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



CAMP HOWQUA

Summer Camps GET REAL



For me, sometimes all it takes is one conversation with one camper over one week to  
change my life... and theirs.

- Cabin leader, Bryan Roberts

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# Looking to the Future



**WAYNE STANLEY**  
PRESIDENT

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Victoria has a bright future. It is bright because of a dedicated, energetic young generation that is preparing to serve and lead us forward.

As we have visited various churches and events around Victoria over the past few weeks, Martina and I have been inspired by the dedication of some of our youngest members.

Picture us at the teen camp at Howqua... it is Friday night and 130 teens aged thirteen to sixteen are packed into the worship venue. The service starts with singing – not the songs we used to sing – but the message is the same and they sing of Jesus as their Friend and Saviour. They clap, they jump. They sing with enthusiasm and conviction. But then a silence descends on this group of restless

teenagers as they participate in a two and a half hour worship service.

As Pastor Tony Knight, AUC Youth Director, preaches on what it means to be a dedicated follower of Jesus, you can hear a pin drop. Several sixteen year old boys sit in the row next to us leaning forward, spellbound as they listen to every word. The evening service draws to a close and the 30 counsellors who have been guiding them all week form a circle around the young people to pray for them. There is no restless shuffling as one prayer after another is raised to heaven – just prayerful silence... and many hugs and tears.

A couple of weeks later, we once again met with our young people at a youth training event, the fifth Australian Youth Conference (AYC), where Pastor Dwight Nelson was the keynote speaker. These young people gathered from all over Australia with a desire to learn how to give their lives in dedicated service to God.

On Sabbath afternoon, they went to the streets of Melbourne and in a matter of three hours, had signed up 115 people for Bible studies and prayed with 55 people on the street and in their homes. A further 200 people signed up to receive DVDs or attend a Bible seminar.

I think of other young people in local churches who are leading out in running soup kitchens, mentoring disadvantaged youth, supporting women who are abused or helping the elderly. I think of the community kitchen at Revive in Croydon every Thursday night. All of these young people are looking for opportunities to serve 'these my brethren' – wherever they are in the community.

Our young people are dedicated to working for God and they do it with an energy, enthusiasm and dedication that us 'oldies' can only marvel at. As Dwight Nelson reminded us while he visited Melbourne, this is the a generation with the potential to finish the work of this church. This generation has the means, the technology and the mobility to move quickly and easily to become the 'army of workers' that will be needed to spread the word of God and lead his church into the future.

The future lies with our young people and we need to continually consider what we can do to support them, allowing them to develop their leadership skills. They need our support and acceptance to empower them to do what they do best.

We are fortunate as we look to the future. We are fortunate because the Seventh-day Adventist church in Victoria is the home of an 'army' of dedicated energetic young people who will ensure that we have a future.

Wayne Stanley



**DARREN CROFT**  
GENERAL SECRETARY

How do you explain your hopes and fears when it comes to taking on a new role? I hope I will be able to make a difference. I hope I will be able to be part of a team that will facilitate a healthy Church in Victoria. I hope I will be able to function as a servant rather than a master. I hope that people will still be a significant part of what I do. And my fears? Perhaps they are the inverse of this.

Since accepting this role, the question I've been asked most often is 'So what does a General Secretary do?' To explain is difficult! As tasks continue to materialise in my inbox I am discovering some to be interesting, some challenging, others merely mundane. There are regulatory requirements to be met, minutes to be written and processes to put in place. In this space in future I will report and inform. But I hope it is not merely the expected and routine because we don't exist as a church to merely do the routine! The times we live in are too significant for this. For it to be worthwhile the machinery of the Church must facilitate the forward momentum of the Church in all its ministries. That's what I hope to be part of!

One of the questions I had to answer for myself, before entering ministry, was about the challenge of the church. Simply put, why would you choose to serve a church that falls so far short of what we, at times, think it should be? The conclusion I reached then has influenced my acceptance of the role I fill now. Either I will be part of the problem or part of the solution.

So I seek to serve this flawed church of which we are all a part. To serve effectively I must be faithful to God before all other things. Faithfulness... Indeed, it is the challenge to all of us!

Darren Croft



**PETER LYNCH**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Lynch family arrived in Victoria on New Year's Eve and I have been at my new desk for just over a month. We are now well established in our house and are settling into life in Victoria. I have met a number of people over the last couple of weeks and wish to thank you for the kind welcome that my family and I have been receiving.

Firstly I would like to thank Steve Whitson, my predecessor, for the work that he has done over the last few years. Janelle Cameron was holding the fort, pending my arrival from New Zealand and has done a wonderful job, however I am sure she was more than happy to step back into her normal role. Thank you, Janelle, for taking on those responsibilities.

Managing the church resources is a huge responsibility and it will take a little time to get to know and understand the many needs. I am looking forward to getting to know our church members as well as to this opportunity to serve the Victorian Conference over the coming years.

Coming from a banking background that focused on providing service, I hope that we can now extend those philosophies to all, providing service excellence from the Finance Department of the Victorian Adventist Church.

Currently department staff and I are working on completing the financial reports for 2009 and finalising the budgets for the current year. We are also making plans to conduct workshops for local church treasurers and more information about these will be released in due course.

It is early days yet and I am looking forward to the challenges that will come our way, knowing that with God as our leader everything is possible.

Peter Lynch

# Devotional

by Dwight Nelson

*Dwight Nelson was recently in Melbourne as a guest speaker at AYC'10 hosted by Gateway, where the focus was on calling young people to service for their Lord.*

*He is senior pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University and an internationally known speaker and author. Dwight was the presenter for the unprecedented outreach series viewed live, world-wide by satellite, Net98 - The NeXt Millenium.*



“AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION KIDS ORPHANED BY QUAKE.”

That stunning headline is enough to break your heart, isn't it? As we hear ongoing reports of the Haitian catastrophe, the unfolding saga keeps peeling back layer after layer, revealing the immense heartache and suffering this nation must endure.

