ready for their "Golden Tour" of Sydney in mid-May. Students presented a one-hour worship program at three Adventist sister schools. It included testimonies, solos, drama, rich harmonies and great band music, which made for an inspiring program. The CCAS students not only made music together, but cooked, cleaned dishes, ate and travelled as a group. They also worshipped together in the evenings, when they sang karaoke-style and played music as friends. —CCAS News



### NIGHT SKY PARTY

Students at Southland Adventist Christian School (NZ) studied the moon, stars and space during term 2. They learned about the solar system, phases of the moon, the International Space Station and satellites. The school hosted its first ever "Night Sky Party" where students and their families enjoyed an evening of fun, learning and socialising. After a picnic dinner, there was the opportunity to toast marshmallows, look through telescopes and buy hot chocolate. The night was perfectly clear and the students were able to see a bright full moon and spot several constellations. It was a wonderful night of community, and families and students enjoyed spending time together. —Josh Taylor



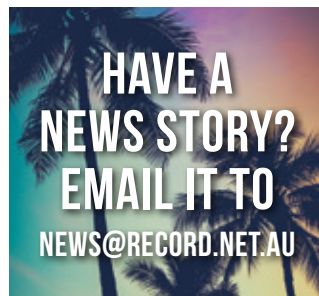
### YOUNG SUPERHEROES

Ninety-eight campers and 38 staff from across South New South Wales gathered at Jindabyne for a week of fun and spiritual refreshing. For the first time, teen and junior camps ran separately, but simultaneously in the same location, with participants at both camps eating meals together. The theme was "Superheroes", with activities including a special banquet dinner, as well as mountain biking, horse riding, oval games, water sports, service activities and high ropes. The speakers were Moses Hidalgo, a Bible worker from Canberra, for Junior camp and Marcus Pereira, a chaplain from Sydney, for the teens. —Rick Hergenhan



### MALEKULA DISTRICT OPENS NEW OFFICE

Malekula Adventist District office was officially opened on June 5 and has a new office secretary, Jessiana Thomas. She will be assisting the district ministries leader, Pastor Marcel James, with secretarial duties, recording of tithes and offerings, and operating a new Hope Book Centre on the premises. Jessiana is from Botovro Seventh-day Adventist Church, north of Malekula Island. The local Mission office is grateful for the support of members in Malekula and across Vanuatu. Their generosity has made it possible for the new office. —Jean Pierre Niptik



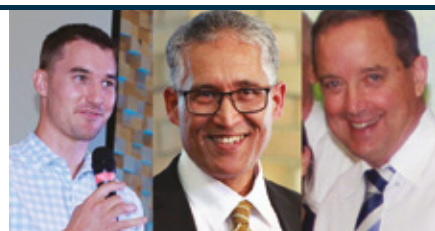
### CYBER SAFETY ROADSHOW

Pastor Daron Pratt, children's and family ministry director for North NSW, and Deb Hopper, occupational therapist and director of LifeSkills4Kids, ran cyber safety presentations for schools in South NSW. The two-hour presentations were a joint initiative of the SNSW Conference and SNSW schools, with parents learning practical strategies on how to protect kids online and to manage anxiety. —Rick Hergenhan



### PURPOSE AND MISSION

Students from Christchurch Adventist School (NZ) visited Addington Samoan Adventist Church on June 15 to lead the church service. CAS music teacher Dr Nicolette Paul organised the visit, with music by the primary school choir and senior vocal group, testimonies by prefects Jessica Villegas and Stephen Corpuz, and a message themed "Purpose and Mission". —Ailine Kei, CAS Chaplain



### TRIO ORDAINED

Pastors Trent Martin, Quinten Liebrandt and Andrew Wilson have been ordained in the Victorian Conference. Trent was ordained in March and is currently working with Mernda church and at Gilson College. Quinten was ordained into Warburton church in February, and Andrew was ordained at Bairnsdale church in early March. —IntraVic



## GoYe: the new Adventist board game

If you've ever dreamed of playing an Adventist board game, then your wish might be granted by year end, because North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference ministerial intern and events coordinator Kyle Morrison has created a board game tailored to Adventists called GoYe.

Pairing strategic game play with Seventh-day Adventist history, identity and mission, Mr Morrison believes he has created a game that all Adventists will love. "This game has the potential to change the future of Saturday night socials," he says. "It's genuinely fun and keeps you guessing until the final count."

Game play involves spreading the gospel across a world map of 58 conferences and 10 divisions, and collecting Total Member Involvement (TMI) points by investing resources in mission trips, spiritual gifts, churches and offices. Once every conference has a church, the second coming ends the game and the player with the most TMI points wins.

"You collect resources, go to work, church and prayer meetings . . . It's a bit like the Game of Life board game," says Mr Morrison. "Everything is an analogy for something, intentionally built to resemble the Adventist Church in real life."

The board game was developed by Mr Morrison over a three-year period with the help of some of his friends. "The game was built by Adventist young adults for teens and youth, but I have played with 7-year-olds and 67-year-olds and everyone really enjoys it . . . [but] the level of strategy involved makes it more fun for those aged 13-plus."

