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Date line changed in Samoa

Apia, Samoa

On Thursday, December 29, at midnight, Samoa skipped forward a day to Saturday, December 31, in order to align its calendar with Australia, New Zealand and Asia. In so doing, the government eliminated an entire Friday from the weekly cycle. The change resulted in Saturday being renamed Sunday, and Sunday being renamed Monday.

In line with biblical precepts on the subject, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Samoa continues to observe the biblical Sabbath on the seventh day of the weekly cycle, irrespective of the change of name to Sunday. The naming of the days of the week after pagan gods is a relatively recent human invention after all.

The biblical record of creation refers only to: "And the evening and the first morning were the first day..." "And the evening and the morning were the second day." This formula of the recording the days of the week repeats itself until the seventh day when the Lord rested from all his labour, (see Genesis 1:8-31, Genesis 2:1-3).

In arriving at this challenging decision, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Samoa has taken every opportunity to consult its membership at

home as well as the wider Church. The decision is grounded on Scripture and guided by established Church policy.

Similar changes to the IDL have already taken place with Samoa's near neighbours, Kiribati and Tonga. Consistency has been the hallmark of the Churches position in dealing with government inspired changes in the recording of time. —Uili Solofa



Samoa's-Tokelau Mission president, Pastor Uili Solofa, with SPD president, Dr Barry Oliver.

Adventist spirit acknowledged in flood book

Toowoomba, Queensland

A book collecting stories from last January's devastating floods in the Toowoomba region (Qld) has included a tribute to those who attended the Australian Pathfinder camporee, held at the Toowoomba Showgrounds.

One of the opening stories in *Battered But Not Beaten*, published by the Toowoomba "Writers at Work" group, is the testimony of showgrounds manager Damon Phillips.

"Considering the conditions, all could have been forgiven for saying they had a terrible time: a disastrous week," he reflected. "Yet in some extraordinary way, because of what they try to achieve in the camps—tolerance and working together—they left six days later, saying it was the best ever."

The book also features the story of Adventist church members, Tim and Sonia Fittkau, whose home was destroyed by floodwaters on January 10, including an excerpt from their story as published in the March, 2011, issue of *Signs of the Times*, written by Nathan Brown. Their story included acknowledgement of the role their church played in helping their family get back on their feet in the wake of their losses. —Nathan Brown



T-shirts bring hope to destitute

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Australia's Network 10 and its subsidiary channel One HD have donated items of clothing to Adventist Volunteer Services (AVS).

AVS received a phone call from Channel 10 asking if it would be in a position to receive some new t-shirts with the One HD logo printed on them. One HD is a sports channel and the t-shirts had the wording "Sports lives here" printed on them.

In total, AVS received about 700 t-shirts, 750 bags, 400 water bottles and 700 baseball hats, all new.

AVS sent the boxes to mission fields within the South Pacific Division, including Papua New Guinea.

Dennis Perry, from Operation Food for Life, distributed some of the t-shirts with a parcel of food to the people living

on PNG's rubbish dumps. "You can never ever imagine what handing out one piece of clothing means to those who have nothing—no food, no clothing, no hygiene," Mr Perry said. "The receiver does not need to say thank you. You can see the appreciation written in their tears of joy and appreciative faces. You have to personally experience the joy of giving in areas where people are destitute and to witness people's fears turned to cheers through a simple act of kindness." —Maryanne Jakovac



An Operation Food for Life volunteer gives out a t-shirt.



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"A woman prays at Fasitotai church, Upolu, Samoa." Note: This photo was taken before the IDL change.

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My family

James Standish

In 1974, my father dealt with the grief of losing his mother by writing a family history. The process of writing was a catharsis for him at a time of deep anguish. He ded-

icated the book to his mother, had it bound and gave each of his sons a copy for Christmas.

I remember getting that volume for Christmas and being entirely unimpressed. I was an eight-year-old, after all, and the last thing I wanted for Christmas was a big fat volume of stories about long lost ancestors and boring relatives!

It's interesting how time changes our perspective. Here I am all these years later, and now I treasure that book more than any present my father gave me. It tells the stories of triumphs and tragedies that shaped my family. In so doing, it tells a critical part of my story. Now I have an eight-year-old child of my own, I can pass these stories on—though I'll resist the urge to give her a copy for Christmas, at least for now . . .

I was in the Division library recently, and came across bound volumes of RECORD from over the years. Curiosity got the best of me, and I picked up a couple of old volumes. As I leafed through the pages, it occurred to me that these volumes tell another part of my family history—my church family history. I saw familiar faces, names, places and events in those pages—some I hadn't thought of in years, others who are part of my life today. There was a report by David Blanch from the front lines of our work in Papua New Guinea where he was serving as a young man. Another article announced the opening of Camellia Court retirement centre. I stopped on a story about Ernie Steed in the thick of the temperance battle—what a force of nature he was. I came across a feature on Manna, an Adventist singing group from the '70s decked out in very groovy attire who, the article reported breathlessly, were about to record an LP. I wonder how many of those LPs still exist? I'd love to hear it—if I could locate a turntable to play it on. All these stories and many, many more, telling our church family story week by week, year by year.

One of the aspects I love about RECORD is that it continues to connect our church family and tell our stories. It announces our happiest occasions and notes our most profound losses, it provides updates and perspective on the Advent cause we care so deeply about, and maybe most importantly, it's a place we continue to share our common hope. Yes, we now have apps, a website, TV show, a social media presence and RECORD even tweets, but it hasn't lost that essential ability to connect our church family in a way that no other medium does. And it does all of this better than any other Adventist publication I've come across in my years of living in Asia, Europe and the US. RECORD today remains our family story, a family story told with skill, compassion and humour as it unfolds. This week we have a chance to support it and keep our story alive.

James Standish is communication director of the South Pacific Division.

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Pineapple project

Only one Adventist lives in Landsborough, a small town in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, Qld. Landsborough church wants to change that and recently embraced the "Pineapple Project". Thirty young people were armed with bags of locally grown pineapples to distribute to 200 of the 900 homes. The attached fridge magnets gave phone numbers to call to have a chat or ask for help. —Glen Woosley

Christmas tree fundraiser

With Chris Markey's gentle encouragement, Lismore church, NSW, raised \$A1380 for ADRA through a Christmas tree. Each week leading up to Christmas the tree became more colourful as vouchers recording donations were added. The children were inspiring, some raiding their money-boxes, others telling their parents they'd rather donate than go out for dinner. —Valerie Dunstan

Top of the class

When Danny Kim, a student at Mountain View Adventist College, Sydney, received his high school results, he received a pleasant surprise. Danny achieved four band 6 marks (the highest band) for Biology, Mathematics, IPT and Physics. He also received a band 5 for English. Danny has received a scholarship to the University of Western Sydney to study the subject of his choice. —Jenny Gibbons



Young maestro

Worshippers at Raymond Terrace Sabbath School on Christmas Sabbath were delighted by musical items presented by Isaac Fedorow, aged 3 1/2 years. Isaac sang "Away in a Manger" as an a capella solo and also played his cello with the musical ensemble. —Mary Fedorow

First graduating class

Noosa Christian College on the Sunshine Coast (Qld) has celebrated the graduation of its first Year 12 class. Two students from non-Adventist backgrounds have been baptised and several plan to attend Avondale College. Principal Ross Reid established the school in 2003 and it has grown into a P-12 educational facility with modern buildings, a new resource centre and a one-to-one laptop program. —Neroli Dobson

Banking on ADRA

Westpac bank employees at the Logan Central branch, Qld, wore green ADRA shirts every Friday in November. Logan Central ADRA Community Centre manager Pam Wood found out about the initiative after noticing the bank staff wearing the shirts of a local business. The bank supports local businesses by wearing their uniforms each Friday for a month. ADRA was also able to put up posters and screen a DVD. ADRA Australia CEO Jonathan Duffy visited the branch and thanked staff. —Focus



Schools in need

More than 800 non-Adventist families of students attending Adventist schools in New Zealand will no longer receive Signs magazines in 2012. Last year, generous donations ensured these families received a free one-year subscription. The start of a new year means new sponsored subscriptions are needed to continue this project. <www.signsofthetimes.org.au/donations>. —Melody Tan

Healthy fair

Wahroonga church (NSW) held a "free health check" stall at the annual Wahroonga Village Fair. Community outreach coordinator Fernand Lombart said they received a positive response—47 people filled in a health questionnaire, expressing interest in areas like vegetarian cooking. "I am very excited we had this opportunity to interact with the public," Mr Lombart said. "It was great to be part of a team that were so eager to share the love of Jesus in a practical way." —Tracey Bridcutt

It is written

Church members wishing to donate to It Is Written Oceania can now do so through the offering system at their local church. Simply by using the tithe envelope, church members can mark that they'd like their gift to go to It Is Written Oceania and it will now be directed through to this soul-winning ministry. —Candice Jaques



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Multiplying hub

North Harbour (Auckland) Adventist Church now has seven very active “growth groups”, involving 60-70 participants. They’ve met together to learn more about multiplying small church plants—for as they share their faith in Jesus Christ with friends, those friends will best connect through their small groups. —*NewChurchLife*



. . . into all the world . . .

