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IntraVic

How can anyone put his faith in Christ if he's never even heard about Him? How can he hear about Him if no one tells?

Romans 10:14 (Clear Word)



REVELATION

Bringing hope,
meaning and
purpose



COME AND HEAR CLIFFORD GOLDSTEIN

Clifford has been editor of the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide since 1999. He has an MA in Ancient Northwest Semitic Languages and has authored many books. He will be in Melbourne during early December and will be giving presentations at the following churches:

North Fitzroy	December 4	11am & 2.30pm
Filipino-Australian	December 7	7.30pm
Lilydale	December 8	7.30pm
Northpoint	December 10	7.30pm
Nunawading	December 11	11am
Wantirna	December 11	3pm

PRESENTATION BY JON PAULIEN

Church members are invited to come and hear his presentation on the evening of **February 1 at 7:30pm** Wantirna Polish Church, 753 Boronia Rd, Wantirna

Jon is a highly qualified theologian with a real passion for meeting people and relating with them. His studies have focused mainly on the books of John and Revelation. He has written on the importance of Christianity in the western world and postmodernism and is involved in dialogue between Christianity and Islam.



A Note from the Editor..

As Christmas approaches, the thoughts of many turn to the First Advent of Christ. Our view of this event can be a much romanticised one and we often tend to downplay the violence of Herod's reign or the somewhat earthy details of a human newborn sharing accommodation with animals housed in a stable!

As a church, we tend not to attach too much significance to the date of December 25, for we have no knowledge of the actual day Christ was born and so in many ways it is just a hook on which to hang our thoughts and appreciation for the first Advent, while at the same time recognising the pagan origins of the date.

Many at the time of the first Advent were confused by the signs they saw and felt that Christ was coming to set up His earthly kingdom. Our belief in the imminent Second Coming is at the core of Adventist culture and belief, and our pioneers found so much evidence for this event, so much so that it was a major motivation for the Millerite movement in our early history.

After the dust had settled from the Great Disappointment, many people searched hard and long in the Word they thought they already knew and received great comfort from their study of the books of Daniel and Revelation. They recognised they were living in a world that was characterised by the beasts of those books. Once again they looked forward to the hope and joy that those books gave them regarding the Second Coming and how Jesus would establish His kingdom.

How easy it is, in our affluent society to forget that there are many fronts where people who openly identify with Christ are crushed and where leaders of nations are dictatorial. Amongst the minority Christian community in Iraq a wave of bombings in Baghdad has killed at least six people and wounded more than 30. Fourteen roadside bombs and mortar rounds in just two hours appeared to be directly targeted at Christian homes and businesses. It is no secret that Sunni insurgents want to drive Christians out and reignite sectarian warfare. Just ten days previously 52 people died in a Catholic church in Baghdad which was assaulted.

The beasts of Revelation and Daniel are still there and just as active but we seem to have forgotten them. Revelation still speaks to us today and is more powerful as we rush on to the Second Advent. In this issue you will find a number of highlights about the book of Revelation. It is my hope that in this IntraVic and as you experience anew the book of Revelation your spiritual senses will be awakened once more to the joy and hope that is found in these incredible revelations from our God for His people in the end times.

Pr Wayne Stanley

OFFICE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS OVER THE APPROACHING HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5PM THURSDAY DECEMBER 23 THROUGH UNTIL IT REOPENS ON TUESDAY JANUARY 4.

WOULD YOU ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF INTRAVIC FOR 2010. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE FEBRUARY 26.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU, MAY HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD. UNTIL FEBRUARY THEN...

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Devotional

Reminders in the Australian Sky

As the holiday season approaches, the thoughts of many are directed toward Christ's first Advent: in it is found the ultimate story of love. But it is a story that will not be complete until He returns again to reclaim His people – an event that perhaps even nature is crying out for and drawing our attention to.

We seem to live in a world where there is not much left to surprise, titillate or entertain our insatiable thirst for novelty. Science has explained most of the mysteries of the world thereby attempting to erode or perhaps even empty out the content of our faith in God.

Have we become blasé? Does the constant assault of the media on our senses leave our moral compasses gyrating out of control?

Or worse... for us as Adventists, having heard tell of the 'Signs of the End' and of Christ's Second Coming all our lives, have our senses been dulled to its imminence? In a world where virtual reality is almost a reality in itself, does the Parousia take on its own dimensions of virtuality, with imminence gradually losing its grip?

God sure had a surprise for me when he woke me from my virtual slumber.

Having heard tell of the Second Coming all our lives, have our senses become dulled to its imminence?

On the 27th of August, 2010, a church member and I were driving to Melbourne after a business day at one of the embassies in Canberra. At around ten o'clock at night we were near Winton, which is about an hour north of Albury. The sky was pitch dark and I stopped the car on the side of the highway to contemplate the beautiful starry sky not so readily visible in the city.

With the engine off and the lights out, the cloudless sky roared with splendour.

At that very moment my companion and I both saw a star which appeared to detach itself from the firmament and hurtle towards

*...You can be sure that I'll come back to take you home with me, so you can be with me forever...
John 14:3*

the earth. Our first cry was: A falling star!

It was the size of Venus, creating a thin thread of golden yellow as it fell, becoming slightly wider and oscillating like a wave as it approached the earth. Five seconds later it turned into an oval shaped ball of golden silver and fragmented in pieces as if it were fireworks.

The sight was wonderful. Being brought up on the sciences and in love with astronomy so therefore cautious if not sceptical, I told my church member that it could be a piece of space junk entering our atmosphere, a weather sensor spiralling out of control, an S.O.S. flare or perhaps even fireworks. However, with no abnormal sound or smell, none of these explanations seemed to match the magnitude or intensity of what we had just seen.

The next day, I 'googled' Winton/lights and checked YouTube to learn with awe about the "Min Min Lights".

According to the websites, Min Min Lights are regularly seen at night in the sky of South Queensland and other parts of Australia and are yet to be satisfactorily explained by science.

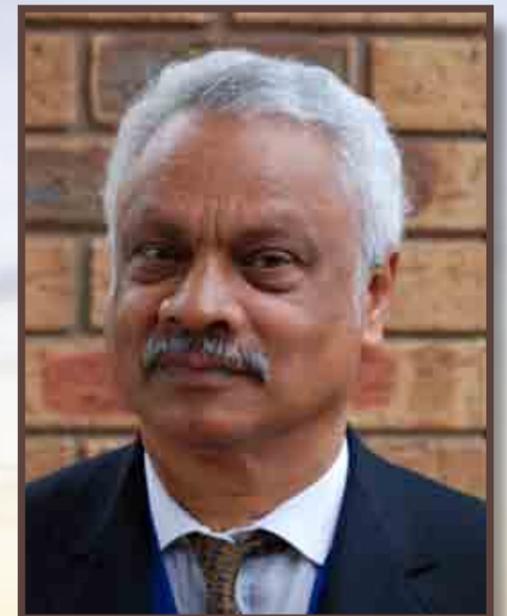
They take a variety of forms and shapes and act in different ways from small balls following the viewer or appearing and disappearing at different spots. The explanations range from car lights in the distance to methane gas. It can't be an atmospheric disturbance due to modern pollutants as this phenomenon has been around for over a century. Indigenous Australians have their own explanation for these 'debil debil', while many other folklore stories surrounding the phenomenon muddy the waters and sifting fact from fiction is not easy.

Exactly what did we see on the road that night? It seems there is no scientific explanation yet, but regardless of what actually causes this phenomenon, its beauty and grandeur drew my thoughts to our Creator and as can happen when looking at a star filled sky, to Matthew 24 and Christ's predictions of the time of the end.

Nature is crying out to us, telling us the end approaches; earthquakes, tsunamis, famine and flood. Are we sensitive to its voice? Even in subtle ways, by drawing our thoughts to God, reminding us of His Word, it tries to warn us; small non-traditional 'signs' of the approaching end. Do we hear? Signs of Christ's return are not meant to provoke fear, but rather remind us of the reality of the imminence of His second coming. So when we do see traditional signs, or when our thoughts are drawn to contemplation of the end through some reminder nature has delivered to us, like a gift from God, we can rejoice as we realise that the end - the end of this world's suffering - is near.

My friend and I consider ourselves blessed to have witnessed such a wonder and through the discussion that ensued, have begun to anticipate how real and magnificent the Second Advent will be. Even more, I have concluded that we should conduct our lives, not just as if the end is near, but as if it is upon us.

Georges Latchman
Pastor for Preston and
North Fitzroy Churches





As We Reflect His Light... stories of God's Grace

This story reveals God's grace as He works with individuals on opposite sides of the globe, setting in motion plans many years earlier, to bring together a project that will change many lives.

THE MEN... Mark Mason grew up in the U.K. His teen years were troubled and he left the Adventist Church however the Lord eventually got through to him,

drawing him back into an even closer relationship which took away his pain and brought him back to his Faith. He now has a passion to bring others, particularly hurting people, to the Jesus he knows.

While a builder by trade, Mark and his wife Althea moved to Melbourne where he felt God's call to the ministry of Literature Evangelism, preaching and reaching out to the unchurched. Althea has a passion for ministry to disadvantaged children in third world countries and Mark began toying with the idea of combining together elements of their respective ministries; perhaps sponsoring Bible workers, maybe even some of the older children from the orphanages. But they would need training, necessitating a training centre...

Dr Korravich's father was a highly respected doctor who followed the teachings of Confucius and Taoism. When Dr Korravich was nine, his father was gunned down after three years of faithful service to the local people in the dangerous regions of northern Thailand. Before succumbing to his injuries his son promised to follow in his footsteps and do good for his community.

