

The Harvest of the Son

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

Romans 10:14

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Welcome to the September edition of IntraVic. This month we are taking a look at Evangelism - both that initiated by the General Conference, and what is happening within our own Conference already and moving into 2014.

The last major evangelistic campaign was in 2007 when Mark Finley came to Victoria. The Conference was very pleased with the outcomes achieved through the campaign, but in subsequent years felt we could do even more with a new approach. A number of key regions were identified where there was a need, and staffing to these areas was correspondingly increased. Meanwhile we revisited our approach to evangelism, to make it more flexible, innovative and collaborative with concrete outcomes.

To help facilitate this new approach, Craig Gillis was brought to the Conference as the Evangelism Coordinator, and as you will see as you read this issue, 2014 is shaping up to be an exciting time for our church congregations who are involved in Evangelism.

While plans are well underway, I would like to invite other churches not already involved to consider if they too, would like to be part of Evangelism 2014.

As you are aware, with the Victorian Conference Constituency Meeting having just met last weekend, my term of office is complete, and this is the last issue of IntraVic I will be associated with. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the church members of Victoria for allowing me to serve in administration over the last ten years. I have worked with many lay members and staff in many different fields and I would like to thank you all for your loyalty and support as we have worked together to contribute to the mission of our Church, taking to heart the words of Christ when He admonished His followers to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey His word.

We have achieved much - there is still much to do and it is my prayer that God will continue to bless this Conference and its new leadership, and guide us all as we build His kingdom on earth, in preparation for His imminent return.



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Make It Personal

Devotional

With the fast pace of life we now live, have you ever taken the time to stop and think about how you personally share your faith with those speeding past you? We believe this is something we should be intentional about. But how? This devotional has no answers, just stories and verses for you to prayerfully consider.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20”

When you hear the word ‘evangelism’, does your heart burn with zeal or do you cringe with the guilt of not having done enough? Does excitement build, or do you dread it will be too hard?

We all know the Great Commission given to the disciples just prior to Christ’s return to His Father. And we know the sacrifices those men made as the Holy Spirit changed them, giving them courage to speak before hundreds, testifying to what they knew; the commitment to travel, sharing publically Christ’s story where ever they went; the determination to stand firm, to their deaths, in their belief in the Risen Saviour.

They were evangelists such as the world has never seen since. And when considering their lives, who wouldn’t feel a little trepidation?

But evangelism has many faces. Consider the others who saw Christ after His resurrection, who gathered with the disciples after the ascension, as they were told of Christ’s last words. They too, played a role, although little is

written or known about them. But we get a glimpse in Acts chapter 2: “All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number

daily those who were being saved.”

Sometimes, sharing Christ calls for public programs, sometimes it is Bible study with just a few. Sometimes “all” it is, is living an intentionally Christ focused life, ready to speak up if required. We are His hands and feet, and sometimes His voice, and He works through us.

Sherrie Courtney

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The following is a series of entries on a facebook site associated with Monash University:

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CAR NAPPER To the absolute legend of a person who left this note with a delicious sandwich on my car bonnet because they thought I was hungry – you are a God among mortals. And don't worry, I'm not living in my car, I was just napping

The note read:
“Wasn't sure if you are living in your car or not. Either way, lunch on me. It's freshly made this morning – orange tomato wrap, chicken, rocket leaves, pesto. Hope you enjoy it rather than take offence to it. God Bless you - the love is always there.”

5 hours ago

1360 friends like this.



Facebook User Shame all religious folks weren't like this. The world would be a better place. Less wrath, more love. Wed at 3:15pm



Facebook User Checkmate Athiests Wed at 3:19pm

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ih-van-juh-liz-uhm - preaching, spreading the word, spreading the gospel, telling the gospel message

“ An essential part of sharing Christ is knowing Christ and we must be intentional about it. A half hearted friendship does not make a good witness ”

Consider the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. She probably had no interest in what the strange man there may have had to say to her, other than wondering why he was there in the heat of the day, but Christ took the initiative.

When she returned to her village, she told people about Christ, inviting them to come and see for themselves.

The people knew her, and could see a change in her. It spiked their interest, creating an opportunity for Christ to work on their hearts.

“ ...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matt 5:16 ”

“ Equip yourself - be prepared: It is all very well to let your light shine but what will you say when someone asks about the power source? ”

STEPPING STONES

My cabin mate on the Spirit of Tasmania, John, invited me to breakfast— and our conversation stretched for nearly four hours! We talked of his life as an antique dealer and mine as a church pastor. We were both sincerely interested in the other's life story and asked many questions as we shared some of our stories.

“Dave, can I ask you a question?” John said after we had talked a while. “You don't have to answer, if it offends you. OK?” he added.

I agreed. He then asked, “Does it make you mad that I am not a Christian? I mean, it's your job to make me into one. And I'm not going to become one. So, does that anger you?”

I was stunned. Was this what people outside of Christianity thought of us? Were we seen as so single-minded that our only reason for being friendly was to make others be like us?

Humbled, I responded, “Not at all, John. Life is a journey. We

meet people, have experiences, make decisions and live as best we can. Yes, I would love for you to know Jesus. But, I think it highly arrogant to expect that I would be the one person to turn you into a Christian! Each person we meet in life is a stepping stone in our path. I only hope that our time together has taken you one step closer to Jesus.”

He liked that answer. “So, you aren't expecting me to say, ‘Aha! Now I get it. I want to be a Christian too,’ and go to church with you next week?”

“No!” I laughed. “But, I must tell you something. I believe in God. I believe He answers prayer. And now I know your name, I'll be praying for you!”

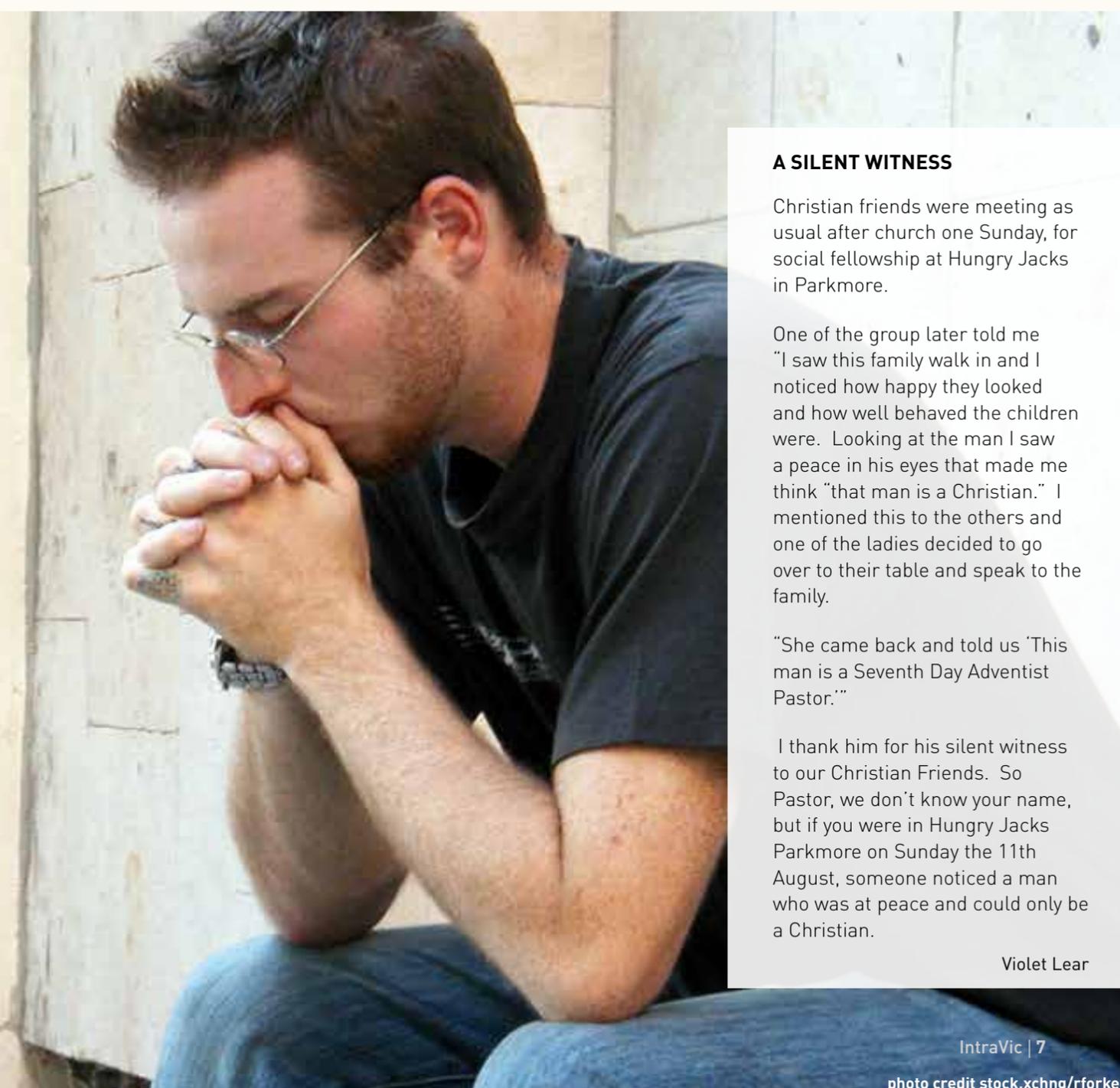
He surprised me by saying, “Thanks, Dave. That really means a lot. I will be thinking about this conversation for a long time.”

