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God IS at work in Victoria

I am convinced of this.

I've just attended the Archaeology program at Berwick where Pr Gary Webster presented to a crowded university lecture theatre. People eagerly perused the magazines they were given on the way in as they waited for the

program to commence. Quickly the seats filled. The cool wet afternoon didn't keep them away. 177 had booked in on-line. Around 200 attended, with church folk bringing friends along. Praise God!

The previous day, Pr Webster presented at Point Cook where 55 had pre-registered on-line. However, on the day, about 140 sat attentively drinking in Gary's message.

In the last few weeks I've had the opportunity to meet with pastors in district meetings. What a blessing! We have six districts in our conference. Pastors come together regularly for worship, sharing, prayer and fellowship. What I've heard at these meetings about what is happening as our pastors work together with their churches is inspiring to me.

It's wonderful to know a little of what God is doing through His people. I can only share a few of the stories – there are more.

One of those stories is of a student at Gilson College, who, at a talent quest, presented a story he'd first heard at school the year before – a story that had impressed him deeply. That was the story of Daniel chapter two.

Pr Rod Anderson went knocking on doors to find new people. One guy answered the door and said, "I've been waiting for someone to come and tell me about God!" He's now having Bible Studies.

Our Polish church at Dandenong has a good attendance at the Life in Recovery program, and Health programs have been popular too.

Pr Miguel Flamenco reports that 2000 people are watching their Spanish TV program every month, and a number want to come to church as a result.

I'm so thankful that God is at work, through His people in Victoria, to fulfil the great commission of Mark 16:15. May we never lose the reason for existing.

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Conference President

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world, and preach
the gospel to every
creature...
(Mk 16:15)

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A Stone in Their Shoe

Written by Justin Bone
PASTOR - ARARAT CHURCH

“Do you remember your first attempt to win someone to your faith? Mine was not long after my baptism and I’m sorry to say my zeal was greater than my skill. I soon found out that declaring someone a sinner in a self-righteous tone was NOT the best way to gain their interest in matters of faith. After a number of rejections, I avoided those situations; afraid of failing God and afraid of people’s rejection, I stopped sharing my faith at all.”

In this devotional, Justin discusses how perhaps the first step in sharing our faith is as simple as asking a question that causes someone pause... and think...

“ All I want to do is put a stone in someone’s shoe... ”

Maybe you have had those moments yourself. An opportunity arises for you to share your faith and you freeze. Unsure what to say you wrestle internally with fear until the opportunity has passed. Then you remonstrate with yourself about your lack of faithfulness.

I was reassured by others, told that living a Christian life was enough of a witness. But when I read my Bible I didn’t see the disciples just settling down to live a good life. I saw them speaking without fear to a world that needed to hear. I saw Paul standing on Mars Hill under the shadow of the Parthenon itself, yet passionately preaching the risen Christ. And I wondered why I couldn’t do the same.

Be Prepared

At our recent ministers meetings, Grenville Kent encouraged us to preach apologetically and to be intentional about it. The word apologetics comes from the Greek in 1 Peter 3:15 - “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have [NIV].” We are encouraged to “Give an answer” or “make a defence” for our faith.

So in preparation for this article, I read Greg Koukl’s popular apologetic book “Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions” which has convinced me of several points.

Expectations

We may need to check our expectations when it comes to defending our faith.

It’s easy to expect that with each encounter we can present the gospel, answer objections, give our testimony and fit our rapt listener for a baptismal gown! If we don’t, we can feel we have failed God.

Koukl suggests a more modest goal may be appropriate. “All I want to do is put a stone in someone’s shoe... give him something worth thinking about, something he can’t ignore because it continues to poke at him in a good way.” (p37-38)

The truth is that for each of us, our path to God was likely made up of many moments building to a decision. Koukl reminds us that “even though a person rejects what you say, you may have put a stone in their shoe nonetheless. These things often take time. The harvest is often a season away.” (p.199)

Shifting the Framework

We also need to change our attitude toward such encounters. Often we anticipate that defending our faith is going to be combative. Koukl suggests it needn’t be and proposes we adopt the position of ambassadors, with an air of friendly curiosity rather than warriors.

