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WA Conference 2015

“Unlocking Bible Prophecy” – WA Spiritual Camp and Prophecy Seminar 25-29 September 2015

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Early this year plans were formulated to run a prophecy outreach seminar in conjunction with the WA field Spiritual Conference. The WA Field Bible worker, Brother Luke Kneebone, began at once to organise and prepare the program for this great event. As choir leader, I began to prepare songs that the choir could sing for this special outreach. After offering everybody the opportunity in both Guildford and Stratham churches to join the choir, we finally met for our first practice on Sabbath afternoon the 28th of February. To my surprise approximately 30 people chose to commit to the seven months of practice leading up to the outreach. Over the months to

follow the choir worked on a number of various inspirational hymn arrangements such as “How Great Thou Art”, “For the Beauty of the Earth” and “The Love of God”. Everyone loved the singing, despite the challenges involved in learning their individual parts.

Meanwhile, Br Luke Kneebone and Br Gerson Robles worked together in the preparation of specific topics to be covered throughout the seminar. A lot of time and effort was put into advertising, including the production of a DVD talking about historical facts and fulfilment of Bible prophecy, entitled “The Final Call”. This was designed to inspire an interest amongst the people for the upcoming outreach and to gain more contacts to visit and study with in the future. A total of 60 people requested this DVD, which Br Luke and other helpers were able to deliver to each person individually along with invitations to the prophecy seminar.

Finally after seven months of hard work, dedication and even some stressful moments, the plans for the camp and outreach seminar had come together in what Br Luke described as a miracle.



Camp opened with the first seminar topic by Br Gerson Robles on Friday night 25th of September at 7:30pm. In this study Br Gerson examined Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in Daniel chapter 2, where he gave focus to future kingdoms that would arise and eventually of a global kingdom that will consume all others, namely, Christ’s second coming. There were a number of visitors from the public, and the inspirational music from the choir helped to give power to the message presented.

Sabbath morning we were all refreshed, and the blessing of study and fellowship with like believers from near and far was something enjoyed by all. Brother Paul Chapman, the president of the AUC, was visiting and gave a meaningful message for the divine service on Daniel chapter 4 and how God is the one who gives people position and authority. After some delightful food from the cooks we enjoyed an interesting youth meeting taken by Sister Catherine Robles, entitled “When is it ok to break the rules?”

The outreach for the public began again at 5pm with Br Gerson speaking on “Who is the man of sin?” expanding on the significance of the papacy in connection with God’s people and how this affects us today.

Br Luke took the next meeting on the 2300 day prophecy and Christ's mission to the world in his first coming. The choir continued to praise the Lord at the beginning and the end of each meeting throughout the seminar, instilling the impression of the messages in people's hearts and minds (A DVD recording of all the choir songs will be available shortly).

Brother Chapman presented a number of important studies on righteousness by faith and Daniel chapter 11 over Sunday and Monday mornings, which were appreciated by all those in attendance. Sunday night Br Gerson presented some interesting insight about religious freedom in connection with America and prophecy of the lamblike characteristics of this nation drastically changing to the resemblance of a dragon. The following meeting presented by Br Luke was entitled "The Final Call". This meeting described the climax of the great controversy to be faced regarding worship and God's most solemn warning ever given to humanity in Revelation 14:6-12.



All too soon it was Monday morning and the final day of camp. We had been enjoying a lot of delightful and mouth-watering food which proceeded from the kitchen. Brethren John Lausevic and Jacques Payet were the chief cooks along with the Payet family; they had sacrificed their time and effort to prepare healthful and tasty dishes throughout the camp. Many thanks to all the cooks and helpers for their hard work!

Brother Luke concluded the outreach seminar with the final two messages presented on Monday night, focusing on what Christ said about his second coming and his warning regarding false Christs. He also talked about signs that would take place before his return. In his final meeting Br Luke encouraged the people to prepare themselves individually for this great event and accept Christ into their lives as their personal Saviour. He reminded them again of God's great love for us and his personal interest in our salvation.

We believe that God blessed abundantly and that people were led to a greater knowledge and understanding of prophecy and God's will for them. We thank God for his leading and help throughout the camp and outreach. Please pray for the souls that attended this seminar that they might continue to follow the light of God's truth.

~ Hayden Wiseman

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22nd General Conference Spiritual Public Meetings

Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement 22nd General Conference Public Spiritual Meetings
10-13 September 2015



A large company of the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement members and friends had the privilege to meet together for the 22nd General Conference spiritual meetings, which took place in Roanoke Virginia during 10-13 September 2015. What a grand time it was when over 1000 believers raised their voices together in song worshipping our heavenly Father.

