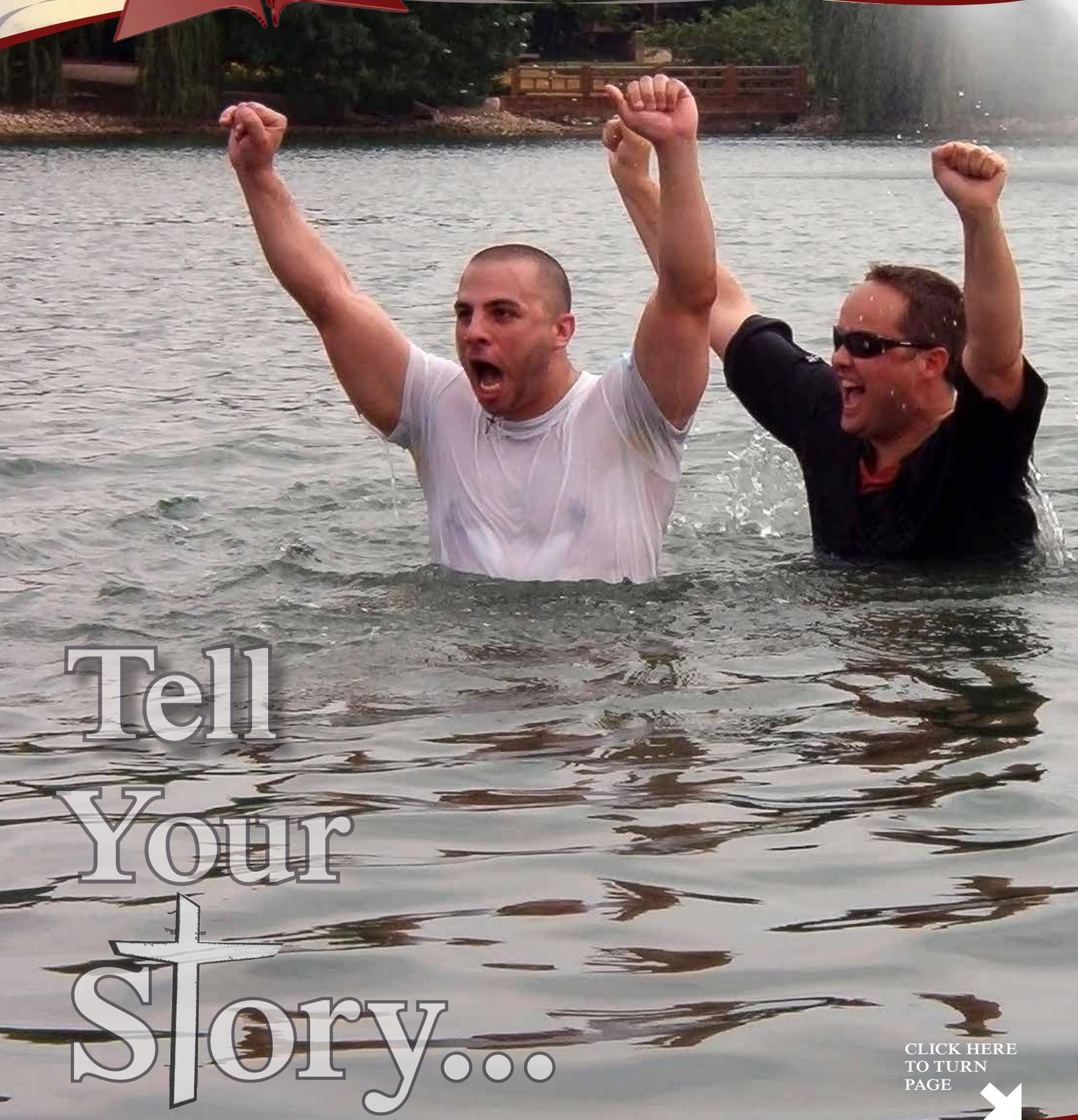


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How can anyone put his faith in Christ if he's never even heard about Him? How can he hear about Him if no one tells?
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Esteemed author and editor Cliff Goldstein comes to us from the United States, to share on topics such as faith and science, reason for faith, creation, evolution and the existence of evil. Regularly seen on the HOPE channel, this is your chance to come and hear about Cliff's own conversion story - from secular Jew to Seventh Day Adventist - and to ask questions during a Q & A time with the man himself.



Tell Your Story

Stories are powerful things. They capture our attention. They stimulate our imagination. They release our feelings - both good and bad.

People tell, listen to and read stories for entertainment, to teach or learn, to escape... and they have done so for centuries; from way before there was a written language.

Christ knew the power of a story - He created us this way.

And in today's society, where people have cinemas in their own homes, where DVD's and books are readily available, where TV and newspapers report stories of the worst kind, we, as Christ's followers, are called to tell the most authentic story of all.

We may tell the story of how we first met Christ or why we chose to be baptised. It may be a story from the Bible or of how God is using us for His Glory through something we are doing. Or perhaps the story is told by the way we live and relate to others.

And as we share these stories, if we are truly placing our full focus on Christ, they fade into the background to become the ultimate story - His story.

In this issue we take a brief look at the power of a story as well as sharing a number of testimonials. AS you read, may you pause a moment to consider your own story and how it reflects to those around you, the most authentic story of all.

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"I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Then He took the children in His arms and placed His hands on their heads and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16 NLT).

Lord, as we consider the role stories play in our lives and the lives of those around us, help each of us cultivate the receptivity and faith of a child...

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The Power Of a Story

The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like children...

In this feature devotional Pr Dave Edgren explores what Christ was talking about when he took those children on his knee and made this statement, and how we can emulate this child like receptivity. He then explores further how we can apply this same principle in our dealings with others.



One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples, saying "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then He took the children in His arms and placed His hands on their heads and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16 NLT).

What would it have been like to be a child in this story? Unconcerned with the name and fame game, they just wanted to be with Jesus. Because He told great stories. Because He cuddled them. Because He laughed when they did. Because His smile was as sincere and kind as His eyes.

Children wanted to be with Jesus because He loved them – and they could feel it.

While He held the children on His lap, Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Why? What intuitive receptivity or ability does a child have that adults lack? Somehow, kids 'get' the Kingdom of God. The story gets through.

What attribute of childlikeness must we have to enter the Kingdom of God?

In 2007 Oxford University began a study with the goal being to understand why humans across the globe and through time have faith. What is it about humanity that results in every culture having religion; a belief in a higher power? Three years later a convention was held to reveal the findings. Scientists, it seemed, discovered that to understand human faith we must first understand a child's faith.*

Findings suggested that in imaginative play all children include a "God" figure of some kind, even children from non-faith backgrounds, and these invisible friends are more likely to be immortal than natural; more "godlike than doglike."

Children's imaginations do not create pets to play with, but instead wonder toward God.

Another interesting finding about the faith of children was that children understand God's immortality before they understand

human mortality. Eternal life makes more sense than human death. Scientists were amazed by this finding but to Christians, it is perfectly reasonable because we know God's original plan for life did not include death.

Childlike faith understands this intuitively.

Those who make-believe most authentically, it would seem, also believe most authentically. Jesus calls us toward an experience of faith in which, like a child, the imagination is fully engaged.

In storytelling, a story becomes effective when the listener exercises the "suspension of disbelief." This is the ability to enter the story-world – to let go of "reality" while enjoying the story. You have undoubtedly experienced this during a movie or while reading a book when your mind stops saying, "this is just a story" and starts allowing the story to come to life – allowing it, in effect, be true.

The ability to fully enter a story and forget the cares of the world for a time, is part of what it is to be human. It exists in all cultures, when stories are told. Most children are able to suspend disbelief as quickly as you can say "once upon a time". And for them, it takes very little time to go from hearing a story to believing it is true. Adults take a bit longer.

