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## The Divine Human Family - Part 1

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### THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY

THE one object in all our Bible study should be, not to establish theories, but to feed upon the living word. And it seems especially desirable to call attention to this principle when a large number of us who are accustomed to teaching the word come together to make a special study of it. Hence the principle should not be to learn some theory which we can tell to others, but to obtain a life which may be lived before others; and this will be the purpose in our study of the word, - simply to feed upon the word which is Spirit and which is life. And this will be the case, no matter what special phase of truth we may study. Our whole purpose will be to break the bread of life so that we may together feed upon it.

The subject which we will consider together, for a time at least, during this Institute may perhaps be designated as the Divine-Human Family. In Eph. 3:14, 15 we read: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." The whole family in heaven and earth. And it will be our purpose to consider this idea of the family, but from this special stand-point, the Divine-Human family; and our topic for this hour will be to consider the Head of the family.

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family

I would like to call attention, first, to the fact that the human family, considered as a human family, has one common Father. Acts 17:24-26. "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men." This is our authorized version; the revised version leaves out the word "blood." "And he made of one every nation of men for to dwell on all the face



of the earth.” Hath made of one all nations of the earth; that is, Adam was the father of the human family as a human family; and when God created Adam he created the whole human family. He created all nations that are upon the earth when he created Adam. That is, in creating Adam and conferring upon him the power to beget in his own image, he saw, as it were, a fountain of life in him; and when he created Adam, he saw in Adam every human being that has been or will be upon the face of the earth, and he created every human being upon the face of the earth in Adam.

You will see how this thought is suggested in the 25th chapter of Genesis, where the birth of Jacob and Esau is recorded. Verses 19 to 23 give the record. But I call special attention to the 23rd verse. When Rebecca inquired of the Lord, he answered her, “Two nations are in thy womb.” Two nations, - Jacob and Esau. In Jacob, God saw all the descendants of Jacob; in Esau, God saw all the descendants of Esau; and so, as he viewed it, there were two nations struggling together.

The same thought is further emphasized in Hebrews 7:9, 10: “And as I

may say so, Levi also, who received tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him.”

These scriptures are sufficient to bring out the principle, that in Adam were all the descendants of Adam, as he was the common father of the human family. but Adam the first failed in his work, and so there came Adam the second. 1 Cor. 15:45 and onward: “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.” And this second man, the Lord from heaven, sustains the same relation to his family that Adam sustained to his family. That is, he became the second father of the family.

In Col. 3:9, 10: “Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.” Eph. 4:22-24: “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old

man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” Dr. Young’s translation of this same text gives a little different wording, which is important. Instead of reading, “Which after God is created in righteousness,” he translates more literally, “Which according to God was created in righteousness.”

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After humanity in Adam had admitted sin into the flesh, that became the old man, and the old man is humanity with sin working in it.

Now with these scriptures before us, we can see readily the teaching. Adam was the first man, and by yielding to sin, he received sin into human flesh, and his flesh became sinful flesh. Christ was the second man, the second father of the human family. He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. After humanity in Adam had admitted sin into the flesh, that became the old man, and the old man is humanity with sin working in it. That is to say, the old man is humanity under the control of the devil, and those who are in that condition are spoken of by the Saviour in John 8 as being of their father the devil. 42nd verse and onward: “Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not un-

derstand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.”

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## WA Field Youth Camp 2018

### FRIDAY

About 35 eager campers arrived at the Kirup Valley Farms camping site early enough to setup tents, prepare for Sabbath and welcome the Sabbath in with singing at around 6:15pm. The WA Field Youth Camp got off to a beautiful start in a lovely bush setting.

The theme of the conference was “Victory in Christ” and brother Luke Kneebone opened Sabbath with a meditation about temptation. Luke first defined what temptation is – a strong enticement to do something wrong – and then he looked at how to deal with it.

Our youth admitted to some things they find tempting. Chocolate, Lego, books, social media, Minecraft, music, friends, peer pressure, school work, not keeping the Sabbath properly, movies, shopping, cooking, chilies.

