

I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV



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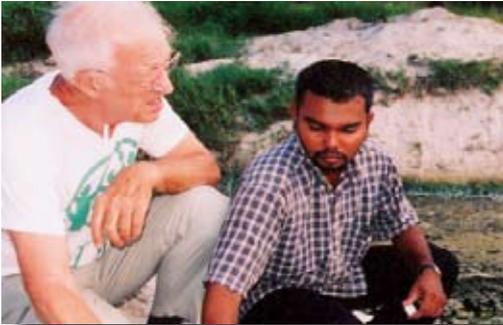
A NEW GENERATION JOINS THE ADRA APPEAL

iGeneration is all about youth getting involved, making an impact and inspiring others to help make poverty history. This is the generation that can make a difference!



The **iGeneration** concert will feature Christian comedian Anh Do, and Light FM's Musical Challenge. As well as raising money it is a celebration of youth committing to help those in need.

The ADRA Appeal has come a long way from the old "Appeal for Mission" days and is progressing and expanding even further, with the addition of a new campaign - iGeneration - specifically designed for youth to be involved, developing in them a sense of purpose with the knowledge that they can make a difference.



This campaign began in Sydney in 2007 and reflects the growing concern young people have for those in need and to show that they can do something about it.



iGeneration was named not only for the generation now using popular i-technology such as i-pods and i-phones, but as a call to action for our youth. A call to become **i-nvolved**, to make an **i-mpact** and go on to **i-nspire** others to do the same. A call to become the **iGeneration**.



ADVENTCARE RECEIVES AWARD



AdventCare Victoria was presented with an award at a National IT Conference

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A note from THE EDITOR...



"What's that in your hand?"

Moses stood before his God, speechless. It seemed that God had just asked him to do the impossible. Go back to Pharaoh's palace? Not meekly, asking forgiveness, or to make amends. No, go back to Pharaoh's household with head held high as God's representative and tell the supreme ruler of Upper and Lower Egypt to release one of his best assets - his slaves. Then the "What if's?" started. What if the elders and leaders don't believe me? What if they don't do what I ask them to? What if

they say 'You're just making this up'? What if they ask who sent me? What if

So God said to Moses, "What's that in your hand?" (Exodus 4:2) Now this was a question that Moses did not expect. What a strange question to ask a man of the desert! Every local man carried with him a sturdy multi-purpose rod. God knew what was in his hand, but He also knew Moses and the heart of the great Pharaoh. After his many heartaches and desert experiences, Moses the intelligent, energetic and head-strong young man was now humble and teachable - ready to accomplish God's purpose.

Around the time that God gave the Law, He instructed Moses to tell the Israelites they were to be a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:6). Peter in his writings, speaks of the believers

as being a holy and royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:5,9). In Revelation, Christians are called to be a kingdom of priests (Rev 1:6). The role

of a priest is one of mediation between God and another person - a channel for forgiveness, grace, mercy and healing. When God calls, He also gives the necessary ability.

Today, God is saying to you and me: "What is that in your hand?" We may not hold a sturdy rod, but God can use our talents, our time, our intelligence. He can use our ability to gain wealth, our musical skills, our cleverness in IT, our capacity to speak, our compassion, even our willingness to just listen. I read recently on the website <BuildingChurchLeaders.com> that the most effective counselling is provided, not by professionals, but by ordinary people with no therapy training, who simply spend time sympathetically listening. In fact, for 90% of people, they produce better results.

You may feel totally inadequate, but in God's hands, these abilities can begin like a small stream and go on to become a mighty river.

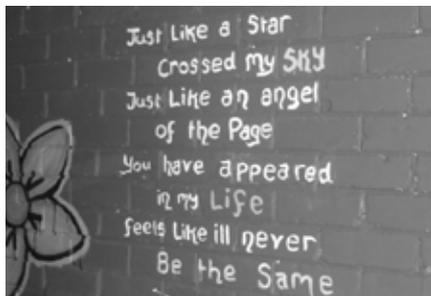
ADRA is one of our church's "helping hands" both locally and overseas. How can your "hand" help? Can you support or organise a fund raising event such as a tin rattle at the lights, a door knock, passing a tin around at work or even donating a day's wages? (It's tax-deductible!)

Remember God won't call without giving you the necessary ability. So have a look, see what is in your hand. He's hoping you will team up with Him to make a difference to someone. It's an exciting prospect! If God can use the rod in Moses' hand which was just an ordinary stick, who knows what God can do through you, if you are willing?

Pastor Denis



YOUTH AND LIGHTFM unite for ADRA



The Girls' refuge



Camp Howqua's Team Impact

The ADRA Appeal is well under way, with the iGeneration campaign now in full swing... From the recent Basketball Tournament to the coming iGeneration Concert in October, Victorian youth are working hard to support ADRA's work in Victoria with people in need. \$1,000 was raised at the tournament to assist Camp Howqua's Team Impact and the Girls' Refuge situated in Melbourne's east.

This year, LightFM is offering support through their Cruisers on October 11 and their live broadcast from Flagstaff Gardens on October 25. In addition, at the Musical Challenge Concert (see back page for more details), LightFM will judge the finalists and offer great prizes for entrants, including promotion and a recording contract for the winning song.



The Victorian Conference, at the Special Session held on Aug 24 2008, voted to adopt a new constitution.

The adoption of the new Constitution sees the Victorian Conference fall into line with other Australian Conferences

who have likewise adopted new Constitutions based on the General Conference Model Constitution. The initiative for the change has come from the South Pacific Division and the Australian Union Conference. The change to the new Constitution will see improved election processes as well as greater efficiency in dealing with constitutional matters in the future.

In many aspects the new Constitution is very similar to the old, however there are significant changes.

One area of change incorporated in the new Constitution concerns the election process. Under the new Constitution a Session Nominating Committee will be appointed by means of a Selection Committee some four months before the Constituency (Session) meeting. The new

Nominating Committee will work for the following three months on nominations to be taken to the next Constituency (Session) meeting. In addition, the personnel elections held at the Constituency meetings will be limited to the three officers including the President, General Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. It will also limit the potential for risk for the church in regards to actions that might be taken in regards to unfair employment practices.

This will replace the current arrangements, allowing for more time to prepare nominations, greater ability to provide natural justice and improved employment procedures for those involved in the election process.

The new Constitution also incorporates a four-year term. This will replace the current three-year term of office, with Sessions and elections being held on a four-year cycle, allowing for greater productivity of members on the Executive Committee. This change will take place following the conclusion of the current triennium and will not impact on the term of office for current positions.

The Session also voted to maintain the current level of representation as outlined in the old Constitution, including

SPECIAL SESSION REPORT *from the General Secretary*



Pr Wayne Stanley
GENERAL SECRETARY

the 20% maximum allocation for Delegates-at-Large.

This is a very significant step for our Conference. We are grateful to the many delegates to the Special Session who carefully considered the difficult and complex matters involved. We move into the future with a Constitution that will provide for better governance and greater ability to meet the needs of the future.

Apart from a number of provisional arrangements the new Constitution came into effect at the conclusion of the Special Session on the 24th of August.

The Victorian Conference has expended a considerable amount of energy seeking to fulfill the requests of former Sessions to facilitate the sale of the Campground. This work has been undertaken in the face of considerable difficulties as a result of Environmental and Landscape issues and local Council decisions.

The second major agenda item for the Special Session was a review of the directions for the Campground at Nunawading.

Following considerable and wide ranging discussion, at the Special Session, a number of very significant decisions were made. These decision included the establishment of a "Master and Business Plan and a Development Committee to consider viable ways in which the Nunawading Estate can be utilised for the mission of the Church". The Session requested that this Committee report to the regular Session of the Victorian Conference in 2009.

In addition to this, the Special Session voted to give 0.8 hectares of land at no required cost for the development of the Nunawading School oval and granted them approval to approach the local Council with their negotiations and Development Application for the school oval.

We thank all the local church delegates who contributed to this important Special Session as we discussed a number of challenging and important matters. We trust in God's leading as we move forward.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS WE SAY 'THANKYOU'

There are many unsung heroes in life and the Victorian Conference would like to show its appreciation for those who give unendingly of their time and expertise. Various boards and committees within the Conference are manned by volunteer church members who willingly take on these extra duties. One such person is Maxine Davey, who over the past eight years has committed herself to our Adventist Retirement Villages in her role on the Aged Care Board, freely imparting her sound and professional knowledge.

Maxine has bought to this role over 40 years of experience gained through

nursing and management in various aged care sectors.