Those who believe most authentically, make-believe most authentically and this is the childlike reality that we are called to imitate. We are to be engaged with the story like a child. Childlike faith - the faith required to get into the Kingdom of God - is a faith that gets lost in the story.

If God wants us to get lost in the story of His presence, power and provision then there should be somewhere we can turn to engage in

it, and there is. The Bible is full of stories. Eighty per cent of the Bible is story! Why so many stories? Because God knows we need stories to hang our faith on – He created us this way. So I can know I am on the right track when I find myself lost in the epic story of God and His Kingdom.

The scientific method has so overpowered our thought world that, even in the church, we have become convinced that empirical proof is required to prove truth.

Stories of faith, however, operate on a different level of thinking. And truth of a belief nature does not typically do well on the empirical tests of scientific thinking.

So, do stories still live in the hearts of people today or has story-based-truth been killed by science? Is there anywhere in our world where we can go to find myths to build our character — stories to shape our identity and our passion for living? Does a place exist in our modern world, where we can hear stories of things beyond-belief and yet grasp them as believable?

Absolutely!

We do not scientifically believe a boy bitten by a spider can then shoot webs out of his wrists and scale buildings with his bare hands. And yet, globally, we did sit for 90 minutes, enthralled as Peter Parker donned his Spiderman suit and fought evil - and then left thinking, "I too believe that 'great power must be accompanied by great responsibility'."

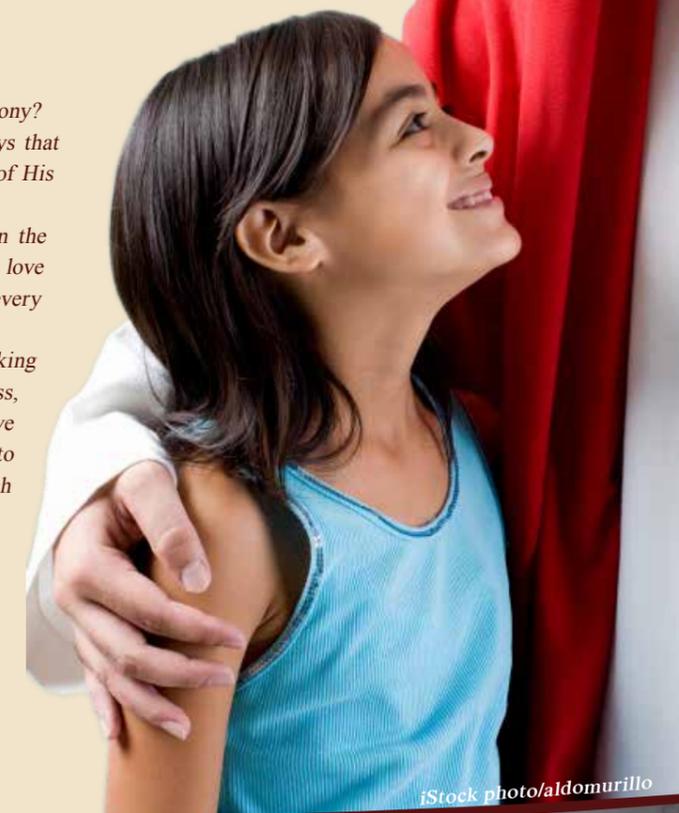
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THE POWER OF TESTIMONY

What more powerful a story is there than one's own personal testimony? Here is an excerpt from Ellen White's Testimonies where she says that while sermons are important, so is the telling of stories - stories of His work in us and through us.

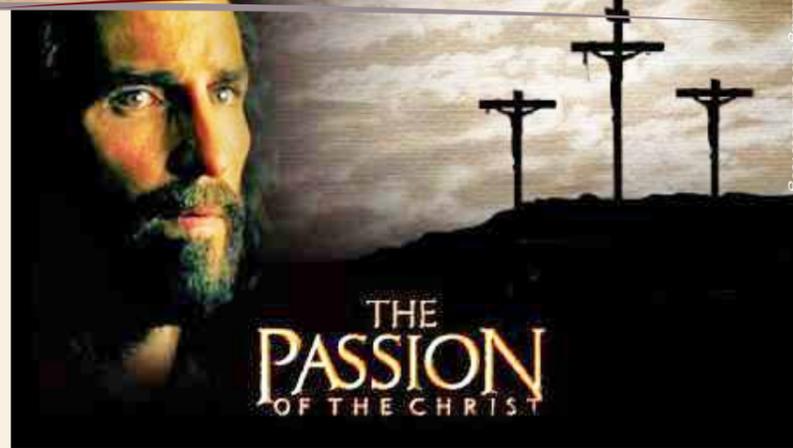
"...There are times when it is fitting for our ministers to give on the Sabbath, in our churches, short discourses, full of the life and love of Christ. But the church members are not to expect a sermon every Sabbath.

Let us remember that we are pilgrims and strangers on this earth, seeking a better country, even a heavenly. Let us work with such earnestness, such devotion, that sinners will be drawn to Christ. Those who have united with the Lord in the covenant of service are under bonds to unite with Him in the great, grand work of soul saving. Let church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experience. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigour. When God's people see the great need of working as Christ worked for the conversion of sinners, the testimonies borne by them in the Sabbath service will be filled with power. With joy they will tell of the precious experience they have gained in working for others." (7T 19)



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The Power **Of** a Story continued



Don't miss what is going on here. Yes, people are still very involved with the myth-making of superheroes, gods and goddesses, but they are not going to the movies to *find* their gods. They are going to the movies to find *themselves* — their values, their identity and their purpose. They are looking for a good story to hang their life on.

We do not scientifically believe that a child was quietly sent here from a distant part of the universe, raised by human parents, that he walked among us as a man, looked like us, acted like us and yet when the moment of need arose he was revealed to be very unlike us... as he emerged from a nearby telephone booth wearing his red cape and blue suit with the letter 'S' emblazoned on his chest.

Thinking of someone else perhaps? Someone who was sent from above as a baby, lived with unassuming human parents, grew up incognito in a nondescript village and revealed his true identity and purpose as an adult — miraculously healing people, saving people, raising the dead and ultimately emerging from death Himself. Has the church slowed in the telling of this story in all its compelling glory, falling into the scientific mind trap? What would happen if this superhero - this Jesus of ours - was allowed the "suspension of disbelief" by the world today?

A few years ago, I took a youth group in Tasmania to see "The Passion of the Christ" on opening night. Something amazing happened in the theatre that night. "In my 20 years of running this theatre," the owner later said to me,

There is so much power in a story.

For yourself, let your imagination come back to life once again. Enjoy the Bible as the storybook of the ages. Let it speak to you and through you in a way that is beyond belief.

And for others, tell the Jesus Story in a way that gives the world what it needs — a story to hang faith on. "Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, He never spoke without using such parables" (Matthew 13:34 NTL). So give them the reality of Jesus the way the Master Storyteller would have — in a story. And you will know which one to tell — you have listened to your friends or family members tell you their stories over the years. When they reach the point where suspension of disbelief is giving way to recognition of the truth, chose a story that resonates with their own. Perhaps it will be Peter's story, Esther's story, Thomas', Ruth's, Paul's... or maybe... your own.

Tell the story. Tell it wisely, choosing carefully which one and when. Tell it with your life and your lips...

And the story will make belief.

Pr Dave Edgren,
Sabbath Schools and
Children's Ministries Director.
Full articles titled 'Good Soil Story
Telling' and 'Believing Grownups'
are posted at prdaveonline.blogspot.com.au

* A Project Summary of Oxford's CSR Convention can be found at <http://www.cam.ox.ac.uk/research/research-archives/cognition-religion-and-theology/project-summary>

FEATU**RE**
Stories **Of Harvest**

There are few greater stories that can be told than the stories of God's work with in each of us.

The Melbourne Asian Church has had reason to celebrate recently, with a number of baptisms over the last six months...