As have I, John. Thanks for being a stepping stone in my journey. I pray I was one in yours and not a stumbling block.

David Edgren

“ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18 ”



A SILENT WITNESS

Christian friends were meeting as usual after church one Sunday, for social fellowship at Hungry Jacks in Parkmore.

One of the group later told me “I saw this family walk in and I noticed how happy they looked and how well behaved the children were. Looking at the man I saw a peace in his eyes that made me think “that man is a Christian.” I mentioned this to the others and one of the ladies decided to go over to their table and speak to the family.

“She came back and told us ‘This man is a Seventh Day Adventist Pastor.’”

I thank him for his silent witness to our Christian Friends. So Pastor, we don't know your name, but if you were in Hungry Jacks Parkmore on Sunday the 11th August, someone noticed a man who was at peace and could only be a Christian.

Violet Lear



Evangelism

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“You must come close to those for whom you labour, that they may not only hear your voice but shake your hand, learn your principles, feel your sympathy”

- E.G. White Gospel Workers 192”

Written by IntraVic Editorial Team

The General Conference is working on a project which targets key urban areas around the world. The approach involves establishing a network of self-sustaining Life Hope centres, revitalising Ellen White's concept of Centres of Influence. In this article we take a look at the principles behind what is happening, and then examine what our own Conference is doing with regard to City Evangelism.

THE CALL

In 2011, General Conference President, Ted Wilson called for worldwide urban outreach. He said that from Christ's example in Luke 19 where He wept for the people of the city, we can be confident that God does care for city dwellers and that the commission to take the Gospel to all the world includes the cities, where the labourers are few but the harvest is plentiful. Pr Wilson also called for "strategic planning under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for every city in every country in every division around the world".

Today, rapidly growing urban areas of the world offer our Church its greatest mission challenge, as

in many places, our churches, institutions and services are located outside cities rather than where the majority of people live.

You may read this and wisely nod your head... yes, Ellen White's influence... But Ellen White actually told church leaders of her day that they had neglected the cities – city ministry was in fact, a priority for her. She also recognised that many people could not be reached by public meetings and championed wholistic urban ministry centres, saying that it was through social relations that Christianity would come into contact with the world.

Out of these facts has grown the General Conference's Life Hope

centre initiative. Undergirded by our theological and spiritual principles, these self-supporting centres will be an integrated evangelistic outreach, offer opportunity for lay people to be involved as well as pastors and other church workers. They will connect with small groups and local Global Mission church-planting initiatives. And with time, it is hoped that the Life Hope centre brand will become recognised as a place where people can improve their health, focus on quality of life and discover Jesus.

These centres will feature a wide variety of activities such as lifestyle education, treatment rooms, bookstores, reading rooms, restaurants, literature ministry,

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USING CHRIST'S METHOD TO REACH OTHERS

- Spend time with people • Feel and show genuine empathy •
- Minister to people's needs • Build people's confidence •
- Bid them to follow Christ •

lectures, small groups, instruction on preparing wholesome food and much more, based on accurate assessment of local community needs.

In Ministry of Healing, Mrs White wrote that Christ's method alone would bring true success, and the principles underlying the establishment of these centres are based on Christ's method.

BEFORE THE CALL

The situation in Victoria is perhaps somewhat different to other parts of the world. Melbourne does have a significant Adventist presence, quite possibly as a direct result of Ellen White's call in 1908.

There are, however, significant urban regions with little Adventist presence and several years ago, before the GC initiative, the Victorian Conference identified a number of key areas within Melbourne, as having a need. These included Melbourne's growth corridors, the inner city, the Mornington Peninsula and areas

where our first churches were established in the inner suburban regions. In response to the needs of these areas, pastoral staffing was increased.

VICTORIA'S RESPONSE

The urban evangelistic drive from the General Conference has added impetus and our local Conference has been looking at what more can be done. And not just for urban Victoria. While the remainder of this article may appear to be biased toward the city, it is by no means implying Victoria's evangelistic drive is exclusively urban. The purpose of this article is to tell you what is being done, and what can be done, whether you belong to a city church or a country church.

The Conference has been planning for some time for a different approach to evangelism in 2014, and when considering it, a number of values were determined.

- While a formal evangelistic program is good, pre and post involvement is of far more value

than the program itself

- The approach taken needs to have a firm strategic basis with concrete outcomes
- Flexibility in approach is essential, with the ever changing face of social media, increasing scope of information and experiences people are being exposed to and the wide range of possibilities, techniques and talents that are available
- We need to enable and encourage our young people, allowing them to establish their own communities of faith
- There needs to be two-way collaboration between the Conference and the local church as they work together to achieve the determined outcomes

TWO PRIMARY REGIONS

As part of the strategic approach, administration took a further look at Melbourne's demographics

to determine where to focus evangelistic effort.

This came down to two key regions; the city's South East and South West. Only wanting to work with the willing, the churches associated with these regions have been approached to see if they were interested; some are already on board and some are still considering it, but they were all given the option of saying no if the approach did not meet with their local evangelistic strategy and resources.

The Conference will support these churches with financial assistance. While they are expected to

contribute some themselves, their tithe reversion will be available as well as funding set aside for evangelism. The churches will work closely with Evangelism Coordinator, Craig Gillis, to plan their individual strategies, liaise with the other local churches involved and engage the literature evangelist teams to assist with building a contact base and follow up. The Conference is arranging to bring to Melbourne key presenters such as Gary Webster, Cheri Peters and Gary Kent who will present at various series and seminars for the different churches, however there will be as much liaison with the Conference and planning and effort going into the preparation,

with a variety of interest building programs, and the post program follow up work, such as Revelation seminars and maintaining contact, as that going into the major presentations.

As already mentioned, where possible, local churches will partner together, but other partnerships can also be formed with local community centres and businesses, depending on the community needs and programs being run to address these.

And of course, none of these programs are one-man shows, but will require a team approach with a varied range of supporting roles

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“ The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

[Matt 9:37-38]

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“ There is means now tied up that should be in use for the unworked cities in Europe, Australia and America, and in the regions beyond. These cities have been neglected for years”

- E.G. White manuscript 11, 1908

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filled by the local church members, enabling them to meet community members and build connections and friendships.

Some of the preparatory work and Conference support has already occurred throughout the last twelve months, with increased pastoral staffing to these two key regions.