“The children, unidentified, lie mute in a corner of the General Hospital grounds, three among thousands of boys and girls set adrift in the wake of Haiti's earthquake. ‘Hi, Joe, how are you?’ the American doctor tried, using a pet name the staff had given a boy of about eleven. There was no response. ‘Joe,’ ‘Baby Sebastian’ and the girl who didn't even have a nickname hadn't spoken or cried since they were brought over the previous 48 hours—by neighbors, passers-by, no one knows who. ‘Sebastian,’ only a week old, was said to have been taken from the arms of his dead mother” (SBTribune 1-27-10).

A CBS Evening News reporter trailed along with one boy, 10 or 11 years old, who was wandering the crowded streets of Port-au-Prince, his parents dead from the quake.

“And where do you sleep at night?” The boy led the camera and reporter to a concrete ledge surrounding a broken city fountain. He climbed up onto the ledge and curled his legs under him to show the visitors how he passed the lonely, comfortless nights.

Researchers describe two very real human responses to televised catastrophes. First, there is “frozen emotion”—the mental numbness that eventually steels the heart from responding after repeatedly viewing portrayals of human suffering. Soon, it is just more news—and we become unaffected.

The second response is “donor fatigue”—a weariness from the barrage of appeals that eventually shuts off the flow of compassionate response.

None of us are immune to either of these reactions.

So what can we do for the orphans? How shall we continue to respond to the sufferers?

What did Jesus do? Even though He spent three and a half years ministering in Palestine, the world was not suddenly relieved of its wider suffering. The truth is that only a relatively small proportion of humanity was affected by

Jesus' compassionate response.

Why? Simply because He could **not** be everywhere. But He **could** be fully engaged with the suffering that surrounded him.

Couldn't that be our response, too? Yes, we must continue to support the compassionate interventions of disaster response teams like Adventist Development and Relief Agency

But like Jesus we must also become engaged with suffering needs that surround us. The local soup kitchen, the street ministries, and many others have compelling needs waiting for compassionate volunteers.

So please pray for Haiti, give to Haiti, but also “unfreeze” your emotions and make a difference. Why not volunteer right here at home?

After all doesn't it say somewhere, “Many are called, but a few are frozen”?

Let's be chosen, not frozen. Unfreeze for Christ!



## ADRA - ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT RELIEF AGENCY Update

ADRA has been actively involved in assisting with Disaster Response since an Earthquake struck Haiti earlier this year.

In the early stages, ADRA personel conducted assessments and worked with other agencies to determine the most effective strategies. It then partnered with relevant agencies to provide medical assistance and supplies, clean water and food rations. The Adventist Hospital and University in Haiti have also been involved in the relief effort.



To donate to ADRA Australia's Haiti Earthquake Appeal, call 1800 242 372 or visit [www.adra.org.au](http://www.adra.org.au)



## As We Reflect His Light...

### ...stories of God's Grace

*Peter Watts's life journey took him from the UK to Australia. Along the way, he was pursued by God's Grace until he could do nothing but follow his Heavenly Father's lead.*

#### The background

Born and raised in industrial Birmingham, in the heart of England, I lived there for the first twenty-six years of my life. Although my mother went to the local High Anglican Church once a month, God was never mentioned in our home, except for the occasional blasphemy.

#### Teen years

My early view of God was that either He did not exist or, if He did, He was a cruel tyrant who would burn you in hell forever if you did not love Him. The latter didn't make sense to me so I just forgot about Him altogether.

At fourteen, I took up smoking and drinking, due mainly to the influence of one of my schoolmates. Being extremely shy as a teenager, I followed the example of whoever were my friends at the time.

I used to play football after school with a friend and another boy two years younger than us. We gave him a hard time because he was a Christian and went to church. I can still remember saying to him "How can you believe in the Bible... everyone knows it's not true! What about evolution?" I believed in evolution and I guess this gave me an excuse for not believing in God.

#### On life and death

I had the usual teenage issues and tended to view things around me from a negative perspective. I recall lying awake one night, contemplating the purpose of life. My thoughts drifted to my grandparents: I knew they were getting older and eventually they would die. This led to thinking about my own life: I too would get old and die. Was this all there was to my existence?

Then I began to consider how, given my life lacked purpose and there was nothing else after this life, suicide seemed quite logical. After all, if life wasn't any good, why **not** end it?

#### The wild life

After school, I took on an apprenticeship, making new friends and night clubbing every weekend. With dyed hair, an ear piercing and marijuana, God was furthest from my mind.

Later, I worked with a friend in a cocktail bar and we would juggle bottles, tell jokes and chat up girls all night.

No longer shy, when my employers became heavily involved with the movie "Cocktail", I helped with promotions, performing at exhibitions and on live TV in the UK.

#### A good friend

One of my bartender buddies was Steve. We shared the same kind of lifestyle, however he had been raised an Adventist. Occasionally he would share things he'd been taught about



God, however I made it clear I wasn't interested.

Thrown together more often after we both started a Master Bartender course, Steve found many opportunities to talk about God, and as our friendship developed, I began to pay attention to the things he said. He would pull out a large blue folder, *Pictorial Aide for Bible Study*, and show me the charts and pictures. Initially most of the pictures went straight over my head, but I always noticed that on the inside page it said "Printed at Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria, Australia". Why on earth would this guy Steve have a folder from Australia? He'd never even left the UK!

#### Studying the Word

Steve was a great friend to me, supporting me through some very troublesome times.

Eventually we left the bar work and went on to other things, but our friendship continued. One Sunday afternoon at his place, he opened his Bible and showed me the story of the Great Flood. I was amazed that the Bible even mentioned a rainbow! Driving to work the next day, what should I see but a beautiful clear rainbow right above the road I was taking! Believing it was from God, a small seed of hope that He **was** in control sprouted and tears rolled down my face.

Now I studied the Bible at Steve's house with more zeal. Discovering the Sabbath truth, I marvelled that the whole world could have missed something so obvious.

"I know the truth and I'm going back to church," Steve told me one day.

"Right! I'm coming with you," I answered back. And I did, although my Sabbath keeping was sporadic to say the least: church one week, footy the next. Not fully committed, I continued to drink with my other bartender buddies.

