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Educating for Eternity – AUC Camp

Education and Family Camp – Elim Heights – 25-29 December 2015

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In December 2015, many of us gathered at Elim Heights for the Education and Family Camp. We initially were expecting about 100 or so people to stay on site for the camp and were blessed with over 200 people staying at the camp ground. A significant point of interest was that we had a very large number of children at the camp, most of which were under eight years old. It was lovely to see many familiar faces as well as some new faces. We were all there to learn how to better educate our families for eternity. With this in mind, we began



our conference with a study on “Making the Sabbath a Delight”, by Br. Gerson Robles. What better way to train our children to love the Sabbath, than by making it a joyous day!

On Sabbath, we were blessed to have even more visitors coming along. Our Sabbath School was conducted by Br. Sam Batger, the AUC Sabbath School Director. At the children’s Sabbath school there were somewhere between 60-70 children in attendance. That is the largest number of children at camp I (Vesna) have ever seen in 20 years living in Australia. The children’s room was at full capacity that day plus another junior class met under the new pergola. There were also a large



number of youth. Sis. Mary Wiseman and Sis. Marion Brown did a wonderful job with the children’s programs that day. There were also a large number of youth present in the youth Sabbath School class. We



were privileged to have our GC Education Department Secretary, Br. Mario Alvarado to take our Divine Service entitled, “The Most Effectual Sermon.” Our families are truly the greatest witness we can give to the world of the reality of Christianity. He who is a Christian in his own home will be more likely to be a Christian elsewhere. Br. Csongi Matyas conducted our Young People’s Meeting on “The Family Firm”, in which he focused on having family items presented. We enjoyed the lovely presentations. They were very inspiring. After the Young People’s meeting,



we had some really nice Bible/Nature Activities prepared by Sis. Danica Tyler. She had several different activities in small paper bags, and each family could choose which one they liked. The activities were geared for different age groups. A group of young people chose one activity to do together as well. Our next meeting was for the closing of Sabbath, where Br. Peter Lausevic presented a study on “Renewing your Walk with God.” It was a very inspiring appeal to come to a higher experience with God.

Sunday morning set the regular round of routine for the remaining days of the camp. We began each morning, including Sabbath morning with morning worship done within each family/dorm area. We also provided a worship service in the church for those who chose to go there, from Sunday morning on. The morning worship material was provided the night before, so those in charge were able to choose from what was provided and adapt the material to their own families, for example if they had small children. After morning worship and breakfast, we began with a short meeting. Sunday’s meeting was on “Raising Strong Spiritual Young People”, by Br. Nathan Tyler. Br. Nathan gave us some practical guidelines of how



we can help our children to be strong. To begin with, we must have a strong Christian experience ourselves, as parents. We then had a study by Br. Paul Chapman on “Where is your Focus?”, in which Br. Paul encouraged us to put our focus on eternal things. These things are the only things that will endure. We



then divided into discussion groups. Br. Paul Chapman and Br. Ben Thiel each had a session on “How to Have a Happy Marriage.” There were many comments and much helpful discussion. Br. Nathan Tyler, Br. Csong, and Br. Peter all took a large youth discussion group on “How to Find the Right Person for You.” The youth were encouraged to put spiritual considerations first and to look at a wide variety of qualities. We then had lunch, followed by a session of practical activities. The choices of activities were knitting (assisted by Sis.

Weymark and Sis. Lidia Voncina), woodworking (assisted by Br. Madelin Duna and Br. Johnny Gules), soap making (with Sis. Rosemary Voncina), candle making (with Sis. Erika Szabo, Sis. Faith Pow, and Sis. Fulga Batger), massage and injury prevention (with Br. Amos Thiel), and foot massage and relaxation (with Sis. Susan Lausevic). Everyone seemed very busy and very happy, especially the children. For those who finished early, Sis. Kelly Payne-Reyes and Sis. Diana Amaya organised a team building activity which many of the youth and children enjoyed. It was great



to see the youth carrying some of their younger team members along to help the team finish quicker. After dinner we had the evening worship presented by Br. Arnaldo Pedrosa entitled “Prayer and Personal Bible Study”. We were encouraged to make these two things a priority in our lives. We also had a time of sharing afterwards.

