

A group of people, including a woman holding a child, standing in front of an orange wall. The woman is smiling and holding a young child. There are several other people, including children, standing around her. The background is a bright orange wall with some windows.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Adventist education: what makes the difference?

David McClintock
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Pacific Division

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Adventist education. For some it brings wonderful memories of great teachers, enduring friendships and rich learning experiences. For others, it conjures up memories of ineffective teachers, a repressive learning environment and possibly even a sense of indoctrination. What makes the difference?

I think back to leaving home in Papua New Guinea at 13 with my twin brother. That first year at boarding school was challenging. Learning how to live in a different culture and being the smallest kid in the whole dorm, at the bottom of the pecking order, was not pleasant. Home-sickness and the cold were harsh realities. After I scored remarkably different test results from Test 1 to 2, a science teacher took time to quietly chat with me. He found out that to try and get some friends, I'd decided it was best not to do well in my studies. He encouraged me to have a long-term view. He spoke to me at lunch time—his own time, but it was important to him—and incredibly important to me. Thank you David Ward for showing that individual attention.

Then there was the cook. He always smiled regardless of the harsh comments from students and was always positive and consistent. In Year 10 when I was tasked with doing the toast early for breakfast, I would go and get the key from his single room flat which was hanging just inside his door. He was often asleep on his knees beside his bed. What an example! That taught me much more than he realised about where his positive attitude came from. Thank you Pastor Kevin Geelan.

I think back to the two courses I completed in my six years at Avondale College—Theology and Teaching—some incredibly positive people impacted my life: Arthur Ferch, Des Ford, Don Hanson and Allan Lindsay to name a few. The rich friendships developed that span this country and beyond; meeting my wife at Avondale. The list goes on and so many of us have a similar list.

Yet, not everybody looks back with happy memories. For some people school is something to be endured until they can get out to do what they have always wanted to do—and they usually do it very well. Is Adventist education perfect? No, it is not. But I am passionate about it because of our key purpose: to reveal Jesus.

I think of two folk I had the pleasure of listening to one Sabbath at Betikama in February 2020. The Honourable Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, and the Honourable James Marape, the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. Both were clear they were proud products of Adventist education. I think of a PhD classmate of mine at Andrews University. He was the principal of several Adventist schools, an education director, later the president of the West Indies Union and now the Governor-General of Jamaica—Sir Patrick Allan. Adventist education has stood them in good stead, along with many, many others.

Research has shown that Adventist Education does make a difference in the retention of church affiliation for our young people. Roger Dudley did a 10-year longitudinal study in the North American Division. Some 1500 respondents started the study with 51 per cent of those in Adventist schools. By the end of the study, 800 of the original young people completed the annual survey. 67 per cent of those educated in Adventist schools were still Adventists. This was in contrast to just 19 per cent of those educated in non-Adventist schools.

Value Genesis reiterated the value of the home, school and church working together. Interestingly when just the home and the school work together, there is a 38 per cent probability the young person will remain an Adventist. When the home, school and church work together, this rises to 76 per cent—almost double. Solomon wisely noted in Ecclesiastes 4:12, “a three stranded cord is not easily broken”.

Adventist education is an investment. It's not guaranteed. But that's how God made us—with the freedom of choice and the opportunity to exercise that choice. Adventist education is 150 years old this year. I'd encourage you to support Adventist education with your families, your comments and your prayers.



INSIGHT:

Some things take time

Kevin Petrie
Vice-chancellor, Avondale University

I'm not known for possessing any particular skills when it comes to gardening (unless mowing the lawn counts). I have learnt, however, that some things I have striven to grow take time. Much time.

Earlier this year, I received a call from a man who attended Avondale in the 1980s. While not being from a Christian background, he lived on campus, enjoyed completing a business degree and even valued the spiritual flavour. He called after attending the funeral of one of his Avondale lecturers. As he listened to stories from former classmates, he found himself reliving his experiences and a yearning grew for the faith he'd seen in others during his time at Avondale. He'd phoned to let me know he now wished to pursue a personal faith journey and desired the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be a part of it. Some seeds take time to grow.

The 17th century poet, John Davies, writing in the particular style of his time, expressed it this way:

O thou,
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed
The winged seeds, where they lie cold and low,
Each like a corpse within its grave, until
Thine azure sister of the spring shall blow
Her clarion o'er the dreaming earth.
(Ode to the West Wind)

May we never be discouraged when the work to which God calls us appears to have less results than we deem it should. Seeds that may appear forever cocooned can at God's appointed time transform into the beauty they were destined to be. As the philosopher Richard Fuller once observed, "There's nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it is going to be a butterfly." May we see the potential in others through God's eyes and strive in His strength to be faithful to our call.



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Fiji Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, Dr Davina Nand, head of wellness at the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, 10,000 Toes regional ambassador George Kwong, SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend, World Health Organization Pacific director Shelley Wallace, and Trans Pacific Union Mission president Pastor Mavani Kaufononga.

10,000 Toes Campaign recognised by World Health Organization

📍 Nadi, Fiji | Tracey Bridcutt

The 10,000 Toes Campaign, an initiative of Adventist Health, has received the 2022 Healthy Island Award in the Best Practice Category from the World Health Organization for its work in Fiji.

The award was presented on May 5 by Fiji Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete to South Pacific Division (SPD) president Pastor Glenn Townend, who was in Fiji to meet with church leaders and members.

The award recognises the work that 10,000 Toes is doing in helping to address the epidemic of lifestyle diseases, particularly diabetes, in the Pacific.

"It is a privilege to be acknowledged for our work in this area of lifestyle medicine," said 10,000 Toes coordinator for the South Pacific, Pam Townend, "and we know this would not have been possible without our dedicated ambassadors and the organisations that support us."

The Fiji chapter of 10,000 Toes has more than 2000 ambassadors working to turn the tide on diabetes, according to regional ambassador George Kwong.

"We have a number of wellness hubs where health screening and Lifestyle Intervention Programs are delivered. Our goal is to have over 100 wellness hubs

operating by the end of 2025."

Mrs Townend said the 10,000 Toes Campaign is not only in Fiji but has a presence in six other countries. The campaign currently operates five mobile clinics, has trained more than 4000 ambassadors, upskilled 101 professionals, provided over 954 screening kits and tested over 10,000 people for diabetes.

"Our work is not over until every village in the Pacific has had an opportunity to go on a health journey," said Mrs Townend, "and we look forward to this challenge."

Campaign coordinators believe that when evidence-based lifestyle medicine is integrated with conventional medicine it can prevent, arrest and, in some cases, reverse lifestyle diseases.

"Educating and empowering people to make positive lifestyle choices and experience whole-person health is core to our philosophy," said Geraldine Przybylko, Adventist Health strategy leader for the SPD.

"We invite you to be part of this story to bring health, healing and hope to the South Pacific like never before," added Mrs Przybylko.

For more information visit 10000toes.com.



SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend at plaque unveiling with Pastor Ted Wilson on Zoom. (Credit: Talia Valderrama.)

GC president opens office refurbishment

📍 Wahroonga, NSW | Tracey Bridcutt

General Conference president Pastor Ted Wilson led out in a special dedicatory service and official opening of refurbishments at the administrative office of the South Pacific Division (SPD) in Wahroonga, Sydney, on May 18.

Speaking via Zoom, Pastor Wilson presented the morning devotional during which he challenged the SPD team to focus not only on the renewal of the office, but on a spiritual renewal.