The outcome hoped for behind this new strategic and collaborative approach is to increase the number of people our churches are in contact with, and, using Christ's method, as they get to know each other these new 'contacts' will also build a relationship with Christ.

With the rate of growth already seen, it is anticipated that sometime in 2014 a new church plant will be established in the South Western region, and in the South Eastern region during 2015.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

While the primary thrust of our major evangelistic effort in 2014 is these two urban regions, with a key driver being to establish new congregations, and work is progressing toward that, there is a second tier of ongoing evangelistic effort.

These efforts are also supported by the Conference with tithe reversion and pastoral staffing, however the initiative has come from the churches themselves.

We have our Spanish church and their TV program which began airing earlier this month. Ringwood is doing some work with the Karen community in their local area. Mernda, our Samoan congregations and Northpoint have received extra staffing to assist with their work. Mildura, Geelong, St Albans and Spotswood also have supported programs happening. We have the work being done

close to the CBD by Gateway, The Orchard and Central City. And the list goes on.

Finally, there are the local programs and individual efforts that the Conference may only hear of anecdotally.

So yes, the main thrust of Evangelism in 2014 is in the City's South East and South West, but there are many ways and opportunities for you to be involved, which ever church you attend. This is a work in progress, and the Conference will continue to look for more churches wanting to be involved.

Do you want to partner with the Conference in 2014 to share Christ? Talk to your local church board or minister, or call Craig Gillis at the Conference on 03 9264 7777, or you can contribute to the Project Evangelism fund via e-giving on Vic.Adventist.org.au if that is your preference.

Craig Gillis

VICTORIAN CONFERENCE EVANGELISM COORDINATOR



In an attempt to fulfil the church's mission of sharing the everlasting gospel with all the world, Pr Stanley created the role of the Evangelism Coordinator.

The Evangelism Coordinator is to light and feed the flame of passion for the 2014 focus on evangelism throughout the Conference. The role includes three key components: Communication (what is happening at local church and wider Conference); Accountability (upholding mission before local church and holding them accountable to that); & Coaching (providing support and direction when needed).

Specific Responsibilities:

1. In coordination with Personal Ministries Director, work with local churches and pastors to help keep them accountable to the churches mission by documenting, promoting, supporting and inspiring evangelism as the priority for mission, and thereby creating on-going cycles of evangelism activity.
2. Develop specific strategies for evangelism in 2014.
3. Meet with Administration regularly to report on what evangelism is happening and receive further direction.

PROGRAMS THAT BUILD BRIDGES INCLUDE:

Health programs such as CHIP

Pathfinders

Creation Health series

Road to Bethlehem

ADRA community packages

ADRA connection tours

Youth Pastoral Workers program

Depression Recovery programs

EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS THAT REACH OUT:

It Is Written Oceania

Beyond

Dinners with various presenters

Prophetic Code

Revelation Seminars

The Last Empire

Secrets of Prophecy

Try Jesus, Share Him

THREE ASPECTS TO EVANGELISM:

Reaching up, personally, to Christ

Reaching across to others both inside and outside our church community

Reaching out with the knowledge Christ has entrusted to us

Church News

My First Day

Northpoint Church

As Pr David Edgren reversed out of his driveway at 6.30am one Monday in late August, he had no idea what he was going to experience the next 16 hours. He had been asked to assist Personal Ministries Director, Loren Pratt, with his work with Northpoint Church, for the remainder of 2013, and had jumped at the opportunity to work with Loren. Here is just some of what happened in an ordinary day, out near Tullamarine.

I met up with Loren at 8.30 and before we had even entered the building, our first meeting occurred. A lady from the local council wanted to talk about an ADRA submission for the Men's shed and Community Centre Northpoint is involved with.

Next, one of the volunteers, Melissa, arrived to begin her day of secretarial work. At 9am, I joined her in an interview with a new volunteer driver for the hundreds of food parcels that are delivered by Northpoint volunteers each week.

Then I wandered around, meeting the people who had bustled past during the interview. The building was filling up! Even the main church area was utilised, with the chairs being stacked to one side and replaced by a dozen or so tables covered in bags and boxes, with three volunteers busily filling them with food from the pantry.

Back at my office, Melissa opened up, sharing her story with me. With a medical history that scares off employers, she has been unable to get a job, even though a good worker.

"Loren is different," she said. "He lets me volunteer here and have real responsibility... I have only been here seven months, but I tell

you this - I'm never leaving!"

The Sabbath before had been a special service, called "Messy Church" and Melissa had attended for the first time.

"They needed my help, so I went," she said. "I loved it, I'm coming back!"

I'd barely turned back to the ADRA submission I was working on from the first meeting, when Loren popped his head in, "Come-on, we gotta go. Time for lunch."

We headed over to the Community House where we shared a meal, stories and jokes with the Men's Shed group.

Back at Northpoint, as I settled into my chair and returned my attention to the submission, another volunteer walked past my door. I invited her in and Setareh told me how her family fled Iran to Indonesia because of religious persecution. Finally, after many difficulties, they obtained boat passage to Australia, only to find themselves at Christmas Island. For four months they lived in cramped conditions, fearing the soldiers who randomly took people and sent them to Papua New Guinea. They managed to remain together and were transferred

to Australia where they spent six months in the Adelaide camp.

"Now, I am free for three months in Melbourne," Setareh said. "My family all free." Her dream has always been to help others, no matter who they were or where they were from, and this was her first day as a volunteer.

Later, Loren's head popped in again, "Come-on, we gotta go get food!"

This time it was to a distributor of free fruit and vegetables to charities. After bringing eight crates of veggies back to Northpoint, I returned to my computer and was joined by the bubbly and creative Stefania - another volunteer with a story! Together we worked on the Northpoint website.

“I was physically tired, but spiritually as awake as I've ever been”

At 6:45pm, I went into the kitchen to heat up my dinner. There I met another volunteer I had noticed earlier. She introduced herself as Lian and told me her story as I ate. Loren had told her about my recent health scare and she had been watching me all day.

"I wasn't sure if I would talk to you," she said. "I don't feel comfortable talking to everyone. But watching you laugh with Stefania and Setareh, I knew I could..." and she poured out her story - a story which is hers to tell, but suffice it

to say, she has gone through a lot and has more coming. The good thing, which she knows well, is that she is not alone - she is part of a group who love her - the people of Northpoint.

Apart from Loren, I had not met an 'Adventist' all day, even though surrounded by people - volunteers called to serve with Loren because this was the right place for them at this time. And one by one, as they rub shoulders with Loren and other service-centred Christians, they accept Jesus and become one with Him.

After dinner, I did encounter some church members as I headed upstairs for the 7:30 Revelation Seminar, to the sounds of them saying their names, adding "... and I'm from Northpoint!" The room had filled with recent contacts and long-time seminar junkies and the meeting was led masterfully by Anthia, an Adventist lady who teaches at a Catholic all-boys secondary school.

Where do these Northpoint people come from!?! They certainly like a good challenge!

Once the seminar was finished, I climbed into my car and drove home. As I fell into bed at about 11pm, I was physically tired but spiritually as awake as I've ever been.

What a day!

David Edgren

To read the full story, including the touching conversation about God that Dave had with Setareh, visit his blog at <http://prdaveonline.blogspot.com.au/2013/08/my-first-day-at-northpoint-church.html>



Pathfinders in Action



Nearly 200 food parcels are packed and distributed every week



Messy Church meets once a month to provide a creative worship experience



NORTHPOINT (TULLAMARINE) SMA PASTOR LOREN | ROCK BANK | PASTOR PENESE



Mens Shed leader, Allan working hard - and pictured below with Sherrell Pratt



Dave discussing the process of food making its way to the needy with AGesture Coordinator



Personal Ministries Director and Pastor at Northpoint Church, Loren Pratt



Sandra - leader of the food parcel packing volunteers



The Health Ministries Team

“...it is all the more important to keep both mind and body active and to maintain a healthy lifestyle.”



