

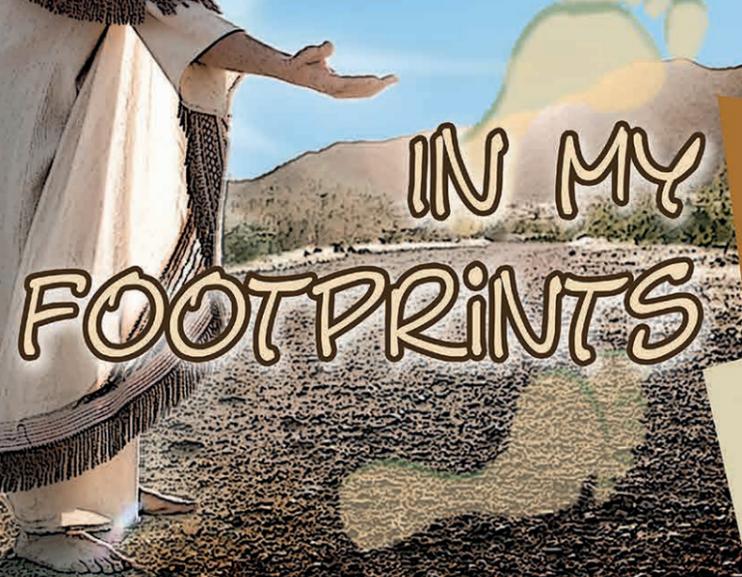
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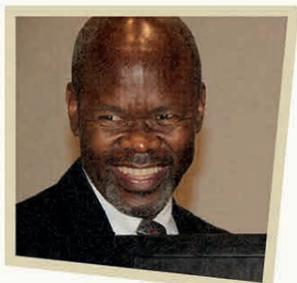




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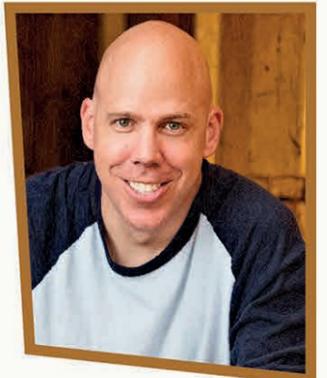
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Love Out LOUD

DEVOTIONAL BY FAYE STOTHERS

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Have you ever been so inspired by someone that you were totally compelled to imitate them? I have and I guess that is the beginning of the mandate to Love Out LOUD!

You can look at the lives of people like Mother Teresa, Fred Hollows, The Booths or anyone on the long list of amazing human beings who have expressed love out loud through their actions to others; but it all starts with Jesus. He is the ultimate expression of *love out loud*: first, through creating us with such an amazing capacity for love and relationships; He followed that up by modelling deafening love through His treatment of the both the influential and the outcasts of humanity; then by giving the most costly of all demonstrations - His life; and finally, through giving us eternity with Him. **Wow! Are you inspired? Maybe you need a little more help. Maybe you feel you can't imitate Divinity straight up. Perhaps you need to see what humanity can aspire to first.**

Let me just share how John, the guy Jesus loved, inspired me to express *love out loud*.

You might ask why this particular disciple inspired me so much. It is because he really got who Jesus was and then was given the enormous privilege of delivering the revelation of the victorious Jesus from the Patmos island... Wow, what a vote of confidence.

But I am getting ahead a bit, because he started very humbly. John was a young teen who after several trips to the Synagogue to see if he was deemed by the Rabbi's smart enough to be educated, failed miserably and had to join his dad and brother fishing. I am afraid his future was long cold nights in a boat fishing and mornings mending and cleaning stinky fishnets; catching snippets of sleep when possible; and visiting the Synagogue only on Sabbath, sitting up the back listening to the rabbis and their smart students read and cleverly commentate the Word.

That was until He met "The Word". Jesus came down to the sea of Geneserat one morning with a few thousand people in tow. Peter and Andrew were there mending their nets and young John was in his dad's boat with his brother James doing the same. He observed Jesus get in the other boat and preach up a storm to the crowd; revealing why he had come, and then he saw the craziest thing. Jesus told Peter to push the boat out into the deep water and cast out his nets. Now even John knew you never fish Galilee that way; it's always in the dark and along the shallow edge. He couldn't believe Peter actually agreed to it. He knew it all and he had already been fishing all night. John watched as Peter, the know-it-all fiery man of the lake, submitted to Jesus' request and then was overwhelmed by a catch so big it filled his boat to overflowing and John's dad's boat was recruited to help contain the massive catch. As if that wasn't enough excitement for one morning, this guy Jesus,

who was leading thousands of people around, commanding nature to obey His will and preaching with more authority than anyone John had ever heard anywhere, fixes His eyes on this young teen and says, "follow me and I will make you a fisher of men". I am sure John's mind went back to the tests given by the Rabbi's and how he had always squirmed at their questions, feeling silly and inadequate. Yet, here was the teacher who made them look silly asking him to come and "learn from me, I will do all the work and I will make you all that you are not." I doubt that in that moment John understood that his Creator was promising to make him into a man worthy of taking over from Him when it was time. I imagine that just being seen as worthy to be taught and valued for who he was, was enough for this young man to leave his dad and follow.

To share the entire journey of young John from the day Jesus placed value on him until his death, would take a very long time; so let me just share one exciting day with you. Found in the first chapter of Mark's gospel, this day happened soon after the fishermen were called (and don't you love Mark for his use of the word "immediately" so you know you are gonna get the facts and quick?). Anyway, we find the guys and Jesus going to the synagogue on Sabbath in Capernaum. I can imagine this is not new; they would have rocked up there every Sabbath. But this time is different because they are with Him. The guy everyone is talking about, the guy everyone wants to know and get near. I bet for the first time they shamelessly marched to the front because He has given them value and called them to be something new. They were with The Guy, and He was **their** Rabbi. He goes to the front and preaches with amazing authority and everyone in the congregation is moved and see something profound in His grasp of the "Word". No wonder John later says "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". He saw it happen! Can you imagine young John nudging the people around him proudly saying this is my rabbi, He chose me. Then a man began screeching from the back, full of demons; demanding to know why Jesus had come and telling those present that Jesus was the Holy

one of God. Jesus commanded the demons to be silent and leave. Once again His command is obeyed even by demons and everyone was amazed at the authority He showed. Think of young John... can you even imagine how he felt. I think that his already insane admiration for Jesus was really peaking now. I can hear him saying to anyone who would listen; "I'm with Him, He chose me".

The excitement of the day gets even better as they show up at Peter's house for Sabbath lunch. His Mother-in-law is very sick with a fever, totally unable to get up to host lunch for her special guests. By the way, she must be really sick because these women were not whooses, they had to be nearly dead not to work. Jesus healed her and immediately she got up and began serving them. The day was still not over and their lesson in love for the day still had more finishing touches.

Word about Jesus spread very quickly and He healed and cast out many demons and Mark tells us that the entire city was gathered at the door of the house. Can you understand why John knew first hand of Jesus love? It was so catchy. Such an inspiring day to see an entire city moved by Him and I can hear John saying, this is my rabbi, He's teaching me, He's growing me, He's the bomb, He's it and He wants me...

John became a person Jesus trusted in His inner circle. From that position, John witnessed His intimacy with the Father, His tender heart breaking as he realised the magnitude of the task before Him and John fell head over heels for Jesus. There was no going back. Jesus asked John to care for his mother at the cross and left His ministry in his and the other disciple's hands... Get that? The ministry of heaven in human hands!

But you might say it was easy for John, he saw Jesus do His thing and I only get to read about it. It was **not** easy for John. Imagine having everything about your life shaken up, living on the streets, having the religious rulers constantly wanting to do you in, watching your best friend

in the universe suffer and die the most horrible of deaths for people who were non the wiser for His deafening proclamation of love.

John calls himself the disciple Jesus loved and we might think that presumptuous of him. Jesus didn't. It was confidence in a Saviour who proved over an over to be faithful and loving. The great part is that you or I can put our own name in there as the disciple Jesus loved. That is confidence. John's confidence in Jesus was tested as he was constantly under attack to prevent his divine mandate unfolding. At one point John was even dipped in boiling oil. I am not trying to put you off (he came out untouched by the way), I am simply telling you it costs sometimes to follow this amazing Jesus. As King David says "I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing."

What ever the cost, He is worth it. You will never have a better experience, wilder ride, see more miracles or change your world than when you step out of your comfort zone and do what He did. Love out loud. It is your mission, your privilege, your joy and destiny to shout, not through your religious practice but through your actions, to others the deafening roar of love that flows from heaven.

He is life; He is your very existence and your only future... so go on... go for it.

"For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your own poets have said we are his offspring."

Acts 17:28

Faye Stothers
Chaplain
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In HIM we LIVE

BY PASTOR MOE IOANE STILES



Well, 2013 has well and truly arrived. For the Youth Department it feels as if the years have merged into one, but we are now fully launched into a new year, with new opportunities, visions and energy.

As per usual, the beginning of our year is always a little chaotic in an organised kind of way. We started with Youth Congress in Queensland, which I hope you have read up about in the RECORD, then went straight into our two amazing God-weeks of Summer Camp. Each year, God seems to take these camps to a whole new level of astounding intensity. 2013 saw record numbers attend both our Juniors and Teens, while the commitments made have blown us out of the water. God is so good, and again we feel honoured and privileged to be in the frontline; witnessing and experiencing Him at work on our kids and staff alike. It

is so hard to express just what it is like to be in the presence of God as He does what He does - turning lives upside down and inside out. I often wish our church community could have a glimpse into the intense weeks we had with our beautiful Juniors and Teens.