On Monday morning, after breakfast, we had our first study given by Br. Jacob DeSouza entitled, “How Should We View Media?”. Br. Jacob challenged us to put

our personal Bible study first in our day, before we go on our social media. He encouraged us to fill our brains with uplifting things instead of just empty information. Br. Mario Alvarado then presented a study on “Educating our Children for Eternity”, in which he encouraged us to focus on providing a spiritual education for our children. We then divided into groups to discuss “Meeting Homeschooling Challenges” with Br. Nathan Tyler, Br. Arnaldo Pedrosa, and Sis. Vesna Kraus; “Working with Conventional Schooling” with Sis.



Lidia Voncina and Sis. Deborah Chapman; and “Making Godly Career Choices” with Br. Csongyi Matyas and Br. Peter Lausevic. I believe we all gained valuable information from our discussion groups. After lunch we had another team building activity done by Br. Larry Ah-ching and Br. Dominic Polistina. We learned about four different birds and their characteristics. We were encouraged to figure out which one we were like: the dove, the hawk, the ostrich, and the owl. Each have bad communication qualities. We were encouraged to realise what the weaknesses of each are and try to avoid the pitfalls each has. After a lovely evening meal, we had our evening worship entitled, “Family bonding”, taken by Br. Alex Pausch, who was visiting us from Austria with his lovely family. We were encouraged to do things together to bring us closer together as families. We also had a time of sharing after the study.

On Tuesday, after a wonderful breakfast, we had a thought-provoking study by Br. Ben Thiel on “Educated to Be Thinkers.” We were blessed to be able to be in the amphitheatre after colder weather on other days. Br. Ben spoke to us about the importance of us educating ourselves to think on good things rather than on evil things, as happened to the majority in the days of Noah. Br. Rolly Dumaguit then took the next study on “Outstanding Christian Men and Women”, among whom he mentioned Daniel and Moses and the great example they are to us today. Our group discussion followed on “How to Stand Firm for God,” led by Br. Jacob DeSouza and Br. Dominic Polistina. We also had impromptu discussion groups on improving



communication in marriage led by Br. Paul Chapman and Br. Sam Batger with the men and Sis. Fulga Batger and Sis. Deborah Chapman with the ladies. After a lovely lunch, we had a session on Family Games done by Br. Gerson and Sis. Catherine Robles. Some of the games involved walking blindfolded through a “mine field” of small plastic balls with a guide, jenga blocks, and deflating balloons in relay teams. The participants then received a bookmark listing eight keys to a connected family. We then had our final worship on “A Healthy



Family Environment” taken by Br. Paul Chapman. Many things make up our environment, including where we live, our associations, and those things we bring into our homes. We then were blessed with a slide show of memories of the camp. During the slide show, Br. Keith Robertson decided to play familiar tunes to accompany the photos. Before long, most of those watching were singing along to the lovely music. Many expressed that this session with the slides was the most memorable of the whole camp. It was a lovely spirit to end the camp on. Many, many people volunteered to help out. Sis. Stela Gules did a wonderful job of organising teams in the kitchen to do the cooking. The food was fantastic. Many others helped out in many other ways. The team doing the

children’s programs was fantastic as well. Many thanks to Sis. Lidia Voncina, Sis. Vesna Kraus, Br. Garry Kraus, Sis. Mary Wiseman, and Sis. Marion Brown. How they kept so many small children occupied and happy was great!

During all the other times at camp, there were children enjoying their time everywhere, indoors and out. Many new little friendships were formed and already existing little friendships were strengthened and renewed. It was wonderful to observe it and be part of it. There were other friendships formed and strengthened as well, youth and adult alike. Some comments after the camp were. . .

Cameron Thiel: *“This was by far the best camp I have attended.”*

Caleb Tyler: *“I wish camp could last forever.”*

One group of little children were crying when they had to leave camp.

