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## TRIUMPH SLUMP

"Get behind me Satan!"

Of all the surprising phrases in the Bible, this one (Matthew 16:23, Mark 8:33) is both unexpected and bewildering. Here is Jesus rebuking His friend, the guy He recently pumped up and applauded. Now Peter gets likened to the great enemy, the father of lies, a destructive and malevolent power.

Peter's head must have been spinning. He had the best of intentions—was just looking out for his guy, you know, trying to help out with some PR, get Jesus' public image right. After all, they'd seen followers leave. Not everyone could swallow some of Jesus' harder teachings.

I'm sure we've all been in Peter's shoes. We're out there achieving great things, feeling confident and comfortable, and then we put our foot in it.

Sometimes, like Peter, we get too big for our boots. We forget the humility or careful planning that has gotten us somewhere in the first place and we get put in our place. We make a mistake, misread a situation or mix up our motivations.

Cruising on the coat-tails of our conquests—it is often then we come crashing down to earth.

Yet it's not always a mistake that we make. Sometimes we complete something amazing and then don't know what else to do. We just feel flat.

For example, we have an amazing, spiritual experience at church camp or a week of spiritual emphasis. We make resolutions and decisions about how we will live or what we need to do to hold onto the high.

But when we get home, things come crashing down. We move from mountaintop experiences straight into a valley where we sometimes miss the mark.

The nature of the mountain is that we have to come down. There is no staying there forever.

I'd like to call it "triumph slump". You work towards a goal or something big. You get there and achieve it and then it's hard to reset and move on. Instead you might feel flat, empty, confused or sad.

Maybe you're going through a triumph slump right

now, or maybe you're just coming out of it or maybe you're about to go through one (if this article gives you nothing other than a name for it, well at least that's something).

If so, here are some things to remember:

- What Jesus said about Peter still stood. He was still blessed. He was still Peter the Rock. Just because he messed up, it didn't mean the way God saw him had changed, and didn't mean the promises he'd been given were rescinded. He just needed a reset.

- Be humble. Humility is about keeping our focus in the right place. Sometimes when we stumble it's a good reminder for us. If we are a bit stuck after a grand project is finished, we refocus on our dependence on God as we look for the next path He opens for us.

- Don't be too discouraged. If you stuffed up, own up and fix it. Even if you didn't, maybe you've been working hard and expending a lot of energy—it can take a little while to refocus and reload, ready for the next thing. Know how you operate

and take a few deep breaths before relaunching. This can be a good time to knock off a few of those things you always put off while you regroup for your next goal.

- Self-care is important. After Elijah's triumph on Carmel, he experienced a rather major triumph slump. He feared for his life and literally slumped under a tree. The angel's command: "Arise and eat". Life's great events can take a lot out of us. It's the simple things that can give us a pick-up and get us ready to go again.

At the end of the day, there are any number of reasons we can feel a bit flat, disillusioned, tired or rebuked. It's important in those seasons to refocus on God, looking to Him for our strength. Peter went on to lead the early church. God's calling you too!

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## HEALTH AS A LIFESTYLE

Thankfully, as a kid I was not often sick, because I loathed medicine. It tasted terrible in liquid form, and I almost choked if I had to swallow pills that left a horrific taste on the tongue.

I still look the other way if I get a needle, so I don't have to see the penetration of a foreign object into my body.

Modern medicine is marvellous. Various drugs fight disease and restore health. However, medicine is a negative word to me. Medicine is given when things go wrong. Life is better if things go right and we don't require medicine.

Health is our choice—even if our parents gave us poor genes. Ultimately all die, but it is the quantity and quality of life before the end that matters. That is why lifestyle is important. It's a way of living that promotes health. Living with lifelong habits that are a natural routine of life and give life.

Being able to sleep soundly for 7–8 hours each night—that's life. It has style if in a comfortable and warm bed.

Being able to drink 8–10 glasses of water each day—Adam's Ale—that's life. It has style with a squeeze of lemon.

Being able to wash my body with water and keep clean—that's life. It has style if I can have a really hot shower then a really cold shower.

Being able to eat three meals a day of plant-based food—that's life. It has style if it's made into salads, vegetable bakes, patties and all the colours of a rainbow.

Being able to walk, stand, move—that's life. It has style if I can ride my bicycle for hours through the bush and feel my body pulsate and mind clear.

Being able to relax and rest—that's life. It has style when I'm lying on a beach listening to the crashing waves or in church surrounded by beautiful music.

Being able to work—that's life. It has style when I have purpose beyond myself and I serve others and God.

There are many great lifestyle habits that enrich life. A good lifestyle is a natural medicine. A disciple of Jesus can live life with style.

**GLENN TOWNEND**  
SPD PRESIDENT  
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## EVANGELISM TRAINING HAS 2020 VISION

NICU DUMBRAVA/RECORD STAFF

More than 100 people from 12 Seventh-day Adventist churches around Perth attended evangelistic training at Victoria Park church on Sabbath, August 10.

The event was part of the Western Australian Conference's "Harvest 2020" initiative. The evangelistic series, entitled "Ancient Mysteries Reveal the Future", was emphasised as an important tool for outreach, but construed as just one part of a much bigger cycle of evangelism.

Pastor Nicu Dumbrava, director of Church Planting and Personal Ministries for Western Australia, shared with participants how the new initiative can provide a practical model of outreach, as modelled by Jesus in Mark 4:1–32.

Tasmanian Conference president, Pastor Gary Webster, then shared practical strategies for running successful evangelistic campaigns.

During the program, church members shared how they are

practically "sowing the seed", and prayed for the Lord to "send more workers into His fields".

"[Ancient Mysteries is not a] 'magic evangelistic pill'; the purpose of the Adventist Church is to make disciples by following the methods of Jesus Himself, who not only helped people in practical ways—especially through His health and healing ministry—but who also taught and preached the gospel prophetically, both publicly and one to one," said Pastor Webster.

Pastor Webster shared practical strategies for running a successful evangelistic campaign in places around Perth for the 2020 Harvest initiative.



**PASTOR GARY WEBSTER**  
PRESENTS FOR HARVEST 2020.

## THIRD REGIONAL PNGUM HEALTH SUMMIT

ADRIAN ALES

The Eastern Highlands/Simbu Mission hosted the third Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) Health Summit in Goroka over the weekend of August 15–17.

Delegates from the Sepik Mission, Madang/Manus Mission, Morobe Mission, Western Highlands and the Eastern Highlands/

Simbu Mission attended the summit.

Also attending were South Pacific Division (SPD) delegates, including Discipleship Ministries director and former PNGUM president Dr Leigh Rice, Ellen White Research Centre (Avondale College) director Dr John Skrzypczak, Adventist Health (SPD) director Dr Chester Kuma, and PNGUM Health Ministries director Pastor Gad Koito.

The summit was designed to empower health professionals in ministry by equipping them with new ideas for outreach.



**HEALTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR FOR MOROBE MISSION, GABBY AKU, WITH DELEGATES.**

# LIFESTYLE MEDICINE SUMMIT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

More than 200 Adventist health and medical professionals, church members, educators and students from across the South Pacific gathered for the second annual Lifestyle Medicine Summit, August 23–25 in Sydney’s Castle Hill.

Organised by the South Pacific Division, the summit boasted workshops and presentations that largely focused on the strong connection between lifestyle medicine and ministry.

are merely Jesus’ hands and feet, and that He is the real Healer.

“I am convinced more than ever that unless I show Jesus to each of my patients, I am committing spiritual malpractice,” he said. “If we give our patients an extra few years of life but not eternal life, what’s the point?”

Two other keynote speakers featured throughout the weekend: medical director of the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP), chair of the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine and CEO of Lifestyle Medicine Solutions, Dr Wayne Dysinger; and medical director and co-founder of the Lifestyle Center of America, Dr Zeno Charles-Marcel.

On Sabbath morning, SPD discipleship ministry departmental assistant Pamela Townend and SPD Adventist health ministries specialist Dr Chester Kuma were joined by delegates from across the South Pacific who have implemented 10,000

Toes Campaign initiatives in their local churches.