JUNIORS - 108 CAMPERS

93 WANT OT LOVE OUT LOUD FOR JESUS

46 WOULD LIKE TO BE BAPTISED

TEENS - 125 CAMPERS

114 WANT TO LOVE OUT LOUD FOR JESUS

30 WOULD LIKE TO BE BAPTISED

This year we also experienced another staff baptism and I hope she will get to share her story with you herself. But Gina Al Ali gave her life to Jesus in baptism as a testimony of what God has done in her life. It was truly moving and a powerful experience for our campers and staff.

So 2013! What is in store for us at VicYouth? Well, I am not exactly sure - God

continues to be the only one fully in control of our year and future. What we can share is VicYouth's focus for 2013, which He has placed in our hearts and enabled us to implement.

As shared in previous years, we have decided to align our theme with that of our General Conference Youth Department and this year it is **Mission & Service**. After much prayer and discussion amongst our VicYouth Team, we have decided to focus our thoughts on Acts 17:28, which has become our theme text.

For in Him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.' (NIV)

Our focus this year is the ultimate mission of Jesus. He came to give us life and to give it in abundance - this is everything: Jesus focused, breathed, acted, it is all! He came with the mission of reconciling His children to God, to seek and save the lost. His ultimate mission was to reveal the character of the Father in all His glory. This is our mission and mandate! The service aspect of our theme we see portrayed on the cross - Jesus' mission was served and made real when He hung

there.

I have always wondered if the disciples ever had an inkling that to follow Jesus could potentially cost them their lives. I've always wondered if, at the time Jesus called them to follow, He also warned them that it was going to be a little bit on the life-threatening edge of things. I wonder!

We do not have to look far to see that it costs to follow Jesus. But didn't it cost Him dearly, when He decided to come on a mission to earth? It cost Him His life! So the notion we are challenging this year is that when we accept the mission of following Jesus, it really means following Him - no matter the cost. The mission of seeking and saving the lost, reconciliation, revealing the character of God will cost. But we are on a mission for Him.

The theme at Summer Camp was 'Love Out Loud'. What could this look like unspoken? What would the followers' of Jesus lives look like? What would our communities experience with this whole notion of allowing our lives to shout love? It is easy to say 'we love you'. 'I love you' may be a little harder... but it is even harder to put our lives on the line, because we are innately selfish people and we don't want to hurt and we don't want to feel pain we don't want our love to cost anything.

Mission and Service go hand in hand. When we have a mission we serve! And in this case, as Jesus displayed His heart of service whilst on the cross, we in turn, as His disciples, will do likewise. We may never experience

being hung on one, but we do have crosses to bear and it will differ from person to person. It could be our family's disownment, a friend's ridicule, abandonment, rejection, financial difficulties, feeling of unworthiness... the list goes on. And this is the cost! Mission and Service, will mean sacrifice. It will challenge us out of our comfort zone. It will cost us something.

The good news is this: it is not us doing the moving and serving and missioning. The reason we chose our theme text is because it is only through Jesus that we are able to **"live and move and have our being."** As young people it is very easy to become excited about things (before becoming marred by the spirit of cynicism - blessings upon you, may you be shielded from this).

Let us get excited about living a life of service, and taking on a mission, but let's not get caught up in our own abilities and skills and experiences. There is nothing good in and about us. It is only through God's grace that we are able to do anything at all good, and loving is costly. As a pastor once preached, 'I have no love in me to give, I have to pray that God puts a love in my heart to love'. It is true of all of our lives. I think that we are able to experience a freedom in our discipling only when we fully rely on Jesus and *not* on our own strength.

The mission and service of Jesus on this earth, as His hands and feet, will be real, authentic, honest and raw... and again may I say, costly. But it is important to draw on Him, the one in whom **'we live and move and have our being.'**

So 2013? The year of Mission & Service! How will God's mission for us be served in our community? My challenge for our youth groups this year is to spend time as a group praying and meditating over this focus. As Jesus moves and lives and dwells amongst you,

what will He reveal as His mission and service that is particular and unique to your community? On another thought, as a youth group, how can Jesus serve you this year? Because as you allow Jesus to pour into your community, you will not be able to help but overflow into your wider circle.

So what? What are some practical ways we can go about this outside of our local church scene? All VicYouth events and ministries will be focusing on this text and theme, from youth rallies to camps to trainings to gatherings. We want to meditate on and absorb this text into our pores so that we may not be caught out relying on our own charisma and strength, but that all that is done through us is the leading and outpouring of Jesus Himself.

And the exciting part is that how it will look will be different in each of our various local youth groups, but with the same end result - we will have had an experience with Jesus working and moving through us, and we in return will continue to give Him honour and glory and praise, because He is the one that will be at work.

We just need to be ready to follow!

I pray this year you will experience Jesus in a mighty way as He pours Himself over you, that you will be moved to reveal Him in all His glory, and that our communities will see His character in fullness. He's given us this authority, may we do Him justice in our mission and service. I also pray that whatever it may cost you, He will bring peace that surpasses all understanding. I pray that He makes Himself ever so present when He allows you to fully walk in His shoes and allows you to get a glimpse into what it felt like for Him, and that He will give you strength and might to push through.

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INTRODUCING THE VICYOUTH THEME AND FOCUS FOR 2013



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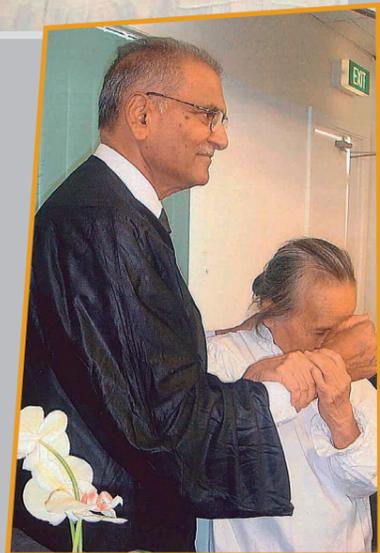


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U THEIN NAING BEING BAPTISED AFTER HAVING BIBLE STUDIES VIA SKYPE

EH SOE REE AND THAW RAY HTOO



PR STENIO GUNGADOO AND O POT, THE 40TH CANDIDATE SINCE 2007

MORE BAPTISMS - COUNTING! **WERRIBEE CHURCH**

Brethren from Myanmar have come together at Werribee on several occasions to witness the baptisms of members committing to Christ.

In August, they were joined by Pr Darren Croft and his family. Pr Croft delivered a beautiful sermon and his wife, Rosalie, had the kids enthralled with the children's story.

There were four baptismal candidates, and the whole church, together with the angels in heaven, rejoiced as they demonstrated their decision to follow in the footsteps of Christ, through baptism.

Naw Marina Shwe's eldest son was baptised twelve years ago at Helen Hall's academy in Thailand. Ecstatic in his newfound faith and the Sabbath truth, he wanted passionately for his family to follow him. His brother was baptised in 2009, while his parents and aunt began having studies in 2010. It was with much joy that he witnessed his mother's baptism and he asks that we all remember his aunt and father in our prayers.

U Thein Naing grew up a staunch Buddhist. He was disowned by his parents 36 years ago when he married a Christian girl. They would attend each other's religious services, but were otherwise untouched by their spouse's beliefs. Forced to become refugees, the couple finally resettled in Brisbane. In 2010, Nan Shwe Myat Kyaw, lay pastor for Werribee, was preaching in Brisbane and the Holy Spirit used her message to touch the heart of U Thein Naing. He wanted to have Bible studies, but with Nan living in Melbourne, it seemed this would never happen. But then, through divine providence, both Nan and U Thein Naing installed skype on their computers quite independently, and the Bible studies commenced.

Two of the young people of the congregation were also baptised; Eh Soe Ree and Thaw Ray Htoo, and their baptisms were witnessed with as much joy as those of the older candidates.

Then in December, O Pot was baptised. A 71 year old Buddhist, she and her husband lived in a small village

in Myanmar and sent their children to the Adventist school where they came to know Christ. For some time this lady suffered from fear and insomnia, and believed only the power of Christ could cure her, in spite of remaining a Buddhist, along with her husband.

When the Myanmar government troops drove the Karen people into Thailand and the refugee camps, O Pot and her husband found themselves displaced. Many of their children were already settled in Melbourne and they sponsored their parents, who were able to join them here late last year.

Remembering her conviction that baptism and what it represented would cure her insomnia, O Pot told her Adventist daughter she wanted to become a Christian. She had Bible studies and was baptised in December, with Pr Stenio Gungadoo preaching.

Now she is happy, and no longer suffering insomnia and fear. O Pot praises the Lord for His wonders in her life.

She was the fortieth candidate to be baptised since the church group was organised in June, 2007. Praise God.

Mervin Myat Kyaw

THE MISSION FIELD OF 2012 **NORTH FITZROY CHURCH**

We all want Jesus to come and know that the Gospel must first go to all the world. Yet we seem to be having trouble merely taking it to our own neighbourhoods!

In a suburb where non-Christians far outnumber Christians, our little Adventist church stands surrounded by both multi-million dollars homes and public housing high rise apartments, inhabited by the affluent and the underprivileged - many alcohol and drug dependent - to whom we have been reaching out: we've invited overseas and local guest speakers to conduct special series; built up our children's ministries and Sabbath School classes; held a Revelation Seminar; run weekly church hospitality lunches; and faithfully continued the soup kitchen for local community people.

But we have often felt like Alexander Dickson, an African missionary who accepted the Sabbath truth in the 1860's. Excommunicated by his missionary

organisation, he returned to Melbourne pioneering the Seventh-day Sabbath message, and it turned out to be at even more personal expense. Eventually he gave up in discouragement and left for California. Surprisingly, his work is the reason Adventist pioneer missionaries chose to begin in Melbourne rather than Sydney.