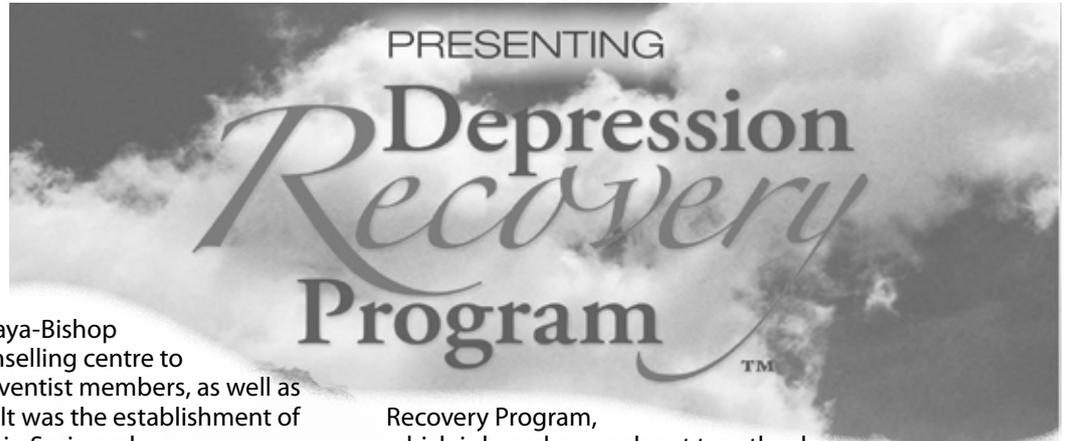
Prior to moving to Victoria, Maxine was involved with the operations of our Western Australian aged care facilities and while here in Melbourne she worked as Assistant Director of Nursing for Uniting Aged Care, Strathdon.



Maxine Davey is farewelled by Ruth Welling

With Maxine's vision and support, the new aged care entity, ADVENTCARE is now in a strong position to move into the future, however Maxine will no longer be a part of it as she is retiring to South Australia.

The Victorian Conference, along with the Staff, Residents and Board of Directors of ADVENTCARE will miss her valuable contribution and wish her all the best in her retirement.



In the late 1990's Pr Richard Araya-Bishop saw a need for a Christian counselling centre to meet the needs of our own Adventist members, as well as our local community. The result was the establishment of the AdCare Counselling Centre in Springvale.

The centre's counsellors and psychologists have a Christian approach to therapy, which offers the community a unique combination of a caring attitude and counselling skills to address personal and relationship issues. With many years experience in counselling, training, professional supervision and group work, our psychologists and counsellors provide a broad range of therapies to assist individuals, couples and families, with complete confidentiality.

Given the rate of depression is doubling every twenty years, that childhood depression is increasing by 23% per year, that many people suffer from depression during stressful times and that it can be a recurring condition, AdCare Counselling Centre is hosting a Depression

Recovery Program, which is based on work put together by Dr Neil Nedley after fifteen years of research and clinical experience, and facilitated by Tina Wong, the centre's counsellor.

"This seminar is not only excellent for people who are depressed, but also for those who have family members or friends who are depressed," explains Tina. "It will focus on brain health and what a person can do to treat depression, as well as the healthy lifestyle habits they can adopt to keep depression from developing or recurring; even for those with a genetic predisposition to mental illness."

To register your interest in this seminar, or for more information about other services offered by Adcare, call 9548 4948 or 0404 114 623 or log on at <www.adcareplus.com.au> The Centre is located in Springvale.



RECON NEWS FLASH

Recently Recon's volunteers were referred to new territory: a caravan park where about 100 people with known mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse live. These residents were found to be in desperate need of everyday goods.

While the volunteers need your prayers as they help these people, they also need your help with donations of non-perishable items such as canned food, pasta/rice/cereal; blankets, scarves and beanies; baby goods.

Furthermore, if you are a youth worker/trained Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, the Western Van and Community House needs your assistance as soon as possible. Call Rebecca (Recon Manager) on 0411 865 790, or email her at rauriant@adventist.org.au

RECON THANKS

Recon would like to thank Pr Peter Hughes, members of Benalla Church and the knitters around Victoria who responded and within two days of hearing the appeal donated blankets, knitted Beanies and scarves. It is so great to see that our church pulls together and helps when a call is made – Praise God.

Rebecca Auriant

VICTORIAN ADVENTIST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Judging from the applications for scholarships which the Victorian Adventist Education Foundation received, there is reason to be proud of the students in our schools. These scholarships are open to all students in Victorian Adventist schools. The quality of the applicants during 2008 challenged the Foundation members who decided on the award recipients. Selection is based on the students' statements telling how they think the scholarship would benefit their education and on teachers' assessments of each student's participation, relationships and performance relative to their ability and development level.



The following students have received awards in May and September.

EDINBURGH PRIMARY

Jake Mason	\$300	Ashelee Wong	\$100
LAA		Samantha Stewart	\$400

GILSON COLLEGE

Charlene Dube	\$300	Wendy Ma	\$300
Monisha Gunawardana	\$100	Alix Trakosas	\$100
Isabella Simmonds	\$300	Ravin Reddy	\$100

IRONBARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Thomas Horne	\$300	Anndie Kliene	\$100
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NCC PRIMARY

Cameron Sach	\$300	Katelyn Andrews	\$400
Emily Geraghty	\$300	Jacqueline Do	\$400

HERITAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY

Sarah Cirdei	\$300	Victoria Vandervloet	\$400
Michael Alfred	\$100	Samantha Lynch	\$100
Kaeyah Mousaco	\$100	Samuel Schlegel	\$100
		Shannah Mousaco	\$100

NCC SECONDARY

HERITAGE COLLEGE SECONDARY

The Foundation remains committed to Adventist education in Victoria.

JF Waters

SAFE PLACE SERVICES....

... is dedicated to helping our churches and work places be safe for children and vulnerable people.

... helps increase awareness and a sense of responsibility in our church/workplace environment.

... supplies education, training and appropriate support services.

... writes policies and procedures in the areas of abuse/harassment and child protection for our churches and work places.

Enquires/complaints can be made through the freecall number

1800 220 468

This is not a crisis line but is manned by professionals who can assist the caller, advising of options available to them.

If unattended, calls will be returned within 24 hours.

For more information visit <http://auc.adventist.org.au>

KEEPING VICTORIA SAFE

The Victorian Conference is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sue Mercer to the position of Safe Places Coordinator.

The role of this department will be to supervise and facilitate the implementation of Safe Place Policies in our Victorian Conference for churches, schools and aged care facilities. It will provide opportunities for training and make available various resources, as well as assisting with risk assessment. It will also have an advisory role, whether it be offering direction to the appropriate support services, or providing information on how to lodge a complaint or whether or not one is obliged to make a report.

Sue brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her as she fills this position. Having a Diploma of Teaching and a Bachelor's degree in Education she has taught from Kindergarten through to year 12. She also has a Bachelor's degree in Social work and has completed her Masters in Health Counseling.

While in recent years Sue has been working in school counseling and school social work, she has also worked in various areas of child protection. In Western Australia, Sue liaised with the Department of Human Services and with other religious organizations as she helped set up the taskforce which began the process of placing Safe Place policies within our Churches across Australia.

VICTORIAN CONFERENCE PROACTIVE IN SIGNS MINISTRY

In the lead up to the Mark Finley Discovery Series in 2007, a mass distribution of *Signs of the Times* to the areas surrounding the venue locations proved useful in building interest. *Signs* has continued to have a significant role subsequently, with the gift subscriptions to the 180 guests who had attended most of the meetings but were not baptised. These gifts were sponsored by the Victorian Conference.

Lee Dunstan, *Signs* Ministry coordinator, has been working with the Conference on this initiative. "We saw it as a great way to stay in touch with these people," he said, "reinforcing the truths they'd learned at the programs."

Recipients were recently surveyed to check their ongoing interest. While some no longer needed the subscription, others committed to pay for their own. The balance will continue to receive *Signs* as a gift.

"*Signs* is the perfect presence to leave in homes" says Pr Loren Pratt, of the Personal Ministries Department. "It is like having an evangelist constantly in the home, reinforcing the truths and reminding the readers that they need to make a decision. The Truth contained in *Signs* is a great assistance in the spiritual journey of these folk," he adds.

In addition to continuing this outreach, the Victorian Conference will also support the new *Signs for Our Schools* (SOS) *Signs* Ministry project in 2009. SOS aims to provide *Signs* to the non-Adventist families of students in our church schools. Schools already in the program include Heritage and Gilson Colleges. The Conference's contribution will assist schools who need more *Signs* but don't have the budget.

As well as SOS, *Signs* Ministry has been working with Nunawading Christian College (NCC), to supply 18,000 *Signs* for distribution in the local feeder area during September. The plastic-wrapped magazines, which contain an advertisement for the school and a postcard, are to be letterboxed by commercial distributors.

Mr Lyndon Chapman, Principal of NCC says "Using *Signs* as a blanket mail-out like this to all homes within a few kilometres of our school helps us to inform our community of the values we stand for at NCC. It has to be a most effective marketing tool for both our school and our church."

Our Conference, indeed this Division, was established using *Signs of the Times* distributed around inner Melbourne suburbs by the first Adventist missionaries to Australia—Elders J.O.Corriss, S.N.Haskell, M.C.Israel, and William Arnold—in conjunction with evangelistic programs. And so the cooperative effort continues.