Adventists in Western Australia are establishing missional groups in unique places. At Curtin University, two women meet with workmates for a weekly book club and explore Jesus. An outdoor “bush church” has spawned a network of similar groups around Margaret River. And a 91-year-old woman has started a group in her nursing home. —*NewsWest*



Youth reaching youth

An innovative youth evangelistic program organised by Toronto (NSW) church saw attendance growing through the series and young people from churches and the community responding to the message of salvation. The “Project Grace” events were organised by church youth and Avondale ministry students and included relationship-building games, music and drama. —*NorthPoint*



Learning to give

In an effort to teach the children of Wauchope (NSW) Junior Sabbath School class about missions and serving, Jasna Milenkov, their teacher, challenged the children to do something for someone else. Twenty months of fundraising saw the children learn a valuable lesson in giving and \$A500 to assist a Kenyan orphanage. —*NorthPoint*



Holistic combo

Christchurch’s Garden City Fellowship combined elements of Leo Schreven’s “All Power” seminars, the CHIP health program and the “Depression Recovery Program” into a one-day seminar attended by 60 visitors. The “tag team” of presenters—Pastor Ben Rea, Marie Timmins and Katie Snyder—continued with prophecy seminars that attracted 20 participants. —*Southern Connexions*



Hearts in tune

Numbers for the Karalundi (WA) outback camp have declined over the years, prompting leaders to do a rethink and organise the camp as a country gospel music festival. The event was well supported by locals as music has a way of opening the hearts of young and old alike. —*NewsWest*

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600 women unite to worship

Apia, Samoa

Close to 600 Samoan women from Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, USA and Samoa united in prayer and song to worship God in their own language at the Samoan Seventh-day Adventist Women's Congress in Apia, Samoa.

The Women's Ministry Department of the Samoas-Tokelau Mission hosted the congress in response to many requests for an opportunity to renew and strengthen bonds of sisterhood as women of Samoa, and to reach out to "Touch a Heart and Tell the World".

Seminars and workshops offered insight into the involvement of women in community-based programs.

The theme of the congress was "Hold fast to the Master's hands".

Dynamic speakers included a former attorney general, the CEO of a government financial authority and a Catholic nun who shared her experiences serving God in many countries of the world.

Further inspiration came from the Samoa Victim Support Group and some of the child victims, who touched hearts with their music and performance. At the end of their program, all the pastors' wives were invited to the stage to hug and pray for a child, and sing "Does Jesus Care?".

Other workshops and seminars offered activities in vegetarian cooking, healthy nutrition, handicrafts, music and home worship.

Samoa Red Cross trainers demonstrated valuable, basic life-saving procedures, and the Men Against Violence

Organization sent out a strong message to join the move to stop domestic violence.

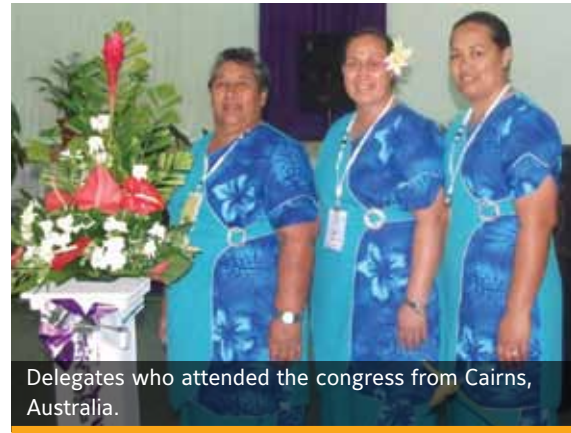
Most of the presenters were from Samoa.

Elei Faraimo, from New Zealand, presented a spiritual seminar for the women—to bring their family and keep them in the Master's hands.

Misa Emma Kesha, who was recently awarded the Queen's Medal for her contribution to developing communities in New Zealand, took workshops in handicrafts to a higher level with her skills and expertise.

To reduce costs, catering and accommodation were designed according to local dining and sleeping practices. Fees were kept to a minimum to allow participation of women from Samoa and overseas.

Keeping the motto "Hold fast to the Master's hands" in their hearts, the congress ended on a high note of hope and joy, and the women of Samoa were further strengthened to face the challenges of life."—Julia Wallwork



Delegates who attended the congress from Cairns, Australia.

Church conducts Safe Place training

Bonnells Bay, New South Wales

In a first for the Australian Union Conference (AUC) and North New South Wales (NNSW) Conference, Lakeside church took part in the newly released Adventist version of the Safe Church Training program.

More than 25 people attended the Friday night meeting, with more than 40 on the Sabbath afternoon.

The training program is based around the Safe Church Training Manual, which draws on material from the National Council of Churches in Australia's Safe Churches Project. It covers a variety of safety procedures—from child protection to incident reporting, and duty of care to occupational health and safety—that aim to enable holistic and safe church ministry. Training is underpinned by the concept of God's care for the vulnerable and the challenge of ministry and church life being to recognise when people are vulnerable, and providing care and support for them.

Around 40 Christian denominations and church groups are part of the project around Australia.

Pastor Peter Cousins, director of Family Ministries for the conference, and Pastor Daron Pratt, director of Children's Ministries, are the two trained presenters of the program in NNSW Conference. They both ran the Friday night program.

Lakeside pastor Clive Nash said, "Earlier in the year, elder Nerolie Gate inspired me and the other elders to do more about safe church awareness. Now we have made a good start. We have hosted the first Australian Seventh-day Adventist training session with the new manual and I am sure that other churches will soon follow."

Bob Dale, former general secretary of the NNSW Conference, was instrumental in the creation of a training manual for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The importance of an Adventist-specific manual was highlighted to him when he attended a course sponsored by the Anglican Church, and he realised how essential the program was for church leaders and members who are responsible for children and organising programs and events.—Adele Nash/SPS



Pastors Nash and Pratt with the new manual.

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Women flourish through prayer

Bindoon, Western Australia

A recent women's retreat in Western Australia has seen more than 100 women "flourish" through the power of prayer.

Guest speaker Michelle Noerianto, accompanied by her mother, Daphne Misbrener, joined women from all over Western Australia at Orchid Glory Farm Resort in Bindoon with expectant hearts to hear from God and see the Holy Spirit touch lives.

"My recent trip to WA, speaking and running workshops on prayer, was one of the most incredible experiences I have ever encountered," Mrs Noerianto said. "It was such a blessing to meet and pray with such a passionate group of women excited and hungry to learn more about how to pray for others. We saw miracles and many answered prayers."