#### Headed south

Bitten by the 'Travel Bug' some years earlier and having been to many other countries, I was thrilled when a friend invited

me to go with him to Australia for a year. We arrived in Perth December 1992, and while there, I visited Mount Lawley Seventh-day Adventist Church, hoping to make some new friends. That was a great experience, so three months later when I flew to Sydney, I looked up Chatswood Adventist Church.

At one of their Sabbath afternoon meetings, Pastor George Metcalfe asked me to share with everyone how I had come to know about their church. During the program he asked if I had been baptised – and if not would I like to be. Having considered doing so after I returned home to the UK, I figured that if he was willing now, then so was I.

#### A place in God's plan

We began studying together and my prayer was that God would show me what I could do for him. I refused to be a half hearted Christian – it would be all or nothing.

Unknown to me, the pastor had been asking God for a young volunteer to help him run an evangelistic program. When I found out, I knew it was God's answer. After my baptism I worked for the church as a volunteer and have not looked back. Following God's lead has been the best decision I have ever made.

Ironically, Pastor Metcalfe gave me a "Pictorial Aide for Bible Study" to use in my work.

As my thoughts focused on the future, I began to see a need in my life and knelt by my bed praying that God would provide me a wife. Three days later, I met her!

God did many amazing things in that year, strengthening my faith and affirming His love for me. I flew back to England at the end of the year, only to return nine months later to marry Maree.

Her parents lived in Launching Place so we settled in the Yarra Valley and I worked in the restaurant at the Warburton Hospital for two years, then at the Signs Publishing Company where my first task was working on the very book that, seven years earlier and half a world away, had helped bring me to the Lord. Now I was helping to prepare the same materials to change other people's lives. I spent seven happy years at Signs and could easily have stayed there another seven, but God called me to another part of his vineyard, which has grown to include evangelistic ministry.

#### All glory to God

Now, I see God as my Heavenly Father, the Great Creator and the Good Shepherd. Rather than someone who wants to destroy those who do not love Him, He wants to seek us out and save us from destruction. As Jesus' words are recorded in Luke 9:56, "...the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Praise God He saved me!

#### THE SERMON GOD WANTED PREACHED

##### A Literature Evangelist's Story

Elma lived in Cranbourne and within a few minutes of answering her door, she had invited me in. Widowed and with her own health problems, this dear lady had taken on the responsibility of caring for her grandson, who was in need of a stable home environment.

After I demonstrated our Great Stories and Sammy books, Elma placed an order. It was a real joy to pray with her before leaving.

Later, as I made her last delivery, I introduced her to our

'Forever' package. Once again, she saw the value in our books and placed her order. Many visits, prayers and Bible discussions followed as more books were delivered. Elma always looked forward to having her 'Bible man' come over.

One day, Elma shared how she had visited with Jehovah's Witnesses, but that there was much they said she didn't agree with. I encouraged her to watch our 'Final Events' DVD by Doug Batchelor, which she had purchased previously, however she had lent it to a family member. Arranging with one of my friends to loan her another copy, I also asked Leanne Tilson of Cranbourne Church to make



THE PAOLA FAMILY

contact.

Recently I preached at Cranbourne Church, my topic being the Second Coming of Jesus. God had a reason I knew nothing about, for me presenting that topic that particular day – Elma was visiting Cranbourne Church for the first time and He wanted her to hear it.

What a joyful surprise it was to see Elma sitting there. I thank God for Leanne's faithful follow up and for the warm friendly welcome Elma received from the members of Cranbourne Seventh-day Adventist Church.

- Joe Paola

# summer camps GET REAL

VicYouth has just completed another Summer Camp season, and for the VicYouth team & Summer Camp staff it was one of our best yet! God is so good - He blessed in ways we could not have anticipated.  
Moe Ioane-Stiles

### GET REAL - the theme

Our theme at VicYouth this year is AUTHENTICITY, so for our summer camp focus we chose GET REAL! What does it mean to GET REAL with

God! What does a real Seventh-day Adventist Christian really look like? Our speakers, Nathan Brown, Dave Edgren & Tony Knight tackled this issue amazingly. God spoke through each of them, challenging not just our campers but staff also; it is not just about looking like a Christian - do you align with Jesus' teachings and life? Have you allowed your life to GET REAL?

When our campers arrived we were very upfront with them and expressed that our hope by the end of our time together was that they would have had an amazing time, but most importantly that they will leave, having met Jesus.

Our prayer for each of them is that, until the Lord comes, they will GET REAL, showing their community the real Jesus of Scripture through their lives. Raw evangelism - at its core!

### GET REAL - reflections from a Cabin Leader

Some campers come to Howqua just to have a week away from home while others come just to fill in their holidays. Some campers are looking for fun and adventure while others are looking to make new friends or catch up with old ones. Some come to serve and make a difference to others. Some are 10 years old, some 17. Some are 24, some 42.

All return home blessed.

Summer Camp is amazing for many different reasons! Firstly, this year was amazing simply because of the extraordinary number of campers - there was something encouraging about living for a week with 200 people all having a blast and feeding off their collective spiritual awakening and revival.

Secondly, Summer Camp was amazing because Howqua has never looked so beautiful and improved! The weather was perfect and allowed for some awesome fun times.

However, the most amazing element to Junior & Teen camps was, by far, the time spent together enjoying the company of God! Worships each night, as well as the theme for the entire camp, centred on what it means to honestly "Get Real" - to live as genuinely authentic people with God. Pastor Dave Edgren and Pastor Tony Knight threw us some superb challenges to our thinking and our living. For me personally,

it was a wonderful experience to see spirit-filled kids and teens passionate about reassessing their lives, looking to see where change was needed!

As a councillor at the Summer Camps, nothing is as fulfilling as making mates with the campers you are mentoring. Running around during the day, throwing fun around together, eating together and praising God each evening together, all lead to a cabin full of lasting and incredible relationships. And each week absolutely peaked when cabins and individuals really did "get real" and have deep conversations about their lives.