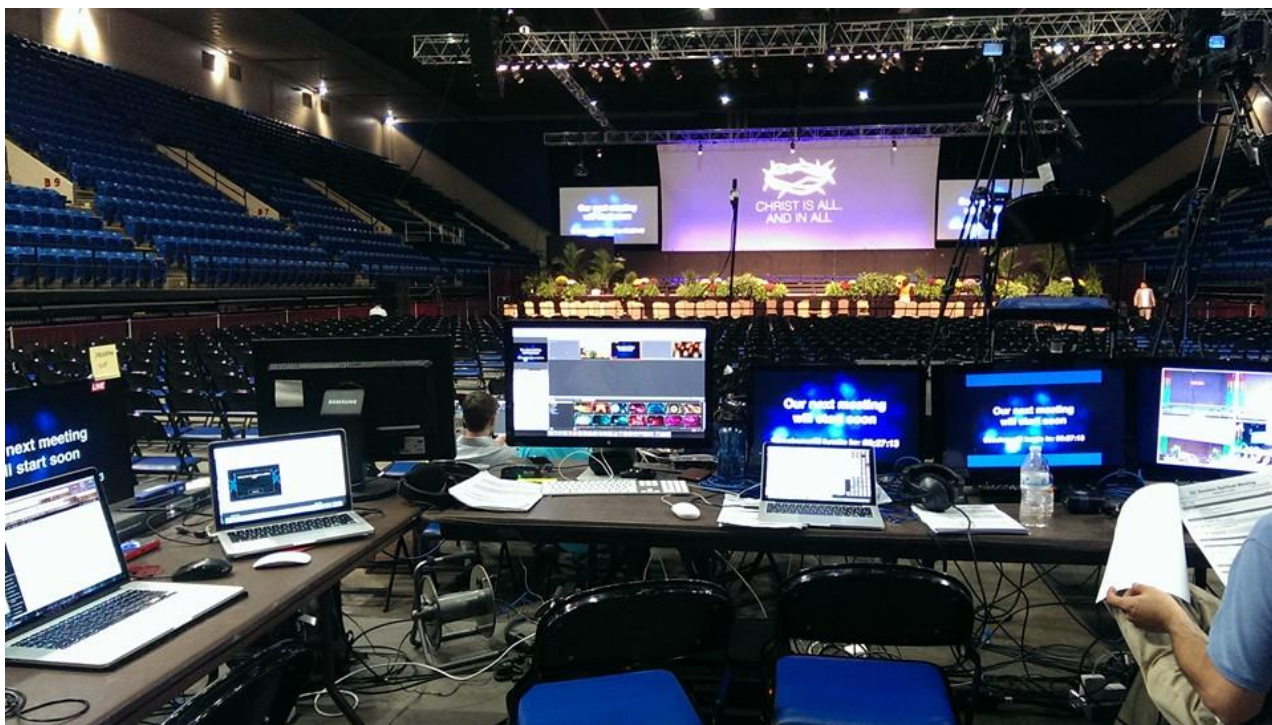
The theme of the 22nd General Conference Spiritual Public Meetings was, **“Christ is all, and in all”**. A special theme song was composed and written for the occasion by Brother Nathan Tyler.



It was wonderful to know that a number of our Australian members and friends were able to be present at that special occasion. I asked some of them if they would like to relate some of their experiences during the General Conference and their travels; some of them answered, and I would like to share these with you:

“The General Conference spiritual meetings began on Thursday evening. They were held in, the huge auditorium at Salem Civic Center—an impressive venue on its own, but made beautiful by the stage design and lighting put together especially for our meetings.

I walked in, and the first thing that caught my attention were the cameras and computers at work capturing and maintaining a live video stream over the Internet. There were many people I knew there working hard along with some new faces. On the second level, on a small alcove overlooking the whole place, there was another camera set up where Bro Bobby and Sis Junee hosted the live broadcast audience. Watching them and the video crew made me think I was watching a news crew. I was so glad we were doing something so professional.



The front stage was beautifully decorated, and the large screens helped remind me what a huge event this was, probably one of the biggest our church in North America has ever hosted. Many different people were involved on stage, from playing or leading out in the music to the actual messages. The first evening touched my heart when Bro Silva mentioned how Jesus prays for us. As I thought of my own struggles it was a comfort to know Jesus cares so much.

One thing that stood out to me was, even though this was a huge event, it felt like everyone was family. There were so many familiar faces that were so overjoyed to see one another again. I felt blessed as I felt this oneness with so many and how God is leading us all. The sad part was that, because of the large numbers in attendance, as I sat on the upper stands, many times I would see a familiar face and long to catch up—but that fleeting glimpse would be the last time I might notice that person. But on the other hand, there were so many rich times of meeting up with different ones and having wonderful heart-to-heart conversations.



The music was rich and beautiful. The choir and orchestra practiced for many days before the event and did a lovely job. I was overjoyed as I heard the words of the theme song, written by my own dear husband, sung by over a thousand people. I knew each line, and the story it told was rich and meaningful. The concert Sabbath evening was lovely with items from different parts of the world. I particularly enjoyed the Russians along with the Halleluiah chorus sung by the choir. I know it must have been good, when I heard my seven-year-old son tell his aunty she really should have been there to hear the concert—it was worth hearing!

One of my favourite meetings was by Bro. Rolly Dumaguit. He showed many pictures and told the stories from our region of the world. It thrilled my heart as I saw him show and tell stories from around the Pacific, including our own Elim Heights and Schofields. His presentation was packed with lots of interesting details.

There is much to say, but these were some the highlights for me. The meetings were over too soon. But I was left with the feeling that we are a worldwide people who are traversing a pathway together through this world. I pray that we will all be successful in that journey, and that along the way we will be effective lights for Jesus, in whatever corner of the world we might be."

~ Danica Tyler

"My experience at the General Conference Spiritual Session, 2015, was both meaningful and over-whelming, when over 1,000 people of like faith gathered for the 'Christ is All and In all' experience. There were many new faces which I didn't have time to greet, but it was exciting to recognize those with whom I had met at the Bushkill Youth Camp-General Conference thirty-six years previous. There was a hymn appropriately written for the occasion which was a highlight, along with the wonderful world choir and orchestra. Meetings were prompt with orchestra playing and choir singing in between.



I encourage everyone to unite, raise the standards and be found ready and waiting for our wonderful Saviour. What a day that will be, when with Jesus we will be, forever and never have to part again or say good-bye.!!!"

~ Daphne Newman

"On Wednesday morning we got up early to catch our flight that would change two times to get to Roanoke, only to hear one flight was running late and they had to rebook us on a later flight. Waiting at the Airport for six to seven hours didn't sound like our way of having fun, but we had no option.

As the time for our flight got nearer, we noticed people arriving that looked like reformers; this was confirmed when seeing Br and Sr Devai, who were booked to board the same plane.

When we arrived at Roanoke after being further delayed by a thunderstorm we were met by lots of reformers and eventually taken to our Motel.

While in Roanoke we were taken to and fro by buses. This was a very good service.

