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TELL THE STORY; TELL YOUR STORY

Here's a fact you've been waiting for. The invention of the century—the one just past, that is—wasn't the fax, the A-bomb, the computer or its predecessor the typewriter, but the humble paperclip.

OK, it wasn't everyone's choice, but it was someone's. I don't know what got the paperclip across the line, but for sure it has something to do with its profound simplicity. In an age of rage—road, queue, Post Office etc—the office, too, cops its share. An estimated 50 per cent of office workers apparently regularly abuse their computers. But no-one curses their paperclips.

Simplicity wins

Paperclips have few uses other than that for which they're designed. The only other sanctioned function I've found for one (it's mentioned in the manual of my Power Mac computer) is to trigger the eject mechanism on a jammed floppy drive. This sometimes works.

Of course, in performing their task—keeping small amounts of related paper-work together—paperclips do an admirable job. There's something about simplicity we admire.

No wonder that when Christ presented His message to the people of Palestine, it was simple and uncomplicated, and in terms and using illustrations they readily understood. Mark says the "common people heard him gladly" (12:37). Simplicity wins.

There's power in story

I read recently of Senator John McCain, a candidate for the US presidency. He's likely to win the Republican nomination for the presidency. He has the right connections and

financial backing, but, according to *Time* writers Nancy Gibbs and John Dickerson (December 13), he has something even more potent. He has a story. It's a good story, so good in fact, it could carry him into the White House.

You see, everyone likes a story. Some stories are more interesting than others; some are simply better told. But no matter, we will listen. Every time Senator McCain tells his story, people listen and he wins new votes.

McCain, an American Navy pilot during the Vietnam War, was shot down on a raid over North Vietnam and spent the next five-and-a-half years a captive in a POW camp. For two-and-a-half years he was held in solitary confinement in a cage barely big enough to stand up in. A list of his broken bones, the result of torture and beatings by his captors, reads, using *Time's* words, like a "virtual orthopedic encyclopedia." At one point, he was suspended aloft by ropes attached to his broken arms for hours on end.

McCain is also the grandson and son of a famous father-son admiral duo, unique in US Naval history. When his captors learned of his status, they offered to release him. He agreed—on the condition they also released his fellow prisoners. Of course, he continued his incarceration until repatriated, a hero, years later.

McCain's story is hard to resist. That's because great stories have great power. Stories win hearts.

As Christians—followers of Christ—we, too, have a great story—His story—to tell. In it, the God of the universe forsakes His heritage and comes to Prison Earth where He does all He can to repatriate those

imprisoned there. Like McCain, He was humiliated and abused. But He died in order to save His friends.

It's the Best Story, profound in its simplicity, and one worth the telling. And each Christian reader, being a Christian, must also have a great personal story to add as a postscript.

Tell *your* story; stories win.

Make your story real

Ellen White gives little encouragement and few kudos to the performing arts. But she nevertheless employs the skills of the trade when appropriate. In *Counsels to Teachers* (page 255), she tells of an encounter between a Mr Betterton, a famous actor of the nineteenth century, and Dr Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Sheldon inquired of Betterton as to why it was that members of his, the thespian profession, could so powerfully affect audiences when dealing with the merely make-believe and imaginary, yet ecclesiastics, in presenting great Bible truth and gospel stories did so with only modest success.

"With due submission to Your Grace," Betterton responded, "permit me to say that the reason is plain: It lies in the power of enthusiasm. We on the stage speak of things *imaginary* as if they were *real*, and you in the pulpit speak of things *real* as if they were *imaginary*."

To win people to Christ, Ellen White concludes the story, "present the gospel in its simplicity, following Christ's example."



Lee Dunstan

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The Sabbath: What a difference this day makes.

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THE MAN OR THE HORSE?

by John Silver

It happened in the days when men of The Outback shaved once a week and wore their teeth on Sundays.

Such men have long since shimmered through the one-way glass of their last mirage and, sadly, are now forgotten.

But, having grown up among the remnant of their kind, I feel that I'm able to tell you about just such a man. He lived in a typical Australian outback community and was proud of his English ancestry. He liked to think of himself as a reasonably cultured man with some knowledge of history and appreciation of the arts.

Numbered among the heroes of his adopted country was the horseman poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon. From time to time he took his young son to admire the local statue of the legendary idol.

"There you are," he would announce as he respectfully held his hat over his heart. "That, my son, is Gordon."

And a magnificent statue it was!

In the fashionable equestrian pose of his times, Gordon, booted and spurred, stood tall in the stirrups. One upflung arm brandished his bushman's hat; the other hauled the reigns that held in rampant posture the bronze depiction of "the finest steed west of the Great Divide."

And the horse? Well that was something else again.

Flared of nostril and wild of eye, it looked a worthy son of Old Regret himself. "The Banjo" would have approved. In fact the whole ensemble of man and beast together, epitomised the spirit that had made the Empire great.

Proudly, and with voice hushed in awe, he told his son of Gordon's leap over the fence surrounding Mount Gambier's Blue Lake. He told

of the narrow ledge between the fence and the certain death of the lake's 90 metre crater. He told how the fence had to be dismantled to allow Gordon to regain his safety—and if the story was embellished and embroidered a little in the telling, who among the inheritors of such memories would deny him the licence?

But, alas!

What with the rabbit plague and the blight of a five-year drought and one thing and another, the day came when they had to say farewell to the glory that was Gordon and move to the city. As they turned to leave from their final visit the boy said to his father, "By the way, Dad, I've been meaning to ask you for ages. Who's the old bloke sitting on Gordon?"

While father and son both looked at the same statue, one saw a man sitting on a horse and the other saw a horse on

which a man was sitting.

To the father, the statue was a man with a capital M and to the son it was a horse with a capital H.

And it can be just like that when we read God's Word.

An example of this very thing is the

recognition of the difference between forgetting our confessed and forgiven sins and remembering the grace whereby they were forgiven.

To continually remember our past failures is to dwell upon, and even foster, our own doubts instead of rejoicing in the certainty of God's promises. It is doing Satan's work for him today by doubting the efficacy of the work Jesus did for us yesterday.

Jesus has made a complete and perfect sacrifice for us and is ministering the shed blood of that unblemished sacrifice on our behalf in the sanctuary in heaven. The apostle Paul emphasises this thought in his first epistle to his spiritual son, Timothy (see 1 Timothy 1:12-14), where he highlights the greatness of his sins to emphasise the even greater abundance of the mercy and grace of his Saviour.

The word he used to describe his character as the Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, was the Greek noun *hubris*. William Barclay tells us that the word indicates an arrogant sadism which inflicts pain for the sheer joy derived from inflicting it.

In other words, Saul was a cruel and sadistic persecutor who got his kicks from inflicting violence on others. As he said, he was "the chief of sinners," but the grace of his Lord was "exceeding abundant," and that was the thrust of what he was saying to Timothy.