“Churches [are] centres of wellness . . . and everybody is buzzing, wanting to be a part of the movement,” said Fiji church member George Kwong.

Executive general manager of Sanitarium, Cathy McDonald, also shared how CHIP has positively impacted 85,000 lives so far, and that the goal is to touch 10 million lives through CHIP in the next 10 years.

In an effort to empower attendees, SPD health strategy consultant Geraldine Przybylko also presented the new ELIA Wellness app (“Empowering Lifestyle Innovation Advocates”), which brings together and provides training for Church-run initiatives including the Live More project, Forgive to Live program, 10,000 Toes campaign and CHIP.

Mrs Przybylko also announced plans for an ELIA health expo, which will be run in Centenary Square, Parramatta (Sydney) on the Anzac long weekend in 2020 (April 26–28).

Between presentations, attendees also participated in “breakaway sessions” and enjoyed healthy, plant-based meals together.

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GERALDINE PRZYBYLKO (LEFT) AND DR DARREN MORTON PRESENT AT THE SUMMIT.

Interventional cardiologist and president of the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN), Dr Brian Schwartz, challenged medical professionals to tell their patients that they

## MISSIONARY DAY AT AVONDALE MEMORIAL

RAY WILKINSON/MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

Avondale Memorial Church (Coorabong, NSW) held a special ceremony to thank more than 130 missionaries past and present for their dedicated service and sacrifice across the South Pacific.

The August 3 program began with a Sabbath School introduction about how the Seventh-day Adventist Church began missionary work in the Pacific Islands. A mission-oriented study was then taken by three ex-missionaries and their wives.

A group of islanders from Sydney’s Wantok church then led the song service and performed musical items.

During the worship service, Carol Boehm, Adventist Volunteer Services

coordinator for the South Pacific Division, spoke of the current support of mission services and the continuing need for service at home and abroad.

Dr Nako Tutuo then presented a sermon entitled “Was it worth it?”, which asked missionaries the question: “Was leaving family and friends, facing loneliness in a new environment, sometimes sickness or death, worth it?” The answer was yes. Avondale Memorial senior church pastor Abel Iorgulescu urged the congregation to ask God what they can do to live out their



SPECIAL ITEM DURING THE MISSIONARY DAY SERVICE.

mission and share God’s enduring love and saving grace.

Following the church service, an afternoon concert was presented by Pacific islanders from three churches as their way of thanking the missionaries and ex-missionaries living in the Coorabong area.

# MURWILLUMBAH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

HEATHER SOUTHON

Murwillumbah Seventh-day Adventist Church (NSW) took time to reminisce and reflect on the past 100 years, and to reconnect with members past and present on the weekend of August 23–24.

More than 600 people gathered for the weekend, including 16 previous ministers, to give praise to God for His leading in the past and to acknowledge faith in His future leading.

The day of celebration was not just inward focused; a special offering was taken up for a fresh water bore in Kenya—\$A9000 was received.

On Friday evening, Pastor Eric Winter emphasised “our pedigree, our restoration, our direction” and that Jesus is coming again soon. This message was also emphasised on Sabbath morning, with Murwillumbah’s current pastor, Ashley Smith, reminding attendees about the sure hope of the second coming of Jesus.

Across the weekend, attendees enjoyed histories and stories recounted, a smorgasbord of music—singing groups, a brass ensemble, a string trio and the choir from Tweed Valley Adventist College—an abundance of delicious food, and the pleasure of rekindling past friendships.

The current Murwillumbah church building is the third the group has used since August 27, 1919, when the church was formed with 11 charter members and 37 newly baptised members.



PASTORS OF MURWILLUMBAH AND THEIR WIVES.

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## SANCARE APP WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) has won the Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) Enterprise Achievement Award 2019 for its SanCare app.

Built by the San's informatics experts, it is designed to give doctors real-time access to patients' records, up-to-the-minute vital signs, most recent x-rays, scans, test results, and the ability to contact nursing staff and extended care services.

San Medical Informatics doctor liaison, Dr Bronwyn Gaut, and the San Information Services team showcased the app at the HISA conference in Melbourne, August 12–14.

"In healthcare, timely access to the right information can save lives," she said.

According to Dr Gaut, very few private hospitals in Australia have electronic

medical records, but the San has had an electronic system since 2010.

"That involved a computer and logging in, but now they can whip out their phone, open the app and see everything about their patient."

For anaesthetist and pain specialist physician, Dr Alan Nahza, the SanCare app is now part of his daily routine.

"It gives me more time with patients rather than flicking through notes and trying to assess their progress, which is what it's ultimately all about," he said.

The app-development team have been working closely with doctors to ensure that the SanCare app is user-friendly and fits seamlessly into daily routines and tasks, and that users' advice is taken on board and tested.

"To translate it from an idea to an app that doctors actually want to use . . . is exciting," said mobile app developer at SAH Information Services, Ian Jones.

The SAH Information Services team has also developed a mobile app for wardsmen and radiographers to help manage their jobs around the hospital. Feedback indicates that this has improved efficiency enormously.



HANNAH CHONG, JOHN BAKER, DR BRONWYN GAUT, CHRIS WILLIAMS, IAN JONES AND TILON LY.

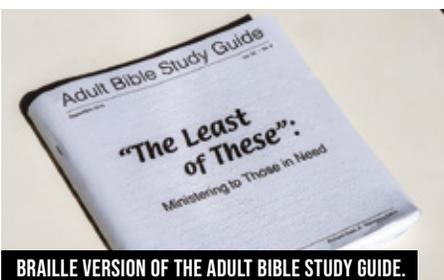
## BLIND SERVED THROUGH NEW COLLABORATION

RECORD STAFF

Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI) has entered a partnership that will provide new audio book titles and Braille resources to its members.

The ministry signed a collaboration agreement with Christian Record Services for the Blind and the General Conference's Special Needs Ministries, based in the United States. CSFBHI members—along with anyone who is legally blind—will have access to most of Christian Record's online audio library that includes audio streaming, as well as large-print electronic content and the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide in Unified English Braille and in Spanish on MP3.

"We are delighted to collaborate with CSFBHI, to share the Blessed Hope



BRILLE VERSION OF THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY GUIDE.

with all who are blind or unable to read without assistance in the South Pacific region," said Diane Thurber, president of Christian Record Services.

To access Christian Record content, it will be necessary to register, either via the Christian Record website or by contacting CSFBHI in Sydney (see advertisement opposite).

## NEWS GRABS



### AWARD NOMINATION

From more than 1700 entries, *Fathers* has been officially nominated for the "In the Spirit of Faith" award at the international Religion Today Film Festival. This intercultural documentary film was collaboratively created and produced by many Adventist media centres globally, including Australia, Lebanon, South Korea, Spain, Mexico and South Africa. The 45-minute film follows six fathers from different cultures who share one experience: the privilege of being a dad.—*EUD News*



### ADVENTIST WOMEN IN GHANA

4000 Adventist women from 22 countries across the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) gathered in Ghana, July 29–August 3. The women participated in outreach to hospitals, prisons and orphanages under the theme "Saved to Serve", giving the equivalent of \$US37,000. The event is considered the largest ever in the WAD region.—*TED News*



### 5000 GOLDEN BUCKETS

Pathfinders at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh have filled 5000 20-litre buckets with cleaning supplies—soap, sponges, towels, dust masks, gloves, garbage bags etc.—to be used during future emergencies or natural disasters. They will be distributed across the North American Division.—*NAD*

## HOT TOPICS



### OVERTAKEN BY OVERCOMER

The Kendrick brothers have returned to theatres with their sixth Christian film, *Overcomer*, starring Priscilla Shirer and Alex Kendrick. During its opening weekend, it placed third at the box office, grossing over \$US8.2 million. It's currently placed just ahead of *The Lion King*, which grossed \$US8.15 million in its sixth week. —christianpost.com



### 150 CHRISTIANS ARRESTED

Since June 23, more than 150 Christians have been arrested and detained in inhumane conditions in Eritrea, in northeast Africa, as part of a government crackdown. According to International Christian Concern, the new regime treats individuals gathering without consent as traitors who are "conspiring with the West". —churchmilitant.com



### CUT DOWN ON RED MEAT

In new guidelines, the Heart Foundation has put a specific limit on the amount of red meat Australians should consume to prevent heart disease and stroke. No more than three lean meals (or 350 grams total) of unprocessed beef, pork, lamb or veal a week are recommended for optimal health. —ABC News

## PATHFINDERS CHOSEN AT WORLD CAMPOREE

MARYELLEN FAIRFAX

Nearly 300 Pathfinders from the South Pacific region (SPD) attended the "Chosen" International Pathfinder Camporee held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, from August 12 to 17.