The food was good and organised very well seeing the amount of people they had to cater for. The meetings were very precise and straight to the point--very punctual and stopped right on time. I was impressed that many preachers emphasised the point that the only One that can help us is Jesus, but we must be ready to surrender all to Him.



The music was great, both during services and during recess.

It was a wonderful experience visiting the General Conference Headquarters. The area is lovely, and the building is very nice. I especially loved seeing the photos of the different General Conferences and picking out people we knew years ago.

Roanoke is a lovely town and the hills around are very pretty.

It was lovely to meet up with friends I knew when I was a teenager, really a little taste of heaven."

~ Dorothy Kelly

"I was very privileged to attend the GC; it was such a blessing. I especially enjoyed meeting new people, making friends and catching up with those I already knew. The meetings were very interesting; it was nice to hear what is going on in other parts of the world. The venue was really nice, and the volunteers worked very hard to help make it all happen. Sonya and I had the privilege of travelling before and afterwards. We were away almost six weeks; we were able to see some Adventist heritage sites and meet with lots of church people, such a blessing!"

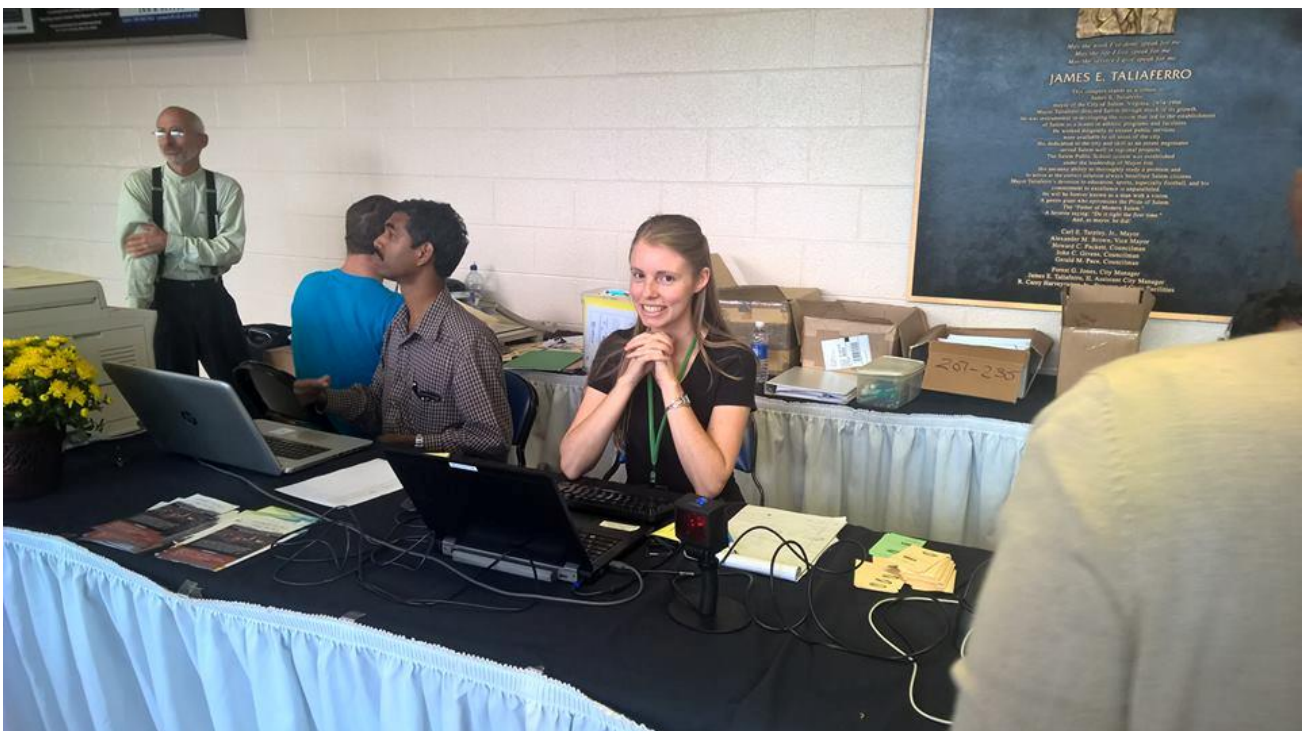
~ Linda Goudie

"It was an amazing experience to be able to attend the GC session held at Roanoke, Virginia, this year.

I want to thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to help out with it and for the experience and friendships made during that time.

I had been invited to volunteer with the office side of things, and so I enjoyed learning what goes on behind the scenes at these special events!

The conference began Thursday evening, and I was sitting behind the registration table with a couple of other volunteers when the first of the guests began arriving. It was a really enjoyable time getting to meet the different visitors from all over the world.



The theme of the conference was “Christ Is All and In All”. The meetings were all live streamed so viewers from all around the world were able to join in the meetings and also hear the beautiful music that was provided at the beginning and ending of each meeting.

On Sabbath there was an estimate of around 1400 people, and being surrounded with believers and people there all praising and worshiping God together was an overwhelming feeling.

I praise and thank God for providing the means and helping the different people who worked hard and many long hours behind the scenes for it all to run smoothly.

Yours in Christ”

~ Shelley Newman

“On the 17 of August, we flew from Brisbane to USA; the trip went smoothly and no drama. We arrived in Roanoke Virginia and met up with a fellow Australian, Shelley Newman. The first week we stayed at the GC Headquarters. It was nice to put faces to all the names I had heard about for years.



The first week, I was in the kitchen cooking and packing things up ready to take to the delegation setting. My brother Jonathan was setting up building translating booths, for the translators to translate at the delegation. After a wonderful Sabbath of fellowship with other believers, on Sunday was the day we had to pack up and move to the delegation area. We were all very busy getting things ready for the delegates who would be arriving Sunday night and Monday. For the rest of the week we had the delegation. All of us volunteers were kept very busy keeping everything running as smooth as possible.

At the end of the second week, we had the opportunity to play in a choir and orchestra. We had to practice together for three days, and then we had to pack up and move everything to the place where we were having the General Conference meetings.