When we dwell negatively upon our confessed and forgiven sins we look at the horse when we should look at the Man. We see the sin instead of the grace.

As we begin the year 2000, let us give ourselves a break. May the scales drop from our eyes as they did from the eyes of "the chief of sinners" when Saul of Tarsus, through the grace of Christ, became Paul the missionary.



John Silver, a retired minister and church administrator, writes from Brooklyn, NSW.

Did you hear...?

... About the mass graduation of school students in Papua New Guinea from a Voice of Prophecy (VOP) course?

Some 145 from the Tent City Community School received their "Let's Explore" diplomas on December 3 last year. (Tent City is a government operated school that emphasises religious instruction to help with disciplinary problems.)

Two Seventh-day Adventist teachers approached the Papua New Guinea Union Mission earlier last year to enrol the school's 600 students in various VOP courses.

"We didn't know what to do!"

says VOP director **Benson ToPatiliu**

(pictured). "But we took up the task with members of the

Taraka church who helped with marking."

According to deputy principal **Mrs Kagai** the lessons have made quite an impact. "Discipline was a major problem—lots of students lined up to see me each day."

But, after the lessons were introduced and the students encouraged to use their religious instruction and library classes to complete them, the problem disappeared.

Principal **Ms Salea** challenged other denominations to follow the church's lead in balancing the mental, physical and social aspects of education with the spiritual.

Satellite calendar

February 4-20

Euro-Africa Division's "Christian Jubilee and Rome." The evangelistic programs from Rome, Italy, will be shown on the four weekends during the uplink period.

March 4

Greater Sydney Conference Satellite 2000 Rally.

Retirees honoured for support



Seven retirees were honoured last month for providing 1938 support hours to the Adventist Discovery Centre in the two years since its volunteer program began.

Each visits the Wahroonga based correspondence school every week during the year and helps with the packaging and mailing of lessons to the 4000 students who are currently enrolled.

The voluntary support does not include the many hundreds of marking hours, completed by retired ministers Pastors David

Down (archaeology course, pictured, front left) and Bob Parr (Daniel course, not pictured). The volunteers received awards at the centre's annual lunch. Presenting the awards were Adventist Media Centre general manager Pastor John Banks and Discovery Centre director Pastor John Gate.

"The Discovery Centre relies on the goodwill of volunteers who donate gifts to ensure its life-changing resources reach people in our community," says marketing director David Gibbons.

Church for the 21st Century

What shape will the church take in the 21st Century? "It will be more similar to the early Seventh-day Adventist Church than today's," says Dr Russell Burrill, director of the North American Division's Evangelism Institute and speaker at a church planting and multiplying conference at Camp Howqua, Victoria, March 3-6. The conference, hosted by the Trans-Australian Union Conference, will train leaders to plant new churches and develop old churches that will multiply. "The



theme of multiplication of leaders, ministries, groups and churches, will set an important direction for the church

in the 21st Century," says convener Pastor Rob Steed (pictured). Contact your local conference or Pastor Steed for more information, or visit the union's web site (geocities.com/Athens/Pantheon/5536/church21st).

PhD in midwifery

Wagga Wagga (NSW) church member Mavis Smith graduated with a PhD from the University of Wollongong recently. Her thesis? "Psychosocial correlates of attachment in adolescents during pregnancy and early motherhood: An Australian rural perspective." After her graduation, Mrs Smith was admitted as a Fellow of the Australian College of Midwives and of the Royal College of Nursing in recognition of her significant contribution to professional excellence in midwifery. According to

the *Mid Movements* newsletter, she has a strong desire to improve maternal and child health for disadvantaged groups.

Asian Aid director honoured

Helen Eager has been honoured by the Southern Asia Division for directing the work of Asian Aid. The organisation sponsors 4000 students in southern Asia, operates homes for children and the sight and speech impaired, and provides vocational training, food for the hungry and leprosy rehabilitation. It also raises money to help churches employ ministers to nurture newly baptised members. In her acceptance speech at the division office (Hosur, India) on December 1, Mrs Eager said Asian Aid had only two goals: to bring honour and praise to God, and to give the underprivi-

Make it a record RECORD Offering. February 12.

Briefly

■ The 1999 RECORD index is now available, on request. Email record@a1.com.au

■ Miss out on the free Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) 2000 calendar?



Ask your local church RECORD secretary, or call 1800 242 372.

■ The Greater Sydney Conference has finally moved into its new office (see Newsfront, May 22, 1999). New contact details are as follows: 4 Cambridge Street, Epping NSW 2121; Phone (02) 9868 6522; Fax (02) 9868 6533.

■ More than 1000 people had their health assessed by the Adventist Health Association of Western Australia during a three-week period late last year. Some 360 enrolled in the Adventist Discovery Centre's health course; 200 subscribed to Sanitarium Health Food Company's *Good Food News*.

■ Canada Post will issue a commemorative stamp to coincide with the opening of the General Conference session in Toronto on June 29.—ANV

leged of southern Asia the opportunity of knowing Jesus.—*Gerald J Christo*

Young church not so any more

Young (NSW) church celebrated its 70th anniversary on November 27 last year. Those attending included the local deputy mayor John Walker, South New South Wales Conference president Pastor Neil Lawson, secretary-treasurer Owen Twist, and former ministers Pastors Ken Love and Garry Minns. The church began in 1928 when 18 Seventh-day Adventists started a Sabbath school. They formed a company a year later and built a church in 1934.

Trio's tribute to ministers

The Entermann Trio from Ipswich, Queensland, have released a CD as a tribute to ministers who have influenced their spiritual growth. *Quiet Prayers: A Hymn Collection* is a selection of the minister's favourite hymns. The Entermanns—siblings Sandra, Gary and Linda—credit their love of singing to daily family worship.

Pacific islands

19 prisoners baptised

Nineteen prisoners and one officer were baptised at the Rove Prison (Honiara, Solomon Islands) on December 4 last year. (One of the baptised prisoners was originally sent to gaol after breaking into the home of the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission president.) The baptism, the result of three years work by Kukum church members, is a first prison

baptism for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Solomons. A representative of the controller of prisons said to the prisoners after the baptism, "You must share your experience with others so they can also find the happiness you've found. I hope this will not be the last baptism." The work of the ministry team is part of the prison's rehabilitation program.—*Gavin Rowe*

World church

Search airs in Croatia

The *Search* video series, produced by the Adventist Media Centre, has been aired on OTV, an independent cable television station in Croatia. Synchronised in Croatian, the series has been shown regularly late at night. After the broadcast of the first 10 episodes, series sponsor, the Bible Correspondence School, received 247 requests for its courses.—ANR

Restrictions eased in Russia

A recent ruling by Russia's Constitutional Court, easing some legal restrictions on non-Orthodox religious groups, has been cautiously welcomed by Seventh-day Adventist religious liberty leaders. Through its interpretation of a 1997 law regulating religious organisations, Russia's highest court held the statute cannot be invoked to disband churches registered in Moscow, even if the local groups cannot meet registration requirements. The status of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not affected by the ruling.—ANV

Did you hear . . . ?