"I appeal to all of you who will now work in a renewed setting that you also renew your commitment to the mission of the Church," he said. The Wilson

family has a long history with the SPD. Pastor Wilson's father opened extensions to the SPD office in 1988 and his grandfather was a former SPD president. Around 170 people—more than half on Zoom—witnessed the online plaque unveiling ceremony and prayer of dedication by Pastor Wilson.

The refurbishments include a new entry and reception, light-filled and spacious work areas, contemporary furnishings, new meeting rooms and staff amenities, and a lift for disability access.



The "Caring for you" booklet.

Telling our story: new little booklet to share with the public

📍 Wahroonga, New South Wales | Record Staff

A new little booklet is available for Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools and aged care facilities for sharing with the general public.

The "Caring for you" booklet is designed as a conversation starter with those who may have no or limited knowledge of Adventists and how we are serving the community in areas of health, education, family, disaster relief and welfare. From a spiritual perspective, it has a simple message: Seventh-day Adventists are Christians who want to share Jesus' love and hope with our communities.

Developed by the South Pacific Division (SPD) communication department, the booklet is ideal for use in welcome packs, at community stalls and activities, and to hand out at programs and events. It fits neatly into a standard-sized envelope.

The back cover is designed to be

individually tailored to feature the church, school or aged care facility's contact details and a QR code linked to their website.

"If you're running an outreach program or activity this little booklet will be ideal to hand out to people who may be wondering who Adventists are and why we are relevant," said SPD communication director Tracey Bridcutt.

"It's a simple little booklet in everyday language that helps to raise awareness of all the great things we are doing in the community while also inviting people to connect with us.

"For our school and aged care facilities, it would be useful to have the booklets available at reception to hand out to families and visitors, and to include them in welcome packs."

For a sample copy of the booklet and for more information email <communications_spd@adventist.org.au>.



AUC women's and family ministries director Pastor Sylvia Mendez holding the new women's devotional *I AM*.

AUC launches women's devotional

📍 Ringwood, Vic | Lorraine Atchia

The Australian Union Conference (AUC) launched *I AM*, a women's devotional at the AUC Executive Committee on May 12.

Inspired by *I AM* affirmation cards which include uplifting statements such as *I AM Brave*, *I AM Loved*, and *I AM Powerful*, the devotional is set to challenge how women see themselves and encourage readers to recognise what they could become by allowing God to transform them.

Twenty-six women from around Australia wrote a devotional for each of these statements, and each devotional is accompanied by a set of thought-provoking questions to help readers reflect on Scripture and ultimately reflect on the *I AM*.

"We wanted to gather a collection of stories from real women around Australia," said Pastor Sylvia Mendez, AUC women's ministries and family ministries director.

"They are mums, wives, daughters

and sisters. Some are teachers, some work in admin and some are pastors. There are a wide variety of women from various ages and at different stages of their lives."

The honest and open devotionals will allow readers to see how God has led the writers through difficult times and how they have felt each of these inspiring statements.

"These devotionals allow readers to understand who God is through these statements and who we are through these statements," added Pastor Mendez.

"Can I say that *I AM Patient*, *I AM Beautiful*, *I am Powerful*, and actually believe it? This devotional takes the reader on a deeper journey to realise that although we may not always feel these things, when we lean into God, we can become these things."

The *I AM* women's devotional is available to purchase at Adventist Book Centres or online.



Pastor Glenn Townend attended the opening event along with Fiji Mission and TPUM leaders.

Grand opening: Hope Clinic to promote lifestyle changes in Fiji

📍 Nadi, Fiji | Joni Vatuvatu

"The best health intervention is lifestyle," said South Pacific Division (SPD) president Pastor Glenn Townend while opening the Hope Clinic in Suva (Fiji) on Friday, May 6—his first trip outside Australia in two years.

He said lifestyle medicine reduces the risks of acute health diseases and is growing in demand across Australia and New Zealand.

Located in the centre of Suva's CBD, the clinic has a dietitian and a psychologist, with a GP and a nurse joining the team soon. Services include general and diet consultation, counselling, lifestyle medicine assessment, review and medical report.

Alongside the clinic, there is a vegan café, which has been operating for two years, promoting lifestyle as a viable means of treating and preventing diseases, especially through a whole-foods plant-based diet.

Hope Clinic psychologist Dr Sofaia Vodosese said the café, which serves fresh vegan and vegetarian foods, has been influencing the community. "We have seen the change and how people are becoming more health conscious. We praise God for the life of Mili Mataika and her husband for the great food they provide each day," she said.

The idea of a clinic established in Suva was conceived between 2013 and 2014 while Pastor Townend was president of the Trans Pacific Union Mission (TPUM).

"The South Pacific Division is grateful for the resolve to see this through and we are hoping other clinics will be established in other missions within TPUM," Pastor Townend said.

"Science and medicine, through research, have affirmed the God-given health message of Adventists and it has now become clear that lifestyle medicine and a plant-based diet is the best place to go," he added.

Former Fiji Mission (FM) health director and Hope Clinic physician Dr Ali-pate Vakamocea acknowledged external partners who contributed towards the clinic's establishment and operation, including Fiji's Ministry of Health, World Health Organization, Fiji National Provident Fund, Smiles Café and many others.

FM president Pastor Nasoni Lutunaliwa acknowledged the full support of the SPD to establish the clinic and is hoping that it will continue to render support towards its growth in the future.

making headlines

Hybrid GC Session

The 61st General Conference Session, which runs June 6–11, will have a virtual exhibition designed to look like an exhibit hall. The platform will showcase Adventist institutions, with customised booths for ministries, a prayer room, a networking lounge, live presentations, games, a marketplace, and animated elements and digital avatars, to be explored and enjoyed by virtual attendees around the world. Visit <exhibits.gcsession.org> to find out more. —Adventist Review



First deaf congregation

The Adventist Church in the Dominican Republic recently dedicated the first congregation specifically for the hearing impaired. The ceremony drew church leaders, member volunteers and more than 35 hearing-impaired people to celebrate and to witness the first in the group to get baptised. —ANN

8000 baptised in Haiti

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Haiti recently welcomed more than 1600 new members into the Church at the close of two weeks of online evangelistic meetings. The Church in Haiti has baptised more than 8000 due to evangelism efforts since January. —InterAmerica

Heart health highlighted

GPs in Australia have seen a surge in people wanting to have heart checks and visits to the Heart Foundation website doubled after Australian cricketer Shane Warne's death in March. Cardiovascular disease accounts for one in every four deaths in Australia or 118 people every day. —ABC News

flashpoint



Celebration day

Garden City Fellowship Church in Christchurch (New Zealand) had a special day of celebration on Sabbath, May 7. In the lead up to Mother's Day, the special service was filled with testimonials, love gifts and appreciation for the mums in the congregation. The program also celebrated the baptism of Elizabeth. "She boldly committed the rest of her life in service to her Creator and His people," said Pastor Yunis Masih.—**South News**



Grand opening

Heritage College (Vic) held the grand opening of new primary school facilities on May 5. Member for Eastern Victoria Ms Harriet Shing was in attendance to commemorate the opening. "This is certainly a blessing from God and an answer to prayer. This project allows us to build on our strong enrolment growth and offer a diverse range of learning options for families," said Heritage College principal Sonny Aiono.—**Heritage College**