Thursday night was the opening of the conference. On Friday they had a heath program and a lot of good spiritual meetings and opening of Sabbath. Sabbath, we gathered for morning worship and breakfast then Sabbath School, and the Word of God was brought to us by Br D. Silva for Divine service. After lunch we had more meetings and many items and experiences, from all around the world. It was a blessing; there were over 1000 people who were able to attend the General Conference Spiritual Meetings.

I thank God that we had the opportunity to go the delegation and the General Conference. It was wonderful to be around so many like-minded Christians, all from the four corners of the earth.”



~ Jessica Brown

“At long last I had made it as the plane took off from Kingsford Smith Airport, Sydney, bound for LA International Airport, where through connecting flights I would arrive to my final destination at Roanoke, Virginia U.S.A. for the 22nd General Conference Spiritual Meetings, 2015!



"I would like to take this time to thank God for the wonderful opportunity He provided, that I was able to attend this magnificent gathering of God's people and to be strengthened in faith as a result. It truly was a blessing!"

"I would like to tell you the good thing God did for me there at the Spiritual Conference. Br. Adrian Finaru (USA) shared his study, 'Christ is

All for Me' (Revelation 3: 18), and he was talking about the power of God and how we can receive it. As he was saying these things, I was thinking to myself, 'This is true.... I believe it.' It was at that time whilst I was sitting there that I received power from God!

"And I shared this blessing with others around me, even with Br. Finaru. After sharing this with a retired SDARM Minister, he said to me, 'We must cherish these impressions.' Later when I finally arrived home to Australia, I found a statement from RH, January 30, 1894 par. 3 reaffirming what he said because there is a danger of losing the blessing.

*"As a result, my faith in Christ and His Church was reaffirmed, and this is what I came away believing. 'And after these things I saw **another angel** come down from heaven, having **great power**; and the earth was **lightened with his glory**.' Revelation 18:1.*

"Dear reader, that angel is us, the SDARM. God gave me power at this gathering and peace, '...the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,...' Phil. 4:7. I came away understanding God gives us His power that we may reveal His glory, His character of love to others in these last days.

May God help us."

~ Craig Cunningham.

If you missed this event or simply would like to be refreshed by it again and again, just click on the following links:

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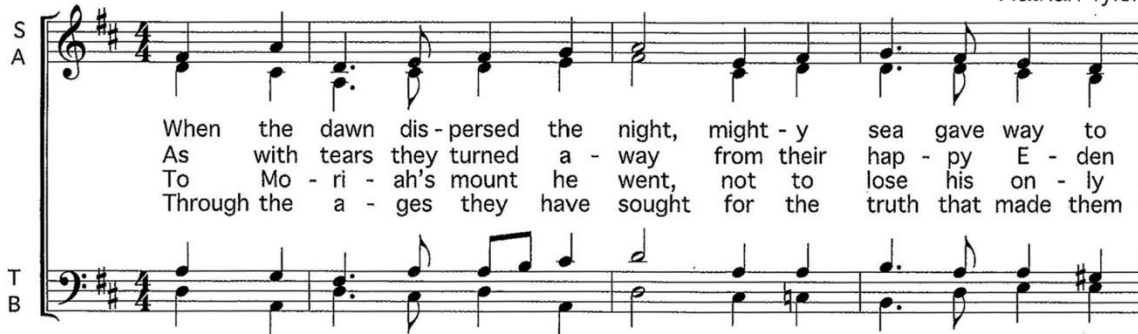
Theme Song

"Christ Is All and in All"

For 22nd SDARM General Conference Session

Nathan Tyler

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When the dawn dis - persed the night, might - y sea gave way to
As with tears they turned a - way from their hap - py E - den
To Mo - ri - ah's mount he went, not to lose his on - ly
Through the a - ges they have sought for the truth that made them

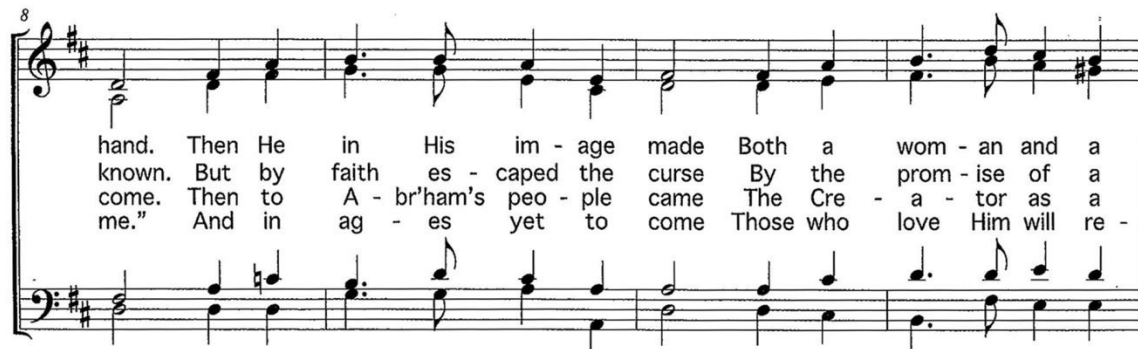
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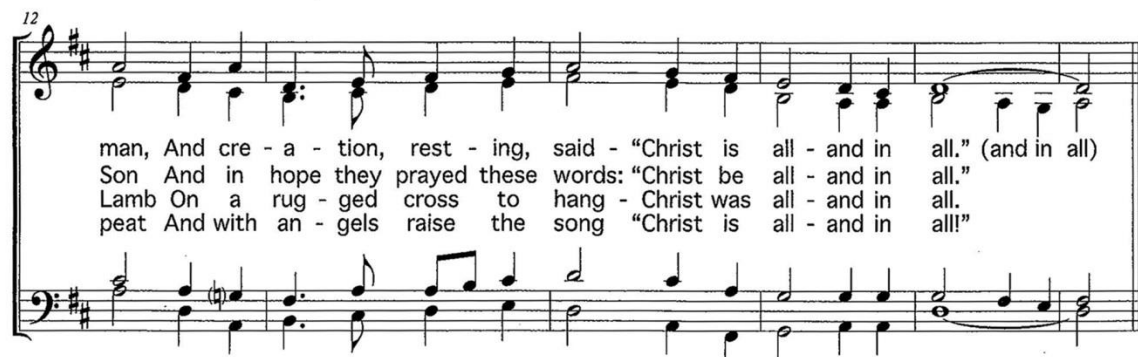
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home, Deep - est sor - row took the place Of the joy that they had
son, But to find the great - est Gift of Mes - si - ah that would
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come. Then to A - br'ham's peo - ple came The Cre - a - tor as a
me." And in ag - es yet to come Those who love Him will re -