This same invisible influence has also drawn people to Christ and the Sabbath truth here at North Fitzroy. We have been excited and surprised to hear of the Holy Spirit's work accessing people's homes and hearts for Christ through modern technology! God is using the internet to break down barriers.

Though naturally gregarious, circumstances led Tony to become reclusive, mainly connecting with others through the internet. Online discussions sent him searching for the truth about God. He realised he could pray to God but didn't know His name.

"Someone told me Satan was like a god too," Tony explains. "I wanted to be sure I was praying to the true God, so I prayed to God, to Jesus and Yahweh, the God of Abraham and Isaac just to be sure."

The Holy Spirit led him to spiritual truths as he sought God with all his heart. He accepted Christ and realising he needed to give up smoking, he prayed to his new found God for help. He had no craving after that prayer and his boss wanted his secret!

"You probably won't want to hear this," he'd say when asked, "but I've come to know Jesus and he is doing this for me."

Tony's brother Zed also noticed the change in him. One day Zed complained of a debilitating sore foot that was keeping him from his building work.

"Well," said Zed, "isn't Jesus supposed to help with this?"

"He did in the Bible anyway," Tony reflected, a little unsure.

"Let's pray about it," suggested Zed. They did. Then Zed stood and moved his foot this way and that, totally pain free. With a prayer of thanks, he returned to work.

Studying together on the internet, the brothers became convicted of the Sabbath truth. They found our church online, and soon joined us for worship. There was much rejoicing as we witnessed Tony's baptism.

Graeme is a young business manager who also found North Fitzroy through the Church website. As a child in a

country town, he had some exposure to Adventism through his friends. Last year, he determined to get his life on track and go to church. The only church he remembered was the Adventist church so he 'googled' it. Graeme tells of a time when he was thrown overboard by a large wave while working on a fishing trawler. A fellow worker "just happened" to hook his thick clothing with a gaff hook, and listening, I thanked God for rescuing Graeme spiritually in a far gentler but as effective way, through the waters of baptism.

Another Sabbath, Annie, who had just moved to Melbourne, was wheeled into church by her visiting friend. Suffering cerebral palsy, Annie's biological parents could not accept her and she was fostered to a Christian family.

"In those days, any child with a disability was labelled as being mentally ill if they couldn't talk," Annie wrote. But to everyone's surprise she was given the opportunity to receive a special education and today she can communicate through a special computerised device and head pointer, by which she typed a two-page testimony for her baptism.

"From the age of 12 until last year, I rebelled against the both the Baptist and the Adventist church because I felt I was being Bible bashed," Annie testified. Last year she was hospitalised with chronic bronchitis. "One night I woke up three quarters out of bed. I yelled and yelled, but no one came... 'Jesus help me' I cried. 'I'm sorry for my sins, I'm frightened and scared and cold.'

"Within seconds the whole room felt warm and a soft, gentle voice said, 'You will not fall and your sins have been forgiven.' A gentle hand lifted my upper body back onto the bed. I don't know if it was Christ or an angel that night, but the room was so warm and loving."

Every week, Annie loves to participate in church and Sabbath School discussion, with well-placed comments through her computerised speaking device. We have come to love Annie and having her with us strengthens our church family.

Thank God for faithful men and women in the past who like Alexander Dickson, passionately witnessed, served and sacrificed for God's truth in North Fitzroy. In 2013, we are already planning two more baptisms to begin the New Year and waiting expectantly and excitedly to co-operate with the Holy Spirit in more amazing adventures for God's glory.

Bev Hankinson

TONY RIITEVSKI FINDING GOD ONLINE



GRAEME PRICE - A NORTH FITZROY MEMBER, THANKS TO TECHNOLOGY!



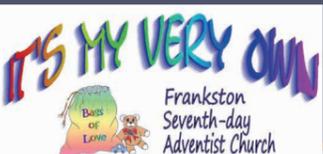
ANNIE NORTON'S BAPTISM AFTER GIVE HER INCREDIBLE TESTIMONY

NATASHA & GLENN WILSON (STORY ON PAGE 10)

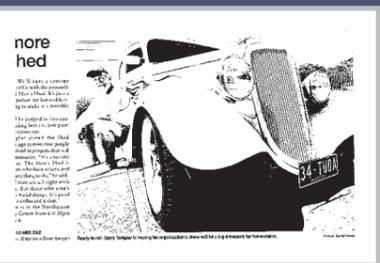




BROTHER AND SISTER BAPTISM DUO - NATASHA AND GLENN WILSON



GREENVALE'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT SENT GIFTS TO PNG AND FIJI



NORTHPOINT COMMUNITY CENTRE & MEN'S SHED'S HOT ROD SHOW WAS FEATURED IN LOCAL PAPER

BENDIGO'S UNFINISHED OBJECTS CRAFT GROUP



FAMILY REJOICING

NORTH FITZROY CHURCH

Teenage brother and sister, Natasha and Glenn have grown up attending our church. In their heart-warming, baptismal testimonies they told of their appreciation of their parent's and grandparent's love and guidance over them and spoke fondly of memorable nature walks.

Glenn has faced faith challenges in his part-time job from an annoyed employer who could not understand his issues with Saturday job training.

"After praying about the problem, to my surprise, they almost immediately called me and allowed me to complete the training day on a Monday morning instead. **This is something I was extremely thankful about and it showed me God really does care and helps us to make good decisions** to do what is right," Glenn testified.

Both teenagers stated their appreciation of Bible studies they had with Pr Hankinson and their interesting teen Sabbath School. They also enjoy participating in the children's music group where they play songs and hymns in a number of church services throughout the year.

It is truly wonderful when we see the young people of our church take this momentous step.

Bev Hankinson

AN UPDATE ON BAGS OF LOVE

FRANKSTON CHURCH

Last year we bought you a story from Frankston, of a group of ladies and their Bags of Love project. They have been working hard for nine months and their collection of quilts is accumulating.

Recently they donated ten quilts and a number of stuffed animals to a unit at Box Hill Police Station which specialises in dealing with sexual abuse of children. Those who made the delivery were touched by the pressure the detectives, who are parents themselves, must experience as they deal with the traumatised children and difficult circumstances, and ask that you think of them in your prayers.

Often the children who are interviewed are given a rug or toy to hold, to encourage a feeling of security as they relive their story, and now, rather than

having to leave these articles at the station when they leave, because of Bags of Love, they may be able to take them with them. This is an area of growing need, and something the Frankston church members will pursue.

Judy Waters

SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOXES

GREENVALE CHURCH

For the fifth consecutive year members of the Greenvale Seventh-day Adventist church have filled shoe boxes with gifts for the annual Operation Christmas Child project.

Commencing with a total of 32 boxes in 2008, this year's total amounted to a record 55. All church families donated at least one or more boxes, and included a \$9 donation to cover sea freight, receiving country transportation costs and other costs essential to the project.

This year the shoe boxes are going to under privileged children in PNG and Fiji. Co-ordinator, Julie Newsome says she is thrilled with the response.

Colin Woods

VROOOOM AT THE SHED

NORTHPOINT CHURCH

Recently the Tullamarine Men's Shed and Northpoint Community Centre entertained the community and raised money for more equipment with a Hot Rod show of close to 100 cars from avid hot rodders from Hume and the surrounding areas.

It was a great way to increase exposure, meet people and help the community as members of the Shed often built things for the local community with their equipment.

UFO'S STILL FLYING HIGH!

BENDIGO CHURCH

In 2006, one of the programs offered by Bendigo Church through their Life on Bay Street Outreach Centre, helping to connect people with each other, was their UnFinished Objects Craft Group. Even though the centre is no longer operational, the craft group, which commenced with just five members all those years ago, is still going strong under the encouragement of Lynda Scott, with 29 people now in regular attendance.

Danielle Synot

"PRAY THE RADICAL PRAYER"

NORTH WEST BUSH CAMP

Friday evening, the 2nd of November marked the start of the 2012 North West Bush Camp on the banks of the Darling River. 300 plus campers from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia spent Thursday and Friday setting up their swags, tents, caravans, motor homes, houseboats and the paddle wheeler, 'Coonawarra', on Kelso Station in Wentworth.

The opening meeting had guest speaker, Pastor Derek Morris, introduce the theme for camp: Pray the Radical Prayer. Meetings over the remainder of camp, which concluded on the following Tuesday, explained Jesus' challenge to each of us as found in Luke 10:2.

Each day started with morning worship at 7.00am, followed by Children's, Jet's, and Adult programs. Afternoons were filled with activities such as a car gymkhana, Adventurers activities, movies in the Big Tent, Laser Force, swimming and skiing, or simply enjoying free time with friends, sitting beside the river in the shade of a red gum. The days concluded with a combined meeting in the Big Tent and a visit to the ABC store.

Sabbath morning saw a 'Hope Sabbath School' style panel discussion with the panel comprised of youth from Mildura church.

The Children's program (ages 0-9) featured the story of Daniel, complete with craft activities, characters dressed in costume, puppets and a talking lion! Over 80 eager young campers packed into the tent for the Sabbath morning session.

The Jets (Junior & Early Teens) were cared for by a visiting group of students from Lilydale Academy who presented the Pilgrims Progress story through drama, songs and activities. The 'Teen Café' was a popular hang out after the evening meetings. Thanks go to the Lilydale students and their leaders for making the effort to attend camp.

The combined church service encouraged attendees to prepare themselves to Pray the Radical Prayer.

What is this prayer? In Luke 10:2 Jesus explains that "the

harvest (the work of 'leading men and women to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and gathering them into the Kingdom of God') truly is great, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

"Send forth labourers" isn't an accurate translation. The Greek verb used by Jesus in Luke 10:2 is ekballo, which means "to throw out," or "to cast out." What Jesus is asking you to do is earnestly plead with the Lord of the harvest "to throw out" labourers, "to hurl out" labourers, "to cast out" labourers into His harvest.