Dr Ng Tat Low sharing about Dementia

Promoting Health

Melbourne Asian Adventist Church

Members of MASDAC take our health message seriously and have established a Health and Temperance Ministry team, whose aim is the promotion of holistic health that meets the physical, mental and spiritual needs of every individual.

“Our team of health professionals has big dreams this year,” says Meilisa Lengkong, an accredited practicing dietitian and MASDAC’s Health & Temperance Ministry Leader. “We want to hold regular activities all year round to cater for people of all ages and from different backgrounds.”

Health talks such as “Healthy Lunch Boxes for Children”, “Standing Up Against Peer Pressure among Teenagers” and “Healthy Hearts for All Ages”, have been conducted over the past few months by accredited doctors, nutritionists and dietitians.

On the 28th July, a “Free Health Assessment” was provided at the Tunstall Square Market in Doncaster. More than fifty people were given free health check-ups and general medical advice about the risk of common diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. MASDAC members from all walks of life (pharmacists, lawyers, engineers, accountants, doctors, nurses, dietitians, housewives and students) willingly gave their time for this outreach program. Healthy lifestyle literature, including vegetarianism pamphlets, were distributed to passers-by. As a result of this community outreach, the local Rotary club has invited the Health and Temperance team to conduct regular health talks at their meetings.

On the 10th August, Dr Ng Tat Low, an experienced general practitioner, conducted a seminar on Dementia. Although dementia is commonly perceived as a mental

disorder for the aged, Dr Ng emphasised that it is increasingly becoming a young person’s disease. Poor lifestyle choices such as drug abuse, smoking and alcoholism are among the biggest culprits leading to an early onset of dementia. As such it is all the more important to keep both mind and body active and to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Based on his many years of practice, Dr Ng pointed out that people who have faith and trust in God showed a much lower incidence of dementia.

Other big dreams are already in the planning stage. An experienced physiotherapist and a chiropractor are among those lined up to lead a discussion on “Back Pain”, its common causes, how to prevent it and the types of treatment and exercises that can help alleviate this common problem. For those who would like to lead a healthy lifestyle by becoming vegetarian, watch out for the “Vegetarian Challenge”. Over the course of six weeks, our dietitians, doctors and nurses will provide help and advice on how to maintain a balanced vegetarian diet. Finally, looking ahead to 2014, big plans are now under way to conduct health-related presentations at the Manningham Lifestyle Week next March.

The team looks forward to the ongoing support and prayers of everyone. For more information, please contact Meilisa on 0401255421 or via email: masdachealth@gmail.com

Dr Evangeline Eljido-Ten

Vanuatu Service

Preston Church

Vanuatu! The name sent ripples of excitement through the ranks of the Preston church youth.

For ten months we had been trying to organise a mission trip. Our church family supported us fully, but in May it seemed all our plans were going to fall through. Then, suddenly the door to Vanuatu was flung wide open and we found ourselves in sweltering heat at 3 o’clock in the morning and knew we were definitely not in Australia!

Over the following week the young people teamed up with the Portoroki Adventist youth, totally rebuilding and refurbishing the interior of two school classrooms at Olwi Adventist primary school. Both the building and the painting teams faced many challenges (we soon became VIP members at Wilco - the Vanuatu version of Bunnings), but we had plenty of fun and laughter along the way. After four days, the gleaming rooms made us all smile with pride and

satisfaction.

The next day saw us travel out to the island of Nguna for our second project, the Nowaiwia Primary School. After an hour-long truck ride and a 45 minute boat trip, we had to climb an almost vertical hill to reach the village. The exhausting climb was well worth it, for at the top the Nowaiwia school community simply absorbed us, and we shared in a wonderful feast of delicious island food, even cracking our first coconut shells with real machetes! They gratefully received our gifts of stationery for the students and concrete for the much needed classroom extensions.

Sabbaths were very special. Adding to our joy, no matter which church we went to, we saw countless World Changer

Bibles in the hands of the youth. Preston had been highly involved in supporting this project and seeing the result was extremely heart warming.

In the final week the team worked with ADRA in the Black Sands community. Here, between rainstorms (Vanuatu was unseasonably wet during our stay), we helped dig six massive gardens which would give them a new source of both food and income.

Before we knew it, fourteen days had simply flown by and we were saying our goodbyes at the airport. We thank God for His leading and for using us to bless others. Vanuatu now has a definite place in the hearts of the Preston youth.

Elizabeth Fletcher



The Preston youth worked hard, while making friendships and creating memories which would last a very long time





The local newspaper promoted Warrnambool Church's soup kitchen on its front page

One Walk, Many Journeys

Wantirna Church

Wantirna Church, Monday at 4 pm, our adventure began! Ten Leaders, five Junior Counsellors and eleven Pathfinders met at the church full of enthusiasm and some 'butterflies' in our bellies. After a short bus trip we boarded the Spirit of Tasmania for the overnight crossing to Devonport.

The next morning, we looked for a buffet breakfast and it didn't disappoint. It was our last decent meal before seven days of packet food only. And so we jumped on the bus for Cradle Mountain National Park.

Dove Lake was the beginning of the 65km Overland Track. There was a board walk, a bit of gravel path and it was a relaxing day... until a whopping great big cliff-like mountain just one and a half hours into the hike. There was no going around it, so, like good Pathfinders, we got stuck into the ascent. The pain was worth it as the view was magnificent. But our smiles faded as we walked into strong winds and half frozen raindrops. After enduring that for an hour we were greeted with the welcome sight of Waterfall Valley hut, the first stop on the Overland Track.



Day two, the shortest day, just one and a half hours of walking and we arrived at the second hut. With plenty of time to spare, some of the Pathfinders decided on a dip in the nearby lake. Shortly after, a bunch of slightly blue boys came running back looking for warmth.

We awoke to a spectacular sunny morning, a rarity in Tasmania. It got to 14°C but it felt like 30, with 17 hard kilometres through humid forests and mud. We limped to the



and then wanting nothing but rest

Day four, Friday, began with a muddy climb to Pelions Gap. From there we dropped our packs and took only some light gear for our adventure trek up Tasmania's highest peak, Mt Ossa, 1617 metres above sea level. So we climbed and climbed and reached the top... of a false peak... so we climbed some more. Finally, after what seemed like forever, we made it! We were on top of the world and everything around lay beneath us and, in the distance, Cradle Mountain, the starting point of our journey. How far we had come and yet still had a way to go.

Friday night worship in the cabin, some of the Pathfinders gave testimonies of God's protecting hand, saving us in circumstances

beyond human solutions. There were tears streaming down some faces, mingled with smiles, as we also heard some more humorous experiences with our Creator.

Day five, Sabbath, was a pleasant walk through the forest, with a detour to visit some waterfalls. That night we stayed in the biggest and nicest cabin along the Overland Track. Unfortunately it was mouse-infested, some getting into our food packets, mine included. Luckily it was just scroggin.

On Day six, some of us just had a short walk to Narcissus Hut, but a select few continued six kilometres to Echo Point, on the shore of Lake St. Clair, with spectacular views. After pitching our tents on the beach, we all gathered on the jetty and jumped in. Some lasted only a few seconds, but in fact it was not as cold as in fast moving streams.

The next morning we packed for the last time and caught the bus back to the Spirit of Tasmania, and our voyage home. After one week away it was nice to be home. And for us Pathfinders, our thirst for adventure was well and truly quenched. **Marcus Cozzi**



Baby Dedication Bayles

Scott and Aloma Camps dedicated their baby son, Maclaren Scott Camps at Bayles Church on July 13 2013.

Family and friends travelled many kilometres to be present for this wonderfully happy occasion.

Baby Maclaren was blessed to have both sets of grandparents present – Doug and Coral all the way from Mongolia, and Daniel and May from interstate.

May God continue to richly bless Scott and Aloma as they train little Maclaren to love and respect Jesus is the prayer of all who were in attendance.