Although destitute, Dr Korravich was an intelligent and determined boy and managed to continue his education, against amazing odds. Ultimately God led this young man to Chiang Mai Adventist Academy where he eventually forsook Taoism and was baptised. He has dedicated his life, his practical skills, as well as his medical and dental knowledge, and his generous heart to seeing people brought to Jesus, serving the strife ravaged northern people with medical assistance, establishing orphanages, building churches and with love.

BRINGING TOGETHER TWO DREAMS A WORLD APART... As reported in an earlier issue of IntraVic, Mark and Althea were visiting International Children's Care orphanages in Cambodia and Thailand in February this year. Mark and Althea stayed a few days in the home of Dr Korravich, and while talking, these two men began to find common ground in their interests and dreams. Mark had a dream of a Bible Worker training school and the skills to make it happen, Dr Korravich had a dream to serve his community and the land on which to build; prime real estate in Chiang Mai.

Some years earlier, with a desire to build a home which could include his dental practice and also provide facilities for the Thailand Adventist Mission's use and for outreach, Dr Korravich found this land, only just put up for auction by the Siam Commercial Bank. He put in his tender, not at all confident as he knew the mayor was very interested and intended to spend significantly more than his budget. However at closing time, the mayor had failed to bid, the bank endeavoured to keep the bidding open but upon Dr Korravich's protest to the unfairness of this, he was grudgingly declared to have the winning bid. Apparently, the mayor had forgotten to put in his offer!

Dr Korravich volunteered some of this land for Mark to build on, produced plans for a traditional Thai inspired three storey building and 'all' Mark was left to do was to agree to return and build it.



SUPPORT AT HOME... Upon hearing of Mark's plans, his church family at Nunawading Seventh-day Adventist Church got right behind him with offers of physical assistance and donations. Tickets were booked and in the final weeks before departure the team was well on the way financially, thanks in part to concerts organised by members of Springvale Spanish and Dandenong Polish Churches

As well as Mark, the team included Ron Sparavec, an electrician and fibre optics expert, Joshua Corda, a seeker who was learning more about Christianity after having searched elsewhere for meaning in his life, and Steve Pitt, who lost his right hand in a workplace injury some years earlier and now wanted to do something worthwhile for God.

GOD DOES SUPPLY... When the team arrived in Thailand and were met by Dr Korravich, he shared with them some of the difficulties he had faced and of God's miraculous intervention. The local building department had been insisting that the building project was commercial and that it could not proceed without a commercial builder's licence.

One day a man turned up at Dr Korravich's surgery without an appointment, with a minor but urgent dental problem. Not a regular patient, Dr Korravich fitted him in anyway. He quickly fixed the problem but refused any payment, telling the surprised man of his desire to be of service to his community. It turned out that patient was the mayor! He wanted to know if there was anything he could do to help the dentist in his outreach. Upon hearing of the difficulties with the building department, he replied, "Leave it to me!"

The following week all the necessary approvals were issued, including a commercial builder's licence for the dentist! And God's provision did not stop there. Dr Korravich is well known in Chiang Mai for his community work which has stretched over many years. When word of the training school project spread, many offers of help were received, such as hardware and building supply store discounts, expensive reinforcing steel offered for 20% recommended retail price and concrete at 30% discount. One gracious store manager donated about 700 fluorescent tubes and globes, after allowing Dr Korravich to talk her out of sacrificing some livestock at a Buddhist festival, instead giving them to the poorest in the village - and ongoing sacrifice.

God did not just provide through donations. One day the team arrived at the site to find that up the road a bit, workmen were erecting three phase powerlines (something they had only just realised they needed). The men continued until they reached the power pole at the corner of the site, terminated the lines, packed up and left! The needed power had arrived. Additionally, fibre optic cable will also be necessary and it has 'just so happened' that the role out will have reached the site by completion.

PERSONAL MIRACLES... This project, relying on God's grace, has encouraged everyone involved in their walk with Him as they have seen, first hand, His amazing guidance. They feel privileged and humbled that they have been used by Him in this venture and on their first Sabbath there, Ron and Joshua gave personal testimony to God's miracles in their daily lives.

Pr David Currie was in Chiang Mai completing an evangelistic series at the local church and the service included the baptism of a young lady. He gave an alter call to which Joshua responded and on October 16 he publicly declared his commitment to Christ through baptism.

The local members, having seen the project and heard Joshua and Ron's testimonials, are now right behind it with their support.



THE PROGRESS... God oversaw the work and in spite of heavy rains, the initial goals of setting out the building and completing the foundations were met. The next stage of the plan is to contract local builders, with a team from Australia returning to install services and fit out the building when the main structure is complete.

Plans are underway to establish the correct financial structures and accountability so Faithworks Foundation can be established. The Mayor has also indicated local government funding will then be available for any community help work undertaken.



GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION... The founders of Faithworks have a vision where local Bible workers, familiar with the languages and customs of their people, are equipped with the skills needed to share Christ in the community in which they live and work. They are committed and praise the Lord that the project is beginning to take shape.

They have seen God prepare the way, bringing people from different cultures together with a common dream. They have witnessed His involvement in recent endeavours, providing things needed before even anticipated. And they thus have assurance for the future of this project. They have found that working for God through this ministry has and will be an opportunity and a privilege.

Revelation - Why Study It?

Revelation is a special book with a message of hope and encouragement, offering early Christians meaning and purpose while struggling in their pagan world. However its message is dynamic, and there is unique relevance for us, even today.

Asking for God's guidance is essential when searching for today's message in this intriguing book. It is also important to learn the meaning of Revelation for the original recipients first before looking for a further relevance for today. And you *will* find a message there for you, bringing you to a closer understanding of your Saviour. After all, the very first verse begins with "The revelation of Jesus Christ..."

Numerous second and third century sources report Revelation was probably written between 81 and 96 AD.

It was when the Roman emperor was beginning to give Christians a hard time. The worst of the persecution for the Christians was soon to come and this book was written to encourage and warn the seven churches.

However as you study it, you

will see that Revelation's messages spill over into helping all of us, living many centuries later. An important reason for believing this is that many of the seeds for John's book came from a well known sermon Jesus gave on the Mount of Olives, shortly before He was crucified (Matthew 24).

The destruction of Jerusalem was a miniature event that teaches people about how the end of the world will come about. Using a small, local event to foreshadow another greater event is an important feature found in Bible prophecy.

Christ's prophecy not only predicted the destruction of Jerusalem in the first century, it also predicts the end of the present world and gives us indicators by which we can

To this day, things have happened as Jesus said they would and life today is as He said it would be. So how important is it then, to understand the messages He gave us through Revelation?

know it is drawing near. While there will always be wars, famines, earthquakes and false Christs and prophets, these events will intensify as the end of the age approaches.

This is certainly true of war and our ability to destroy ourselves. Famine is a way of life for many of the world's population. And how many devastating earthquakes and tsunamis has the world experienced in just the last few years? Jesus also said there would be false Christs and prophets and that they will show signs and wonders.

Today, we live in a world that is obsessed with supernatural signs and wonders in the spiritual realm – you only need to pick up a TV guide for proof of this. The Book of Revelation warns us not to believe in all we see. It shows us how important it is to heed the warning Jesus gave us concerning

false Christs and prophets.

The world we live in at the moment is a world without much hope or meaning to life. But Revelation teaches us not to be discouraged or frightened about the future. God is still in control of this world.

Although He is warning us of difficulties we are yet to experience, He also gives us hope that He will be there to help us face the future.

If we accept what Revelation is telling us, we can be confident the best is yet to come.

*based on the first session by
Dr Graeme Bradford*



Introducing Revelation - Hope, Meaning, Purpose

From the perspective of a successful evangelist, and with the in depth knowledge of a theologian, "Revelation: hope, meaning, purpose" is a Revelation Seminar co-written by Dr Jon Paulien (pictured on the left) and Dr Graeme Bradford (on the right) and published under the guidance of the Biblical Research Institute of the South Pacific Division. This great new series is now available for use within Australia.

Unlike many Revelation or Prophecy Seminars previously available, taking participants through a combination of Daniel, Revelation and other areas of Scripture to give a basis for Adventism and our fundamentals, skipping from one testing truth to another, the "Revelation: hope, meaning, purpose" program lives up to its title. It is a genuine Revelation seminar, systematically working through the Book of Revelation chapter by chapter and concluding with Revelation 22 and it's final blessings and warnings.

Because of this chapter by chapter approach to Revelation, often the presenter needs to often dig deeper, and prayerfully consider what appeals or call for commitments are made when presenting areas that may not normally be covered in an evangelistic series.

Because this is a study of Revelation, one of its strengths and blessings is that you see the book in its entirety; how it fits together and its overall themes. This seminar also compliments and fulfils the book's full title: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ". Participants truly do see Jesus Christ as 'hope', 'meaning', and 'purpose' for their lives today. A deep appreciation is also upheld for the Old Testament, as we continually discover how it provides the

keys to unlocking the symbols and mysteries of Revelation. The format of the session guides in this Revelation Seminar are quite different to most other seminars which are based on a question and answer style format, following a sequence of texts. This gives the presenter far more flexibility in covering what they consider to be the key points of the lesson. However, the less structured format requires more research and preparation by the presenter. This could prove daunting for some, although there is a vast array of resources available to assist this.