ADVENTIST SCHOOLS UNITE FOR WORSHIP

The annual highlight of Adventist schools in Victoria took place in August as all students from Melbourne schools united for an inspirational day of praise and worship. This yearly event, *Magnify: Combined Schools Day of Worship*, is an awesome opportunity for students to join together in worshipping God as a group of sister schools. The day sees over 1000 primary students and around 800

secondary students come together for separate programs in the morning and afternoon with Edinburgh Adventist Primary School, Gilson College, Heritage College, Ironbark Christian School, Lilydale Adventist Academy, and Nunawading Christian College attending. It is quite a logistical challenge getting all the schools together at the venue, but the spiritual focus of the day is well worth the effort. This year's theme "Unlimited Download" had both primary and secondary students focus on the awesome size of God, the Creator of all things, Who is yet able to care for each person individually. Guest speaker, Pr Nick Kross, Associate Youth Director for the South Pacific Division, spoke on the

amazing size of the internet and our ability to 'download' so much information, and yet we can never 'download' God – He is just too big for us! He challenged

students to make sure they plug in to God and make Him real in their every day interactions with others.

The event is a great way of encouraging leadership in students of all ages as they are given the responsibility of leading out and contributing in every part of the program: welcoming everyone, leading in singing, drama and music items, leading out in prayer. One of the highlights of the secondary program is the personal testimonies given by students from each school. It is very nerve-racking to stand in front of a huge auditorium and speak personally, but again this year, the senior students gave testimony to the way God has led in their lives, how they have come to know Him personally at their schools and how they can depend on Him for help and love.

A real spiritual 'high' for students, this event contributes to our focus: 'Growing Faith – the essence of Adventist Education'. Praise God for the impact of our schools on the lives of our young people.



NCC 'police' introduce Pr Nick

**GILSON COLLEGE
20TH BIRTHDAY FETE**
DATE: 26TH OF
OCTOBER, 2008
TIME : 10AM - 3PM

HERITAGE COLLEGE SNOW TRIP REPORT

Twelve students had the privilege of going on the annual Heritage College Snow Trip. They met at 4am on Sunday morning for the 'roomy' trip to Mt Buller. First stop was Mansfield where they picked up chains, snowboards, boots and clothing. Driving up the mountain, they were greeted by a winter wonderland of fresh fallen snow. The recent cold snap had dumped twenty centimetres



of dry snow on the mountain bringing the natural average snow depth past the magic one metre mark! These were the best conditions to date for the 2008 winter season with all lifts, runs and terrain parks open. The students revelled in the fantastic conditions and enjoyed learning how to snowboard and improve their skills over three snow filled days.

Lorinda Bruce

GROWING STUDENT LEADERS

Student leadership is encouraged and nurtured in Adventist Schools in Victoria. Recently this was clearly evident when groups of potential and current student leaders from Gilson College, Heritage College, Lilydale Adventist Academy and Nunawading Christian College were brought together at the Victorian Conference office for a day of leadership training with educational and leadership consultant, Mr Greg Mitchell.

The senior students enjoyed and actively participated in the enthusiastic presentation as they were taught and challenged in team-building skills, communication and relationship skills, leadership skills and ideas. Mr Mitchell kept the group engaged, sharing stories, video clips and practical examples of how the students could apply skills to their own school situations. The office reverberated with laughter and noise as 40 students livened it up.

Greg Mitchell directs senior students



Students commented that they hadn't known what to expect: "The day could easily have been so boring, but instead we were really challenged and had a lot of fun." The interaction and networking between schools was also great to see as the students got to know each other and worked together collaboratively on activities throughout the day.

Mr Mitchell challenged the group to go back to their schools and really make a difference in their communities by taking the lead – to be practical spiritual leaders. Further school-based leadership training is in planning for later this year to prepare for a positive and intentional focus on Student Leadership in 2009. God is blessing the next generation of leaders as they are grown and nurtured in our Adventist schools.

SERVING OTHERS THROUGH SONG

Gilson College's Secondary Choir promotes musical development as well as providing opportunities to experience the true meaning of service. In keeping with this mission, the choir recently returned from a six-day performance tour of Sydney.

After a 12-hour bus ride, the hospitality of Castle Hill Church (and Mrs Kerry Howard's cooking) was really appreciated.

Singing, drama and powerful testimonies made up the program presented during the trip. The choir was received warmly by(next page)

SAFETY AWARENESS POSTER COMPETITION

Heritage College students have once again been very successful in the 2008 Adventist Risk Management Service 'Safety Awareness Poster Competition'.

453 entries were received from across the country and Heritage College achieved the following outstanding results.

Year 10-12 Category 3rd Mandy Wlodarczyk (yr10)

Year 7-9 Category 1st Andrew Orellana (yr9) 2nd Shannah Mousaco (yr9) 3rd Tahnee Schutz (yr7S)

The winning posters will be printed on the registration form for 2009. In addition, for each place getter the College's Science Department received funds equal to half of the student's prize. This equates to approximately \$225 for Dr Bennett to put towards new equipment for practical classes.

Congratulations to all involved.

GIVING UP GLORY TO GIVE GOD GLORY

Edinburgh Adventist Primary and Lilydale Academy were represented by ten students from Years 5 – 8, in the regional finals of the German Poetry Competition, held over two days in August. Competing with around eight schools and 47 students, the students came home with two prizes! Jane Titterington (Yr 6) won an 'encouragement' award and Grace Wilson in Yr 5 won first prize! This entitled Grace to go through to the Victorian state finals on Saturday August 30. As the competition was held on Sabbath, Grace chose to decline because of her personal conviction to honour and obey God's command to rest on the seventh day Sabbath. Our school is blessed to have students who not only do their best, but give their best to God.



SENIOR STUDENTS CHOOSE PRACTICAL MINISTRY

An exciting spiritual opportunity has been grasped by an enthusiastic group of Year 11 students from Heritage College and Nunawading Christian College when they were challenged to take the traditional 'Bible' subject offered at these schools, to a more practical level.

Usually in the senior years of school, students in Adventist schools in Victoria complete the VCE subjects 'Text and Traditions' or 'Religion and Society'. This year, seven students are enrolled in a fully accredited and recognized Certificate III in Christian Ministry – called "Vetamorphus" This focuses on small group Bible study reading the New Testament, journaling, regular involvement in Christian community, mentoring, quarterly retreats, involvement in both a 'live-in mission' and a major practical ministry project.

The students have been enjoying the integrated nature of the subject where their usual involvement in church activity on weekends is credited towards their academic program at school. They are already actively involved in their local churches, serving with their music abilities or in taking on roles of leadership. They are also involved in their school communities and their interest

in practical Christian experience has been confirmed through the Vetamorphus course.

Retreats have been a highlight for the group as they come together once a term at the beautiful and peaceful Jumbunna Lodge in the Yarra Valley to share their experiences, be involved in discussions and learning, and to be challenged by various guest speakers. The most recent retreat focused on experiencing and evaluating different Christian communities and ministries and saw the students spend Sabbath afternoon doing street ministry with the RECON van in a poorer area of Melbourne. It was an eye-opening, humbling, yet deeply spiritual experience for all, and challenged the students even further to ensure they show God's love in a practical way to those around them.

While it is fantastic that the students will achieve a recognized qualification at the end of the year for doing this course, what is even more wonderful is their spiritual journey and growth that has taken place especially with the leadership skills they



have developed. Our church is in safe for the next generation in our church.

all audiences, which included a number of Adventist Primary Schools, Aged Care Residences and Fox Valley SDA Church.

To emphasise the importance of service, the choir spent a few extra hours at Wahroonga Adventist School playing games with the Prep and Kindergarten students. They also took time to chat and share with the residents of Kings Langley and Normanhurst Aged Care. This proved to be an enjoyable and meaningful time for everyone involved.

The tour was not all hard work though. For a break from performing the students were taken to Sydney Harbour where they soaked up the sights of a city many had never before encountered.

Over the six days, the choir became stronger and more confident vocally, emotionally and spiritually, which equates to a successful trip - the mission accomplished.

Mrs Kasey Hurst (Choir Director)

Ironbark's Health Week!

25 -29th August

Ironbark students enjoyed a week of learning about healthy eating and being active. The week started with a visit from KIDZBODZ where two sessions ran for the Prep-6 students, Rum Tum Tum and Friendly Foods. Students spent the week trying different fruits, learning about being active and even cooked themselves a healthy lunch! The parents were also able to take part with the grad 5/6 students when Sibilla Johnson ran a **healthy cooking demonstration**. The week ended with mini-Olympic Games.