■ . . . What happened when Woy Woy (NSW) church got serious about evangelism last year? This year its 30 members become 39.

The church's 1999 evangelism calendar included a *Signs of the Times* round, **David Coltheart** program, Daniel Seminar, NET '98 and Revelation Seminar.

As a result, four former Seventh-day Adventists professed their faith, three non-Seventh-day Adventists were baptised; two more are awaiting baptism.

And 50 people are receiving *Signs* after church members door-knocked four different areas. The 50 were then introduced to Adventist Discovery Centre Bible correspondence courses.

"Woy Woy is warm and friendly, and that's what attracts a lot of people," says former minister **Pastor Reg Brown**. (Pastor Brown came out of retirement in 1998 to minister at Woy Woy.) "The results last year were inspiring, but to get them takes a lot of hard work." Pastor Brown had a visitation list of 40 non-Seventh-day Adventists.

"It's not just what I did. The church members were focused and supportive. A lot are on pensions, but they just gave and gave and gave.

"You see, once you get involved in soul-winning, it becomes your total focus."—*Brenton Stacey*

Wrongpoint

■ **Tasi Tesese** ("SQld awards long-servers," Flashpoint, November 20, 1999) has ministered to Samoan Seventh-day Adventists for 53 years, 13 as a retiree in the South Queensland Conference.

Church calendar

■ **January 29** Pacific Islands Advancement Offering

■ **February 12** RECORD Offering

MEET KARI PAULSEN

by Bettina Krause

Kari Paulsen, wife of General Conference president Dr Jan Paulsen, first visited a Seventh-day Adventist church when she was 15. The little church was in the countryside of her native Norway.

"I shall never forget my first visit," she says. "Here I came—a person not used to going to church—and I kept hearing the members refer to 'Sister White.' And I thought, *This is strange that so many of them have married into families named 'White.'* And these 'Sister Whites' have so many things to say!"

This experience taught Mrs Paulsen

the need to communicate Adventist beliefs in ways that effectively reach different people. "So often we use many words that you can only understand if you are part of the church," she says.

Communication, she believes, is one of our greatest responsibilities as individuals and as members of the Adventist Church—sharing the good news about Jesus and His soon return to the world.

Mrs Paulsen represents the Adventist Church with the same unassuming style as her husband—always keen to deflect attention from herself. Her warmth, intelligence and sense of humour come through whether she's speaking to a small group or to a crowded auditorium.

From literature to theology to social theory, Mrs Paulsen talks easily on a broad range of subjects. But she's most enthusiastic when speaking about sharing Christ's love with those who need to hear it most—neglected and broken people of the world.

"In our modern, secular world there is so much loneliness," she says. "In the olden days we had the family, we had the extended family and all the neighbours and friends living around us. But modern society has robbed us of that in so many places."

In sharing our faith, Mrs Paulsen suggests, we first have to be in tune with people's needs. "Some are able to do a lot, some are not able to do much. But we can always show Christ's love and concern for people."

A side table in her living room reflects her broad and always evolving range of interests. A book by social commentator Jorge Luis Borges shares space with Oswald Chambers' spiritual classic *My Utmost for His Highest*. A pair of binoculars and a guide to North American birds are



recent additions to the table.

She is currently reading a book written 300 years ago by a Lutheran vicar about the everyday lives of Norwegians in the cold, harsh northern part of the country. "It's fascinating to be reminded how the people lived, how hard they had to work to survive," she says. But she admits the text, written in the Old Norwegian language with archaic spelling and meanings, is sometimes hard going.

"Reading has always been my big love as far back as I can remember. I have always read, and read and read. When one reads one has to sift. The good Lord gave us a mind and He expects us to use it."

Her love of reading and a questioning, analytical mind played a central part in her unlikely conversion to the Adventist faith. Born in southern Norway with a serious heart defect, she wasn't expected to live long; she first found out about her condition at the age of seven through the careless words of some childhood friends.

The words, "You will die soon, but you must not tell your parents" are etched into her mind.

On priorities

Twice Mrs Paulsen has faced life-changing illness—once as a child, and later when she contracted cerebral malaria in Ghana. Mrs Paulsen has been left with a serious, chronic endocrine disorder that plays havoc with her energy levels and greatly magnifies the effect of even simple viruses.

"A serious illness will make one sit up straight and realise what is important and what isn't. The most important thing, I think, is to stay close to the Lord and hear what He says. All the frills of life—a nice house, clothes and beautiful things—it's all nice, but it's all beauties for a while, not beauties to last. We shouldn't kill ourselves working so hard to get these material things that we forget about other more important things.

"Some even forget to look at the beauties of nature, they forget to look at the beauty of their husband or wife and children. There are so many things that have everlasting beauty and everlasting importance."

Partners in service

Dr and Mrs Paulsen have always seen their work as a joint venture. "We function as a couple," says Mrs Paulsen. "We have always felt that mission belongs to both of us."

As newly-weds, they worked as literature evangelists to raise money for Dr Paulsen to continue theology study at Emmanuel Missionary College in the United States (now Andrews University). It was almost a year before they could earn the fare for Mrs Paulsen to join him.

Their work includes two years in the early 1960s at Bekawai Teacher Training College in Ghana, and four years in Nigeria at the Adventist College of West Africa, where Dr Paulsen headed the religion department and became college president.

In 1968 they were called to England, and the Paulsens began a

27-year affiliation with Newbold College. Dr Paulsen served first as head of the religion department and in 1976 became college president.

He left in 1980 to become education director and secretary of the Northern European Division (now Trans-European Division). On becoming division president three years later, he continued his unbroken association with Newbold as chairman of the college board.

In 1995, he was elected a general vice-president of the General Conference, and the Paulsens once again moved to the United States.

The Paulsens' service has given them a unique global perspective. But it also meant adapting to different environments and cultures, and raising daughter, Laila, and sons Rune and Rein, in conditions that

were sometimes less than idyllic.

Mrs Paulsen recalls the dry seasons in Nigeria, when they had to drive 12 kilometres to get two drums of water. That had to cover the family's drinking, washing and cooking needs for a week. She notes, with a wry smile, that "one had to become a bit philosophical" especially with two small children to care for, one still in nappies.

Their time in Nigeria coincided with the outbreak of the Biafran War, a bloody civil conflict that raged within a few kilometres of the school campus.