"Revelation: hope, meaning, purpose" can be presented in a variety of ways: As a public evangelistic presentation largely relying on power-point presentations; as a seminar format, including both presentation and discussion; or in a format requiring less expertise and preparation and suitable for a home group setting, with a facilitator assisting participants as they work through the session guides, utilising the DVD's available.

'Revelation: hope, meaning, purpose' is a valuable resource for evangelism, and could be utilised as either a stand-alone series, or alternatively as a follow up to a public evangelistic campaign.

Pastor David Butcher

PRESENTER'S RESOURCE PACK

This very useful resource contains presentation notes that guide the presenter through each of the 24 sessions. There are accompanying power-point presentations; although the slides are few in number, they illustrate and add interest to each seminar. Research guide handouts for the seminar participants are included, to help prepare for the upcoming session, as well as for special interest topics, providing additional information on the session to broaden the understanding and including material not covered in the presentations. A presenter's resource DVD is also included and contains the above resources as well as instructions, a handbook, advertising and other logistical resources for running this series.

There are also resource materials for another follow up course, and much more.

SESSION GUIDES

There are the twenty four session guides in a presentation box average 12-16 pages: they are glossy, colourful and contemporary and can be given out at the end of each presentation as a summary.

DVD SERIES

A very useful resource is this 24 presentation series where the authors of the seminar present the information, as well as the inclusion of material from other scholars.

WEBSITE

The website: www.revelationhope.com offers support and further resources.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE ABC



Baptising Daniel

GATEWAY EAST

Just over 12 months ago, Daniel Mahar, a young geology student at Monash University, walked past a table advertising free Bible study courses.

Being a Christian himself he decided to stop and interact with Lauren and Suki, who were attending the table, hoping to encourage them for carrying out 'missionary' work but to also set straight any 'heresies' they may be promoting. After all, he had been raised in a godly environment and had a good knowledge of the Bible. Expecting these two 'missionaries' to be Catholic, he was surprised and intrigued to discover they were in fact Seventh-day Adventists.

Knowing little about their beliefs, he probed their faithfulness to Scripture by asking if they followed the Ten Commandments - a truth he and his family had discovered despite the fact that their own church saw little need for them in this era of grace. Again, he was pleasantly surprised they also believed in the perpetual value and benefit of cherishing these Biblical precepts. While open minded, it was with reluctance he finally accepted a copy of the Great Controversy - but only as a loan - he promised to return it at an upcoming seminar the 'missionaries' invited him to.

True to his word, Daniel attended the "Why Sunday?" Seminar hosted by Adventist Students on Campus (ASOC). He listened intently as Johnny Wong explained the blessings of God's law and the wonderful gift of the Sabbath

contained in the fourth commandment. The last session traced the history of how the Sabbath was lost and listeners were invited to reclaim this



Welcome Sandi Berryman

YARRA VALLEY CHURCH

On Sabbath, 23 October, the Yarra Valley Adventist Church had the pleasure of extending the right hand of fellowship as they welcomed Sandi into the full membership of their local congregation. Sandi comes from a strongly Bible-based Christian background, and has been previously baptised by immersion twice in other Christian fellowships. She has quickly become a friend and inspiration to the members of the Yarra Valley Adventist Church.

Shirley Alsop



DANIEL GIVES HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE BEING BAPTISED

God-given gift. Challenged by these truths, Daniel indicated he was open to being contacted for further studies, fully intending to conduct his own investigation into the matter.

A few weeks later he began Bible studies with Johnny Wong and the church pastor, discovering much more than just the Sabbath.

Over the next 12 months Daniel uncovered answers to numerous questions that had puzzled him. Many of the truths he discovered in the Bible challenged his beliefs and lifestyle but his love for Jesus and trust in the Word led him to accept each new truth, one after another.

Daniel began attending the Gateway East church plant and quickly became involved in many of its outreach initiatives, even going door-knocking on Sabbath afternoons to invite people to the August iDiscover evangelistic campaign.

On October 30, 2010, in the presence of more than 200 witnesses including family and friends, Daniel followed the example of His Lord and Saviour through the waters of baptism. He has a strong sense that God is calling him to full time ministry in the near future and looks forward to the time where he can be an instrument in the hands of God for the salvation of others. Praise God for His leading in Daniel's life and for the doors He has opened for evangelism across Melbourne's universities.

Pr Cristian Copaceanu



DR WALDRIP, SANDI AND PR & MRS TOTTEHOFER

Testimonials

NHILL CHURCH

Recently members of this country church had the pleasure of sharing in the celebration as four of their family declared publicly their commitment to follow their Lord. Here are some of their stories.

After a lifetime of wandering in a spiritual wilderness the lord heard my plea and delivered me out of this hopeless predicament into a life of spiritual enlightenment. It began one Sunday morning as I was tuning into my regular Christian radio program but instead inadvertently located the adjoining radio station 3ABN, where I heard the simple uncomplicated Bible truths I had been yearning to hear for many years. Wanting more of this spiritual nourishment, I started searching for a Seventh Day Adventist church and found one in a neighboring town, only to be told, somewhat reluctantly by its members, that it would actually be much more convenient for me to worship with the congregation in my own town which, unbeknownst to me, had recently reopened its doors after being closed for many years.

Over time, I became convicted by the Holy Spirit through the radio station messages, that the infant sprinkling baptism I received when just a few months old was not sufficient, as I neither understood nor consented to it. I realized I needed to avail myself of true adult baptism by immersion to completely drown the old Adam in me.

In this last year since discovering Adventist radio, I have learned so much more spiritually than in all my previous 60 years, especially in regard to the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation. These had previously been a nightmare for me just to read, let alone try to interpret! So now I can rejoice with King David when he wrote the 3rd verse of the 23 Psalm, thanking the Lord for leading him along paths of righteousness for His name sake.

Dennis Reichelt



ANDREW WILSON AND GRAHAM SUTHERLAND WITH DENNIS



ANNE AND NEIL



KIRA, AS ANDREW BAPTISES HER

I was brought up in a Christian home and worshiped in the Lutheran church, and I thank and praise God for the time I spent there. However, as time went by I couldn't understand why some of their beliefs didn't match what the Bible taught. Doubts crept into my mind and my spiritual life began to fall away. Infant baptism by sprinkling was always a huge stumbling block for me as it didn't match what was done in Bible times. I believe it was God's answer to prayer that it was during this time of doubt neighbours asked if we would like Christian TV installed. My wife and I agreed, and it was when watching Adventist satellite TV that so many of our questions were answered, especially ones involving the books of Daniel and Revelation. So after much prayer, Ann and I were baptised by immersion in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Nhill.

By Gods grace and mercy, I thank and praise my heavenly Father that He has shown me the truth in His Word, and given me an understanding that I can share with others. It was probably the hardest decision I have ever made, but once you learn new truth you must move forward and let the Holy Spirit lead you in your spiritual walk with Jesus.

Neil Rohde

Recently I was baptised at the Nhill SDA church with my immediate family and church family there to witness the occasion.

Eleven years old and raised in a Christian home, I have wanted to be baptised for as long as I can remember - even getting teary just thinking about it. When my parents told me I was old enough to make my own decision to be baptised and the opportunity came to me, I really took the time to think about it earnestly. I felt God urging me to make a public commitment of my faith.

As Jesus said "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He also said "He who believes and is baptised will be saved." (Mark 16:15,16 NKJV)

I am very happy I have taken the step to be baptised and made the public commitment to follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

Kira Derksen

Baptisms at Robinvale

As a teen in Fiji, Erami Tute gave his life to Jesus, but later wandered away from his Methodist upbringing. His wife, Vasenai, was an Adventist, and when their children came along, she would take them to her church. "She was a very strong example to me," said Erami. He came to Australia for work, and when friends invited him to Robinvale Adventist church, he agreed to go. "I enjoyed it very much and learnt a lot about the Bible. My wife (still in Fiji at the time) was surprised and pleased to learn I was attending church on Sabbaths." Erami has studied with Peter Ansell, and was recently baptised. "I want to serve

God under any circumstances." It was with great joy and rejoicing, Joe Rahim rededicated his life to God in the waters of baptism. Joe recounts "My grandma, a Muslim from Pakistan, became a Seventh-day Adventist and was a missionary preacher in Fiji. I remember her telling me people would throw stones to put out the lights of her night meetings." Joe attended Fulton College in Fiji and was baptised and married there. "Unfortunately, when I immigrated to Australia, I got a job in a brewery and lost my way spiritually. I am 70 now and I want to prepare my life to meet God. It feels like I am coming home! Now I love praying and my favourite promise is John 3.16. He loves me and saved me," Joe says with a real sparkle of Light in his eyes.



ERAMIE WILL SERVE GOD, NO MATTER WHAT



JOE IS 'BACK IN THE FOLD'

Joining Forces

BERWICK AND CASEY CHURCHES.

These two churches in Melbourne's south-east have joined forces this year to run the South Pacific Division's new 'Revelation: Hope, Meaning, Purpose' program.

After hand-billing their local area and encouraging church members to come along with a friend, the churches' ministers began presenting the series in July. "We started with about fifty people joining us on the first Sunday afternoon," explained Pr David Butcher, "with most of them returning the following week. There was a small drop off in attendance during the subsequent weeks but nowhere near the type of reduction in audience numbers I've seen in other Revelation outreach programs."