Organised by the North American Division (NAD), 71 Pathfinders attended from 15 clubs across the Australian Union Conference (AUC), and 148 attended from 29 clubs across four missions in Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM).

The quinquennial event attracted more than 55,000 Pathfinders and staff from almost 100 countries. While most were from the NAD, more than 4500 international Pathfinders attended.

"The sheer number makes this the largest Seventh-day Adventist event in the world, outside the General Conference," said AUC Youth and Young Adult Ministries director Pastor Jeff Parker. "I was impressed by how it was run."

Each day, the camporee hosted diverse activities and honours for Pathfinders to complete, from learning about fossils, to leather-crafting, astronomy, human-foosball, Lego building and African drumming.

Tapiwa Musteriwa and his family from Fairfield Seventh-day Adventist Church (Sydney, NSW) flew to Oshkosh for the international event. They were joined by Pathfinders from nearby Cabramatta and Penrith clubs, and were generously hosted by Sheeler Oaks Seventh-day Adventist Church (Florida, USA).

Mr Musteriwa's son, Washe (13) enjoyed a 30-minute flight above camp as part of the aviation honour.

"It's the humanitarian side of aviation



and the effort to preach the gospel in remote places . . . that I really like," he said. "I'd love to be a pastor and fly to remote parts of the world."

Washe's older sister, Nashe (16), said she loved meeting God's "big family" from all across the world who share the same faith.

Pathfinders from PNGUM enjoyed attending Andrews University Pathfinder Day prior to the camporee, and had the opportunity to represent the SPD during the morning flag ceremony.

SPD Youth Ministries director Dr Nick Kross was impressed by the global perspective created by the camporee.

"It's a vision-casting event that creates awareness of the global magnitude of Pathfinding. [We] were inspired by the worship and interaction with Pathfinders from across the globe."

The "Chosen" theme of the camporee explored the story of King David, with a nightly program featuring a full production drama. Pastor Damian Chandler, senior pastor of Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church in California, delivered captivating messages each evening, calling the Pathfinders to "choose Jesus".

Nearly 1000 Pathfinders were baptised during the final Sabbath program—22 were from the SPD.

After giving his heart to Jesus at the AUC's "Unstoppable" camporee in January, Ryan Nagle (11) from Bega church (SNSW Conference) was baptised by Pastor Parker.

Preparations are already underway for the next international Pathfinder camporee, which will be held again from August 12–17, 2024, in Oshkosh. It will be themed "Believe the Promise".



# FLASHPOINT



## NEW CHURCH RESOURCE

A new series of PowerPoint presentations have been designed to complement the "Search for Certainty" Bible study lessons written by assistant to the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Mark Finley. Compiled by lay members Graham and Dianne Weir (pictured), the PowerPoint slides were launched during an evangelistic training program at Victoria Park church in Perth (WA) on Sabbath, August 10. They feature high resolution graphics and artworks by Adventist artist, Phil McKay. The series enables the presenters to re-write the text in any language, to suit any context and culture.—*Record staff*



## 100 LEARN ABOUT MONEY

Canberra Christian School (CCS) ran their monthly "CCS Garage 64" program on August 2, attracting more than 100 parents and children from the community. Themed around money, CCS principal Bree Hills and deputy Tani Wells challenged parents in the area of financial wellbeing. South Canberra church Bible worker, Pastor Moses Hidalgo, and CCS chaplain and South Canberra pastor, Andrew Layland, led the children in a game of "The Price is Right" and offered financial advice to young, aspiring entrepreneurs. As with all Garage 64 projects, dinner was provided by the members of the local church.—*SNSW Adventists Facebook*



## TONGA PRISON MINISTRY

A small group of believers in Nuku'alofa are reaching prisoners at the Hu'atolitoi main prison complex. All of the inmates were brought together in one venue to hear members of "Tonga's 8 o'clock for Jesus" offer them words of encouragement and support. An inmate at the prison expressed extreme gratitude, saying he was thrilled to see families, children and babies come and visit. "Tonga's 8 o'clock for Jesus" have been meeting for more than 35 years at 8am on Sabbath mornings, and are working hard to create relationships with their wider community.—*Jessica Krause*



## GRAFFITI WORKSHOPS NZ

Legal graffiti workshops were held at the Gisborne skate park clubrooms on July 17 through to July 21 by Pastor Tulaga Aiolupotea from Invercargill (NZ), accompanied by Pastor John Smolka. Thanks to a generous grant by Te Ora Hou (a local Gisborne youth service) he was able to provide skills to 18 youth on site over the four days. The small team was assisted by local youth worker Renee Blazey and youth group manager Julie Robinson. The result is seen in the colourful murals now decorating the skate park club rooms.—*Yvanna Boulton*



## BRASS BAND WINS

Melbourne's Advent Brass Band (ABB) won the C-Grade Victorian Brass Band championships held in Ballarat (Vic) on August 11. The band was led by guest conductor, Dr Matthew van Emmerik, and outshone five other bands to take first place. Musical director of ABB, Reynold Gilson, has conducted the roughly 30 band members across performances for many years, including concerts, interstate church functions, championships and other competitions.—*Adrian Lawrence*



## ORDINATION IN SAMOA MISSION

Charles Wright, Jordy Sauvao, Mosese Laweloa and Orion Savea (pictured in front with their wives) were ordained on Sabbath, August 17. Their ordination service was held during their Upolu mini "fono"—a regional gathering of churches from across the island of Upolu. The new pastors will take the gospel to members in the Samoa Mission.—*Maveni Kaufononga*



## TRAVELLING TRUMPETERS

Members from Bourke, Lightning Ridge, Moree, Tamworth, Coonabarabran and other churches travelled to the July regional meeting in Gunnedah (NSW). Avondale Brass also travelled to the event, leading in worship, singing, the Sabbath school lesson and the church service. At every event they performed the band postlude, written by Ted King from Avondale, as a special feature.—*Dr David Faull*



## KIDS GO BUSH

Blue Hills College and Northern Rivers Adventurers (Lismore, NSW) have combined for Project Based Learning. Teachers Julie Jackson and Allison Parkinson took pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes into the bushland to engage in bridge-building, gardening, campfire making and building gravel paths. The Adventurers joined them for their last lesson, where they enjoyed a treasure hunt and fruit picking.—*NNSW Conference*



## Transformation at Tenakoga

**T**enakoga Adventist College (Solomon Islands) continues to rise!" said principal Gibson Apusae emphatically.

"Five years ago, our academic standards were not at a satisfactory level. We had limited fresh water, limited electricity infrastructure and generation capacity, and staff and students had to walk 300 metres to the river for washing and bathing.

"In the past five years the Tenakoga campus has been transformed and its infrastructure been upgraded significantly."

Tenakoga Adventist College is a Seventh-day Adventist high school located approximately 90 minutes by car from Honiara in north-east Guadalcanal. Most of the school's students come from the surrounding subsistence communities of Geza, Gove, Geghede, Ghobua and Salalamau villages.

August 5 was a momentous day for the college when two new buildings that formed part of the campus master plan were officially opened: the Lorraine Hendra Library and Eaton Hall (dining hall).

"I am satisfied," said Mr Apusae, a man with a dream and a vision for Tenakoga Adventist College. "I am sat-

isfied with the significant progress that has been made in the improvement of the infrastructure at Tenakoga Adventist College over the past seven years."