That way we don’t expect to win, or best the other person, but to learn and understand them, with the ultimate goal of offering them reasonable, thought-out evidence for our faith.

The thought behind being an ambassador is having three qualities. Knowledge of the central message of your faith, wisdom to make your knowledge clear and persuasive, and a Godly character to humbly draw others to you. Koukl’s book focuses mainly on the second of these.

Tactics

While John 14:26 says that the Holy Spirit will remind us, it says first that He will teach us. We need to be willing students.

Strategy and preparation are necessary - it doesn’t just come to you - but you don’t have to be a theologian to engage



Justin Bone

in conversation. In fact, Koukl says no matter what level you are at, you can start straight away, because your primary aim is to ask questions.

He suggests that many people believe what they do without solid reasoning, and by asking questions, we can discover flaws in their beliefs that may just “put a stone in their shoe.”

He calls this the “Columbo” technique, referring to the ‘bumbling’ detective who, through clever use of questions, leads people to the correct answer, and he offers many strategies based around determining what the other person believes, and looking for any flaws in those beliefs for the “purpose of guiding them into the truth”. (p27)

This means actually paying careful attention to what others believe. Ultimately, Koukl says, many objections to Christianity boil down to the same issues over and over again.

If our main tactic is to ask questions, that is something anyone can do. With no need to come up with an answer immediately, one can take the time to learn, reflect and prepare a question that may progress the conversation next time.

Don’t be afraid!

Above all though, we can take heart when considering embarking on apologetics because not only is our faith reasonable, and defensible, we have the One with us who encouraged Jeremiah to “not be afraid of them” (Jer. 1:8), and with God by our side, anything is possible!



Health Check

Written by Denis Hankinson
PASTOR - RINGWOOD CHURCH

Does our church use healthy ways of reaching out to others? How would we know? Denis Hankinson looks at a recently developed survey, what it will reveal and how it will guide our leaders

I chatted to a 40-year-old overweight mate a few years ago. "Health-wise I'm fine," he said.

"Oh?" I inflected, "when was the last time you had a check-up?"

"Oh I haven't had one." He laughed.

Health checks are just that. Health checks. Not sickness finders or death predictors. In fact, the best death predictor is one's blindness in not having a health check! Health checks open our eyes to our strengths and those areas that need working on for better health.

Historical Check

Through the years, the Adventist Church has had available to it a number of good health checks. How many of you are remember the days of weekly church reporting? Persons helped... number of food parcels... items of clothing... pieces of literature distributed?

For many years, the Adventist Church has relied on church roll numbers to help assess its health. But nowadays in Western societies, there is very little "cleaning up" of the roll. Due to society's concept of issues such as "natural justice", legally it has become very complicated to remove someone

“ Imagine having reliable information about which evangelistic endeavours actually make the biggest impact, when trying to choose a project... ”

from the church membership roll unless they have personally requested such an action. Thus, church roles today are often double the size of the church's actual active membership. This means that we can no longer use church membership as an accurate indicator of what is happening in our church today.

Why Check?

Throughout the Bible, we are told we are the stewards of God's talents on earth. A major description of church leadership, both at the conference and local church administration levels, would also be God's stewards. And a steward or manager who does not monitor the incomings and outgoings of his venture would be a blind manager.

This was the attitude taken by the 'blind' steward who was given one talent in Jesus' parable. Such a manager, having placed the talent in the ground, does not have to watch for new, profitable opportunities for investment or for quickly changing, plummeting investments. That steward rests on his laurels in contrast to the diligent, watchful effort and actions that the good stewards of the five and ten talents enacted.