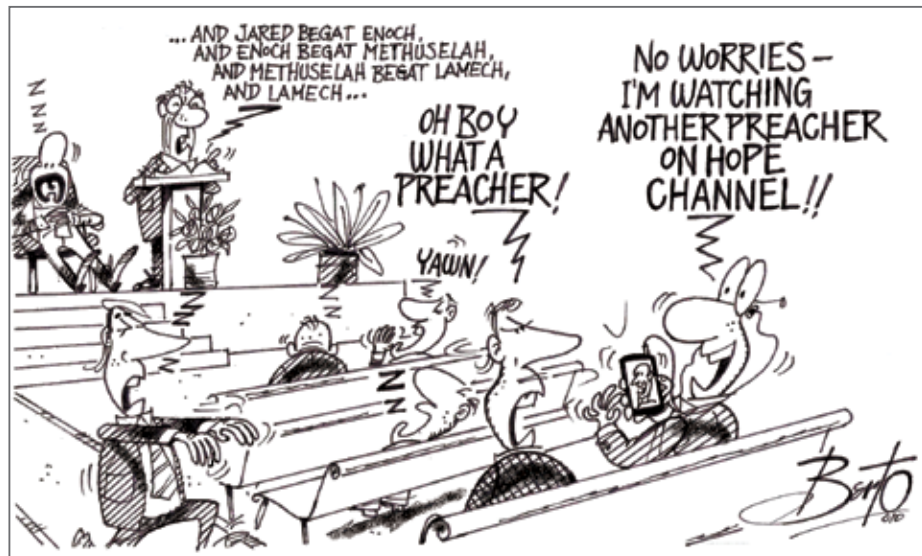
Bella Sutton, one of the youngest attendees, said, "I feel that I am getting stronger and growing as a Christian. It was my first time attending and I'm glad I did because I met the most amazing people and their stories have inspired me." Caroline Mitchell said, "The Spiritual Warfare workshop stood out for me. It was thought-provoking and inspirational. I learned you need to be strong in prayer and to have your armour on to protect you from the devil and the evil he throws at you. Some tough topics were discussed."

A two-day training program took place at Camp Logue Brook straight after the women's retreat. With 20 "God-picked people" attending, Mrs Noerianto ran an intense Pathways session and also trained attendees to oversee a session in future. Many tears were shed in joy, freedom and in pain as God set people free in powerful ways.

"Pathways is a simple, methodical approach used to assist you to pray through different areas in your life and your ancestral line (Exodus 20:5). Some of these areas include forgiveness, soul ties and activities and practices," Mrs Noerianto said. —Tina Ma'a



More than 100 women attended.



The year Hope went to the world

by Jared Madden

Over the festive season I attended a reunion and was talking to a friend who I had not seen for a year. We spent the time filling each other in on what we had been doing and our experiences since our last conversation. It is a typical topic that happens at these gatherings and as I looked around there were huddles of people "catching-up".

Quickly the topic turned to work and he asked me what HopeChannel had done in the past year. I started listing off the achievements of 2011 and as the list got longer and longer I realised that the past year heralded a major accomplishment for the Adventist Church, for 2011 was the year that "Hope went to the world". Here are some of the most significant highlights from 2011:

In February, HopeChannel launched its North Africa and Middle East channel 'Al Waad', which broadcasts in Arabic to this highly sensitive region. The media centre, which is in Beirut, Lebanon, has received thousands of emails and requests for Bibles and Bible studies, and many people have since accepted the Gospel and Jesus. You can visit <www.al-waad.tv/en> to see samples of the programs.

In May, HopeChannel launched into India where the local production team has already produced more than 1000 programs in local languages. The broadcast has been picked up by many of the cable TV providers across the country.

In July, HopeChannel launched into China which has a population of over 1 billion. Chinese speaking expatriates around the world and a local Chinese production team have been preparing local language programs ready for the launch and have currently produced over 2500 original programs. The response has been amazing and has been coming in from across the country.

Also in July, HopeChannel opened its studios in Indonesia and has obtained a national broadcast licence in the world's largest Muslim country. With programs in local languages and respecting the local culture, the TV programs have been highly popular. One program, *A talk show for families*, was rated as one of the most popular shows by audiences.

These four new HopeChannels represent a huge initiative to penetrate this vast region known as the 10/40 window where there are few Christians and very few Adventists. Television media in local languages and

cultures is one of the most effective ways to share the Gospel with the billions of people living in these countries. Additionally, HopeChannel extended its ability to reach the population:

- ▶ HopeChannel now broadcasts online in over 15 languages.
- ▶ Anyone in the world with a smart phone can watch HopeChannel live.
- ▶ HopeChannel Radio is bringing people into churches in Australia and New Zealand
- ▶ Solomon Islands switched on HopeChannel TV free-to-air broadcasting
- ▶ Regionally HopeChannel created nearly 200 new original programs
- ▶ Many Pacific Islands are broadcasting free-to-air HopeChannel TV and Radio

It's been said that "no matter where you go in the world you can find Coke and Adventists". Well, since 2011, that saying can change to "Coke, Adventists and HopeChannel".

HopeChannel is a unique media ministry amongst all the Christian faiths: there is no other channel that reaches so many people across the globe with programs in their own language and culture.

HopeChannel international president Brad Thorpe, recently confided in me that to date more than two million people have been baptised through HopeChannel broadcasts and associated world wide HopeChannel NET events, and we pray. that this is only the beginning of the ministry of sharing the Gospel to the world.

Obviously the work and ministry of HopeChannel is not the work of one or two people. It is not even the work of a small group of leaders.

These blessings come because our church members support the ministry through donations and prayer, enabling the HopeChannel team to use the talents God has entrusted to us to further this ministry. Ministry for Jesus is not an obligation or a right, it is a privilege. And ministry with HopeChannel is a great privilege for all of us.

2011 was an amazing year, a year that hope went to the world, but this is just the start, for in 2012 HopeChannel will redefine Adventist broadcasting and launch a new era of Christian TV.

Jared Madden is HopeChannel director in the South Pacific Division.



Government changes calendar: Adventists respond

by Dr Barry Oliver

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF IT WAS LEGISLATED that this coming Friday was going to be named Saturday and this coming Saturday was going to be named Sunday? Which day would you honour as the Sabbath of the Lord?

Almost everyone reading these words will be saying to themselves that this is a hypothetical question which they will never have to worry about in reality. But for some, the question is not hypothetical at all. The situation I have just described is exactly what has just occurred in Samoa. At the end of 2011, Friday, December 30, was legislated out of existence. The sixth day of that week was called "Saturday" and the seventh day was called "Sunday". And so it continues.


The observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Lord is of vital importance for Seventh-day Adventists. We do not worship on the Sabbath because it is called "Saturday". We worship on the Sabbath because it is the "seventh day". It is holy time set aside and sanctified by God from the time of creation. The first of the three angels' messages affirms that its sacredness is to be heralded by the people of God at the very end of time. We have always been very particular about Sabbath worship. We have insisted that loyalty to God involves loyalty to His command to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". And we have consistently said that we follow the Lord when He determined that "the seventh day is the Sabbath" (Exodus 20:8-11).

In anticipation of the change in the names of the days in the weekly cycle, the executive committee and administration of the Samoas-Tokelau Mission spent a considerable amount of time planning for its consequences. They considered the importance of the biblical Sabbath for Seventh-day Adventists and that it is essential that the seventh day Sabbath be preserved. They studied the historical, geographical and political data with respect to the determination of the International Date Line, the impact of the change on our Church in Samoa and of the choice which had to be made. They consulted widely with the church membership in Samoa and sought counsel from the Trans-

Pacific Union and the South Pacific Division.

Because our Church has consistently held that human agencies do not have the prerogative to arbitrarily change the Sabbath, and because the seventh-day in Samoa is now called Sunday, our Church is worshipping on a day which is no longer called "Saturday". It is called "Sunday". Of course, this is cause for pause. And we must admit that there is a level of discomfort because of the name of the day. But nowhere does Scripture use the names of the week that are used today to determine the Sabbath. Sabbath rest is not in Scripture attached to "Saturday". It is always observed on the "seventh day".

The issue has been carefully studied by the Biblical Research Committee of the South Pacific Division. Over a five year period the issue was researched comprehensively, especially in relation to the situation in Tonga where a similar practice has been followed for many years after that nation also skipped a day of the week in order to align its calendar with New Zealand, Australia and Asia. More recently, the same predicament has been recognised in Wallis and Futuna, and parts of Kiribati. The Biblical Research Committee of the Division and the General Conference have endorsed the practice of our Church in these island nations that find themselves in a unique situation with respect to the date line. The executive committee of the South Pacific has adopted a position statement in support of those who are facing this difficult decision. The statement, together with extensive study resources on the subject, may be accessed at <http://adventist.org.au/samoa-dateline-change-2011>.