Each camp is massive, but when it comes to

end saying "goodbye" is, surprisingly, the hardest challenge to overcome. You leave full of excitement, eager and committed to coming back next year!  
Bryan Roberts

### GET REAL - the camps

This year VicYouth launched a Youth summer camp, not knowing how it was going to go nor how many would actually attend! We were blessed to have an amazing group of 36 youth and young adults come along! Nathan Brown, in his usual compelling manner, challenged their hearts and minds to GET REAL with God and with their faith! He confronted his listeners with their individual faith journeys, walking them through the reasons to believe - concluding that we believe because we need to!

Dave Edgren used different characters of the Bible to challenge and inspire the 86 Junior campers, as well as the staff, to GET REAL with God. As the week drew to a close, 49 of these wonderful Juniors committed to GET REAL with God, 37 requested Bible Studies, 21 wanted to talk to a pastor and 34 wanted baptism. The opportunity we now have in our local churches to nurture these decisions they have made.

Camp staff always anticipates the arrival of the Teens with excitement and this year saw a record 126 Teens attend. This age group know only one speed - full throttle! Yet again God revealed His goodness as He provided many opportunities to influence their lives.

Tony Knight's passionate messages connected with the Teens, challenging them to take seriously the battle between Good and Evil and the love that God has for them, resulting in 85 commitments to GET REAL with God, 48 requesting Bible studies, 23 wanting to talk to a pastor and 36 wanting baptism.

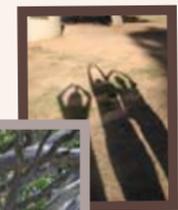
It was a joyful privilege to witness Kurtis Saunders, son of Camp Howqua staff, Kellianne and Richard, courageously testify to his commitment of two years earlier, through baptism in front of his peers and camp staff.

### GET REAL - the staff

VicYouth would like to thank the wonderful volunteers, some of whom take annual leave each year to help out, and Camp Howqua staff, for their love and commitment to God and to serving Him through youth ministry. It is an honour working with them and we pray that God will bless them, and that we will all continue to grow in Him, to be to our communities what He created us to be - agents of love, grace, mercy and all the fruit of His Spirit.

### GET REAL - for God, at Summer Camp 2011

It would be great if all of our church could experience the family and community atmosphere that we experienced at the summer camps, including the ups and downs! Without a doubt, summer camps do create an environment where you cannot hide; you are confronted in your spiritual life as well as emotionally, physically and mentally. How wonderful it would be if all our children could attend and be spiritually nurtured and physically challenged. So put it on your calendar for your young people and plan to send them in 2011.



"I feel that God has His hands and direction over Summer Camp. It has to be God, who else can orchestrate such intense spirituality, such intense community and love and such intense fun and extravagance?!"



# News from our Churches

## Don't neglect to Connect

### Burwood Adventist Community Church

We live our lives like a disconnected light bulb. It looks perfect, but it is unable to fulfil the purpose for which it was created, until it is plugged in – until it is connected.

Burwood Adventist Community Church recently explored why being connected to others in community really does matter, through a compelling three part series.

In our community, there is a trend to fit relationships around our schedules, rather than the other way round. It seems people find it much easier, safer even, to keep relationships at a superficial level, for many reasons. We were however, created to live in community; there is an innate need for community in each individual. You only have to look at how popular secular TV shows based on community, such as Friends, Family Ties and Different Strokes have been over the years for this to become apparent.

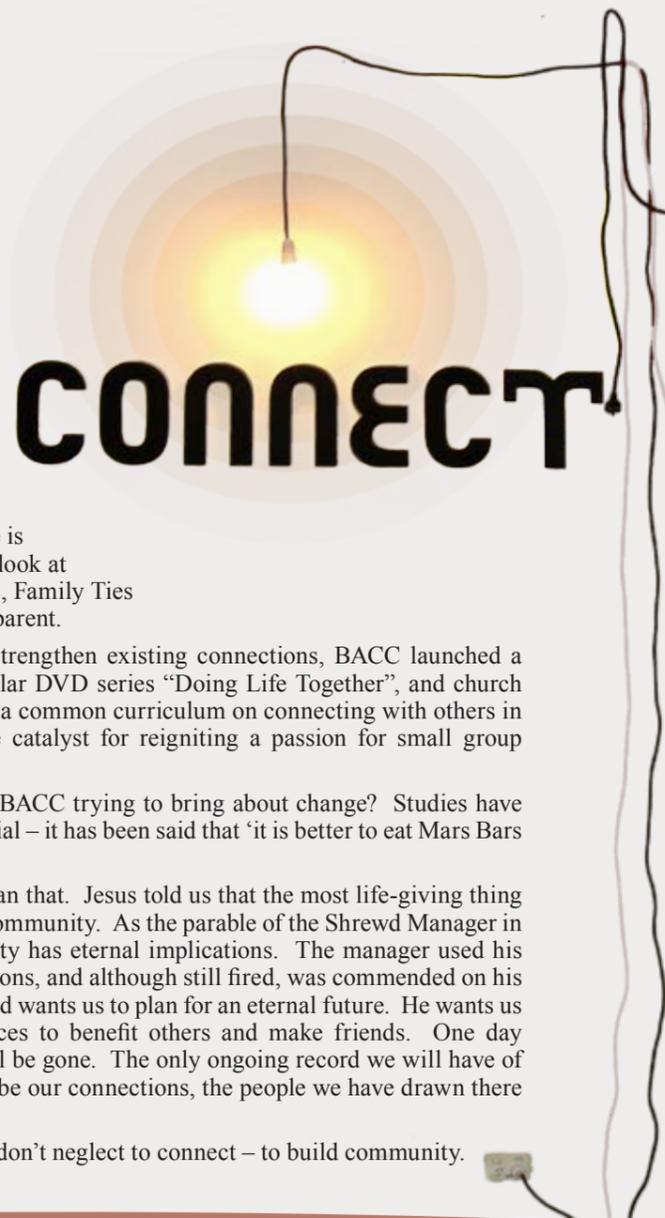
To continue exploring the importance of being connected and to strengthen existing connections, BACC launched a coinciding six-week small group study program, based on the popular DVD series "Doing Life Together", and church members were encouraged to join one of the small groups to discuss a common curriculum on connecting with others in God's family. It is envisioned that these groups will become the catalyst for reigniting a passion for small group ministry.