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man, And cre - a - tion, rest - ing, said - "Christ is all - and in all." (and in all)
Son And in hope they prayed these words: "Christ be all - and in all."
Lamb On a rug - ged cross to hang - Christ was all - and in all.
peat And with an - gels raise the song "Christ is all - and in all!"

Dedication – Levi Joseph Gules

Schofields Church Divine Service -5th September 2015



It was the desire of Amy and Benny Gules to have their firstborn son Levi Joseph dedicated to the Lord. It was a wonderful and touching moment as Br. Sas related at the beginning of the service that he was the one who dedicated his granddaughter Amy Angelica to God on the 12th December 1987 and how he feels so grateful to the Lord for being able to do the same now for his great-grandchild, Levi Joseph Gules.

After the first hymn, prayer, offering and announcements, Br. Sas opened the meeting with the reading of a couple of paragraphs from the pen of inspiration:

“Mothers, hearing and seeing his words and works, desired that their children might come to him to be blessed. On one occasion one mother with her children left their home to find the Saviour. On the way they told others

of their desire; and as they pursued their journey, mother after mother, with their little ones, joined the company, until, when they reached the place where the Saviour was, there was a little army of women and children who sought to reach his side. He was ministering the word to the people, and healing the sick; and when the women made known their errand, the disciples told them that the Master must not be disturbed. But Christ had heard the petition of the mothers, and at once his heart responded to their desire. He said, ‘Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’” The Review and Herald, January 7, 1909.

“You remember how the mothers brought their children to Jesus, that He might bless them. At first there were only one or two mothers. They were joined by others, and when they reached Jesus, there were quite a number of mothers and children. They were weary and dusty, but oh, so anxious to come into Christ's presence and receive His blessing. Christ had watched these mothers and their little ones all along the way. He heard the disciples forbidding them to come to Him, and He said, ‘Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’ And He took the children in His arms, close to His great heart of love, and blessed them.” Manuscript Releases Volume 3, pp. 53, 54.

The congregation was then invited to stand and together sing the hymn “Lead them my God to Thee”. Then Br. Sas proceeded to read a few more statements from the pen of inspiration.

“Fathers and mothers, to you God has entrusted children, and upon you rests a great responsibility, that of patiently and faithfully educating them. To fit your children to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King is your first duty. You are responsible to God carefully to educate them, from their earliest years, to be kind and helpful, patient and forbearing.” Manuscript Releases, Vol. 7 p. 16.

"...Let mothers now lead their children to Christ. Let ministers of the gospel take the little children in their arms, and bless them in the name of Jesus. Let words of tenderest love be spoken to the little ones; for Jesus took the lambs of the flock in his arms, and blessed them." The Review and Herald, March 24, 1896.

Br Sas asked Benny and Amy to come forward and bring Levi to the front for the dedication prayer; he also asked the congregation to rise while they knelt down together. After the prayer, the congregation was asked to be seated.



Divine Service proceeded on the topic of the family. Some of the points expressed were:

The family is the most important unit that exists in this world, and it originated right back at creation.

To have a house is not to have a home, but we can have both; a house and a home. Whatever trials we've had in the past, if we surrender and submit ourselves to God, He can change the family; and the home will be as it was in the beginning, a bliss!

To close, Br Sas referred to the message in Malachi 4:6 *"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers..."* there will be a restoration of the family; when the hearts of the parents are united together and then united to their children, and Christ is in the centre, it will be a strong family *"...and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."* Ecclesiastes 4:12, last part.

The hymn "There Is Beauty All Around" was sung, and the final prayer was offered.

May God's blessings be upon each family who chooses to have Jesus as their nucleus.

There Is Beauty All Around

By J H McNaughton

There is beauty all around, When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound, When there's love at home.
Peace and plenty here abide, Smiling sweet on every side;
Time doth softly sweetly glide, When there's love at home.

Refrain

Love at home! Love at home!
Time doth softly sweetly glide,
When there's love at home.

In the cottage there is joy, When there's love at home;
Hate and envy ne'er annoy, When there's love at home.
Roses blossom 'neath our feet, All the earth's a garden sweet,
Making life a bliss complete, When there's love at home.

Kindly heaven smiles above, When there's love at home;
All the world is fill'd with love, When there's love at home.
Sweeter sings the brooklet by, Brighter beams the azure sky;
O, there's One who smiles on high, When there's love at home.

Jesus, make me wholly thine, Then there's love at home;
May thy sacrifice be mine, Then there's love at home.
Safely from all harm I'll rest, With no sinful care distress'd,
Thro' thy tender mercy blessed, When there's love at home.

Engagement Congratulations



Brother **Luke Phillips** and Sister **Andrada Condrovici** announced their engagement on 30th May 2015. We would like to congratulate them and wish them all God's blessings as they plan to join their lives together in holy matrimony.

"And above all these things put on [love], which is the bond of perfectness." Colossians 3:14

Laidley Combined Sabbath – Pimpama Group QLD

Combined Sabbath with the isolated brethren from Laidley, Queensland – 5 September 2015

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25.