Mr Morrison says that although the game can be played by anyone, the references built into the game play are very "Adventist". "Subconsciously, the game is meant to make Adventists more excited about being involved with the Church," says Mr Morrison. "If a child grows up playing this game, they will already have it in their mind that going to prayer meeting or serving others adds value to their faith."

Adventist Media commercial manager Jean Tiran has played the game with Mr Morrison and says it's a lot of fun. "It's fiercely competitive—at its core, it's just a really good game, but there's also Spirit of Prophecy quotes on all of the cards, so you can discuss questions of faith as you go along. Kyle is so creative, he has done an incredible job."

Mr Morrison travelled to one of the world's biggest toy fairs in Hong

Kong in February to source the highest quality materials and workmanship for his game. He is in the final stages of securing a manufacturer and contract for production, but stresses that without funding, the game won't make it to Adventist homes by Christmas, if at all. "The only way to get your hands on the game is to make a pledge through Kickstarter," Mr Morrison says. "If the campaign isn't successful, the game won't be produced."

Mr Morrison has always been interested in creating content for the Adventist Church. He says that his exposure to international pastors and evangelists while being an administrator for ARISE Australia gave him a broader perspective of the Christian faith and inspired him to create content based on Adventist values.

As well as GoYe, Mr Morrison also hosts a podcast called "Adventist on Fire" where he interviews notable Adventist personalities. It is available online at <aofire.org> and Apple Podcasts.

If you would like to play GoYe with your family, friends or church group, you can find out more about the game via their YouTube channel, or visit GoYe's website.

**MARYELLEN FAIRFAX ASSISTANT EDITOR.**



# I'M NO SINNER

**H**ana Nakagawa grew up in Japan with very little knowledge of God or Christianity.

"I thought Christians were crazy and weak," she confesses.

In 2013 one of Hana's best friends converted to Christianity. Hana was shocked, but she could see the positive effects this conversion had.

"My friend loved clubbing, drinking and sleeping around," says Hana. "But after she became Christian, she suddenly stopped doing these things. I didn't want to accept that God could have changed her."

Hana went to Iceland as an exchange student and God sent her another Christian friend.

"He invited me to his youth group and said they had pizza. So I agreed to go—for the pizza," Hana laughs.

During the meeting, the group began talking about sin and what it meant to be a sinner. Hana was angry. Who were they to tell her she was a sinner and her life needed changing? This prevented her from making a decision to follow Jesus.

She next decided to volunteer in a developing country, teaching children in a local school. One day, she heard a little voice speaking to her: "Why are you doing this?"

*So I can make others happy*, Hana thought. But the voice continued to push. "Why are you really doing this?"

"When I heard this voice, I realised I was doing this all for myself," says Hana. "I wanted to be a leader so other people would admire me and tell me I was a good person. I was embarrassed at how selfish and prideful I really was. This was the day I realised I was a sinner."

Although she now believed she needed a Saviour, Hana didn't know how to believe in God.

In June 2016, she graduated and wondered what she should do next.

"Every time I went home, my mum

asked me what I was planning to do," says Hana. "I never had any answers and I became very depressed. Even though I tried to act happy, I cried every night."

One night, in desperation, Hana reached out for answers.

"I prayed from the bottom of my heart," she says. "I asked God, if He really existed, to help me."

The next morning Hana had a strong impression that she should go to church. Although it was Wednesday, the church had a prayer meeting that morning. She asked the members to pray for her. That afternoon, Hana began looking at university options online and found a course at the University of Sydney that she had been wanting to study. She learned she could get a scholarship if she wanted to live in and study in Australia.

"I couldn't believe how quickly everything was happening. I went home and found a gift which my Christian friend had given me. It said 'For I know the plans that I have for you', says the Lord, 'they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope' (Jeremiah 29:11)."

With her church's encouragement, Hana was baptised just three days before her move to Australia. Further, her host family in Australia turned out to be Seventh-day Adventists.

"I knew Adventists were different," says Hana. "I started learning more about what Adventists believe. Sabbath was difficult to accept because I didn't think it mattered what day we worshipped God on."

Hana began to respect the Adventists she met and began attending an Adventist church. She believed they were genuine and "on fire" for Jesus. Sabbath even became her favourite day of the week. But she wasn't sure what her future would hold. Once her 10 months of study was complete, she planned to return to Japan.



In November 2017, Hana attended the Acts Again summit, an Adventist conference in Wahroonga (NSW). On the final day, the pastor preached about Jesus' disciples making excuses to not follow Him. By the end of the session, Hana was crying.

"I felt the Holy Spirit was prompting me," she says. "I had been making excuses not to follow Jesus. Now I wanted to fully surrender."

As part of this decision, Hana decided to stay in Australia, becoming an Adventist and undergoing Bible worker training. Her choice led to some difficult consequences.

"If you become an Adventist, you won't be welcomed back in our church," her pastor in Japan said. "Not unless you recognise your mistakes."

"I had lost my church family in Japan, my real family didn't understand what I was going through," says Hana. "It felt like I was losing everything I loved. But I was happy. I had finally committed my heart to Jesus."