But if most people are content with superficial connections, why is BACC trying to bring about change? Studies have shown that for personal health and well-being, connections are essential – it has been said that 'it is better to eat Mars Bars with friends than to eat Broccoli alone!'

*Here's the lesson - Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. Lk 16:9* NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

However, it goes deeper than that. Jesus told us that the most life-giving thing we can give each other is community. As the parable of the Shrewd Manager in Luke 16 tells us, community has eternal implications. The manager used his resources to make connections, and although still fired, was commended on his planning for the future. God wants us to plan for an eternal future. He wants us to use our worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. One day possessions and wealth will be gone. The only ongoing record we will have of our time on this earth will be our connections, the people we have drawn there to eternity with us.

So, whatever your calling, don't neglect to connect – to build community.



## Reaching out to their Community

### Dandenong Polish Church

Sunday, October 25 saw the culmination of months of planning and hard work by Dandenong Polish Church members – it was the long awaited Kids Fun Day. Organisers were hoping to attract 300 visitors but God blessed their efforts with double that number, while holding the rain at bay.

There were many activities, including a Reptile Show and the Pinnacle of Terror, and food was provided throughout the day for the guests.

The majority of the visitors were from the surrounding community, some having never set foot in a Christian



church before, and it was a great way for the church members to get to know their neighbours.

"I chatted with one family who were looking for a church to become part of," reports Elizabeth Croom. "They were very impressed with the friendliness and generosity they saw. And there was

another lady who turned away from church as a teenager, but is now interested in bringing her family to a service one Sabbath."

As a result of this event, thirteen people indicated they would like to receive a free Bible with reading guides and 24 asked to receive information on upcoming events.



So when the church planned their Songs of Advent concert, held December 20, it was only natural they invite their new contacts. The concert, featuring solo singers, instrumentalists and two choirs, to mention just a few, was followed by a barbeque with Polish cakes for dessert.

Some of the people who had been to the Kid's Fun Day attended, and it was wonderful to hear how they want to be part of the church community and were planning to attend on Sabbath.

Over 250 people attended this great occasion. While the winds were chilly, their hearts were warmed with thoughts of the first Advent of Christ and especially the long anticipated Second Advent.

### ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

#### East Prahran Church

The year 2009 was an unexpectedly rewarding year for East Prahran Church member, Mary Drost. On Australia Day, her city honoured her with an Outstanding Community Service Award. Then in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June, she was awarded an Order of Australia, receiving the Medal from the Governor of Victoria at a ceremony held at Government House in September. This award was also for her community work in Victoria.

Awards are not new to Mary, for while living in Indonesia in the 70's, she received an award from the Governor of Jakarta, for her assistance in the development of that city. Congratulations Mary



### GARDENER OF THE YEAR

#### Ringwood Church

Congratulations to Olwyn Scharley, who has been named State Winner for the 'Gardener of the Year' competition in Gardening Australia Magazine and was featured in February's issue. Her husband, Manfred says that Olwyn has created a tranquil retreat under the tall native trees.

What a delight it must be to work so closely with God's wonderful creation.

You are invited to come and explore Tall Timbers on April 25 at 3560 Yarra Junction-Noojee Rd, Piedmont. Morning teas and light lunches will be available and proceeds will go to Ringwood Youth Centre.



### COMMUNITY DEDICATION TO JIM KERR

#### Bendigo Church

Margaret Kerr, daughter Pamala and granddaughter, Poppie Kerr-Bayley were invited to be present at the unveiling of the latest equipment in cancer management at Bendigo Health Care, on Wednesday 12 Nov 2009. Jim Kerr, Margaret's beloved husband and past member of Bendigo SDA church, passed away in January 2008. He had worked hard to implement scholarships for radiation therapy students, and it was only as a result of these scholarships that the Bendigo cancer unit has become fully staffed.

The unveiled plaque bearing Jim's name will always be a reminder to us that friend, husband and father, Jim Kerr, worked so

tirelessly for the community in which he lived.



# News from our Churches continued...

## Adventist Youth Conference '10 hosted by Gateway



Chairs... Signage... Stage setup – would everything be ready in time? A million things raced through my head on the afternoon of Thursday, February 4, the first day of AYC'10.

The doors opened at the Victorian College of the Arts, welcoming over 400 young people, not to mention the young-at-heart, to the fifth annual Adventist Youth Conference.

Was I nervous? A little. Excited? Definitely. This day was the culmination of months of planning, long meetings and endless emails. As a committee, we prayed for an amazing weekend of revival, training and Christian fellowship; but for me, I hoped for nothing less than three and half days where each and every delegate would re-discover their identity as Adventist youth – just as I had at AYC – and bond with a team of passionate young people, ready to reach the world. Before I knew it, the delegates were seated and AYC had begun – half-setup stage, temperamental AV equipment, rainy weather and all. Now It was over to God.

Pr Chester Stanley gave the opening address as I peeked at the crowd from backstage. Before my eyes, the youth, some as young as twelve, tentative and shy at first, slowly warmed to each other, through the passionate singing and heartfelt address, adopting the spirit and vigour of the theme – **GO: with Purpose, Passion and Power.**

Awesome food was definitely a feature of the weekend, but superseding it was the spiritual feasting of each sermon and workshop. We awakened to Peter Gregory's rousing morning devotions and retired with renewed excitement each night following Pr Dwight Nelson's evening presentations. We were also blessed by the talents of many other presenters as they took practical workshops including the Adventist Identity, Effective Biblical Preaching and How to be a Leader in my Youth Group. Look out Australia – the next generation of teachers, preachers and leaders is on its way!