11 baptised

Three church plants in Perth (WA) recently celebrated 11 baptisms. Forrestfield, Burundi and South Karen members gathered at Gosnells church to witness the exciting event where many shared testimonies. WA Conference ministerial Pastor Mike Robinson attended the event to support and encourage the baptismal candidates. Pastor John Horvath, who pastors the three church plants, made an appeal with many coming forward to prepare for Bible studies and baptism.—**Connect**



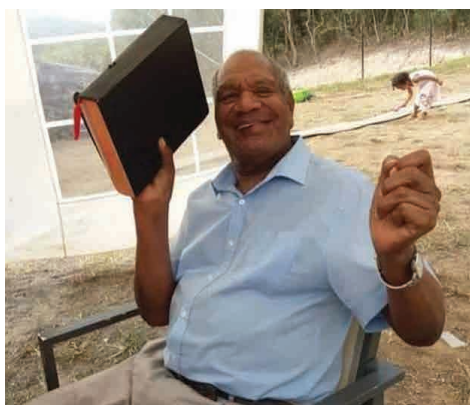
Missionary couple

The South Pacific Division (SPD) Education Medallion of Merit Award has been presented to a husband and wife, reportedly for the first time. Peter and Glenda Roberts were recognised on May 3 for their coordination of the untrained teachers' program in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu for a decade while in retirement. The award presentation took place at the ADRA Op Shop in Morisset (NSW), where the couple volunteers regularly. Introductory remarks were made by Tony Hay, who was Fulton College principal in 2006 when the idea of certifying hundreds of untrained teachers in both the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu was first raised to address pressing needs. "It is so nice to see this affirmation for the hard work that Peter and Glenda have done in the Pacific," said Pastor Eric Winter.—**Juliana Muniz**



Answering God's call

Galston Adventist Church in Sydney was packed for the ordination of Pastor Nicholas Kross on April 23. Thanking those in attendance for their support, he emphasised the importance of each individual's opportunity to respond to God: "God calls you. He calls us all. He puts it on my heart to serve in local church, but He calls all of you." Previously at Castle Hill Adventist Church, Pastor Kross is currently serving at Galston Adventist Church and Sydney Adventist School Auburn.—**Danelle Stothers**



Waiting for the crown

A pioneer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Caledonia has been laid to rest.

Pastor Jerome Waheo was the first New Caledonian Melanesian to become an Adventist. He was baptised on April 8, 1961 after attending an evangelistic campaign in Noumea. In dedicating his life to Christ, he went on to become the country's first Melanesian pastor.

For 20 years Pastor Waheo faithfully served the Church. He played a major role in establishing Adventism in New Caledonia. While he didn't have theological training, he had a gift for sharing the Bible and was a powerful preacher.

Pastor Waheo was challenged by significant health issues that saw him spend months in hospital, but he remained committed to serving God. Despite having to take early retirement, he spent the next 18 years continuing to preach and encourage church members. He is remembered for his patience and perseverance.

"We have pioneers in the Adventist Church who have opened cities and villages to the knowledge of the Lord, despite the difficulties they encountered, committing themselves fully to their tasks," said New Caledonia Mission president Pastor Felix Wadrobot. "They are now waiting for the crown that the Lord has promised. Jerome is one of them." —Tracey Bridcutt

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Something better

Parents and friends of Navesau Adventist College in Fiji gathered for a welcome, thanksgiving and dedication service hosted by the school on Sabbath, April 30. The service was designed to welcome in the 2022 academic year, thank God for the achievements of year 12 students in the 2021 external exams, and dedicate the school body to God. On Sabbath morning, guest speaker Fiji Mission (FM) CFO Apisalome Seru delivered an inspiring message themed "Something Better". According to Navesau principal Josua Qalobula the attendance of parents was overwhelming. "The school dining hall was used for the Sabbath services as the chapel could not contain the number of people who came to worship with us," he said.

—Josua Qalobula/Juliana Muniz



Disciplinary workshop

Adventist pastors and education directors in Papua New Guinea have been empowered to investigate allegations of misconduct and breaches of the PNG Teaching Service Commission (TSC) rules and Church codes by teachers. PNG's national education department has partnered with the PNG Union Mission (PNGUM) to empower the six pastors, who work as area supervisors, and 11 education directors to serve as charging officers. TSC department staff held a workshop at the PNGUM office in Lae, Morobe, from April 26 to 27, where they trained the pastors, education directors and head teachers on disciplinary procedures and processes. TSC chairman Samson Wangihomie commended the participants for understanding the disciplinary procedure and urged them to diligently do their work. —Jacqueline Wari



Building a longer table

When our sons left home and headed off to university, one of our fears was about their food choices. Would they go from Melinda's magnificently wholesome, plant-based creations to a diet of fast food and fizzy drinks?

Yes, they did have their occasional forays into the world of empty calories and greasy garbage, but overall, they've done well, and are both pretty handy in the kitchen too. One thing I didn't expect though, was that they would introduce me to new foods.

One day the voice on the phone said, "Dad, you've got to try Rana pasta. You'll love it. It comes on special every couple of months." So, as an obedient father, I went to town and found a few packets of this "amazing" fresh pasta. I was truly impressed by it. Sure, it's not exactly a health food, but it's a super-satisfying option when "warm and salty" is all that will hit the spot.

Flavours and calories aside, what I liked most about the Rana pasta wasn't actually the pasta—as good as it is—and it wasn't even their tagline of "Live Life Generously"—which would warm the heart of any stewardship director. It was actually a photo they have on the back of their pasta packets.

It's an image that they describe as "the Rana family". Everybody loves a banquet feast with friends, and the Rana family look like they do it in style. Scores of happy, healthy Italians enjoying a great meal in the outdoors—*magnifico!*

It reminds me of the saying, "When you realise that you're blessed, build a longer table, not a taller fence." We are all invited to share our blessings and to watch how God can use them for His purposes. In recent years, eating together in large groups at church lunches and community outreach events has been very challenging, and yet, God is still bless-

ing His work immensely.

In 2020, across the South Pacific Division, more than 57,000 precious people decided to join us at the "banquet table" of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With more than 210,000 new members joining us in the past five years, kingdom growth through baptisms and professions of faith has never been higher.

I don't feel like I'm in any position to offer "the thanks of the church" to you, but I am just so grateful for everything that faithful members across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and all the many South Pacific nations are doing to support God's work through His church.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving your time, talents, finances and so much more to invite, welcome and feed such a precious multitude of new believers at God's banquet table.

Thank you for recognising God's blessings in your life, by systematically returning a faithful portion of all your income to "the storehouse" through your local church (Malachi 3:10-12).

Thank you for creating an environment where your tithes and offerings are being used in frontline mission to win souls for the kingdom: more souls than ever before!

The great marriage supper of the Lamb is coming soon, and there will be guests from every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Jesus will be the Host, the Master of Ceremonies, our Saviour. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Julian Archer

Stewardship director, South Pacific Division.



Little Blue Shed



Leaving everything behind and moving to Africa was how Tanja Curcic found herself living in ministry. The Sydneysider has been dedicating her time and resources to bring education, empowerment, employment and hope to villages in rural Uganda since 2010, when she founded Little Blue Shed—a project focused on women living in challenging situations.

"Often females in developing countries are forced into early marriages, prostitution, trafficking and other dangerous activities to survive," she says. "The major cause of this is desperation due to the lack of education and opportunities."

The spark was a two-month holiday to Uganda and Kenya in 2007, when she fell in love with the red earthy soil, the picturesque sunsets over Kenya's national reserve Maasai Mara, and the wide smiles and belly laughs of the locals despite the raw poverty that surrounded them.