The Bible tells us that the human race has always been tempted in the same ways, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man....” But what is the promise? “...God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Before temptation comes to us, God



promises us that it won't be more than what we are able to bear. Luke then asked an interesting question, “what is more common in our lives, falling or resisting temptation?” To this question, most responded that they experienced falling into temptation more than victory. The question was then put, “what enabled you to overcome temptation when you did?” Various answers were given including prayer, a consciousness of not offending God, remembering a Bible verse at the most critical time, etc.

It is God's intention that we should live by every word of God. This is how we can overcome temptation when it is all around us. James 4:7 guarantees success in this area of overcoming temptation. It tells us to “submit” to God – this is the key to victory, for it is God that empowers



us to gain the victory. He is far stronger than our enemy.

### SABBATH

#### MORNING WORSHIP

Sr. Shelley Newman commenced worship with Romans 8:38, 39, “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,



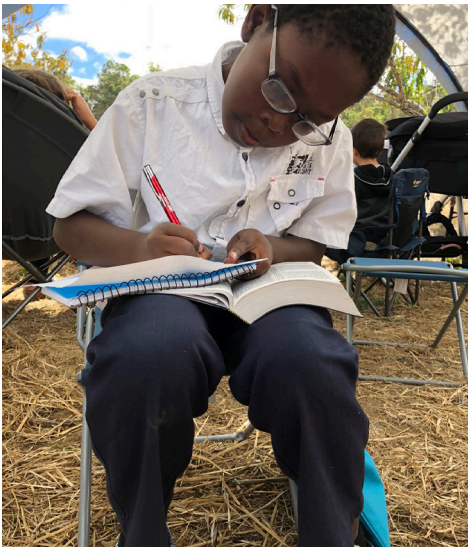
There were 9 groups all up, and they had to write down how their Bible reference answered these four questions:

Doctrine – What does it teach?

Reproof – What does this verse show me I'm doing wrong?

Correction – What does this verse tell me I should be doing?

Instruction in righteousness – How should I do it?



The groups each took turns in sharing what they found. It was amazing how much each group got out of a single reference using this method.

### OBJECT LESSONS

After a combined lunch in the beautiful camp grounds, we took off walking around the campground surrounds. It was agreed that the youth would all bring back an object lesson from the walk, and here are a few we can share:



gospel, for a phone does not work without charge. A phone is confined by a power point to charge, but we are not confined to space and time, for God's love is unbounded and we can access him anywhere. Unlike a mobile phone, we cannot die if we are connected to God. Shelley concluded by saying that whatever we do – stay plugged!

### BIBLE STUDY ACTIVITY

Instead of a sermon, Sr. Catherine Robles organised everyone into small groups and gave each group a Bible verse to investigate. The method of investigation is based on 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Hannah Lausevic: the organisers of the nature walk had put out markers to follow, but nobody followed them. God has put markers on the way to heaven. How many of us will bother to look for them and follow them?

Jonathan Brown: There's a fig tree growing underneath a pear tree at camp. Jesus cursed a fruitless fig tree, and it died. Jesus' lesson in cursing the fig tree is in helping us to understand that we need faith in God to accomplish great good. Submission to God puts us in a place where we can be used by God as he sees fit to bring about that good.

Nozie Tshadoc: The illustration is of a sponge and how it illustrates God cleansing us. John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that

nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Shelley used a mobile phone to illustrate how we are to be charged to do God's work in sharing the



in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

Romans 5:1-5 says, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the

glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

Trials are there to cleanse us, even though we might not feel pleasant at the time. God squeezes us like a sponge and gets rid of all the dirty “fluid”.