Hana, now a Bible worker in Newcastle (NSW), studies the Bible with university students, leads a small group on Friday nights and runs Japanese classes.

"God is good," Hana says. "Even when I didn't believe He existed, He already had a plan for my life."

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## Lives of mission: Algie and Edna Gallagher

Unlike many of his Adventist clerical colleagues, Algenon (Algie) Gallagher spent a full 40 years in mission and pastoral ministry.

Beginning with mission service in Papua New Guinea in 1938, he then served in Solomon Islands from 1939–1941, but because of the Japanese invasion of the Western Pacific during World War II, he transferred to the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) in 1941, remaining there until 1953, a total of 16 years of mission service.

The rest of his career, until his retirement in 1975, was spent in evangelistic and pastoral ministry in four different conferences in eastern Australia.

Born in the city of Hobart, Tasmania, on June 7, 1915, Algie became an Adventist due to the “personal labours of Pastor WD Smith” and was baptised in 1932. After spending some time in colporteur evangelism in 1933, Algie attended Avondale College from 1935–1937 though he did not graduate.

Called into ministry, he married Edna Roberts in February 1938 and with his new bride began his denominational career as a missionary to Papua New Guinea in 1938, serving

initially at Kambubu on the island of New Britain. Their first child, Harold Bruce, was born in Rabaul.

The family’s transfer to New Hebrides in October 1941 had its challenges. Due to concerns that Japanese invading forces might expand eastwards and invade the New Hebrides, the Adventist missionaries were withdrawn back to Australia in March 1942. But by December of that year Algie was back in New Hebrides along with his colleague, Pastor JB Keith.

They had left their families back in Australia, where six missionary wives, including Edna Gallagher, and their children, were all living together in one old crowded house across the street from the Australasian Union Conference office in Sydney.

Wartime conditions were difficult. The whole time the two men were in New Hebrides that year they had no communication with their families back in Australia.

Typical of the many challenges of the time, travel due to the wartime conditions was difficult. The mission had a boat with no engine, and so JB and Algie attempted to sail the 100 kilometres (60 miles) to the island of Ambrim, but spent much of their time

on that trip rowing instead of sailing.

After the war ended, the Gallagher family continued their service in New Hebrides until 1953 and their two younger children, Alvine Joy and Lyn Arthur, were born there during those years.

Beginning in 1947, Algie made the first of six visits to the island of Pentecost. He also worked with a break-away group from another denomination and 20 of the members in that group became Adventists. Just before returning to Australia permanently, and while serving as acting president, he pulled down the old church at the Aore boarding school and in just 20 days and nights erected a new one.

Back in Australia by 1953, Algie pastored in Queensland until the end of 1960 when the family transferred to the Greater Sydney Conference where Algie was a pastor-evangelist in several districts until the end of 1967. On leaving, his president Claude Judd wrote that “Pastor A Gallagher was a dedicated, loyal and fruitful worker in the Greater Sydney Conference. He was an excellent church pastor and a good counsellor. We regret losing him. . . .”

Pastor Gallagher was called to the



Tasmanian Conference, serving in ministry for the next five years. While in Launceston he bought some land and donated most of it to allow an Adventist retirement village to be built on that site, some 20 units in all.

Algie's Tasmanian ministry was appreciated, with his president noting in 1967, "(He) has made a very worthwhile contribution to the work in the conference. His work has been appreciated also by the members in the churches where he has worked . . ."

Algie Gallagher's final ministerial posting prior to his retirement in 1975 was to the North New South Wales Conference where he pastored in Murwillumbah and also Gosford.

In retirement, the Gallaghers returned to Vanuatu for the 70th anniversary of Adventism celebrations. In early 1988, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and just a few months later, on August 9, Algie went to his rest at the age of 73. Edna lived on until March 26, 1999. As BC Grosser put it: "To all who knew him, Algie was a sincere friend, a loving husband and father, and a true Christian gentleman."

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## Sowing seeds

**B**urnie, on Tassie's north-west coast, is a surprisingly large little city. Pretty too. *Signs of the Times* editor Kent Kingston and assistant editor Daniel Kuberek travelled there recently to film an interview with Leonor ("Please don't use my last name," she asked, reluctant to be in the spotlight). Every month she delivers about 130 *Signs* magazines to small businesses in Burnie. They display *Signs* in a prominent place—often on the front counter so customers can pick up a free copy next to the checkout.

Leonor is not alone. She has a church community behind her, providing encouragement and financial support. She's also mentoring a young man from the congregation; showing him the ropes so that they can increase the number of businesses reached. And Leonor prays over each batch of *Signs* magazines before she delivers them; asking God to prepare the hearts of those who will see and read the articles.

"For those people who are shy and can't do a Bible study, this is a Bible study," says Leonor. "It's a little seed that you're planting."

How does Leonor's ministry inspire you? What would it take to start up a similar *Signs* round in your suburb or town? Or would you like to help quiet but passionate *Signs* heroes like Leonor by regular sponsorship of some additional magazines—she says she could always use more?