Mr Apusae paid tribute to the leadership of Dr Alex Currie and Pastor Ray Eaton of the Australian education support team, Lorraine Hendra as major sponsor, the college council, volunteers from the local community, donors and tradesmen from Australia, students and staff from Hills Adventist College in Sydney, and many others.

Pastor Eaton stressed that Seventh-day Adventist schools are the bridge that connects local communities to quality local schooling, delivering an authentic, faith-based education.

The dining hall was named Eaton Hall in recognition of the contribution and leadership of Pastor Ray and Mrs Hazel Eaton in the establishment of Tenakoga Adventist College, as well as Pastor Eaton's work in co-ordinating the Australian group that provides support to schools in Solomon Islands.

Pastor and Mrs Eaton worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Solomons from 1991–2002.

The dining hall has been fitted out with tables constructed personally by the principal and many colourful

stools.

The kitchen at the rear of the dining hall includes five stainless steel benches for preparation and the serving of food, five stainless steel sinks for washing, peeling and cutting fruit and vegetables, and for washing dishes. The fit-out also includes vermin-proof cupboards for storing perishable foods.

The library was also opened, filled with books and resources, all organised and filed appropriately.

"The hard times are over," said Ishmael Kukiti, member for the Paripao Ward, and Minister for Women, Youth and Sport, and also a former student and Bible teacher at Tenakoga. "Being a student, we experienced hard times in reading and putting assignments together," he said.

While there were many speeches, the speech of Mr Kukiti was compelling as he challenged the students to use the new library. "In that library is the whole world to you," he said. "If you want to know the world, that is in the library. It can pave the way for your future success. It's the best library in the Solomon Islands.

"I believe [the books] will help our students enhance their learning and increase the resources available to



Photos: Solomon Star

them. My heart is so thrilled to see this library opening today.”

College librarian Paul Avoso Padarango said, “While our library is a high school library, we even have a children’s corner [with books] for the young children of staff to read.”

English teacher Katelyn Pole agreed: “Our students love to read in the library and this makes my job as an English teacher much easier.”

Mr Apusae announced that “the Solomon Islands government has selected 10 schools from across the country to receive internet facilities. The government will generously fund the connection of the Tenakoga library to the internet and it is anticipated that this will happen by the end of 2019.”

Biology and agricultural science teacher Joseph Lapoe said it will especially benefit the Form 6 students. “At the moment,” Mr Lapoe said, “these students must go to Honiara and do their research at one of the four internet cafes. This is very time-consuming as they have to travel to Honiara by truck (a minimum trip of 90 minutes each way) or foot, so they miss classes.”

While the college has made significant ground in improving its infrastructure and academic standing, Mr Apusae has a bigger dream for Tenakoga: to be considered as one of the best high schools in Solomon Islands. “Our aim is to be a leading high school in Guadalcanal, competing with the very best in our province,” he said.

The Solomon Islands government has announced the phasing out of the Grade 6 national examination, Solomon Islands Secondary Entrance Examination (SISEE), so all Grade 6 students must be placed in a high school and registered in Form 1. As a consequence, Tenakoga Adventist College has been asked to double stream Form 1.

“This change will add an additional 40 students per year and provide educational opportunities for more students,” said Mr Apusae. “We will need to build two more classrooms for 2020 and plan for additional dormitory space and staff housing.”

**DR KEN LONG FOUNDER OF BOOKS FOR THE SOLOMONS, AN ORGANISATION THAT PROVIDED THE BOOKS FOR THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING, ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY.**

## DIGGING IN HIS WORD

WITH GARY WEBSTER

### A SEALED BOOK AND A SOBBING PROPHET

Hanamel needed to sell his property, which was in the hands of the Babylonians. To get it back again, two things were needed—a nearest relative to buy it (a kinsman redeemer) and the defeat of the Babylonians. Jeremiah, his nearest relative, paid the redemption price, and had the title deed witnessed, sealed and kept in a safe place until the Babylonians would leave or be defeated.

**READ** Jeremiah 32:6–15,25.

When Adam and Eve sinned, humanity lost everything: face to face communion with God; harmony with each other; our Edenic home; and eternal life. However, at Calvary, Jesus, our Brother and nearest of kin, the Lamb of God, paid the redemption price for every person.

**READ** Hebrews 2:11,12,17; 1 Peter 1:18–20

Now we can understand why John wept copiously when no one was able to open the seven-sealed scroll. Like Jeremiah’s scroll, it represents the title deeds of our lost inheritance. Unopened, it means we cannot receive what Christ redeemed by His death. But the Lamb was also the Lion of Judah, who had triumphed over Satan at the cross. Stepping forward, He took the scroll to break its seals to bring to us the fruits of redemption accomplished at Calvary. Worthy is the slain Lamb of God!

**READ** Revelation 5:1,4,6–9,5; 12:9–11; Colossians 2:15.



**AN ARTIST’S IMPRESSION OF A SEALED PAPYRUS DOCUMENT. JOHN’S SCROLL OF REVELATION 5 WAS SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS.**

# Avondale now a university college

It has a 122-year history but perhaps no milestone since its founding has been bigger: Avondale is the first higher education provider in Australia to become a university college under standards administered by the national regulator.

The addition of Avondale College of Higher Education to the "Australian University College" category is also the first time a higher education provider has qualified for a change of category since the federal government established the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). The decision "increases quality and choice for students, and further bolsters Australia's world-class tertiary education sector," said TEQSA chief executive officer Anthony McClaran.

TEQSA approved the change of category application on August 28 and congratulated Avondale on achieving the requirements of the Higher Education Standards Framework for the "Australian University College" category. These requirements include:

- Plans to meet all the requirements for an "Australian University" category within five years
- Delivery of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in at least three fields of study and higher degree by research courses in at least one of those fields
- Research that leads to the creation of new knowledge and original creative endeavour
- Scholarship that informs teaching and learning in all fields in which courses are offered
- Commitment to the systematic advancement and dissemination of knowledge
- Engagement with local and regional communities and a commitment to social responsibility
- Processes for quality assurance and maintenance of academic standards and integrity

Becoming a university college is "the next step in our journey to become an Australian university," said vice-chancellor and president Professor Ray Roennfeldt. He acknowledged "God's faithful leading and the commitment and professionalism of our leaders, staff members and past and present students who have supported us on the journey".

Mentoring partner Charles Sturt University is "delighted" by the announcement. Vice-chancellor and president Professor Andrew Vann said Avondale's academic standards and ethos have "impressed" him and his colleagues. "We look forward to your continued growth and development."

Emeritus Professor Kwong Lee Dow, a former vice-chancellor



of the University of Melbourne, who will present Avondale's graduation address this year, lauded the achievement as "richly deserved, reflecting as it does the sustained commitment of the leadership of the college to the highest quality in education across your fields of study". It also provides "welcome diversity within our national university system".

Chancellor Pastor Glenn Townend, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific, also expressed his congratulations: "This is another milestone in your distinguished history. You have always provided quality Adventist tertiary education for people who want to serve the community and God. . . . Well done and God bless."

Staff members and students attending or watching the first meeting of Avondale's bi-annual Festival of Faith received the news on Monday, September 2.

Vice-president (Quality and Strategy) Professor Jane Fernandez, who led Avondale's application, joined Professor Roennfeldt to make the announcement. "University college status is a celebration of Avondale's arrival in the community as a leader within the independent sector and as a fully-engaged participant across the spectrum of the Australian higher education community," she said. "It opens new opportunities for Avondale to increase its sphere of influence by enabling us to welcome a broader range of students into our fold."

And it will continue to foster Seventh-day Adventist values, ethos and mission, said vice-president (Academic) Professor Stephen Currow. "We will always empower our graduates to be the hands and feet of Jesus in service to all people."

**BRENTON STACEY PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AVONDALE COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**



## SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE



In 2016, Joseph and Camila Ito Skaf were looking for ways to transform their community for the better.

Having achieved financial success in their corporate careers, the Adventist couple were now keen to make a positive difference in their hometown of Newcastle, NSW.