Emma: There was a trail of about 15 caterpillars following each other, one after the other, on our walk. This illustrates how we are to follow Christ along life’s pathway. “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.” Psalms 32:8

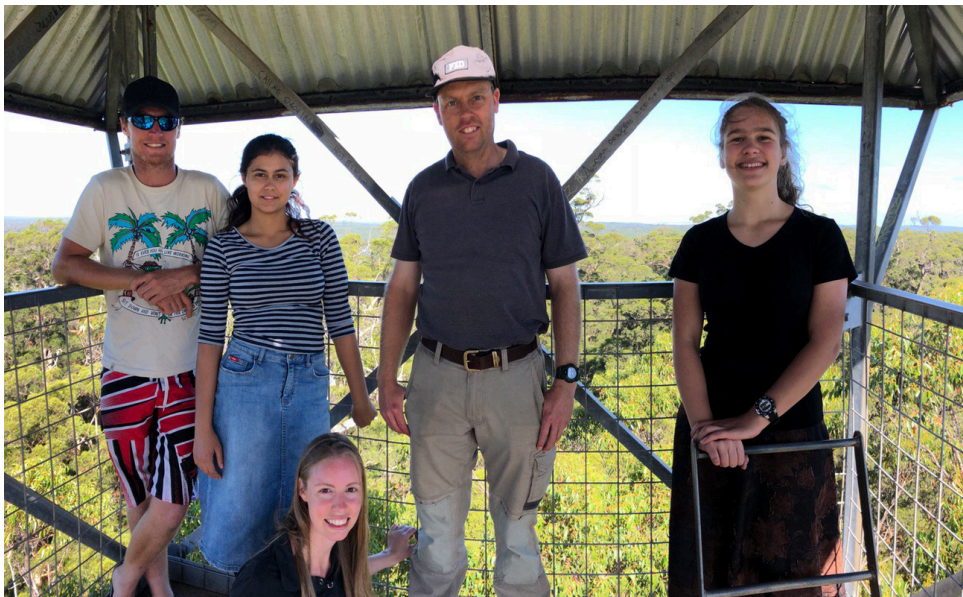
“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,

and a light unto my path.” Psalms 119:105

Kadin: Tumblr is a social media platform. One of its features is commenting shown up as “strings” on a page – or a string of comments. Observing the comments shows us that groups of people tend to have differing comments; to have a vibrant and interesting discussion, you need to have people with various backgrounds and ideas contributing. This illustrates how the Bible writers bring their own unique aspect to the Scriptures, and it’s why God inspired different men to write.

Precise: Ephesians 4:11-13, “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”

The caterpillars whole journey came to an end when the first caterpillar was removed and placed at the end of the line. This illustrates how we should encourage others to lead and to take care of their own, to take on responsibility, for if we don’t, people



won't know how to lead when needed. When flying, ducks take turns leading on the v-shape. The wolves are also a really good example of leadership. They lead from the back.

## QUESTION & ANSWER

Sis. Lidia Voncina (who was visiting us in WA along with Br. Joe) and Sis. Chipu and Br. Luke and Br. Gerson were asked to be the panel for a Sabbath afternoon question and answer session. A question box had been placed in the campground, and it was now filled with lots of great questions including:

- People say “don’t judge”, but is there a time when judgment is necessary?
- Can we play video games?

- What’s the difference between knowledge and conviction?
- How can you have true faith without it being presumption?
- Should we strive to build wealth though we know that our treasure is in heaven, or should we not make the effort and be “poorish” because we know the things of this earth are not forever?
- Is it ok for men and women to wear necklaces?
- Should I use my tablet on Sabbath?
- Is it ok to have gay friends?
- How can a young person be motivated to live for God, when there is no desire to?

There was lots of participation and interest in these questions, and the answers given were appreciated.

This report is too short to include all the answers given; suffice it to say that it was very beneficial.

## SABBATH CLOSING WORSHIP

Br. Gerson Robles led out in worship as we considered how to have victory over temptation. Gerson had bought a Kitkat and some chocolate sweets to illustrate how enticement works and how the frontal lobe helps us resist temptation.

Our frontal lobe, which makes up for 2/3 of our brain is hugely important in the process of resisting temptation because it regulates our impulsive decision making. It helps us deal with conflicting thoughts and assists us to reason from cause to effect.

Interestingly, it is the last part of the brain to finish developing (at 25 years old) and therefore is the most sculpted by our environment and experience. This shows how important the training of our youth is to overcome temptation. While their frontal lobes are developing, and the younger they are, the greater the need to have strong families, supportive churches and positive social environments. They need those who will teach Biblical values and morals and who can lead and guide them in the right way.