For Sabbath afternoon's program, the youth were mobilised into teams to conduct street surveys and doorknock around Melbourne CBD and residential areas of the city's universities. This was a first experience of such public faith sharing for many of the young people, and there were many nervous questions, such as "Are we actually going to talk to all those strangers!" "What happens if they don't talk back?" "What happens if they talk *do*, and ask me something I can't answer?"

However, the energy was infectious and before long everyone was catching up with their team, whilst rushing lunch and heading off to their outreach sites. The results were astounding: over 300 new Bible study, DVD and Bible seminar contacts.

Pr Nelson concluded the weekend with a consecration service. His challenge? To "go forth" with a passion for our family, friends and strangers. And the delegates response? Twenty-five decided for baptism and fourteen for rebaptism, while thirty-five committed six months of time to Bible work and fourteen responded to the call of full-time ministry.

Did AYC '10 leave its mark on Melbourne? With over 300 new contacts, I cannot help but praise God for His answer – a



### CARING FOR FAITH AND FAMILY Ringwood Church

Ringwood Christian Community Playgroup officially opened its doors in February, after months of planning and preparation, including taking advantage of pre Christmas sales to stock up on toys!



Thanks to the very 'handy' and dedicated ministry team, the children also have a brand new fenced outdoor play area featuring a large sand pit, space for water play and a bike track. It will operate every Tuesday morning from 10am at Ringwood Church, 28 Mullum Mullum Rd, Ringwood.

The first morning was filled with free play as well as structured routines. Thanks to Glicks Bakery, which supplied the Jewish Hallah dough, the children made their own bread for morning tea. They sang songs with Pr James Greensill, had a special story time then made a craft to take home.

While initially operating on Tuesday mornings, it is anticipated that eventually

they will run more playgroup days. The playgroup is part of the churches overall strategic plan, purpose and mission - 'Caring for your faith and family.'

### GOOD SIGNS IN WARBURTON Warburton Church

In early February, Warburton Church erected a sign that tells the history of the Adventist church in the Yarra Valley community. Another new sign detailing the activities the church provides was also erected.

Over the past couple of years, the Warburton church's proactive outward

resounding "Yes!"

But what struck me most was the impact it had on each delegate – those that were inspired, those that gave their hearts to him, those that submitted their future to His work.

And our work doesn't end here. Our vision to **GO** is a long-term plan. Contacts will be followed up by enthusiastic Bible workers and young people, inviting them to a full-scale multi-campus evangelistic series in August. Pr Gary Webster of the SPD's Institute of Public Evangelism will mentor youth speakers and evangelism teams at Melbourne's Universities. We can't wait to take our message out and to see more people make decisions for Christ this year.

**See you at  
AYC'11... I  
know I will be  
back!**

*Berenice Cheng*

### GO WITH PURPOSE - RETURN WITH PASSION AND POWER

#### Gilson College students attend AYC'10

Accompanied by their teachers, a group of Year 10 & 11 students from Gilson College boarded a bus, bound for the unknown. These young people had a keen interest in spiritual development and the majority were of non-Adventist background. Somewhat apprehensive, never having experienced such an event before, they were nevertheless enthusiastic about what they were doing, and upon arrival were filled with awe when they saw the venue and the wide diversity of age and culture of those present.

As the weekend progressed, the students found the speakers to be 'amazing and inspirational'. They were 'encouraged to push the boundaries of their faith and to stand up more for



focus has resulted in 30 more regular church attendees.

"We've given the church a face-lift both physically and in attitude," said Pr Richard Araya-Bishop. "We have become a church which is more appealing to the community and non-churched people."

Under the leadership of Pr Araya-Bishop, a number of outreach initiatives have been undertaken.

The Redwood Community Centre has opened its doors to the community providing professional counselling, family & life seminars, playgroup, Pathfinders and adult education. The Centre is also used for numerous activities, functions and church related meetings.



### CHRIST IN THE EPISTLES East Prahran Church

Plans for 2010 are well underway for an outreach program the church members are excited about and plan to invite their friends to.



their beliefs, instead of being a slave to the world's expectations.' They determined that they would 'start and continue to develop their faith in Jesus Christ.'

Participating in several different workshops, they learnt many things they had not previously been exposed to, such as how to stay clean in everyday life, and how the smallest things, like drinking coffee, can affect you in the long run. They learnt how to study the Bible effectively, how to find a life partner and how to defend their faith.

Of the Saturday afternoon program, they said 'It was fun but tiring!' They were certainly keen to be involved, and ran out of letterboxing materials long before their enthusiasm.

There can be no doubt, the AYC'10 experience – the motivational speaking, the inspirational speakers, the newly forged friendships, the Christianity in action – has left its mark on these wonderful young people.

**"I only slept  
for five hours  
each night  
but it was  
worth it."**

Several have requested Bible studies while two have committed to be baptised. And most are planning to attend next year's conference.

So... Why don't you join them?

**"Testimonies  
from youth like  
ourselves were  
really touching  
and inspired me  
to continue to  
grow my faith."**

Each monthly program, with guest speakers and special music, will commence at 10am, concluding with a potluck lunch.

Pr **WAYNE STANLEY** will be presenting **CHRIST IN ROMANS** on MARCH 20 and on APRIL 17, Dr **GRENVILLE KENT** will present **CHRIST IN CORINTHIANS**.

Following lunch, Grenville will preview his latest DVD on 'Big Questions', followed by an informal discussion.

So, why not come yourself... and don't forget to bring a friend!

# Staffing - 2010

**Mike Faber** was born in Germany where he completed a course in Psychotherapy and his MA in Religion.



His working life began in Germany and has included working in South Africa, the Bermudas and Switzerland. He is an experienced church Pastor and has also held administrative roles in various departments.

In 2006 the Fabers immigrated to Australia. Michael and his wife Doris, married for 30 years, have two boys, Daniel who is 16 and Marcel who is 14 years of age.

The whole family loves travelling and snow skiing. Marcel and Mike ride motor bikes, Daniel loves drumming and surfing and Doris enjoys reading a good book.

The Fabers are looking forward to being part of the Lilydale congregation.

## New Ministers

**Justin Bone**, his wife Vanessa and their daughter Eliana recently packed up their house, three cats and three dogs and moved to Victoria to begin a ministerial internship. Justin graduated from Avondale in 2009.