We understand that it may take a little time for our church members to adjust to this situation. The Church must show grace toward those who may see the situation differently. But while there may be some ambiguity in the mind of some as they consider issues around the location of the International Date Line, it is hoped that unity in thought and practice will emerge fully in our Church in Samoa. God has a great work for us to do in Samoa and we will accomplish that as we move forward together. 

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division.



Stages of change

Making changes to our behaviour and breaking long-term habits can be both very rewarding and challenging. Changing behaviour for the long-term does not happen overnight. It takes small steps and perseverance.

There are a few models used to describe changes in behaviour. One of the most common is known as the Stages of Change Model. This model evolved from work helping people give up smoking and has recently been applied to other health behaviours including weight-loss and increasing physical activity.

Understanding what stage you are at can help you in your goals.

There are six stages of change:

1. **Pre-contemplation**—this is the stage where there is no intention to change a behaviour, often because you may not even be aware that there is a problem that needs to be addressed.
2. **Contemplation**—in this stage you have become aware that there is a problem and are starting to think that you may need to make a behavioural change to overcome it. There is no commitment to take action at this stage. Many remain stuck in this stage as they are unsure of what steps they can take to address the problem.
3. **Preparation**—the decision has been made to make changes to a behaviour and plans on how to achieve this are considered.
4. **Action**—the plans for change are put into action.
5. **Maintenance**—there has been a behaviour change, however effort is now required to stick with the new

changes in order to prevent relapsing to the old behaviour.

6. **Termination**—the final stage. You have changed a behaviour and no longer have to work to prevent relapse. The new behaviour is now a natural behaviour.

Ways to help you move through the stages of change:

1. **Pre-contemplation**—listen to family, friends and medical professionals. Often they can see what you cannot see (or don't want to see) and will make comments suggesting you make changes.
2. **Contemplation**—make a list of the pros and cons of making a change. Identify perceived barriers to making the change and think of ways to overcome these. Involve others: they will be able to see things in a different light than you and may have some great ideas to overcome barriers. Seek information: there is always someone else who has already been through it and you can learn from them.
3. **Preparation**—make plans for how to change the behaviour. Don't be tempted to rush into it; you need to approach behaviour change in small steps.
4. **Action**—congratulate yourself on starting on the road to change
5. **Maintenance**—go back to your list of pros and cons to remind yourself why you are making these changes. You have done most of the work so keep persevering.
6. **Termination**—congratulations! You have achieved your goal and made a positive change in your life. You now have the tools and strength to begin another behaviour change.

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- 2 cups frozen berries
- 2 medium bananas

1. Place all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth.
2. Pour into ice-block moulds and freeze until set.
3. Enjoy. Makes 10.

Preparation time: 5 minutes.

Tip: Blueberries, strawberries or raspberries are great in this recipe.

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 302kJ (72 cal); Protein 3.5g; Fat 1.1g; Carbohydrate 12.2g; Sodium 13mg; Potassium 274mg; Calcium 111mg; Iron 0.7mg; Fibre 1.6g.



OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

Evolution and a six-day creation: Does it really matter? Part 1

Many Christians, including some Adventists, believe God brought life and man into existence through evolutionary processes over long ages. Does the Bible, which instructs us believe we are to live by, support such theories? And what are the implications of such evolutionary belief to Christian faith? **Read** Matthew 4:4 and 2 Timothy 3:16

Creation and the Sabbath

The Bible unequivocally declares in the fourth commandment that God made the world in six literal days, with each day being made of an evening and a morning. The Sabbath is thus the great bulwark of a literal six-day creation. Enshrined in the law, written by God Himself, it makes belief in a literal six-day creation a moral issue. **Read** Exodus 20:8–11; Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31; 2:1–3; Exodus 31:18

Christ and a six-day creation

Repeatedly the New Testament declares the Creator of the world was Jesus Christ. In stating that the Sabbath was “made for man”, and that He was “Lord of the seventh-day Sabbath”, Jesus both declared His belief in a six-day creation and that He was Jehovah (LORD) and therefore the Creator mentioned in the fourth commandment. Paul also taught a literal six-day creation. **Read** John 1:1–3, 14; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:15–17, 19; Hebrews 1:1–3, 8; 4:4; Mark 2:27, 28

Consequences

The theory that God used evolutionary processes to bring life into existence has serious consequences for Christian faith and practice: it undermines the trustworthiness and authority of the Bible; the moral law of God; the Sabbath; and the divinity and authority of Christ Himself. If the Bible cannot be trusted in Genesis 1 and 2, it cannot be trusted anywhere. But Jesus said, “God’s word is truth” and “God cannot lie.” Satan’s deceptions have one goal—our eternal destruction! This issue is all about faith. Will we take God at His word, or will we put our trust in man’s theories? Ask God today to help you to trust Him and His word.

Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism for the South Pacific Division.



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Q: My 18-year-old daughter developed a fever, sore throat, and swollen glands under the jaw, armpits and groin. She took antibiotics and her skin turned a fiery red.

A: This may be glandular fever. A blood test gives a quick answer—it will show positive antibodies to the Epstein Barr virus. Lots of water, paracetamol for fever and pain, and going quietly for a while are essential. There’s no specific therapy, and Amoxil, a widely used antibiotic, can turn the skin red. Most recover, but it takes anywhere from two to 10 weeks to regain normal vitality. Frequent fatigue is common for many months.

Health information? Go to <docwright.com.au>. Enter symptoms and click for immediate information. See your doctor for serious or persistent symptoms.

WHY I BECAME ADVENTIST

My whole world fell apart four years ago. I left Chile depressed and bewildered. My marriage was over and I left my house/farm to my estranged wife and teenage son.

Why I chose Karratha, WA, I’ll never know, but I heard there was work there. I had exactly 50 cents in my pocket when I landed at Karratha Airport. Fortunately I got a job driving a bus. I was able to find a room and settle in but months of driving, eating and sleeping began to annoy me. I thought there must be more than this to life.



One Saturday I was walking towards town and noticed a church service going on in Galbraith Road. I stood in the car park and tried to summon up the courage to enter the hall but, defeated, I turned away. This scene repeated itself for the next six Saturdays until I finally gave in to an overwhelming urge to just do it.

I combed my hair, straightened up and walked briskly in the main door, with a prayer on my lips. The warm, friendly welcome I received that day spoke powerfully to me. I felt I had left hell and entered heaven. The church members cared for me so much, and I knew I was accepted as family. I had many tears in my room at night but they were turned into an internal joy.

Slowly and surely I began to study and pray. I had a mountain of doubts. But the church people had opened my mind to the beauty of the Advent message. I thank God so much for the love and watch He has had over me.

My faith has enabled me to deal with the loss of my mother-in-law in the recent Chile earthquake. My ex-wife and son were spared in that vil-lage. Then my beloved mother died early this year. I was bowed down, but not forsaken, because I was able to tell my mother about Jesus and the Advent message in person shortly before she died. She thanked me for loving her so much more than all her other children. My baptism is special to me, as are my church family and my pastor. I now have a faith that is helping to heal the heartache of my life. —David Ford/NewsWest



Salt in the soup

by Ann Henley

SOMETIMES YOU BECOME AWARE THAT YOU ARE part of something much larger than yourself. It's a good experience: humbling, freeing. Living for a year in the beautiful city of Hiroshima was one of those experiences.

The Peace Park in Hiroshima is a sacred site—at least it is for me and some other people too. We were placing several-hundred paper cranes in the Children's Peace Monument when a stranger approached me, and said, "My name is Fabio. Did you make the paper cranes?" We told him that a young relative who had visited several months before had gone home to Australia and told his classmates about his family's visit to Hiroshima. They had decided to make the cranes as a statement of their desire for a peaceful world. "I am from Italy," he told us. "This is a very emotional place for me. Everyone in the world should come here at least once." He asked us to take a photograph of himself and his girlfriend and to email it to him.


We remembered the first time we had visited the Peace Park eight years earlier. There were scores of school groups visiting the park. Almost all were Japanese high school students. One young man, about 15 years old, left his group to come and speak to us. "Do you believe in peace?" he asked.