Rosalie Bennetts

Hitting the Front Page

Warrnambool Church

The soup kitchen run by our church in Warrnambool was featured on the cover of the Warrnambool Extra in late July.

Operational since 2009, the kitchen offers meals to the community every Tuesday evening, in partnership with Baker's Delight and Food Share.

Kitchen Coordinator, Susan Smith, was interviewed. She told of the church community's desire to give back, and how they felt a soup kitchen would meet a need in their local community.

Just over thirty people attend regularly, and Susan wanted people to know the kitchen is still operating and anyone was welcome to come. The Extra got this message across beautifully.

Intravic



Wantirna Pathfinders hiked The Overland Track in Tasmania, quenching, at least temporarily, their thirst for adventure!



KID'S SPOT

Keeping Safe



Hi boys and girls! Do you have a best friend? Someone you like to talk to about special things? Do you have a mum, dad or another grownup that you can talk to when you are happy and when you are sad? It's great that we have people that we feel safe with in our lives. Did you know that everyone should feel safe all of the time and there is nothing so bad, yucky or awful that you cannot tell someone about it? Look at the hand below and for each finger think of one person you can talk to when you need help.

Don't forget: You are God's princes and princesses and He loves you so much and wants to keep you safe.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1

DID YOU KNOW

Secrets and Surprises

There is a difference between secrets and surprises.

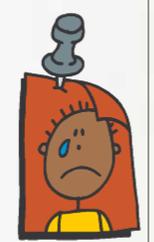
Secrets can be kept forever and never told. Sometimes people feel bad or hurt because they feel like they have to keep a secret.



A surprise is something you keep to yourself for a while but you always tell about it later, like a surprise birthday present or a special wish for a friend.



It is fun keeping surprises.
It is not fun keeping a secret. You should always tell a grown up a secret.



If a grown up asks you to keep a secret, say "I don't keep secrets", and tell a grown up as soon as you can.

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PRINCES AND PRINCESSES

- * Find some cardboard
- * Cut out the shape of your crown
- * Glue on some 'jewels'



Remember that you are a prince or princess of the KING!



(We'd love for you to send us a photo of your crown)

Fill in the Blanks

There is nothing so _____, _____ or _____ that you cannot tell someone about it.

Hint: Look for the answers on the other page!

This month's

COMPETITION

Colour in the castle, cut it out and send it in to the address at the bottom of this page to be this month's winner.



LAST MONTH'S WINNER



Congratulations to Jessica G who drew us a picture of herself reading God's letter, the Bible, on her bed. She also shared with us some of her favourite verses; Matthew 7:12-14 and Matthew 18:12-14 - maybe you could look them up today!



when you don't feel safe... remember

It is OK to say...

...Stop it...

I don't Like it

...NO

It is OK to talk to someone about it

Run and tell someone you trust

Everyone has the right to feel safe ALL the time

for more information email www.bravehearts.org.au

Victorian Children's Ministri

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PHONE 03 9264 7777

...From One Good Thing to Another...

VicYouth

How do I sum up the last six years and thank all the people that have supported in prayers, words of affirmation, encouraging hugs and physical assistance, whether that be helping to load and unload a trailer or take on the job of cleaning up a camper's vomit, just to name a few?!? I don't know how to adequately do that, nor are there any words good enough to fully express my gratitude. All I know is I am humbled to have been a part of such an amazing ministry, surrounded by groups of people who love God and love young people. I am thankful to have witnessed first hand God at work over and over again through our Youth Team and young people. My heart and soul is so full of gratitude I could burst!

LESSONS LEARNT:

YOU CAN'T GIVE WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE

This is probably one of the most significant and most critical lessons I learnt early on in Youth Ministry. I can't give or share Jesus when I don't have Him. I know He is with me all the time, but have I truly in my heart of hearts allowed Him to work with and through me? Have I relied too much on my charisma and 'talents' that all I've given is that? I have learnt that I need and needed Jesus alive and well in my heart and life for me to give Him. I have fallen in love

with Jesus over and over again in the last six years of youth ministry, and it is due to the God working through the young people and team that I have worked with, and with that I had something to give. I could only give Jesus with all of my humanity! Unfortunately, the Jesus that I have shown at times and given in my own strength has been an angry, cranky, whining, frustrated, unloving, short-fused... one. Forgive me!

IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

We have some great, gifted and talented Jesus loving, young people within this conference, who only need to be tapped on the shoulder, guided and mentored to do ministry with you, and they will. We often underestimate God working through our young ones, but they have got some profound wisdom to share as God takes over their lives. There is willingness from them even when they are unsure that they have something to share, as soon as they are given the opportunity

you watch them blossom and grow and your community will be strengthened by their existence and involvement. It's been an absolute joy and privilege to be amongst these vibrant youth. We also have some undeniably resilient young people whom, despite some life experiences out of their control, are able to trust in the leading of God and allow Him to take control of their lives. I have learnt much about strength of spirit through them.

AUTHENTICITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Don't ever underestimate the intelligence of young people. They know when we are faking it, and they are not afraid to tell you so! It has been a message drummed into me by young people with regards to church community, that they wish to see authenticity and transparency amongst us. And it is not about hanging our dirty laundry out on the pulpit every Sabbath morning or Sabbath School gathering, but mainly about admitting that things are not ok, or that we don't have it all together,

we don't have all the answers even though we think we do, we often get it wrong and admit when we do. It is hard, but when we live and do ministry by these principles, what we have to share would probably be received better than when we put on a façade...it won't take long til you see the girls roll their eyes, yawns come from the boys, or find they have tuned out altogether. I have been confronted on this numerous times, humbling to say the least!

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SMELLY, HARD WORK, MESSY AND NOISY... HEARTBREAKERS! THEY ARE WORTH IT!

A memory that will forever be imprinted on my mind is our beautiful Cathy Rutene (Camp Nurse) on her knees in one of our girl's cabins late one summer evening, dry retching whilst wiping up the well marinated and acidic fragrant dinner that now lay before her in all its glory on the bathroom floor. She was beyond exhausted, with now a couple of campers joining in the vomiting festivities. Lack of sleep on top of noisy kids made me realise just how messy and smelly young people can be. This is community with all its smelly sicknesses, crying, whining and frustrated staff and campers, this is community in its truest form. It's not clean shaven or lemon

grassed fresh fragranced as we would like it to be. It is downright hard, messy and vomit like, worse than hospital, smelly. But they are worth it! Friday nights at Summer Camps is one of our favourites. We work towards it all week as staff, praying for our campers, our speakers, and the whole of camp, because we know that despite the noise, the sicknesses, whining kids (and sometimes staff), exhaustion and bruises, that God has been at work through our camp and that lives have been confronted by the Holy Spirit, and Jesus wants hearts. Jesus wants to be Lord of our lives and that of our kids. We tell them as soon as they get off the bus at Howqua, that they are

“ LIFE TEXT:
The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures for ever - do not abandon the works of your hands
(Psalms 138:8) ”

going to meet Jesus. And sure enough, without fail, God does what He does best. He melts the hearts of the 'too cool for school' teen boys and girls in the back rows, and brings them to their knees where they are overwhelmed by Him, and their only response is, surrender! Lesson learnt, despite the mess, noise and smells, God is at work. Watch Him show up!!

LOVE LIKE A MOTHER-HEN

Some would say I have always had it in me, and that may probably be true. But my mother-like love has been strengthened in the last six years, so much so I have become like a mother-hen, ready to protect and defend my little chooks from attacks or potential danger of all kinds. And there have been a few...



2012 Summer Camp Staff



2013 Teen Summer Camp



2009 Teen Summer Camp

part of my personality as well. But the biggest lesson and probably the most important one that I have taken from the last six years, is my learning to truly love those whom God has entrusted me with. A mentor early on in ministry once told me I could not fully do ministry until I learnt to allow myself to love people. And with that I have learned to wear my heart on my sleeve and practice authenticity and transparency with love. I have failed miserably most of the time. I have also been frustrated and annoyed because some have pushed boundaries that have been put in place, and they have had to hear my stern and firm discipline, yet my heart has loved and does love. I may not know what it is like

KNOWING WHEN TO LEAVE!