They soon discovered that many people in the local community were experiencing anxiety and depression but didn't have a positive social network to support them.

"We started our not-for-profit to help our community battle anxiety and depression," says Joseph. "We wanted them to know that we cared . . . and that they were not fighting alone."

Joseph and Camila asked God what they should call their project. They were inspired to call it SEEDS (an acronym for Service, Education, Empowerment, Development, Spirituality).

"We believe that service and spirituality are the framework for human happiness," Camila comments. "We are made to connect with our Creator and to serve one another. The result is that we learn, share and grow, which translates well to education, empowerment and development. Furthermore, the concept of planting 'seeds' of hope in our community is at the centre of our mission."

Based in Adamstown Heights, SEEDS is a digital platform. Camila and Joseph connect with their members using social media and their website. They also host special workshops, programs and clubs that promote health and wellness. From workshops where attendees learn how to bake gluten-free sourdough bread, to the Lift Project, which emphasises the importance of emotional wellness, trained volunteers share skills that can help transform participants' lives.

"We're about helping an individual to live their best life, no strings attached," says Camila. "We started connecting with people via Meetup but we also use Facebook, Eventbrite and our website. We're now looking to expand to have a site location where we can host most of our programs and

workshops, but we will still continue to leverage community spaces, especially outdoors."

Joseph and Camila also believe that spiritual wellbeing can play a role in helping their community. Although SEEDS is an independent not-for-profit, the couple also host a house church that SEEDS participants are welcome to attend. If they show interest in spiritual matters, they are invited to participate in a short Bible study and group discussion followed by a plant-based meal and fellowship.

"On a weekly basis, we get 10-15 people coming because this is how many our house can actually accommodate," says Camila. "But when we have a special occasion like a baptism, we have more than 40 people in the house! In terms of numbers, we have had more than 80 people coming to visit our house church all up."

According to Camila, there are many stories they could share about people who have visited their house church after attending SEEDS workshops and health clubs.

"But Erika is perhaps one of the most significant to me. She found us through Meetup because she was living in Sydney but working in Newcastle during the week and was looking for things to do in the evening. At first, she attended one of our cooking workshops and then began coming to all of our SEEDS workshops and community service activities. She's now a member of our house church and such a great influence at her workplace and community."

SEEDS eventually plans to apply to be an accredited Australian non-profit charity so that it can be sustainable.

"If SEEDS becomes a non-profit charity, we are more likely to receive grant money for projects. Secondly, this means that any donations to SEEDS will be tax-deductible," Camila comments.

"God is working in our Newcastle community. It's a privilege to be part of His plan to love the world."

**VANIA CHEW MEDIA RESPONSE COORDINATOR,  
HOPE CHANNEL DISCOVERY TEAM.**

# THE FORGOTTEN SIGN

**Y**ou don't need me to tell you this: the world is in a mess.

In 2016, being in their tenth year of operations, the Global Peace Index (GPI) released its findings over the past decade. "The results of the 2016 GPI reinforce the underlying trend of the last 10 years . . . The world is becoming . . . less peaceful."<sup>1</sup>

The report highlighted that, since 2008, deaths on the battlefield have increased fivefold to more than 100,000 in 2015. This contributed to 57 million displaced people or refugees worldwide, which in turn leads to food shortages and diseases.

Terrorism increased by 286 per cent since 2008. In 2015, only 69 of 163 countries rated by GPI didn't record a terrorism event. Five countries had more than 500 terrorism deaths in 2014; in 2015 it was 11.

This year in the US, there were 248 mass shootings to July 31.<sup>2</sup>

On Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka, attacks killed 258 and injured more than 500. Then in our own backyard, we saw the shootings in Christchurch.

According to GPI, if you want to live in the planet's most peaceful country, pack your thermals: it's Iceland. The second most peaceful country at the end of last year . . . New Zealand!<sup>3</sup> Many had fled there for that exact reason. Some were killed while they worshipped in their mosque.

The world is in a mess.

Jesus warned us that events like this would happen. While Jesus made it clear that "no-one knows the day or the hour" He will return, in Matthew 24 He gives us signs that His return is near, "even at the door".

The list includes: false messiahs (v 5); wars and rumours of wars (v 6); nation rising against nation (v 7); famines and earthquakes; an increase of wickedness (v 12). As we see these signs, we know Jesus' return is that much closer.

If you grew up in the Church, or have ever been to an outreach series, you know that, with good reason, an emphasis is placed on these signs to show that Jesus is coming soon. But I wonder if we have missed something. I wonder if, because of our knowledge of prophecy, we skip



over a sign that Jesus emphasises.

Jesus tells us: "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37).

What was it like in the days of Noah? Genesis 6:5 talks about great wickedness and how the inclination of the human heart was evil.

This is how the state of the world was back then and Scripture tells us it is how the world will be just before Jesus returns. In Luke 17, Jesus references the days of Lot and the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah—so grievous (Genesis 18:10) that God destroyed it.

Having established the wickedness of that time, what did Jesus emphasise? What sign did Jesus want to bring to our attention? In the days of Noah, "People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage" (Luke 17:27). That sounds like life was going on as normal.

And in the days of Lot? "People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:28-30).

People were going about their normal everyday activities and then the end came. In fact, the New Living Translation renders Luke 17:30: "Yes, it will be 'business as usual' right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed."

Too often we can focus on the signs of wars, earthquakes, famine, destruction, times of trouble and prophetic events and forget that in many ways life will seem like it is normal—"business as usual".

In Noah's time, there were the signs—wickedness was increasing, an old man built a boat, animals came to go into the boat—but on the whole life was pretty normal. The same can be said for the people in Sodom. Sure, morality was trending down rapidly, but that seemed normal one day—the next day saw destruction.

Jesus says, for those who are not prepared, the same is going to happen when He returns. Adventist writer Roy Adams puts it this way: "It seems clear from the apocalyptic portrayals before us here that we are not to expect a state of total anarchy or chaos before the Advent. The basic structures of society will not collapse."

He adds that "the marriage institution will still command respect". Commerce continues with people "buying (not taking by force) and selling (implying a degree of monetary

stability). Families will be travelling on vacations when the heavens split asunder."

"True there will be violence in the run-up to the Advent—even a time of trouble. But the sobering note in Jesus' statement is that, on the very brink of divine judgement, things might look quite normal to us. We will have seen it all before. That's why He admonished us to keep alert, 'because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44)."<sup>4</sup>

And isn't that the point? We don't know when Jesus will come, therefore we always need to be ready!

How can it be so wicked, yet so normal at the same time? This could be called the frog-in-the-kettle syndrome. Place a frog in a kettle in cold water and all is OK, but turn up the heat gradually, it doesn't even know.

Roy Adams suggests that "we will have seen it all before" and we've become desensitised to what's going on around us.

A few weeks ago, I woke on a Sunday morning and checked the overnight news. I inwardly groaned at yet another mass shooting in America that left 22 people dead. In the cricket, Steve Smith in his comeback Ashes tour, scored a century for Australia. I read the second article carefully, not the first.

The following morning, the main news headline screamed of another mass shooting with nine people dead. The reporter said, "Tragically this is becoming the new normal." Maybe he's right, for the story that really caught my eye was another Steve Smith 100 in his second innings!

Horrific events happen so often that we begin to pay less attention to them. In times like these Jesus warns, "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him" (Luke 12:40).

1. Full Report can be downloaded at <<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/global-peace-index-2016>>.

2. See <<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org>> which defines a mass shooting as an incident where "four or more [are] shot or killed, not including the shooter."

3. <<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/global-peace-index-2019>>.

4. "The final days normalcy", *Adventist Review*, April 21, 1994, 4.

**TRAVIS MANNERS SENIOR PASTOR OF MORPHETT VALE CHURCH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**



# THE JOY OF SPRING

It's springtime, Jesus! Have you noticed the spring flowers opening, one species at a time, gradually building up to a palette of colour to delight our senses? What a variety You created for us to enjoy. How many beautiful colours and exquisite designs—from the delicate rosebud to the soft mauve spring stars, the fragrant freesias and fluffy seed heads of the dandelions.