We truly pray that as a church and as individuals we will be able to nurture our little lambs in years to come, to encourage our youth and adults alike, that we will be able help them all grow their faith and their friendships. May the Lord help us to all work together to strengthen one another and to continue to be willing to help out in future camps. We are so thankful to all the volunteers, even though we can’t name each one here. Some of you helped out at the last minute, and some of you did something you haven’t done before. You are all much appreciated. And for those who couldn’t help out, we really are thankful that you were just able to come.





Reported by the AUC Education Department Committee

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Baby Dedication – Elim Heights

Kezia Tyler and Mia Balarezo – 26 December 2015

Mark 10:14-16 *“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”*

What an appropriate time was chosen by the parents of Kezia and Mia, to bring their little daughters to be dedicated to the Lord.



At the beginning of the Divine Service during the education and family camp, a special time was allocated for this ceremony. We thank the Lord for so many little children who attended camp and for the faithful parents who are instructing them in God’s way.

We pray God will bless their efforts in bringing up the children who are entrusted to their care, to love and honour God.



Cyclone Winston – Fiji Islands

Re: Appeal letter for funds for emergency supplies due to cyclone Winston in Fiji

Dear Brethren and Friends in Australia and New Zealand,

“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.”
Christ's Object Lessons, p. 351.



Houses destroyed by Tropical Cyclone Winston in Rakiraki, Fiji

On Sabbath 20th of February you would have heard about cyclone Winston on the northern side of the Fiji Islands. Cyclone Winston is one of the largest cyclones ever recorded in the South Pacific. The islands have sustained extremely damaging winds and flooding which has caused extensive damage to housing, crops, infrastructure as well as injury and loss of life. We would like to ask you all to keep the Fijian people in your prayers. We are deeply saddened to receive the news that Br Filipe Seru, a church member who lived on the eastern side of the main island, passed away during the cyclone, and his wife sustained injuries when their house and many others in the village were totally destroyed by the storm.

The members in Suva area are safe and are rallying together to help those who are affected in the villages. Water, food, clothes, temporary shelter and cooking gas are the immediate needs and are being given out by our brethren there. But resources are limited, and financial assistance is needed to continue supply. We are still waiting for contact to be established in the Fijian highlands, and the brethren are doing all they can to travel there, hoping that they can get through the roads. We will be updating you shortly when we have further information from our Fijian brethren.

In order to be able to help these dear souls at this time, we would need to raise a minimum of AU\$10,000.00. We pray you find it in your hearts to give generously. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention and your generous donation.

To donate please mention **“Fiji Cyclone Relief”** on your envelopes or direct deposit reference.

Below are details for Direct Debit Deposit:

Name: Reform Movement
BSB: 032-274
Account: 168 675

You can also call +61 2 9627 7553 for credit card payments or further assistance.

You can also donate directly via **PayPal**. From your PayPal account send donations to treasurer@sdarm.org.au and use “**Fiji Cyclone Relief**” as the reference.

“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's Object Lessons, p. 351.

Christian Blessings,

The Australian Welfare Department.



Photos taken from ABC News, Brant Cumming - www.abc.net.au

Baptism – Sydney NSW



Cameron Thiel – 19th December 2015

When a person decides to give his heart to the Lord, we all rejoice, but when it is a young person, the joy is more abundant.

On December 19th, we were happy to witness Cameron Thiel's testimony in his desire to follow the Lord. The day was very hot, and we had many visitors from interstate. The profession of faith was conducted at the Schofields church. Cameron's personal testimony of how he has found a personal relationship with the Lord, which has made his life more meaningful, was encouraging to us all. Focus Singers had a beautiful item, "I've Anchored My Soul in The Haven of Rest".

We gathered at the banks of the Hawkesbury River in Windsor for the baptism. This time due to the hot weather, we searched for a shadier place than where we have had previous baptisms. We found a lovely spot near the bridge, shaded by lovely sheoaks, with several sand banks for the elderly to find a comfortable sitting spot. Br Peter Lausevic conducted the baptism, and different brethren who have played a role in either studying or encouraging Cameron all took part in the riverside service. Again Focus Singers favoured us with another hymn, "Redemption Draweth Nigh".



After the fellowship service, we gathered in the adjacent park for refreshments and enjoyed fellowshiping together in nature. What a beautiful way to end the Sabbath day!