When the thought first entered my mind to maybe consider stepping aside, it was mainly for family reasons. But, the few intense reflective moments that I have had, in addition to dialogues and prayers with friends, colleagues and family, that echoed in my mind as I mulled over this thought, made me unsettled and discontent, and I could not shake the feeling that maybe, just maybe, what God had purposed for me to do could possibly be nearing its conclusion for this season. And although my pride and passion for youth

to give birth to a child, and may never know, but I do know what it is like to have my heart broken because of a story that has been shared with me that has made me weep and angry. I know what it is like to envision their future and get excited at the possibilities which lay before them and for the communities they are going to bless, and worry about them and want to cuddle them when they cry and are upset. I may not know what it is like to give birth, or know what it is like to watch your child grow, but I do know what it is like to listen and look out for them to ensure their future is a good and safe future. I have learnt to love like they're my flesh and blood! Young people have taught me this.

ministry is as strong and fiery as ever, and my fear of missing out on more blessings from youth ministry clung to me, the words of one dear friend came to mind. "It's not about you, Moe". It is not about the fact that I still love and am passionate about youth ministry in Victoria. It is everything to do with God's purpose, and we each have a part in achieving that for a time and season, and we might not be fully aware of what that is. It is such a hard lesson to learn when we have become attached and our identity has almost been defined by this,

and we have feared that it would be taken away from us. But then the Holy Spirit speaks and says, you know when Jesus was on earth, He and His disciples ministered in towns for a period of time for God's purposes. When it was time to move though the disciples would say, but there's more to get done here. Jesus answers them by saying, yes, but we are going to that town. From one good town to another...from one good thing to another! Another humbling thought in this process is God has someone else better suited with their gifts for the next chapter of Youth Ministry Victoria. And with that I said, ok Jesus, have it your way, and then there was peace! Peace is good!

THANK YOU. I'M SORRY. PRAYER.

As mentioned in my introductory remarks, thank you just seems so bland and inadequate when I count the endless list of blessings that I am taking with me...but Thank You it is. I will forever be thankful for the amazing team that I have had the privilege of serving alongside, both within the VicYouth office and our Leadership Team of Volunteers, from Pathfinders, Adventurers to Regional Coordinators, Event Team, Summer Camp Staff, Pathfinder Directors, Youth Leaders, the list goes on. Thank you. I would not have survived the last six years without each and every one of you. You have all inspired me to be a better follower of Jesus, to love faithfully and serve continuously and wholeheartedly. You have all taught me to be a servant leader. You modelled Christ in a way that has made me fall in love with our Saviour over and over again. Thank you for showing me what community is by your commitment to young people. Thank you for allowing me the honour of serving you in the last six years.

I'm also very very thankful for the loving support of my family and my darling husband, Adrian Stiles,

who saw and sees my passion and heart for young people, has allowed me the freedom to spread my wings, even when it meant not having dinner ready when he came home, or his work shirts washed and ironed like a good domestic wife should have done.

I'm sorry for my shortfalls and for getting in the way of God a lot of the time. I'm sorry if the Jesus that you saw in me was not what you read about in Scripture. I'm sorry if I have been a stumbling block between you and Jesus. I'm sorry if I have not served you in the way God would have had me. Please pray for me!

My prayer for you and our church at large is that we continue to give God space to move, direct, and guide as we minister to young men and women. I pray we see value in true discipleship towards young people as part of our church life, not a program. I pray we give opportunities to young men and women to bless our communities because God has gifted them so beautifully. I pray that we walk humbly with Jesus, that we show mercy and have a love for justice, and may Jesus be the centre of our lives, communities and churches.

In His Service,
Moe Stiles



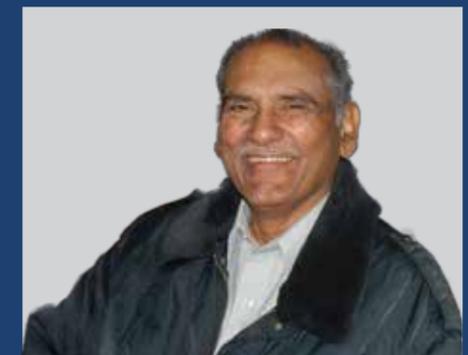
Samson and Delilah

We all know the story of Samson as related in Judges 16. His calling from birth was to deliver Israel from Philistine oppression Judges 13: 5. Reading of his downfall with Delilah, you might think Samson wasted his life, that he was a failure. Yet he still accomplished his God-assigned mission. In fact, the New Testament does not list Samson's failures, nor his incredible acts of strength. Hebrews chapter 11 names him in the "Hall of Faith" among those who "through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised ... whose weakness was turned to strength." This proves that God can use people of faith, no matter how imperfectly they live their lives.

We may ask ourselves why he gave into temptation and forfeited his God-given gift. It's because Samson is just like you and me when we give ourselves over to sin. In this state, we can easily be deceived because the truth becomes impossible to see. Spiritually, Samson lost sight of his calling from God and was shorn of his greatest gift, his invincible strength, duped by the woman who had captured his affections. In the end it cost him his physical sight, his freedom, his dignity, and eventually his life. No doubt, as he sat in prison, unseeing and depleted of strength, Samson felt like a failure.

Do you feel like a complete failure? Do you think it's too late to turn to God? At the end of his life, blind and humbled, Samson finally realised his utter dependence upon God. Amazing grace! He once was blind, but now could see. No matter how far you have fallen away from God, no matter how dreadfully you have failed, it is never too late to humble yourself and turn your life over to God. Ultimately, through his sacrificial death, Samson turned his miserable failures into victory. Let Samson's example persuade us—it is never too late.

Stenio Gungadoo





Combined Schools Day of Worship

August 15 and 16 were two very busy days for our metropolitan schools as they participated in ASV's annual Combined Schools Day of Worship. The theme for 2014 was "Imagine" and our students did a fantastic job in arranging, preparing and presenting videos, dramas, and music during the program.

The Primary program was introduced by Gilson College Mernda students who attended for the first time. The guest speaker for the two day event was Roland Talamaivao who is the Family and Youth Ministries leader at the South Australian Conference.

A lunch menu was provided by NCC and the kids had a great time catching up with friends who attend other schools as well as meeting new friends.

Special thanks goes out to Karen Horsley and the team of ASV chaplains who such an amazing job in coordinating the program, working out all the logistics and providing a spiritual feast for all involved.



Celebrating 50 years...

Over the next year, there is much to celebrate at ASV. Two of its long standing schools are celebrating their 50th Anniversaries with weekends planned for families and friends who have had an association with the schools.

There will be plenty of activities for the whole family at both celebrations and it will be a great time to catch up with past colleagues and school mates and to see how far the schools have come.

Check out the details below and make sure you register so you get all the information as it comes to hand.



Nunawading Christian College

25-27 October 2013

For more information, visit ncc2.vic.edu.au/50years or like their facebook page www.facebook.com/nunawadingchristiancollegealumni



Lilydale Adventist Academy

3-4 May 2014

For more information, visit las.vic.edu.au/50years or like their facebook page www.facebook.com/50yearsatLAA

Happy Hands Art time

Toddlers aged 1 to 5

At the beginning of Term 3, ASV started rolling out the community program known as "Happy Hands".

The Happy Hands program was introduced into our schools as a ministry to connect with the community to meet the needs of parents of with young children.



Happy Hands began at Nunawading Adventist Church with the director Carolin Schmitz leading the program for local families in the Whitehorse area. It was so popular that Happy Hands now runs two sessions each week at the church. Within ASV, Edinburgh Adventist Primary School, Gilson College Mernda and Nunawading Christian College run Happy Hands and there are plans to extend the program to every school within the Adventist Schools Victoria (ASV) system over the next year.