Each person has their own special story — their own testimony to God and His work in their lives. But these stories are not just about the individuals. They are also stories of how God has worked in the lives of the church family, reaching through them to touch these individuals and draw them to Him. And as is so often the case when it comes to our great God, these stories are not just about here and now, but reach further than we can imagine.

Pr Isaac Foo shares some of these stories with us in this issue. "There are two things worth mentioning about all these baptisms," he says. "Firstly, an active teen group and committed youth Bible teachers were crucial factors that led the young people to Christ. Secondly, Melbourne is a mission field for China! Many who come here to visit their family have been touched by the transformation they see in their relatives and are attracted to Christ!"

As you read, may you be encouraged to tell others your story — don't ever think it is not worth telling — how can it be insignificant when it is the story of God's love?

Joseph and Stephanie Yu joined the church family with their children. They used to attend other churches however became interested in our church during our public evangelism in August 2009 and since then Melbourne Asian Church has been their church family. Now that Stephanie's parents are in Melbourne, they are also attending our church.

Chariot Chan is high schooler who has grown up in Adventist family. He did not, however, take baptism for granted but has travelled his own journey from doubt to faith and final commitment.

Joseph Cheong also grew up in an Adventist family, where making his own personal decision for Christ was emphasised. He deeply missed Nunawading Christian College after he moved to another school for his education and found studying in a non-Christian school quite testing. Through these circumstances, Joseph grew in his faith as he learnt to lean on Christ and to stand on his own feet!

Shelly Liu is an overseas student from inner north of China, who is studying at RMIT. A friend invited her to a youth Care Group in Box Hill. At first she did not understand much about the sharing, but gradually she began to, and it was by depending on God that she was able to walk courageously through a very challenging time. After two years of Bible studies with our Bible worker, Shelly finally decided that Christianity is something she will adhere to throughout her life. She was amazed to discover, when visiting her parents in China, that her grandparents are actually Seventh-day Adventists too!

CHURCH LEADERS WITH THE BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES JOSEPH AND STEPHANIE YU, SHELLEY LIU, CHARLOTTE CHAN AND JOSEPH CHEONG

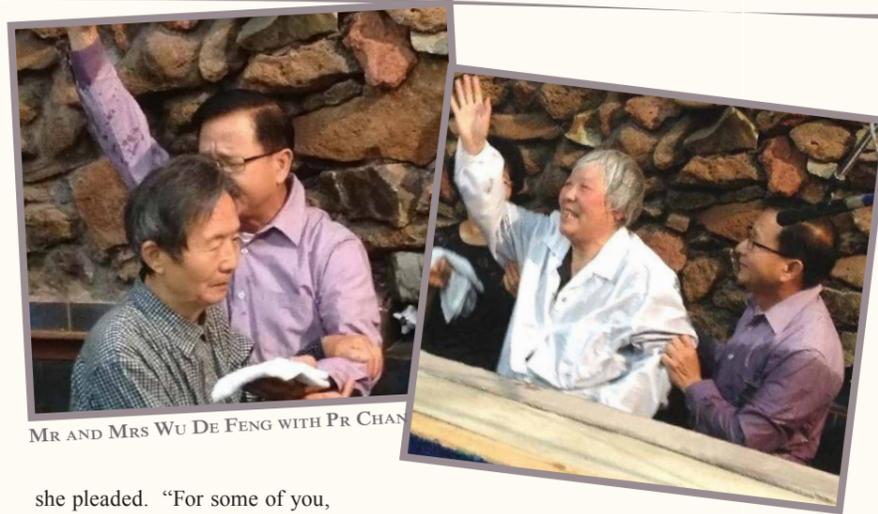


Stories of Harvest continued

Mr and Mrs Wu De Feng came to visit their daughter Anna Hao, who was baptised in July last year. They were amazed to see the transformation in their daughter's life. Initially Anna simply shared Christ with them. Later on she invited the Bible worker to visit and study with them. The whole church felt their joy of conversion as they shared their story of God's wonderful leading!

Shu Hua Wang's daughter, Nina, lives in Melbourne and encouraged her mother to attend her local church in China. She tried, but the sermons did not make sense to her. When she came to visit Nina in Melbourne, she was convicted of God's power as she observed the changes in her daughter's life. Nina shared Jesus with her until she was interested in studying the scriptures with a Bible worker. She said that knowing God was the happiest thing in her life when she was baptised, before returning to her home.

Jesslyn Lengkong told the church family at her baptism that she prayed for those who were thinking about, or planning to be baptised. "Please, for your own sakes, don't delay it like I did,"



MR AND MRS WU DE FENG WITH PR CHAN

she pleaded. "For some of you, six years is not very long, but for me that was one third of my life wasted on just thinking about following Christ."

Jordan Wong shared that he didn't get any meaning out of the sermons in church when he was younger. But "when I grew older and actually listened to the speakers, I started to understand what they were saying. My understanding about the world started to change and I began to look at it differently. I used to think because I went to church I had to believe in God. But now I know we are

given a choice. My choice is that I want to believe that there is a God."

Sandra Zuo spoke about how she changed from a study focused life to a purposeful life in Christ: "Slowly but surely, I rediscovered God and rebuilt my relationship with Him. I realised that even if you're the smartest person in the world, or the person with the most friends, if you don't have God in your life, you will always feel incomplete. I also found that Christianity wasn't boring at all, as I had previously thought, and I no longer see it as a burden."

Ashlee Wong gave her heart to Christ at her school week of spiritual emphasis. "It was the last day of 'Grow in God' week," she told the church at her baptism. "That week had been about how, while Satan was fighting for our hearts, minds and souls, Jesus had died on the cross to save us and give us eternal life, because we are sinners and will never be perfect. The band was playing the closing song, 'Came to My Rescue' when I just started crying."

She shared about the changes in her life. "Before Jesus I had a low view of myself. I thought that I wasn't useful or of value to many people. But then I learnt and actually believed that I am a princess and a child of God. He does have a purpose for me and wants me to be used for His works. From then on, I wanted to help other people, especially girls who lack in confidence. Before I knew Jesus, I was a selfish person, but now I want to be able to help and care for others. Life is less about me and more about God."

Jason Shing had walked away from God. "After a relationship I had ended, I decided to move away. I didn't attend the care group or church but started hanging out with my school friends, partying on Friday night, going out on Saturday morning and doing things I had never done before in my life. But I only found emptiness as I followed my friends, doing what they were doing. I couldn't find any happiness in it, in fact there was a little voice telling me not to do it. I tried to ignore it as much as I could but the voice just got louder and louder."

He then shared about his conversion experience at a youth camp.

"When the speaker talked about the Three Angels' messages and Jesus dying for my sins on the cross, I was touched. He ended the sermon with pray, and in my mind I saw Jesus as we prayed. He was standing right in front of me. It seemed so real as He said to me "Don't give up, don't give up on me." And my tears fell."

Grace Sin attended Gilson College's challenging Year 9 bush camp. She shared with her church family how "Each step seemed like an encouragement from God, telling me that the destination was one step nearer. Even though I could not see God physically, I felt Him there spiritually, guiding and helping me through the challenges. In Philippians 4:13, it says that, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

"That was my motivation and I praised Him that I made it through! Without Him, I don't think I would have been able to go through it. Going out into nature, away from the busy life and technology helps me learn more about God through His wonderful creation."

Kenney Lay found God at the 2011 youth camp. "I was so on fire for God, so eager to have Bible studies. And so it started and has continued until now. I clearly remember one of the speaker's talks about idolatries that led me to realize there were many idols in my life I needed to get rid of. My experience with God is real - He is there for me. Although I have had ups and downs, I still am on fire. If you ask me how real God is... take my word for it, He's 100%!"

After our most recent baptism service, another five young people stood up when an appeal was made for those who want to follow Christ and be baptised. We are looking forward to celebrating another harvesting occasion!