August is *Signs* month, so consider this your invitation to get involved. Watch a video of Leonor telling more of her story at [signsofthetimes.org.au/leonor](http://signsofthetimes.org.au/leonor). Then share it!



# REVITALISED PREACHING

**A**ugustine of Hippo once remarked that “our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God”.

Millions of people are hungry for the greatness of God and an experience with Christ of the Scriptures, but most would not allow themselves to be diagnosed as such.

Many don’t realise that the majesty and grandeur of God is the unknown cure. There are far more popular prescriptions in the market today, but other remedies are temporal and devoid of eternal significance.

This is why good preaching is important.

Preaching that does not have the fragrance of God’s greatness and the power of the Holy Spirit may entertain for a season but will not touch the hidden cries of the heart.

You see the cry of our heart is “Show me your glory” (Exodus 33:18). Our greatest need, as we walk through the barren desert of this present age, is to see what John the Revelator saw on the Isle of Patmos—a glimpse of the glory of God.

As preachers, we want to connect with our congregations. We want to be relevant, to meet our people where they are. Yet we need to be careful.

I remember an experience at a local church leadership meeting where my leaders protested for more “practical sermons”. They insisted on wanting sermons that instruct on “how I can be a better self”, “how I can deal with stress in my life” or “how I can be more successful”. Of course, there’s no problem with these suggestions, however the challenge is how can we communicate Christ in these practical sermons?

The glaring assumption is that theology is not practical, that the doctrine of Christ is irrelevant for our daily lives. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Giving into these topics without a clear Christ-centred approach has caused therapy to replace theology in much of contemporary preaching.

The self has taken centre stage and God has been relegated to the last part of the service, namely to the benediction! The focus has shifted from God—who He is and what He has done—to self, to our activities, to our needs, to our feelings and our experiences.

We need to preach the Word if God’s people are ever to catch a glimpse of the glory of God (1 Timothy 4:4). It’s through the Word that the Spirit reveals to us God—His person, name, attributes, work and glory. The Bible was given to reveal God to His people so that they might know, love and worship Him. The Bible is fundamentally a book about God. This might come as a surprise to some. Because of our natural bent toward self, we tend to think that the Bible is a book about us. It is not. It is, from

beginning to end, a book about the self disclosure of God through Jesus Christ: “In the beginning, God” (Genesis 1:1).

If the Word is Christo-centric (Christ-centred), how can our preaching be anything other than Christo-centric? Our preaching is a reflection of our theology. When our theology is focused on Christ and His glory, our preaching will never be the same.

In our narcissistic culture, plagued with materialism, pragmatism and relativism, a concentrated emphasis on Christ and His glory is precisely what our people need. Our minds and our hearts need to be lifted from the things that can be seen and directed to the things that are unseen and eternal.

This was the remedy for Asaph’s troubled soul (Psalm 73). He had become so absorbed with self and the comforts of this present age that he became envious of the wicked—until, that is, he entered the temple of God. It was only as his eyes shifted from things temporal to things eternal that his mind and heart were recalibrated.

Theo-centric preaching, however, does not negate the need for preaching Christ; rather, it requires it. God-centred preaching must necessarily be focused on Christ, for it is only as we see Christ that we can know God (John 1:18). It is only through Christ, who is the exact imprint of God, that we come to know and love God. Jesus Christ is the sum and substance of all the Scriptures: “For all the promises of God find their Yes in him” (2 Corinthians 1:20).

That’s why Paul can boldly declare to the Corinthians, “I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2); to the Colossians Paul succinctly articulated “Him we proclaim” (Colossians 1:28); and at the same time he acknowledged to the elders at Ephesus that he “did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).

Jesus Christ is the One sent from heaven (John 6) to deliver us from this present evil age and bring us to God. He is Immanuel—God with us—and He is God for us and, by his Holy Spirit, God in us.

Only preaching that is centred on the triune God and His majesty and condescending love for sinners, demonstrated in Jesus Christ, will solicit the eternal doxology: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever” (Revelation 5:13).

Theo-centric preaching exposes the things of this passing age and rouses the soul to confess with Asaph: “Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my





portion forever" (Psalm 73:25,26).

It is only as God's people catch a vision of God in all of His splendid glory that they will begin to ache for uninterrupted communion with Him and more earnestly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Can anything be more relevant to our daily lives than Theo-centric preaching? And can anything be more satisfying than to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ? (2 Corinthians 4:6)

In order for revitalisation to be fully realised in the life of the Church, Christ-centred preaching is essential. True Christ-centred preaching revives the body of Christ, enabling each member of the body to be fully revitalised, refreshed and released by the power of the Holy Spirit for precision impact.

The choice is yours—revitalise your preaching or fossilise the congregation.

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# JESUS IN MY TOOLBOX

**A**t the age of 16 I started an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic. It was a dream come true for me as I was a car enthusiast and really enjoyed motor racing.

The beginning of success for me was being a master's apprentice under an old timer called Les Spilsbury. He was well into his 60s and had started his trade in the late 1930s. He was a great teacher and I lapped it up.