For more photos: www.sdarm.org.au/?p=10428

Baptism – New Zealand

Baptism of Sister Kathleen Thirkettle - Sabbath, 5th December 2015

It was a high day for our church at New Lynn, New Zealand. Brethren and friends from various parts of the country were gathered for the regular Sabbath services, baptism, and communion service on the 5th of December 2015.



Immediately after Sabbath lunch, we drove to Mission Bay, Auckland. Car parks were full and many other people were there of different occupations. After finding a good spot for the baptism, we were joined by some relatives of Sr. Kathy. Spectators surprisingly watched what we were doing, taking photos and videos at the same time. And so the words of Jesus Christ were fulfilled on that particular occasion – *“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance”* Luke 15:7.



Sister Kathleen's Testimony

I was so-called baptised (as the record shows) at six months of age in Hay River, North West Territories in Canada. I attended Sunday School until age 8, when my family emigrated to New Zealand. Throughout my childhood our mother read us Uncle Arthur stories which she must have purchased from a SDA colporteur, although I never did ask her. At around 13 years of age, I felt that the Kathy, the good girl, people saw was really a mask. I actually felt my unfitness for heaven. I was married to William and had three lovely sons by the age of 29. Life centred around being a home mother and a wife, raising the boys the best we knew how, without a thought of God.

Eight years later Doug, then a Scout, wanted to achieve his World Faith badge, and I was resigned to taking him to Church for the stipulated two months. I chose a Methodist/Presbyterian church primarily because the minister had been kind to my sister when she lost a baby. A series of events



transpired which awakened a need to know my God and give my heart to Him, and within a couple of months both William and I were attending regularly with our other two sons. Six months later Larry, Doug, William, my mother and I were all baptised. I became strongly involved in teaching Sunday School, and our boys attended Youth Group for the next few years.

But during the next 20 years I was puzzled at apparent discrepancies in my Bible: passages which told how those who sinned (lied, gossiped, over-ate etc.) would not enter heaven, when our minister and many well-known evangelists said once you had given your heart to Jesus you were eternally saved. The book of Revelation and the prophecies of Daniel were a complete mystery to me and were never taught in the Church. Older Christians told me it was all symbolic and nobody would understand the Bible properly until Jesus came. These issues bothered me, but I had no answers.

Before becoming a believer, I had a weakness for alcohol, and after a trying day with young children, William would come home from a day at work to a wife affected by wine. Alcohol made me feel relaxed, and at social events I became quite a party girl. But once I asked Jesus to take control of my life, this changed, and my alcohol consumption stopped, for a time. But then I asked a pastor's wife if she ever drank alcohol, and she answered, "Of course, I have a glass or two." She also told me that her husband did the same. This, I decided, gave me licence to also have a glass now and then, and this continued for the next several years. I tried to shut out those verses which told that strong wine was a mocker, telling myself that it was all right.

By this time, I was back working full-time, and our standard of living improved. With that came more expensive tastes in dress and food. Our sons grew up, each learning a trade. I spent many nights in tears praying for them, especially as I knew Doug and Philip, at least, were heading down the same path I had been on earlier, working hard and drinking to excess when they were out together. I was haunted by the thought that I had failed as a mother and despaired at what could happen to them. My prayers seemed to fall on deaf ears – but we know our God's ear is not hardened, that it cannot hear!

Approximately five years ago to my surprise, Doug (who was now a self-employed builder) started coming home more often, and I sensed a difference; his hands-off manner had disappeared. He would eat with us, even cooking vegetarian meals at times. I didn't know what had happened, but was so happy, I didn't ask questions. Doug, in a most humble and gentle way started dropping strange-looking articles on our table showing a statue with a gold head, chest of silver, strange legs; he showed material about bears, goats, rams (which I didn't read at first), sat up with me watching DVDs (including one on changing God's Word); and he discussed passages in the Bible which exposed the errors in my Christian walk. I had been deceived by the following doctrines, and these errors would have cost me my salvation: foremost – God's laws had been nailed to the cross; being saved unconditionally regardless of continued sin; a misunderstanding of the antichrist and the mark of the beast; the secret rapture; the use of a corrupted version of the Bible; and of course the lack of understanding of the health message. So many doctrines were refuted, and I thank God for His grace in opening my eyes so quickly to the truth.