We praise God for His works in the hearts of these people as the members of this church carry out the Gospel commission of sharing Christ's love with the world. It is His message and the love He has implanted in the hearts of church members that have led these precious people into His kingdom here on earth and forever!

Pr Isaac Foo

JORDAN, GRACE, ASHLEE, SANDRA, JESSLYN, SHU HUA, JASON AND KENNEY TAKE THEIR BAPTISMAL VOWS



A Story of Kingdom Kids MILDURA CHURCH

Following the Adventurer Camporee at Howqua earlier this year, Mildura Adventurer Leaders, Jonathan and Di Obst along with Sharyn Dowdy, came back to their local church fired up to get this ministry started in Mildura.

Merely two months later this vision was realised when 36 Adventurers and their families rolled up to the club's registration day. On May 19, led by flag bearer, Bailey Dean the Adventurer Club proudly marched into Mildura Church singing the Adventurer Song for their inaugural Induction Ceremony. The sea of Adventurer uniforms at the front was an overwhelmingly blessed sight to behold. Pr David Butcher prayed a blessing on the Club and it's families,

putting every child and every family under the Almighty Hand of the Lord. Carrying on the theme from Camporee, Adventurers finished the ceremony by singing, "I'm a Kingdom Kid", and claimed their place as workers for the Kingdom of God, declaring, "I'm not gonna wait to serve my King" ("I'm a Kingdom Kid" written by Karen Collum).

The Club's first meeting was held that afternoon with 40 Adventurers attending the session. "We are so blessed to have such a dedicated team of Godly staff who are passionate about discipling kids for the Kingdom," Di Obst said. When asked about how they achieved such a huge response in such a short time Di simply put it down to the providence of an amazing God and "providing a program which includes families. Each family is required to have an adult carer in attendance at every club meeting. We are here to help family's disciple their own children. Keeping families together is our aim."

Since that first meeting God has brought more Adventurers to the Club, with the total now hitting 50 at last count. One third of the families are from the community with many coming from the local Adventist school and playgroup.

One thing this testimony tells us all is that when God wants something done, He will provide the way! There is much God can do with willing workers, generous church budgets, supportive church administration and a church with a vision to see His kingdom come. "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 (NIV) IntraVic

ADVENTURERS
KIDS AT
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The Relevance of Prophecy MILDURA CHURCH

In a time where the devil is working ever harder to destroy the church and its teaching, Mildura members were blessed with a weekend visit from Dr Alan Lindsay and his wife Deirdre, in March earlier this year.

Dr Lindsay presented five meetings on the Spirit of Prophecy and its relevance to today's 21st century Seventh-day Adventist church.

Again and again he reminded us to look only to God and His Word. Like the moon is to the sun, Ellen White's writings are to reflect the light that only comes from the Word of God. They are to be read in context of time, place and circumstance and above all not to be used to promote extremes in any area of our spiritual,

emotional and physical life.

His visit was like a small taste of Heaven on earth. Dr Lindsay gently brought us all to a closer understanding of the spiritual beginnings of our Adventist Church movement and, most importantly, to a heartfelt comprehension that God loves each of us deeply and would not have even one of us lost in the Great Controversy that surrounds us at every moment.

Is the Spirit of Prophecy still relevant to

James Kent Joins the Team PRESTON CHURCH

Brother James Kent, who is Auditor for the South Pacific Division, also enjoys working with local churches and in recent years served Auburn Church in the capacity of volunteer pastor.

This year saw James join the congregation of Preston, where he delivered his maiden sermon on 3 March 2012.

"I must say I enjoy my pastoral roles," says James. "It puts a bit of perspective in my life after dealing with finance and administration all week. I have lived in

Preston for about thirty years but this is the first time I have ever regularly attended this Church. It is very multicultural and exciting, and I am really enjoying my time here." Brother Kent's appointment was timely as it came when Preston needed an assistant pastor to support the efforts of

A Sabbath in the Tabernacle BAIRNSDALE CHURCH

In mid-May church members celebrated a Sabbath with a difference when they got together along with several visitors, for a "Bush Sabbath" at beautiful Lakeview in East Gippsland.

BAIRNSDALE CHURCH MEMBERS WORSHIPPED TOGETHER IN A BUSH CHAPEL BEFORE EXPERIENCING WORSHIP IN THE ISRAELITES TABERNACLE



During the morning the pathfinder group energetically participated in a 5km walk while their elders gathered in a rustic bush chapel for worship. This was followed by a picnic lunch together and then came the highlight of the day – a walk through the Old Testament Sanctuary. Gary and Carol Stoneman showed us how a scale model of the sanctuary was assembled, then Pastor Matt Hunter, robed in the attire of the high priest, led us back to days of old. He explained the models of the Sanctuary furniture (made by different church members) and how they gave the gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Seeing these "visual aids" brought to vivid life what it must have been like for the Children of Israel. Our children were clearly fascinated. We recommend such an active sermon to bring to life the love of our Saviour.

Judy Walker



DR ALAN LINDSAY AND HIS WIFE DEIRDRE WITH MILDURA CHURCH MEMBERS SAMUEL THORPE, JOTHAM AND HARRIET KINGSTON, JOE TASSONE AND BERNICE BRADSHAW.

today's 21st Century church? Absolutely yes! And the blessings available as we recognise the gift we as Adventists have been given by God through His servant, Ellen, are indeed abundant.

Di Obst

BROTHER JAMES KENT (BACK ROW THIRD FROM RIGHT) WITH PRESTON CHURCH ELDERS



the senior pastor, Dr Georges Latchman, with Pastor Tini Rimoni, who is accredited to Preston, leading the Northern Corridor Church Plant program. Members warmly welcome James to their congregation.

Ben Okai, IntraVic

It's My Very Own FRANKSTON CHURCH

The Women's Ministries team at Frankston have chosen to be part of the now world-wide organisation—IT'S MY VERY OWN Bags of Love.

This ministry was developed by an Adventist woman in the US seven years ago. She felt inspired by God to use her store of fabric and sewing talent to make quilts for the growing number of children who are removed from their family homes through no fault of their own.

Sue Mercer, Safe Places Coordinator, attended Frankston soon after the women had decided to participate in this project, and she was very impressed. "As a previous Foster Carer myself, I am only too aware of the benefit that these bags of love could be to a child, as we were often given the care of children who had no possessions and mostly only the clothes that they stood up in at the time." It is

hoped that by giving these children bags of love, packed with items they need that they can call their own, they will know that someone does care for them. Each Bag of Love includes a handmade quilt, stuffed animal, toys, stationary, or small items such as a disposable camera or radio, as well as essential personal care items and church members have been invited to help the Women's Ministries team by offering donations of time and skill, money or goods.

The ladies in Frankston are discovering how energising it can be to be using their



RAMONA, ESTHER, DEIRDRE JOAN AND JUDY ARE EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE 'IT'S MY VERY OWN BAG OF LOVE' PROJECT



hobbies and interests for others. So why don't you think about what you could do – it might just be what you need! If you would like to find out more about this organisation, or would like to contribute in some way to Frankston Church's project, please contact Judy on 0450928706 or imvobagsoflove@gmail.com.

Where It All Began... NORTH FITZROY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The 5th May 2012 was set aside at North Fitzroy as a special Heritage Day, to remember and celebrate the way God helped establish the Adventist Church in Australasia. The program included a commemorative service, lunch, heritage displays, heritage passbook for kids, historical reenactments and horse and carriage rides.

Actors in costume brought characters and stories from the past to life. Scenes were re-enacted in front of buildings such as the Echo Publishing building and Burnham House where Adventist printing first began. Other scenes took place in front of the first Union Office and Health Food Agency as well as the

house in which Ellen White stayed when she first arrived in Melbourne in 1891.