Bringing it down to a more personal level, Pastor Morris encouraged each person to pray "Lord of the harvest, I earnestly beg you to throw out labourers into your harvest, and you have my permission to begin with me."

That is a radical prayer!

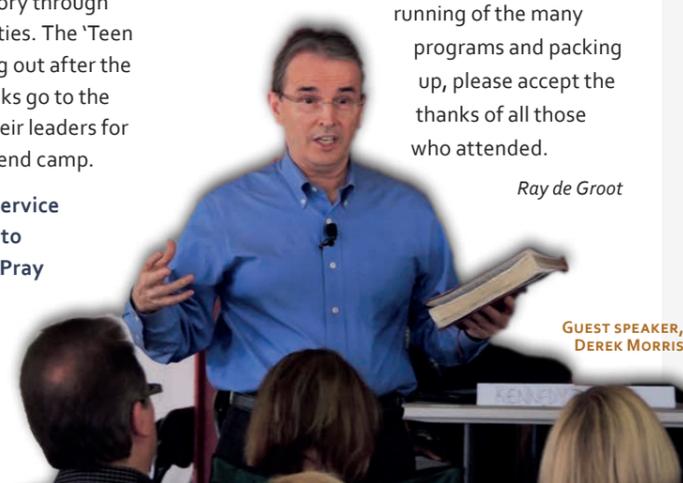
Sabbath saw over 475 in attendance, and as in past years, meal times in the dining tent were one of the highlights of camp. 2,235 meals were prepared and served by the kitchen staff (not including breakfasts which were donated by Sanitarium). A fantastic effort!

Sabbath afternoon witnessed the dedication of young Sophie Morton and the baptism of Beni Guljas and Wayne Pajares in the waters of the Darling River.

2012 was the sixth year of the North West Bush Camp, organised by a committee of Mildura Church members and generously supported by the Victorian Conference.

Camp would not happen without the assistance of a large group of volunteers. To all those who helped with camp set-up, catering, cleaning, the smooth running of the many programs and packing up, please accept the thanks of all those who attended.

Ray de Groot



GUEST SPEAKER, DEREK MORRIS

PR MORRIS - PRAY THE RADICAL PRAYER



PANEL DISCUSSION WITH MILDURA YOUTH



THE STORY OF DANIEL FOR THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

BENI GULJAS & WAYME PAJARES WERE BAPTISED IN THE DARLING RIVER





ROAD to BETHLEHEM



VOLUNTEER'S PARTICIPATING IN RTB - HERROD'S PALACE AND THE ANGEL



CARRUM DOWNS SAMOAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM SHARING A MEAL IN HONOUR A VISITING GRANDMOTHER



OLIVE BLYDE DELIVERED MEALS TO FELIX FOR 14 YEARS



SPRINGVALE'S ORIGINAL BUILDING (LEFT) & THE RENOVATED CHURCH (BELOW)



THANK YOU

NUNAWADING CHURCH

Road to Bethlehem was once again a huge success last December, and organisers would like to express their gratitude to those who contributed in many different ways.

Over 14,000 visitors walked the Road to Bethlehem during the four evenings, with the busiest evening seeing over 4,000 people. A new addition in 2012 was the Evangelism Tent, designed to showcase our church's beliefs and what we offer to the community. Several families took advantage of the opportunities offered and enrolled their children into Adventurers and Pathfinders on the spot. Postal requests for 6-month subscriptions to Signs magazine continue to arrive and during the next month requests for either Bible reading guides or further information about our church will be followed up.

We will never know the full extent of the impact RTB has had, this side of Heaven.

At the conclusion of the program in the Manger scene, one visitor was overheard asking their partner "What is eternal life?" Who knows how that seed will grow.

The RTB committee praises God for the opportunity provided to sow such seeds, and requests that you pray for those who attended, for the postal requests that are being followed up and for the ongoing planning for 2013.

Charlotte Carey

TO THE LEAST OF THESE...

CARRUM DOWNS SAMOAN CHURCH

We have started the 2013 with a new resolution to build relationships through fellowship together in our houses. This got one of our members thinking about a grandmother who was visiting in one of our homes.

The Women's Ministry team decided to invite her for a meal in my house and she came. Everyone contributed to the tasty meal which we all enjoyed.

The fellowship was quiet at first but as we continued to ask and answer questions the room soon filled with noise and laughter. After our meal we moved to the lounge and listened to our visitor's stories of how sweet it is to work for the Lord. She also said she never thought anyone would care about her and she was very appreciative of the effort. We gave

her a gift and concluded the day with an evening worship, lots of hugs and tender loving kisses.

This reminded us of what Jesus said, "...When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me."

Heta Erika

MEALS ON WHEELS

WARBURTON CHURCH

Eighty-four year old great grandmother, Olive Blyde, recently retired after 40 years as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Olive, a member of the original committee, started delivering meals as a volunteer with Yarra Ranges Council when she was 44.

Two years ago she had heart surgery, but subsequently continued with her selfless service to the local community. Now that she is retired, Olive said she misses her chats with the hundreds of people she visited.

"Delivering Meals on Wheels was a pleasure which I really enjoyed. I was always glad I was able to deliver them, especially when it was to people younger than me!"

Sue Marshall

A LONG-ANTICIPATED REOPENING!

SPINGVALE CHURCH

With the grace of God and His constant leading and guidance, Springvale Church recently celebrated the event of their re-opening after extensive renovations, with a special dedicatory service held on Sabbath afternoon, Feb 2. Following the service, those present continued the celebration as they shared a light supper.

Back in 2004 church members, aware of the general rundown condition of the premises, explored the options of either renovating or relocating. Choosing to renovate, the lengthy process of fundraising and planning began and by March last year, they were finally ready to proceed. While the work took place, the local Lutheran church kindly agreed to rent their premises to us for our services, until the building passed inspection at the beginning of December.

Many people were involved in this lengthy process – church members on the planning and fundraising committees, Council staff, draftsmen, Conference staff, our ministers, the Lutheran church

members and the many who contributed through donations. Thank you to all involved. Church members are looking to moving forward and becoming a significant presence in their area.

Errol Rahiman with IntraVic

SHARING HOPE WITH THE COMMUNITY

YARRA VALLEY CHURCH

God has greatly blessed those attending the Prophecies of Hope seminars conducted by Pr Peter Watts and held at Wandin.

For 20 nights, Peter brought alive the great truths contained in the Bible. The Holy Spirit convicted hearts and community visitors have requested baptism, while the church members have been brought closer to God as a result of the programs.

The seminars were held on Saturday and Sunday evenings and attendees were given program summaries and literature after each meeting. Over the course of ten weeks, many firm friendships were made between community visitors and church members.

The program concluded with a healthy vegetarian meal, which more than 50 people enjoyed.

We pray for God's continued blessings to all who attended.

Harold Waldrip

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

PLENTY VALLEY CHURCH

In conjunction with our Crisis Relief programme, church members again delivered Christmas Hampers to our community. We were able to choose 30 of the more needy families whom we had served during 2012, in addition to a further ten hampers for homeless folk in community emergency housing.

Our regular volunteers each purchased quantities of different items - all organised by Donna. These were brought to church on Sabbath morning and packed by our efficient junior Sabbath School class. Each of the children's Sabbath School classes had made very nice Christmas cards which were included in the hampers along with all the other Christmas goodies.

Church members, along with our volunteers, took on responsibility for ringing the recipients and delivering the hampers with our best wishes.

They were very well received and appreciated not only for the gift, but for the friendship as well.

Nancy Piez

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

BAYLES CHURCH

Once again the Christmas Program put on by the Bayles Church for the elderly residents at Killara Hostel, Koo Wee Rup was a wonderful success. The children took part by singing songs, and playing little musical instruments - they won the hearts of everyone there.

Pam Wiwysyk (on the right) is pictured handing over to the Killara Staff member on duty that day, one of the two baskets of gifts donated by the church members - one gift for each of the 50 residents.

The residents invited their family members to come and enjoy the program with them and they too expressed their delight for the wonderful variety of items.

Bayles Communications

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SHEPPARTON CHURCH

Saturday night, Nov 17, was a night to be remembered for all the right reasons. The teens and youth at Shepparton organised an auction and cent-a-vote concert to raise money for ADRA and charity work in Africa. Early Christmas shopping was conducted by the attending adults - all sorts of goodies were auctioned off. A mystery box was vigorously bid for (which contained 52 stuffed platypi (guess what all their friends got for Christmas) and all sorts of delicious food and beverages were able to be bought and consumed whilst listening to various musical and talent acts.

The auctioneer, emcees and entertainers were all under the age of 18 and did a wonderful job of mentoring the younger kids, getting money out of the adults (their parents!) and raising funds for much needed projects. This group of kids have met at a local family's home every Thursday night for the last 18 months and they wanted to make a difference. And they did! Over \$1100 was raised (and an amazing number of 5c coins needed to be banked). Well done guys.

Cheryl Lon Ho Kee

HAROLD WALDRIP AND PETER WATTS FROM YARRA VALLEY CHURCH



PLENTY VALLEY JUNIOR SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS WITH HAMPERS THEY'D PREPARED

PAM HANDING OVER A PAMPER OF GIFTS TO KILLARA STAFF AS PART OF BAYLES' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



THE CHILDREN, AS ALWAYS, WERE A HIGHLIGHT FOR RESIDENTS

SHEPPARTON'S TEENS AND YOUTH WERE ALL INVOLVED IN THE FUNDRAISING EVENING





CONFERENCE NEWS

COLIN TIMMS' LOG HOME - INCLUDING A LOOK AT ONE OF THE INSIDE ROOMS



A PEAK AT ONE OF THE ROOMS INSIDE



SOME OF THE LITERATURE EVANGELIST TEAM WHO ENJOYED THE LOG CABIN ENVIRONMENT ON THEIR RETREAT

JOE PAOLA, PR DAVID RILEY AND JOHN SHEERMEIJER



DAVE EDGREN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

REFRESHMENT IN MARYSVILLE

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

Marysville was the place chosen by our Victorian team for their end of year retreat. A hand-built log home provided the perfect bush-setting escape after a full on year of door knocking. The home was built by Collin Timms after his original log house was destroyed in the devastating Marysville bushfires. Here are some comments from those who attended...