Check What?

Regarding our Church, a good steward MUST ask the question: What has the

God asked us to do? Simply put, what is our church's core mission?

According to Jesus in Matthew 28, the answer is simple - "make disciples". An important part of this discipleship process is to baptise.

Discipleship is our core business. The church needs to invest all its resources for that point alone. If something we do doesn't in some way help us ultimately bring more people to a saving relationship with Christ, then it should not be using church resources.

As you are aware, our resources such as time, talent and money, are not endless. So how do we best focus these limited resources?

More importantly how do we decide?

Informed Check

One key is that the decision must be informed.

Have you, like me, heard the following blanket statements about evangelistic methods:

Most of our key leaders in our local churches joined the church through public evangelism; don't you know that our education system is our best evangelistic source?; the health message is the right arm of the church evangelism; eighty-five

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percent of all people baptised come through friendship, such as family or friends; children's ministry is our most important mission field; in 1940, our church was growing at three times the current rate and our pastors were looking after less than half the current number of members per pastor. So more pastors means more growth... and many others similar?

While all these views may have an element of truth, they are often stated passionately in an attempt to justify the belief that a particular ministry area should be where the biggest piece of the church's financial pie is invested.

It is important then, to identify where our baptisms come from... What activities, institutions, programs and personnel contribute to helping a person decide to be baptised, and how are they different for church youth versus a new convert.

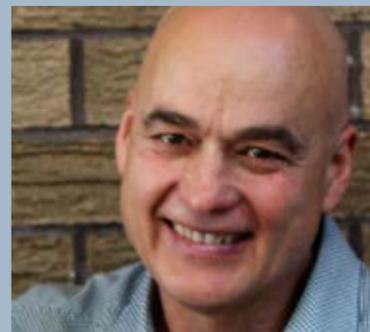
Wouldn't it be great to have some added information and informed data so that we could conduct a reliable health check on church baptisms, minimising the natural bias and educated guesswork from people with a passion for a particular ministry?

As a wise person once said, "without data to inform the decision, it simply depends on who is the most eloquent, or shouts the loudest." The squeaky hinges approach!

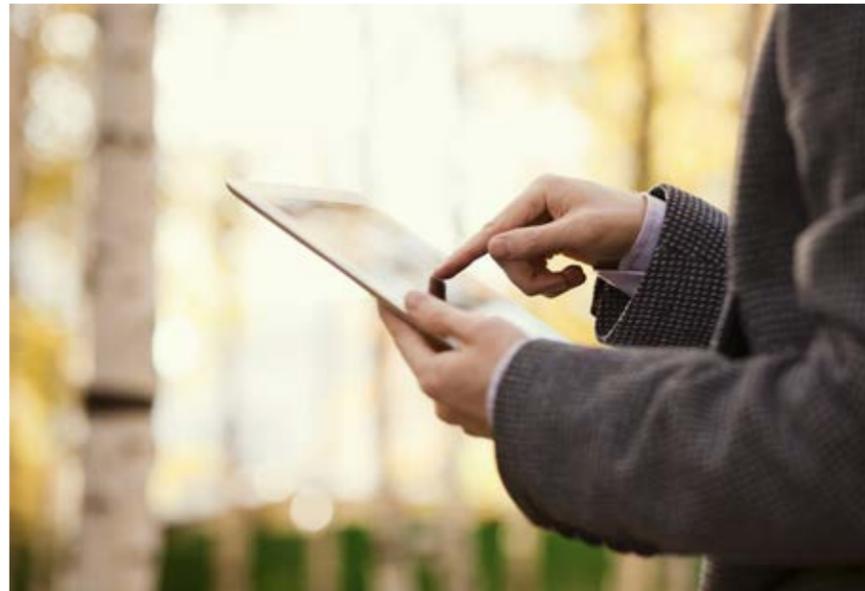
Health Check

I believe we all would prefer to have data from a good health check to inform these decisions. Good stewardship demands it.