A favourite scene was the bank manager and his assistant puzzling over the angel opening a locked and bolted door for Elder Faulkhead and Elder Daniells. Actors playing the roles of Robert and Henrietta Hare delighted not only

Adventists on the tour but also local residents. Many visitors had family connections to the Adventist pioneers and enjoyed sharing their stories. A large number of new Adventists who attended remarked that they had gained valuable insights and understanding as to how and where the church began.

Phyona McMahon

Giving Thanks BAYLES SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

This year's National Thanksgiving Day fell on May 26. A Christian based initiative endorsed by the Government and supported by numerous community groups, this day gives people an opportunity to show warm support to their local communities.

Members of Bayles Church wanted to let the people who provide essential services in their area know that they are indeed valued and appreciated. The ladies of the church met in the hall on the Thursday before and baked fresh hot scones. The jam and cream scones were then delivered for staff morning tea at the Primary School, the Kindergarten, the Post Office/General Store and the Garage, with an accompanying Thank You card and message of appreciation from the church members. The Captain of the Bayles Fire Brigade and his team of volunteers, and our local Aged Care Hostel also received cards and messages of sincere appreciation.

HERITAGE DAY AT NORTH FITZROY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



JOYLENE BOKOS, KELLY BEVERIDGE AND COURTNEY BENNETTS WITH THE SCONES THE LADIES OF BAYLES BAKED FOR NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY.



Saying Farewell MARYBOROUGH CHURCH

The month of April saw the church saying farewell to two faithful members, Bill and Ilse van Veldhoven.

For about 27 years, they have been involved in the local church, holding a multitude of positions. Ilse spent many years teaching in the children's Sabbath school class and her love of good books made her an enthusiastic librarian. Bill held many different positions including elder, clerk and treasurer. Many of the locals Bill visited with throughout the years affectionately call

him the 'gumboot pastor'! Since 'retiring' he has been involved in various community projects such as assisting with Vision Australia and sang with the local Christmas carols choir. Many of the younger children would recall with smiles the different musical instruments that Bill would play, including the harmonica, the ukulele and bamboo pipes called



PASTOR BEN TOWNSON PRESENTS A FAREWELL GIFT TO BILL AND ILSE VAN VELDHOVEN AT MARYBOROUGH CHURCH

angklung. Just recently, Bill and Ilse decided to really retire, and they are now going to make Queensland their home to be close to family. Their absence will be sorely felt.

Pr Ben Townson

TeenLIFE NUNAWADING CHURCH

Organising fun, action and adventure for teens is something that Dale Judd and Paul Mason just can't get enough of! After running Nunawading Pathfinders for a number of years, they 'retired' to give someone else ago and have since then got themselves involved in another adventure – TeenLife.

If your Teen is looking for a chance to meet other kids and enjoys challenge and action, and you would like them to build a Christian social network in a fun but safe environment, then bring them along to TeenLife! Activities have included kayaking, Amazing Race at night, bush bashing, bonfire & capture the flag night, water skiing, bowling and MasterChef and they have had up to 25 teens from a number of churches participating.

So why have these two men dedicated so much of their time to this project, and invited not just the teens of Nunawading, but other churches as well?

"We do have church socials and Pathfinders," said Dale, "but in our last years as Pathfinder leaders we found it was becoming increasingly challenging to keep our older kids, particularly the boys.

"Perhaps they did not see it as 'cool' to be in a club with ten year olds. Or maybe it was something else. We figured we could try and change their perception, but that wouldn't work for all, and they would eventually stop coming and fall out of the 'system'.

"This age group can sometimes be neglected, particularly in churches that have a Pathfinder club, where people may think 'Oh, Pathfinders will look after them.' And while Pathfinders does reach a real need today's children have to get outdoors and try challenging activities, not everyone has this opportunity. Where once nearly every church had a club, this is no longer the case, for a variety of reasons.

"If we want our kids to stay in the Church we have to encourage them to build social networks across the Church. I say across the Church rather than within the home church because sooner or later people move and when they do, localised social networks soon fall apart.

"Today, there is a wide range of diverse social networks which compete for our kids' attention and we need as many avenues as possible

for them to build friendships within the Church."

While under the oversight of Nunawading Church, TeenLife is not just for its own teens. It is open to all 13-16 year olds, across Melbourne regardless of where they live or which church they attend, and further, it is suitable for them to bring their non-churched friends to if they like. It takes place every month, at a variety of times and venues, all advertised in advance. The cost is nominal, covering the activity and food only where necessary.

So do you have a teen that would benefit from yet another chance to build meaningful friendships within our Church network? Are you a teen leader or social leader at your church looking for events you can promote to your teens and their families in addition to what you organise? If so, then TeenLife is for you!

Further information available by calling 0437246067 or 97387077 or email vp_mason.5@hotmail.com.

There is also a Facebook page – TeenLife Australia (Members are listed under the group TeenLife).



NOTHING STOPS TEENLIFE – WHETHER IT BE THE CHALLENGE OF MASTERCHEF, OR THE FLOOD WATERS OF BLACKBURN LAKE – LIFE IS ON!



Schools Ambassador ADRA IN VICTORIA

Recently Karina Dobra was appointed as Victoria's Schools Ambassador for ADRA, joining Sarah Courtney, Victoria's Youth Ambassador, in representing ADRA to our young people. Here Karina tells us a little about herself and her new volunteer role, as well as local opportunities to make a difference.

In 2011, ADRA launched a program called ADRA Connections, aimed at providing greater opportunities and an easier access for groups of people to go away on volunteer trips and help out with ADRA projects overseas, while at the same time seeing some of the most amazing countries around the world and experiencing a totally different way of life. This year I am helping to organise a trip to Nepal with Heritage College, where we will be visiting and building a playground at one of the rural schools ADRA supports in this beautiful but needy country.

At the beginning of this year I went on a mission trip to Cambodia and India. This trip truly was THE greatest experience of my life and it taught me a lot about what it means to continuously be there for other people and how you CAN make a difference for others. And if anything, it was an amazing adventure getting to really integrate with the people in those countries. If any of you guys are considering going on a mission trip, or even if you're not, I would highly recommend it!

ADRA is organising a trip to Tanzania leaving in November this year and there are still some places left if you are considering it. Tanzania has the highest

population of albinos in the world and rumours are spread by witch doctors in the area that their body parts are magical and can cure diseases or create wealth - so a lot of albinos are kidnapped and murdered or raped. The group going to Tanzania will be assisting in building a thick, solid wall around one of the schools they support. This will protect the albino children in the school and allow them to learn in an environment where they feel safe and no longer have to fear being taken away at any moment.

One of the things I learnt while I was away is how much I want to, and how much I can, make a difference with my own friends and family and in my own community - because there is a lot of need right here in Melbourne.

It may seem overwhelming sometimes when you think about all the poverty and all the suffering in the world - you really want to help and make a difference but it feels impossible because there is just so much. However it's not about saving the world and even if you make a difference in just one person's life, isn't that worth it? It's an amazing feeling to know that even one person is happier or no longer suffering because of you!

To be honest, up until recently I had no idea

how many ADRA regional projects there are right here in Victoria. Any of us can get involved with them and they're always in need of more volunteers and help. Last year 13,816 individuals and families were helped through ADRA projects and churches across Victoria, but there are still more projects that need your support like the ADRA supported women's refuges (JEM), mentoring programs for at-risk youth, homework clubs for inner-city kids, and crisis centres. The Ferntree Gully church is even looking for a new volunteer manager for its food vouchers program. There are also many ADRA events that are aimed at raising money for ADRA projects such as the ADRA Appeal, ADRA Run coming up in July and annual basketball tournament just held with VicYouth. Check out ADRA's website (www.adra.org.au) for details of upcoming events in Victoria and across the country. So if you're interested you can make a huge difference to people here in Melbourne through these programs and projects. No, maybe this isn't on a global scale - but it is having just as big of an impact in the individual lives of God's people who are in need, right here in Melbourne.