This year we were in Hiroshima as volunteer teachers in the Church's English language school. Living in the city that had been devastated by the atomic bomb was an inspiring experience. A few weeks after we arrived the Church celebrated its 100th anniversary. One of the

We were there, along with a couple of hundred thousand other people. Being part of something bigger than one's self was a good experience.

features of the book that was published to mark the event was a collection of stories of bomb survivors. We helped to edit the book, so read the stories carefully. It was hard to sleep at night after reading those stories. Meeting some of the Hibakusha (A-bomb survivors whose experience led them to decide that "This must never happen to anyone again") was delightful. I had two of these people in one of my adult classes. They were beautiful, warm, generous, kind-hearted people.

Each year the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony is held on August 6 at the Peace Park to mark the day the city was bombed, and to reaffirm the commitment to working for peace that emerged in the days afterward. We were there, along with a couple of hundred thousand other people.

Being a part of something bigger than one's self was a good experience. We contributed to the mission of the Church and the school. But we were aware that it was their mission. We conducted classes for people from ages 3 to 83. There were Bible studies, and sermons and seminars, even an afternoon tea event at which Anzac biscuits and cucumber sandwiches were on the menu. But the work of the Church and the good people of Hiroshima will go on after we have left. We can, however, contribute. We can be "salt" because there is something bigger of which we are all a part: the mission of our God, the God of peace, who has reconciled all things to Himself and has committed to us a ministry of reconciliation and peacemaking. 

Ann Henley and her husband Roger spent 12 months volunteering at the Japan English Language School.

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OPINION*

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Dare to reach out

It never ceases to amaze me the wealth of resources and knowledge we have been gifted with as a Church. We have insights into things like prophecy, health and the Sabbath. We operate a prominent health food company, hospitals, educational facilities and television networks, just to name a few.

But I can't help but notice something that deeply saddens me. It's not that there is anything wrong with all of the resources we have been blessed with, and we are great at using them to reach people with a basic belief in God. But more and more I am aware that we don't seem to have as much success reaching the millions who don't know Jesus at all. Maybe it's because we don't know how.

I must admit, a person usually needs a crisis of sorts to feel a need to seek the face of Jesus, and that sometimes our part in the situation is to sow rather than reap. But are we reaching out to people in an "Adventist style" that we prefer, rather than the authentic connection that they need in order to relate?

I see very limited outreach that has the sole purpose and deliberate intention of addressing the felt needs of the unchurched, by caring for them in a style that is relevant, meaningful and relatable to them.

There are times when we can come across looking so polished and brassy that it freaks that group out. They often can't relate, they don't feel good enough and they feel like they don't fit. I know firsthand the truth in that because that used to be me. I have heard it from people time and time again when travelling in ministry, even from some inside the Church who are struggling with various issues or addictions, who are too ashamed, or too frightened, to talk about them.

It's awesome that we spend much of our time telling people about the second coming, but what about those who don't even know who Jesus is and the hope that He has? What about those whose only experience of Jesus has been through Christian hypocrites, the Bible bashers, the extremists and nutcases? What then? Isn't the whole purpose of our personal testimony to share the power of Jesus to change lives and bring hope.

What if we dared to reach out to them in a style like Jesus? To go to them in a personal way, on their turf? No masks, no brass, just being ourselves. To get real . . . literally being "all things to all men"? What if we were to walk into their realm, accept them where they are at, and love them so much that they are naturally drawn to Jesus? After all, that's what Jesus did.

* Views represented in Opinion are not necessarily those of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Viewing inappropriate content

5%

Inappropriate relationships

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Woman of faith and excellence

by Joy Butler

BARBARA COMES FROM BEHIND YARAHAPINNI Mountain in North NSW, Australia. She is a leader in her community and supervisor in her council office. She is a woman of courage and an intrepid traveller with a big heart for the hurting women of the world.

It takes a brave woman to venture out into an unknown part of the world, and walk through mud and long grass in an area where few outsiders ever go. Barbara did this recently when she went to the highlands of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to spend time with people she hardly knew, yet cared about.

She flew on a mission plane, waited for hours besides airstrips, and was driven across slippery and scary roads to meet with the women of a remote mountain village. She slept on hard wooden beds in small primitive houses, bathed in cold mountain rivers and ate the local foods. She taught some basic sewing and cooking skills where there is no electricity and encouraged the women in their faith. Barbara trekked through mud tracks and pushed through tall kunai grass scratching her legs to get to the Sepik River. She wants to help have a bridge constructed to replace the flimsy river raft.

She was surprised and impressed when two women from remote parts of PNG told her separately that they had seen her in a dream coming behind the new pastor to speak to them. One had the dream many years before and one did not believe she would come and stay with them in their homes. Barbara says, "I have the assurance that God wanted me there and had my life planned long before I even knew it. I am grateful and humbled."

Now she is in Africa and again in places that rarely a visitor will go to. Barbara recently visited the women of Dagoretti, a satellite suburb out of Nairobi in Kenya. Here

she met with the local pastors who had recently conducted an evangelistic campaign and seen 20 women give their hearts to Jesus. These women sell locally brewed beer to men who often use and abuse them. They work from a row of miserable tin huts. They don't know what else they can do. They are poverty stricken and have children and extended families to care for and this is their only livelihood.

Barbara immediately got to work, obtained finance and has already set up one of the women, Florence, with funds to purchase hair cutting and styling equipment and has put her son back into school. Florence and her boy are delighted and so grateful for a better life. A new project has begun—The Dagoretti Women's No-Beer Project—and will be expanded to help the other women.

Now Barbara has gone off to work in orphanages in Kenya and Zimbabwe before she returns home. To get to the first one was a frightening experience that involved travelling on a matatu (local bus) which took hours to locate, then longer to fill it up with passengers, before taking off. The orphanages are poor and have scores of desperately lonely and sick orphans, many physically and mentally disabled. Good management and protocols are needed and Barbara is doing her part to help. She is preparing job descriptions and procedures that will make a difference to how the orphanages are run. She is spending quality time with children who know no mother.

Her heart is already given over to the people of PNG and Africa and who knows where God will ultimately lead her. She is prepared and willing to go where He calls. The world needs more women like Barbara—women of hope, courage and faith.

Joy Butler is administrative assistant and fundraiser for the Adventist health system in East Central Africa.



Service changed my life

By Rochelle Melville

MOST OF US CHRISTIANS WANT TO SERVE God. We acknowledge that the Bible teaches that serving others is an important part of our being a Christian but when it comes to the crunch, sometimes we want to serve in an advisory position from the comfort of our armchair. Some of us Christians click the "serving others 'like'" button and then proceed on our self-centred day; unchanged, unchallenged and unfulfilled. If we are not spending our lives looking for opportunities to serve others then I suggest our Christianity is off mission.

Though Jesus speaks surprisingly little on the topic of serving others, a powerful and confronting insight on how He views serving is found in Matthew 25:31, 34-36. (Read the following text with your name inserted in the blanks).

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, _____ who is blessed by my Father;

take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and _____ gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and _____ gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and _____ invited me in, I needed clothes and _____ clothed me, I was sick and _____ looked after me, I was in prison and _____ came to visit me'."

Jesus intentionally modelled unrelenting service to others when His sandals walked the dusty paths of planet Earth. Since Jesus the Christ-man spent His life orientated around serving others, maybe we need to get serious about serving. And just let me pause and say that I am not talking about saying 'yes' to everything the nominating committee asks you to do.¹ Let's redefine serving: 'Spirit-led assistance to do whatever God directs us to'.

Serving changes lives. When you served me, you changed my life. The years we volunteered and studied full-time were difficult years. Each and every time you

served us, it was a direct hug from God. I vividly remember standing at the fuel station—our fuel tanks were empty and so was our bank account and wallet. My husband was checking the exact bank balance on the internet as I stood with the fuel pump nozzle in hand, so I would know whether to put in \$10 or \$20. As I stood at the fuel pump, it was faith changing to discover an anonymous deposit of \$270 that would buy us food and fuel for the entire week. I remember, too, when our fridge died and six of us began living out of an esky and tiny bar fridge. Within 24 hours friends, who heard of our dilemma, had a brand new fridge delivered (thanks Matt and Carly and friends). When we had to move out of our house because we simply could not pay the rent, friends opened their home to the five of us and embraced us with kindness that allowed us dignity during the toughest financial situation we have had to face (thanks Lea-Anne and Col).