He taught me keys to succeeding—eight simple steps:

- 1: Learn the client's name and use it.
- 2: Ask lots of relevant, specific questions.
- 3: Listen to what they say and be interested.
- 4: Repeat what they say and nod in agreement to get confirmation.

5: Be observant of them and their vehicle.

6: Get permission to help them by making suggestions and solving their problems.

And the two final and most important principles of all:

7: Have a toolbox with ALL the right tools and SELECT the right tool to do the job properly.

8: Repeat all the above time and again.

These became life lessons for me. I often imagined Jesus as a Les Spilsbury, a kindly-faced person with warmth and great wisdom. This became part of who I am today.

I grew up in a family that served. As a teenager, our house was a drop-in for my mates and, as time went on, video ministries with Pastor Cox's Revelation seminars in the '80s morphed into Tuesday night Bible studies that still run some 35 years later. My mum and dad took time to know people and serve, then share Christ.

For me, ministry begins in the common places, and common courtesy is the key to someone's mind and heart. I'm intentional about how I speak to people on the telephone or in personal interactions. I've had a cleaning and restoration business for 28 years.

People say my ability to be at ease and share Christ with people comes from my sales training, but I believe my ability to be at ease with people is because of my relationship with Christ. I know the value of my life in Him.

Because I enjoy and really like people I just ask general

questions about their life, whether that be about their favourite sports team, occupation, the weather, movies etc. If I meet people in shops or in their homes or workplaces, I pay attention to what they're wearing or reading. What's on their walls or book shelves gives me clues to what they value most. I always glance for Bibles or other religious paraphernalia as a clue to their upbringing or convictions.

Over the years I've had the privilege of sharing deep conversations with men and women about their lives—often amusing, at times searching for meaning, sometimes distressing.

People tell me their life stories or dreams often within minutes of meeting them; I just smile, listen and ask thoughtful, directed questions. I silently pray as I listen, and I appeal to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and direction. More often than not a question is asked or an observation is made that strikes gold.

A flood of emotion or a realisation is made by them about their lives, which leads to them asking me questions about the source of my understanding or wisdom.

This is where appealing to the Holy Spirit is most important because it's easy to talk in "Christianese", much like a Pharisee, and go in with an agenda or a solution. But Christ leads people to the Father through Him. I'm very careful and I don't answer every question—if people are hungry they will search.

Today I still have a toolbox, but this toolbox has different tools—it has a Bible, prayer, questions, access to counselors, compassion, non-judgement, church family, health foods, *Steps to Christ*. It has invitations to lunch with my family. But most of all I have Jesus in my toolbox.

I have prayed with many people in their homes, workplaces or coffee shops. Some I've led to Christ, some have been baptised. With some I've planted a seed that others will water and grow. Unfortunately some seed has fallen on fallow ground.

Jesus called this mechanic to serve and my toolbox has eternity within it. What tools has Christ entrusted you with?

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# The story of Jack and Little Blue



**T**hump!" The sound shuddered through the air as the sports car sped off.  
"Vroom!"

A flurry of rainbow feathers fell to the ground.  
Big, strong hands gently wrapped the injured bird with paper towel bandages.

"What should we name him?" the children were asked.

"Jack!" nodded Little Boy Blue.

Still as a statue, Jack lay. Upside down.

He couldn't move.

Sore leg. Dizzy head. Poor wings.

But lots of love around. Faces peered carefully over the top of the cardboard hospital box.

Quick, call the Bird Doctor. "BRRRNG!"

"Give him till the morning. You'll be surprised, he'll come good!"

So he was encouraged: "Drink Jack! Eat Jack!"

But Jack sat frozen. Eyes blinking quietly. Drinking only but a bit of water.

Day 1. Day 2. Day 3. Day 4. Day 5.

Each day, all the while, Little Blue would rise early.

Playing beside his little friend.

Willing him to get better. "Are you alright Jack?"

Even wishing him good night just before bedtime.

"Put him right on my arm so he can jump off and fly," said Little Blue.

Slowly but surely, Jack grew stronger. He was able to step. Then walk.

Then he pecked and ate and gobbled.

Apple. Pear. Strawberries. Orange. Oh! Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum!

By the end of the week both wings were flapping.

In the front yard. Just as he had hoped, Little Blue carried Jack on his arm.

Jack walked up Little Blue's arm, pecking him "Thank you" all the way.

On his shoulder. Under his neck. Kissed his cheek.

By now Little Blue was giggling.

"Okay, Okay!" And on the final "Okay", Jack spread his wings. As fast as he had arrived, Jack launched off Little Blue's back and flew into the sky. Up he glided, around a bush then shot above the trees, into the sky like a jet plane.

Oh! What a sight!

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Thank you Little Blue for this lesson of caring for our friends.

Thank you Jack for this lesson of never giving up.

And thank you God for this lesson, reminding us that surely Your love and goodness follows us ALL the happy, hurt, playing, eating, flying days of our lives! (Psalm 23:6).

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## FOOD OR FODMAPS: WHAT IS BEST FOR GUT HEALTH?