A convert to Adventism from Catholicism, Justin has a passion for spreading the Good News, having gone without it himself for so long. Vanessa is a pastor's daughter who vowed never to marry a pastor, but God had better ideas and a sense of humour! Their daughter Eliana is 19 months old and perfect in every possible way. They are looking forward to working in beautiful Victoria!



**Kwadwo Akomeah** migrated from Ghana to the United Kingdom, where he pursued a degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science, he felt called to gospel ministry and answered that call by completing a Masters in Theology at Newbold College, UK.

Before recently moving to Melbourne, Kwadwo worked with churches in London, Leicester and Ghana. He has found people in Melbourne to be very warm and friendly, especially so in the church. He looks forward to equipping members as they use their gifts for the work of ministry.

Also known as Kojo, Kwadwo enjoys playing soccer and swimming at the beach. He has been appointed as the new lay minister to Noble Park Church, and will also be teaching chemistry and Bible at Heritage College.



## New Teachers welcomed to Victoria

Fourteen new teachers were welcomed to Victoria on Friday January 15, when they met at the Conference Office for Adventist Schools Victoria's orientation program. The program is designed to assist teachers to adapt quickly to working in Victoria.

Mr Brian Mercer, Education Director, challenged teachers to make a difference in the lives of their students, utilising the theme "Yes We Can". Topics covered included teaching and learning, finances, teachers Code of Ethics and student safety. Teachers also had the opportunity to meet with the new Conference administration.

The new teachers include one from Mauritius, two who were born in Africa and four graduates from Avondale College. "This reflects both the changing nature of our workforce and clientele," commented Mr Mercer. "It was pleasing to see a number of experienced teachers within this group as well as a reduction in vacancies in our schools." He believes this is a result of teachers enjoying working in Victoria.



FIRST YEAR INDUCTEES WITH ASV STAFF, MARGARET FOX AND SANDRA ENGLAND

Many positive comments were made on the day, including "... a very friendly, informative and interesting program – it has given me lots to think about".

Please pray for our teachers in their very important role : educating our students for now and eternity.

## School Chaplains

<b>Edinburgh Primary School</b>	Mrs Kerryn Ellis Mr Matthew Hunter
<b>Gilson College</b>	Mr Brian Boyland Mrs Chrissie Cooper
<b>Henderson College</b>	Pr Darren Slade Mr Luis Bermudez Mrs Kylie Taylor

<b>Heritage College</b>	Mrs Faye Stothers
<b>Lilydale Adventist Academy</b>	Miss Carlie Dunne Mr Matthew Hunter
<b>Nunawading Christian College</b>	
<b>Primary</b>	Mrs Karen Horsley
<b>Secondary</b>	Mr Justin Bone

## Departmental Appointments Update

**Women's Ministries Director** Mrs Danijela Trajkov

### Stewardship Director and Trust Services Director

Mr Steve Whitson

**Sabbath School's Director and Childrens' Ministries Director** Pr David Edgren

## Pastoral staffing list 2010

Ararat, Maryborough, Stawell	Mr Ben TOWNSON,	Portland and Warrnambool	Pr Nikola TRAJKOV and Mrs Danijela TRAJKOV
Ascot Vale	Mr Ainsley WAGNER	Croatian St Albans, Macedonian	Mr Damir POSAVAC
Auburn	Mr James KENT	Dandenong Polish	Mr Marius WIECZOREK
Bairnsdale, Cann River	Pr John O'MALLEY	East Prahran, Werribee	Pr Hensley GUNGADOO
Ballarat, Grevillea	Pr Brian LAWTY	Echuca, Swan Hill and	
Benalla	Mr Peter HUGHES	Robinvale	Pr Peter ANSELL
Bendigo, Castlemaine	Pr Graham SUTHERLAND and Mr Peter WATTS	Ferntree Gully and	
Berwick, Bayles	Mr David BUTCHER	Rowville-Lysterfield	Mr Peter ROLLO
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Carrum Downs Cook Island, and		Pastor at Large	Dr Stenio GUNGADOO
Clayton Cook Island	Mr Tuakana PERE	Gateway	Mr Steven LIU and Miss Leah LEE
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Nth Melbourne Samoan	Pr Eddie ERIKA	Geelong, Geelong New Life	Pr Frank BONIFACE and Mr Quinten LIEBRANDT
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Yarra Valley, and	
Hospital Chaplain	Dr Harold WALDRIP

# BIBLE ADVENTURES IN VICTORIA

With  
Pastor Dave



## Cuts and Scratches

“No, I’m not gonna stop!” Nathan shouted over his shoulder as he propelled his bike along the river trail. His friends pedalled as fast as they could, attempting to match Nathan’s speed on their own bikes. “Please... Nathan!” Max shouted breathlessly. “Just... stop for a sec! We... need to... talk to you.” Nathan was the fastest rider in his group of friends. He knew they could never catch him or make him stop. But there was something anxious in Max’s voice. Nathan grabbed the back break ferociously and started a skid. Then, applying the front break carefully and lifting his weight off the back tire, Nathan spun his bike in a 180 and stopped in a cloud of dust, facing his pursuers.

The two friends grabbed their brakes in a panic and managed to stop before smashing into Nathan. He fixed them with an angry stare, “What?” he said gruffly. “Don’t expect me to change my mind!”

Max stood astride his bike, and spread his hands in a wide-open gesture. “Come-on Nath! Just do it.”

“No!” Nathan growled, crossing his arms across his bare muscled chest.

The other friend, Garth, spoke, “It’s too easy, isn’t it?”

“What!” Nathan replied. “What does ‘easy’ have to do with it?”

“Well,” Garth continued, “if Old-Eli had asked you to do something hard, you would have taken the challenge. Right?” Nathan thought about that for a moment.

“Hmmm...” A smile crossed his face, “Yes. I probably would have.”

Max took over, “But what if it works?”

“How can it work?” Nathan demanded.