In 2010, Tanja returned to Uganda for one year to support a project that provides education for children who can't afford school. It was during that year that she identified another pressing need. Visiting one of the villages, she came across a woman sitting by a sewing machine inside a small blue shed who requested more sewing machines for the other ladies in the village. Determined to help, Tanja covered the

costs of the sewing machines with her personal savings and helped expand the small space, naming it Little Blue Shed. In this safe place, women could learn skills in fashion and artisan and share their challenges and struggles.

After that year, Tanja returned home, but couldn't find a purpose in her life in Australia. "There was no passion or purpose left in the 9am to 5pm corporate job. I couldn't focus, stirring about what I could do to help. What I had been exposed to changed me dramatically."

Tanja decided to give herself time to save money, do a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) course and quit her job. In 2015 she was on her way to Africa with a single suitcase, a one-way ticket and only \$A1000 left in her bank account.

"The next years living in rural Uganda were the most challenging but transformative. They opened a new-found understanding and compassion for women and girls living in Africa," she says. When Tanja first went to Africa, she wasn't a Christian. Now she is a baptised Seventh-day Adventist.

Witnessing the daily struggles that were bravely endured by so many women gave birth to another level of vision for Little Blue Shed. "So we began our mission to provide a solution to empower as many females as possible with sustainable programs," she says.

The Little Blue Shed that was

expanded and equipped with sewing machines back in 2010 is now a program that empowers women in different areas. "We teach income-generating activities such as tailoring, soap making and baking. They also learn business skills and entrepreneurship, budgeting, numeracy and literacy," she explains.

With a wholistic approach, the project also provides spiritual, emotional and physical support, including Bible studies and daily devotionals, counselling, exercise, stress management, hygiene and purity (sex education).

With plans for the future, Tanja is now on a mission to raise funds for a purpose-built facility to facilitate a number of skills, education and training programs. "We have now been blessed with three acres of land where we will build the Empowerment Village."

With plans for the new space to have an office, the project's vision includes staffing additions and new roles such as operation manager, spiritual coordinators (Bible workers), accounts and admin staff; PR, marketing and communications; counsellors and English teachers.

"We are the hands and feet of Jesus, so most of all, we want to bring more souls to Christ through Little Blue Shed programs," said Tanja. To learn more about Little Blue Shed, visit <little-blueshed.info>.

Juliana Muniz

Assistant editor, *Adventist Record*.



Encouraging verses for *Winter*

I must admit I am both disappointed and grateful that winter is here. Disappointed because those of us on the east coast of Australia only experienced half of summer before the relentless rain hit, and excited because it means we are one season closer to the sun and warmth of the next summer. What does the Bible have to say about winter? Here are 10 Bible verses that show us God is powerful and good, and that seasons always come to an end. I hope they bring you encouragement in this season.—Danelle Stothers

Psalm 74:17

You set the boundaries of the earth, and you made both summer and winter.

Job 37:9,10

The stormy wind comes from its chamber, and the driving winds bring the cold. God's breath sends the ice, freezing wide expanses of water.

Genesis 8:22

As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night.

Zechariah 14:7,8

What a Day that will be! No more cold nights—in fact, no more nights! The Day is coming—the timing is God's—when it will be continuous day. Every evening will be a fresh morning. What a Day that will be! Fresh flowing rivers out of Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea, half to the western sea, flowing year-round, summer and winter!

Song of Solomon 2:11

Look, the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone.

Job 37:6,7

He directs the snow to fall on the earth and tells the rain to pour down. Then everyone stops working so they can watch his power.

Psalm 148:7,8

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Psalm 147:16-18

He sends the snow like white wool; he scatters frost upon the ground like ashes. He hurls the hail like stones. Who can stand against his freezing cold? Then, at his command, it all melts. He sends his winds, and the ice thaws.

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 55:10,11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.





Papa'aroa Adventist College

Papa'aroa Adventist College is located at Titikaveka, on Rarotonga, Cook Islands. It offers classes from elementary level to grade 10 and is administered by Cook Islands Mission, in the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.

Harold and Madeline Wicks served two mission terms in the Cook Islands, 1915 through 1920 and 1927 through 1938. They became friends of their Roman Catholic neighbours, Mr and Mrs Brown, New Zealand owners of the plantation called Papa'aroa, to the west of Titikaveka Adventist Church. When Mr Brown passed away, his wife returned to New Zealand, leasing the property long-term to the Mission. Arthur Jacobson arrived as a replacement for Wicks and took command of Mission activities. It was on the plantation that he began classes in 1938, teaching Bible and English. The enterprise was virtually self-supporting because of the sale of coconuts, oranges and bananas that he shipped from the plantation to New Zealand markets. The students spent afternoons cultivating their own food such as sweet potatoes, taro and tomatoes. It became known as Cook Islands Training School.

Lionel Maxwell succeeded Jacobson through the uncertain war years, 1941/1942, the school functioning intermittently until James Cormack arrived in 1943 to devote much of his time to strengthening the program. Joseph Vati assisted him, enabling the curriculum to be extended to homiletics, British history and singing. The English classes were an advanced level, and the chosen Bible subject was Daniel and Revelation.

In 1946 Nelson Palmer taught the students, followed by Donald Watson for a three-year term. Vati continued to assist and was joined by Henry Moala. Successive principals during the 1950s were John Cernik, Joseph Miller, Kenneth Gray, Roy Wilkinson and Robert Gotts.

The name of the school was altered in the early 1960s to Cook Islands Missionary School. During this decade the entire annual staffing was sometimes drawn from national teachers (with only two expatriate teachers during the time), and finances continued to be significantly enhanced by the sale of plantation fruit to New Zealand.

A further name change was made in 1977 when the institution became known as the Papa'aroa Central School, retaining the Maori

name of the plantation property. In the Maori language *papa* is interpreted "broad flat earth covered with vegetation", and *aroa* is interpreted "love". The name Papa'aroa College was adopted in 1981 when some high school levels were added. Athol Grosse became the principal, assisted by eight Cook Islanders. The first national principal, Teina Taivairanga, was elected in 1987. By this stage the top high school level offered at the institution was form 2. It was, therefore, essentially a junior high school, its position better reflected in yet another name change in 2003 to Papa'aroa High School, when Gregory Taikakara was principal.

In the past four decades the Papa'aroa school has been the recipient of generous charity from church members. Peter Kilgour, a member of Dundas church in Sydney, taught as a volunteer at Papa'aroa during 1979 and returned to promote the needs of the school. His fellow members donated a wood-turning lathe and also raised more than \$A4,000 for the school by conducting a music festival. In 1982, 15 volunteers from New Zealand, some Cook Islanders among them, built a new elementary block of three rooms in addition to a library and toilet facilities. A second team went from Avondale College to do painting and major repairs in 1993. Seven sewing machines were donated by Australian church members in 2003. Mountain View Adventist College in Sydney, where there is a strong Cook Island presence, donated a minibus in 2017. Not all gifts have come from overseas. A local baker, Rau Atuatika and his wife, Tui, who are Adventist owners of Turoa Bakery at Titikaveka, donated bread rolls to the school tuck shop for years.

The year 1981 was notable for its academic achievements. Papa'aroa College at the secondary level received the highest pass rate in the Cook Islands. One student gained the highest score in geography.

Current principal Harry Neale reports that teaching staff are well qualified and students demonstrate a keen interest to learn. The core values of the school are "Grow, Learn and Serve". In 2018 there were seven teachers for 120 students ranging from elementary to grade 10 high school level.