Karina Dobra

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUCH AS CHRISTMAS BOXES (PLENTY VALLEY CHURCH) AND THE ANNUAL ADRA COLLECTION ALL HAVE AN IMPACT



A WALL SIMILAR TO THE ONE PARTICIPANTS ON THE TANZANIA TRIP WILL BE WORKING ON



KARINA WITH SAM, A YOUNG FRIEND SHE MET WHILE OVERSEAS



The young bull, Freddie, was very happy. Today was his first day in the field, working... Today he was entering the World of the Bull... Today he was going to show the world – or at least the other animals on his farm – What He Was Made Of!

So he trotted down the rutted lane with a jaunty spring in his step. Lambert, his best friend in the stable, was bouncing and frolicking along beside him, his white tail flicking this way and that.

“Th-this is so co-o-ol”, he baaed in his crackly little voice. “Y-y-ou-re really going to w-w-o-rk!” Lambert raced up ahead to climb a small mound and turned to challenge Freddie to push him off. But the young bull was having none of that today. He was far too grown up!

“I’ve got to save my energy, I am wearing the yoke today!” he said proudly.

Just then Bella and Betty ambled over to the fence to watch the two friends.

“What are you boys up to?” Bella asked as she fluttered her long lashes over her big brown eyes. Freddie puffed his chest out a bit more and tried to look important.

“W-e-e’re going to w-w-w-o-r-k,” answered Lamb. Freddie threw an exasperated glance in the lamb’s direction before turning to the young heifers with a grin.

“Yep! Not so sure about Lambert here, but I’m working in the yoke today!” He flicked his tail as he trotted past the girls’ fence and down the lane.

Eventually they arrived at the field. Two yokes were lying on the ground in the shade of a big tree. Freddie struggled into the one that looked his size and was soon hard at work. He had been planning for this moment as long as he could remember. He had watched how the other bulls did it and he knew all the moves. He had even listened carefully and made sure he had eaten the right things so he would be as fit and healthy as he could be.

Meanwhile Lambert continued to frolic around. He chased a few butterflies and tried to creep up on the sparrows. He found a bit of land that was just a few centimetres higher than the rest, and claimed it as his own castle, pretending he was the king. That didn’t work quite so well when there was no one to challenge him and eventually he ambled back over to the shade tree for a rest.

Finally the day was over. Freddie was really exhausted but as the two friends approached Bella and Betty’s field, he found the strength to lift his head a bit higher, and lash his tail back and forth.

“How did it go?” asked Betty who just happened to be lounging by the fence as they reached it, again.

“Was pretty hard,” said Freddie. “But I got heaps done,” he added.

“Ye-eh,” added Lambert. “He-e-e nearly did h-h-half the f-f-f-ield!”

“Aw, I wasn’t that good,” Freddie mumbled, pawing a tuft of grass with his hoof, but the gleam in his eye said he was pleased with Lambert’s praise.

The next day went pretty much the same. But after the lunch break, Lamb was joined by Big Bull as he rested in the shade of the tree. Big Bull was the boss. He plodded over and laid down near the lamb, chewing on some left over lunch, his big brown eyes fixed intently on Freddie struggling along the far fence. Big Bull didn’t say much to Lambert, and not long before finishing time he rose ponderously and slowly walked off down the lane. It must be hard carrying that much muscle around, lamb thought to himself.

On the way home, Freddie could hardly keep up with his friend, even though Lambert thought he was walking real slow! They were so slow in fact, the girls had already gone back to the barn and it was nearly dark by the time Freddie and Lambert were inside.

The young bull didn’t sleep well that night. His muscles kept twitching and he dreamt of endless rows of dirt, of clods of mud that refused to move and a yoke that was getting far too heavy.

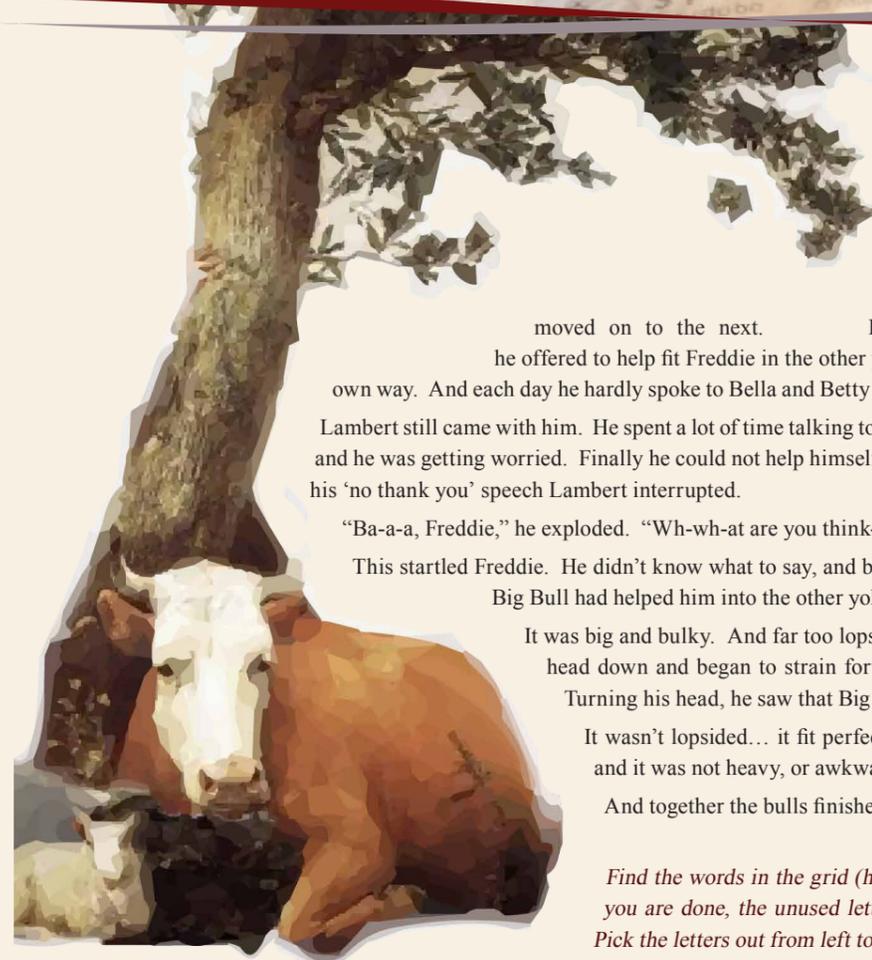
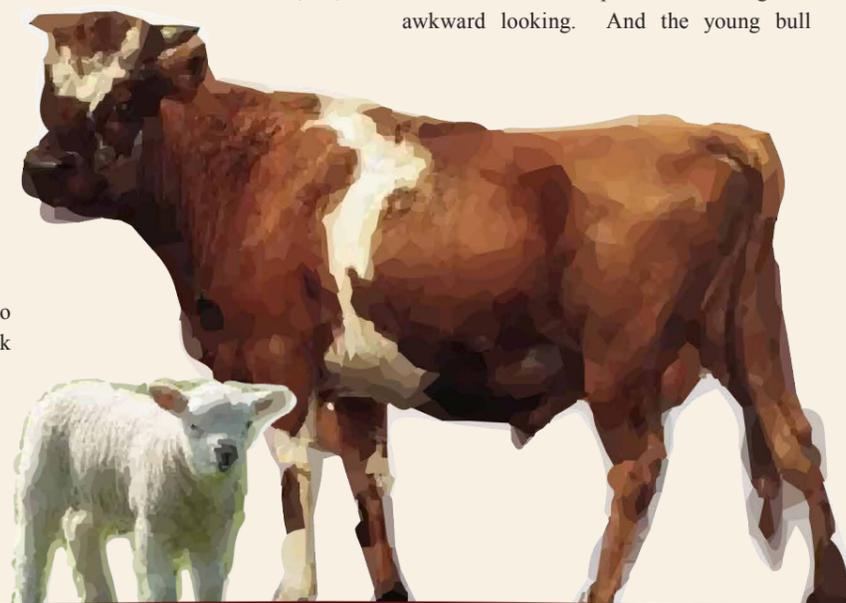
When Lambert woke Freddie the next morning he groaned. “Not sick,” he murmured in response to the lamb’s questioning look. “Just sore!”