The 5th of September 2015 was a beautiful Sabbath Day when our Pimpama Church group once again headed out to Laidley to spend a Sabbath day with the isolated members and friends from the Lockyer Valley region. With the intention being to share our usual Sabbath meetings with them, it was an early start by some to travel the 1.5 hours to the Laidley Culture Centre to setup and be ready for the 9:30am Sabbath School bell.



It was wonderful to have all our regular Pimpama members able to attend. We thank God also for the many visitors and friends who came to fellowship with us on that day. With both children and youth making up over 40 in number the Sabbath school, teachers were given a challenging task of leading out in both activities and discussions.

The morning's study was taken by Bro Jacob D'Souza entitled, "The Workings of The Holy Spirit", where he enlightened us on the importance of not only listening to what the Holy Spirit says to us but to act on what He is teaching us.

Lunch was a big family affair as per the usual Pimpama spread, with a wonderful variety of flavours from the many cultural backgrounds. From beans and rice, pasta, curries, patties and of course the Big Bowl of Salad, everyone had plenty of physical food to compliment the morning's spiritual bread. With a number of visitors in attendance, it was also a great opportunity for many to share in discussions and experiences from the many walks of life.

The afternoon program was one of praise and sharing of God given talents in various activities. One of the highlights was the opportunity to have an African Choir from one of the Adventist Churches in Toowoomba come down and share their love of praising God in song with their amazing voices and arrangements. Personally, there is something about African acapella singing which I have always loved, as it expresses a powerful message of hope, joy and unity through its harmonies and arrangements. It was a blessing enjoyed by all in attendance to have heard this singing, and it was wonderful to get to know these African Christian friends after the meeting. Many thanks to Jasmin McMicking (Reyes) for having the connections to make this possible!).

With close of Sabbath came another opportunity to share a delicious fruit and sweets meal with the many who remained for the evening.

We praise God again for not only the beautiful weather he gave us for the day, but for the many blessings we received in this outreach program amongst the Laidley region. These blessings included the free use of this wonderful venue, the many people we got to meet and the safe travelling mercies granted to everyone who came. We pray that God willing we can have the opportunity to do it all again in the near future!

~Fredy Reyes

Erratum

In the August issue of the Good Tidings, in one of the birth announcements, the name Dammasch was misspelt, please accept our apologies.

The Witness of a Smile: Testimony from USA

This morning we received a message through our Facebook page relating a wonderful testimony from a soon-to-be sister. I found the testimony to be very encouraging and an immense blessing, and I know her testimony can surely benefit our brethren around the world, so I am attaching a poster I made with said testimony. I thought maybe the brethren would like to share it with their respective churches; perhaps it will uplift and encourage individuals around the world and inspire us to allow God to continue working through us.

The link to the video she mentions is here: <http://on.fb.me/1Z1II5e>



May the Lord continue blessing His work.

God bless,

Larissa T.

"Dear SDARM representatives,

I shared your post about the interview with a young man named Jaime from Australia at the 2015 GC session and wrote the following comments about the SDARM church in the post. I thought it would only be fair to share the thoughts with you all as well, so that you have a chance to see a review coming from someone who has no history of being acquainted with this organization (myself). Thanks and God bless!

"Notice this young man's smile... it's is an amazing phenomenon that you see this beautiful smile over and over with the people of the SDARM church. I'm starting to call it the "SDARM smile." Recently I have been attending the SDARM, which is basically the same as the SDA church but has remained very faithful to the original message of truth since the original European group was disfellowshipped from the SDA church not long after the turn of the century because they wanted to remain faithful to our message about military combat (conscientious objector status).

This seems to be a church full of moderate, happy, friendly people who follow the SDA teachings without moral compromise. They are not extremist, "off-shoot" or cult-like in any way (in contrast to almost all other groups that have left SDA church). This seems to be a world-wide body of people unified in purpose – there are no obvious extremes of liberal or conservative ideology warring against each other. In their services they always have a handshake line coming out of the sanctuary – if there are 20 people who came that day you will shake nearly 20 hands – if there are 100 people there you will shake nearly 100 hands (lots of hugging going on with that too, actually), such as with the area conferences they have several times a year. The churches are small but area churches communicate and get together for activities, share speakers back and forth and seem to know each other.

They have a very active and interesting youth program with meetings that get kids involved. The kids and children themselves are very active and friendly – and have greeted me repeatedly and openly befriended me from the time I walked in the door, even though I’m much older than they are!

While I believe that there are many sincere SDA members, I feel that somewhere along the way the church has lost touch with the original purpose and begun chasing after the glitter and glamour of the world – and because of this you also have a lack of the Holy Spirit which has been grieved away. SDARM members have not lost the spirit of friendliness- you don’t walk out of their churches feeling like no one noticed you. Instead you might get several hugs and handshakes and a lot of new friends, as well as getting to witness many beautiful smiles. It seems evident that the Spirit of God is truly blessing this organization.

I also love the SDA church, but in all honesty I’m getting a little weary of a life-long struggle to try to get people to understand how Christianity could be (moderate, friendly, faithful) instead of either worldliness/liberalism or conservative extremism that seem to be the only two options for SDA services. I have dearly enjoyed the refreshing blessing of becoming involved with a group of people so unified in purpose in following after Christ.

~ Vicki G.

Condolences

Condolences to the McCutcheon family

Our Condolences go to Brother Geoff McCutcheon and his family on the loss of his dear mother, who passed away in New Zealand at the age of 85.

Brother Geoff is an ordained elder in the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement Australasian Union, who is currently working for the Victoria/Tasmania Conference.

Although, Br Geoff’s mother was not of our faith, for part of her life she was a Seventh Day Adventist and instilled very good Christian principles in her children. Brother Geoff values these principles to this day.