## SUNDAY

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

For morning worship, Precise Mamuse dwelt upon 2 Corinthians 12:9, “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Precise expounded on this verse.

Grace is sufficient for all our needs. We don't need wealth, we don't need many things, but we need grace. Weakness is not always weakness. Weakness is strength when we see our need of God and lean upon Him, for He is greater and more powerful than we are.

Submission to God is where it all begins. If we submit to Him, everything else is put in its proper perspective. We will not sink into depression, or anxiety, for we know God is there for us, and His love is far greater for us than for the animals, the grass of the field and the lilies. We can confidently trust in Him.

### TREE CLIMBING

Sunday afternoon we all took off in our cars for a vehicle-orienteering challenge. Markers were setup with numbers corresponding to Bible verses with clues which told us where to go to our various destinations.

During this activity, we climbed three massive trees located near Pemberton at the Gloucester National Park. The trees were between 52 metres and 65 metres tall, the third being the hardest and tallest to climb. These trees are fitted with spiraling steel pegs sticking out from the trunk reaching all the way to the top, where wooden platforms have been erected where you can stand and get a 360-degree, panoramic view of the landscape.

Lots of lessons were learned by those who climbed, and it was definitely a scary feeling going all the way to the top since all that was between us and the ground was a thin little peg underneath our feet!

Everyone got a certificate with a star

for each tree climbed; and when we were finished, we were given a prize by our Youth Leader – Sr. Inneka Lausevic.

Camp was beautiful. It was a great venue amongst the pear and apple orchard at the Lausevic's farm. We were blessed to spend this time together, and we praise God for another memorable Youth Camp.

~ Gerson Robles



## Melissa Brown's Testimony

I got my first Bible on my seventh birthday, and I remember promising God that I would follow him all the days of my life. As I grew up, I had some experiences in my life that I wished never would have happened. I was slowly drifting away from God due to the influence of a friend, but God was not finished with me yet. On two memorable occasions, God brought me back and closer to him.

When I was 13, I was helping at an Adventist outreach with a girl I had become friends with while visiting my sister Jessica at her work at

Highwood. On the second day of the outreach program, I asked my mum if I could go and she said, "Yes". We got to the place in Melbourne where we were going to start the outreach. While there, my friend and I met a middle-aged man. He was in a wheelchair and came over to talk to us. He said that he had something for us and then gave us these three silver souvenir coins with Bible verses on them. He told us his story of how he had gone away from God and ended up in a bad car accident in which he almost died. Now wheelchair bound, he had come back to God and promised God to help other young people to find Christ and not to leave Him. He then said to me, after my friend had left to talk



to someone else, “Do not try and run from God because He will find you; trust Him, put Him first, in sickness and in health. God loves you for who you are, not for what you could do or be, no matter what. Let Him shape you to His shape, not yours.”

On one of the coins, there was a Bible verse that has helped me in troubled times. It is found in Jeremi-

ah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

I got sick a few months later, and what the man said back then now makes a lot more sense. But I do have to admit that my road has not been very smooth. Sometimes I have been very close to not wanting to have anything to do with God because it was easy to blame Him for my troubles. But somehow God always draws me back to Him. And every time it is a closer friendship. He uses people and situations that only He could organise.

The second time God really saved me from leaving was a few months ago when I thought I could not go

on any longer with all of this. I was unable to go to church and do lots of other things. I was not feeling very well, so, I went outside Werribee Church. I was having a fight with God and while that was going on, God had someone already waiting to answer all my questions that I was fighting Him about. An older lady came up to me and started talking to me. She didn’t know I had come to church. She just saw someone sad. I felt that God was talking to me through her. She really encouraged me and gave me hope. If you ever try to fight with God, know this, you will always lose but it is losing in a good way because you actually gain. Because He can see the end from the beginning, God always works out what is best for you.

I thank God for my family and friends, as well as the Bible workers who have studied with me; but I thank Him mostly for His love for me, for cleansing me, for teaching me the power of forgiveness and for letting me get sick so I could experience His loving arms.