Milton Hook/ESDA

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The Upper Room

The resurrected Christ led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, the same place where the Garden of Gethsemane was located. The place where the disciples scattered in fear at His betrayal would become the place where Christ would commission His disciples to reach the ends of the earth with a message of hope and salvation.

Christ's instructions were clear: "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4, NKJV).

As Christ spoke His last words to the disciples, He ascended up to heaven. The next 10 days were crucial. It was the time gap between Jesus' ascension and the outpouring of the Spirit. What happened on earth at this moment would decide the fate of countless lives for eternity.

The disciples entered Jerusalem, went into the upper room and closed the door.

When we think of the disciples entering the upper room, we don't usually give it much thought, except for the fact that this is the place where the Holy Spirit came down in great power upon the praying disciples. But could it be that there's a mystery to the upper room we have missed?

Interestingly, this is not the first mention of an "upper room" in the Bible. The upper room is spoken about even in Old Testament times. One of those times is actually in the book of Daniel.

King Darius signs a law that no-one can worship any other god except him. Daniel knows this is a conspiracy to take his life. But amazingly, as soon as the law is passed, the Bible tells us that the very first thing Daniel does is to go home and in his *upper room* open the windows wide, kneel down, pray and give thanks to God (Daniel 6:10).

I want you to notice something here:

-There's a *conspiracy* to take Daniel's life.

-Daniel is a man of *integrity*. Even the threat of death doesn't stop him from worshipping and praying to God.

-Amazingly, even though *prayer* is what gets him thrown into the lions' den, it's his daily faithfulness and devotion to God in prayer in the upper room that actually proves to be the key to his deliverance from the lions' den (Daniel 6:22).

The Bible is trying to tell us that the upper room was a place of prayer where God's power could be called upon and poured out to bring deliverance in very real ways.¹

We also see this in the story of Elijah and the widow's son who dies. The Bible tells us that when Elijah hears the news, he carries the boy in his arms to the *upper room* where he is staying and cries out to God for the boy to live again. We are told the boy comes back to life, and Elijah, taking the boy to his mother, says, "See, your son lives!" (1 Kings 17:19,21,22).

In Daniel's story, prayer in the upper room prepares him for death while in Elijah's story, prayer in the upper room resurrects a dead boy to life. Here's the key point: death and resurrection are both connected to the upper room. Both these stories together powerfully point us to the events leading to Jesus' own death and resurrection:

-It begins with a *conspiracy* by the religious leaders to kill Jesus at Passover time.

-Jesus *prays* earnestly in the Garden of Gethsemane in preparation for His betrayal by Judas and crucifixion by the Romans.

-Though Jesus is crucified and "cast" into the tomb like Daniel was, His total surrender to God actually proves to be the key to His resurrection!

-Just like Daniel and Elijah, Jesus is a Man of *integrity* and *innocence*. He has done no wrong to God or man.

-It's this power behind Christ's life and resurrection that unleashes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the waiting disciples at Pentecost.

Amazingly, both the Passover festival, during which the religious leaders plot to kill Jesus, and Pentecost, which



celebrates the outpouring of the Spirit through Christ's resurrection, take place with the disciples in an upper room. In between these two crucial events we find Jesus constantly in prayer from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross of Calvary where Jesus breathes His last!

Let's go to the Passover first. Jesus, knowing that Judas would betray Him, does not reveal the location of the last supper to His disciples. Instead, He sends two disciples on before Him to look for a man carrying a water jar. Jesus says,

"And he will show you a large *upper room* furnished and prepared: there make ready for us" (Mark 14:15, NKJV).

It was in the upper room that Jesus humbled Himself by washing the disciples' feet and partook in the bread and wine. Jesus showed how He would die for them and how they also were to die to self and be perfectly united together in love, leaving all differences aside to serve one another (1 John 3:16).

When Jesus is finally betrayed by Judas and taken to be crucified, the disciples' hopes for self-protection and self-preservation are dashed. While Jesus is a Man of great faith and prayer, the disciples on the other hand are lacking in faith and constantly in fear for themselves and their personal ambitions.

After Jesus' death we find the disciples running away to the upper room not to pray and not to depend upon God—they meet in the upper room to hide so that unlike Jesus they don't end up on the cross as well!²

Instead of the upper room being a place of power it becomes a place of despair and doom. The disciples refuse to believe the news from Mary Magdalene and the two disciples Jesus meets on the road to Emmaus that Jesus is alive (Mark 16:11–13). When Jesus appears to the disciples He rebukes their unbelief and hardness of heart.³

The disciples were not the people fit to turn the world upside down. They were just common, ordinary people like you and I who struggled with doubt, fear and unbelief. But what happens in the next 40 days that Jesus spends with them after His resurrection is transformative. The disciples' eyes are opened to the work before them. Recognising the gravity of the moment they follow Christ's instructions to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit:

"Then they returned to Jeru-

salem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem . . . And when they had entered, they went up into the *upper room* where they were staying. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers" (Acts 1:12–14).

In these 10 days the disciples are humbled. They are united. Self is finally crucified. They are now ready vessels for God to move in a powerful way.

What happens next is history. The upper room once again reclaims its true purpose where unceasing prayer leads to the unleashing of God's power through His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–4). The upper room becomes a symbol of death to self and a resurrection to new life. This explosive combination causes the disciples to step out recharged and ready to change the world for Christ!

The link is clear. Daniel, Elijah, Jesus were dynamic men who transformed the world in which they lived. But the disciples were faulty and weak human beings. They were not the kind of people we would put alongside such committed and faithful men. Yet the Bible shows how God can take the most broken people and lift them to new heights when their hearts are surrendered to Him.

Today, we live in momentous times. We are the disciples of a new, modern era. It's time we took that call seriously and re-entered the upper room of prayer to step out and transform this fragile world for Christ. It's up to us. Will we enter the upper room?

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Celebrating 150 years of Adventist schooling

First central school for Elementary students, Avondale School. Dedicated October 1912

During the summer vacation of 1867 in Battle Creek, Michigan, 18-year-old Edson White was employed in the type-room of the Review and Herald publishing house. On his way home one afternoon he came upon a resident from the nearby Adventist "Western Health Reform Institute" cutting firewood as part of a health recovery plan. It was 35-year-old Goodloe Bell (1832–1899), who greeted the teenager cheerily and paused for a friendly chat.¹ From that one brief conversation, big things were to follow.²

They spoke again from time to time and Edson learnt that Bell was a school teacher, whereupon the young man let it be known that he was not enjoying the study of grammar, one of the leading subjects of those days, at his regular school.

Bell responded promptly with: "Grammar can be one of the most interesting studies in the world—if it is taught well."

"Would you teach a few of us?" returned Edson.

"Yes," replied Bell. "Come around some time."

A few days later, there was a knock on Bell's door, and over a dozen eager young men were found wanting to see him.

We are not told which grammatical terms were dealt with on that first occasion; however, we know that, in quick time, evening classes were arranged for young people working at the publishing house and that they were enthusiastic about the teaching skills of their new-found teacher.

It turned out that Bell, who was baptised that same year, believed he was meant to use his teaching gifts within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With this in mind, soon after his conversation with Edson White, he moved with his family to Battle Creek. There, for a time, he was supported from tuition fees and, later, by the Battle Creek church.³ Then, an historic change took place.