Dianne Cotter, Marketing Officer at ASV explains, 'Each of our schools in ASV has a responsibility to its local community that extends beyonds its current school family.'

It is our opportunity to meet with residents in a real and engaging way and provide an important community program to parents and their families.'

It's bright, colourful, loud and fun – and that's the way we like it!

Most recently, Gilson College Mernda was featured on the front page of the local paper with happy children and parents enjoying making a 'creative mess.'

Each school has a waiting list and as demand grows, each school will investigate the viability of operating another session. Sessions cost \$7.00/child and that covers the cost of art supplies and snacks for the children each week.

For more information or for registrations, visit the Happy Hands website, www.happyhandsart.com



Our Values

Our values are encompassed between the pillars of **Love** and **Service**. God's love for us and our love response to Him through service to Him and others, is expressed through our Christian values.

We live our Christianity through:

Excellence

Using God's gifts to do our best

Compassion

Showing kindness and empathy to all

Humility

Accepting our achievements without boasting

Respect

Thinking and behaving well towards others

Integrity

Living at peace with ourselves

Justice

Seeking what is right

Discernment

Making wise choices

Responsibility

Owning our actions

Hope

Living with joy because our future is certain

For a list of Adventist Schools in Victoria, visit our website

asv.adventist.edu.au

100 Years at Mont Albert

Celebrating 100 years of fellowship, 90 years of church and dedication of our new extension on Saturday 19 October 2013

If anybody has any memorabilia to loan please contact Dorothy Shea 0407 260 117

Unable to attend but would like something read about the history of the church, or would like to come and read it, please contact Dorothy Shea 0407 260 117 or contact the church clerk Karina Gurban kgurban@adventist.org.au .

The Days' Program:

- 10am Sabbath School
- 11:30am Worship – Pr John Denne
- Join us for lunch (finger food) after the morning service. All welcome but if you can please let us know if you plan to stay, for catering purposes. Call Indra on 03 9870 8746
- 2:30pm History of the Church, Reminiscing/Nostalgia, and Opening/ Dedication of Extension
- Venue - Mont Albert Seventh-day Adventist Church, 43 York St, Surrey Hills

Bus Shopping Tour

Are you in need of Retail Therapy? Do you need to stock up on your Christmas goodies at bargain prices? Then have we got the thing for you!

Join us as we visit over 12 factory outlets

Outlets include toy stores, Christmas stores, clothing stores & bric-a-brac.

- When: 17th Nov - 7:00 am sharp!! (The bus will not wait for you!!)
- Where: 46 Balmoral Avenue, Springvale
- Cost: \$55 (to be paid by 28th Oct)

To book contact Wesley Laughlin e-mail mrwlaughlin@yahoo.com.au, phone 0425 779 594 (ah)

All profits go towards paying for Springvale Church renovations.

Cheques to be made payable to "Seventh-day Adventist Church" and mailed to: PO Box 141 Springvale VIC 3171

Bookings close 16th October.

Notices

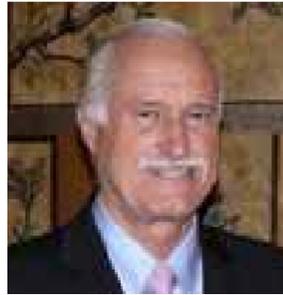
Know Your Enemy...

If knowing more about Diabetes and Obesity and how to stop them in their tracks interests you...

Dr Comstock is visiting from the US and will be presenting a series on how simple lifestyle changes can combat these enemies of modern day living.

Throughout late October and November, Dr Comstock will be presenting at our Hughesdale, Geelong, Clayton Cook Is and Oakleigh Polish churches, on Friday evenings and Sabbath afternoons, and in Caulfield one Sunday.

Visit Intravic.adventistconnect.org for more information on times and locations or contact Tamara Auora-McCulloch on Mobile: 0431173100 or Email: ladytamara.amcc@gmail.com



Dr Comstock

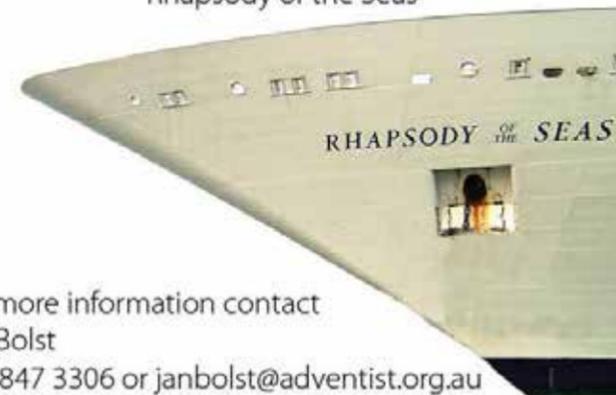


Adventist Singles Cruise

February 1-11, 2014

Cruise includes:
Depart & Return Sydney
Ports include
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Meet new people, make new friends, have loads of fun with other Adventist singles on the Rhapsody of the Seas



For more information contact
Jan Bolst
02 9847 3306 or janbolst@adventist.org.au

You Are Invited...

to be part of
Warburton's 1st Ever Massed Peoples' Choir

Join the Gospel Big Band, led by Paul Woodward, and the Avondale Institute of Worship Orchestra, led by Dr. Lyell Heise, for an unforgettable musical experience

The Massed Peoples' Choir will be led by Kingsley Wood



- When?** Saturday, October 12, 2013: Praise and Worship Service - 11.00 am; and Massed Peoples' Choir - 3.30 pm (Attend either or both)
- Where?** Warburton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3490 Warburton Hwy, Warburton
- Why?** For the joy of singing songs of praise in a Massed Peoples' Choir and to raise funds for the Redwood Community Centre, Warburton, an ADRA Victoria project
- For Whom?** For everyone who likes to sing songs of praise in parts with orchestral accompaniment!

How the Massed Peoples' Choir will function:

The choir will be divided into singing parts in the main body of the church with each section led by a section leader under the direction of the choir leader. There is limited seating for the audience in the church's balcony.

We hope to assemble a choir of up to 400 participants! The only condition of participation is that you are prepared to have a go at singing in parts.

Enquiries and registration: Please call Sue on 0438 665 369 for further information and to assist the organisers by registering your attendance.

Please note: Registering your attendance by no later than Monday October 7 is important so that the organisers can configure the seating and sound arrangements for the sections of the Massed Peoples' Choir.

SHINE

SEEVE HIM IN EVERYTHING

Join the SHINE Club NOW!

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Our Community
Our Church
World Mission

A joint project of the South Pacific Children's Ministries Department and the Australian Union Conference Children's Ministries Directors

Happy Hands is a community program designed to involve children in exploring their creativity - as God intended.

There are countless ways you can support the program.

Call Dianne Cotter on 03 9264 7730 or email diannecotter@adventist.org.au to find out how you can help.

Nunawading Christian College
Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30am
Gilson College Mernda
Mondays 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Happy Hands Art time
Toddlers aged 1 to 5



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50 years of Primary & 40 years of Secondary Education

Nunawading Christian College (Formerly Nunawading Adventist Primary School & Nunawading Adventist College) extend a warm invitation to you and your family to join the celebration of 50 years of quality Christian education.

A host of events will run throughout the weekend of **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 25th-27th October 2013.**

Like our Facebook page or visit ncc2.vic.edu.au/50years for more information.



Emergency Management with Kevin Munro

Kevin Munro - Manager of Emergency Management for ADRA Australia, would like to meet with the ADRA leaders from the North West Metro churches to discuss the new developments with the Whittlesea Council and the North West Collaboration Project. The afternoon will include a time to share, discuss and pray about how ADRA leaders can best support the new program.

When: October 5th 2013, at 3pm

Venue: Victorian Conference Office Chapel

Rsvp: 1st October to Tanya Karaoglanis - 9264 7723 or tanyakaraoglanis@adventist.org.au

Light refreshments provided

ADRA Appeal – October

This year ADRA is aiming to assist an additional 13,000 people access the basic necessities of food, water, income and education – but it's only possible with your help.