When asked about the hardships, Mrs Paulsen replies, "You learn to live with it. One had a sense of mission in what one was doing. Looking back it seems worse, but at the time one just got on with it."

"Though ever so cruel and hurtful at the time," she says, "these words are probably one important element in how the Lord found me."

Shortly after the end of World War II, she was one of the first to undergo heart surgery in Norway. At that time penicillin wasn't available in Norway so, although the operation to repair her heart was successful, Mrs. Paulsen faced death again from a post-operative infection. News of her struggle for survival reached some American soldiers at the hospital, and they sent to the United States for the penicillin that saved her life.

"In this period, when I was so ill and coming out of consciousness, I prayed to whoever was up there that if He let me live I would become a Christian." This promise was the first step in her search for God.

Although not raised in a church-going family, at 12 years of age she attended Lutheran confirmation classes as required by the state established church. She began reading through the Bible and quickly came to the Ten Commandments.

"They didn't tally with the catechism," she says. "We were only taught to 'remember the rest day to keep it holy'; there was nothing

about the seventh day. [The minister] told me that we did it this way because Jesus was raised on Sunday and this was very important. But it just didn't answer my question."

In the back of her mind was her promise to become a Christian. "But I didn't know how to do it. I thought I had to do something. I didn't know that salvation is free."

In the small, rural Adventist church in Sauherad, Norway, Mrs Paulsen first glimpsed the answers to some of her questions. While visiting her aunt, who was an Adventist, she attended a service celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the church.

"There were young people singing, and someone playing the guitar, and they were all ever so friendly. I'd thought Christians were kind of awkward, but these were just nice, ordinary people."

When the church schoolteacher discovered Mrs Paulsen's love of reading, he gave her *Steps to Christ*, a book that played a significant part in her growing Christian faith.

At 17, Mrs Paulsen was baptised and soon after went to Sweden, where she worked at an Adventist sanitarium and as a literature evangelist to earn money for college tuition.

She then moved to Denmark to attend Vejleford Junior Adventist College.

"I started to study theology," she says, "because I wanted very much to share with others this marvellous thing that I'd found." At college she met and later married Jan Paulsen, who had also decided to spend his life working for God.

Their joint commitment to service has kept the Paulsens constantly on the move. They've lived and worked in Norway, Ghana, Germany, Nigeria, Britain and the United States. They've never turned down a call to a new posting in church work.

Dr Paulsen's election to the General Conference presidency was the most recent call they didn't turn down. It was something neither of them expected and she's continually reminded of the enormity of the task.

"You can only ask for wisdom and grace and power to do it," she says. "You need a lot of prayer, and you need to pray a lot to have the wisdom to prioritise and to do the right things at the right time."

Bettina Krause, an Australian, is the assistant news director for Adventist News Network at the General Conference.

100 AD CARE projects FOR YOUR CHURCH

by Gary Christian

*a*dCare, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) domestic community care program, is needed as at no other time before.

For the last half of the twentieth century, society experimented with a secular alternative to the previous Christian one, and the results are not pretty—drugs, violence, divorce, greed and unemployment. It's time for Christians to stand up and declare that the secular experiment has failed, and also to dive into the secular fallout and help those Australians and New Zealanders who have been so hurt by its selfish approach.

Christianity calls people to live for others. But there is a problem—when our society needs caring Christians the most, most Christians aren't sure how to respond.

The menu

To help each church respond to needs in their area, AdCare is producing a menu of 100 care options any church member can do. Many are on the cutting-edge of welfare provision, but all require only two hours per week per church member. And they run on a minimal budget.

Menu items emphasise the following: face-to-face involvement with the needy and disadvantaged; meeting new needs such as single parenthood, drug dependency and domestic violence; lateral and effective programs and solutions; a realistic and achievable two-hour commitment per week by church members; use of existing church buildings for services; involvement of people outside the church at our invitation.

One menu example

Just one of the 100 menu options is

an AdCare service utilising certified tradespeople. Tradespeople from church are asked to give two hours per week of their time, free-of-charge to people in genuine need. For example, a single mum who can't afford repairs to her car would be assisted by a certified mechanic—she would carry the cost of the parts, the mechanic would give his time.

A local church's AdCare team would need to advertise the new service to various charities and community groups in the area. They in turn would advertise the AdCare service to known, needy clients. AdCare would then match needs to tradespeople who can fulfil those needs.

Tradespeople from other denominations could assist. Be assured that some of these non-Christians would warm to the ethic of Jesus and may end up sitting in our pews as a result.

Some menu models

Centre-based services for the disadvantaged provide only sporadic contact with their needs, and facilitate less change in the person as a result. AdCare's menu options seek greater interpersonal involvement with needy people, with opportunities to develop their skills and contribution.

Here are some of the models for expanded community care in AdCare. For instance, the Mandurama Pathfinder model. Dean Platt, who runs Mandurama Pathfinders, has constantly included non-Adventist children in his club.

The opportunities for clubs throughout Australia to assist single parents by including their kids in the club are profound. Single parents are given a break each week when club activities are running, providing an easy to deliver service for one disad-

vantaged group in the community.

Heather and Clem's Support Group. Heather and Clem Christian run a Chronic Fatigue Syndrome support group in the Lake Macquarie area. Just two hours a week is needed for coordination; the Brightwaters church provides meeting rooms.

Joe the Tradesman. When floods swept through Moora, WA, Joe, an Adventist businessman, built a new kitchen free for the family most affected. Joe's generosity highlights the effectiveness of tradespeople giving their skills free to the needy.

The Crossing. One church in Melbourne, led by Pastor Phil Brown, has taken on the challenge of providing services for domestic violence, sexual abuse, parenting and marriage enrichment. This church uses the skills of its members to deliver significant community service.

Where do we get it?

The menu is available from ADRA—call 1800 24 2372 (Australia only), or email gichristian@adventist.org.au. The menu is integrated to fit the application process conferences use to distribute AdCare funds (which derive from the Adventist Appeal).

The menu also has columns describing appropriate target groups for each activity, issues of quality control and risk management, contacts and advice for start-up. The menu also indicates what options attract AdCare funds from the conference, and what authority level an application for AdCare funds must pass through to gain approval.

Gary Christian is ADRA's Australian director for domestic program support.

THE HINDSONS

by Bruce Manners

in recognition of excellence, RECORD announces five awards to contributors who the editors believe enhanced the quality of the magazine during 1999. This is the first of what is expected to be an annual event.

The awards, known as the Hindsons, have been named after Anna Hindson (nee Ingels) who was a church employee for 50 years. Originally from the United States, she began working at Pacific Press in 1883 soon after becoming an Adventist. She came to Australia to work in the tract society (later Adventist Book Centres) in 1893.

She married an Australian, James Hindson, in 1898. The couple moved to Western Australia where they set up a tract society and began health food work. She was also secretary-treasurer of the West Australian Mission. Returning to the east coast, she served for 30 years as director of the Australasian Union Sabbath School Department.