Serving someone in little ways isn't little to someone who is struggling: the home-cooked meal delivered the day we moved house (thanks Gladys) was a banquet. The stranger who pushed your grocery trolley for you the day your little one started vomiting in the shopping centre, is an angel of mercy. The kind words encouraging you as a parent after you have disciplined your child in public, reconstitutes a weary soul. Waking up in the middle of the night and praying for someone unleashes heaven. Washing your neighbour's car the day before the funeral, may be more meaningful than words. Being served when your faith is trembling is powerfully faith-confirming and is one of the most powerful witnesses any individual can have.

Every time our family has had needs, whether it was money, support or a physical need, and we asked God, God sent people. Did you get that? He didn't send an angel or materialise cash out of thin air, though I know in His infinite power He is able to do that. God chose instead, every time, to send people our way.

Heaven [is] Mission Central. God is not sitting back while the centuries tick by, merely listening to angel choirs. Instead He is focused on dispatching miracle-missions on Earth. Sometimes He sends angels. But for face-to-face work in the physical realm, God looks for people who will say yes.²

I believe God sends people because people need an opportunity to grow, nurture, get uncomfortable, stay humble, stop hiding behind theology and study of the scriptures, and put the Word of God into practice. People who serve aren't richer, more educated, less busy or holier than you or me. They don't have less hang-ups, perfect families or more talents than us. What they did was grasp the fact that love is a verb best expressed by serving and they gave up their daily busyness to do the Lord's business.

For me, being a direct answer to someone's prayer for help has been astonishingly powerful. I get filled with awe that the God of the Universe took time to listen to a prayer and then whisper to me an idea so I can be part of a su-

pernatural, life-changing event. I have sat in church several times now and heard a powerful testimony of answered prayer and become awestruck that my seemingly small, anonymous (sometimes reluctant) act of service was part of a giant miracle God performed; redefining faith, healing hurt or financially restablising a family. Serving others grows my faith.

In the iWorld we live in, when the Holy Spirit impresses us with an idea to serve someone, we have an opportunity to move from iFocus to other focus, from iWorld to a world beyond, from iTake to iServe.

What impact would we have if whole churches began focusing on the needs of their local community and getting off their pews and serving there instead of focusing on how they can draw people into their church building? Scott Wilkins puts it this way:

While not all churches are called to be large, we are all called to be growing. We are all called to have a dynamic relationship with our surrounding community . . . Sadly few churches are doing anything to impact those outside the walls of the church. What a tragedy—especially when you consider the vast number of unchurched people who respond favourably to random acts of kindness and hospitality. One of the easiest and most rewarding outreach efforts the church can perform is community acts of hospitality.³

Unexpected acts of serving kindness usually have the receivers asking why we are doing such an unselfish act. What a great opportunity to say, "I am a Christian and I am doing this because the God I serve is full of love and kindness and I want to be like Him". Serving others is a tangible way for people who have never stepped foot in a church building to encounter the hands and heart of Jesus.

Serving others changes lives and not just the people you serve. Patch Adams writes in his book *Gesundheit!* "Service is one of the greatest medicines ever discovered. It is the great fatigue killer, the destroyer of depression and boredom, the way to end immobility caused by fear."⁴

Serving also makes God real because when we approach a service opportunity with an open heart, the Spirit never fails to show up. I stand convinced that every Spirit-led act of service moves God's kingdom forwards whether we hear later of a spectacular story or not. Service is at the heart of being a Christ follower and even though I give time, money or physical exertion, I always receive the greater blessing. Serving others is a great way to recalibrate your heart back to Christ. Serving changed my life. R

1. Christians are called to use their gifts, strengths and passions to serve within the church body, but that serving is not the focus of this article (see 1 Peter 2:9, Galatians 5:13-17).

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Rochelle Melville is a homeschooling mum-of-three who lives in Brisbane, Queensland.

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Reaching the people of the cities

The world's cities present a formidable challenge for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than half of the world's population live in cities. Approximately 200,000 people move from rural communities to urban communities every day. This adds up to 70 million per year. By 2050, almost 70 per cent of the world's estimated 10 billion people will live in a large city.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a relatively small presence in most of the world's major cities. Our impact in the world's great population centres is far less than it should be. Yet speaking well over a century ago, Ellen White said that the work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed. (*Medical Ministry*, p304)

The urban centres in the South Pacific Division may not be of the same scale as those in other countries of the world. However, immense challenges confront us. We cannot rest satisfied until everyone has heard the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ and had an opportunity to respond. And so, working together with the General Conference and every country around the world, we are planning in 2013 and 2014 to embark on a plan for comprehensive urban outreach. Every strategy, program and resource we have can be utilised to reach the major cities of our Division. There is a lot of planning to do and it will be a lot of work. Right now, please start praying for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. I believe everyone can be involved in this in some way.

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division.

Glendon Harris wanted to share his faith but felt uncomfortable speaking about it, so he turned to filmmaking.

With the help of other young adults at the Alstonville church, Glendon began producing mostly humorous videos for a Northern Rivers, New South Wales-based teen and youth ministry called Zone. "This ignited a spark inside me to produce work that could help me and others like me communicate with people of all ages about the love of God," he says.

Glendon received the Hope Award, recognising excellence in filmmaking, at the inaugural Manifest Creative Arts Festival for one of the videos, *Her Story: Sarah*. The documentary explores the issue of self-esteem through Sarah Chambers, a young adult from Glendon's church who suffers adult onset acne. "I love to capture and share stories that touch me because there's a chance at least one other person might be touched too," Glendon says. He values this opportunity. "When strangers tell me how much one of my videos has spoken to them, it's exciting. I love to see God at work."

Glendon also loves the different ways God speaks through and to us. "The arts—be it filmmaking, painting, songwriting, writing—is simply a way for us to express ourselves using the talents God has given us." His advice to others: "Don't ever think your work is not good enough. Have confidence God will use your talents for His glory."—*Kimberley Hodgkin/Brenton Stacey*
Manifest Creative Arts Festival, March 28-31, 2012. <www.artsmanifest.info>.



Glendon Harris.

MYSTERY HISTORY



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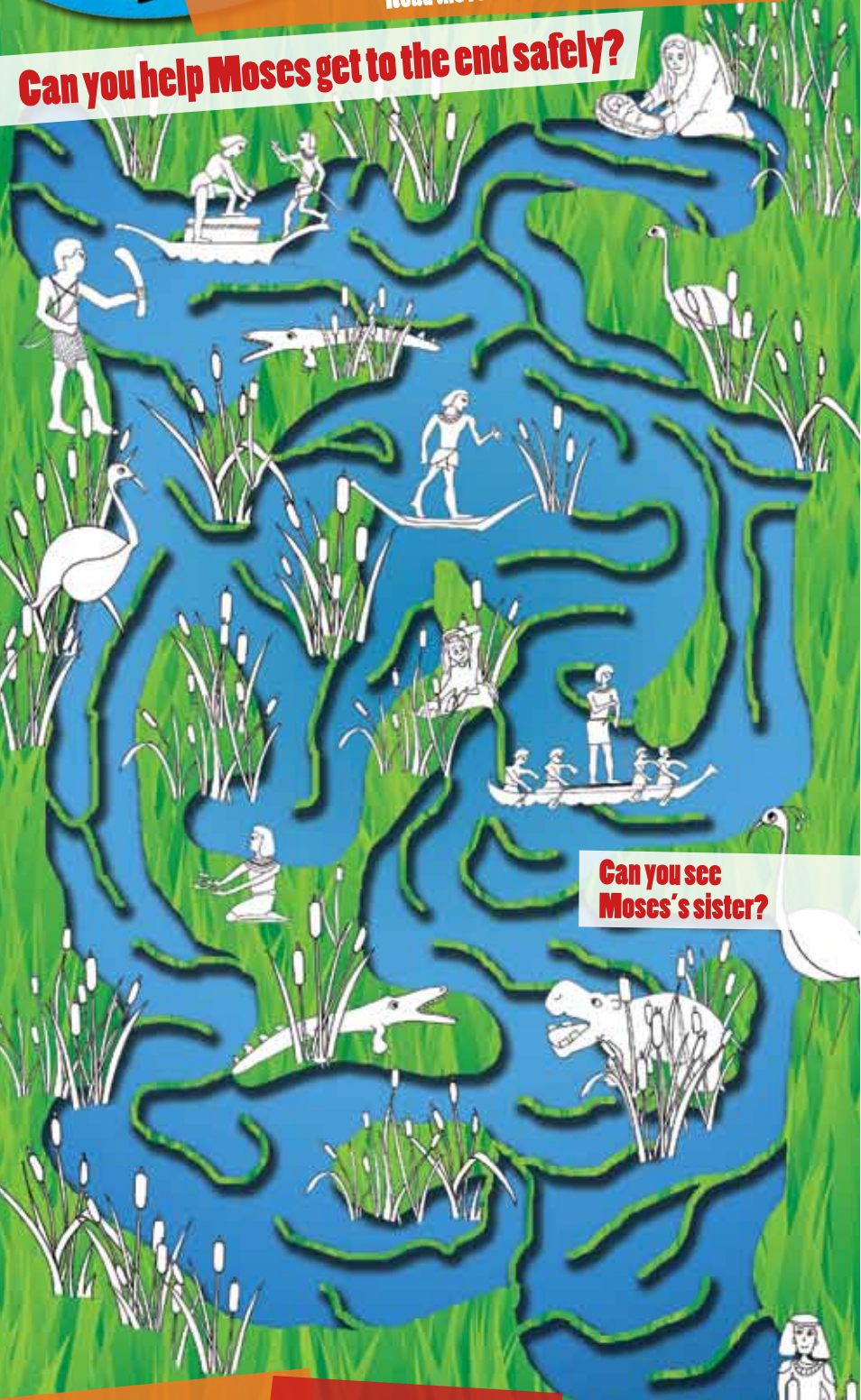
Kids' Space