The studies are in their fifth month now, with up to thirty people still attending, a healthy percentage being non-Adventist. "I really enjoy coming here each week to study the Bible," enthused one community member who has been coming since the beginning and now brings his teenage son. "We're able to talk with the ministers and ask questions in a way that we can't with our local priest," He added. John Scheermeijer, local church elder, participated in this course when Casey Church trialled it last year, and is attending again this year. "I wish this series of studies was around much sooner as a resource," he commented. "I finally feel I have a deeper understanding of Revelation." Pr Butcher of Berwick Church and Pr David Riley of Casey Church are co-presenting the course and have found the dynamics of having two presenters conduct the series very positive. Pr Riley observed, "Not only is it easier to keep the attention of attendees by having the two of us share aspects on each session's topic, there's also a friendly banter between us that helps keep an informal atmosphere." He added that he enjoyed having a colleague's support to "dig him out of a hole" when there were questions that caught him off guard. The two pastors have put together a website to help other presenters of the program get started. It can be viewed at www.revhead.info.



AN ATTENDEE GETS SOME ONE ON ONE QUESTION TIME WITH PR BUTCHER

Bush Camp

MILDURA AND DISTRICT

Our 4th annual North West Bush Camp began on the evening of October 29, with the gathering of approximately 250 campers and delegates on the banks of the Darling River just out of Wentworth. This empty river flat is transformed into a village with tents, kitchen and dining facilities, houseboats, toilet and shower blocks, snack shop, ABC store and caravans. Dr Troy Fitzgerald from Walla Walla was the key speaker

and presented very engaging and practical talks on the Christian life. Even though we got over an inch of rain on Sabbath, spirits were not dampened by the cold and the mud. Great food, great music, great speaker, great campers – it all added up to being a fantastic weekend! Don't miss it in 2011...

Pr Darren Slade



A Much Needed Change

ASCOT VALE CHURCH

For more than 20 years the Ascot Vale Church has met in premises they purchased from another denomination, but all this time they have not had a church hall or kitchen, and the toilet blocks were outside.

Some four years ago, they began meeting with the Moonee Valley Council, making plans for expansion. After cutting through a lot of red tape, they were finally granted permission to proceed and work began in earnest three months ago, with the building project expected to be

completed by the end of February. Plans allow for a multipurpose hall to be built on the upper level with amenities and a kitchen. Additional amenities will be at ground level and there will be sufficient car parking, both in the open and under cover, to satisfy council requirements. Without a hall, the church has struggled to meet their community needs. When requests for help were received, with no base for storage and other needs, the requests were referred elsewhere. When they have run various programs, hired venues were used, making it difficult to make their presence felt in their immediate vicinity. The members are looking forward to the exciting possibilities, not only for their own benefit but also for church growth, as they are able to better serve their community, bringing people into contact with Christ's love.



Let Our Children Shine

PRESTON CHURCH

Church was full to overflowing one Sabbath in October, when Preston was graced by the Children's Ministry team. Under the guidance of Angelina Evers, Children's Ministry Leader, children aged between four and sixteen led out in the main service with praise, recitals and drama.



The program commenced with some of our primary girls leading out in the song service, followed by a reading of the love of God for His children, performed by Alex, Olivia and Matt. The offering was collected by four high school students assisted by three younger children. Throughout the

program there were special items presented by Isabella and Akos singing 'You Knit Me in My Mother Womb' and Shona played a beautiful piece on the piano. Leilani's 'Grandparents Story', where many parents & grandparents came and sat at the front with the children, reminded us that we must slow down and take time to really listen to those around us.

Seven children presented the 'sermon' (Michael/Paul; Kwame/King Josiah; Shona/Mary; Melwyn/Gideon; Arvad/Samuel & Narrators: Rebecka & Leilani), highlighting the theme of the service, 'Speak, Lord I'm Listening'. 'Mary's' presentation of the message of the death of Jesus Christ pierced right through to our hearts; her words and actions reflected the deep sadness and sorrow that she felt when her Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross. Yet this feeling was quickly replaced by the joy and hope as she spoke of the resurrection, appearing, ascension and soon coming of our Lord.

Preston church members were truly blessed. Paul, King Josiah, Mary, Gideon & Samuel came alive in their hearts and minds through the witness of these young children. It is hoped that the wonderful good news they delivered, as willing servants and disciples of God, will be shared with other churches in the future.

Preston Church has between 40-45 children attending church each week. It is wonderful to know that the future of our church and the spreading of the gospel are in good hands.

By: Margaret Andoh-Okai



CHILDREN PRESENTING THE MAIN MESSAGE OF THE SERVICE 'IN CHARACTER'

Our God is an Awesome God

Just prior to going to print, IntraVic staff received an incredible email we just had to share with you.

Last issue you may have noticed a request from a family in North West Victoria. Their son was very keen to go to the highlight of his year – Summer Camp. However, for a number of reasons, they were unable to get him there and were hoping and praying someone from the region would be able to help.

They have just received an amazing answer to prayer, from a most unexpected source – Here is what Brendan's mother, Kerri, told us.

A young girl, Sam Rippingale, from Lilydale Church rang last night and said she was ringing about Brendan's dilemma. (I immediately started to wonder how someone from Lilydale would be able to help!!)

She said she was going for her pilots licence and needed to build up her hours in the air, so was calling to offer to fly up to Warracknabeal, pick Brendan up and fly him

to camp! Then, when camp is over, she will pick him up and fly him home again.

I couldn't believe it! We know our God is a prayer answering God, but we never in our wildest dreams imagined Brendan's prayer would be answered in this way!

Every day, God does something, whether it be small, big or HUGE, to cement my faith even further.



BRENDAN IS EXCITED OVER THE ANSWER TO PRAYER

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!

The All Power Seminar

BENDIGO CHURCH

A warm group of over sixty people attended the All Power – Level 1 seminar, held at All Seasons Quality Resort, Bendigo, between 8th to 11th August. Two thirds were from the local community. The presentations were delivered by Peter Watts, the assistant minister at Bendigo church.

"Peter kept everyone listening intently as he shared both factual information and anecdotal evidence in a conversational and at times humorous way," said Pr Graham Sutherland. "I praise God for Peter's ministry." The seminar was developed by Leo Shreven, an American evangelist, who has used the program successfully in New Zealand and NSW, over the last few years.

Eleven presentations were delivered in three days, on topics dealing with lifestyle, health and personal choices. It encouraged people to take control of their lives physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and relationally. One couple commented that "A while back, we attended a Landmark seminar in Melbourne. It cost us \$500 for just one day and we decided not to go the second day. We've learned more here, and it's free!" Other comments included "It's been really positive," and "We couldn't believe how great it was and that it was free to the public!" At the final session attendees were invited to the Level 2 series of presentations.

About 30 people attended this series of 34 meetings held at the Alawara Centre during August/September. Among those attending were a Roman Catholic nun and a retired Presbyterian minister. Throughout this second series two messages were presented in each evening session, with

a short break in between, and this seemed to work well. On Sabbath 6th November, eight people (five under 25 years of age) joined the Bendigo church as a result of Bendigo's outreach. Others are still involved in Bible studies and small groups.

"This has been a wonderful opportunity to present the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the wider community, showing them a friendly face," adds Pr Sutherland, "and for that, too, we praise God." Yes, the Holy Spirit is doing great things both at Bendigo Church and in the lives of these people.



PAM SEEARS, LOUISE AND SAM WHIEHEAD, ALICIA AND ERIC O'CONNOR (BROTHER AND SISTER), LYN CARBIS, CAROLINE WEBSTER, DANIEL WATTS AND PETER WATTS

An Active Children's Ministry

WARRAGUL CHURCH

The Children's Sabbath School set up at Warragul Church by Aloisia Haora in 2006 attracted a number of families to the church and the Sabbath School has continued to grow. We now have all divisions from Cradle Roll to Youth.

In 2010 a plan to extend Children's Ministries beyond Sabbath School was prepared by Soraya Selent and Mandy Samuela and accepted by the Board.

One of the major activities was a Vacation Bible School run during the September school holidays and attracting 22 children, mainly from church families but some were from the community. Activities included Praise & Worship, Bible Story Time, crafts, games and snacks. This project proved to be an incredible blessing to both the staff and the children.

In October, Warragul had its first "Children's Church" involving all the children from Kindy to Youth. The topic of "Community and Unity" was presented to a packed church. Members and visitors were richly blessed by the message and the joyous atmosphere.

Children's Ministries at Warragul is providing for the needs of the younger people in the congregation and is having a positive influence on church growth.



FAMILIES FROM BOTH CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BENEFITTED FROM THE VBS

Kid's Fun - For Free!

DANDENONG POLISH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Invitations were delivered, advertising went out and signs were on display... Kid's Fun Day - and what a successful day it was. We were pleased to welcome over 616 happy and excited visitors to our church, with three-quarters of these guests being children and many having come to our events previously.

On Sunday 24th of October we were blessed with a beautifully sunny day for our second free Kid's Fun Day. Our church opened its doors and hearts to our local community, inviting them to join us for activities, games, music, art and crafts, face painting, farm animal petting, gifts, movies, food and drinks.



The Pinnacle of Terror with was again a very popular activity. It provided our visitors with a challenge, a thrill and for some, a very terrifying moment in their day. The jumping castle and soccer kick game were winners with all age groups along with the farm animal petting area. Lucky-dip presents and balloons delighted the younger visitors.

Dave Edgren was on hand to sign copies of his children's books and chat with our guests about great Christian stories for children to read.

The children's Art and Craft was in high demand all day and at times there was hardly room to move! The children loved having their photo taken and printed so they could mount it on a wooden shape they then decorated, or they could incorporate their image into a 2011 calendar which was then laminated. Magic-clay 3D sculpting and intricate



colouring-in brought out the artist - and not just in the children! The face painting tent was in high demand too, many happy participants looking like they were in a major theatrical production, thanks to the creative talents of our youth.