"My family and I spent a wonderful spiritual time in a quiet bush setting with fellow Literature Evangelists and their families. Sabbath afternoon was spent discovering Stevensons Falls just up the road. We all enjoyed many cool refreshing drinks from the natural springs along the paths. Praise God for His abundance." *Peter Smith*

"I really enjoyed getting together with the other Literature Evangelists and fellowshiping with their families." Noeleen Hawkins.

"I can't imagine sharing Sabbath in a better way. The group worship in the log cabin was informal and friendly. We shared personal testimonies, singing, prayers and meals amidst majestic mountain scenery." *John Sheermeijer*

"Can we stay another night?" *Isaac Paola*

Our Jesus said, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." These compassionate words of Christ were spoken not only to His disciples many years ago, but also to His workers today.

We thank Him for providing in His creation, places where we can go and be refreshed and renewed in strength to better serve Him. *Joe Paola*

HOT DOORS IN HAMPTON PARK

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

On Thursday 29th of November, Melbourne experienced a record breaking day of hot weather. It was sticky and uncomfortable, but our plans to work in the Hampton Park area for our Casey church were not hindered.

Pr David Riley, who probably has the biggest smile in our conference, read from Romans chapter 10 verses 13-15,

"For anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is what the scriptures mean when they say 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.'"

With God's Spirit preceding, His literature evangelists, Denise Sharp, John Sheermeijer and Joe Paola followed.

One contact was Felice. His children have Adventist friends and have from time to time attended our Cook Island church in Carrum Downs. He is very comfortable with this because he believes that their Adventist friends are a good moral influence on his children. Felice accepted to watch our Beyond DVD.

As we look back, we praise our God for His leading, for the 147 pieces of literature, the ten Great Controversy volumes, the nine prayers and the five homes that accepted our Beyond DVDs.

Sure it was hot, but it was a joy to be sent out by Him to bring good news to many people in Hampton Park. *Joe Paola*

HEY KIDS, IT'S PASTOR DAVE HERE.

I would like to thank you for your prayers as I went through my brain tumour surgery. I had my surgery on January 2. The doctors did a great job and got the tumour out. Now I am healing and healing fast!

I spent one week in hospital. The bed was really cool! There were buttons to make my legs and head go up and down, to turn on the light, the TV and call the nurse! All I had to do was press buttons!

The food was yummy, too. The surgery makes things taste different for a few days. The first day they gave me orange juice and it tasted like straight cordial - too sweet, eww. My favourite drink in hospital was milk and my favourite food was mashed potatoes. I met some really nice people there too. The nurses were amazing.

I have been writing lots of stories about my surgery. You can read The Tumour Saga on <http://prdaveonline.blogspot.com.au>. Thanks for your prayers, I will be telling stories again very soon!

ORDINATIONS

The Victorian Conference was blessed late last year, with the ordination of three of our young ministers.

November 17, Matt Hunter, who has been serving at Bairnsdale Church, shared his journey which began with secretly reading his Bible in the privacy of his room.

It was 1997 and he had been doing this for months. While reading Matthew he was convicted of the barrenness of his heart; how devoid it was of love. Then God asked him 'If I was to return at this moment would you be in my kingdom?' Knowing in his heart he would not, he sensed the invitation and call God was making and surrendered. God then led him to the Adventist church where he felt truly at home.

Although he started working as an engineer, Matt never intended it to be his career and felt frustrated that God seemed to close the door to pastoral ministry. But that frustration turned to joy at the realisation that being in ministry is not based on who our earthly employer is, but who owns our heart. Doors then opened for Matt to be involved in the local church and he found this greatly satisfying. Working as a lay minister, God used unexpected people to open unexpected doors and eventually the way was made clear for him to attend Avondale.

Chris Stanley was ordained on November 24 at Nunawading Church.

He grew up in a family full of ministers and had the opportunity to witness first-hand the joys, challenges and rewards of full time ministerial work from a very young age and, despite what is sometimes said, the life of a pastor's kid really can be a very blessed life.

Many Sabbath mornings found Chris being loaded into the car with the family as they travelled out to remote churches in Queensland, where Chris was able to hear his father preach the same sermon from the week before, and the week before that, and the week before that... When it came time to decide what he wanted to do with his life, this first-hand knowledge had a strong influence on him. But more than that, Chris simply believed that all should know of God's love, power and grace.

Though he cannot testify to a voice from heaven or a miraculous moment to bring him to ministry, he can testify to the ever-growing desire to work in this way for his Saviour.

Ben Townson works with Ararat Church, and his ordination took place December 8.

At a young age Ben watched his mum stand up for Christ with great strength and he developed respect for her and her faith. His dad was incapacitated by a motorcycle accident and she raised two young children with essentially no support, only persecution, ridicule and pressure from her husband and the extended family.

One day she left a children's Bible on Bens book shelf, and he found it made logical sense, seemed to be genuine and real and he was drawn to it.

Later, working as a mechanic, Ben was impressed by the design and function of his hands. He was led to face the fact that a loving God had created and given them to him. Simultaneously, his mum invited him to a seminar presented by Anthony Kent.

Ben's life began to change: he behaved differently and had new interests; he enjoyed prayer meetings, delivering search videos and visiting sporadic attenders.

Feeling God's call to be baptised, Ben held back as he didn't want to disappoint his father who was very anti-church.

Whilst on a holiday, he spoke with an elderly couple about his dilemma. "If you were in a room with just you and Jesus, what would you do?" was their reply. From there, Ben's mind was made up and he never looked back.

Several years later, Ben, longing to grow in his knowledge of God, enrolled at Avondale College. Knowing the course he was taking was a potential path to ministry, he questioned God about it, asking for confirmation if it was His will.

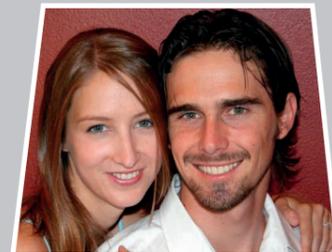
When the Lord did not deliver the specific sign he had requested, he continued to pray and it became clear God wanted Ben to decide for himself - He was not going to force the issue. After some consideration Ben chose to finish the course and enter full time ministry.

That same day he made his decision, a college friend came to him with the sign that he had originally asked for!



MATT HUNTER'S ORDINATION (TOP) AND PICTURED WITH WIFE LAUREN AND FAMILY

CHRIST STANLEY WITH WIFE JODY



CHRIS GREW UP IN A FAMILY OF MINISTERS

BEN AND MARY-JANE TOWNSEN AT BENS ORDINATION





DEMENTIA WING AT ADVENTCARE



2012'S CERTIFICATE IV IN AGED CARE TRAINEES FOR ADVENTCARE WHITEHORSE



DAMIAN DOCKER, DIRECTOR FOR NTS



PIXIE WAS PRESENTED WITH HER AWARD BY PR WAYNE STANLEY IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR



CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

ADVENTCARE WHITEHORSE

Construction has recommenced on the new dementia wing after a short hiatus over the holiday season. Bad weather and complications with the old building structure have set the project back a number of weeks, however the construction team, led by building project manager, Ric Jelfs, has worked hard to recover the lost time.

"The old building had so many connection points, pipes and wires that had to be traced," said Ric. "It's like untangling a spider's web - very complex. But we want to do it safely and we want to get it right."

Building frames have been put up and roofing tiles are now being laid. The workmanship on the project has been praised by Ross Laws, inspecting building surveyor for CFL Permits. Ross made the further comment that it was the best frame he had seen for a long time. He then asked for permission to bring their cadet inspector on site to "Show him how construction is supposed to be done."

The project team is continuing to focus on meeting the needs of the wing's future residents, with key personnel participating in a dementia care workshop lead by dementia design specialist Kristy Bennett. The workshop focused on translating AdventCare's philosophy of care into a physical form. Supportive programs, resident interaction, being culturally responsive, safety aware and fostering a positive spirit are all supported by a responsive building design.

"The care of our residents is our primary priority," says Ruth Welling, AdventCare's Executive Director. "By thinking both creatively and practically on how we care for our residents, and integrating new industry research into our processes, we believe the building and care programs will combine to provide the best dementia care available in the City of Whitehorse."

Construction continues with an expected completion date in mid-2013.

Galen Gan

EMPHASISING STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ADVENTCARE

Certificate IV in Aged Care

AdventCare went into partnership with a registered training organisation, Nationwide Training Solutions (NTS), to commence in-house traineeships programs back in 2006. The partnership successfully applied for State and Commonwealth training funding. 2007 saw the first enrolment of staff into

Certificate IV in Aged Care. Since then we have seen 102 staff enrol in this 12 month training course, with a high completion rate of 80%; an exceptional indicator of AdventCare's commitment to training its staff.

Damien Docker, a director of NTS said that "The workplace supervisors and management team have played a key part in the success of the AdventCare workplace training program. Over the years, AdventCare has identified training needs to improve care delivery and NTS has sought to meet these training needs through a flexible workplace delivery strategy. An identified strength of the program has been the ability to source training staff with a high level of knowledge and skill from within AdventCare, who understand the needs of the staff and the organisation.