ADRA is also encouraging churches to think about more than just knocking on doors and highway collection - church groups across the country are set to be shaking cans in shopping centres, running car-boot sales and other public fundraisers in a move that will see 'Knocktober' become a nationally recognised, month long event.

For more information about the ADRA Appeal visit www.adra.org.au, or contact Rebecca Auriant on Mobile: 0411 865 790 or email: rauriant@adra.org.au

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The owners are keen for their beloved property to go to another Adventist family.

35 acres, with views of Maleny foothills. 4BR brick home, solar. Plus rentable granny flat. Quiet & traffic free. Includes 3A furniture timber, 30 species fruit trees, tractor sheds workshop. Permanent creek, rainforest. 30 minutes from coastal beaches.

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A one-bedroom unit has recently been renovated and is ready for occupancy, with another to be made available as soon as renovations are complete.

These rental units require a small ongoing contribution and monthly rent.

For further information on this opportunity, please contact the facility directly on 03 5966 4400 or speak to Keith King on 03 9259 2000 or email:

keith.king@adventcare.org.au



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SUNSET
TIMES:
OCTOBER

SABBATH	OPENING	CLOSING
Oct 4,5	6.27	6.28
Oct 11,12	7.33	7.34
Oct 18,19	7.40	7.41
Oct 25,26	7.47	7.48

Bairnsdale time is 10 minutes EARLIER & at Hamilton the time is 12 minutes Later. Please remember Daylight savings - clocks change forward 1 hour this month on Oct 6th.

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER

- Oct 5 Education/Camping Ministry
- Oct 12 Appeal Expenses
- Oct 19 Local Church Budget
- Oct 26 Local Church Budget



Apology

The editorial team would like to apologise for the inaccurate portrayal of pictures in the time-line illustration on page 8 of the August 2013 edition. It has been drawn to our attention that the camp pictures used were not, in fact, taken at the Nunawading Camp Ground. While they were illustrative of our Camp Meeting history, it was inaccurate to link them with the historical time-line as we did. Please accept our apology.



2013 North West BUSH CAMP

1st November - 5th of November 2013

Powered sites and full catering available.

Contact **Cherene** to secure your little piece of heaven on the banks of the Darling River at Wentworth, on **0439 351 070**.

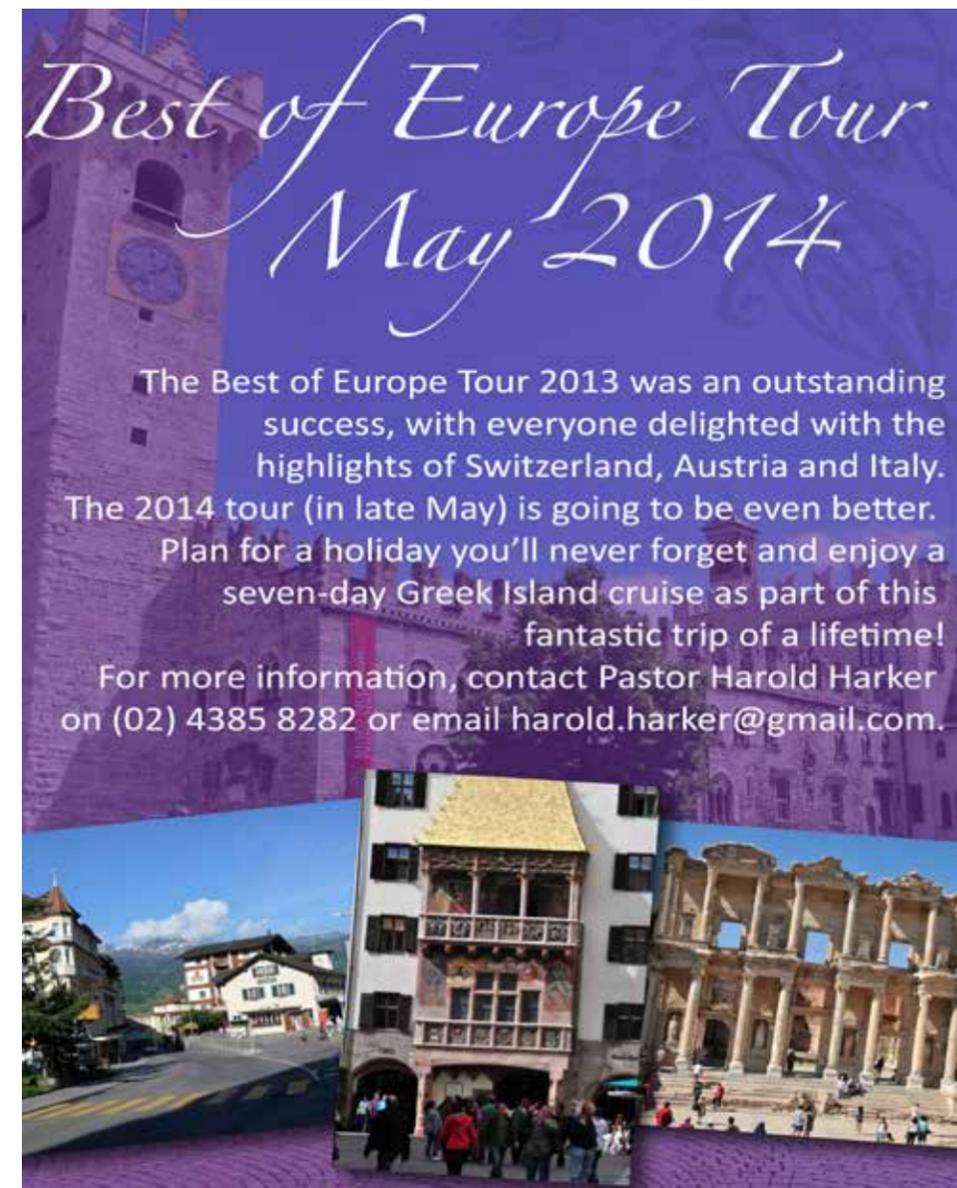
Bookings close October 11.

Guest speaker:

General Conference Ministerial Association's Pr. Anthony Kent



Anthony Kent currently serves as the Associate Secretary, Continuing Education, Professional Growth, PREACH. Anthony came to the General Conference Ministerial Association from the South Pacific Division where he served as Division Ministerial Secretary and the Director of the Institute of Evangelism. Anthony's ministry experience includes pastoring local churches, church planting, public evangelism as a union and division evangelist, and leading study tours and other professional growth events for pastors. He is currently pursuing a PhD through the University of Queensland in the New Testament.



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The Best of Europe Tour 2013 was an outstanding success, with everyone delighted with the highlights of Switzerland, Austria and Italy. The 2014 tour (in late May) is going to be even better. Plan for a holiday you'll never forget and enjoy a seven-day Greek Island cruise as part of this fantastic trip of a lifetime! For more information, contact Pastor Harold Harker on (02) 4385 8282 or email harold.harker@gmail.com.

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JANUARY 07-12

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Youth Rally

October 26th at 10am
One Community Church
184 Surrey Rd, Blackburn
Speaker Moe Ioane Stiles
To be followed by Lunch

Reformation Lands Study Tours

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VAAS Weekend in Marysville
(Victorian Adventist Adult Singles subsidised activity)

Guest Speaker: Pr. Geoff Youlden
Date: 15-17th November
Registration: 5:30pm on the 15th and concluding 2pm on the 17th
Venue: Elkhana Guest House
975 Buxton-Marysville Rd, Marysville
Cost: \$145 Shared accommodation (inc. 6 meals + 2 nights accommodation)
Payment: BSB: 063 535
A/C: 1048 0183
RSVP: 27th October (Booking & Payment Essential)
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This series is an attempt to explain in detail what some feel is a major breakthrough in the victorious Christian life.
A weekend of fellowship, group discussions, exploring Marysville's beauty and nature.
Hope to see you there!!

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