Anna Hindson has also been the longest-serving editor—34 years.

The awards and categories are as follows:

Best news article: Mark Davey, "Pastor tells members to 'stay home,'" September

18. Mark is the communication secretary of the Logan Reserve (Qld) church. He presented the news story about his church pastor's successful evangelistic program well—it was published with little editing. What made the story attractive was

its opening paragraph, a twist on usual evangelistic program reports—the pastor asked church members to stay away so visitors could attend.

Best feature article: Gary Hopkins, "Where do I find help?" October 16. Gary's Viewpoint showed, with statistical evidence and experiences from his work as a counsellor, addiction as a reality in our churches. He challenged us, as a church opposed to addictive behaviours, to help rather than con-



demn those struggling with these problems. This was a strong, well-written article.

Best devotional article: Bruna Hoxholi, "Little girl's broken picture," May 22.

This article touched the heart and mind with personal reflections on Albania and the plight of Kosovar refugees. What was especially attractive was its endeavour to look past questions of who's to blame? to how can we help?



Best news photograph:

Celia Moncrieff, "Students sleep in for Sleepout," July 17.



This photo shows children of the Ironbark Christian School, in Melbourne (Celia is the principal), who came to school in their pyjamas for breakfast to help street kids. The photograph is clever in its concept, demonstrates thought and makes you want to find out what it's about.

Best letter: There were two in this category that we couldn't decide between so we present an award to both. Burns McLean, "Is it about money," July 31, asks if education restructure is more about money than about encouraging teachers to stay within the system. He made his point logically and well, within the word limit, and called for teachers to be a high priority in educational changes.

The other letter by Glenda Menkens, "Biased letter?" October 23, won us over with its tongue-in-cheek ending. We felt it demonstrated creativity and a sense of humour. Glenda responded to Nathan Brown's editorial, "I hope . . ." She did what several other writers had done, created a list of "I hopes," but finished with "I hope my bias isn't too obvious, I'm Nathan's mother-in-law." There's no truth to the rumour that, because Nathan had worked with us for five weeks and we know him, that she won out of sympathy for having him as a son-in-law.

Bruce Manners is the editor of the RECORD.

GAOLED MINISTER'S TRIAL LASTS 16 MINUTES

Global Mission pioneer's next court appearance later this month.

The trial of Pastor Anthony Alexander, 43, the Global Mission pioneer imprisoned by the Sri Lankan government under "suspicion of terrorism" (see Flashpoint, November 20), lasted only 16 minutes.

Proceedings were "frustratingly" delayed until later this month (January), reports Global Mission communication director Gary Krause. The police superintendent, the key witness for the prosecution, was not present so the case could not proceed.

But, Mr Krause says, the court appearance was encouraging.

Pastor Alexander's defence attorney, T Gowry Shangary, has engaged a Sinhalese lead counsel who is president of the Sri Lankan Bar Association and a former government prosecutor, "Indeed, the president's counsel," says Mr Krause.

"We understand a centrepiece of the defence will be demolishing the credibility of the so-called forced confession of Anthony."

According to Mr Krause, both attorneys say the two judges hearing the case are known for being very fair.

"The judge, the police and the court witnessed that Anthony has the support of an international community," says Mr Krause, who accompanied General Conference (GC) Public Affairs and Religious Liberty associate director Pastor Richard Lee Fenn and legal counsel Pastor Mitchell Tyner.

"It was obvious the court was not used to seeing this kind of international support for a defendant. The judge was gracious and accommodating."

The GC team met with Pastor Alexander for 15 minutes. Under the provisions of emergency law, terrorism suspects are denied bail, and visitation by family is restricted. Visits by people other than family are rare, but the team received permission. "So under the watchful and surprised eyes of his armed guards, Mitch, Richard and I visited with a handcuffed Anthony Alexander," says Mr Krause.



Pastor Anthony Alexander has received hundreds of letters—mainly from Australia and North America—while he has been in gaol.

"I'm so glad I had the chance to embrace, talk and pray with Anthony. He told me he has been receiving hundreds of letters—mainly from Australia and North America. He knows many people are praying for him."

Mr Krause describes Pastor Alexander as a man of strong faith and good courage, "But he is anxious to leave prison. He says Tamil political prisoners are unhappy with him because so many of his fellow prisoners are becoming Christians and no longer fight.

"I asked him what it was like in gaol. 'Prison is prison,' he said." Mr Krause says Pastor Alexander is looking fit.

The financial situation of Pastor Alexander's family has also been a worry, reports Mr Krause, "But we assured Anthony the church will care for their needs."

Mr Krause and Pastors Fenn and Tyner also visited with Anthony's wife, Saratha, and two of their five children (the eldest is 21; the youngest, 12).

"Thank you again for your support," says Mr Krause. "Please continue to pray."

First female minister for PNG



Agnes Bayak is Pacific Adventist University's first female theology graduate to be given a pastoral position.

Agnes Bayak became Papua New Guinea's (PNG) first practising female minister when she graduated from Pacific Adventist University (PAU) last year.

While PAU has awarded theology degrees to other women, Miss Bayak is the first to enter active ministerial service. "We're proud of her," says Theology Department head Dr Ross Cole, "and we know, wherever she serves, she will do a good job."

Miss Bayak, who worked as a nutritionist with the PNG Department of Agriculture and Livestock before enrolling at PAU in 1996, says she has "no regrets" and is looking forward to a life-long career in ministry. Her first call is to the Korobosea (Port Moresby) church.

South Pacific Division women's ministries director Carole Ferch-Johnson welcomes Ms Bayak's entry into pastoral work.

"The church in Papua New Guinea has again demonstrated its capacity for growth and development by appointing Agnes to pastor one of its churches. We affirm her as she takes up this appointment and congratulate the church for its ability to recognise the God-given gifts and strengths that women can bring to pastoral ministry."—Bettina Krause/ANN

2000 ADVENTISTS DISPLACED IN MALAITA

More than 2000 Malaitan Seventh-day Adventists have been displaced because of ethnic tension in the Guadalcanal Province of the Solomon Islands.

Their resettlement is one of the biggest challenges facing the Malaita Mission, reports president Pastor Baxton Ri'imana. "Many are living with relatives; some are poorly accommodated."

Ethnic tension: The bad news

According to the Red Cross, 15,000 Malaitans have returned from Guadalcanal because of the tension.

"Our churches cannot accommodate all the new members," says Pastor Ri'imana. "Our established members are doing all they can to extend the existing buildings, but most are finding it hard because of a lack of money."

The mission's 17 ministers "have done their best but can do no more."

The displaced Seventh-day

Adventists are also suffering from a lack of communication, education and food.