In the church we showed a documentary by Martin Doblmeier titled 'The Adventist'. It's about the abiding faith of Adventists and our healthy lifestyle message. Children's DVDs were also being viewed during the day for those who needed a little rest time.

It was also our pleasure to provide food throughout the day for our guests. Sanitarium Health Foods provided a variety of So-Good and Up and Go drinks. Pancakes were on the menu all day and halal sausages were provided for the BBQ lunch. Hot and cold drinks were available along with



a huge bucket of sweet treats for the children. There was an atmosphere of relaxation and celebration throughout the day with many visitors taking the time to just sit and enjoy the stress free environment where their children could roam freely from one activity to another.

All visitors received a show bag of information and 168 responded to our evaluation survey as they left. We had visitors from all denominations and praise God, 24 people signed up to receive a free Bible and study guides. "It is amazing" says Pr Mariusz Wiczorek, "to see people responding spiritually, even during this kind of activity." Follow up visits with these contacts is already occurring with volunteer church members who are keen to share God's word with our community.

Many visitors filled in our 'keep in contact' information about future church events and there were quite a few expressions of interest in becoming future sponsors of our Kid's Fun Day in 2011.

We thank God for blessing this event.

Elizabeth Croom

"We will work the fields together you and I"

NOBLE PARK CHURCH

A day of fellowship for a congregation of diverse backgrounds was held on November 13, acknowledging that "we are not the same but, differences aside, we will work the fields..."



Pr Wayne Stanley joined in fellowship

Speaking to an assembly in excess of 250 people, Pastor Wayne Stanley described the problem of humanity's separation and alienation from God and the importance of restoring that relationship. He invited all those present to make a decision to start, restart or renew their own relationship.

Following lunch, the afternoon program was divided into three groups with simultaneous presentations and discussions. Pastor Stanley addressed the adults with a topic appropriately named "Wallabies and Echidnas", outlining the problems with human relationships and giving ideas of how best to enrich them - even the most difficult ones. Eunuch Nyatanga, the youth speaker, encouraged young people to integrate and practice Christian principles in their daily lives. Francis Akai tested the children's knowledge of the Bible with dramatic questions and challenged them to appreciate the role of parents in their lives.

A plenary session saw the adults, youth and children together in what proved to be Spirit-led musical renditions by Preston Church choir, Unified choir (consisting of young people from around Melbourne) and the Noble Park

Blood Pressure Ministry

NUNAWADING CHURCH

Mid October, members of the church commenced their Blood Pressure Testing Ministry at the Box Hill Shopping Plaza, seeing 207 blood pressure checks done for the day. There was constant interest all day, with 16 people requested special prayer, 23 specifically asked to be sent invitations to our next vegetarian program, two asked for invitations to Road to Bethlehem and a further two asked for information on giving up smoking.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for Church members to be involved in a non confrontational ministry - with a little

Church choir. During this session children were given the chance to express their affection for their family and their sincere and beautiful words made this day of fellowship a memorable one.

The day concluded with a well-delivered challenge by Kwadwo Akomeah, encouraging his listeners to take their places in preparing the way for others to receive the gospel of Christ, as John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. This multicultural fellowship has been meeting for two years. Initially started by a group of people wanting to reach out to their African brethren, it has quickly spread to many cultures. Their aim? To reach out to anyone who has moved to Melbourne, from anywhere, who has lost contact with church; to make them 'homesick' for and reconnect with their church family.

This year has seen four such fellowship days. Ascot Vale hosted the first two with Noble Park getting involved part way through the year. And already there are big plans for 2011, starting with a Fellowship Camp at Howqua the first weekend in February. For more details, contact Kojo on 0451 046 132 or Tigist 0437 762 097



A DAY OF FAMILY, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



MINISTERING AT THE SHOWS

training most people can do it quite comfortably," said church pastor, Rod Anderson. "I would particularly like to thank our team on the day and also to those who helped set up."

Shaking Things Up in 2010

GEELONG ADVENTIST CHURCH

Geelong, the gateway to the Surf Coast, the Otways and the Great Ocean Road... Now the gateway to a spiritual shaking and moving among its people! Not since the 1980's has the church seen such a blossoming of youth and resurgence and revitalisation of the whole church congregation.

We are excited to see the Lord moving amongst us, lighting fires and bringing people in off the street, thirsting after God's knowledge and love. Our members now share a vision of a caring, sharing, nurturing church reaching out to others; community conscious and spiritually welcoming and healing.

The following is a snapshot of how God has been at work in our church.

Support Programs.

A proactive, 'whole-istic' approach to life and its needs is being taken at the Geelong church. Commencing after Easter Camp at Elmore, the church invited Cherie Peters to run a week long series of meetings and counselling sessions for its members and for the wider community. Soundly attended every night, the meetings catered for well over 140 people per session and inspired visionary thinking regarding care for abused and drug affected people in our community. A long-term plan is being developed, incorporating care and assistance to those in need who have been affected in this way. Meanwhile, Dr Harold Waldrip has conducted a diabetes program with twelve attendees, eight of whom were from the community, to be followed up with our vegetarian cooking classes.



CHERIE'S SEMINARS TRIGGERED A LONG TERM PLAN

Revelation Seminar

A twenty-six week long Revelation Seminar series was planned as a precursor program to an Evangelistic Outreach program in September. Run by Pastors Frank Boniface and Quentin Liebrandt and facilitated in the Hungarian church hall, the series attracted 40 attendees, twelve of whom were from the community. Although a thorough study, the relaxed atmosphere gave all the opportunity to discuss and relate to the pastors in a

friendly and non-threatening environment.

A graduation dinner is being held to celebrate the achievements of all, and to revive fond memories of study, questions, discussions, friendships forged and, of course, commitments made.

'Be The Church' Day

June 5th 2010 saw a remarkable phenomenon at the church, with members connecting with their community in a practical and dynamic way.

At 11 o'clock, the church invited people OUT rather than IN. Yes, the congregation streamed out into the community to put into practice what we believe. The surf was up, but not down at the beach!! A very full Sabbath school at 9:30 combined inspiring messages for the day and then the waves started rolling out.

A dozen groups fanned out to various parts of Geelong, connecting with the community at aged care facilities,



CHURCH MEMBERS WENT OUT TO MEET THE PEOPLE

hospitals, our own older members, door knocking and street surveys. Small gifts of healthy munchies were given out where appropriate.

The primary motivation and theme of reaching out to others and giving of ourselves saw a change and enthusiasm in all of those who participated. It was truly found to be more blessed to give than receive, if the buzz from the conversations was anything to go by.

All gathered back at the main church for lunch and a sharing time together. As groups reported on where they had been and the impact of a simple visit or conversation, you could see hearts glow with love and the satisfaction of being of service to others. Inspiring quotes from those visited tugged at our hearts and minds, urging us to repeat the process and not make it a one-off event. Definitely a



SOME VISITED THE ELDERLY, OTHERS DOOR KNOCKED

regular on our calendar from now on!

Sharing Our Language

Modelled on the successful Gateway method of connecting with community members and university students wanting to pass their International English Language Testing System tests and polish up their English, conversational and CV writing skills, Geelong now has two groups of between 30 and 40 students attending English classes in two locations. One class is held at Deakin University and the other in the main church at Geelong. With the Bible used as a basis for the class, there is a wonderful opportunity to share the "Good News" and the response has already been phenomenal. Three volunteer teachers have been trained in Geelong and there is provision for two more. Further classes are also planned at a school in Newcomb and at a church in Norlane.

Care Groups

Care groups are developing and gaining momentum in Geelong. As well as the already existing mid-week small study groups, we now have two specific care groups, catering for around 50 people every Friday night. Meeting for dinner then bible study and prayer, these groups are meeting the needs of an increasing demographic in the Geelong area and are successfully ministering to thirsty, seeking souls. Group members also participate in various social activities and programs that are run throughout the week.

A combination of couples, singles and people who have come through different programs or simply walked in off the street appreciate the nurture, friendship, consistency and message shared.

A sense of excitement and fulfilment is a keen motivating factor and of course concrete results of commitment to the Lord form the basis for much praise to Him!

Spinning out of Control.

This relevant and oh so true title of a youth run Evangelistic outreach program in September/October, "Spinning out of Control," saw eighteen sessions run by a young Sydney Bible Worker, Abi Figueroa. Abi presented the core topics with flair, connected with the youth, and had an easy-going style that was non-threatening and comfortable for

those hearing these truths for the first time.

A regular nightly attendance of 30 to 45 participated enthusiastically in reading, absorbing, learning, discussing and mingling at the end of each session. A committed team provided nightly back-up, management and resources for the program. It was also encouraging and heart warming to see support from the speaker's friends from the Bible school.

A kid's club catered for children who attended and even provided evening baby sitting services for a local family who thought that was the whole idea!



YOUTH FOR YOUTH - SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL

The Sanctuary

Earlier on in the year our Children's ministries leader organised a ten week series on The Sanctuary to be presented to the children in place of the usual children's story time slot - usually just before the sermon.

Special "Sanctuary" furniture was made by some talented people in the church, demonstrating what was in the Sanctuary and the function of each piece of furniture was explained carefully so they could understand.

The children responded wonderfully to the stories, and the furniture enthralled not just the children!

Yes, things are certainly on the move in Geelong. 'Watch this space' for inspirational stories in future issues.