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All former Students and Staff

you are invited to attend our
30th Anniversary Celebrations

on October 24 & 25 2008
at Ironbark School

Friday 6.30 (soup and buns provided)

Sabbath 10am (byo picnic)
afternoon commences 3pm

IRONBARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Ironbark & Pioneer Roads, Yarrambat

ph 9436 1785 or email at
ironbarkcs@optusnet.com.au





**Sunday 2 November 2008
10:00am—2:00pm**



Special Points of Interests

Car Boot Sales

Variety of Stalls—Fruit and Veges, White Elephant, Cakes, Plants, etc

Vegetarian cooking demonstrations

Sausage Sizzle, Pinnacle of Terror, Amusements, Clowns, Balloons &

Give aways plus whole lot of

FUN...FUN..FUN!!!!



For more information contact 9259 2000

Warburton

Cup Day Market

First Tuesday in November

On the grounds of the

ADVENTCARE Yarra Ranges

5 Woods Point Road, Warburton

4 November 2007

10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

- . Garage Sale
- . Hot Food
- . Craft
- . Children's Activities
- . Garden Plants
- . Demonstrations
- . Cake stalls
- . Market Produce
- . Pre loved clothing
- . Plus Lots More

*In order for this event to be successful
ADVENTCARE Yarra Ranges is also looking for
volunteers who can help on this day or
for donations of sellable goods.*

Larger items can be collected.

*For all information, please contact Rachel Kyle,
ADVENTCARE Yarra Ranges on 5966 2572*

RESIDENT FUNDED UNIT AVAILABILITY

Whitehorse Retirement Village currently has several Independent Living Units available in the Laughlin Avenue area, opposite Nunawading Christian College Campus.

They are two bedroom units with large living and dining rooms, large kitchen, single bathroom, laundry and single

garage.

If you are over 65, interested in these units, or just considering Retirement Living, do not hesitate to contact us.

For further information call 03 9259 2000 or email

<serl.harvey@adventcare.org.au>

Serle Harvey, Units Manager

CONGRATULATIONS, ADVENTCARE

AdventCare Victoria has been working consistently to improve on the service it provides to our many residents.

One area where all involved have worked particularly hard is in Information Technology. In September this was recognized when they were announced as one of four finalists in the IT Implementation Category (for facilities of over 150 beds), at the National IT Aged Care Conference held in Melbourne. The awards were presented at a gala dinner, where Feros Care from NSW was announced to be the winner.

Congratulations to all the Staff of AdventCare, for this fine effort and terrific result.



Members of AdventCare Board and Leadership Team celebrate Award

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK OF ADVENTCARE - WHITEHORSE

I know you will agree with me when I say that the 2008 Beijing Olympics was certainly a major event full of drums, fun and fanfare, along with the athletes' unique ability to push their bodies and minds to the limit.

We at AdventCare - Whitehorse held our very own Olympics in the Blair Dining Area (tables moved of course). Those among our residents and staff not participating, watched on in anticipation as the "athletes", in record-breaking style, walked the "Egg and 4WD frame race", tossed the noodle javelin and played beach ball volleyball, where the players had a chance to hit the ball over, or under the net, with a lot of laughter.

The day finished climaxed with the steeple chase. The athletic ability of the staff members and the creativity of the resident 'horses' was something to behold. Eight staff, along with their very docile horses, raced over the water trough, under the rod, backwards through the gate, sideways through the barracks and over the hurdle, to much laughter and cheering (which was not coming just from the



spectators!)

After each event the national anthem was played for the country winning gold and a special Olympics' cake (from our kitchen) was cut and passed out to residents for afternoon tea. It was a fantastic day for everyone involved and we are all still laughing and talking together about it.

*Donna Anderson
Operations Manager*



NEWS FLASH: WEDNESDAY JULY 30 COLD SNAP BRINGS CHRISTMAS TO ADVENTCARE BENDIGO

It was time to look for a good reason to party and Christmas in July was the incentive. Appropriate really, given that this has been a very cold winter.

Pam in the kitchen cooked up a roast and plum puddings, with

all the trimmings.

We decided to use this as a chance to thank our volunteers for their help enriching the lives of our residents, so invited them to join us.

Tafe students happily assisted with the decorating of the dining room and their efforts achieved great results. It was

lovely to see the students interacting with our residents, laughing and

having fun.

John Cummings, with the help of one of our regular volunteers, Jackie, led the carol singing and entertained us with his jokes.

Other highlights of the day included a very large present out of which Mrs Santa (actually a member of Staff, Chris) emerged to the count of three and a spinning wheel where guessing the correct number won a prize. After many goes and a lot of laughter, the prizes were all claimed, with resident Else being the most successful spinner.

Sarah, from the Lifestyle team, made Christmas cards which were distributed with candy canes and the enjoyable day concluded with afternoon tea of White Christmas and white 'Rum Balls' made by two of our residents, Laurel and Jean, and a cuppa.

Elizabeth Merritt



vicYouth

inspirational ministries

CHOSEN...

There's been some mention of this amazing convention in the RECORD and on < <http://adventist.org.au> > however, on a personal note from me, I will have to say that we have some of the finest young people here in this Conference. It was a fantastic group of teens who represented Victoria at the first ever Teen Leadership Convention for the Australian Union Conference. Our 15 young leaders stood out from the crowd in terms of their leadership and their spirit of comradeship. The local churches from which these leaders came, are blessed indeed to have them!

State wide Youth Rally
"Set Me Free"
10 am...Pr Edgren
@ Arrow on Swanston
488 Swanston St
Carlton

Talking about Youth events is enough to make anyone tired...I actually wore out our Trust Service Director the other day, when giving a Departmental report in a meeting - and he was just listening.

But hey - Youth do that to you. They are so active, it's FANTASTIC!
Now, let me think of where it was I last left you in the eventful life of 'VicYouth'...

-Moe

WINTER YOUTH CAMP - OLYMPICS COME TO HOWQUA!

If some of you wondered where all your young adults took off to on the weekend of August 15th, they did not sleep in nor did they leave the country... they only drove a few hours North East to spend sometime in the serenity of Howqua with other young adults. It was a wonderful weekend in every way! Pastor Nick Kross, from the Division, joined us as our speaker. He tackled the issues of life and shared some "Moments of Truth" with us.

Sabbath was filled with food of both a spiritual and physical nature and I think most of us came away with an extra kilo. Along with Pr Kross, Pr David Edgren & Mrs Megan Jaworski led out in our workshops. And who said that you needed to go to Beijing to experience the Olympic spirit! Let me tell you, those who attended the camp would agree it was better than the Olympics, thanks to Carlie Dunne and Beth Steed! Someone should put their names up for organising the next Olympics in England! They invented so many events which should seriously be considered for 2012.

It was an early start Sunday morning for the snow addicts, while the rest stayed back to enjoy the rest and relaxation of base camp (Howqua). We praise God for a wonderful time of connection - not only with each other but especially with God! A moment of truth for each of us was realizing our place in God's family and His plan for each of our lives!

GOT SERVED! -STORM CO.

Nunawading STORMCo crew returned to Camperdown and once again this year proved to be another fantastic service time. These youth now have a reputation in town for their service and from the reports that we have received it's a win-win situation for both Camperdown locals and the Nunawading youth, who came away buzzing because they had been a part of these kids and lives for a week, sharing the love of God in community service, singing and stories!



PINNACLE SERVICE TOUR 2008

What started out as a three week trip through Central Australia visiting four Aboriginal communities ended up being a life changing experience for the team of 32 who set off in June. VicYouth teamed up with Delhantie Park and their Pinnacle of Terror, to reach out to people in local Aboriginal communities.

The group was made up of students and youth mostly from around Victoria, and together with the Delhantie staff, the team became a family who put themselves out there to be used whenever and however, for God.

The team saw Tim Luszczak off as he began his solo trip across the Simpson Desert (see <<http://adventist.org.au>> for more on this story) and worked in four separate indigenous communities, covering an area of 7000 km. While sitting around the camp fire, camping in the bush and at the occasional caravan park, or interacting with people who have so much less than most of us, the crew began to experience a spirituality never before realized. This gave the team a new vigor for living life for Christ. Praise God for these young people.

-Neil

"It has definitely changed the whole way I look at God and pray to Him... It also has made me on fire for God! I just want to get out there and start telling people about Him. I'm not ashamed anymore."

"The trip has changed me so much, ...I'm more on fire for God - I really do love Him. I want to live for Him, not for myself anymore..."

IT'S ALL ABOUT "DISCIPLESHIP"

Victoria is embracing an emphasis on DISCIPLESHIP.

This will be rolled out in the form of leadership training, provision of information that helps us better understand DISCIPLESHIP, resources that help us develop as disciples and resources that help us to make disciples.

Why have an emphasis on DISCIPLESHIP?

Jesus told us that discipleship is what life is all about. **Christ inspires us to be disciples who are committed to life transformation.** Transformation happens when under the conviction of the Holy Spirit we understand from the Bible that "the glory of God (is) in the face of Christ."

Knowing this Christ attracts us to become like Him and we are transformed. Disciples, meaning you and me, are therefore Ambassadors for Christ!