Surprisingly, often the only data



Denis Hankinson



currently kept by most conferences regarding a person's baptism is: date, church, name and address and officiating pastor. That's it!

What about their age and religious background? Or what programs and activities influenced and informed their spiritual journey? Did they attend an Adventist school, watch Beyond videos or Hope channel or participate in Pathfinders? Were they visited by Literature Evangelists, had an Adventist workmate or attended a vegetarian cooking demonstration? Are they a new arrival in Australia that an Adventist church member helped?

The New Member Survey

This is exactly that type of data the Australian Union President's Council requested be gathered. Heading up the project was our president, Pr Graeme Christian, then the AUC Ministerial Director.

This survey has taken five years to develop. It has been through the process of gaining expert input into both the type of questions to ask and how to phrase them. It has received extensive feedback from both pastors and laymen. The hardest part was to filter through all the questions that we would like to ask and reduce the

questionnaire to key data.

The end product is a user friendly, online survey that can be completed in approximately twenty minutes and is computer collated, providing a simple feedback process to the conferences and churches.

Check the Future

All that's needed now is for those joining church to complete the questionnaire and we will develop a healthy database from which to inform our leaders as they make stewardship decisions to more effectively achieve our Church's mission.

Do you ever wonder how many of our youth are influenced by... say, Summer camps? Or what role music ministry plays... or whether that cooking demonstration ever made an impact... The list goes on, and like others, I am excited about this opportunity for God's Church.

On behalf of church leadership, thank you for helping new members fill in the survey and so help better inform administrative resource decisions, which will then help our special end-time message be shared more effectively as we look forward to Christ's soon return.

“ With this tool, our leadership can make more informed decisions... ”

Ella and her family at her baptism



A Double Treat

Wantirna Church

March 29 was a double treat for church members.

The church held a children's service featuring Katherine Darroch, Children's Ministry Director for the Conference.

Katherine spoke memorably about being trapped in the "boot of sin" and that Jesus is the only one who can release us.

The service also featured the baptism of Ella Dines. Ella was baptised by Moe lone-Stiles with the youth pastoral worker, Lisa Ring, assisting. Before going under the water, Ella spoke eloquently about the constancy of God in her life.

Pastor Lili Panozzo welcomed Ella into the Wantirna church fellowship.

Mandy Hegarty

Investigation Station

MASDAC

Investigation Station – Genesis Factor ran over a week in April. With 55 children registering and 32 graduating on the last day, the church has made 25 new friends.

The VBS team took the church service at the end of the week and we were very encouraged and inspired by the children who gave testimony of their experiences, and by the community families who joined us that Sabbath. We praise our Lord.

Ken Cheong



Church News

Castles & Crowns

Seddon Church

Disney knows it, McDonalds knows it, so do Target and Coles. Kids count. From happy meals to the newest release of the Lego movie with matching models on sale at Target, right down to the crackers in my grocery bag showcasing "Dusty." Whether it is selling a product, turning a profit or reeling in parents, the big corporations agree: Kids Count.



Dwight L Moody, the famous evangelist, once remarked that if he had his life over, he would devote his ministry to children. So we decided to live without regrets and during the school holidays we ran "Castles & Crowns" VBS.

While parents and teachers sourced, organised, planned & decorated, care groups earnestly prayed over the program. Catching the passion, teens and youth organised puppets, acting, singing, clowning, ballooning, crafts & games. On Sabbath afternoons they met together in teams to visit local parks and hand out invitations.

And what a blessing it was to give McDonalds and Disney a run for their money! 45-60 kids drawn away from their TVs and computers to immerse themselves in the delight of being princes and princesses of the King, joint heirs and priceless jewels in the box of God's heart.