Here is a short recollection from Brother Geoff McCutcheon on his mother:

“My Mum, Colleen May Curtin, was born in Napier New Zealand, May 15, 1930. Her parents Andy and Marie Curtin were orchardists in Pakowhai not far from Napier. Through circumstance, she was raised in early childhood at a convent in Wellington and had often commented how kind the nuns were to her. They taught and encouraged her to sing. She had a lovely voice and throughout her life had a love of choral and spiritual music.

Mum returned to Napier when she was about 17 and took up an apprenticeship as a hairdresser. Shortly afterward, Mum met and married my father Colin McCutcheon. Dad was raised a Seventh Day Adventist, and Mum accepted the Adventist message.

My parents loved country living. Many years were spent working on farms inland from Napier. Mum was also trained in nursing and worked in intensive care at the Hastings Hospital. They raised seven children.

Mum loved gardening as well as music and was actively involved in Country Women's Institute. Her gardens were always a blaze of colour and open to the public for viewing on occasion. Both parents for a time sadly slipped away from regular church attendance. After many years my parents and younger siblings moved and settled in Taupo. Sadder still, my parents parted company, and after several years Mum remarried and lived on average on the Kaipara Harbour. Although Dad returned to the Adventist faith, Mum did not. She attended Anglican services regularly with my stepfather.

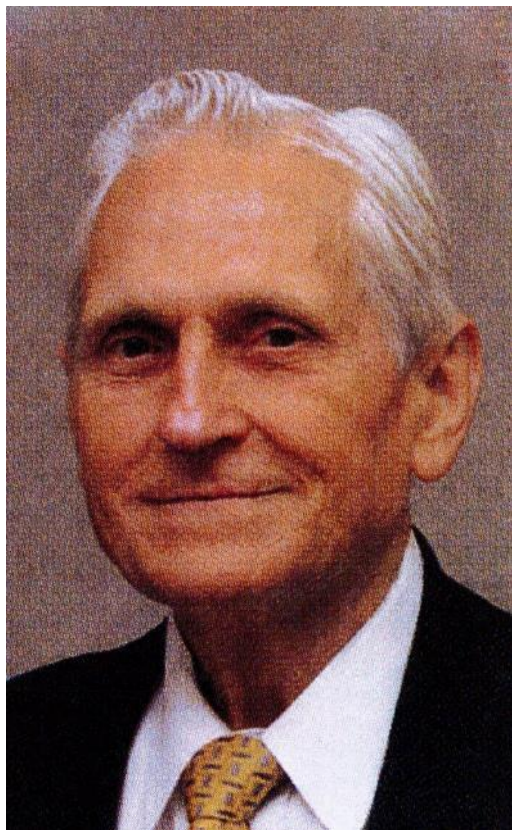
Around 2003 Mum and stepfather moved back to Taupo. She became very involved again with floral art and was President of the Institute for 2-3 years. It was in about 2011 that my stepfather died, and shortly after Mum started to develop dementia. With failing health, Mum was admitted to a rest home towards the end of last year. Her health held for several months. She enjoyed singing for church services held in the rest home, but as dementia rapidly advanced, she lost appetite and weight. Tuesday the 29th of September NZ family informed me she was fading fast. I travelled to be with her the same day, and she passed away peacefully early in the morning of the next day.

My dear Mum is survived by 7 children, 22 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.

My brothers and sisters called upon me to conduct the chapel service and committal. I thank the Lord for strength to do so.

Mum will be always remembered for her smile, her compassionate ways, and loving kindness. She will be greatly missed."

~Br Geoff McCutcheon.



Benjamin Burec – General Conference, Roanoke, Virginia USA

Sadly we pass on news received from the General Conference that our Brother Benjamin Burec went peacefully to rest in the Lord at the age of 83 in Roanoke VA, USA on Tuesday 29th September, 2015.

Brother Benjamin Burec was born and raised in the SDA Reform Movement. From his youth throughout all his life he served the Lord by working for the Church. His employment in the General Conference was in various capacities, including as Treasurer, Secretary, Sabbath School Director, Public Relations Officer, Reformation Herald and Publishing Director. Together with his wife Sister Elsa Burec, they had been a blessing in the Lord's service.

Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife Sister Elsa, to his three grown children Evelyn, Elizabeth and Deborah and their spouses, and five grandchildren.

May God comfort their hearts during this time of sorrow.

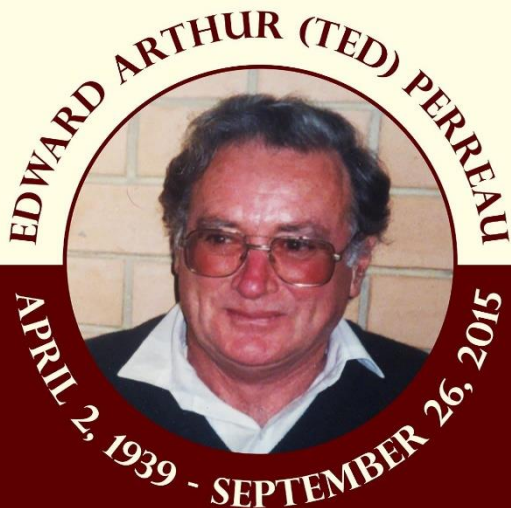
The funeral took place on Monday, 5th October. Brother Benjamin Burec will be greatly missed by many.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Ted Perreau – 26 September 2015 – Adelaide, South Australia

Condolences go to Sister Rosemary Perreau on the passing away of her husband Edward Arthur Perreau. May God give you strength to go on, and may you look forward to the day when you once again will be united with your beloved husband and live forever where there will never more be parting.

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"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."
Revelation 21:4.

Edward (Ted) Arthur Perreau - After coming to church for a few years, Br Ted and his wife Rosemary were baptised into the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement in 2009. Br Ted was already struggling with some health issues, and over the years they gradually worsened until he had a triple bypass surgery. He recovered well from the bypass surgery, but in early 2015 complications set in, and he was hospitalised again. He had to have minor surgery on his leg, and while in surgery his heart stopped. The doctors were successful in reviving him, and he recovered from the surgery really well.