The birds too, bustling around with sticks and grass, flying around protecting their territory from others and singing their early morning songs to let the others know where that is.

Such busyness should be a lesson for us, shouldn't it?

Even the sky seems bluer after winter's greyness and the breezes set the new leaves a-dancing to add to the excitement of the season. The cottonwood leaves twirl and spin, sounding like spring showers as the breeze passes through.

When You were growing up, Jesus, did You have time to rejoice in the spring? Perhaps in the early morning You went to a special spot out in the fields or vineyards to talk to Your Heavenly Father and saw the lilies and poppies springing up among the new grass by the wayside. Maybe there was a special tree where a little bird had built a nest and You could watch the hatching and growing young ones.

How busy the parents had to be, filling those gaping mouths with caterpillars and flying insects. They work hard to do their bit keeping the balance in nature, as You had planned in Creation.

Maybe You watched the sunrise in the cool of the morning and felt the warmth gradually spreading over the countryside, driving out the winter's chill. After all You are

"the Sun of righteousness" (Malachi 4:2).

Perhaps during the day You needed to deliver some of Your perfectly finished furniture to customers in the village and noticed some green spires of grass or a golden dandelion, pushing up between the paving stones.

Spring seems to make its presence felt everywhere doesn't it? All Your works praise You, Jesus, and how can we ever thank You? Please accept our praise too.

Then came the springtime of Your ministry, Jesus. That must have been so exciting. The recognition of John and Your baptism, where Your Heavenly Father acknowledged You, by announcing to all present, that You are His beloved Son.

Oh, if only more people had understood.

The choosing of Your disciples and watching their new faith steadily growing, must have been encouraging. How the crowds flocked to see You. Remember the joy You felt healing all their diseases, bringing happiness and hope into their lives. You even brought people back to life!

But this was before the scorching summer heat of criticism and the cruel winter pain of desertion and the cross. Jesus, You did it all for me! I bow before You.

Dear Jesus, will it be perpetual spring in the new earth? Will there always be changing waves of flowers and happy birdsong, green leaves and warming sunshine? How we will enjoy it! But best of all, dear Jesus, will be having You there to explore it all with us! You are our wonderful Creator, Friend and Saviour.

What joy!

**EDITH SULLIVAN WRITES FROM CARDROSS, VICTORIA.**



All texts taken from NKJV.

## QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR IN A

*godly wife*

### 1. SHE SHOULD VALUE GOD'S OPINION ABOVE ALL OTHERS

Proverbs 31:30: Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

### 2. SHE SHOULD BE GENTLE AND WISE

Proverbs 9:13: A foolish woman is clamorous, she is simple, and knows nothing.

### 3. SHE SHOULD BE GENEROUS

Hebrews 13:16: But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### 4. SHE SHOULD BE CONFIDENT IN HER OWN ABILITIES

Proverbs 31:17: She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms.

### 5. SHE SHOULD BE LOYAL

Ruth 1:16: But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God."

### 6. SHE SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE

Galatians 6:2: Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

### 7. SHE SHOULD CARE MORE ABOUT HER HEART THAN HER OUTWARD APPEARANCE

1 Peter 3:3,4: Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

### 8. SHE SHOULD BE PROACTIVE AND NOT LAZY

Proverbs 31:27: She watches over the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

### 9. SHE SHOULD NOT PROVOKE UNNECESSARY ARGUMENTS

Proverbs 21:19: Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman.

### 10. SHE SHOULD KEEP COMPANY WITH OTHER GODLY WOMEN

Titus 2:3,4: the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behaviour, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things, that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children.



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**SUGAR: FRIEND OR FOE?**

While sugar-free diets may help us avoid processed foods and drinks that are high in added sugars, they're also encouraging some people to avoid important wholefoods that protect their health.

The dietary guidelines advise us to limit our intake of foods and drinks containing added sugars, but also encourage us to embrace a diet packed with wholefoods, including wholegrains, fruits, vegetables, protein foods, reduced-fat dairy and dairy alternatives.

Many of these wholefoods or food products contain some naturally occurring sugars and sometimes small amounts of added sugars. These sugars are combined with fibre and nutrients, helping to slow down the release of sugar into your bloodstream—keeping your blood glucose levels stable. The small amounts of natural or added sugars from these wholefoods won't impact your health, but avoiding wholefoods will. Many research studies show that having low intakes of protective wholefoods can increase your risk of weight gain, chronic diseases, reduced energy levels, poor gut health and constipation, poor mood and depression.

The World Health Organization (WHO) sugar guidelines strongly recommend that you reduce your intake of "free" sugars to less than 10 per cent (about 50 grams or 12 teaspoons) of your total energy intake each day. Half of all Australians (52%) exceed WHO's recommendation and have an average of 60 grams (14 teaspoons) of "free" sugar each day. The key contributors are soft drinks, sports drinks and energy drinks. Foods and beverages high in "free" sugars can be problematic as they are often energy dense (large amounts of kilojoules or calories) and nutrient poor (offering few nutrients and no fibre).

When shopping, look mostly for products with less than 10-15 grams of total sugars per 100 grams and check the Health Star Rating—it'll provide you with an overall nutrient assessment of some food products, and can be used to compare similar foods. Then choose the healthier option!

**TIPS FOR EATING LESS SUGAR**



**FOCUS ON WHOLEFOODS**

Wholefoods like wholegrains, vegetables, legumes, fruits, nuts and seeds are packed with nutrients and fibre and will satisfy your body, reducing your need and cravings for sweet things.



**TIME FOR TASTEBUDS**

The less high-sugar foods and drinks you have, the less you'll crave them. Give your tastebuds some time and you'll find the natural sweetness of wholefoods is enough for you.



**REDUCE ADDED SUGAR**

Try adding fruits like banana, berries or dates to flavour your cereal or porridge. A dash of cinnamon works well too.



**HEALTHY SNACKS**

Go for a piece of fruit, berries mixed with natural yoghurt or a handful of unsalted roasted nuts instead of a chocolate or sweet biscuit.





### COVER UP?

Congratulations [to the author of] “Remembering 1919” (feature, August 17) for having the intestinal fortitude to publish. It is sad when other church people, in this day and age as well as in times past, have felt a need to cover up the truth on a belief that it might damage the Church’s reputation. These people will one day have to answer for their decisions and actions.

Keep up the good work.

Bruce Prince, NSW

### INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

Re the article “Remembering 1919” (August 17).

This article being only a brief overview of the topic, much more can be said. The author uses terms like progressive, conservative and fundamentalist with implications but without definitions. It appears that progressives would like to weaken the impact of Ellen White by claiming contradictions and “errors” and reduce her to an advisory (or even only a suggestive) role, but what many don’t realise is that many progressives also claim the Bible contains contradictions and “errors”, allowing it to also be interpreted in a multitude of ways, and leading us to the wars we have in the Adventist Church today.

I would like to make the following points:

1. If God speaks through a prophet, their word is of equal value, whether they are canonical or not.
2. If either Ellen White or the Bible make a statement that makes us uncomfortable, perhaps we should examine ourselves and why we feel uncomfortable with what God’s mouthpiece said

rather than attempting to minimise the impact of the statement.

It is the way we interpret Scripture that is the cause of divisions in the Church today. And sadly, we are moving away from a solution rather than closer to one. Work has been done by the Church on hermeneutics (principles of biblical interpretation), but unfortunately few know of this work or the controversies involved, and little is being said about this issue in Church media. Why?

Leopold Hamulczyk, Vic

### OUT IN THE OPEN

Re “Remembering 1919”, I applaud the decision to finally bring this to the attention of the general Church. We can now possibly have a discussion of the matters raised in those minutes. How sad we had to wait 100 years to have this in the open.

Personally I think the comment by Ben McArthur, and I quote, “Daniels came within an inch of being a transformational leader”, is a little harsh considering the forces Daniels was dealing with. As for Prescott, he had been trying for years to

address concerns that he had.