Dydd Da!*

Pharaoh was scared of the Israelites. So he decided the best way to stop them from being powerful was to kill all their baby boys.

Jochebed and Amram had a baby boy, Moses. To keep their baby safe, they made a basket and floated it on the river. Read the rest of the story in Exodus 2.

Can you help Moses get to the end safely?



Can you see Moses's sister?

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Worship Message:
We worship God when we thank Him for His protection.

Memory Verse:
"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."
Psalm 150:6

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* hello in Wales

sharing our HOPE



R RECORD REWIND

The story behind the naming of Ella Boyd Hall—opened in 1989—eludes most staff and students at Avondale College of Higher Education. The women’s residence is simply a home for senior female students.

Even senior honorary research fellow Dr Milton Hook, in his book *Avondale: Experiment on the Dora*, says it is difficult to establish a reason for the name.

Ella Boyd is not the first female student nor the only female among the first graduates in 1902, writes Dr Hook. The reason for the naming of Ella Boyd Hall “appears to be one based on sentiment”.

Ella Boyd (1883–1951) was the daughter of Charles and Mary (Maud Sisley) Boyd, the first Seventh-day Adventist missionaries to serve in Africa. She received her education in Cape Town, South Africa, in Battle Creek, Michigan, USA, and in Cooranbong at the then Australasian Missionary College after sailing with her mother and grandmother to Australia at 17 years of age.

Ella’s life at Avondale in 1902 would now appear so foreign and quaint to residents of Ella Boyd Hall in 2012.

For example, the 40 vehicles lining the Ella Boyd Hall car park would have been unimaginable in 1902—students travelling to college were given the following advice: “Passages by boat should be booked to Sydney. . . . Railway tickets should be purchased to Morisset railway station where students will be met by a conveyance from the school, provided notice by letter or telegram has been previously sent giving notice by what train they will arrive” (Fifth Annual Announcement of the Avondale School for Christian Workers).

And the “home regulations” of 1902 note separate strolling grounds for gentlemen and ladies, with permission to “pass beyond the limits” only given on request. Running up and down stairs or boisterous deportment in the halls: not permitted. The regulations even pertain to parents, who were not to send boxes of food—with the exception of fruit—to their children. The aim: to ensure students maintained a healthy diet.

While published information about Ella is limited, if the saying, “Like mother, like daughter,” is true, Maud’s personality helps us understand a little of Ella’s.

Maud, the first woman to serve the Adventist Church as a missionary, was a former matron, preceptress and teacher at Avondale who also worked as a Bible instructor in England, Australia and the United States until her retirement. Dorothy Minchin-Comm notes her endurance, enthusiasm and “courage in rising above loss and hardship” (*Adventist Review*, March 3, 1994, p12–13), including the death of a daughter and of a husband.

Ella’s testamur acknowledges her good character. The certificate reads, “Ella Sisley Boyd, having completed in a credible manner the teacher’s course of study as prescribed by this Institution, and having given satisfactory evidence of a good moral character, is now granted this diploma.”

After graduating, Ella taught in Tonga, where she helped establish a school, then in Launceston, Tasmania, and in Brisbane. In 1910, Ella married New Zealander Leonard Paap, and together they returned to the mission field.

And that is appropriate because while the Avondale of Ella Boyd’s day has changed, its mission has not. Avondale continues to prepare students for lives of service by giving them “a greater vision of world needs”.

Sonja Larsen is a 2011 Bachelor of Arts graduate from Avondale College of Higher Education.



These items belonged to Ella Boyd as a student.

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WEDDINGS



Alexis—Do. Josue Alexis, son of Job and Roser Alexis, and Jenny Thi

Ngoc Dung Do, daughter of Cu Do (deceased) and Mai Do (all of Brisbane, Qld), were married 26.11.11 at Mains Beach, Byron Bay, NSW. It was a very lovely wedding with both families participating and blessing the couple. Family and friends came from as far as the USA and Spain for the celebration.

André van Rensburg



Bloink—Jensen. Christopher Eli Bloink and Sarah Kate Jensen were

married 27.11.11 at Urangan Pier Beach, Hervey Bay, Qld.

Lorenzo Berry

Edwards—Waring. Stuart Robert Edwards, son of Roger and Margaret Edwards (both of Perth, WA), and Jennifer Diane Waring, daughter of John and Deborah

Waring (Albany), were married 20.11.11 in a beautiful garden at the home of the bride's parents in Albany.

Robert Kingdon

Gooderson—Stanley. Eric Robert Paul, son of Philip and Margaret Gooderson (Marangaroo, WA), and Alannah Grace Stanley, daughter of Royce and Corinne Stanley (Morangup), were married 27.11.11 at Harold Boas Gardens, West Perth.

Lynn Burton

Green—Wang. Philip Robert Green, son of Bertie and Annie Green (deceased), and Xialing (Tracey) Wang, daughter of Qu-ying (deceased) and Ying Wang (China), were married 18.12.11 at Taree church, NSW.

David Kosmeier

Squires—La Greca. Timothy Squires, son of Michael and Karen Squires, and Sarah La Greca, daughter of Anthony and Penelope La Greca, were married 18.12.11 at The Wesley of Warragul, Vic.

Tony Knight

POSITIONS VACANT

■ **Director of Student Services, Pacific Adventist University (Port Moresby, PNG).** This position will lead the Student Services Department in providing for the spiritual, social and physical wellbeing of students. Due to the senior leadership nature of this position, the successful appointee will have a high level of management, leadership and administrative skills and experience. For more information, please visit the South Pacific Division's Human Resources website at <www.adventistemployment.org.au>. All applications, including your CV, three work-related referees, copy of educational qualifications and the contact details of your local church pastor, must be forwarded to: Human Resources, Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Limited, Locked Bag 2014, Wahoonga, NSW, 2076, Australia; or email: <chr@adventist.org.au>; or fax: (02) 9489 0943. Applications close **February 20, 2012.**

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Webb-Palyga. Shannon William Webb, son of John and Diana Webb (Kapunda, SA), and Michelle Anne Palyga, daughter of David and Anne Palyga (Adelaide), were married 13.11.11 at Rosefield Uniting Church, Highgate.

Lynn Burton

APPRECIATION

Ruth Smart, Darlene, Andrew and Darren would like to thank all who sent sympathy wishes, cards and flowers, following the loss of Neville, loving husband and father.