The spirit of prophecy was a shock to hear about, and initially I absolutely shunned the idea that some person could have prophetic knowledge which I should listen to! How could someone add to the Bible? Again, by prayer and reading God's Word – including Joel 2:28 – *'...And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...'* ... along with actually reading Ellen White's writings and the evidences of Ellen White's prophecies being fulfilled to the letter, I was convicted this was the truth. The Holy Spirit spoke to me, and I could tell that her advanced understanding of the health message had obviously been given to her by God alone.

This health message forced me to evaluate many areas of lust of the flesh - discovering that I was a slave to fashion, coffee, chocolate and alcohol challenged and showed what a vain and shallow life I had been living for the last 20 something years, all the while outwardly telling the world I was a follower of Christ. I did love Him, but was living in the world, and it was sobering to realise that I had been living a lie and had

continually grieved the faithful Witness, who had continually been trying to convict, humble and teach me truth.

And the Sabbath! The seal of the living God! How could I have trampled on it all these years? I had believed a lie – spawned by Satan – which almost the whole of Christianity has taken in – Sunday School – the lifting up of this day of the sun. So will I be saved by keeping the Sabbath? No! Because I am saved by the grace of Jesus alone. “*But if ye love me, keep my commandments*” John 14:15. And I can keep His commandments in His strength.

I asked Doug if I could come to the small meeting the next Sabbath to worship, and he said, “Of course!” This coincided with an independent pastor preaching, and the Holy Spirit convicted me that I could not continue worshipping on Sunday. With my husband’s consent the next day at church I asked permission to speak to the congregation and told them with tears that this would be my last day with them, and why. I told them all that God’s commandments had not been nailed to the cross; I told them several things. The minister was angry, but there was no going back for me. I had a few phone calls from church members that night!

For two months I discussed many doctrinal points with Doug and our dear friend Brother George, watching DVDs and reading the Bible. Emotions came to the fore with tears, thinking about our two other sons whom I had believed saved in Jesus’ love, despite walking away from Him. I was ashamed and full of self-recrimination in having set a bad example as a parent and being party to teaching them error. I had to tell them the truth! Unfortunately, our oldest son Larry in London did not agree with the way Doug, William and myself were beginning to live, suggesting that due to the drastic changes that had been made, this new way of living may well be evidence of some type of cult. He even went so far as to voice fears that our lifestyle would tear the family apart – painful times. (He has since mellowed, after coming home and talking with us). Our youngest son Philip was hurt by what he must have deemed rejection, as in the past Doug and he were best mates, living in the world. Now as he doesn’t live far from us, we maintain contact and show him a Christ-like love, and with prayer I believe God will woo both him and Larry to Jesus.

In the meantime, (also within two months) I had given up my darling sins of indulgence in food and fashion and embraced the health message, trying to explain what seemed bewildering doctrine to my sisters, mother and extended family. *Faith and Works* p. 97, says, “all the subjects of God’s grace may understand what is required of them. By faith we may conform our lives to the standard of righteousness, because we can appropriate to ourselves the righteousness of Christ.”

The last four years have been challenging, as after explaining present truth to our previous church family, some have resorted to quoting books and internet articles against the Seventh Day Adventist movement and in particular Ellen White. Words like ‘legalism’, ‘cult’, ‘works’, were used. I can only pray for the Holy Spirit to convict these people.

The last year has been another steep learning curve as Jesus has convicted me to draw closer to Him; I have come to understand that Christ is indeed our righteousness, that my best efforts in my own strength are as filthy rags. I also couldn’t understand why there were so many independent groups of God’s remnant church in the world, with no organisational structure. I thank God that Doug also had that same issue and had made contact with people in God’s remnant church, who fellowshipped in an organised and Biblical way. Again, some



independent believers whom we had fellowshiped with in the last four years do not agree, and have tried to dissuade William and I from leaving their 'umbrella'. But I determined to study the doctrines of the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement myself and allow the Holy Spirit to lead me. This I know He continues to do.