Heidi Soldat
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Service to the Philippines

Bairnsdale Church

Members of Bairnsdale Church have again been active in the Philippines. Rose and Leo Hamulczyk, who have led previous service trips, were accompanied this time by Carol Hanna and her sister Denise Twining. Here is an excerpt of a letter from Rose.

"Greetings from our mission team. We're delighted to share with you God's goodness and grace. The Lord enabled us to build a church building as part of our 2014 Philippine mission project in an area with no Adventist presence. We also conducted an evangelistic series, VBS, and a number of other outreach programs and the Lord has greatly blessed!

let them join us for the Sabbath School, and even came with them. They are also joining us for VBS...."

Please pray for this project and for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those touched by Rose and her team.

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Carol and Denise were part of the team



At this point in time, we are in Thailand, for another mission activity, with similar programs planned with the addition of a feeding program for the families who are living near the dump site. Our team visited the dump site and conducted a Branch Sabbath School there. We taught children songs and memory verses. These children are Buddhist but their parents

From the President...

Executive Overview

Conference News



I am pleased to report that, in spite of challenges in a variety of areas, our focus still remains on the mission of our Church. Evangelism 2014 is well under way; pastors are working effectively to provide pastoral evangelistic leadership; principals and teachers are working to ensure students are doing well in all areas; and quality care is being provided in our AdventCare facilities.

There are great initiatives being taken by our pastors and churches. Let me share just a few highlights. St Albans is planning to establish a new English-speaking service by the end of this month. The church plant at Mernda School has up to 60 people in attendance. Northpoint Church is being recognised as a community venue, with events such as hot-rod rallies, and food bank, with many community members involved in these programs believing they belong to Northpoint Church... and they do! Spotswood church members gather together in homes on Saturday evenings, where they study next week's Sabbath School lesson, share food, fellowship, and extend an invitation to the wider community to join with them. Gateway West is training young people to preach in public evangelistic programs which will commence in August. Plenty Valley Church is praying "God – show us your glory" and have adopted the theme: Intercede → Invite → Introduce. Gilson College Church, which started as a Global Mission church plant over a decade ago, now has an attendance of up to 150, however this burgeons to over 300 if

there is a 'neighbourhood day' advertised. Werribee Church, heavily involved in Evangelism 2014, is following up on the work of the Literature Evangelists with the "Life in Recovery" program, the It is Written dinners with Gary Kent and Gary Webster's Archaeological program, and shortly thereafter, Geoff Youlden will run his Life After Life program. These programs are also being run in the South East of

Melbourne.

The committee was presented with the operating statement for 2013, and we anticipate sharing further information once the statement has been audited. To date, our financial statements have been focusing on the past. However we are looking forward, working to responsibly reduce expenditure in order to achieve positive results for 2014 and early indicators show there have been significant savings already. The Budget Review Committee continues to meet, searching for further cost saving measures.

We praise God for the 7% increase in tithe for 2013, above what was budgeted for, and we thank our faithful people you for your support.

The makeup of the Adventist Schools Victoria team at the office is changing, with four of the team ceasing employment, but there is no change to ASV's commitment to excellence in education, the mission of the Church and a positive future.

The land at the rear of the current Gilson College Taylors Hill campus was "banked" at purchase to supply future funding options for the development and growth of Adventist education in Victoria. With the acquisition of the Mernda school in December 2012, the sale of this pocket of land was identified as a source of funding to support the debt reduction program associated with the purchase of Mernda. On the recommendation of the Education Board of Directors, action was taken to

facilitate the subdivision and sale of the land in question. There is additional land at the Mernda campus that could also be subdivided and sold to further reduce debt.

The AdventCare CFO presented a challenging forecast to end of this current financial year. Early indications are that a balanced budget for 2014/2015 should be achievable.

Finally, planning is underway for a governance training program for the Board of Directors for Aged Care, Education and the Church companies.

My call is the same as always. A call to faithfulness: in our relationship with Jesus; in focusing effectively on mission; and as stewards of the resources He has provided as we work on the core business Jesus gave us.