But DISCIPLESHIP does not happen when we live in isolation, DISCIPLESHIP happens in a **community of believers** that is intent on becoming like Him in every-day life. Disciples know that they need to do life with other learner-followers to realize the purpose of their existence. They know that they need others if they are to

reflect the image of God. This life time process occurs primarily through modeling in the home and secondarily in the church family.

The result of DISCIPLESHIP will be evident when we are infused with vitality for passionate worship, love for people, active service and sharing about Christ with others.

Christ not only calls us to be disciples, He also calls us to be **disciple-makers.** This happens through relationships, when we meaningfully converse, encourage, appreciate, feed, help, listen, socialize, empathize, teach and lovingly help others grow toward maturity in Christ.

We think that these are good reasons to have an emphasis on DISCIPLESHIP.

A significant step in this focus is having Dr. Bruce Bauer, the Professor of World Mission at Andrews University, come to teach in Melbourne from November 12-16. He will be teaching Pastors and local church leaders.

We hope that many will be blessed by what he communicates.

John M. Denne, Ministerial Association Secretary

"LEADERS AS DISCIPLE-MAKERS"

SEMINAR – 14 TO 16 NOVEMBER 2008

This seminar, a first-rate six part series, is for elders, all leaders and prospective leaders of local church departments.

Presenter: Dr. Bruce Bauer, Professor of World Mission at Andrews University

Friday evening November 14, 7:30-9pm.

Sabbath afternoon November 15, 2:30pm till tea at 6:30pm.

Sunday morning November 16, 9:30am till 12:30pm.

We ask attendees to be present at all sessions

Tea on Saturday night will be provided free for all attending,



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Call Roselyn on 03 9264 7721 or email <roselynharrison@advetist.org.au> before November 10.

Location: Nunawading Christian College assembly hall, 161 Central Road. (Access is either through the Conference property or via Laughlin Ave.

This is a "Must Not Miss" seminar. We encourage all who are interested in disciple-making to set aside this time to receive the unique blessing of this special learning occasion.

Sponsored by the Victorian Conference Ministerial Association

WARBURTON WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER 2008

The Warburton Church Catering Committee caters for many functions each year. Some of these are important social milestone events; others are in support of the fellowship aspect of church growth and togetherness. With the Deaconess' help, the members of the Committee also cater for many funerals, providing an excellent and much needed service to our church and the wider local community. Strange as it may seem, catering for funerals in our church and the local district has become a very significant part of the caring outreach of Warburton Church.

It is a self-help and self-funded ministry, so with additional equipment being needed, the Catering Committee rolled up their sleeves and Warburton Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall became a beautiful winter Christmas wonderland on Saturday night August 9. Fairy lights, candles, Christmas trees and bright decorations lit up the hall revealing the beautifully set tables for the fundraising dinner. An excellent 3 course vegetarian dinner was served by twelve of Santa's

young helpers.

Among the 156 people who attended were 52 guests from out of town including former Shire of Yarra Ranges Councillor Di Moore, whose comment was 'great night, I'll come again!'

Many people worked hard to bring this evening together, and the catering team say a big thank you to all who helped to make it a special night and to those who supported the fundraising dinner by attending. We look forward to seeing you next year!



Yvonne Cameron/Andrew Irvine/CarolynWay

MEET THE MINISTERS WHO ARRIVED THIS YEAR

This year has seen a number of ministers join the Victorian Conference. Some commenced their duties immediately while others were unable to join us until later in the year.

The most recent has been **Pr Andrew Kapusi** and his wife **Juliana**, who arrived late in August from Canada, and shared their first Sabbath here with their new congregation, Burwood, and with their son who lives in Geelong. They have two other children, another son who has remained in Canada and a daughter who is planning to join them here next year. Andrew has been fascinated with Australia for over twenty

years. He has visited several times and is now really pleased to have the opportunity to live here. While his primary passion is pastoring, Andrew has collected many interests throughout his travels which include motorbikes, anthropology and computer programming.

Pr Georges Latchman arrived earlier this year and at the end of September was joined, at last, by his wife **Helena**, who had remained behind dealing with agents and property. Georges was born in Mauritius and has lived and studied in France, Canada and America, Helena hails from Finland and together they bring with them a wealth

of cultural diversity and experience. Believing the evangelical centre of the global SDA church has shifted from the West and is now centred around the Pacific with Australia being a leading force, they were keen to move here and be involved. Georges has travelled extensively in the third world through his work with ADRA at the General Conference and as a result, he and his wife have 49 children, and six grandchildren around the globe, whom they have sponsored. And as if that isn't enough, they have two cats.

Coming to us from Western Australia, **Anthony MacPherson** pastored four churches, was a primary school chaplain, and went to Mongolia on two different mission trips, before transferring to Victoria. This year he has been working with Greensborough and Greenvale churches. "I love preaching, Bible studies and small groups" he says. "For exercise I enjoy playing indoor soccer. I also play the guitar fairly badly, but find it strangely relaxing!"

The minister for Bendigo and Castlemaine churches, **Graham Sutherland**, and his wife **Pauline**, transferred to Victoria from Tasmania where they served for five years. During this time Graham was also fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Mongolia. Prior to Tasmania, Graham ministered to seven churches in the North New Zealand Conference, and travelled to Kazan in Russia. Between them, Graham and Pauline's interests include hiking, biking, motorbike tours, squash, needlework,

cooking, photography, cricket and the All Blacks. Graham's claim to fame is that his brother, Malcolm, is on the Performance Advisory Team to NZ Rugby, so he gets all the inside gos!

Peter Watts is originally from Birmingham, UK. Prior to training for the Ministry at Avondale, he worked at the Signs Publishing Company in Warburton for seven years. Peter, **Maree** and their eleven year old son Daniel, returned to Victoria in January this year, when Peter was appointed to Bendigo Church as an intern minister. He has a keen interest in evangelism, and is an associate member of the Institute of Public Evangelism

This year **Pr Peter Rollo** and his family joined Ferntree Gully and Rowville-Lysterfield churches, from the Greater Sydney Conference. Peter has a passion for helping others realize and achieve their potential in ministry and really enjoys helping his church members discover their talents and learn how to use them for God's service. While Melbourne has thrown one of its coldest winters at him, Peter says he has been keeping too busy to notice it. This is not surprising, given that among his many ministerial duties he has also been involved in Rowville-Lysterfield Church's transfer to new premises.

Born in El Salvador, **Miguel Flamenco** trained in Costa Rica, where he met his wife, **Odenis**. After working for twelve years in Central America, Miguel was invited to come to Australia. He and his family spent eleven years in South Australia before transferring to this Conference.

"Other than the peak hour traffic, Melbourne is a nice place to live. It has been a joy meeting the wonderful people in our three Melbourne churches, Hughesdale, Springvale Spanish and Western Spanish." Miguel loves reading, listening to music and walking.

As Living Waters assistant minister and chaplain for Gilson College, **Chrissie Cooper** is loving her time here in Melbourne. "I see myself as a pastor to a church and a pastor to a school" she said. "The work is not that different." Chrissie comes to Victoria with a wealth of experience: she has raised her family who are now scattered over the globe, she has worked as a Bi-Vocational minister in New Zealand, before moving to Avondale to obtain her qualifications and last year she lectured there, in Greek and Christian Studies. All this experience recently culminated in a very successful evangelistic series run at Gilson College... but that is another story. (see page 15)





Megan with Pr Rod Woods

MY CHOICE

Megan's testimony at her baptism in August was very touching. Quite possibly we all wonder at some time whether or not our children are only coming to church because we are bringing them. Even when they choose to get baptised, the fear may still niggle at us that they are only doing it because others are, or because it is 'expected' of them. Megan left no doubt about that as she shared some of her journey with her congregation that Sabbath.

"I really wanted to go to Church, it was that important to me. I realised I wasn't just going along because my parents wanted me there...it was what I wanted too. It was my decision, my choice."

Having made her own choice to go to church, Megan then decided to get baptised because she knew it was what God expected of her.

"I want to follow Jesus and live by him every day," Megan declared, tears in her eyes. "I want Him to walk every step of my life with me."

Health news with Sibilla



Did you know the colour of the food you eat can make all the difference? That there is actually a good reason those desserts at church lunches topped with beautiful colourful berries and fruits always seem to go first?

The addition of blueberries and other dark red and purple fruits to our diet benefits our brains – but the amazing thing is where this benefit comes from: the colour cells in these fruit.

Getting technical, numerous studies indicate a diet high in fruit and vegetables may help prevent age related diseases such as Alzheimer's.

These dark coloured fruits, along with nuts such as walnuts, are rich in antioxidants which help reduce the cellular stress of aging (oxidative stress) and have been shown to improve cognitive behaviour, learning and memory.

However it is not just brain health that can be assisted. Colourful fruits and walnuts have also been shown to help with Cardiovascular Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Cancer and Arthritis.

So improve your 'healthspan' as well as your lifespan, add a berry smoothie to your day!