Responding to an invitation by the committee running Bell's school,⁴ the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church resolved to take responsibility for the conducting of this pioneering education venture. The immediate intention was to "make provision for instruction in all branches of education" for the children and young people of the immediate area. However, the longer term objective was to equip graduates of this earliest official church school for the "advancement of the cause".⁵

A notable beginning in the hands of a dedicated teacher

Provided with a two-storey building (for classes below and accommodation above), Bell opened a school on June 3, 1872, with 12 students enrolled across elementary and secondary grades. In addition, a "Grammar Class [was] arranged to come at such an hour that many of the office hands [could] attend."⁶

This means that, from June 3 of the present year (2022), we may look back with gratitude and enduring respect on 150 years of what is surely one of the most successful pioneering education ventures of modern times. Under God's blessing, those 12 eager students and their intrepid, dedicated teacher, working in a single classroom, have grown, in our day, to 2,023,844 students and 113,638 teachers, working in 9419 schools—comprising the largest Protestant church school system, globally.⁷

As noted, back then, at mid-summer 1872, the intention was to move into a worker training program. Commitment to providing ongoing, church-sponsored schooling for the children and young people of the world-wide Adventist family had to wait a further 27 years.

By the close of the 1873 calendar year, Bell's school was moving predictably towards catering for young men keen to go into gospel ministry within the fledgling church. They were urged to "[c]ome from your farms, from your workshops, and from your schoolrooms, and prepare yourselves for the work of the Lord". Uriah Smith, already serving as an editor at the

Review and Herald publishing house, was scheduled to lecture each day.⁸

With larger quarters required, in the following year an acreage was purchased in Battle Creek and building commenced.⁹ Battle Creek College was ready to receive its first 100 students in training from the beginning of 1875.

A monumental development spearheaded from the South Pacific Division

Following the successful launching of Battle Creek College, expansion of the Church in both America and beyond, led in the 1880s and 1890s to the opening of six worker-training colleges in the United States and a similar total number in Australia, Africa, Europe and South America. Meanwhile, though there were several short-term church schools operated by earnest Adventist families, no responsibility had been taken at official levels for the ongoing provision of schools for children in the Church.¹⁰ And this was to continue through to the closing years of the nineteenth century. Progress came about in an intriguing way.

Change was "spearhead[ed]," as church historian, Arthur Spalding, put it, from Australia. And, not by accident, this occurred while Ellen White was living in this part of the world (1891–1900).¹¹

The opening of the Avondale worker-training school in a rural location at Cooranbong in 1897, was a landmark attainment for the Church and the realisation of a good number of Ellen White's hopes and goals for Adventist educational philosophy and practice. It was to be Bible-based; to offer a balance of physical, mental and spiritual development; to emphasise agriculture and other industrial pursuits; and to combine academic excellence with an ardent vision for mission service. With this work significantly accomplished, it was time for the Church to "strengthen [its] stakes" and "lengthen [its] cords" in a new direction.¹²

The earlier bypassing of sponsorship of church schools at official church levels should not be taken as an indication that Ellen White saw little importance in education for the formative years. In her first testimony on "proper education" (1872), she emphasised the vital role of parents, with much time to be spent with their children "in the open air amid the opening flowers and nature's beautiful scenery".¹³

Then, in her address at the opening of the Avondale School on April 28, 1897, Ellen White "told of how for years God had been calling her attention to the importance of church schools".¹⁴ This word was shortly to be relayed to the world Church.

Over the year-end of 1898/1899, an Adventist camp meeting was called at short notice for Hamilton, a suburb of Newcastle within reach of Cooranbong, and Ellen White was one of the scheduled speakers. In the course of the camp, successful meetings were held each day for the children of the campers and for the children of interested parents living nearby. We can read today a fairly detailed description of what took place in those meetings and of the part they played in bringing about a further expansion in Adventist education, A report was written out and included as part of the sixth volume of *Testimonies*.¹⁵

Ellen White was prompt in acting upon the success of these children's meetings and went on to counsel: "The good seed sown in these meetings should not be left to perish for want of care." She went on to advocate that, "where there is a church, schools should be established if there are no more than six children to attend". And she had the whole world in view: "This is the work to be done in America, in Australia, in Europe, and wherever companies are brought into the truth. . . . The schoolroom is needed as much as the church building."¹⁶

We are not told that Ellen White actually saw at first hand these meetings for children at the Hamilton camp; however, it is captivating to think of God's servant making her way across the campground, walking into the children's tent and watching the leaders telling stories from the Bible as the children follow with interest. Whether or not she saw for herself these talented teachers in action, it is evident she was impressed that the time had come to counsel Adventist churches around the globe to move into setting up this foundational level of the Church school system. Soon, in country after country, they began to spread out into provincial and rural areas. Secondary schools and academies were to follow.

With this fresh counsel on the widespread setting up of elementary/primary schools added to the work being modelled at the Avondale School there was good reason for Arthur Spalding to note that "Australasia was to become for a time the leader in educational reform and expansion."¹⁷

A well-trained army for a long-anticipated cause

As heirs of a heaven-ordained school system set up those one-and-a-half centuries ago, we carry a privileged responsibility. There is opportunity from time to time to contribute to maintaining school facilities and resources of the highest order—to "take hold of the school work in earnest and make it what the Lord desires it to be".¹⁸

Some of us, as staff members of one of these centres of learning, may work to make it a model of Christ-centred educational philosophy, practice and witness.

As for the students in one of these schools, they may be recruits of the "rightly trained" army of youthful workers who are to carry "the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour" to a world blighted by "suffering and sorrow and sin".¹⁹

At the present critical time, stalwarts already standing in the ranks may be looking to Adventist students strategically positioned in the villages, towns and cities from region after region, from country after country—a two-million-strong army—to join them in witnessing just where they are, concerning the gospel provision already made for each one of their neighbours in their corner of the earth.

Maranatha (the Lord is coming).

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Are meat alternatives *healthy for you?*

There's now a smorgasbord of meat alternatives to choose from at the market, providing a tasty choice for your family favourite recipes.

Meat alternatives are usually made from a variety of plant proteins including soy, lentils, beans, chickpeas, grains, nuts and seeds. While some are literally an alternative to meat, other varieties are created to mimic meat right down to the look, texture and taste. These often come in the form of mince, burgers, sausages or schnitzels. There's now even products that taste like chicken and fish on the meat alternative menu.

Are meat alternatives healthy?

Meat alternatives tend to be lower in kilojoules and lower in saturated fat compared with animal meat sausages or burgers. As they are plant-based, many products also provide fibre.

When shopping for a meat alternative, dietitians recommend choosing products fortified with zinc, iron and vitamin B12 – essential nutrients often found in animal foods.

Can they provide the protein I need?

Most meat alternatives have higher or comparable protein to their meat counterparts.

A Food Frontier report¹ recently checked out meat alternative products in Australia and New Zealand supermarkets. It found 82 per cent of meat alternatives were a good source of protein, providing at least 10g of protein a serve. Plant-based sausages were found to have more protein than meat varieties, burgers were on a par, while plant-based mince is the only meat alternative category with less protein than the animal meat version.



On average women need around 46g of protein a day, while men require a little more at around 64g a day. Meat alternatives can certainly help hit the mark. A plant-based burger patty on a wholegrain bun with salad can provide as much as 30g protein in one meal.

Is the protein quality the same?

There are nine "essential" amino acids that we need to get from the protein we eat. If a food contains all nine of the "essential" amino acids, it is called a complete protein.