“I have these stupid blackberry cuts and scratches all over my legs.” He turned and looked at the dirty river they had been riding their bikes along. “How can that dirty river make the cuts go away?”

“We don’t know!” Garth said.

“But what if it works?” Max persisted.

“It won’t!” Nathan said angrily. “I went to see Old-Eli because he knows God and about nature and stuff. I

thought he would make some magic potion to rub on my cuts to make them stop itching and heal quickly.”

“But he didn’t,” Garth stated. “He said to wash in the river and you would be healed.”

“It’s just dumb!” Nathan blurted.

“But what if it works?” Max and Garth chanted in unison.



David Edgren  
Pastor, Author and  
Director of Childrens’ Ministries

Nathan examined the water again, staring at the slow moving stream.

“You need to stop being so obstinate,” Max said pleadingly.

“Yeah,” Garth added, looking down at Nathan’s cut-up legs. “Just humble out a bit!”

Nathan hadn’t thought about it like that before. Was he being prideful? Was he missing out on his own healing because he was arrogant?

“...Well,” said Nathan, leaning his bike against a tree, “I guess it won’t hurt to try.”



Slowly Nathan walked into the murky water.

Seven times he dunked himself in the river.

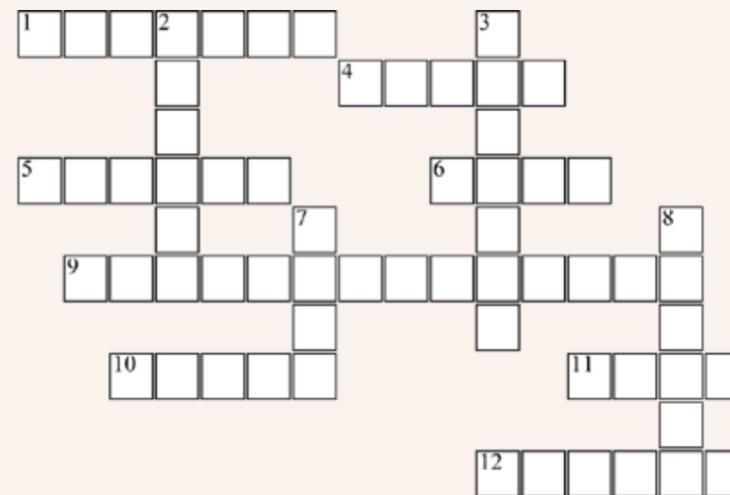
When he walked out of the water, to everyone’s amazement, his legs were perfect—not a scratch or cut to be found.

“IT WORKED!” they all shouted.

“Let’s go back and thank Old-Eli,” Nathan said as he got back on his bike.

“He really knows what he’s talking about!”

### exploring the Bible Adventure



#### ACROSS

1. The book and chapter of the Bible where this story is found
4. The number of times the commander washed in the river
5. What did the reader of the letter feel?
6. The country where the commander came from
9. The commander’s envoy first went to this man (3 words)
10. The commander was angry because of his .....
11. The man of God’s instructions were too ....
12. River the commander was to bathe in

#### DOWN

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3. The commander had this illness
7. Payment received by the man of God
8. Name of the man of God

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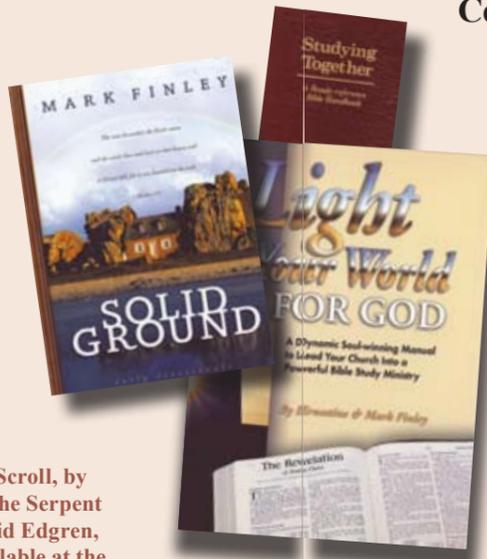
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FRI MAR 12	6:23	SAT MAR 13	6:22

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### BIRTH NOTICES

Mildura Church welcomes Lyana Violet Tanginoa born 24th November 2009. A baby girl for Stephanie and Maka.

The Ringwood Church Burmese congregation also welcomes two new baby girls: Jade was born on 04/01/2010 to proud parents Cory & Saw Pwe and Vung San Lun was born on 27/01/2010 to proud parents Yadana & Khine.

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**APRIL 1-5, 2010**

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## Camp with a difference - promoting fellowship and community

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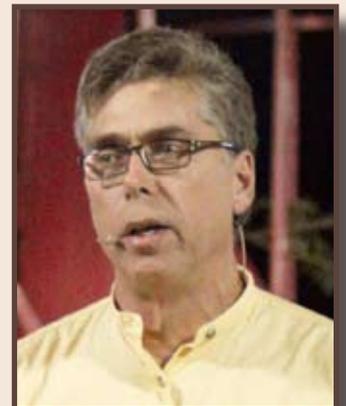


Pastor Eddie Hypolite is a Londoner by birth, Grenadian by heritage. He is a pastor, educational consultant, leadership trainer and motivational speaker, who travels internationally, speaking and teaching in the areas of urban evangelism, church planting, life development, youth and street culture. He now serves as the Associate Youth Director for the South England Conference. He will be speaking at the Meridian venue.



Also speaking in the Meridian will be Cheri Peters. Cheri is an author and regular contributor on Christian Television and Radio. Coming from a background of abuse, homelessness and drugs, her life turned around and now she uses her incredible life story to help others and share Jesus. Following her presentations at Elmore, Cheri will be speaking in Bendigo, Geelong and Melbourne.

Herb Larsen graduated as a biochemist, owns an engineering firm and preaches as an agent of God. He is from British Columbia, Canada. Herb may be successful in business - he is president and owner of TASH Industrial Design Engineering - but he says his God-given talents are his ability to meet and influence people in high places for the gift and good news of Jesus Christ. Herb will be presenting at the Youth venue.



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