He was getting better, and then one morning he had a stroke, which left him unconscious and on life support. The doctors called all his family members together, as they said it would take a miracle for him to recover and suggested turning off the life support. The members in Adelaide were praying for Br Ted, that God's will would be done in his life. On the morning when they had planned to turn off the life support, Sr Rosemary and the family gathered together in the hospital,

waiting for the outcome. Within minutes of the life support being switched off, he gained consciousness, and immediately asked for Br Matyas to say a special prayer for him. Family and Br Matyas held his hands while praying, and with tears of gratitude he understood that God had answered prayer and given him more time with his family. He slowly regained his health and was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital closer to home, where he spent the last 2 months of his life. He had been feeling confident of fully regaining strength and being able to walk again without aid. The date had been set for his return home, when he suffered another stroke and again lost consciousness. A few hours later, his life battle was over.

We thank God for the wonderful life of Ted Perreau, and he will be greatly missed from the Adelaide church. We also thank the Lord for the life he is giving us all on this earth, and for those experiences we make here which help us to prepare for eternity.

~ Kaylene Matyas

Joan Wallace – Shepparton, Victoria



Our dear sister Joan Wallace, member of the SDARM church in Shepparton, Victoria, passed away on the 25th of August this year. She was a dearly loved member and an exemplary Christian. Sr Joan is greatly missed, but we look forward, with much anticipation, to the second coming of our Lord Jesus and the resurrection!

Joan Wallace was born in 1929 and was 86 when she passed away. She had health complications; however she would always praise God even in the midst of suffering!

Her funeral service was held on the 31st of August in a small chapel where about fifty people attended. We then proceeded to the cemetery for

the graveside service where Br McCutcheon tenderly committed her into the hands of our dear Saviour!

After the graveside service, most guests went back to the church hall and enjoyed finger foods and chatted! Nothing could extinguish her hope, nothing could shatter her trust. Nothing could crush her love for God and others. May we too learn these wonderful lessons that God is trying to teach us!

She was a strong pillar in the house of God, and surely when He comes again will come to pass the saying - *“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”* Revelation 3:12



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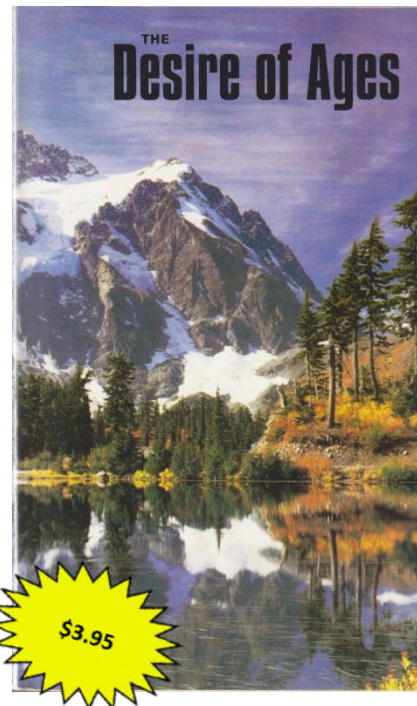
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PNG Drought Relief Appeal

Appeal letter for Funds for Emergency Food Supplies due to El Nino Drought in PNG

Dear Brethren and Friends in Australia and New Zealand,

“God also entrusts men with means. He gives them power to get wealth. He waters the earth with the dews of heaven and with the showers of refreshing rain. He gives the sunlight, which warms the earth, awakening to life the things of nature and causing them to flourish and bear fruit. And He asks for a return of His own.” Christ Object Lessons p. 351.



“Our money has not been given us that we might honor and glorify ourselves. As faithful stewards we are to use it for the honor and glory of God. Some think that only a portion of their means is the Lord's. When they have set apart a portion for religious and charitable purposes, they regard the remainder as their own, to be used as they see fit. But in this they mistake. All we possess is the Lord's, and we are accountable to Him for the use we make of it. In the use of every penny, it will be seen whether we love God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves.” Christ Object Lessons p. 351.

Currently a need has arisen in Papua New Guinea where our members and their children are going hungry and at this point in time are in great need for assistance. Members cannot access their food sources, namely their gardens, due to frost and drought. Over 10 weeks of no rain has meant that their dependence on the only water source to water their gardens has dried up. In addition the water supplies from streams and rivers have given up. In some places springs have dried up. The PNG Welfare Department has used up all available funds, and the government is not forthcoming in aid to the people in a timely manner. Across the country many people are in need. Currently the immediate need is to purchase food supplies for all the member families in need. Funds are needed for this purpose. Please donate generously for this important need as without a water supply, the burden to collect water almost always falls on children. With many thousands of people without water, that's a huge risk to children's health. They are at serious risk of diarrhoea, and other life-threatening illnesses from drinking contaminated water sources.

Our Plan is to subsidize their food costs to alleviate the loss of their only source of food; their gardens. The plan is to purchase supplemental food supplies for a period of four months. Once this period of time has passed, we will assess the situation on the ground through the PNG Welfare Department and bring further news.

“Money has great value, because it can do great good. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and clothing for the naked. It is a defense for the oppressed, and a means of help to the sick. But money is of no more value than sand, only as it is put to use in providing for the necessities of life, in blessing others, and advancing the cause of Christ.

But Christ sanctions no lavish or careless use of means. His lesson in economy, ‘Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost,’ is for all His followers. (John 6:12.) He who realizes that his money is a talent from God will use it economically, and will feel it a duty to save that he may give.” Christ Object Lessons p. 352.

“The more means we expend in display and self-indulgence, the less we can have to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Every penny used unnecessarily deprives the spender of a precious opportunity of doing good. It is robbing God of the honor and glory which should flow back to Him through the improvement of His entrusted talents.” Christ Object Lessons p. 352.

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