There are a few songs that have helped me through the hard times and brought me closer to my Saviour. ‘I Heard the Voice of Jesus’, ‘Sweet Hour of Prayer’, and ‘If the Saviour Stood Beside Me’.

My favourite scripture is Psalm 51:10-12, “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.”

This is my prayer always.

~ Melissa Brown.

# Melissa Brown's Baptism

It is a wonderful blessing when youth give their hearts to God, as they have so much to offer Him with their enthusiasm, vigour and strength.

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them”. Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Melissa Brown has done just that. On Sabbath, the 24th March 2018, at the edges of the main canal in Coleambally before her family, friends and brethren, Melissa publicly declared her personal acceptance of Jesus' love and sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. Those who were there to witness this wonderful event were able to also reflect on their experience with Jesus.

Melissa, we wish you God's many wonderful blessings as you continue serving the Master!

While I was reporting this event, I could not help but think of the words of this beautiful hymn:

## Give of your best to the Master

*Howard B. Grose, 1902*

Give of your best to the Master;  
Give of the strength of your youth;  
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor  
Into the battle for truth.  
Jesus has set the example,  
Dauntless was He, young and brave;  
Give Him your loyal devotion;  
Give Him the best that you have.



Refrain:

Give of your best to the Master;  
Give of the strength of your youth;  
Clad in salvation's full armor,  
Join in the battle for truth.  
Give of your best to the Master;  
Give Him first place in your heart;  
Give Him first place in your service;  
Consecrate every part.  
Give, and to you will be given;  
God His beloved Son gave;  
Gratefully seeking to serve Him,  
Give Him the best that you have.  
Give of your best to the Master;  
Naught else is worthy His love;  
He gave Himself for your ransom,  
Gave up His glory above.  
Laid down His life without murmur,  
You from sin's ruin to save;  
Give Him your heart's adoration;  
Give Him the best that you have.

~ Reported by Lidia Voncina

*“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.”*

*Romans 6:3-5*

# Winter Food & Clothes Outreach

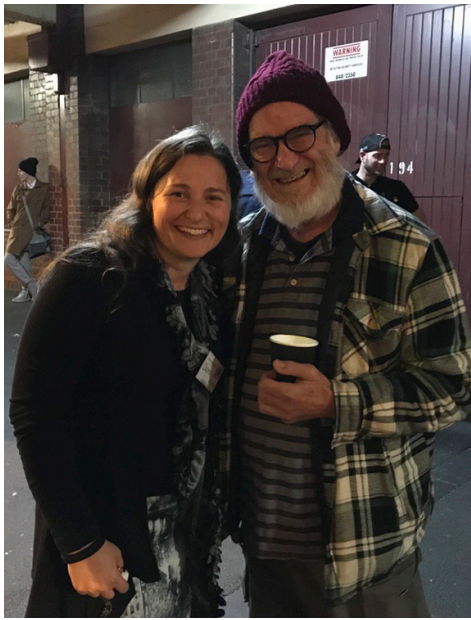
Matt. 25:40 “And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

On the 22nd of April, Maranatha church had a letterboxing programme. As we know that winter is



around the corner we were requesting donations for those that face winter on the streets of Melbourne. Our purpose was to involve brothers and sisters and people who do not come to church in order to prepare winter packs. We had a list of things we wanted to get such as: socks, leggings, beanie, scarves, gloves (new and clean), 2 min noodles, fruit/nut/cereal bars, soup in a cup, dried snacks, candies, biscuits, wipes, tampons, pads, hand cream, and lip balm. The Collection day was going to be on the 06/05 from 10.30 am – 12.00pm. So, after we finished letterboxing we went to somebody's





house to prepare some “thank you” cards for people who would donate those things.

On the day of collection we had a few people coming and dropping off their donations, and it was very exciting to see the result of the previous letterboxing. After that, we had to sort out all donations into winter packs and get ready to go to the city.