But after a good breakfast and an invigorating roll in the hay, the two set off down the rutted lane once again... perhaps not as jaunty as other mornings, but happily enough. So Freddie was able to greet Bella and Betty cheerfully as they passed their field, and the girls admired how strong he must be to work so hard.

Arriving at the field, they found Big Bull lying under the tree next to the yokes.

“Why don’t you try this other yoke?” he asked Freddie as he began to get into the one he’d been using.

“Oh, no, that one doesn’t fit” he replied. It was big and awkward looking. And the young bull



couldn’t see how it would work.

“I could help you fit it,” offered Big Bull, but Freddie respectfully said no and got to work.

But it was much harder. And he went home much sorer. And day after day it just got worse and worse. It took three more days to finish the field before Freddie

moved on to the next.

Each morning Big Bull was there to greet them. Each day

he offered to help fit Freddie in the other yoke. Each day Freddie said no, he could do it himself, his

own way. And each day he hardly spoke to Bella and Betty until they stopped coming to the fence to see him anymore.

Lambert still came with him. He spent a lot of time talking to Big Bull during the day. He could see what was happening and he was getting worried. Finally he could not help himself – he just had to say something. And when Freddie started his ‘no thank you’ speech Lambert interrupted.

“Ba-a-a, Freddie,” he exploded. “Wh-wh-at are you think-in-ing? Ju-u-st try it already!”

This startled Freddie. He didn’t know what to say, and before he knew it his mouth had said ‘yes’ and Lambert and Big Bull had helped him into the other yoke.

It was big and bulky. And far too lopsided. He did not see how it was going to work. He put his head down and began to strain forward, and to his surprise he lunged almost to his knees. Turning his head, he saw that Big Bull had slipped into the other side of the yoke.

It wasn’t lopsided... it fit perfectly! And as Big Bull began to walk, Freddie joined him, and it was not heavy, or awkward. It was easy!

And together the bulls finished the field, then started on the third.

Find the words in the grid (horizontally, vertically, diagonally, in all directions!) When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a Bible verse from Matthew. Pick the letters out from left to right, top line to bottom line.

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barn	fence	plow
bella	field	roll
betty	grass	shade
bigbull	hay	sparrow
butterfly	heifer	terrence
calf	hoof	tree
castle	lamb	yoke
cow	lambert	
dream	lane	

Mother's Day High Tea GILSON COLLEGE



The Year 4 students at Gilson College in Melbourne's North West decided to show how much they love and appreciate their mums by holding a special Mother's Day High Tea.

All of the Year 4 students were involved in planning the menu, making the decorations and preparing the entertainment for the big event. Miss Pratt one of the Yr 4 teachers and Mrs Martin, the wife of the other Yr 4 teacher, baked over 100 cupcakes for the occasion. The students helped to cook scones, prepare sandwiches and make other delicious treats for their mothers to enjoy.

The best part was decorating all of the yummy cupcakes and students had a wonderful time icing and decorating with

lots of different types of lollies. They created special pink paper ornaments to decorate the room and carefully folded pink serviettes into hearts to make it look particularly pretty for the High Tea. All of the Year 4 student's mothers were invited to attend, as well as some special mothers from the community and around 40 were able to attend.

The students sang a special version of Bruno Mars' song "Just the Way You Are" to tell their mums just how much they mean to them. The mums had a wonderful time



MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA AT GILSON COLLEGE.

and the students were thrilled that they had been able to host such a fun High Tea.

As the afternoon concluded the big clean up began! Students helped to wash dishes, vacuum and sweep floors and do a general tidy up. Two dads volunteered their services and they helped wash the dishes and assist with the important clean up tasks. Everyone involved had a wonderful time.

Adelle Bergmann

Voice-Activated Shoelaces NUNAWADING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PRIMARY

Eight of our Grade 3 to 6 primary students, who regularly meet for Extension classes with Ms Kirsch, were invited to attend the 2012 workshop sessions at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre run by the Design Foundation.

The aim of the program was to encourage children to reflect on ways they could improve their world through design. They were invited to brainstorm and develop their ideas both individually and with group collaboration.

Nicholas Bowman, a Grade 3 student, volunteered to take the stage in front of over 1000 people, to share his plan to develop

'Voice-activated Automatic Shoelaces' to help little kids who can't tie their own, and to save grown-ups time.

All our students came up with creative and interesting ideas, which were used to create a puzzle piece artwork that was on display at the MEC for the following week.

Peter Michalski



STUDENTS ATTENDED THE MELBOURNE EXHIBITION CENTRE WITH MS KIRSCH, WHERE NICHOLAS BOWMAN PRESENTED HIS INVENTIVE IDEA TO OVER 1000 PEOPLE



Signs Reaffirms Marriage Act

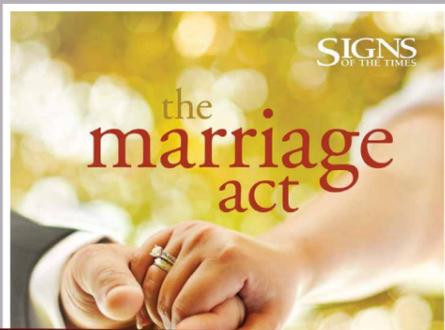
Signs Ministry has produced a new flyer in its Goodwill series, entitled *The Marriage Act*, in response to a growing worldwide debate.

"It seems to me that the biblical view of marriage hasn't been well-presented, especially in recent weeks," says Signs the Times editor, Lee Dunstan. "Very little is heard in the defence of marriage in its God-given form, and if given, is either reactionary, even hostile, or met with ridicule."

The Marriage Act outlines the origin and definition of marriage and gives a positive Christian view of the institution. The article is extracted from the July issue of Signs and has been produced specifically for sharing and letterboxing.

Wolfgang Jenke, pastor of the Farleigh and Walkerston Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Queensland (Northern Australian Conference), wrote the article. *Why?* and *Money Meltdown*, previous flyers in the Goodwill series, have also been reprinted and are also available for purchase.

To find out more about The Marriage Act, go to www.signsofthetimes.org.au/marriageact



Regional Ministry VICYOUTH

Regional youth ministry was created to more effectively support local church youth ministry through the appointment of a regional youth coordinator.

Currently we have six youth regions in Victoria which are aligned with the pastoral district structure. Regional youth ministry events create opportunities for youth to network and fellowship together, particularly churches where there are only a handful of youth, and local church youth needs can be addressed more effectively.

Regional events provide further opportunities to invite disengaged youth or those on the fringes or to invite non-Christian friends. It also creates a great vehicle to grow and develop the leadership skills of our young people.

Recently the Gippsland youth held a regional event at Phillip Island. They came together for a day of surfing, fun and food under the tutelage of former pro surfer Glyndon Ringrose. This annual event is a unique day where the youth have the opportunity to invite their non-Adventist friends to enjoy affordable fun, fellowship and worship... yes, worship in the surf!

James Smith, one of the youth leaders in Moe, tells us about this highlight on the Gippsland youths' social calendar.

All 30 of us arrived about 10am thinking that the weather was going to be cold and

raining, but for the fourth year in a row, God blessed us with great weather. We met at the Smith Beach Surf Shop where Glyndon Ringrose, a former world circuit champion, works designing and shaping the Ringo brand Surfboards.