In 1915, Prescott penned a private letter to WC White expressing matters of uncorrected errors in Church publications and misconceptions about EG White’s writings. These concerns were ignored and left largely unaddressed. Like the GC minutes, this letter from Prescott was lost for 65 years until its discovery in 1980.

Hopefully we are now at a point in time where these matters can be fully and openly discussed and the truth prevails—or maybe we will continue to bury matters that make us a little uncomfortable.

Ivan Webb, NSW

### SCRUTINY

I note the author of the letter “Not Infallible” made emphasis that Sister White borrowed from other authors (under the Treaty of Fair Use) and copied some of their mistakes (which the author did not identify).

They also emphasised her fallibility because of their biased interpreting of page 301.4 of *3 Spiritual Gifts* where Sister White does a comparative evalu-

ation of the wickedness of those before the flood with those who were involved in the building of the Tower of Babel post flood, of which she writes in detail in chapter 10 of the same book, all post flood.

Also, regarding fallibility, how would the author of “Not Infallible” justify the 1000 people variation between Numbers 25:9 (24,000) and 1 Corinthians 10:8 (23,000) who died in the plague at Baalpeor?

Is the apostle Paul now subject to the same scrutiny as Sister White, particularly when the author rightly emphasises the importance of *Sola Scriptura*?

There is a perfectly justifiable explanation for this apparent discrepancy, which should be a good homework exercise for Bible students.

Harry Wolf, via email

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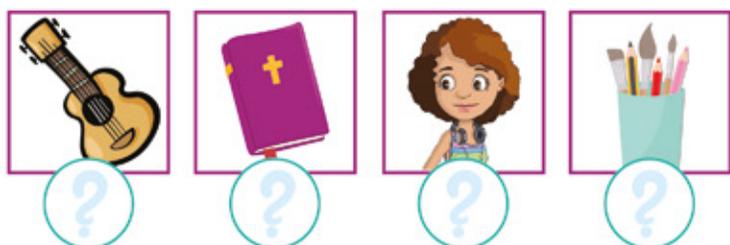


Hi kids! You are so important. Jesus loves you so much!

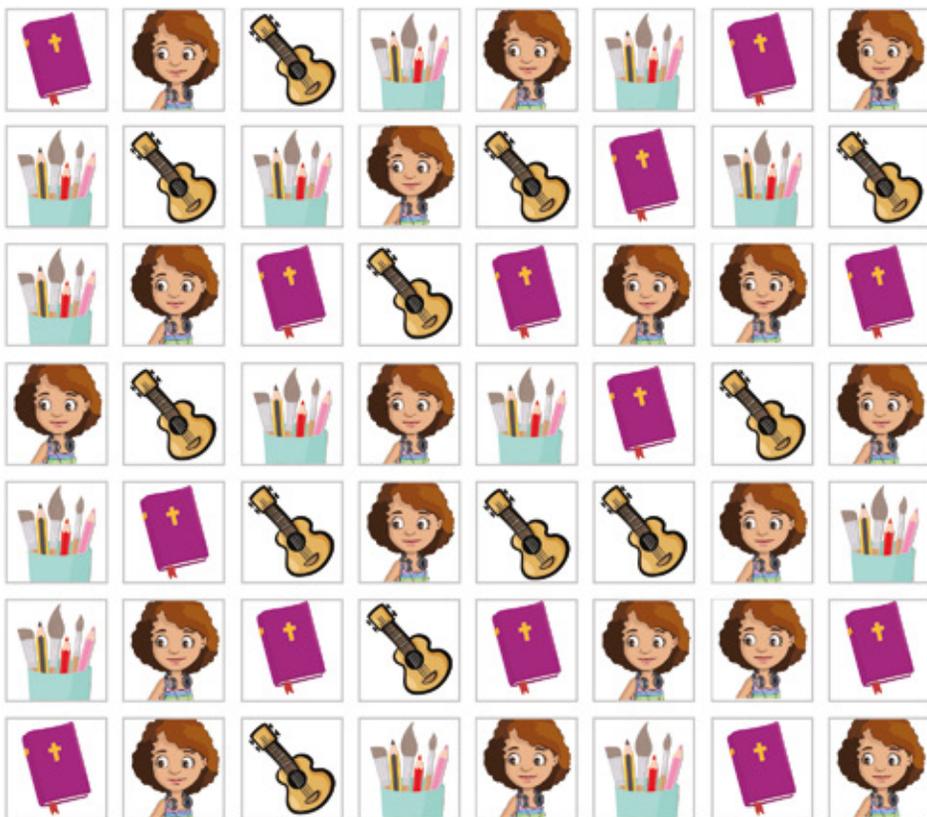


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# HOW MANY?



### Memory Verse

"...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these..."

Mark 10:14

\* hello/hi — New Caledonia (French)

Wedding



**THOMAS-FREEMAN**, Jeffery Thomas, son of Jennifer Jewell, and Lilyanna Freeman, daughter of Dale and Susan Freeman, were married on 17.7.19 at the Roma St Gardens, Brisbane, Qld. Jeff and Lilly met at work and both moved to Brisbane for work and study.

*Dana Howard*

Obituaries



**COURTNEY**, Evelyn May (nee Fagg), born 19.4.1928 in Mackay, Qld; died 29.6.19 in Yeppoon. Evelyn was predeceased by her husband, Syd (27.5.16), with whom she celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 28.11.15. Evelyn is survived by her children, Dawn Vivian (Newton, SA), Barbara Louk (Launching Place, Vic) and Daniel (Mackay, Qld); six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Evelyn and Syd spent most of their lives in the Mackay district and became Adventists in 1952. In retirement they moved to Yeppoon and were some of the first residents in the newly established Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village in 1996. Evelyn was an avid gardener, reader and faithful church member. She endured considerable physical pain in later life, with a smile and unwavering faith. She rests, awaiting the Lifegiver's call.

*Ray Hobbs*

**HENLEY**, Graham James, born 16.2.1939 in Carlton, Vic; died 4.3.19 in Ballarat. In 1965, Graham married Joyce Portbury in Nunawading church. He was predeceased by his sister, Cynthia in 2009. Graham is survived by his wife (Mitcham); son, Bryce and Vladka; granddaughters, Emma and Sarah (Central Coast, NSW); and sister, Ruth and family, (Mildura, Vic). Graham was a skilled, helpful, fun-loving and hard-working man. His family was very special to him and he loved and cared for them throughout his life. His life career was as a truck owner/driver and he drove well over a million miles. He also drove overseas, in Iran and Papua New Guinea. He held his belief in God over all those years and towards the end of his life, restored the joy of faith in God through Jesus Christ. He passed

away with peace in his heart.  
*Morrie Krieg*

**HOUSTON**, Geoffrey Robert, born 31.7.1934 in Harrow, England; died 8.8.19 in Brisbane, Qld. On 25.8.1956 he married Gloria Loeb, who predeceased him on 23.7.16. Geoff is survived by his children, Simon (Sydney, NSW), Karen (Gold Coast, Qld) and Mark (D'Agular); and grandchildren, Claudia, Mark, Elita, Eliana, Stuart, Michael and Emily. Geoff was a long-standing member of the Church. Over the years he held membership in Central, Mitchelton, Carbrook, Capalaba and Victoria Point churches. He was an ordained elder and a lay preacher. He was involved with many choirs and bands but most of all he loved Sabbath school teaching. He was a keen scholar of the Word and was passionate about sharing it with others.

*Bob Possingham*

**HOWSE**, Eric John, born 22.3.1944 in Samoa; died 27.6.19 in Wyee, NSW. On 29.3.1966 he married Doreen. Eric is survived by his wife (Bonnells Bay); daughter, Dr Adelle Howse and John Faulkner (Sydney); son, Darren and Daniele (Bonnells Bay); and grandchildren Jamie and Jeremy (Bonnells Bay). Eric was a strong Christian who was very loyal to his church. He approached his calling to treasury with honesty and integrity. He had a natural gift in solving mechanical challenges, and was a very practical Christian gentleman.