It's often argued animal proteins are better because they contain all nine essential amino acids. However, there are also plant foods that are commonly thought of as "complete proteins" or high quality proteins. These include soy bean, quinoa, amaranth and pistachio nuts. Regardless, having a variety of different plant proteins as part of a healthy, balanced diet each day will provide the essential amino acids you need.

Looking for more ways to add plant-based proteins to your diet? Check out our meat alternative recipes at <sanitarium.com.au> or <sanitarium.co.nz> for some great recipe inspiration.

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Conversations

Protection for all

In "Reaping what you sow" (May 7) our Division president warns against falling into the trap of not revealing all the truth. On the adjacent page, [the article "Push to get legislation back on the agenda" does] exactly that as they encourage Seventh-day Adventists to be part of a renewed push to get the Religious Discrimination Bill back on the agenda.

The article paints Opposition amendments including the repeal of section 38(3) as the reason the bill has not been passed. It fails to mention the Government has also committed to amending Section 38(3) and the Opposition has committed to pass the bill, including maintaining the right of religious schools to preference people of their faith in selection of staff. Describing Section 38(3), it uses the euphemistic phrase "policies and standards that are in keeping with their religious ethos". Let's be clear, Section 38(3) would allow schools to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, including expulsion.

Opposition amendments that would weaken the bill are referred to. The proposed amendments were

to ban racial vilification and remove the statements of belief clause. As the Law Council of Australia points out, this clause provides a defence for potentially harmful or humiliating statements in public so long as they reflect religious beliefs. That is, it privileges religious over other human rights. Freedom of religion sits alongside, and may come into conflict with, many other rights and these must be balanced. While the bill did receive bipartisan support from parliamentary committees as stated, the Opposition asked the Government to consider better approaches to balance these rights.

While defending your own rights is a test of character, an even truer test is defending the rights of others. This is why I'd love to see the Church and *Record* equally vocal in support of bills addressing modern slavery, the National Disability Insurance Scheme and policies that ensure we meet our international commitments to foreign aid (to name a few). If intent on influencing political agendas, my advice is to more fully inform your readers and seek to protect the rights of others as well as our own, so we don't all reap poor outcomes.

Roger Meany, *via email*

Biblical Christian justice

I'm puzzled after reading "Do charity?" (May 21). There seem to be clear prescriptions for helping others (see James 1:27, Matthew 5:19). It also seems justice in the Bible is presented as a responsibility of everyone to act ethically in the areas of their responsibility (note requirements for honest scales and see Luke 3:10-14).

It is well known that Jewish leaders, who should have known better, were rebuked for not being ethical, both in private and public.

So, if we help others and everyone behaves ethically, how can we condemn other church members for being somehow deficient?

Scripture does not give us explicit instructions on what to do—or not do—in a democratic political system, in exerting what influence we can.

The church needs to firstly know both what is meant by explaining the biblical justice ideas of any author, and what they are actually expecting people to do on justice—before condemning others! Can we have a little humility of spirit on the topic?

Unfortunately these matters have been lacking in what is supposed to be a publication for all Adventists.

What we do need is biblical Christian justice. The problem is that secular calls for justice can demand support for some issues that are unbiblical, and show attitudes that are opposed to the Holy Spirit—shut down culture, hatred for enemies (see Matthew 5:43-48). It also places full guilt on the "other" without considering the sinful errors of both sides. We should not engage in a battle over differing visions of ministry.

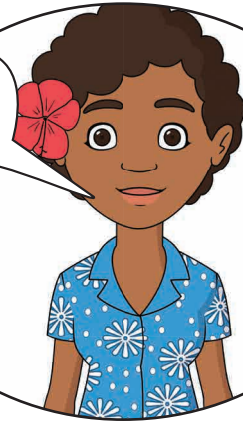
Paul and Barnabas, while disagreeing, did not stop each other's ministry work (Acts 15:36-41). Paul elsewhere showed a "no force" attitude to disputed matters when possible (see Philippians 3:15,16). In an end-time world we can't get away from polarised identities (just as the Council of Jerusalem had to deal with) to seek the overall benefit of the work (Acts 15:10,11,19-21). May we look to reflecting the identity that Jesus wants us to have rather than fighting over human concepts.

Ryan Young, *via email*

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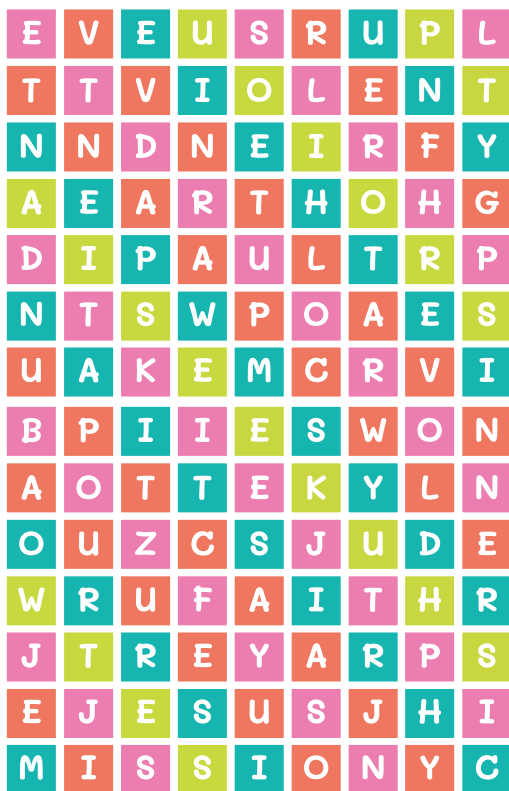
God's grace transforms us.



A FRIEND INDEED

This week's lesson is taken from 1st Timothy, chapter 1, in which Paul tells Timothy the story of God's constant grace pursuing him while he was violently persecuting the Christians. God is patient with each of us as He tries to develop a friendship with us. Just as God's patient love pursued Paul, so He pursues us today. There is nothing we can do to earn or increase God's love for us, and nothing we do will ever prevent God's patient love from seeking to save us. This amazing love is amazing grace.

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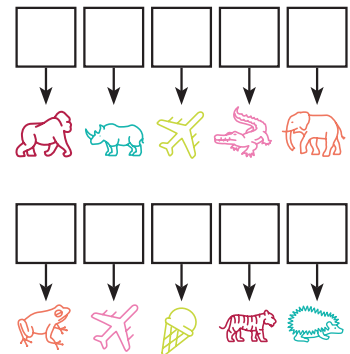


MEMORY VERSE

"The _____ of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the _____ and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14).

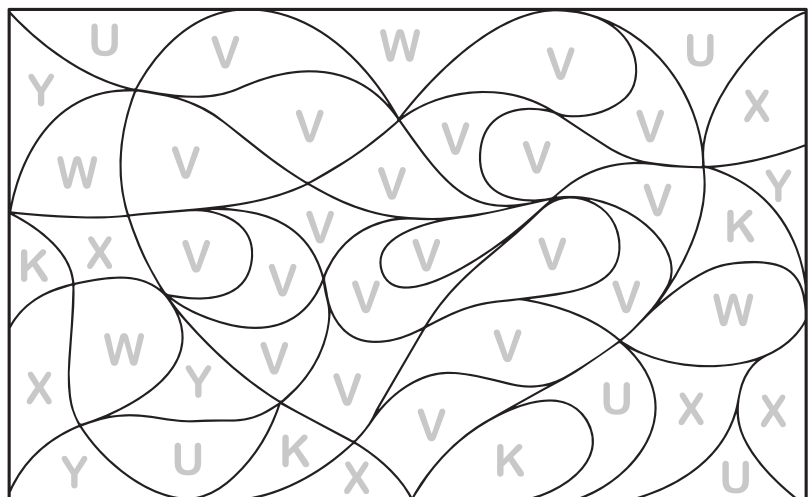
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Weddings

BERGQUIST—ALT. Peter John Bergquist, son of Carl and Mary Bergquist (Lismore, NSW), and Tania Joy Alt, daughter of Dennis and Carol Alt (Wollongbar), were married on 1.3.20 in Victoria Park, Alstonville. Peter and Tania met at Queensland Big Camp in 2018.