For more information go to the Loma Linda University Website, look for the link: 5th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition (2008) and read what Dr Jim Joseph has to say in "Role of antioxidants from berries and other sources in brain aging and diseases associated with aging."

LOVE FLOWS FROM GATEWAY TO SICHUAN

As disaster relief flowed into Sichuan from around the world following the devastating earthquake in May, the Chinese community at Gateway Adventist Centre, Melbourne, determined to put forth their best efforts to provide assistance to their affected brothers and sisters. On August 2 a fund raising concert was held at Federation Hall, Victorian College of the Arts, with the theme 'A Gift of Love for Sichuan'.

This concert was supported by our church members and sponsored by AdventCare Victoria. Ms Ruth Welling, Managing Director of AdventCare Victoria, welcomed the audience and reiterated the importance of compassion ministry.

A collection of talented Christian singers and musicians including the Chatelier Family who donated their CD sales,

Yola Mielczarek and Chinese Folk Musicians, performed to a hall that was filled to capacity. Over 250 people supported the concert, with nearly half of these being non-church members.

The haunting music of the Chinese folk instruments captured the sorrow of the community at the tragedy that has affected the lives of millions, but the songs of hope and praise throughout the evening lifted thoughts to the stories and images of survival, courage and love that have emerged from the region following the earthquake, and to the Creator who has the power to renew broken lives.

This message of hope was shared both with the non-church community present and with the people in China, as over \$8000 was raised and donated to ADRA to further the relief efforts in Sichuan.



SERVICE AWARDS

Awards recognising thirty years of service were recently presented to Fred and Lois Wilson, Hanna Sherry and Joan Frost by Ferntree Gully Adventist Church minister, Pr Peter Rollo.



All three members have been involved in Dorcas Welfare/ADRA as well as serving in other departments of the local church. The combined total of years given to the Lord's work is well over 120 years and is still growing.

Hanna Sherry turned 90 in June, joining an elite group of nonagenarians, and even now in her golden years is still making knee rugs for those in need.

To each of these folk we say, "Thank you for using the gifts God has given you to enable others to receive many good blessings. Thank you too for spreading Christ's love so that others can share in His riches."

Elayne Stanford

TURNING POINTS

July 19, 2008 was a memorable day for the members of Burwood Church as five people joined them through baptism or profession of faith. Each one of these people has a fascinating story of how they were led by God, to the turning point that changed their lives.

Going to school with a guide dog

Attending a Guide Dog training school, Luigi met up with an Adventist lady named Tracy, who also relied on a guide dog to get around. They started coming to Burwood church together, enjoying the discussions at Sabbath School and the easy going worship style at Church. So every Sabbath they attend Burwood with their dogs. After months of Bible studies, Luigi also decided to be baptised.

A street sign

When Michael's father was ill he was kindly ministered to by an Adventist health professional. This ultimately led to Michael getting baptised in 1963 in Greece. He later moved to Australia, but in this new country he did not know how to find an Adventist church and easily lost touch.

Michael returned to Greece where he later married and then last year found him back in Australia again, this time for medical reasons. One day, while travelling on a bus, Michael spotted a sign that read 'BURWOOD ADVENTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH' and he said to himself "This is my church." He decided to try it and receiving a warm welcome, Michael has attended ever since. He says he has "come home". He now plans to return to Greece and lead his wife to the Lord and unite with our church there.

Moving in with a 'host family'

Allan came to Australia from Korea and stayed with an Adventist lady in Perth, who looked after him like a second mother. Allan describes her as "the kindest person he has ever known". When he moved to Melbourne to continue his studies, he was determined to learn more about the church that made his home-stay host so kind. He attended the Korean Church, but soon decided he needed an English speaking church where he could assimilate into the Australian culture.

Pastor John Chan, Burwood's acting minister, visited Allan and suggested he try Burwood Church as it was close.

The next Sabbath, armed with a hand drawn map, he walked for two hours and got completely lost! But that did not deter him. On hearing what had happened, one of Burwood's members, Laurel Sargent, kindly offered to pick him up each Sabbath. Allan enjoyed his Bible studies with Pr Chan and decided to make a stand for his Lord.

A conversation with someone walking past

The seed of truth was sown many years ago for this couple, when Bev attended an evangelistic campaign in Perth conducted by Pr George Burnside, who's studies helped convict her of the truth about the Sabbath.

Later she met Phil in Melbourne and they worshipped together in another protestant congregation, becoming very active there. So much so that Phil (an engineer and accountant) completed a course in theology and they

became missionaries, serving in Papua New Guinea for four years. Late last year as she was walking past their home Caroline Chia, a member of Nunawading Church, invited Phil and Bev to attend a Prophecy Seminar. Not having heard much about the books of Daniel and Revelation, they were very interested. Following the seminar they attended the Burwood Church, just 200 metres from their home.

They devoured Mark Finley's and Prof. Walter Veith's DVDs and Doug Bachelor's videos as well as undertaking Bible studies with the church pastor and now they rejoice in belonging to God's remnant church.

Isn't it wonderful to see how God leads and guides in our lives.... How He can use even the smallest things to reach the hearts of His people. May you be encouraged by these stories, and join in as Heaven rejoices.

Pr John Chan



TRINITY SEMINAR PRESENTED BY PASTORS P ROENNFELDT & S GUNGADOO

November 22, 2008

The Divinity of Jesus will be presented by Pr Roennfeldt at Horsham Church (123a Wilson St Horsham) @ 11:15am and by Pr Stenio at Ararat Church (cnr Moore & Albert Streets Ararat) @ 11:00 am.

The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments will be presented by Pr Roennfeldt at the Ararat Church @2:00pm followed by Pr Gungadoo with

Trinitarianism in the History of Adventism.

All are Welcome.



Junior Camp
January 6-11

Teen Camp
January 12-18

Teen Impact
January 19-23

MAKING OUR DOCTRINES RELEVANT TO A YOUNGER GENERATION



Last month Chrissie Cooper, Chaplain for Gilson College, ran a wonderful program for the Secondary School. Over the course of a week she presented various doctrines, linking them with teen issues, thus making our church beliefs even more relevant to our young people today.

In a unique and creative way Chrissie discussed our belief in Christ's

Second Coming together with teen suicide. She found an application for our doctrine on The Mark of the Beast in issues of self harm. Grace and Law were presented in a way that showed how this makes a difference in our attitude towards drugs and alcohol.

The school had already had a Week of Spiritual Emphasis, but Principal Mark Vodell was happy to run another one when

Chrissie approached him about it. "After it had taken place," said Mark, "we sat down and reflected on the impact it had had on the students. They really connected...it was obvious that they took on board the ideas and beliefs that were presented."

The Series was well received, making an impact on the community. Of the 340 students who participated, 21 are planning to be baptized, 35 have signed up for Bible studies (six of whom do not believe in Jesus, but would like to learn more), 112 students from varied backgrounds committed themselves to following Jesus, and 79 made a recommitment.

When God's Word was presented in a relevant way to these young people, there were 247 positive responses for Christ. And we shouldn't be surprised, really – after all, it is the Living Word, applicable to all regardless of generation, society or culture.



TWO BAPTISMS AT WANGARATTA CHURCH

Tim Wilson, now ten years old, has waited for this occasion for five years and had his special day all planned out.

"Anne, who was getting baptised with me, chose the setting and I chose the hymn 'We Have This Hope,'" said Tim.

"Tim gave me a list of what would happen and when. Andrew, his dad, did most of the ground-work, teaching him to love God and follow Jesus. After studying the Bible with him, I knew Tim was ready: all I needed to do was to have the pleasure of baptising this spirit-filled young man into Jesus and His church," Peter Ansell, pastor of Wangaratta Church, reported.

As his church family, Grandma and other friends from Wagga looked on, it was plain to see that this was a well thought out, long desired, and very meaningful event in Tim's life.

Also re-baptised that day was Anne Barcklay, formerly of Brisbane.

"I have had my struggles, but I've found a new love and a new life in Jesus, since moving back to Wangaratta. Robert Stankovic and Pastor Ansell have been a big help to me in my new life," said Anne.



Tim & Anne with Peter Ansell

Anne now has a ministry for the less fortunate in society and is a real 'Mother-in-Israel', befriending and helping them. She has organized a monthly social - games and soup on a Sunday afternoon - which has been a real hit with an average of twenty people attending each time, over 50% of these being non-church members.

Rosemary Ansell

100 YEARS YOUNG

The Casey Church had the privilege of sharing in the joy of Michel Francois VIVIER as he reached 100 years of age on Sabbath 26th July. He was born in Mauritius in 1908 to French born Paul VIVIER Josephine MAMAROT of Mauritius. Life was not easy for Michel as he had to start working after leaving primary school at the age of twelve. Over the years he has worked in a sugar cane factory, as a bike mechanic, and for the Telecoms Department.

Michel migrated to Australia in 1987 with three of his four children and he has nine grandchildren.