*David D Blanch, Ray Eaton*



**HUBBER**, Burns Henderson, born 11.4.1925 in Oamaru, NZ; died 26.7.19 in Auckland. He is survived by his wife, Adrienne (Auckland); sons, Daryl and Nigel (Sydney, NSW); daughter, Sarina (Auckland, NZ) and grandchildren. Burns lived life to the full, be it in boats, aeroplanes or fast cars. Known for his epic salvage work off the rugged New Zealand coast, Burns loved a challenge. He was fearless and claimed a host of guardian angels. Always ready to help others, he will be loved and remembered by many. He is sleeping now in the assurance of seeing Jesus soon.

*Leanne Davies, Stephen Davies*

**KORREL**, Johannes Antony, born 12.12.1932 in Duisburg, Germany; died 10.7.19 in Mt Barker, WA. He was predeceased by his wife Joy. Tony is survived

by his children, Fran Brown and Glynn Korrel (both of Perth); and younger brother, Karl Korrel (Sweden). Tony's family was trapped in Germany during WWII. Later, he moved to Holland and then to Australia at 22 years of age. Tony became a Seventh-day Adventist later in life and enjoyed travelling around Australia with Joy. Tony will be missed by his family and his friends at the Mt Barker church.

*Geoffrey Plewright*



**MABERLY**, Ivy Bertha (nee Findley), born 21.2.1929 in Gippsland, Vic; died 21.7.19 in Normanhurst, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband Allan. She is survived by her three daughters, Dawn, Carol and Ruth; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Ivy and Allan spent eight years working as missionaries in the Himalayas, northern India. She later worked at the Signs Publishing Company in Warburton, and the Sydney Adventist Hospital. She also worked as a volunteer for ADRA in Zambia and Nepal. Ivy's life was dedicated to God and family. Her love and prayers will be missed by all who knew her.

**MARSHALL**, Peter William, born 23.6.1939 in North Sydney, NSW; died 13.7.19 in Narromine. On 25.3.1965 he married Mavis Stubberfield at the Windsor church. Peter is survived by his wife (Narromine); son, Bradley and wife, Kellie (Windsor) and daughter, Kim and husband, Nathan (Mt Kuring-gai); and grandchildren, Ryan, Lachlan, Larissa and Jordan. Peter was a hardworking man who did his work well. He enjoyed his coach and truck driving and did many miles in both types of vehicles. He made many friends and was cheerful and fun loving, and his friends were all aware that Peter loved the Lord and lived for God in every way he could. At least a dozen fellow drivers came to say farewell. Peter loved his family deeply and was a fine Christian man. We all miss Peter, but we all look forward to meeting with him when Jesus comes again.

*Morrie Krieg*

**PIETZ**, Shirley Daphne (Wendy) (nee Blank), born 22.6.1931 in Christchurch, NZ; died 10.4.19 in Wyong, NSW. In October 1981, she married Pastor Albert Pietz. Wendy was predeceased by her husband in 2010 and her sisters, June Blank in 2018 and Nola

Ling in 2018. She is survived by her sister, Glenys and Alan Were (Dural); niece, Geeneen and Stephen Gasson (Adelaide, SA); and step-son, David and Linda Pietz (Vic). Wendy worked for Sanitarium in New Zealand and also in various departments of the Church in Australia and Papua New Guinea, finally retiring in 1984 after almost 35 years of service. She was known for her monthly letters to the missionary wives in the South Pacific, keeping them in touch with happenings at home. Wendy was known as a loving, generous, happy and hospitable person her whole life.

*David Bertelsen, Roger Nixon, Alan Watson*

**ROBINS**, John Bertram, born 24.3.1930 in Adelaide, SA; died 19.4.19 in Tanunda. On 20.12.1952 he married Verna Youngman. He is survived by his wife; and children, Shane, Debra, William and Steven. For a number of years John worked in the Adelaide Sanitarium Health Food factory, later settling in Nuriootpa in the Barossa Valley where he established a cabinet making business. John and Verna celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on 20.12.18 and the couple served as loyal, much-loved and active members of the Nuriootpa church in the Barossa Valley for more than 50 years. John loved memorising Scripture portions and singing hymns. He even blessed visitors to his sickbed with his singing and quoting his favourite texts. He will be remembered as a quiet man, devoted to his family and church and his firm faith in his Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Will Grobler, Jan Pollok*

**CORRECTION:** The notice for Emily Jurgens in the August 31 edition should have included the correct spelling of her maiden name—Thomson.

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*Finally . . .*

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- Unknown

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#### Maintenance Position

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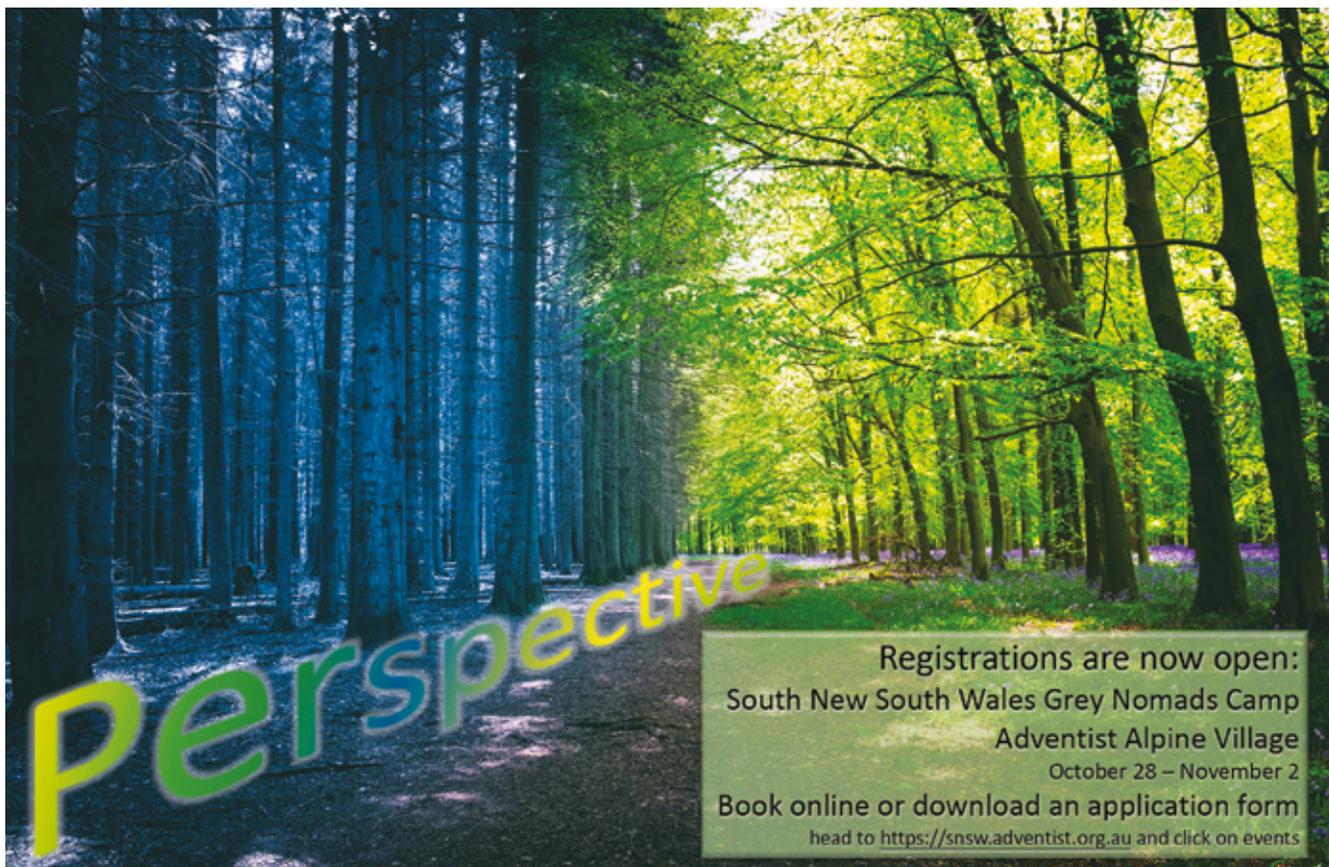
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