Do I deserve God's forgiveness and Jesus' love? No! After a life of ignoring salvation and then treating His sacrifice on the cross so lightly, I count myself the chief of sinners, as did Paul (1 Timothy 1:15). But Jesus died for sinners!

I praise and thank God for His long forbearance and for guiding me through rough waters. I have learnt the hard way that the only safe course is to set whatever I hear beside God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy – *'for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy'* (Revelation 19:10), and if both agree, then no matter how hard the decision, I must follow that way. I thank God that He gives His Holy Spirit to teach truth, building on truth. As I build on truth, by God's help, my faith can grow daily. As I submit more and more to the Father's will, I can develop a Christ-like character.

So many changes have occurred in my walk with Christ in the last few years that the former baptism did not satisfy; I felt unclean. I wanted to have a conscience void of offence toward God.

I delight to have buried my 'old man', and have risen again, a new creature, by Jesus' grace. I delight to be part of God's organised remnant movement and to be able to say with all the faithful, "Lo, this is our God;



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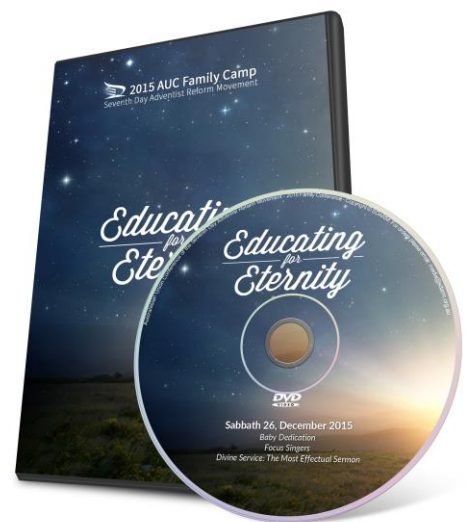
have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:9).

For more photos: www.sdarm.org.au/?p=10398

AUC Media Department Message

The Media Department of the AUC was launched this year in response to the need to meet increasing demand for new and innovative media resources for our members and outreach programs.

1. Three Australian churches have now ordered the unlimited duplication license for the DVDs entitled, "Is It Possible to Know the Future?" Support us! get your church to buy one at your next business meeting! Put it in your church business meeting agenda. For more information, speak with your local Missionary Leader or Bible Worker.
2. The AUC Sabbath School Department needed a new reporting system to help collate field data. So we are in the process of building 3 separate apps for Teachers, Local Superintendents & Conference/Field Officers. These will be used to watch training videos, send quarterly reports and keep track of class projects and offerings. Users will have tiered level access, which means data is only viewable to their level of access (local, field or AUC). The apps are available on iOS and Android. The Department Director will have access on his own app - and is able to view all data from fields including graph view of offerings with drill down. We are aiming for the testing phase in the next 2 weeks.
3. Does your Conference/Field need a flyer or invitation designed and you don't have the time? I can help you with that. I have received requests from two Fields for Field flyer program designs in the last week. If your field needs one - send an email with your request to media@sdarm.org.au
4. This Department now has an e-newsletter called "AUC Media Update". If you'd like to know what we're working on, this is the best way to stay in the loop. Subscribe by visiting this link on your web browser: bit.ly/mediaupdate
5. The DVDs for the "Educating for Eternity" camp are now available. There are 12 DVDs available at \$2 each. Order here: bit.ly/DVDcamp2015



WA Men's & Women's Camps:

The Western Australian Field is running two separate men's and women's camps this year. Details are as follows:

Men: Foundations of Manhood - Date: May 20-23 – see flyer below

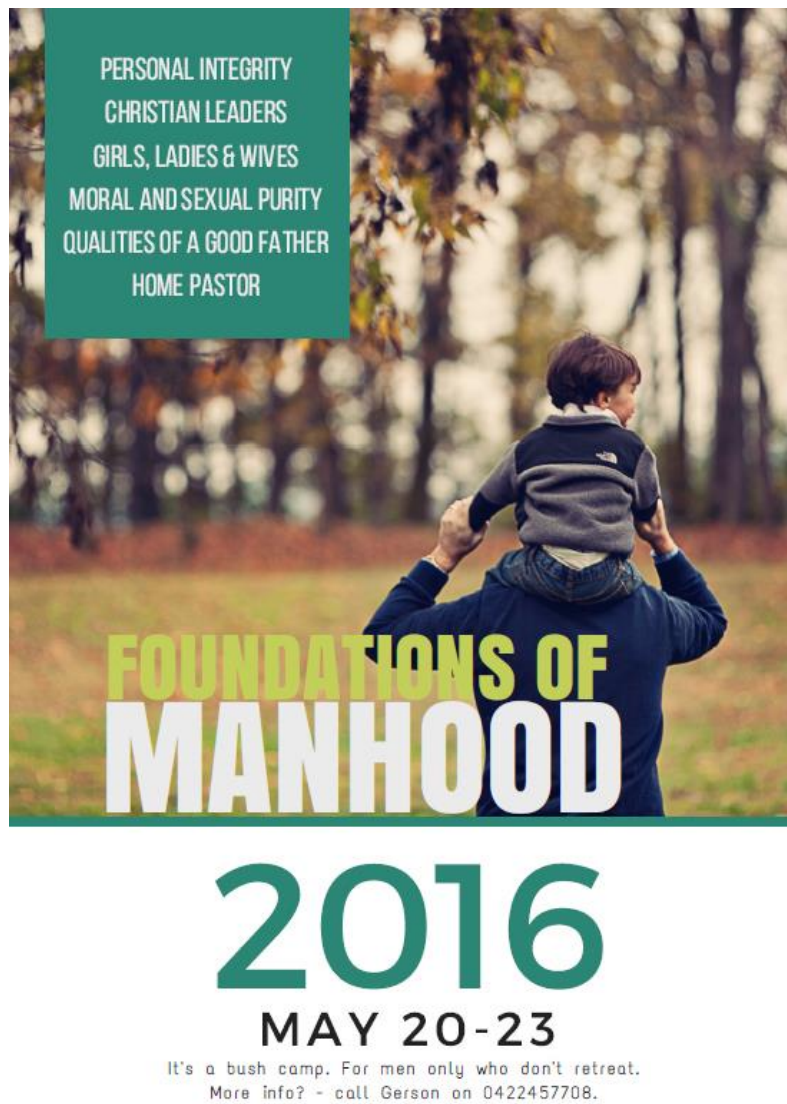
Contact: gerson@sdarm.org.au

Ladies: Women's Retreat - Date: August 26-28 – More information available soon!

Contact: cathrobles@gmail.com

God bless,

Gerson.



Electronic Media Sites - USA

Electronic Media Sites

Today there is so much information available just at our fingertips. Technology is wonderful, one of the modern tools in our society. Here are some sites run by our brethren in the USA which you may wish to peruse or subscribe to:

<http://21stmissionary.org/>

YouTube channels:

Healthy cooking channel "The Cutting Board" - <http://youtube.com/thecuttingboard>

Grace Everlasting - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV0iaM5o08_fluijvCxc6Jw

The Message - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-rEABfZf9ctVCU206hBoQ>

Youth Focus Meeting - NSW

On the 5th of December we had our final Youth Focus Meeting (YFM) for 2015. We had a good turnout for the evening, following a busy and full on Sabbath with the Health Seminar.

The NSW Youth Department decided to put on a YFM for the youth that wasn't too hectic and one to which we could relax a little as it was also the very last meeting for the year, and also we had an opportunity to welcome Bro Alexander Pausch and his family from Austria to their very first YFM.



We were divided into four groups for the activity/discussion of Matthew chapter 4 about the Genealogy of Jesus. The majority of those that were in the line of Jesus made wrong decisions in life. Levi, Jacob, David, Solomon and many more. The moral of the activity was to help the youth understand the importance of life decisions and how they affect us for either good or bad.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."
1 Corinthians 10:11.

The discussion/activity was followed by a light meal and an enjoyable social evening.

May God bless all of our young people and their decisions for the Lord, and may this new year bring new goals for the Master.