He studies his Sabbath School lesson every day, can still kneel to pray and does not miss church on Sabbath.

Attributing his longevity to his faithfulness to God, hard work and lots of exercise, as well as a regularity and rigidity in what he eats, Michael praises God for the gift of life.

Pr Stenio Gungadoo



Snapshots on CHURCH HOSPITALITY



PORTRAIT OF A BASS PLAYER

One of the hardest things, when reaching out to others, is to know what to do, what to say and maybe even more importantly – the timing. Often there is no right or wrong. We do something special for someone and it is really appreciated, however when we try it again for the next person, it falls completely flat. What seems so effortless for one, when tried by another appears forced and stilted.

In actual fact, we should not be surprised by this for we are all different, each having our own unique personality, talents and gifts. The reality also is that sometimes when we put ourselves 'out there', our efforts don't work at all and we can get hurt. What is important however is that we don't give up. After all, the final impact of our words and deeds won't be known until it is all over. Let me introduce you to Kieran and the inspiring story of his return to God. This journey does have elements of sadness, for to return, one needs to have first left. As you read you may see many things people could have done, or not done, but don't focus on human omissions and failures. Listen, as this story speaks to you of possibilities, whispers ideas into your ear. Then have a go, making our church family an even warmer place to be.

Kieran began attending church when he was five or six. "I got to learn a lot of classic Bible stories in Sabbath School, and I am grateful to know them so well to this very day," he said, while talking about his childhood. However as the years went by, his joy in attending church diminished. As a typical youngster, Kieran did not like rules, and so being told 'Don't' do this, it's Sabbath!, although politically correct, didn't help. There were many parents telling their children what to do and what not to do and their children's friends were naturally expected to cooperate. This was fair enough, but the whole focus seemed so negative at the time and only added to Kieran's disillusionment.

"I know I was pretty vocal about the things I didn't like," he recalls, "and mostly for the wrong reasons too! But hey – I read in a book the other day that by the time a person is six, they have heard on average 20,000 'No's and 5,000 'Yes's... Seems about right to me!"

Church became drawn out and boring for Kieran, what with long services and waiting around while his mum played the organ afterwards. "My dad says he gets gnarly when he's hungry, and I reckon I've inherited that. But being hungry wasn't necessarily the problem, as mum tried to have snacks to keep us going."

The teen years were a particularly turbulent time for Kieran and by the time he was fourteen he found it easier to stay home with his dad, who also did not care that much for church.

"When I did attend church, I used to get along quite well with a fellow called Jeff. He's an awesome motivational speaker and has a great attitude when speaking to a person one-on-one... and he smiles a whole lot!" Kieran added.

By nineteen, Kieran had not been to church for some time and was surprised when he received a gift from Jeff. "It was the act of giving that impacted me more than the gift itself. I hadn't seen Jeff in over six months... I think he wanted to show me that there were people there who still cared for me. I decided to go to church the very next weekend and I will always remember how happy my mother was that day.

To top it all, the whole church seemed so eager to see me...it was great to see the church from a different perspective."

The surprise gift was a New Testament, with passages about Christian athletes and their experiences with God's Word. Kieran is a philosophical person and likes to explore other cultures' explanations on how we came into existence. In his thinking, evolution seemed more feasible than most other explanations, but science had proven to his satisfaction that it

could not be true. This meant God must exist. "After reading the New Testament, I thought to myself...well, I know that there is a God...I want to be on His side and seek His favour – the alternative is self destruction.... I knew I had to put one hundred percent effort in to working out how to do that, so I could be useful to Him." So even though the things Kieran had rebelled against earlier still bothered him, he continued attending church.

At a young age, Kieran had discovered a passion for music and now found himself thinking on how he could use music in his life. "Mum suggested I play along with her at church, but somehow organ, bass guitar and hymns just didn't sit so well. It would be difficult to do, and I didn't want to distract anyone from worship." It was around this time that Mario, a friend from Northpoint Church, suggested they form a worship band. This really appealed to Kieran, as it gave him an opportunity to have a more active role in church – something he felt he needed.

"You know, if you are not feeling a part of things, make yourself get involved. I did and even during our first practice I was sure God had brought us together to do something amazing."

What Kieran didn't know was that prior to the worship band, Northpoint Church had been singing to backing CD's. When he walked in the door that first Sabbath people came up to welcome him, excited he was part of the band.

"I was there for a reason," Kieran explains. "I had a purpose. That is so important to feeling comfortable. If you can make someone feel special, or that they have something to offer those around them, it makes all the difference to their experience of church."

The worship band ministry at Northpoint has grown from strength to strength, with over 23 people now involved and Kieran's spiritual growth has matched it as he has come to know a God who cares, loves and wants to be a part of his life.

In April this year, Northpoint church celebrated with Kieran as through baptism, he publically declared his love for God and his commitment to follow Him. In his testimony he told how family, how friends and how his involvement in the local church community had played a major role in his decision for Christ and he shared a song he wrote about his journey, called "You Took my Breath Away". The congregation now sings this song during their worship programs.

God is shining through Kieran's life to impact others, as he leads the band and assists in other ministries in the church community.

My world was turmoil, I wasted time on pointless things. God showed my purpose, now I know peace that God's love brings.

We are faced with a choice of two, Peace or Chaos we can choose.

God you took my breath away, made me who I am today. God you showed me mercy Lord, saved me from my ways before.

excerpt from Kieran's song

Stepping Into the Path Of Light

Jesus I come
My life burden
With sin and shame
Unlock my heart
Its searching
It's longing for you

CLEANSE ME
MAKE ME NEW
MOULD ME INTO
THE PERSON YOU DESTINED
ME TO BE

Lord you are my hope
In a world of despair
The more I know you
The more you reveal to me

YOU ARE MY CREATOR
THE GIVER OF LIFE
YOU ARE THAT BREATH OF AIR
THAT KEEPS ME GOING

I am in awe of you, my heart & soul worship you,
You are holy. My saviour my redeemer.
My friend my creator. You are my everything
I come before you to give my life...

My life is yours and yours alone. By: Janelle Chilton

When my life is dark
You are my light
When my world crashes
I am not alone
Storms come and go
But your presences
Never leaves

WHEN EVERYTHING FAILS
YOU ARE THAT COURAGE
URGING ME ON
NOTHING MEASURES
TO YOUR POWER

Lord I have searched
And I have found you
My life is yours
I give everything to you

At her baptism in August, Janelle shared with her Filipino-Australian church family a poem she had written, depicting her spiritual journey and her love for her Lord.



NUNAWADING PATHFINDERS AND THE COMMUNITY CHEST APPEAL

Children from the Nunawading Pathfinder Club are regular collectors for the annual Whitehorse Community Chest Appeal and 2008 was no exception. Club members happily banded together to go out 'on the appeal'. Pictured from left to right are Pathfinders Michael Stekla, Luke Mason, Adam Mason and Kellynn Lim calling on community resident Mrs Hall, who enjoyed the visit and was more than happy to donate to the cause. Local Council regulations preclude Nunawading members from participating in the church's ADRA Appeal, so we are pleased to participate in the local Community Chest Appeal instead. A percentage of the money collected is returned to the church to be used for community and welfare based projects.

The Nunawading Pathfinder Club is run by a committed group of qualified volunteers from the church and has been operating for many years. It has a current membership of approximately 50 children aged from 10 to 16 years. Membership is open to any child looking for a great learning experience in a healthy, happy and safe environment. Further information is available on the church's website: <<http://nunawading.adventist.org.au>> or by contacting the Pathfinder Director Chris Franklin: <cfranklin@ncc.adventist.edu.au> or 0402 696 314. Bronwyn Rowe

KEEPING BUSY AT BAIRNSDALE

Bairnsdale church love to serve. In July, they held a Stress Management Seminar, with Canadian stress-fitness coach, Cameron Johnston. In September, they manned a Stall in the Mall, which usually raises between five and six thousand dollars for International Children's Care (Australia). StormCo and the Rowville Church Choir were also scheduled for that month and October is expected to be just as busy, with a camp, the ADRA appeal, and a CHIP Program. Even while supporting such activities, a team of enthusiastic volunteers also works hard to make the ADRA Opportunity Centre a success.

Situated at the old "Jolly Jumbuk" on the Princes Highway, the Centre has progressed steadily since it began two years ago.

"The sales of our high quality second-hand furniture has been so successful," said the manager, Carol Stoneman, "... we are now including high quality household furniture too." The Centre does not just handle the usual op-shop and furniture sales, however. While its purpose is to raise funds, it also aims to be instrumental in distributing them. In addition to this, the Centre is involved with providing local emergency and disaster relief. The volunteers keep a stocked pantry and prepare, cook and parcel up packages for the needy. Joffre Gilchrist



Marilyn Mackay, ADRA's national coordinator visits with the centre's committee members.



The Marriage Check-up



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M.A.Ps., Clin. V.A.F.T.