"A further strength of the program is the support provided by Executive Director, Ruth Welling, in embedding a lifelong learning culture at Adventcare."

The current trainer, Barry Jinks, said "AdventCare has a unique traineeship program that I have not seen in any of the organisations I have worked with. Instead of just self-paced learning, AdventCare combined this delivery mode with face-to-face classroom time. This enables the trainer and the student opportunities to build rapport and trust, hence the high completion rate at AdventCare."

"When we were reviewing staff development back in 2006," recalls Ruth Welling, "we developed a strategic plan to have as many of our personal care attendants qualified with, at a minimum, Certificate IV in Aged Care. As the residents needs become more complex, we need our staff to be better skilled." Currently approximately 80% of AdventCare personal care attendants have obtained a Certificate IV in Aged Care compared to 5% in 2006.

One of the first trainees, Pixie-Ann Glover was awarded the City of Whitehorse Business Excellence Awards as Trainee of the Year in recognition of the dementia program she had implemented at AdventCare Whitehorse's Dorothy Unit. In 2011, Pixie-Ann expanded her professional education and obtained her Diploma in Management whilst working as the Operations Coordinator at AdventCare Bendigo.

Lay Pastoral Training

Ken Cheong has been working with AdventCare for over three years and holds several positions as Quality, Human Resource, Administration and Facility Coordinator.

"I believed that working in AdventCare

is not a coincidence - God has led me from an engineering background to an Aged Care services environment and it is a blessing to care for the elderly people who are in need of spiritual and emotional support at all times." Ken is involved with helping AdventCare Whitehorse chaplain, Pastor Tony Campbell, with the Friday and Sabbath evening programs. He offers spiritual and emotional support to residents and often prays with them. Recently he introduced morning worships to a small group of staff at the facility, all of whom are non Adventists.

"I have prayed that the Lord would lead and equip me with the essential training needed to impact lives spiritually at my church, where I am an elder, and at work.

"I believe that He has called me to advance my skills in the area of pastoral care. After reaching this decision, I heard of lay pastoral assistant training. AdventCare has been supportive, and I am currently undergoing training over a period of three weeks at JumBunna Lodge."

The training is organised by the Australian Union Conference which, since 2010, has been equipping and empowering church members for personal witnessing and working with their pastors to help fulfil the mission of our church.

"This course will help me develop great skills for my work at AdventCare. In the outcome of this training I expect to become more capable in pastoral functions within my church and at my workplace. I believed there are many opportunities of witnessing and sharing God's Word not only to the residents but also to my colleagues.

"As an institution dedicated to God's work through looking after elderly people, it is fitting that we devote time among our staff for devotions and prayers, even before the start of the business. I would like to thank God for this privilege of being trained to be a better disciple for His mission in the church and at work."

Ken Cheong

A UNIQUE AUDITORIUM ADVENTCARE NUNAWADING

A very welcome addition to these facilities took place when a beautiful auditorium was built as part of the new extension to the Walter Fowler building. The auditorium was officially opened in October 2011 by the Honorable Peter Costello and it has been in constant use ever since.

It can comfortably accommodate 100 people while allowing adequate room between rows for residents' walkers, and there is also room for wheelchairs along the side aisles. On special occasions,

such as the official opening, as many as 150 people have been squeezed in. State-of-the-art audio/visual equipment makes it very suitable for all kinds of presentations. The eight high quality loud speakers are spaced out in the ceiling so that, no matter where residents sit, they can hear clearly. There is also an audio loop so that residents who have the appropriate hearing aid can tune in for perfect reception. The auditorium is a multipurpose space and is used for about a dozen regular programs each week as well as other specially planned programs.

Regular spiritual programs include Monday afternoon group Bible study, morning worships on Tuesdays and Thursdays, opening and closing Sabbath worships on Friday and Saturday evenings, Sabbath School and Church services, and most Sabbath afternoons there is an array of programs - mostly musical - conducted by different churches and individuals.

Regular activities comprise a Tuesday afternoon Variety Hour/Old Time Sing-along, Wednesday visiting speakers who present a great diversity of programs, Thursday afternoon carpet bowls, and Sunday afternoon movies.

Apart from the regular programs there have been many other functions in the auditorium. About four times a year Romney King organizes a Saturday night light-classical musical evening featuring Adventist musicians from around Melbourne. Proceeds collected from these events have helped to pay for the beautiful grand piano. In 2012 the AdventCare Whitehorse Olympic Games were held in the auditorium: Staff and residents participated in cycling, volleyball and other fun events. Several memorial services have been held for Residents who have gone to rest.

One wedding was celebrated on a lovely sunny day last November, when a radiant Kath Francewski, assisted by her matron of honour, Roslyn, made her way to the auditorium to marry Des Bending. Staff, family and other residents were all on hand to offer congratulations and best wishes.

Large Staff training programs, Residents Committee meetings, ANZAC Day services, Christmas programs and a Sunday afternoon visit by the Melbourne Male Voice Praise Choir have all added to the range of productions for the benefit of our residents.

This facility, not usually found in aged care institutions, has been and will continue to be a blessing and a central point of focus at AdventCare Whitehorse.

Ruth Welling



KEN CHEONG IS UNDERGOING TRAINING TO ASSIST WITH HIS WORK IN CARING FOR THE EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS



THE AUDITORIUM IS A FEATURE NOT COMMONLY FOUND AT AGED CARE FACILITIES

PETER COSTELLO WITH STAFF AT THE AUDITORIUM OPENING IN 2011



NOVEMBER SAW THE AUDITORIUM BEING USED FOR RESIDENTS, DES AND KATH'S WEDDING



THE MELBOURNE MALE VOICE PRAISE CHOIR HAVE PERFORMED FOR THE RESIDENTS



THE LORD'S LEADING
GILSON COLLEGE MERNDA

In June 2012, the Adventist Schools Victoria Board sat in a Board meeting feeling disappointed. They were debriefing after the announcement that their tender for the acquisition of a school in Melton had been unsuccessful. This came as a blow because for over five years, the strategic intent of ASV was to increase the number of Adventist Schools in growth areas throughout Victoria, such as Melton.

The acquisition of an established school is very rare. "Unusual" is the word used by Education Director of ASV, Brian Mercer. "Once in a lifetime," is the expression Mark Roberts, ASV's commercial Manager chose to describe it.

"There are two ways to grow," says Mark Roberts. You either buy a big block of land and slowly build your school over fifteen years at great expense, or you can acquire. Acquisition targets don't happen very often... established schools are usually just that – they're established."

The acquisition of the school in Melton was going to be the first time ASV had acquired a school. And being such a rare opportunity meant that not getting this tender was a disappointment. Brian Mercer says the board meeting debriefed about the process. He states, "One of the board members said, 'All is good, if we'd got it I would've been happy. And I'm just happy that we didn't get it because God has another plan,' and I was thinking, how often do you get an established school for sale? This is kind of blue moon stuff!"

After the Board of Directors had analysed

the process, they believed that they would be able to improve their processes if they ever had a similar opportunity.

Through the spontaneity of technology, one of the Board members received a text message during that meeting, 'Acacia College is going to be closed.'

Brian Mercer smiles broadly when he describes the moment, "It was shivers up the spine kind of stuff. This doesn't happen - but here it is - it's happened and right after the Melton disappointment."

"The Melton tender was our first toe in the water," says Mark Roberts, "and we missed out on that. And the beauty of it is, we prayed really hard, but didn't get it. Then we acquired Mernda and we understood why Mernda was more affordable and about ten times better and exactly where we wanted." Mark Roberts is resolute, "Our prayers were answered. We just had to be patient."

The acquisition means a number of things for ASV. "It's an answer to prayer," says Brian Mercer. "It's the ability to grow a school in the North where we've really had a limited presence. It's being right in the middle of a major population growth area. There are so many positive things to be said for having a school in such a strategic spot for both ASV and our church."

Making this once in a lifetime deal was no easy feat, however. Dion Harvey, Financial Officer of ASV and Mark have a chuckle about turning their hair grey. Dion, Mark and Brian all state candidly though, **God had His hand in this and there is no way it could have happened without His intervention.** Mark says that the deal was dead in the water several times, but it just kept working.

And through the prayer and hard work of the ASV team, it happened that as each hurdle up, so did a solution.

What happened in the few short months from purchase to opening the doors for the 2013 school year is the culmination of many past events in which God had a hand. Some of these occurred over two years ago. Through reflection, Brian Mercer says he can see how it has all come together for this acquisition.

For example, registration for a new school through the Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) can take months to complete. Without VRQA's sign-off, a school cannot operate nor get government funding. Deadline for submission of this registration paperwork is August each year. Gilson College Mernda was acquired in December 2012 and while Adventist Schools Victoria was determined to open on day one of the 2013 school year, this was clearly going to be challenging. Brian Mercer states it was through a difficult time had several years ago, when the VRQA undertook a comprehensive audit of the Adventist School System, that the registration process for Mernda was completed in record time. Through those audit meetings, the VRQA discovered how the ASV system works, he explains. "It was about transparency and relationship building over the past few years that resulted in a fast-track registration process". In the end, it took just a week from the submission of the documents!

Being a second campus of an existing school also made the process smoother. Why Gilson College Mernda? Mark Roberts states, "To get a school established to operate, registration of a new school takes a long time. Safety, policy, procedure – everything needs to be in order and we didn't have enough time. As a campus of an existing school, 90 per cent of these logistics go away."

Another, very important reason for establishing a second campus was the positive relationship that had already been built with Acacia College by being part of the same school sporting competition. This was further enhanced because the principal of Gilson Taylors Hill, Mark Vodell, had strong collegial ties with the then principal of Acacia.

Also, a compelling reason for establishing a Gilson campus was Mark Vodell's experience. "He has been successful in growing the Taylors Hill campus and that knowledge was priceless," said Mark

Roberts.