Geelong Church Communications



SANCTUARY FURNITURE REPLICAS

A 'Small' Project With Far Reaching Effect

WANTIRNA CHURCH

It is now twelve months since a group of eight people from the Wantirna and Warrnambool churches travelled to the Balolava Medical Clinic in the Solomon Islands, carrying out a much needed renovation and upgrade to the building as well as providing a canoe and outboard motor to transport patients.

Balolava Clinic is the main provider of health services on the isolated west coast of Guadalcanal Island, offering outpatient services as well as maternal, child health and immunisation programs. The most common treatments are for pneumonia, malaria, yaws and diarrhoea. This strategic Adventist-managed clinic services approximately 4,650 locals and is staffed by 2 registered nurses, a nurse aid and a microscopist/Bible worker.

Since the Wantirna/Warrnambool team visit, the Solomon Islands government showed renewed interest in the clinic, and following an inspection declared that it is the model they wish to implement nationally, later indicating a desire to further develop and increase the range of services offered at the clinic. As the Balolava Clinic is the most accessible clinic and has a preferred infrastructure, this will include funding to upgrade to a mini-hospital, reducing the need

to transport patients eight hours by canoe/outboard motor boat to Honiara Hospital for treatment.

The staff of Balolava Clinic not only provide capable medical services, they dedicate considerable time and effort witnessing and conducting Bible studies and local interest in Bible has increased since the clinic renovation, directly resulting in baptisms.

Wantirna and Warrnambool Churches are committed for the longer term to help ensure their 'adopted' clinic is well maintained and developed. Church budgets have been set; fundraising events and donations from individuals boost these funds. For example, in October a successful classical concert was organized by a young musician, Samuel Schlegel. 170 people from a range of churches attended and \$2,437 was raised on the night.

Wantirna Church Communications



BAPTISMS AT THE RIVER NEAR THE CLINIC



JOHN MARTIN - MICROBIOLOGIST, BIBLE WORKER & BOATMAN

Did you know?

ATACAMA ADVENTIST CHURCH

In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him...

For Him is the honour and glory... Ps 95:4

Many of the trapped miners at the San Jose mine wore T-shirts over the top of their clothes as they emerged from the capsule. These shirts had been given to them by the local Adventist church, which had played a vital role attending and assisting the families of the miners at 'Camp Hope' during the 70 days.

On the front of the shirts were the words 'Gracias Senor! Thank you Lord', with Psalm 95:4 on the back. Church pastor, Carlos Parra, told local TV they had not known the minors were going to wear them – the men had kept it as a surprise. The brother of one of the miners said he believed their wearing the shirts was a message that the miners were emerging from the bottom of the earth, spiritually renewed. "(David) told me – 'Out of here the first thing I would do is go to church and thank God,'" he said.



BIBLE IN HAND, ALEX VEGA PROUDLY DISPLAYS SHIRT AFTER EXITING CAPSULE

New Appointment to the Executive Committee

JENNIFER ONGALO ORWA

Jennifer is a mother of three who all, together with husband Julius, are part of Ascot Vale Church where she serves in the children's division of Sabbath School. Jennifer is also Senior English teacher and Head of English at Gilson College, an Adventist school in Taylors Hill, Melbourne.

She greatly enjoys working with young people and sharing her faith at every opportunity provided by her job at Gilson. Blessed with the gift of encouragement, she delights in encouraging colleagues and students to be the best God intended them to be.

Having lived in different countries has provided her with many cross-cultural experiences that Jennifer draws on from time to time both her work and church lives. She has been actively involved with Women's Ministries in Victoria as a presenter in the Leadership course.

Jennifer is one of the founding members of a small group that meets in each other's homes around where she lives. With the support of Ascot Vale church, this group was the birthplace of the quarterly African Day of Fellowship that has attracted, on most days, up to 300 people and provided a great opportunity for people to begin or renew their walk with God.

Jennifer's long term knowledge of the church in Victoria, her ability to clearly articulate her thoughts, and her commitment to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will provide a valuable addition to the Executive Committee in Victoria.



Facilitating Discussion

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Sabbath School is often one of those things that just seems to happen at church. We don't always recognise its value or even acknowledge its mission and purpose. And we rarely actively plan what we want to achieve as a group, especially as we get older.

On October 16, Pr David Edgren in his role as the Sabbath School Director for our conference, came to Burwood

Adventist Community Church to help us refocus our Sabbath School ministry. The workshop was held for a couple of hours in the afternoon and attracted over 20 teachers and leaders from youth, young adults and adult Sabbath Schools.

Pr Dave provided us with an opportunity to reflect on our

current sabbath schools and evaluate what we are doing well and what could improve. He also challenged us to include three elements each Sabbath. These three elements are, nurturing each other which provides an inward focus, evangelism with an outward focus and worship with an upward focus to God.

One of the major benefits from the session was the discussion it generated amongst the different Sabbath School teams. It also encouraged us to be proactive in our planning and to remember that the inclusion of a group Bible study time in our church structure is such a blessing and one we need to build on.

Pr David Edgren is willing to come and run a similar session at your church. You can contact him on: 03 9264 7777, 0418 662 141 or degren@adventist.org.au

*Jody Donovan
Associate Pastor Burwood Church*



Year 9 Learning for Life Program GILSON COLLEGE

The Learning for Life Program provides students with opportunities to participate in real life experiences including hiking, camping and volunteer projects - the aim being to develop resilience and personal life skills and enable students to look beyond themselves seeing the world as a much bigger place than simply their home and school environments.

During September, 63 students and 7 staff members



were involved in 10 days of volunteer activities based in Warrnambool. Through this, students gain a better understanding of the importance of volunteering, developing a real appreciation for how they can make an impact on others and the environment.

Students were involved in a variety of projects ranging from maintaining habitats for the endangered Orange-Bellied Parrots with Birds Australia, cleaning up beaches through Coast Care, weeding, tree planting and conserving park areas with Parks Victoria, and maintaining pathways and rubbish removal with the Moyne Shire and Warrnambool Councils.

The program also focused on assisting people through volunteering at Lyndoch Aged Care where students worked with the elderly, helping them to make gifts, listening to their stories and spending time with them. Groups also worked in the local primary schools, putting on puppet shows, face painting, ballooning, magic tricks and clowns.

They also did their own 'Backyard blitz', helping to fix people's houses and renovate backyards in the local vicinity. The main project was the Rantall family's backyard (mentioned in October's issue of IntraVic).

On Sabbath the students ran the church program at the Warrnambool Adventist Church, with testimonies and special items as well as providing lunch for the local church people. The Rantall family attended the special



church service and gratefully accepted financial assistance that had been raised on their behalf, of which the students themselves gave \$1200.

Throughout the ten days, students participated in their worships, based around the theme of Daniel and the concepts covered in the 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens' program.

IN addition to the hard work, students put on a concert, watched a laser show about the Shipwreck Coast, explored the coastal geography along the Great Ocean Road, visited a wind farm and a dairy farm and looked at glow-worms in the Melba Gully National Park.

At the conclusion of the trip a number of students didn't want to go home, they were so impressed by how much value they saw in performing acts of service for others in need.

Having experienced how they could make a difference in other people's lives, many made commitments to volunteer their time in future service projects.

Written by Adele Bergmann with Chris Cowled

Building Program Complete GILSON COLLEGE

Exciting and significant building projects have been happening at the college this year. The school community has been eagerly awaiting the completion of a number of constructions and were thrilled when given access to the new facilities, particularly the Gymnasium.

On Friday the 8th of October the Hon. Brendon O'Connor MP, Federal Member for Gorton, addressed the entire school during the Gilson College Recognition Ceremony. Invited guests to the official opening included Victorian Conference representatives, Wayne Stanley (President), Peter Lynch (Treasurer), Brian Mercer (Education Director) and Dion Harvey (Education Financier) as well



STUDENTS GREET BRENDON O'CONNOR

as Klaus Skwiecinski (builder), Stephan Herzog (college council chairperson) and a number of pastors and their wives from local churches.

The Recognition Ceremony acknowledged the official opening of the college's Gymnasium, Eco-Science Centre, primary car park and secondary shade sail area. Construction of the new facilities was made possible by funding provided by the National School Pride, Primary Schools for the 21st Century and Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary School grants.

Visitors were in awe of the magnitude of the gymnasium, being the first building on the campus to be double storey. With three full-sized basketball courts that convert to netball, volleyball and badminton courts, it will be the centrepiece of the school's physical education program. Upstairs there are open areas for table tennis and gymnastics, as well as several classrooms. Downstairs features more classrooms, the new facilities for the Before and After School program and a built-in stage that will be utilised for concerts, speech nights and special functions.

A Performing Arts Concert was the inaugural event to be held in the brand new complex. Over 100 students were involved in the program ranging from Grade 1 right through to Year 12. Magicians in training, the Senior and Primary Choirs, the Gilson College Senior and Junior Concert Bands as well as a variety of student musical and dance items entertained an audience of nearly 300 people. The school community looks forward to being able to enjoy the benefits of all the new facilities for many years to come.

Adele Bergmann Photos by Mladen Kukolja

Bytes of VicNews

SAFE PLACES - It is encouraging to see that some of our local churches are taking on board the need for Safe Place policies. Of the 93 congregations listed in Victoria (at 4 October 2010), 36 churches have adopted the Local

Church Safe Places policy. A further 21 churches have adoption pending and five have their own policy in place. This policy helps make your church a safe place for children and leaders. If your church is yet to commence the process, we encourage you to contact Safe Place

Coordinator Sue Mercer.