"Those in the remote parts of the island can be reached only by radio," reports Pastor Ri'imana. But Malaita has only a few radio stations.

Many of the displaced cannot afford to pay for their children to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school. They send them anyway, but the schools, like the churches, cannot accommodate all the new students.

According to Pastor Ri'imana, the displaced Malaitans are working hard to prepare their gardens for harvest. "What do they eat in the meantime?"

The ethnic tension works both ways, though. Three mission office staff from Guadalcanal—secretary-treasurer Robert Ishmael, health director Peter Daniel, and secretary Joyce Kera—returned to Honiara for safety reasons.

"I've now got a heavy work

load," says Pastor Ri'imana.

Ethnic tension: The good news

Many educated church leaders have returned to Malaita because of the ethnic tension. "More administrative responsibilities are being cared for at the village level," says Pastor Ri'imana. Some of the leaders have created a Seventh-day Adventist presence where there has been no presence before.



Malaita Mission president Pastor Baxton Ri'imana: "Our churches cannot accommodate all the new members."

Other news

- Some 700 Malaitans have been baptised in the past nine months.
- The first mission run high school opened last year.
- And 28 Global Mission pioneers have graduated from the Kwailabesi Laymen's School. They will all minister in the mountains.

Atoifi's funding crisis

Atoifi Adventist Hospital is facing a major funding crisis. The Solomon Islands government is not able to increase its \$SBD650,000 grant this year because of problems associated with ethnic tension in the country.

Appeals are being made to different church and government agencies to help meet the hospital's operating costs (\$SBD1.2 million last year).

Fifty-seven students are currently enrolled in Atoifi's School of Nursing, but the hospital may have to consider



A staff member at Atoifi Adventist Hospital holds an 11 kilogram ovarian cyst. A woman carried the cyst for four years, thinking she was pregnant. Sacrifices were offered on her behalf and devil priests treated her with traditional medicine before bringing her to Atoifi.

not having a first-year intake. Some staff may lose their jobs.

"Atoifi performs a valuable work among the East Kwaio of Malaita," says South Pacific Division associate treasurer Rodney Brady, who met hospital leaders during the Western Pacific Union Mission's year-end meetings in Honiara last year.

"Health programs run by the staff have extended from within the hospital area, to the surrounding villages and to Malaita and the rest of the Solomon Islands."

To relate to the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:1, 2) is far more important than seeing that first mythical millennial sunrise of 2000.

EnZed is the first

RON LEWIS, NZ

Sorry, Pastor Dunne ("Mission statement," December 4), but the first place in the world to see the millennial sunrise was Mount Hakepa on Pitt Island, which lies to the south-east of the Chatham Islands of New Zealand. Mount Hikurangi on New Zealand's East Cape was the second, and nearby Gisborne city the first city to see the sun. It seems to me, though, to relate to the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:1, 2) is far more important than seeing that first mythical millennial sunrise of 2000.

Supernatural Revival

JOHN SKUSE, WA

As I read "Just another ghost story" (editorial, November 27), I decided to relate an experience I had some years ago in Wyndham, WA. We rented an old house with a long verandah running past the bedroom, lounge and kitchen, with a doorway from bedroom to verandah.

A few months after moving in we heard what we thought were footsteps on the verandah, heading toward the backdoor. There was a knock, so I went to see who the visitor might be but there was no one there. We were puzzled but went on with our evening activities.

Some weeks later we heard the footsteps again, this time preceded by the sound of creaking, as if someone were rising from a bed. The footsteps sounded like those of a small woman in a hurry. Also lights turned on mysteriously in the tourist bureau next door. This went on for several months.

We spoke to several residents about the phenomena, and they told us the place had been haunted by a woman for a long time. We weren't too happy about our ghost,

so we did some "exorcising": whenever we spoke to acquaintances about it, we told them it was only one of Satan's angels. This would open up further discussion and after about a month of such exposure, there were no more lights or footsteps.

Eventually the house was sold, the new owner setting it up as a backpackers hostel, hoping the ghost story would enhance trade. He's been there for some six years, and the ghost hasn't returned.

Negative net affect

NAME WITHHELD

I strongly agreed with "Devastating statement" (December 4) regarding the news item "View of homosexuality affirmed" (Newsfront, October 23). This is a most distressing statement. Being gay and an active member of the church, the statement is disappointing in that it failed to mention orientation or those who are celibate.

It's sad, really, when my gay brothers and sisters, on reading the statement, either confine it to the rubbish heap or will never walk through the doors of the church again. Rather than being exclusive, the church should be inclusive in welcoming all to the arms of a loving Saviour.

Christmas tree joy

ZAIGERE EALES, VIC

Recently, when confronted by a friend who felt we should not have a Christmas tree due to its pagan origins, I looked up what Ellen White had to say on the topic. What I found was a delightful tradition followed by our early churches. Gifts were placed on trees in our churches to give to the needy.

Why do we rely on the Salvos to do this wonderful work? Let us give of ourselves to those who need it and teach our kids that the joy of giving is more precious than the pleasure of getting.

Clogden's world



Bernard Bylinger discovers that a graphic description of the beasts of Revelation 13 doesn't work as a children's story

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Children

Can you spot 10 differences in these pictures of Rahab and Joshua's spies?



Illustration: P Taylor

Anniversary

Tasker, Raymond and June celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 20.11.99 at a party given by their family. They were married on 22.11.39 by Pastor F A Allum at Pappinbarra, NSW. They



have four children, Ronald, Sharon Gillis, Lorrelle Graham and Janette Gale; also 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. They have been active members of the Coffs Harbour church for 51 years.

Appreciation

Breaden, Clarice and family would like to thank all their many loved ones and friends for their phone calls, flowers, letters and cards following the death of Frank. We are looking forward to meeting him again on the golden morning.

Heath, Margaret and family would like to express their deep appreciation for the many prayers, cards, flowers and beautiful messages sent both during Lew's illness and since his passing. Also, special thanks to all who attended and took part in the lovely memorial service.

Retirements

● **Kamilus Kop**, Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) (16 years). ● **Richard Milne**, South Pacific Division (40 years). ● **Teeta Mooa**, Western Pacific Union Mission (WPUM) (25 years). ● **Joshua Mouvo**, PNGUM (36 years). ● **Matilde Parker**, Central Pacific Union Mission (CPUM) (35 years). ● **Leone Plane**, Sydney Adventist Hospital (45 years). ● **Joy Scarfe**, Sanitarium Health Food Company, (SHF), Cooranbong (37 years). ● **John Sherratt**, SHF, Cooranbong (21 years). ● **Alice Shoo**, PNGUM (15 years). ● **Sata Sikepitu**, Western Pacific Union Mission (WPUM) (35 years). ● **Pastor Phillippe Tihonia**, CPUM (30 years). ● **Donald Wallace**, SHF, Cooranbong (28 years). ● **Henry Zonga**, WPUM (34 years).