Hitting the beach outfitted with new bruit wetsuits and soft surfboards 7' to 8'10 long, we gathered in a huddle while Paul Holton gave us a brief talk on Op + Preparation = Success. We had an Op to learn from the best and all we had to do is be prepared to seize it. Paul then related this to Op + Preparation = Salvation, and Matthew 7:7 - seek and ye shall find,

knock and it will be given you, and he concluded with prayer.

After that, warmups followed and then the training on reading surf and safety tips, and finally into the surf we went. Where the rubber meets the road.

Two hours later we all had slowed down physical and were in need of food - the Hot Chips and BBQ were delicious!

To finish the event off, Glyndon shared part of his testimony of his world tour and how he shared God with his fellow surfers, and then we concluded our day with prayer.

We will be back again next year!

James Smith



GIPPSLAND YOUTH MET AT PHILLIP ISLAND FOR A DAY OF WORSHIPING GOD AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER. GLYNDON RINGROSE (IN BLACK) SHARED HIS TESTIMONY WITH THEM.

Outreach Training VICYOUTH

Well over one hundred young people and adults attended this annual event run by the Youth Department, where the primary focus was training and equipping young people to run STORMCo events. Quite a number of those attending, however, were taking advantage of the training to gain skills for overseas mission trips and for running kids clubs.

They received training in areas such as face painting, drama, ballooning, storytelling and clowning. This year we added a number of new workshops such as looking at the foundational principles of STORMCo and looking at ADRA's work and mission, as well as service opportunities within ADRA locally and over seas.

2012 marks the 20th anniversary of STORMCo which first began in Brisbane and now operates in many countries around the world. This year VicYouth's goal is to see ten STORMCo trips up and running from our local churches in Victoria.

Phil Hyland
Assistant Director of VicYouth



ACTIVITIES AT THE OUTDOOR TRAINING DAY INCLUDED FACE PAINTING, STORYTELLING AND CLOWNING





WELCOME ~ WELCOME ~ WELCOME ~ WELCOME ~ WELCOME



A special welcome to Jathan John Harrison. Jathan, whose name means "God has Given", was born to Roselyn Harrison, one of our PA's at the Conference Office, and her husband Tony who is Deputy Principal at NCC. Congratulations, Ros and Tony, on the long awaited and safe arrival of Jathan on May 8. May God be with you and bless you as you care for your precious little one.



TANYA AND LINDA HAVE JOINED THE OFFICE STAFF

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome to our office staff Linda Taskis, who has stepped into Ros' shoes as PA to the Ministerial Secretary, and Tanya Karaoglanis, our multi-departmental PA caring for Health, Children's Ministries, Sabbath Schools, Personal Ministries, Safe Places, Women's Ministries and ADRA.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK

VicYouth recently received a note from Rochester, expressing the thanks of the community there for the work that the youth and high schoolers did for residents who had been affected by flood damage.

"I enjoyed my afternoon with the young people" said Heather, with whom VicYouth had liaised for this part of the Elmore Camp program. "They certainly worked very hard to complete all tasks. Those Rochester residents who had work done for them were very grateful. Thank you and your members for the support they gave to Rochester - it is difficult to believe how a flood event can affect a community and bring people together." So to all of you who were involved in this project, Thank You.

PAGE 8—Campaspe Valley News Real Estate, Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Community work for visitors

A group of Seventh Day Adventists visited Rochester on Good Friday to complete some community work.

The group of more than 150 people took on various jobs. They sanded and painted the holding cells behind the old court house and tidied up the lawn.

Branches were removed from Campaspe Golf Course and the team picked up papers and broken glass from the skate park.

One Rochester resident had six doors painted by the volunteers, while five others had their lawns mown and weeded.

Afterwards, the group walked around Rochester handing out Easter eggs before heading to the Seventh Day Adventists' annual conference at Elmore Events Centre.



A group of more than 150 people helped clean up Rochester as part of a recent visit.

Visit vic.adventist.org.au and follow the links to the Safe Places site where you can find our resources and further information



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

July 2012

Sabbath	Opening	Closing
Jun 29,30	5.11	5.11
Jul 6,7	5.14	5.15
Jul 13,14	5.19	5.19
Jul 20,21	5.24	5.24
Jul 27,28	5.29	5.30

Offering Schedule

- JUNE**
- 30 - Local Church Budget
- JULY**
- 7 - World Mission
- 14 - Local Church Budget
- 21 - Education/Camping Ministry
- 28 - Local Church Budget
- AUGUST**
- 4 - Education/Camping Ministry
- 11 - Local Church Budget employee program
- 18 - Media Evangelism
- 25 - Local Church Budget

Adventist Book Centre

July Special



Suffering from "Soul Fatigue"? The Great Physician is in! Weariness of soul is epidemic. In the unmerciful crush of life's demands even our faith gets victimized. We find ourselves too tired, hurried and preoccupied to have a meaningful relationship with God.

Pastor and author Karl Haffner has found a better way. With lots of laugh therapy along the way, and mega-doses of wisdom, pastor Karl exposes the root causes of soul fatigue and prescribes the biblical cures to remedy them. Learn how to win over worry. Banish the blues. Get your priorities in order. Deal with discouragement. Find forgiveness. Follow your life calling, and more. If you want to find the rest Jesus promised (Matt. 11:28-29) and escape the joyless pit of life lived on "fast forward," then this collection of stories and scriptures is just what the Doctor ordered.

Volunteer Manager Needed.

ADRA, through the Ferntree Gully SDA Church, operates a Crisis Relief Service every Monday from 1-3pm and requires a Manager to run the program.

Hours: 12 - 4pm every Monday (Excluding School and Public Holidays) Training will be provided in intervention and assessment.

For more info please call Trevor Rowe: 0409 011 893

Recon Camp - August 3-5th @ Camp Howqua

Do you enjoy working with kids (6-12yrs) from different backgrounds? Do you want to go on a CAMP?

Mentors/staff required to work with kids from Operation Stitches (Office of Housing - Richmond). Must have Working with Children Check and lots of energy!

Weekend Includes: Survivor race, SNOW, games, and much much more. Mentors/staff required to also prepare and lead activity areas.

Call Rebecca Auriant for more info: 0411865790/ra@adventist.org.au

Recon, an initiative of the Victorian Youth Department of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (VicYouth) and ADRA partners with Operation Stitches, a not for profit Christian agency, to help Melbourne's inner-city kids build resilience and say no to drugs, violence and crime.

Experiential Learning Centre

Upcoming Dates - JUL 21 - Small Group Evangelism - AUG 18 - Men's Shed and Community Programs that really bring people to church

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Better Health Lectures 7 - 9pm

Barbara O'Neill is a Naturopath and Nutritionist who has a true gift of natural healing. She is a popular national and international speaker with the ability to make complex health principles very simple to understand and apply in your life.



- Tuesday 3rd July - Natural Treatment for Diseases
- Wednesday 4th July - The Liver - The body's Project Manager
- Thursday 5th July - Heart Health & High Blood Pressure
- Friday 6th July - Water & Salt balance in your body

Cost: \$15 per session at the door or pre-book on-line and pay \$10 per session or \$30 for all 4 sessions

Saturday 11am - 1pm - Overcoming Depression - No cost for this Health Session (main part of our usual church service)

All Lectures at - 100 James Street, Dandenong
Seventh-Day Adventist Church Melway: 90 C3

Call Liz 9796 8885 / 0400195330
email e.croom@heritagecollege.com.au



Online Tickets -
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Sunday - July 8th, 15th, 22nd

6 - 8pm Cost - voluntary donation

Each week there will be several cooking demonstrations and a health talk, followed by tasting of each recipe.



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Seventh-Day Adventist Church Hall
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DATES: July 9 to 13
Cost: \$5 for 1 child
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PH: Rosie on 0425 778 539

Steve Whitson
Trust Services & Stewardship Director

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Position Vacant Manager

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JULY 15, 2012

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July 20-22, 2012

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