Cranville Tooley

GREEN—RICHARDSON. Benjamin Green, son of Richard Green and Shannon Richards-Green (Elanora, Qld), and Chloe Richardson, daughter of David and Wendy Richardson (Guyra, NSW), were married on 24.4.22 at The Bower Estate, Natural Bridge, Qld.

Nick Kross



HOW—MASON. Joseph How, son of Christopher and Patricia How (Deloraine, Tas), and Michaela Mason, daughter of Gregory (stepdad) and Cherie Mason (Kempsey, NSW), were married on 10.4.22 at Mount Groman Farm, Penguin, Tasmania. Joe and Michaela met at the Molesworth Pathfinder camporee where they were both staff and have made their home at Birralee. May God bless their union with a long happy marriage.

Dana Howard



MARIE—CRUZ. Ludovic Marie, son of Raymond and Rosemary Marie, and Charlene Cruz, daughter of Luis and Lorena Cruz, were married on 19.12.21 at Wairoonga church, NSW, followed by a dinner celebration at The Sydney Opera House. They were surrounded by family and friends and thank those who made their day special. May they have a long, happy and blessed marriage.

Jonathan Valls



MARK—JOSEPH. McLaren Mark, son of Henry Iouiou and Marie Leeman (Port Vila, Vanuatu), and Lilon Joseph, daughter of Joseph (Port Vila, Vanuatu) and Rabeka Lawha (dec), were married on 15.4.22 at the Stirling Cottage Garden in Harvey, WA. McLaren and Lilon are vegetable packers from Vanuatu. Harvey church members have embraced them which led to their recent baptism. They will make their home in Harvey.

Don Fehlberg

MAY—SIMMONS. Blake Graeme May, son of Graeme and Daniella May (Gold Coast, Qld), and Nadine Alison Simmons, daughter of Sharelle Simmons (Townsville) and Trevor Simmons (Brisbane), were married on 18.4.22 at The Acre Boomerang Farm, Mudgeeraba.

Bob Possingham, David Toogood

Obituaries



COCHRAN, Yvonne Rosemary Purves, born 30.8.1939 in Mufulira, Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), Central Africa; died 17.3.22 in Perth, WA. She attended Helderberg College in South Africa. On 31.1.1957 she married John. Yvonne is survived by her husband (Thornlie); children, Paul (Perth), Gordon (Australind) and Dale Poole (Busselton); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The family emigrated to Perth in 1981. Yvonne was re-baptised in 1991 in the Perth church after attending Pastor Geoff Youlden's evangelistic series and Pastor Don Fehlberg's prophecy seminar. Her three children and her husband were all eventually baptised as well. Though not able to attend church for some time because of health issues, Yvonne and John found great encouragement from watching 3ABN.

Don Fehlberg



DAWES, Cynthia Margaret (nee Maseyk), born 24.12.1933 in Deolali, India; died 27.9.21 in Murwillumbah, NSW. On 17.12.1953 she married Gordon,

who predeceased her in 2015. She was also predeceased by her son, Ronald in 1954. Cynthia is survived by her children, Peter and Leane, Robert and Wendy, and Deborah (all of Murwillumbah) and Bevan and Jayne (Ballandean, Qld); 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; and sister, Noreen Thomas. Cynthia was a diligent Bible student and a keen advocate of the Adventist health message. She will be remembered for her kind heart and willingness to help others. She did her utmost to share the promise of love, joy and peace she had found in Jesus.

Allan Walsh

HUNTER, Margaret Lillian (Peg) (nee Lewis), born 4.10.1930 in Fremantle, WA; died 2.9.21 in Jacaranda Lodge, Wanneroo, WA. She married Henry, who predeceased her in 2006. She was also predeceased by four babies who died at birth. Peg is survived by sons, Gary (Mandurah) and Ray (Wanneroo). She was a gentle, humble woman with a strong faith in God. She always had time to listen and give an encouraging word. She loved her garden and cooking and looked forward to

seeing her loved ones on the earth made new.

Clem Van Bollegooyen



MICHALSKI, Alice (Alicja Mirosława) (nee Zółcinski), born 8.1.1941 in Zamosc, Poland; died 27.1.22 in Homewood TLC, Hallam, Victoria. In 1960 she married Tadeusz (Ted). Alice is survived by her husband; daughters, Betty Rucinski and Yvonne Ostapowicz; and grandchildren, Amber and Julian. Alice supported her husband's pastoral mission work in Poland. In 1970 the family settled in Melbourne. Alice worked in several Melbourne hospitals as a registered nurse, then for 27 years at Langton Medical Centre, Dandenong. She was hardworking and compassionate. As a devoted and wise mother, wife and friend she was a force of nature, ambitious, indispensable and people oriented. Everything she accomplished she did with love, care and perseverance. Alice rests peacefully awaiting the call to life from the Saviour.

Yvonne Michalski, Pawel Ustupski, Jan Krysta

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MOORTON, Denise (nee Herman), born 29.2.1948 in Newcastle upon Tyne, England; died 11.12.21 in Lismore Base Hospital, NSW. On 12.8.1973 she married Gordon. Denise is survived by her husband (Alstonville, NSW); son, Timothy (Brisbane, Qld); daughter, Tonia and Daniel Dynan (Lismore, NSW); and granddaughter Emeilie. Denise taught for more than 40 years in state and church schools. She was a great worker for the Lord and with her husband enjoyed seven mission trips to Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. During her three years facing health issues, she would quip, "there is nothing wrong with me that the resurrection can't fix".

Eric Greenwell



TAIVAIRANGA, Tuakana Matangaro (nee Turia), born 29.11.1933 in Aitutaki, Cook

Islands; died 25.12.21 in Auckland, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Teina; and sons, Rueben in 1961 and John in 1983. She is survived by her children, David, Edward, Adeline, Peter, Marcella; daughters-in-law; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Tuakana faithfully supported her husband as missionaries in Samoa, Kiribati, Fiji, PNG and the Cook Islands. She served as a home science teacher and relief teacher, Dorcas, health and women's ministries leader, head deaconess and was a skilled seamstress. Tuakana impacted many lives with her radiant, friendly smile, warm hospitality, passion and dedication to God and the sharing of her faith.

Taiti Toroma, Hosea Hosea, David Taivairanga, Peter Taivairanga



WINTER, Dorothy, born 1.4.1931 in South Grafton, NSW; died 17.11.21 in Victoria Point, Qld.

She was predeceased by siblings, Pastor Cliff Winter, Pastor Stan Winter, Iris King, Irene Leeson and Ruth Taylor. Dorothy is

survived by her brother, Arthur (Brunswick Heads); and 13 nieces and nephews. Dorothy loved her Lord and His church and served Him as a deaconess for many years. She was greatly loved by her church family and all who knew her. Dorothy was laid to rest in the Mullumbimby cemetery to await the Lord's return.

Errol Wright

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