Weddings

Clark—Spaulding, Jeremy Hudson, son of John and Keitha Clark (Port Sorell, Tas), and Eve Kristie Spaulding, daughter of Michial and Leanne Spaulding (Lairrobe), were married on 5.12.99 in the Devonport Adventist church.

Don Fehlberg

Darko—Winfield, Lyndon John Darko, son of Don and Margaret Darko (Cooranbong, NSW), and Margaret Alice Winfield, daughter of Doug and Penny Winfield (Faulconbridge), were married on 4.7.99 in the Parra-

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matta Adventist church. Bob Bolst

Grieve—Novikova, Colin Ernest Grieve, son of James (Forbes, NSW) and the late Marjorie Grieve, and Larisa Leonidovna Novikova, daughter of Maya (Kazakhstan) and the late Leonid Novikova, were married on 5.12.99 in the Forbes Adventist church.

Errol Webster

Hatch—Mackey, Henry Hatch, son of Ronald (Southern Cross, WA) and Marie Hatch (Gingin), and Karen Mackey, daughter of Charles and Margaret Mackey (Perth), were married on 5.12.99 in the Queens Gardens, Perth.

Andrew Skeggs

Hoschke—Amos, Michael Hoschke, son of Arthur and Madeline Hoschke (Coffs Harbour, NSW), and Andrea Amos, daughter of Kevin and Glenda Amos (Ballarat, Vic), were married on 12.12.99 in the Charlestown Adventist church.

Andrew Kingston

Imrie—Eastwood, Michael Alan Imrie, son of Alan and Shirley Imrie (Dareton, NSW), and Janelle Eastwood, daughter of Guy and Glenda Eastwood (Geelong, Vic), were married on 28.11.99 in the Geelong Adventist church.

Glenn Townend, Derek McCutcheon

Kop—Barnard, James Johannes Kop, son of Cornelius and Lois Kop (Brisbane, Qld), and Janelle Lynda Barnard, daughter of Arthur and Hazel Barnard (Brisbane), were married on 31.10.99 in the Springwood Adventist church.

Len Barnard

Liggett—Narayan, Philip Andrew James Liggett, son of Allan Liggett and Lynette Polhart (both of Whangarei, NNZ), and Shirley Sharmila Narayan, daughter of Vidyawati (Suva, Fiji) and the late Jai Narayan, were married on 28.11.99 at Papatoetoe Adventist church.

John Denne, Brendon Pratt

Medloby—Hofer, Fred Medloby, son of Mario and Maria Medloby (Melbourne, Vic), and Sandra Hofer, daughter of Max and Anne Ferguson (Alstonville, NSW), were married on 12.12.99 in the Oakleigh Adventist church.

Kenneth Mead

Moulding—Nelson, Edward James Moulding, son of Ellen (Clunes, Vic) and the late Arthur Moulding, and Deborah Leanne Nelson, daughter of Ronald and Valerie Nelson (Ararat), were married on 5.12.99 in Greville Community Chapel, Wendouree, Vic.

Kevin Amos

Norman—Bruckner, Harold Norman and Marianne Bruckner were married on 28.11.99 in the Trinity Gardens Adventist church, Adelaide, SA.

C R Stanley

O'Neill—Granger, Christopher Lenord O'Neill, son of Margaret Phipps, and Deborah Elizabeth Granger, daughter of Victor and Edith Granger (Cairns, Qld), were married on 5.12.99 in the Townsville Adventist church.

John O'Malley

Rodgers—Boyd, Stuart Rodgers, son of Robert and Mollie Rodgers (Geelong, Vic), and Jamie Boyd, daughter of Ray and Beverly Boyd (Geelong), were married on 31.10.99 in the Ceres Anglican church.

Glenn Townend

Obituaries

Bligh, Eric Ernest, born 7.5.22 at Wesley Vale, Tas; died 5.12.99 at Karingal Home for the Aged, Devonport. He was predeceased by his first wife, Hazel (nee Cock) on 25.3.76. On 18.9.76 he married Marjorie Cooper. He is survived by his wife (Devonport); his daughters, Lynette Emmett (Wesley Vale), Janette Dutton (Burnie), Erica Lansdell (Devonport); his stepsons, Ross (St Leonards) and Gerald Blackwell (Campbelltown). Eric had made his decision to be baptised, but ill health prevented him from going ahead.

Don Fehlberg

Bruce, Keith Robert, born 4.7.16 at Tamworth, NSW; died 27.11.99 at Cooranbong. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn (ARV Lodge, Cooranbong); his sisters, Eva Walker (Wirimah), Isabel Walker (Ballarat, Vic) and Jean Lepage (Sydney, NSW); his daughters, Merle Cozens (Cooranbong), Eileen Martin (Brisbane, Qld) and Heather Steed (Sydney, NSW); and his son, Malcolm (Canberra, ACT). Keith was a quiet and reserved man, but he will always be remembered for his honesty, integrity

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and faithfulness, and as a dedicated and
keen Bible student. Les Coombe
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Carter, Arthur Rex, born 3.1.1895, at
Bulawao, Southern Rhodesia; died
22.11.99 at Victoria Point, Qld. On
18.12.48 he married Evelyn Must, who
predeceased him on 22.3.99. He is sur-
vived by his children and their spouses,
Robert and Marichu (Opwich), Gordon
and Lyn (Hamilton, NNZ); and their fam-
ilies. Arthur lived for almost 105 years
and was a great-uncle to Pastor Ken
Vogel, president of the Western Aus-
tralian Conference. He was a squadron
leader in WW1, a commercial pilot for
BOAC, as well as becoming a lay
preacher and prison chaplain.

Ray Fraser

Dean, Simon Logan Malcolm, born
9.6.79 in Brisbane, Qld; died 23.11.99 in
Brisbane. He is survived by his parents,
Malcolm and Margaret; his brothers, Joel
and Jonathon. Mervyn Kennaway
Peter Rowney, Martin Brown

Douglas, Barbara Dawn, born 17.9.37
at St Arnaud, Vic, died suddenly 30.11.99
at Ballarat. She is survived by her hus-
band (Ballarat), and her daughter, Gloria
(Qld). Barbara was a very caring and
helpful person. Her ministering hands
knitted many hundreds of articles of
clothing for children and adults.