For centuries it was believed that bugs were bad and ridding your body of all bacteria was best to improve your health. Wrong! While some bacteria is harmful, we now know that the trillions of bacteria that live in your body actually perform important functions that help keep you healthy.

### WHAT IS GUT FLORA?

It's a colony of microorganisms in the gut and in medical terms is called the gut microbiome. It is a delicately balanced system that includes trillions of bacteria, fungi and viruses that help the body produce vitamins and amino acids.

### HOW CAN MY GUT IMPACT MY HEALTH?

An imbalance in your gut can lead to toxic by-products and inflammation. Research has shown this can contribute to problems such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, skin diseases and depression. However, nurturing your gut bacteria can also improve absorption of nutrients, boost immunity, help regulate digestion and improve your mood.

### CAN FOODS HELP RESTORE MY GUT HEALTH?

Absolutely! You can change your gut bacteria almost immediately with your food choices. Research shows dramatic changes can occur just days after adopting a new diet.

### WHAT ABOUT A FODMAP DIET FOR GUT HEALTH? OR GOING GLUTEN-FREE?

FODMAPs (Fermentable Oligo-, Di-, Mono-saccharides and Polyols) are a group of carbohydrates which have been associated with digestive issues in some people. People diagnosed with Irritable Bowel Syndrome may be prescribed a diet that avoids FODMAPs to help manage this. Unless you have been medically diagnosed, there is no need to avoid FODMAPs. Similarly, unless you have a medical diagnosis of coeliac disease or gluten intolerance, there is no reason to avoid gluten.

If in doubt, always speak to your health care professional or a dietitian to get advice tailored to your needs.

## FOODS TO IMPROVE YOUR GUT HEALTH



### FILL UP ON FIBRE

Fibre is what experts call a prebiotic, which helps to feed the good bacteria already in your gut. By adding 21g fibre/day to their diets, people in a trial at the University of Illinois changed their balance of bacteroidetes and firmicutes in just three weeks.



### WHOLE PLANT FOODS

Include as many plant-based whole foods as possible. Healthy gut bacteria love fructans, which you can find in bananas, onions, garlic, leeks, asparagus, Jerusalem artichokes, chicory root, soybeans, and wholegrain foods like rye and barley.

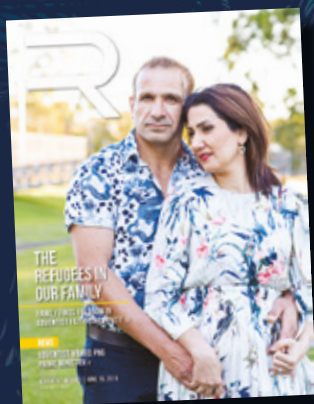


### RESISTANT STARCH

We need to eat a wide variety of fibre in our diets, especially fermentable fibres such as resistant starch. Legumes, cooked and cooled potatoes, whole grains, firm bananas and cooked and cooled rice all contain good levels of resistant starch, which also acts as a prebiotic to feed good gut bacteria.







## FAMILY HISTORY

This is not a “letter to the editor” of the traditional variety but a personal note as a result of your editorial “Religious liberty is human rights” (June 15).

My husband Peter and I were very interested to read that your forebears came to Australia on the *Zebra* with Captain Hahn. Peter’s forebears were also on that ship and so we are very familiar with the story of their escape and the events that led to them taking on the journey to Australia.

Peter’s grandparents became Adventists in the mid-1950s, coming out of the Lutheran Church where Grandad had been an office holder. Needless to say their conversion to Adventism caused family frictions. We had no idea that any others of the group had become Adventists so it was with great interest that we read your story. I wonder if there are any others? [Note: Yes, the Boehm family.]

They certainly were refugees and did it tough upon their arrival in South Australia but what a wonderful contribution they made to the SA we know today. If only governments of today could extend the welcome and compassion that was shown back in 1839. As followers of Jesus we must do our bit to show His love and compassion and also to keep our leaders accountable. Our current day refugees are God’s children too and Jesus died for them just as He did for us.

Marlene Jaensch, SA

## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Thanks to Dr Norman Young for “O sweet exchange!” (June 29), which highlights the wrongness of penal substitution in Rabbi Mark’s reaction to the imprisonment of Pitzik the pauper: “But he has done nothing wrong!”

Further, Dr Young also makes the point that there is no reference to punishment in the verses he later quotes.

I must conclude that we need to rectify our usual explanation that Jesus took the punishment that we deserve for our sin. He is definitely our Substitute, but not in a penal or forensic sense. There is no justice in an innocent person being sentenced to take the punishment for the guilty, and to suggest that God does this gravely misrepresents His character of love.

Instead, Jesus’ death demonstrated God was right

in stating that sin will surely lead to death (Genesis 2:17), something He had failed to demonstrate since the Fall in Eden (Romans 3:25).

In that sense, He died so we sinful humans would not have to demonstrate the sure result of our own sin, namely the second death.

We should be eternally grateful for a God who freely forgives sin, but still died to show how heinous sin really is.

Peter Tung, Vic

## PRECIOUS LIGHT

Re to the author of “Muddling rules?” (*Record*, June 15).