NEW DIRECTION - The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, after consultation with local church leadership, will make their primary focus that of discipleship, recognising that as we are a lay-driven organization, more should be done to

develop and equip our local church members.

CHURCH CLERK TRAINING - The second training program in the new software package for church reporting, recently held at the conference office, ran smoothly. A third program is planned before year-end, with further training in the

new year for those who have thus far missed out.

REGIONAL MINISTRY EVENT - A ministry event is being planned, possibly for August 2011, networking our churches and members, with informational sharing, training and challenging cultural issues. Look out for more information in 2011.

WORKPLACE TRAINING - Conference office staff recently attended a presentation by Maria Dimopoulos, a human rights advocate. She commended our church organisation for its openness to others and for the end-it-now campaign, noting that our aspirational

goals and policies reach further than mere legal requirements.

NUNAWADING ESTATE - Following the decisions made at the last constituency meeting regarding AdventCare and the Estate, an initial concept plan has now been developed and accepted

by the Executive. This will allow the conference to proceed towards a development application.

PR DARREN SLADE - has accepted the position of President in the Tasmanian Conference and will be missed sorely here in Victoria. We wish him God's blessings in his work.

Congratulations Nan!

INAURRAL AUC TRAINING PROGRAM A SUCCESS

On Thursday evening, November 4, the Australian Union Conference Training Centre, accredited by Andrews University, conducted its first graduation ceremony for participants of their Lay Pastor Assistant Training Course, one of whom was Mrs Nan Myat Kyaw who works with our Karen Burmese community in Werribee.

The course commenced in March, and consists of two blocks with a total of six weeks training. One of the initial trainees 'dropped out' after the first block to undertake training for full time ministry at Avondale!

The AUC Training Centre is offering church members the opportunity to acquire both the theory and practical skills in training for local church ministry and community service. Certificates on offer include the Lay Pastoral Assistant certificate and the Youth Bible Instructor certificate. These courses cover the essentials to give our church members the confidence needed to work with their pastors in these roles. A full course outline is available on www.auctrainingcentre.org.au

Pr Wayne Stanley, Victorian Conference President, is very enthusiastic about the possibilities this course is opening up. "These courses provide the necessary skills



ROGER GOVENDER, CHESTER STANLEY AND GRAEME CHRISTIAN WITH COURSE PARTICIPANTS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

to enable our church members to confidently assist their pastors in this work; whether it be following up leads, preaching or individual Bible study. There is a great need for such assistance and we are fully supportive of these training programs. Already we have someone lined up for next year's program and are willing to consider partial sponsorship if anyone else is interested."

Next year, the first block of the Lay Pastoral Assistant course will commence February 6 through to February 25. The Bible Instructor course is completed in one sitting and will commence January 16, running for six weeks.

Registration date for both courses is December 17 (early bird discount offer closing December 1) although if you miss the 17th you can still make contact with the AUC training centre as they may be able to accommodate you.

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NAN, WITH GRAEME, ROGER AND WAYNE STANLEY

Victorian Schools Adopt New Design

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

It is anticipated that all Victorian schools will have adopted our new logo design by 2011. This design provides our schools with a strong, consistent and recognisable corporate brand identity, yet allows for school individuality. It reflects elements of our Adventist church logo, connecting the school and church in their commitment to spread the gospel throughout the world.

One way in which the brand is being presented in Mildura is



through the re-vamping of Henderson's College's school buses. These eye catching images are sure to attract the attention of many community members as they drive by.

Building Program Nears Completion

EDINBURGH ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are nearing the end of our building program and are blessed with a new library, computer room, administration office, staff room, a multipurpose hall and an art room! Students and teachers are all looking forward to the fences coming down and being able to use the buildings before the end of the year.

This will provide much-needed space for students and teachers alike.



Operation Christmas Child

HERITAGE COLLEGE

On 8 October 6, a very excited group of students from Years 6 and eight boarded the school bus to go Christmas shopping for under privileged children.

The beneficiaries of these gifts are displaced and poverty stricken children from various places around the world. Funding for this project came from both the students own pockets other donations. Each student chose a specific gender and age bracket for which to shop with the following criteria:

- Something to PLAY... • Something to LOVE...
- Something to WEAR... • Something for SCHOOL...
- Something of HYGIENE...



Our God cries with us...

A LITERATURE EVANGELIST'S STORY

On Thursday, we delivered the Bible DVDs Simi had ordered. Before leaving, we asked if there was anything on his heart he would like us to mention in our prayer.

Just that morning he had received the bad news that his cousin had died. "Can you please pray for the family?" he asked.



"What's your cousin's name?" I asked and as he replied "Linda," my mind went back to the Linda we had seen the week before.

"Did she live in Carrum Downs?" I enquired. When Simi replied that she did, I

"We cannot do big things in this world. We can only do small things. With Great Love!"

Mother Teresa

just could not believe it - not only was she Simi's cousin, but we had only seen her a week ago and she was fine then!

We prayed with Simi, and then went Carrum Downs. The house was full but they shared with us their sad story.

"Linda was a kind hearted person who always loved to give," her father told us, confirming what I had already believed after she had ordered our Bible Story series for her niece and nephew. He then added, "After the funeral we will complete the payments for the books, because that is what Linda would want us to do."

It was a very emotional visit. We encouraged them with promises from the Bible and then before leaving, the whole family got together as we prayed for each one of them.

Joe Paola

BIBLE ADVENTURES IN VICTORIA

With
Pastor Dave



Forever Castle

Lorrie and her Grade 6 class were at a local beach for a biology excursion.

The students spent the morning exploring tide pools to see what they could find. Lorrie had seen lots of algae, a few jellyfish and the occasional little fish.

Her friend showed her a starfish in a lonely pool stranded about 100 metres from the rest of the pools. A few of the boys caught crabs and tried to scare the girls with them.

Mr Wegener, a nature expert who joined them for the day, walked to each tide pool explaining to the groups what was in the pool. It was amazing what you could find, if you knew what you were looking for! He showed them sea snail eggs packed so tightly they looked like a jellyfish, funny kelp called sea grapes that popped if you squeezed them really hard and a sea cucumber that had been hiding under a shelf in the biggest tide pool.

Having finished lunch about 20 minutes ago, it was sandcastle-building time. Most of the kids were working in groups. Mr Wegener and the other adults enjoyed watching the different strategies the groups were using.

A couple of groups built huge piles of sand with their buckets and shovels before forming a castle out of it. The rest, except for Lorrie and her friend Grace, were building their castles one handful of sand at a time.

Lorrie and Grace had plenty of opportunity to see what the other groups were building as they carried their buckets back and forth between the wet sand and the huge rock where they were dumping the sand in a large pile. They had decided to build their sand castle on the flat surface of a rock near the car park. It was a lot of work carrying the sand back and forth, but finally they had enough to build their castle.



The two girls spent about thirty minutes shaping their castle and then gathered some kelp from around the beach to make a cool greenish border around it. Just as they were finishing they heard their teacher calling everyone to join together in a group.

Lorrie and Grace jumped down from their rock onto the sand and ran over to where the others were gathering.

As they approached, the teacher said, "We're going to look at each sand castle and let each group tell the story of their castle."

The kids enjoyed this create Your Story game. It was how they presented projects they had done at home or in groups.

They wandered from castle to castle hearing the story of each. Some of the



stories were very creative, some very factual.

Finally they turned toward the car park and headed over to Lorrie and Grace's castle.

As they approached the final castle the teacher asked, "What is the story of this one, girls?"

Lorrie and Grace climbed up behind the castle. Then Lorrie announced dramatically, "This is Castle-Rock... and this is the Forever Castle!"

Grace pointed back toward the beach and said, "All of your castles will soon be gone as the tide comes in. The Forever Castle will last into eternity!"

The teacher smiled and turned to the group. "That reminds me of a Bible story," the teacher said.

She turned and pointed to the car park, "Everyone back on the bus, I'll tell you the story on the way back to school."

Exploring the Bible Adventure

Jesus told a story about building in sand and it is recorded in two different books. Below is a word search and the words are taken from these two stories and other stories of Jesus' life, recorded in the chapters either side. Instead of a list of words to look for, this time we are giving you clues, a bit like a crossword... Words go in all 8 directions! This should keep you going all Christmas holidays!

When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out starting at the top left to find the message.

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- What you do to receive
- What a parent would give their child to eat
- What happened to the house on the sand
- How to find solid rock (2 words)
- Common trees in Jesus' time (2 words)
- Something that attacked the houses
- Who builds a house on sand (2 words)
- What is needed for a strong house
- A fruit in Jesus' time
- Jesus' teaching gave this to his listeners
- Which house stood (4 words)
- Which house collapsed (4 words)
- Jesus said not to do this (2 words)
- What you do to get in somewhere
- Jesus touched this man to heal him
- If we call Jesus this, we should obey Him
- Something Jesus wants from us
- One book in Bible the story is found
- Other book it is found in
- The road leading to life is... (3 words)
- Something else Jesus wants from us
- A woman Jesus healed (4 words)
- Something else that attacked the houses
- A third thing Jesus wants from us
- Would a parent give this to their child for food?
- Jesus healed this man (2 words)
- Pharisees taught a lot of these
- What you have to do to find something
- What we all should build on (2 words)
- The road leading to destruction is... (3 words)
- A third thing that attacked the houses
- Who builds houses on rock?