ANNIVERSARY



Elliott. Morrie and Wilma (nee Meissner) were married

18.11.1961 in Wondai, Qld. They established their home in Wondai for 40 years before retiring to Buderim on the Sunshine Coast. They were active members of the Kingaroy church and currently attend Nambour church. They celebrated their golden anniversary at their home with family. They have four children, Laurel, Karen, Geoffrey and Bradley, and 10 grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Brogdan, Rae, born 4.4.1927 at Tamworth, NSW; died 7.12.11 at Caloundra, Qld. On 27.1.1951, she married Eric Brogdan at Campsie, NSW. She was baptised in 1990 at the Jordan River, Israel, by Pastor David Down. She is survived by her husband, Eric; her daughter and her husband, Debbie and Gary Martin (all of Kin Kin, Qld); three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Rae was a bright and vivacious lady, one of the first female Pharmacists in Australia. An accomplished violinist who in her younger years, played in the Junior Sydney Symphony Orchestra. She used this talent to glorify God in the churches she worshipped in. Rae was a very intelligent lady who always encouraged other to be the best they could be.

Gary Roberts, John Rabbas

Camps, Ethel Isabel (nee Thompson), born 6.4.1919 at Newcastle, NSW; died 9.11.11 at Alstonville. On 29.11.1942, she married Eric Camps, who predeceased her in June, 1987. She is survived by Douglas and Coral Camps (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia) and Daryl and Roslyn Camps (Wollongbar, NSW); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Ethel was energetic, innovative and determined. She loved her Lord and family. Ethel kept her home garden and lawn immaculate. Until the year before her death, she was repairing for family and the ADRA shop.

*Ernie Krause, Tim Kingston,
Beth McMurtry*

Catchpole, Gordon Henry, born 24.10.1925 in Bartons Mill, WA; died 2.9.11 in Busselton Hospital. On 27.9.1947, he married Doris Gwendoline Edwards. He was predeceased by his daughter, Julie Anne Cameron, in 2000. He is survived by his wife (Busselton); his sons and their wives, Terry and Sally (Canberra, ACT) and Steve and Lyn (Busselton, WA); five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Gordon was a quiet but generous person who lived his Christian life in his own personal way. He is remembered for his cheeky smile, quick wit and a healthy sense of humour. Gordon will be sadly missed by all his family.

Lynn Burton

Chilton, Aissa (nee Sheppard), born 28.2.1921 in Vic; died 2.11.11 in Warrnambool Base Hospital, aged 90. She was the second child of William and Lavinia Sheppard (Winslow, Vic). On 2.1.1945, she married Allan Chilton, who predeceased her. Aissa is survived by her sister, Val Britain, brother, Bert Sheppard, son, Graeme, and daughter, Sheryl; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. After she retired she enjoyed gardening, a variety of hobbies, ranging from ceramics to decorating eggs, and visiting family members. Throughout her life Aissa maintained a strong faith, and was an example of gentle Christianity to all who knew her. She was one of the most regular worshippers at Warrnambool church. She will be greatly missed.

Nikola Trajkov

Crombie, Wilma Joyce (nee Flannery), born 4.11.1925 in Moonee Ponds, Vic; died 26.10.11 in Coffs Harbour, NSW. On 17.12.1960, she married Alistair Stewart Crombie. She was predeceased by her son, Philip, on 27.11.1987. She is survived by Mark Doogood (Sydney), Sally Doogood (Lord Howe Island), Kathy Doogood (Ocean Shores, NSW), Denise Crombie and Gary Crombie (both of Lord Howe Island); six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Wilma was ill for the last 20 years, and is now at rest with her son, Philip. She met the love of her life, Alistair, on a visit to Lord Howe Island.

Jim Tonkin

Davies, David John, born 27.10.1940; died 9.11.11. David lived all his life in Auckland, NZ, though he travelled extensively and had business interests in several countries. He played a significant role in the repositioning and growth of PAPSDA (Papatoetoe church) and East Auckland City church. With the support of his wife, Joanne, he was also responsible for the formation of the New Zealand Christian Foundation. David served the Adventist Church in many roles throughout his life, from Pathfinder leader, Sabbath school teacher and elder, to membership of various committees including the local conference and Sanitarium Board. His contribution in all of these roles was highly valued. David was predeceased by his wife, Jenny (March, 1993), and subsequently married Joanne. He is loved and deeply missed by Joanne; his children, Stephen and Leanne, Annette Barlow and Paul, Adrian and Stephanie, Alexandra and Christopher; and grandchildren, Allyse, Ashlea, Chanae, Jennifer, Elizabeth, David, Daniel, Megan, Samantha, Meagan and Josef. Throughout his nine year battle with cancer, David lived every day to the full and served his Lord with joy. He never gave up. He never lost faith. He remained patient and kind to the end.

*Stephen and Leanne Davies,
Ian Howie*

Doble, Leonard James, born 27.12.1928 in Auburn, NSW; died 14.11.11 in John Flynn Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Beryl; and their children, George and Ruth. Len will be greatly missed by his wife and the Tumbulgum

church where he served as elder and treasurer for many years. Len also had an interesting history of mission service as a nurse educator at both Sopas and Atoifi, and for six years prior to his retirement he taught at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. Len will be remembered for his happy and positive outlook and his Christian example.

Errol Wright

Ellis, Kelvin, born 25.5.1940 in Warburton, Vic; died 21.11.11, in Yarra Junction. He is survived by his wife, Helen; sons, Darran and Bradley, and Darran's wife, Kimberly; and their children, Jarred and Sabrina. Kelvin spent much of his working life at Signs Publishing Company. Darran brought some lightness and humour in his life sketch, particularly in remembering some of Kelvin's driving exploits. Grandson, Jarred, played his clarinet at the graveside, and buried his favourite cricket bat and a new cricket ball with his granddad, in memory of the many games of cricket they enjoyed together, and Sabrina offered everyone flowers. Long-time work colleagues, Bai and Losena Sirilo, enhanced the service with their beautiful song.

Kevin Geelan

Jones, John Keith, born 5.8.1925 in Wales; died 5.9.11 in Auckland, NZ. In April 1968, he married Poko. He is survived by his wife; Lloyd and Niki, Bryn and Christine (all of Auckland, NZ), and Ian and Tarona (Sydney, NSW). Since being introduced to the three angels' messages, Keith has remained true with a passion. He was always willing to help and was a great example of a Christian gentleman.

Lawrence Lane, Dyason Kuresa

Nilsson, George, born 4.2.1925 in Hokitika, NZ; died 28.6.11 in Pukekohe. On 21.5.1952, he married Eunice in Bendigo, Vic. He is survived by his wife (Clarks Beach); children, Christopher (Sydney, NSW), Margaret (Auckland, NZ), Jennifer (Clarks Beach) and Philip (Auckland). George was reliable, trustworthy and a wonderful mentor to his children. He was passionate for young people and is fondly remembered for his contributions to youth in building projects such as Lake Lyndon Pathfinder Lodge in Canterbury, the skate park in Clarks

Beach, and Bishopdale church and hall. George was greatly loved and is missed by family and friends.

Ben Timothy, Paul Hopson

Palmer, Brian John, born 3.9.1936 in Kurri Kurri, NSW; died 10.11.11 in Mirrabooka. He was predeceased by Lyndal. He is survived by his children, Kym, Andrew, Adele, David, James, Diana and Brian; and his grandchildren. Hundreds of his patients also mourn the loss of their doctor, who excelled in patient care and diagnosis. Claire and Max Roberts (Cooranbong) raised him from the age of seven. He will be sorely missed by their family too. Brian coached sporting teams and raced horses. He loved sailing, competing and his family. Rosey Belle (Grafton) had been a witness to him of God's love and presence over the past five years. In his closing years he attended the Wyee church.

Murray House

Walkom, Doreen (nee White), born 22.2.1935 in Taralga, NSW; died 23.5.11 in Goulburn. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack, and daughter, Tanya, in 2010, within a short time of one another. She is survived by her sisters, Daphne and Beryl; her sons, Garry and Brian, and their families. Doreen was a long-time member of the Goulburn church. She will be remembered as a wonderful, gracious, godly woman who, with Jack, served God faithfully in the church, on the farm and in the community. Her courage, strength and faith were an example not only to her family but to so many others who have known and loved her. May she rest in peace as we look forward to the great day of reunion.

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