No-one was suggesting that Ellen White’s writings should be added into the Bible canon.

As Samuel was a prophet to Israel in his day, as Jeremiah was a prophet to Israel in the day of captivity, as John the Baptist came

as a special messenger of the Lord to prepare the way for Christ’s appearing, so we believe Mrs White was a prophet to the church of Christ today.

In the Spirit of Prophecy writings we can find the light that we won’t find in the Bible, eg. warnings about Alpha and Omega or detailed descriptions of the last day events, etc.

God through the prophetic ministry of Ellen White revealed His secrets for us in over 2000 visions. I wouldn’t dare to call it the lesser light.

“I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision—the precious light shining from the throne” (*Testimonies*, Vol 5, p67).

Can this precious light shining from the throne be some kind of lesser light?

“I am thankful that the

instruction contained in my books established present truth for this time. These books were written under the demonstration of the Holy Spirit” (Letter 50, 1906).

Therefore, if anyone in our Church uses the expressions “The Bible and the Bible only” or “the Bible alone”, and his intention in his mind is to undermine the writings of Ellen White, in reality they are fighting against the Holy Spirit. Read: *Testimonies*, Vol 5, p680.

Wally Sobor, NSW

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MĀLŌ E LELEI KIDS!



## IT'S KIDS SABBATH!

This year's theme is 'Participation'. Being involved is a very important part of being part of a church family. It is also a very important part of growing in confidence and love for Jesus. It makes us stronger people and stronger people are brave enough to make a difference in their world.



## Church Family

There are many ways you can participate in church. The images in the circles may give you a clue. Draw your ideas in the boxes.



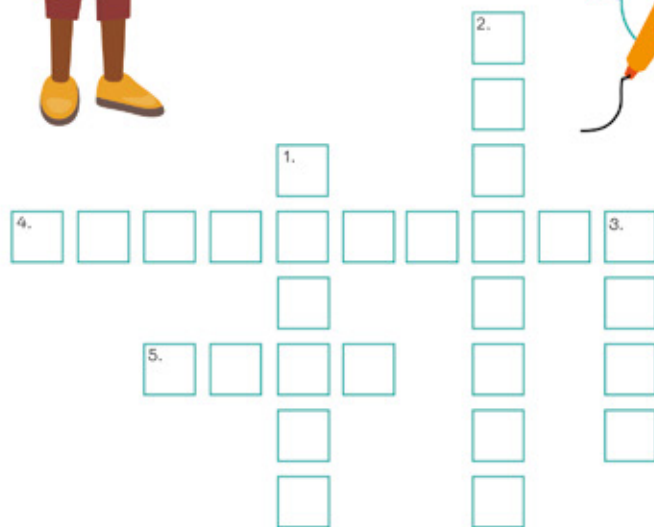
## CROSSWORD

### DOWN

1. Teaching when sharing the Bible at the pulpit.
2. Helping elders to collect this.
3. Worship by using your voice.

### ACROSS

4. Praising God when playing these.
5. Sharing God's love when kneeling down.







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## Appreciation

**HISCO.** The family of Kenneth Noel Hisco would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming support after Ken's sudden passing—for the cards, messages, beautiful meals and stunning flowers. We have been so blessed by your love and generosity. Thank you most sincerely.

## Anniversaries



**MILLIST.** Warren and Laurel Millist celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Currumbin on the Gold Coast (Qld) on 24.3.19 with family and close friends. Warren and Laurel were married by Pastor Hollingsworth on 15.3.1959 in the then recently completed Wahroonga church (NSW). Warren and Laurel had three children, Paul (Sydney) Brett (dec) and Jenny (Kingscliff); and four grandchildren. Warren and Laurel now live on the Gold Coast after living in Wahroonga for 30 years. Warren worked at Sydney Adventist Hospital as an anaesthetist while Laurel worked in many community service organisations, becoming the president of Compassionate Friends, an international organisation for bereaved parents.



**SHELTON.** Barry and Rose were married on 11.5.1969 by Pastors JB Keith and David Judd in Nunawading church, Melbourne, Vic. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 11.5.19. The celebration was made special with a party with family and friends at Fox Valley Community Church, Wahroonga, NSW. They have three children, Fleur and Kenn, Warrick and Kerri, and Timothy; and six grandchildren: Samuel, Jharne, Siena, Grace, Nathaniel and Luke. Lawrence Lane and Del Pennington were two of the original wedding party.

## Obituaries

**BORRITT,** Gregory John, born 5.8.1969 in Sydney, NSW; died 7.3.19 in Sydney. Greg is survived by his parents, Robert and Mavis (Bonnells Bay); brother, Tony and Carmen (Cooranbong); sister Janelle and Stuart (Dunsborough, WA); and nieces and nephews,

Mikaela, Nic, Jay, Kai-Cooper and Keshi Tigerlily. Our Greg is in God's hands.