October 18 – General session on relationships 11-12:30

The Marriage check-up seminar 2:30pm – 5:30 pm

Held at the Redwood Centre – ADRA Warburton
(formerly Warburton Christian School)

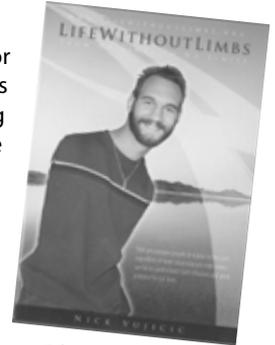
Bookings are essential. For more information contact
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Mon - Thurs 9-5, Fri 9-12.30
1st Sun/month 1-4pm

Life Without Limbs

Nick was born without arms or legs. This DVD shares with you his inspiring story. Nick is an amazing young man who is on fire with his passion for God and for life. Watch this DVD and find yourself motivated to make the most of what God has given you.



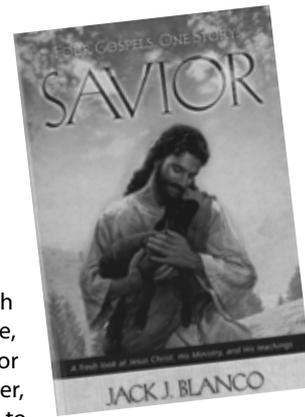
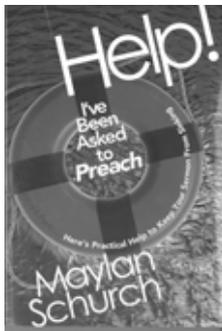
Matters of Life and Death

Christians talk a lot about the life to come, but what about the issues affecting life and death right now? Dr Bruinsma pursues answers to the great ethical and moral dilemmas of our day in this book. He tackles controversial questions such as: is war ever defensible; is abortion always an abomination; and how will God judge a doctor who helps a patient take their life? Your convictions may be challenged, preconceived ideas be tested. However this book will provide fascinating reading and cause you to prayerfully wrestle through issues the Bible writers never had to face.



Help! I've Been Asked to Preach.

Here is practical help to keep you afloat. Learn how to preach effectively and with confidence: how to go deep into a Bible passage, interpreting the truth simply and correctly. This book is a must for your library if you have been interested in putting sermons together, but don't know where to begin; you are an Elder, or get called on to 'fill in' from time to time, or simply would like to know more on sermon structure so you can get more out of what you hear. This book is complete with group discussion starters and assignments and is useful both as a stand-alone guide and as a way to mentor laypeople, individually or in a group setting.



Saviour

In the same easy reading style of The Clear Word, Jack Blanco has blended the four Gospels to produce this paraphrase of our Saviour's story.

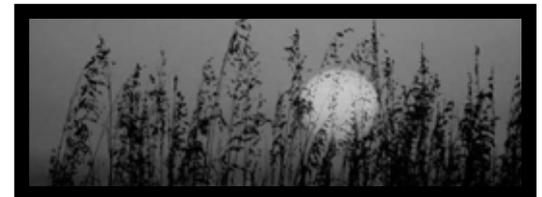
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ANNOUNCING THE ENGAGEMENTS OF:

Naomi Kita (Lilydale) and Heath Durrant (Wantirna)
 Kathryn Piez and Chris Eddy (Burwood)
 Elyssa Christian (Burwood) and Clinton Webb (Sydney)
 Wendy Peters and Colin Eddy (Burwood)



Congratulations, and may God be with you as you plan your lives together.



Melbourne Sunset Times

OCTOBER	Friday	Saturday
11 & 12	7.33	7.34
18 & 19	7.40	7.41
25 & 26	7.47	6.48
NOVEMBER		
1 & 2	7.54	7.55
8 & 9	8.02	8.03
15 & 16	8.10	7.11
22 & 23	8.17	8.18
29 & 30	8.24	8.25

Sunset at Bairnsdale is
 10 minutes **earlier**
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APPOINTMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL

If you would like an
appointment on a **Sunday**,
the next opportunities are:

Sunday NOVEMBER 9, 2008
at **Seddon Church**

21 Hotham St Seddon
or

Sunday DECEMBER 7, 2008
at the **Victorian Conference Office**

This is a free and confidential
service available to church members

BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Laura Elizabeth Grace
Dawson born on the 3rd July
2008 to Zane and Jenine Dawson

Duane & Alosia Haora
have been blessed
by their 4th child,
Tipa Koinaki, named
proudly after Duane's
great grandfather. He
arrived on 1st August



May God bless
you all as you train your children
for Jesus.

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HAVE YOU LOST A HYMNAL?

A hymnal, in the Shona language of Zimbabwe, was left at at Wantirna Church some months ago. It has no contact details in it but appears to be well loved. It may be claimed by calling Lesley Clark on 03 9873 1445 /0418 320 954.

WANTED - A CONTACT FOR AFRICA

Has your church been involved in sending knitted garments to babies in Africa? Or are you involved in any other project where knitted items are needed?

A new church attendee in Hamilton is a keen knitter and wants to do something to help.

Call Lynette on 03 5571 9650 or email her at <ptung@anson.com.au>

WANTED-LONGTERM ACCOMMODATION

A 47yr old, currently living in NZ, will be attending LaTrobe University working toward her Masters Degree in Speech Pathology. She would love to find a warm Christian home to stay in, and is prepared to travel by bus/train for up to 45 minutes each way. She is also willing to provide her own meals. Storage space for about 30 medium sized boxes is needed.

For more information email <laurelj.np@extra.co.nz> directly, or call the Vic Conference Office on 03 9264 7777.

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New, attached, one bedroom, self contained, furnished flat available for rent. Suit single person, student, working person. Close to shops, transport; Secluded and private. Rent \$165:00 week, neg; plus Bond. Upwey. Phone Nomi 03 9754 3243.

NOVEMBER 9 - GIANT BOOK SALE

@ NUNAWADING CHURCH HALL

Religion, E G White, Bibles, Christian novels for all ages, music, biographies.

Funds raised for the Nunawading Church Building Fund.

11am-3pm at Nunawading Church Hall.

ATTENDANCE SURVEY 2009

Please make arrangements where possible to be in your own local congregation on February 21, the date set by the AUC Administrators' Council for the Attendance Survey for 2009.

GARAGE CLUTTERED?

Now is your opportunity to sell your unwanted goods.

Call Tracey on 03 9259 2000 to reserve your Bay at ADVENTCARE Whitehorse Fair Nov 2, and sell your goods from the Boot of your Car. (\$30 non refundable required at time of booking.)

Or if you would like to donate the goods for our White Elephant stall, please contact AdventCare - Whitehorse and we will advise where you can leave the goods.

SDA HOME SCHOOL NETWORK

Are you interested in becoming part of an SDA Home School Network that is Australian?

A Yahoo group has been set up to give support and encouragement to Adventist homeschooling families in Australia. We are looking at expanding and making this a great network, with possibilities such as Meetups and Family Camps.

The Yahoo group address is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SDAaussiehomeschool/> or you can contact Caroline at <ksiazko2@aapt.net.au> or by phone on 03 5267 2277.

SHARE ACCOMMODATION available in Ringwood East. A choice out of 2 bedrooms, in a 4 bedroom home. 5 minutes from Public Transport. \$110/week plus bond, and share expenses. Contact Chris on 03 8740 3345 or 0416 144 288

ROAD TO BETHLEHEM & ROAD TO CALVARY VIDEO FOOTAGE WANTED!!!

If you have any footage of RTB or RTC from any location, please contact Carissa on 0423 680982 or email <crissahoney@hotmail.com> The footage is wanted to make a souvenir DVD pack together with "The Desire of Ages" renamed "The Road Between".

MULTICUL PRAISE MINISTRY invites you to come share visions, testimonies, songs and real life stories on how God changes lives.

November 8 at 2pm, at the Samoan SDA Church in Carrum Downs. For more info or if you would like to participate, contact Allan Amaru on 0413 972005/<lostandfoundmin@optusnet.com.au>

PIEDMONT GARDEN FUND RAISER

Ringwood SDA Church Fund Raising Committee invites all Garden lovers to visit the Spring Garden of Tall Timbers at Piedmont, on Sunday 26 October from 10am to 4pm. Morning and afternoon teas and light lunches will be available. Directions: 3560 Yarra Junction Noojee Road, Piedmont (near Noojee). 35km from Yarra Junction, 16 km from Neerim South. Melway Map 612 :V4, VicRoads Map 80 :H8.

A PIANO IS NEEDED

A Clavinova Piano (not organ) is needed for our residents at AdventCare Whitehorse. If you know anyone who has one and would like to donate it to our residents please contact Donna Anderson on 03 9259 2000.

FRANKSTON CHURCH REUNION

Past and present members of the Frankston Church are invited to a reunion on November 15, 2008. This will be a full day of fellowship, with lunch provided and an afternoon program to share the experiences of the past and present. The program commences at 9:30 am. Please RSVP by November 1 to Brigita Klop on 03 9704 1084.

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