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• Matt 6:26 Clearword

Meet the Principal - Nathan Hill

EDINBURGH ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have exciting opportunities working in an Adventist Christian environment where we can share Jesus with others every day. I am passionate about living my life for Jesus and I have a vision for EAPS that we will all live our lives passionately for Jesus Christ, putting Him first, and that our students, their families and the wider school community will see that passion as we let the light of Jesus shine through us. We strive for a high academic standard and that is important, yet it is imperative to put Jesus first and foremost.

I believe that it is the mission of Adventist schools to place Jesus at the forefront of everything we do. We have a unique opportunity to work together to ensure that we have professional schools providing the best education, yet most of all we have a mission to disciple students to make a decision for Jesus Christ and invite Him into their lives.

I recently started a prayer group with the students at Edinburgh where they chose to give up some of their lunch time to pray for others. The first day we held prayer group, 24 students attended and we prayed for each other, the school, some special needs and we chose a particular staff member and student to remember in our prayers too. I received a blessing from meeting with those students to pray. I love the fact that Christ is at the head of this school and you can sense His presence within.



Nathan Hill

WHY I LOVE EDINBURGH



There are a lot of reasons why I love Edinburgh. The teachers are kind and caring and listen to us when we have problems and need help. We do lots of cool stuff, like going on excursions, soccer tournaments and playing gang chasey. I love playing tiggly in our 'cool as' playground. Its loads of fun! You know everyone too, unlike other schools that have 600 students or more. My favourite subject is probably Bible - I love learning about Jesus and that's one of the best things about Edinburgh. Everybody is nice and caring to you. I love playing our sport, we play the coolest games like, treasure, softball, pony express, I could go on all day!

These are only a few reasons why I like Edinburgh.

Joshua Hassan Year 5

Educating Globally to Empower

NUNAWADING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PRIMARY

Megan Jaworski, one of the teachers at the school, has started up an organisation called Edge Foundation - Educating Globally to Empower. Edge Foundation has established a school in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, for children who previously lived on the streets. All the children have been abused in some way and some were living on the streets for up to ten years, eating out of garbage bins, sleeping under bridges and begging for money to buy food. The children were starved of love and affection. By providing them with an education it not only empowers them for their future but provides them with love, Christ's love.

The staff at NCC are supporting Megan in this venture. On Thursday October 21, 2010, the school hosted a 'Crazy Hair day' to raise funds for the foundation. Students came to school with colourful hair, wigs, teased hair, Mohawks and anything else crazy they could think of! All for a good cause - and some fun!



Thank YOU!!

ADRA APPEAL

ADRA Australia would like to thank all the volunteers who braved the rain, snow and gale force winds during October for those in poverty and hardship – your dedication truly deserves a medal!

Your support has helped thousands across Australia, the Pacific, Asia and Africa - people just like 'Vicki'...

Vicki's life was in peril. Estranged from family and friends, she and her children fled an abusive husband to seek shelter at an ADRA supported women's refuge.

"I don't think I'd be alive today without (this place)," Vicki said. "I would have had to go back to my husband because financially, I couldn't take care of my children alone. This place defines 'salvation' for me."

Vicki is not alone. ADRA works across 16 countries including Australia, implementing projects that help thousands escape poverty and hardship. Thank you for supporting the 2010 ADRA Appeal.

If you would like to more information about how you can be



involved with ADRA and/or receive a copy of the 2011 ADRA in Victoria calendar please send an email to the Director of ADRA Services – Rebecca Auriant: ra@adventist.org.au. For more information about ADRA's work at home and overseas visit www.adra.org.au

Vanuatu Trip 2010

NUNAWADING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND LILYDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

This year from 9th – 26th September, six students from NCC and six from LAA travelled to Aore Adventist Academy in Vanuatu. Aore is located on an island with the same name directly adjacent to Espiritu Santo, the largest island in Vanuatu.

The projects we were to undertake while there included repairing and painting the remaining half of the pews in the campus church (the first half having been dealt with by last year's group of students who went) and also to help repair the main concrete wharf, which had been severely damaged by an earthquake several years ago.

After arriving at Aore we spent our first Sabbath attending church, where we were all impressed by the very lively singing, all with no books or music! We quickly learnt the

method of starting a song. The song leader would ask someone who knew the song to sing the first couple of bars and then they would start the rest of us off by saying "to



sing!"

Most days we were up at just before 6am for worship followed by breakfast, and we were hard at work by 7am. Work generally continued, except for the morning break, until 1pm for lunch, with a further 2-3 hours in the afternoon. In spite of some setbacks, we painted the rest of the pews and got the new wharf to the stage where the locals could pour the concrete. The wharf project was a particular challenge as it was a serious engineering job requiring skilled labour, but our motivated students worked hard and got a lot done.

For most of us, the highlight of the trip was the people. The locals were incredibly friendly and accommodating and after only a short time there, we felt we were leaving family when it was time to return.

I'm sure this experience will stay in our students' minds and hearts for a long time to come.

Matthew Hunter



Health Department Notice

CERTIFICATE IV IN 'PRESENTING COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS'

This course is designed for church members who are interested in following and presenting a Christian, whole-person ministry to their communities and church members in a relevant, credible manner.

Development of the training course is ongoing, and in its present form has received an excellent response from participants, Conference, Division, and General Conference Health Directors. There is a firm commitment to keep this training course constantly updated, not only with the latest documented nutrition information, but also the best teaching methods.

This training course is an accredited Certificate IV program that will teach you everything you need to know about planning and conducting vegetarian cooking and nutrition programs for your community.

COURSE DETAILS

The course is divided into 21 study units, which cover subjects such as the 'Adventist Health Philosophy', 'Basic Nutrition', 'Advantages of a Vegetarian Diet', 'The Food Connection in Reducing the Risk of Disease', 'The Importance of Being Active', 'How to Plan and Conduct a Successful Health Out-reach Program', 'Marketing and Advertising', 'Effective Communication', 'Food Demonstrating', and 'Food Safety Principles'.

A large part of the course is by correspondence, question sheets, essays and reading assignments. These accompany the study units and are to be completed and returned for marking. There is a 50 hour 'face to face' component that is conducted on eight Sundays where the practical subjects are taught, plus a review of home study units.

To receive a certificate, it is required that you present a 10 minute talk on a health topic, demonstrate a recipe, and complete a final exam paper.

TIME FRAME

10 - 12 months in total.

COURSE FEES

The total cost of the course is \$ 450.00 which needs to be paid at the commencement of training.

The fee covers expenses

TRAINING MANUAL

Approximately 400 pages

LOCATION

Conference office, Central Road Nunawading

DATES

Application closing date: January 12, 2011. Contact Sibilla Johnson

Commencement date: Sunday February 13, 2011 continuing on the second Sunday of each month through to September

CONTACT

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National Trainer

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SUNSET TIMES

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

Sabbath	Opening	Closing
Nov 26,27	8.21	8.22
Dec 3,4	8.28	8.29
Dec 10,11	8.34	8.35
Dec 24,25	8.43	8.44
Dec 31,Jan 1	8.45	8.45
Jan 7,8	8.46	8.46
Jan 14,15	8.45	8.44
Jan 21,22	8.42	8.41
Jan 28,29	8.38	8.37
Feb 4,5	8.31	8.31
Feb 11,12	8.25	8.24
Feb 18,19	8.17	8.15
Feb 25,26	8.07	8.06

BIRTH NOTICE

Congratulations to Dave and Rhonda Arnold of Mildura, who welcomed their first child, Maddison Kimberly Arnold, on the 5th of September 2010. May the Lord be with you and bless you as you raise this precious little one.



OFFERING SCHEDULE - DEC

Dec 4 Local Church Budget

Dec 10 Conference - New Church Buildings

Dec 18 Education/Camping Ministry

Dec 25 Mission Extension



ROAD to BETHLEHEM needs YOU!

Giftbag Packing Sabbath Dec 11
2pm, Nunawading church hall
Set Up Half Day Sunday Dec 5, 9am-1pm
Campground
Set Up Full Day Sunday Dec 12 9am-4pm
Campground (lunch included)

Night Pack Up
Main Pack Up
Final Pack Up

DECEMBER 13-16

Thursday Dec 16 after RTB
Friday Dec 17 from 9am
Campground (lunch included)
Sunday Dec 19 from 9am
Campground (lunch included)



Babies for Casting:
There is a need for new born babies to be a part of the manger scene. If you have or know of anyone willing to support with their young baby, please contact: Shelley Fairall: 0407 543 815

RtB Promotional Flyers:
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For further enquiries: Pr Anderson 0439 615 250

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THE LE ROUX BROTHERS IN CONCERT NOVEMBER 27
Wantirna Adventist Church, 119 Mountain Highway Wantirna, 7:20 for 7:30 start
BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS EVENING OF MUSIC FOR ALL TASTES AND SUPPORT THE WANTIRNA CHURCH BUILDING FUND (10% OF PROCEEDS) - TICKETS AT DOOR

EAST PRAHRAN CHURCH'S FINAL PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR, HIGHLIGHTING CHRIST IN THE EPISTLES.

December 4, members will learn of Christ in 1-3 John and Jude. Commencing at 10 am Garth Bainbridge will conduct both the 10 and 11am services, followed by a fellowship lunch.

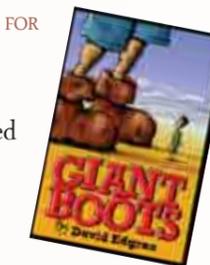
TRUST SERVICES

The final date and location for the year, where Steve Whitson will be on site for appointment, is at Maryborough on December 18. He is also available in the evenings and the first Sunday of each month. Call 03 9264 7725 or 0423 784 000 to make an appointment.

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For further information contact:
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