Gilson College Mernda Campus is only three years old, carefully and skilfully designed for twenty-first century learners. As one walks through, it is evident that learning is the priority for its students. The open classroom layout invite creativity and room to learn and allows student interaction across classrooms. This design promotes improved responsibility and consciousness of others and leads to better learning outcomes for the students.

The opportunities seem endless.

The school was also designed with a high priority on Technology based learning. It was one of the first schools in Australia to receive accreditation from Apple as an 'Apple Distinguished School.' As Mark Roberts says, "It's very much a Mac school, where everybody has one. Kids have a one to one iPad program. All teachers have Mac Books. Every classroom has an interactive whiteboard connected to the Mac system wirelessly – so you can interact not only within the classroom but across the whole campus."

Shawn Taggart, one of the first Apple Distinguished Educators in Australia, has stayed on to work with the Gilson College campuses and ASV to enhance e-Learning strategies.

"If we had been successful in purchasing the Melton school," reflects Brian, "there is no way we could have afforded this school. It keeps echoing back - **God said 'No' because He had something better for us.** For me there have been too many coincidences... I believe that God has a plan for the school system."

In 1 Samuel 8:5 it says, "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'"

Perhaps Gilson College Mernda is an Ebenezer for ASV; a reminder that God's plan is sure. He is faithful and He hears our prayers. We just have to be patient and never forget that the seeds we plant today may yield an exceptional outcome in the future.

Dianne Cotter
Marketing Officer

Dianne has just joined the ASV team and will work on a marketing program across all schools within the Victorian Conference, raising awareness of Adventist Education in the community. She comes to ASV with a background in media and communication.



THE NEW GILSON COLLEGE MERNDA CAMPUS



THE ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF AT MERNDA

MUSIC AREA



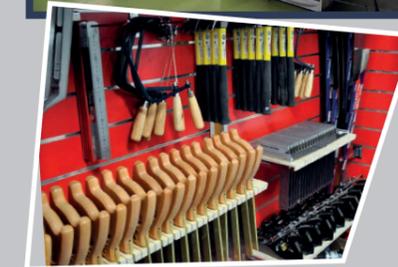
SCIENCE ROOMS



BRIAN MERCER AND MARK VODELL WITH VISITORS FROM THE WITTELESEA COUNCIL MEETING



THE HOME ECONOMICS/FOOD ROOM



TECHNOLOGY AREA



MARK VODELL WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS



A VIEW OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



GETTING BEHIND FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE

FIND SAFE PLACES ON FACEBOOK AND TITTER - OR BY USING THE QR SCANNER APP ON YOUR SMART PHONE



Safe Places Safe People



Castles of Care

NEWS FROM SAFE PLACES VICTORIA

GOING SOCIAL

In an initiative designed to connect with an increasing number of digitally savvy young people, Safe Places Victoria has moved into the world of social media, with Facebook and Twitter feeds and plans to add further connections as the need arises.

Safe Places Victoria Co-ordinator, Susan Mercer, says "With a large number of children using the internet, the decision was made to engage them using a digital medium they connect to frequently. With the number of children using social media and social networking sites steadily increasing, the potential for at risk behaviour, lapses in safety, and loss of privacy increase exponentially. Safe Places Victoria believes that connecting with Adventist young people is vital in helping to educate them on the very real dangers they are exposed to while using the internet."

If you would like to know more about Safe Places Victoria on the internet and Social Media, please visit us at:

Website: http://vic.adventist.org.au/safe-places

Twitter: http://twitter.com/SafePlacesVIC

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Safe-Places-Victoria/324384857671589?ref=hl

CHANGES TO THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN ACT NOW IN EFFECT

You cannot work with or care for children while your application is being processed if you have:

- been charged with or found guilty of a serious sexual, violent or drug-related offence which the Act describes as Category 1 and Category 2 offences.
• previously failed the Check, been issued with a Negative Notice and not subsequently been given a WWC Check Card.

Organisations that provide services or activities for children must take reasonable steps to ensure they do not allow anyone in child-related work who has been charged with or found guilty of a serious sexual, violent or drug-related offence described as Category 1 or Category 2 to work with or care for children until they have successfully obtained a WWC Card.

To determine if someone is suitable to hold a WWC Check, the department must now be satisfied that:

- a reasonable person would allow their child to have direct and unsupervised contact with the person
• the person is suitable to undertake

any kind of child-related work without posing an unjustifiable risk to the safety of children.

More information is available at: http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren/home/about+the+check/purpose+changes+to+legislation+home/changes+to+legislation

AFFILIATION WITH NCCA

The Adventist Church is affiliated with the National Council of Churches Australia and participates in collaboratively providing training through the associated Safe Church Training Agreement. This means that all associated churches are trained to the same standards of Child Safe practices.

As a result of this collaboration the Baptist, Uniting and Seventh-day Adventist churches here in Victoria have agreed to open up their training programs to other faith organisations. This is intended to be provided at a minimal cost (\$20) so that all persons who are able to attend may do so.

It is intended that all Pastors, Church Leaders (including Pathfinders, Adventurers and Children's Ministries), as well as Local Church Safe Places Coordinators, be provided with ongoing training and support.

Please see the Baptist Union website: http://www.buv.com.au/about-us/church-health-capacity-building/safe-church-awareness for the training schedule, as well as further details regarding these workshops. If you are able to attend, please let Sue Mercer know as soon as possible so that she can arrange for you to receive a Seventh-day Adventist Safe Places Training Manual on the training day.

ETHICAL CHOCOLATE

If you have a partiality for chocolate and want to ensure that it is produced ethically and not with the use of children as slave labour than here are some lists to help you choose your chocolate well.

http://www.ethical.org.au/guide/browse/guide/?type=126

http://www.worldvision.com.au/Libraries/DTL_Demand_Ethical_Chocolate/Good_Chocolate_Guide_Australia.sflb.ashx

Should you need support, or would like to share the ways in which you are supporting your church in Safe Places, please feel free to contact me at the Conference office on 03 9264 7777.

Blessings to you all.



Brayden's Keys

Seven year-old Brayden's mother was rattling a bunch of keys in the back room.

"What are you doing, Mum?" he called as he walked through the kitchen looking for her.

"I'm out here, Bray," she replied, "just looking for the right key." Brayden stood by the door watching as she tried one key after another in a padlock. Glancing up at him, she smiled. "I thought we might be able to use this for you bike - now if I can just find the key..."

When the lock finally popped open, Brayden cheered. "You did it, Mum!" He knew this meant he would be able to ride his bike to school now, and leave it locked up there.

A bit later on, he was rushing to get out and play with some friends in the street. It was cold, and trying as hard as he could, he just could not get his arms through the sleeves of his coat. Mum laughed as she slowed him down. "It helps if you turn them right side out first!" she chuckled. With that problem fixed, he then struggled with the buttons. He tugged and pushed and twisted, but the buttons just didn't want to do up.

"Brayden, you haven't tried the right key," mum said.

"What key'd do this?" he asked, puzzled.

"Why not try the patience key?" And sure enough, by just slowing down a little and

being more patient, the buttons were soon all done up and Brayden was heading outside to play. About an hour or so later, Brayden came back inside, head down, frowning - maybe even a bit of a pout where his cheerful smile usually was.

"Whatever is the matter?" asked mum, when she found him sitting on the couch. He didn't want to say but eventually she got it out of him. He and his friends had had an argument over what they were going to play. Mum was quiet for a bit. Then she said thoughtfully, "I wonder if the unselfish key would help?" For a second Brayden looked puzzled, then suddenly his eyes lit up, he jumped up from the couch and raced outside again. "Thanks Mum!" his voice trailed behind him.

That night, Brayden discovered another useful key. It was getting close to his little brother's bedtime, and he was being really annoying, wanting the toy Brayden had and whining loudly about it. Brayden started to get cross right back at him and was about to let him have it, but then he remembered how little Timmy really was, and how tired, so he just left the toy and picked up a book instead. After mum put his brother to bed, she came back to Brayden and gave him a hug.

"What a great big brother you are," she said. "That was so nice, what you did for little Timmy."

"What Mummy?" (He was a bit tired himself and that was what he called her late at night!)

"Well... you used the key of silence tonight didn't you? You know, soon you will have quite a bunch of keys to carry about with you, and I bet there are going to be lots of times you get to use them!"

Original story from Little Stories for Little Friends



find the words in the grid - they run in all directions!

When you are done, use the remaining letters, starting at the top left row to find out another name for the keys...



www.WordSearchMaker.com

- endurance friendly
calmness good tempered
happy faithful strength silence
unselfish gentle self control
good peace commitment love
joy respectful patience
kind



CAMP SPEAKERS AT ELMORE
EASTER 2013

Troy Fitzgerald has visited Australia a number of times already and is known to many of us. This year he is returning for Big Camp as a speaker in the Meridian venue.

Troy comes from Walla Walla University and is a theologian, youth pastor and has authored a number of books. He is convinced that you can know God's will and live happily in it and this is the subject matter of one of his books, *Discovering God's Will*.

He founded Leadout Ministries which is an organisation that serves churches and schools with leadership training and resource development, empowering young people, and those who are young at heart, to deepen a sense of ownership to the mission of the church.

Troy enjoys hanging out with his family and trudging through forest land with his sons, looking for dangerous creatures to catch! He loves to play sports with his students and golf with his friends.

Relationships with people are his most treasured possession and he is deeply devoted to his church family.

Fortunately, he loves travelling, speaking and making new friends around the world, and considers Australia his home away from home.