Please continue to pray – because as I have said before, if ever we needed prayer support, we need it now.

Graeme Christian

Dinner With...

Evangelism 2014

On a cold, blustery week night in Point Cook, there was light and there was warmth to be found at the Brook on Snydes, where Gary Kent, the well-known speaker and director of It is Written Oceania, enthralled an audience of eager listeners, including the Conference President, Pastor Graeme Christian, on the truth of Biblical prophecy.

It was an exhilarating night for the Werribee church. The Werribee congregation, fully committed to evangelism, was actively involved in organising the event and worked tirelessly to ensure that the night was a success. Even though we had inclement weather, the venue was packed, with many curious souls, along with established church members, enjoying complimentary dinners in

Worship in a Box!

Children's Ministries

Nunawading and Lilydale Adventurers have been busy 'Shining for Jesus' with both clubs recently packing a total of 30 'Worship in a Box' kits to be sent to the South Pacific Islands and Papua New Guinea.

The children enjoyed decorating the boxes, drawing pictures and including their photos and filling them with Bible themed toys, crafts, music CD's, children's Bibles and much more... all generously donated by Adventurer families and the wider church community, ensuring family worship is even more wonderful for some of our overseas families.

The Worship Boxes are an ongoing challenge of the South Pacific Division Children's Ministries SHINE project, where children and their families are encouraged to Serve Him IN Everything. However, creating these boxes is not a project limited to children as Sale church recently proved, when earlier this year seven 'Worship in a Box' kits were put together by the ladies there, in



partnership with the local Anglican Church, each one thoughtfully put together and sure to be a blessing to those who receive them.

If you or your church community would like to be involved in this exciting project, visit the Children's Ministries department at vic.adventist.org.au for an instruction sheet or phone us on 03 9264-7723. We are also looking for sponsors who would like to help cover the cost of posting these boxes overseas.

Katherine Darroch

rather plush surroundings.

Gary spoke, while dessert was being served (he was assured that a dish would be kept aside for him), convincingly exploring the inherent reliability of Biblical prophecies, with their seemingly uncanny ability to foretell the future that cannot be attributed to any other culture, including the Mayans and their calendar's doomsday scenario. Gary reminded the audience that many people believed the world would end in 2012. Yes, we all found his knowledge of the Mayan culture, as well as Ancient Egypt, enthralling, leaving us in no doubt that civilisations pass away, but the Word of God is eternally true.

At the end of the night, Pastor Geoff Youlden promoted his

forthcoming seminars, as well as the Beyond series on DVD, promising each member of the audience a free DVD. Before the audience dispersed, each was reminded to collect a present from the centre of the dinner table; a small decorated bottle containing a message inside. My bottle had one piece of a jigsaw puzzle taped to the outside of the glass; my message assured me that everyone is important for God's overall plan of salvation.

Robert Bryson



Calling All Bikies

Adventist Motorbike Ministry

We are a small group of men and women who love the Lord and enjoy riding our motorcycles. As a ministry we are very young but you have to start somewhere and we have made a modest and positive beginning.

Our first ride was "The Wet Run," a short ride to Upper Yarra Dam in totally drenching rain that really tested one's commitment.

Our next event was "The Hot Run", a longer ride through the Yarra Valley but this time in 40° heat which made it another test of one's commitment. One extreme to another!

Our third ride was sensational. On a Sunday with perfect weather for the "Marysville Loop for Lunch." Relaxed with no pressure, starting off cool then warming up for a very fun ride to Marysville then back through Warburton to Lilydale.

Our last ride was after a meeting at church. We took Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd up to the crash site of the "Kyeema" then a short walk to the lookout for the view of Melbourne at sunset.

It might seem we are just another bike club going for a ride but this is not so. As mentioned we are just starting out and the Ministry is firing up. Plans are forming and there will be regular updates on our facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/movemelord> as well as in IntraVic, both hard copy and on line versions.