Kevin Amos

Edwards, Fay Marie (nee Harris),
born 12.11.28 in Christchurch, SNZ;
died 18.11.99 at home in Nelson after
a brief illness. She was predeceased
by her first husband, George, on
18.3.69; and also her second husband,
Cecil, on 19.10.95. She is survived by
her children, Ginny Thomson (Auck-
land, NNZ), Debby Pene (Nelson,
SNZ); also her stepchildren, Verlie
Ward (USA), Anita McKean (Canada),
Natalie Sinclair (Melbourne, Vic), Lin-
coln (Takaka SNZ). Fay was always
very thoughtful of others and had the
gift of making everyone feel special.
She will be greatly missed by her
extended family as well as her church
family. Douw Venter

Everton, Stanley, born 8.1.25 at Stour-
bridge, England; died 21.11.99 at Wagga
Wagga, NSW. On 7.1.89 he married
Anne. He is survived by his wife (Wagga
Wagga); his stepchildren, Helen Bishop,
David, Susan Feary and Shirley Rudd (all
of Wagga Wagga). Peter Harper

Friske, Ethel Grace, born 3.11.12 at
Murwillumbah, NSW; died 21.11.99 in
Toowoomba Base Hospital, Qld. She
was predeceased by her husband,
John, on 1.12.77. She is survived by her
children, Danny (Nanango), Judith
Hanwright (Fernvale), Dawn Fuller
(Gatton), Sylvia Evans (Kingaroy), Jean
Winterbottom (Mount Morgan),
Georgina Oberle (Haighlea) and John
(Rosewood) and their families. Ethel
always put God first in her life. She was
a woman of faith and one who is sadly
missed by her family and all those who
loved and knew her. Geoff Donovan

Geoff Donovan

Johanson, Pastor Eric John, born
31.5.1899 at Elsterwick, Vic; died
13.11.99 in Charles Harrison Memorial
Home, Cooranbong, NSW. On 25.12.19
he married Nettie Hare, who prede-
ceased him in 1981. He was also prede-
ceased by his second wife, Vera, on
30.7.99; and his sons, Lynn and James.
He is survived by his children, Eric
(Kings Langley, Sydney), Bobbie-May
and Beth (both of Cooranbong). Our
late centenarian served the church in
the Far East, in the treasury department
at both Division and General Confer-
ence levels, and president of local con-
ferences in Australia.

Bert Grosser, Bert Pietz

Miller, Mavis (nee Dore), born 19.9.12
at Lumsden, SNZ; died 28.11.99 in Bain-
field Park Nursing Home, Invercargill. In
1964 she became an Adventist under the
ministry of Dr Allan Lindsay. She
remained a strong and devoted member
of the Invercargill church until her death
and was a very much loved lady.

Lester Hawkes

Mitchell, Pastor John Albert, born
20.11.16 at Gympie, Qld; died 1.11.99
in Coronella Retirement Village,
Nunawading, Vic. On 31.1.46 he mar-
ried Grace. He is survived by his wife
(Nunawading); his daughters, Bever-
ley Hogg (Pleasant Hills, NSW),
Heather Mitchell (Parkville, Vic), Mar-
ilyn Brimsmead (Albury, NSW); and
his son, Wayne (Mooroolbark, Vic);
and their families. John was a great
Bible and theology student. He spent
his first 16 years in Tonga, where his
father was a self-supporting mission-
ary. His service to the church included
20 years in north and south New
Zealand, 20 years in Queensland and
Victoria, chaplain in Melbourne hospi-
tals and Coronella, retiring in 1980.

Brian Smith, Tony Campbell

O'Neill, Ruth Ellen, born 14.11.63 at
Timaru, SNZ; died 15.11.99 in Bris-
bane, Qld. She was predeceased by
her sister, Karen, in 1982. She is sur-
vived by her parents, Pastor Clarrie
and Lydia O'Neill (Deception Bay);
her sisters, Jan (NZ) and Lydia (Scar-
borough, Qld); her brothers, Stephen

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(Crows Nest), Mark (Brightwaters,
NSW), Danny (Gunning) and Clarence
(Joe, Marks Point). Ruth was well-
known and loved by many, both with-
in and outside the Adventist church.

Reg Harris, Deane Jackson

Rowe, Irene Mabel ("Pearlie"), born
14.9.06 at Toowoomba, Qld; died
15.11.99 in the Adventist Retirement Vil-
lage, Victoria Point, Brisbane. On
16.10.29 she married Alexander, who
predeceased her on 26.6.90. She is sur-
vived by her sons, Orme (Kingaroy,
Qld), Leslie (Cooranbong, NSW); and
her daughter, Coral Hodgkinson (Dalby,
Qld); and their families. Pearlie was a
strong and faithful Christian and she is
sadly missed by her family members and
her church family.

Geoff Donovan, Elwyn Raethel

Thomas, George William, born 1.9.06
in Woodville, NNZ; died 25.10.99 in
Lower Hutt Hospital. He was prede-
ceased by his two wives, Pearl and
Ethel; also his sons, Neil and Paul. He is
survived by his children, Dawn, Faye,
Marie, Earl, Vernon and Ross. George
was a longstanding member of the Dan-
nevirke and Woodville churches.

Reg Timms

Trood, Iris, born 4.10.1898 at South
Yarra, Vic; died 10.11.99 in the Charles
Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong,
NSW. On 21.7.21 she married Joseph,
who predeceased her in 1990; also her
son, Pastor Robert Trood, in 1998. She
is survived by her children and their

spouses, Beryl and Calvin Stafford
(Cooranbong, NSW), Natalie Lown
(Kurrie Kurrie), Norman and Yvonne
(Wahroonga), Norma Trood (Cooran-
bong) and Hazel and David Waters
(Lismore); her 19 grandchildren; and
27 great-grandchildren. Iris will be
remembered as a very gracious, kind
and caring lady.

Rex Moe, Frank Pearce
Eric Greenwell, David Blanch

Turnor, Hazel Adeline, born 22.9.06 in
Perth, WA; died 6.12.99 at Woy Woy,
NSW. Hazel attended Carmel College in
1938 as a mature age student. Later, she
served the church as a lady Bible Work-
er in evangelistic missions in Perth and
Sydney. She retired from denomination
al service in 1966. She spent the last 27
years of her long life in the Aubrey
Downs Memorial Orange Home, Point
Claire, NSW. Hazel was a very dedicated
and faithful worker for God.

Reg Brown

Waibeya, Sadarath, born 2.2.62 at
Nauru; died 15.11.99 at Nauru. He is sur-
vived by his wife, Mary; and daughters,
Limasha and Tabita. Though only one
of five Nauruan citizens in the Adventist
Church, his witness and leadership is
already missed in a country where
Adventism is not legally allowed.

Colin Dunn

Wenck, Constance Roena (nee Fehre),
born 15.8.12 at Margate, Tas; died
24.11.99 at Nubeena. On 15.6.35 she
married Ernest, who predeceased her on



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2.1.92. She is survived by her children, Karl and Ronda Dadson (both of Port Arthur); her 6 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Connie and Ernie worked tirelessly for the establishment of Tasman Nursing Home, Nubeena, where they lived at the time of their deaths.

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