Lael Caesar is also speaking primarily in the Meridian, and was very certain as a child, that he would NEVER be like his father – a Seventh-day Adventist minister – he would say in fact, that he was as certain as a prophet! Turns out this was a false prophecy, but he had his reasons back then. So he studied secondary teaching, but found that the Holy Spirit knew better. When he finally figured it out and stopped fighting his conscience, he studied theology and entered full time ministry.

The time spent studying teaching was not wasted however. Before joining the Adventist Review team as the associate editor, Lael was on Andrews University faculty for fourteen years, winning 'teacher of the year' honours multiple times.

Lael has a passion for people and even with minimal interaction with him you can feel that love overflowing.

René Drumm comes to us from Southern Adventist University in Tennessee and will also be presenting at the Meridian. She loves anything connecting sunshine, sand and water and

in her food pyramid, chocolate has its own category!

Before joining staff at Southern, René taught at Southwestern Adventist University and Andrews University. An experienced social worker, her special areas of interest are domestic violence and youth substance abuse prevention.

With Jesus being her very centre, René draws her strength from Him, and has a passion for seeing the vision of Matthew 25 become a reality and for making our organisation a safe place for hurting and vulnerable people.

Matthew Gamble is the senior pastor of the church on the St Helena Hospital campus, CA. Born and raised Catholic, he became an atheist at the age of fourteen. Increasingly fascinated by the Rastafarian religion, he found himself on the island of Jamaica at the age of 19, and soon began smuggling marijuana into Miami, Florida. Shortly after that time, God led him to a Christian pastor who listened to his story and handed him a Bible. As he began exploring the teachings of Jesus, his life began to transform from the inside out.

Since that time, he has received a BA in Theology as well as a Masters of Divinity from Andrews University. In 2008, he completed a Doctorate in Ministry with an emphasis on Transformational Leadership, specifically looking at trends of effective Gospel communicators in a postmodern culture.

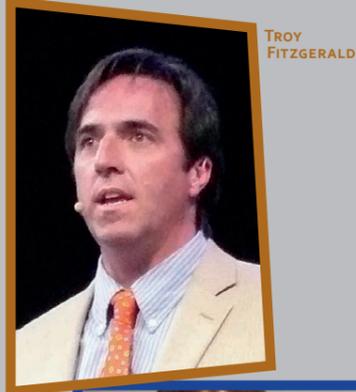
Matthew is joining us at Elmore this year as the main speaker at the Youth venue.

Dwain Esmond was born in South America. His first job was working in a department store, he loves tofu, and his favourite Bible story is about a killer who became a preacher... Paul.

Currently working at Adventist Review, Dwain is an author, editor and enjoys public speaking. Among the books he has authored is *Beyond the In-a-pinch God*, a devotional for young people wanting to move beyond the convenient arms-length relationship with a 'there when needed, in a pinch' God, to one of complete surrender to our King.

Dwain will be sharing a message with the High Schoolers at Elmore this year.

And in the Juniors venue, Family and Youth Ministries director, **Roland Talamaivao-Amituanai** will be speaking. Roland is a gentle giant with a deep spiritual drive to enable young people to become Kingdom builders. He is Jesus focused and driven.



TROY FITZGERALD



LAEL CAESAR



RENÉ DRUMM



MATTHEW GAMBLE



DWAIN ESMOND



ROLAND TALAMAIVAO -AMITUANAI

Notices

ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY NEEDED

Preston church member, Chris, is urgently looking for accommodation in Melbourne's Northern suburbs. The accommodation is for a non-Adventist Sri Lankan refugee friend. Sarsi is in his late 20's, and his journey has led him from Buddhism to Christianity. He is well educated and speaks good English.

Sarsi's release is imminent, and Chris has been trying for some time for secure accommodation for him. If you might be able to help either temporarily or long term, please call Chris on 03 9383 2974 for more information.

TOMORROW – FEBRUARY 25

Two events are happening at Nunawading Church – Central Road Nunawading.

GARAGE SALE: commencing at 10am TOMORROW. All funds raised from this go toward the Nunawading Pathfinder Camporee trip.

GIANT BOOK SALE: 11am to 3pm – TOMORROW! Thousands of quality used books. Average price is \$3. Books include religion, theology, Bibles, children's books, Christian novels and much more. This sale, there is also a complete set of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary (eleven volumes). All proceeds go toward the Nunawading church building fund.

COUNTRY LIVING OPPORTUNITY

Expressions of interest are invited from couples who may be interested to share in living on and managing a 4 acre property in NE Victoria. The property is designed to be self-sufficient with solar power, orchard, veggie garden, etc. This opportunity would be ideal for a retired couple with caravan/mobile home and practical skills. Cann River Adventist church has a small but committed membership. Email Robyn at austmar@activ8.net.au or call 03 5158 3228 or 0415 595 808.

ELMORE CAMP IS NEARLY HERE!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MARCH 11

THESE CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE CONFERENCE OFFICE, YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OR YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE AT VIC.ADVENTIST.ORG.AU

ALL PERSONS ONSITE WILL BE ISSUED WITH A WRIST BAND WHICH MUST BE WORN. ANYONE FOUND WITHOUT WILL BE ASKED TO REGISTER AT THE OFFICE

THIS APPLIES TO DAY VISITORS TOO SO PREREGISTER NOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH PHOTOGRAPHY FOR SLIDE SHOWS AT CAMP?

CONTACT SCOURTNEY@ADVENTIST.ORG.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION



SUNSET TIMES: MARCH

SABBATH	OPENING	CLOSING
March 1,2	8pm	7.59
March 8,9	7.50	7.48
March 15,16	7.40	7.38
March 22,23	7.29	7.27
March 29,30	7.18	7.17

Bairnsdale time is 10 minutes EARLIER & at Hamilton the time is 12 minutes Later

OFFERING SCHEDULE:



MARCH

- March 2 Local Church Budget
- March 9 Adventist World Radio
- March 16 Education/Camping Ministry
- March 23 Local Church Budget
- March 30 Annual Convention



CALLING ALL SIGNERS

Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSFBHI) is creating a register of skilled signers for the deaf who would be available for significant church and conference meetings. If you have skills in this area and would be willing to act as a signer in either paid or voluntary capacity on occasions, contact Lee Dunstan, manager of CSFBHI: 02 9847 2296; csfbhi@adventistmedia.org.au; or PO Box 1115, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

Concert of Beautiful Music

AdventCare Whitehorse Auditorium
163-165 Central Rd Nunawading

Saturday - March 2

seating by 7.55 pm

- Featuring the Ring Family (Brass, flute and voice), Vivian Hill (voice), the Chapman Family (piano, flute, clarinet) and Romney King (piano).
- Free entry, with freewill offering toward AdventCare facilities.
- Car parking available in Nunawading Church grounds.

Leadership Training Program Level 4

March 2-3, 2013
Saturday 3.30-6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am-4pm

Where:
Conference Seminar Room
141 Central Road
Nunawading

For Bookings (by February 25, 2013)
Ph (03) 9264 7723
Email tanyakaraoglanis@adventist.org.au



Trust Services is a specialised ministry of the Adventist Church, directed in Victoria by Steve Whitson and offering a free and confidential service to church members.

Contact Steve on 03 9264 7777 or 0423 784 000 for further information, or to make an appointment. Weekend and evening time slots are also available for your convenience.



Located at the Victorian Conference Office, Central Road Nunawading, the Book Centre is open from 9-5 Monday to Thursday, and until Midday Friday.

Call 03 9264 7760/61 or visit vic.adventist.org.au and follow menu link to the Book Centre website

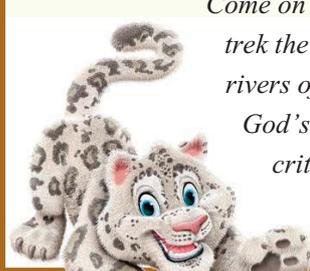


BEGINNERS

BIBLE ZOO

0-2 year olds

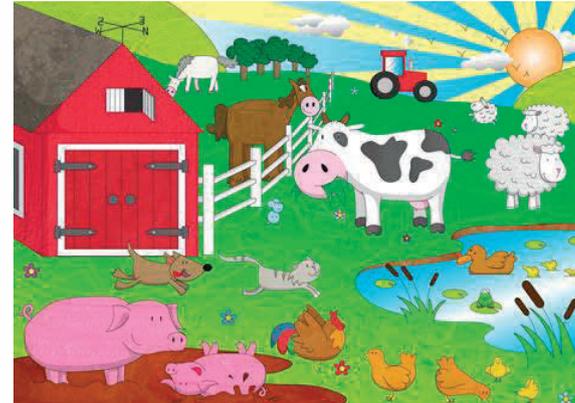
Come on safari each morning as we trek the jungles of Genesis to the rivers of Revelation and learn of God's care for all his created critters – including you!




Kindergarten

3-5 year olds

DOWN ON THE FARM



Songs, stories, games, craft and more...

We give thanks to you, O God!
Psalm 75:1

Friday AM & PM
Sabbath AM
Sunday AM & PM
Monday AM



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CONCERT—SATURDAY NIGHT @ 7PM
ENTRY IS FREE
PARENTAL SUPERVISION



Great Big GOD

LOWER PRIMARY 6 & 7 year olds

OUT OF THIS WORLD crafts, singing, activities and games

Blast off:

- FRIDAY am & pm
- SATURDAY am
- SUNDAY am & pm
- MONDAY am

The heavens declare the glory of God...
Psalm 19:1

EVERYONE WELCOME EVERYONE WELCOME EVERYONE WELCOME

COME WITH US AS WE GO ON AN ANCIENT ARTEFACT HUNT INTO

God's Treasure Chest

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

- FRIDAY AM & PM
- SATURDAY AM
- SUNDAY AM & PM

AND FINISHES ON MONDAY AM

UPPER PRIMARY

8—9 YEAR OLDS

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