If you are interested in joining the new Victorian Chapter of Adventist Motorcycle Ministry contact us on facebook or email us at johnbrereton@adventist.org.au "P" & "L" Plate riders welcomed!

Chris Howard-Bath



BE THE SERMON...

...GYD 2014

If you didn't see your youth in church on Sabbath morning March 15 there is probably a very good reason why.

It was Global Youth Day 2014... the catalyst for our youth to go out onto the streets and into their communities to **be the sermon** instead of just hearing one.

Groups of young people and adults from all across Melbourne, as well as youth from the Ballarat, Casey, Cook Islands and Gippsland youth groups ventured out on Sabbath morning to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

There were visits to the local police and SES stations to thank them for serving the local community and to Ronald McDonald House. Food parcels were handed out to people living on the streets of Melbourne starting at Fitzroy Gardens; joy was seen on the faces of residents of at least two nursing homes and as young people walked the streets of their community. Even God's natural world managed a smile as a group of youth visited an animal shelter and even Blackburn Lake Sanctuary received some attention. A couple of groups came together to plan a refugee concert and overnight poverty challenge which took place May 17. A number also donated blood or plasma at the Red Cross Blood bank.

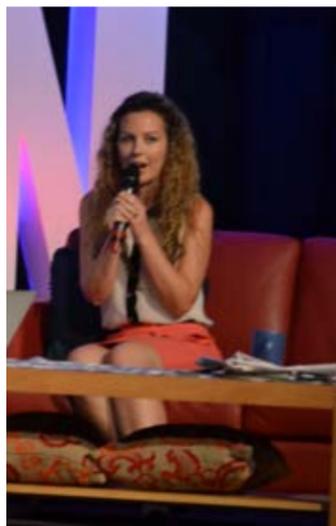
GYD 2014 brought us up one step closer to our vision of recapturing the reality of the Seventh-day Adventist youth as a **united global movement**.

Imagine **eight million** Adventist youth mobilized on the streets of our villages, towns, and cities around the world to be the Jesus to their communities through acts of kindness, compassion and service.

The objective of Global Youth Day is to:

1. Recapture the reality of the Seventh-day Adventist Youth as a Global Movement
2. Lead our youth to rediscover the sense of belonging to a global army
3. Reposition Mission at the heart of Global Youth Ministry
4. Provide a positive experience toward a united global youth movement.

Some of the key stats from GYD 2014



At least three times the level of engagement compared to 2013
27,621 media publications in 50 languages - 10,326 in 2013

IOS APP: 4,000 sessions; Android APP: 2,400 sessions

Facebook: 5,003 publications; 19,000 engaged
(Facebook posts reached more than 90,000)

Global Youth Day.org
3099 users

3681 uploaded images; 26 uploaded videos.

This has been the first live global coverage of an event, spanning 20 time zones, in 23 hours, using the Internet backbone, instead of expensive satellite uplinks at each location. And for the first time Melbourne became one of the twenty one live sites broadcasting from Nunawading Christian College.

But at the end of the day those who were involved in Global Youth Day didn't miss out on a sermon as a youth rally was held on Sabbath afternoon with Tony Knight as the speaker. The youth Rally theme was Be the Change and key verse was Matthew 5;16.

Let your light shine everywhere you go, *that you may illumine creation*, so men and women everywhere may see your good actions, may see creation at its fullest, may see your devotion to Me, *and may turn and praise your Father in heaven because of it.*

Our youth have proven that if given the opportunity to **lead and serve**, they will rise to the occasion and surpass our expectations.

GYD 2015 is scheduled for March 21.

In the meantime, if we were to make every day Global youth day, imagine how much difference that would make in our world and our communities; in our homes and our churches?

Phil Hyland

We are in
this together and
the Work IS happening...

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partner with us...**

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"Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" - Jesus



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