*John Gate*



**BOTHAM,** Gloria Marjorie (nee Styles), born 19.3.1939 in Blenheim, NZ; died 27.5.19 in Canberra, ACT. On 19.11.1960 she married Neville. She was predeceased by her brother Ian. Gloria is survived by her husband; three children; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren in Australia; one brother and two sisters in New Zealand. Receptionist for a bus company, Gloria was gentle, kind and loving. She held many positions in the church over the years and had a strong faith in her Lord and His soon return.

*Gary Webster*



**GILLIES,** Bruce John, born 24.11.1929 in Hampton, Vic; died 14.6.19 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW. Bruce married Lorna Rose (nee Milton) who predeceased him in 2005. He is survived by children, Brian, Graeme, Len and Nerolie; and six grandchildren. Bruce worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company for 32 years. Upon retirement he moved to Port Macquarie and then to Cooranbong.

*Abel Iorgulescu*



**KILNER,** Roy Alexander, born 30.10.1939 in Dunedin, NZ; died 1.5.19 in Grey-mouth. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; children, Karen (Gosford, NSW), Hazel and Roger (Caloundra, Qld), and Vaughan and Karla (Rangiora, NZ); grandchildren, Jordan, Kathryn, Dylan, Keira and Cooper; brother Allen and sister-in-law Jean. Roy was baptised as a teenager thanks to the influence of Stan Rex in Christchurch and after moving to Greymouth served his Lord faithfully in numerous roles, notably as long-term treasurer and elder.

*Phillip Hawken*

**MEYERS,** Maureen Joyce, (nee Lang), born 8.1.1938 in Wahroonga, NSW; died 3.5.19 in Malvern, Vic. On 9.5.1970 she married Gordon Meyers. Maureen is survived by her husband (Hawthorn East); nieces and nephews, Dr Ashley Cable (Newcastle, NSW), Trevor Lang (Hazelbrook), Carmen Oehlmann

(Toowoomba, Qld) and Gary Lang (Warwick). Maureen was a much-loved and appreciated member of the Mont Albert church. She trained as a nurse at Sydney Adventist Hospital and worked in different capacities as a nurse and teacher. She was a very good recorder of minutes.

*Malcolm Reid*

**PAYNE,** Kenneth Arthur, born 27.6.1928 in Wynyard, Tas; died 23.6.19 in Narre Warren, Vic. He is survived by his brothers, Eric (Qld) and Neville (Mt Evelyn, Vic). While Ken never married or had children of his own, his church family embraced him as a spiritual leader and brother. Remembered by many family and friends, Ken was farewelled on 28.6.19 with a memorial service; with sharing of fond memories and rich wisdom shown through a life lived with great faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Michael Mohanu*

**SMITH,** Brian Robert, born 17.12.1935 in Taihape, NZ; died 19.3.19 in Wahroonga, NSW. He was predeceased by five sisters. Brian is survived by his sister, Helen Amprimo (Hornsby Heights). Brian accepted Jesus as his Saviour in his teens and trained as a minister. However, interested in health, he enrolled at Loma Linda University, obtaining a Doctorate in Health Science and a Master in Public Health. He was obliged however to terminate professional employment after some time, due to a severe and worsening hearing loss. Brian had an overriding concern for the poor and disadvantaged and among other things did volunteer work for Amnesty International.

*Mark Baines*



**SMITH,** Ella Elizabeth (Hendrick), born 5.10.1920 in Mackay, Qld; died 23.5.19 in Mirani. On 31.7.1943 she married Clyde, who predeceased her in 1989. Ella is survived by her son, Lionel (Coningsby); and daughters, Val Wright (Mackay) and Elizabeth (Bathurst, NSW). On profession of faith Ella became a member of Farleigh church in 2012. She enjoyed craft activities and meeting with church family and friends. Ella was blessed with good health for her 98 years and was very active up until her passing.

*Ragaso Tagaloo*

**WACKERLING,** Wallace Charles, born 4.7.1924 in Warwick, Qld;

died 23.5.19 in Palmwoods. On 8.8.1950 he married Georgina, who predeceased him in 2012. Wally is survived by his children, Judith Edgerton (Lismore, NSW), Desmond Wackerling (Goodna, Qld), Heather Hunter (Redland Bay) and Yvonne Little (Brisbane); and brother, Maurie (Toowoomba). Wally was a man committed to his family, his church and his God. Well known for his Pathfinder ministry, he will be remembered by many of those who came under his care and leadership. He was a man of many talents, which he used to serve others.

*Bob Possingham, Neil Marks*

**WALLACE,** John Owen, born 16.7.1959 in Cambridge, NZ; died 23.3.19 in Whangarei. On 10.11.1989 he married June (nee Brown). He is survived by his wife (Dargaville); stepsons, Raymond Petrie (Dargaville, Northland) and Simon Petrie (Auckland); daughter, Sharon Wallace (Whangarei); stepdaughter, Kristal Davidson (Auckland); and daughter, Deina Payne (Whangarei); 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. John was a member of the Whangarei church, where he served as an elder for many years. John had a gentle, compassionate way with people. His love for God was the hallmark of his life and character. John's battle with prostate cancer lasted six years. His faith endured to the end as he anticipated seeing His Saviour face to face at the resurrection.

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