~ NSW Youth Department



Fellowshipment – Schofields Church

Isaac Foese – 4 Dec 2015



Friday evening, the fourth of December, was not only a special evening due to the starting of the “Week of Prayer” 2015, but it was a wonderful evening as we rejoiced in welcoming Brother Isaac Foese back into our fellowship.

Brother Rolly Dumaguit took the fellowshipment part of the service, highlighting some major points in the Principles of Faith of the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement; he then asked for Br. Foese to re-affirm his beliefs on these points. Members of the congregation were invited to give a testimony on behalf of Br Isaac. After hearing the words and joy expressed by three witnesses, Br Dumaguit proceeded to extend the right hand of fellowshipment to Br Foese.

We pray that Br Foese’s walk with the Lord will be a rich experience and that God will bless and care for him and for his family.

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” Luke 15:7.

Song Service – Auckland NZ

Maygrove Village, Orewa, Auckland, New Zealand – Sabbath, 28th November 2015



The Village is surrounded on two sides by the upper reaches of the Orewa estuary. It is a master planned village that is designed to provide a wide range of dwelling styles and recreation facilities to meet all needs.

Immediately after the Divine Service, several cars carrying brethren and friends drove to Orewa for a song service. With Brother Abraham Dumaguit as our guitarist, we headed on. Lunch was planned for after the song service; that is, after we got back to New Lynn.

The participants for this song service made preparations a week ahead. It was exciting and fulfilling when we met those folks and saw them listening and some even crying. We sang different hymns from the *Reformation Hymnal* and then bid farewell to them and headed back to the church.





*"The angel of the LORD
encampeth round about them that
fear him, and **delivereth** them."*

Psalm 34:7.

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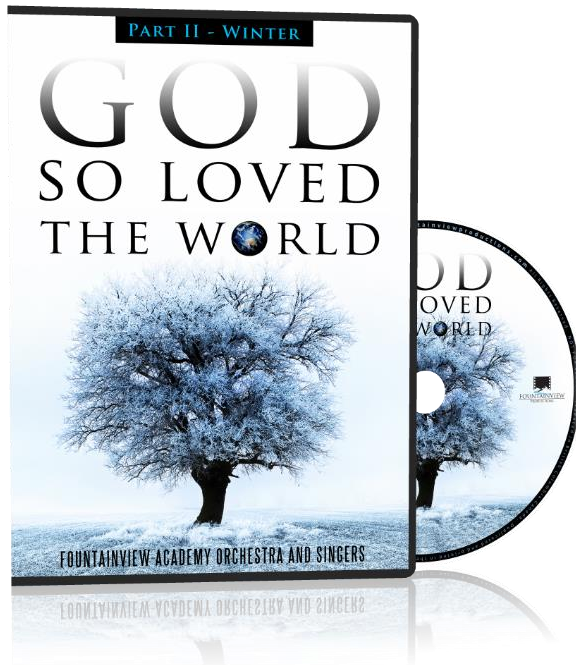
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Coming Events Calendar

- 25-28 March 2016** **Victoria Spiritual Conference**
"I Will Come Again"
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- 4-18 April 2016** **The Vegetarian Way Cooking Class**
Schofields Function Hall, SDARM, NSW
For further information, email:
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Mobile: 0433 239 955
- 22-24 April 2016** **Combined NSW Youth Sabbath/Weekend in Coleambally**
To register and for further information, email:
Nadine Polistina ndpolistina@outlook.com
Mobile: 0452567 618
- 12 April - 31 May 2016** **Depression Recovery Program - Wentworthville**
"There's Hope Beyond Depression"
For further information, email:
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Mobile: 0421 011 372
- 21 May 2016** **Prophecy Seminar – Schofields NSW**
Save the date, further information coming soon!
- 20-23 May 2016** **Men's Camp - WA**
"Foundations of Manhood"
For further information, email:
Gerson Robles gerson@sdarm.org.au
- 9-13 June 2016** **NSW Spiritual Conference and EMC Graduation**
"Deliverance – Free at Last"
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- 26-28 August 2016** **Women's Camp – WA**
For further information, email:
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- 12-19 December 2016** **South Pacific Union Mission Youth Convention**
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Save the date, further information coming soon!

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