Our distribution took place next to the Queen Victoria Market, a very known place. It started at 7.00pm. We set up a table, warmed up some soup, which was distributed with some slices of bread, and also hand-

ed out the winter packs which we hope will take off some of the winter bite.

It was a great experience and a blessing for everyone that participated, especially for the young people, who were very active and helpful. We learned that we need to improve some things in order to do the outreach more efficiently; and that means that we have in mind to do more of this kind of work because we feel that we need, as individuals and as a church, more of a practical religion.

~ Miguel



# Vegan Cook & Eat

A vegan “Cook & Eat” event was held at the Guildford Church function hall on the 15th of April in Western Australia. The program is one of a few run by a small family-owned charity called “Familia” managed by Gerson and Catherine Robles as part of a vehicle to increase member participation in missionary activities and social networking within their church community.

“We’ve run cooking demos in the past where we teach people and they learn by observation,” Catherine explained. “This program is a bit different, and we facilitated participants to learn by being involved and cooking the recipe themselves on the spot. This relaxed, informal method creates an environment where people feel free to chat, ask questions and just have a bit of fun together while we learn. There’s also the opportunity for those who attend to share knowledge and demonstrate their own vegan recipes.”

The program was attended by five people and was advertised as free admission. Catherine added, “For future programs we are going to charge an attendance fee to cover costs of ingredients and promote a higher attendance rate by those who register.”

Gerson explained that tables were laid out in a circular format, and everyone faced each other. A portable stove with two burners was placed in the middle for cooking. “We are raising funds to purchase another five portable stoves which we’ll place on each table as we increase in size and attendee participation.”

The recipes demonstrated were:



Red lentil and kaffir lime leaf soup

Roasted pumpkin, chick pea and garlic infused seed salad

Chick pea and capsicum hummus

Wholemeal herb and garlic flat bread

Once everyone was finished cooking, they enjoyed talking together over a delicious meal.

~ Guildford Church

## Condolences to the Villagra Family

The parting of a loved one is something that no one is ever prepared for. When it happens, it really tugs at the heart-strings.

With sad hearts, we wish to extend



our deepest sympathies to the Villagra family, who early this year, have gone through the great loss of both their parents. May your faith in our Heavenly Father give you comfort and strength as you go through this time of sadness.

Both Patricio and Audolia displayed their love for God in the way they helped and treated others. Whilst living in Australia they worshipped with our believers at the Wentworthville Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement Church and were known to express that this was their church, a place where they loved to worship God.

Patrick, as some would call him, was a very happy man. He was a carpenter by trade and a very hard worker. He was always found



present whenever there was any physical work needed to be done: at church busy-bees, at Elim Heights Youth Camp, etc.... Audolia was the love of his life, a beautiful Christian lady, hard worker, who always had a smile on her face, and quietly went about her business... but according to Patrick, she was the boss!

Sadly, near the end of their life, Patrick and Audolia could not care for each other alone any longer, so they spent their last few months together at the Adventist Aged Care in Kings Langley, where Patricio passed away on the 12th January 2018, leaving Audolia heartbroken. Not long after, on the 25th April, his wife also passed away.

Audolia and Patrick Villagra were survived by four daughters, their spouses and seven grandchildren.

Children: Patricia, Rosa and George, Lorena and Hugo, Raquel and David.

Grandchildren: Nathaniel, Laura, Natacha, Meisha, Matthew, Hugo and Shanel.

Brother Patricio and Sister Audolia are now resting until they will hear God's voice calling them. We look

forward to seeing them again in God's Kingdom.

“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 4:14-18.

~ by Lidia Voncina

Eulogies as portrayed by Patricia:

### In Loving Memory of Patricio (Patrick) Villagra

4 January 1942 – 12 January 2018

“Patrick Villagra was born in Chile on the 4th of January 1942. He was the third child in a family of eight children.

He learned how to make furniture as well as carpentry trade skills. At 18 years of age, he enlisted for the military service in the Army and became part of the horse brigade for two years.

In 1964 he married his first wife, Ruth James, and the following year they had a baby girl which they named Patricia. Unfortunately, Ruth died eight months later, leaving him with his baby daughter. Since he could not take care of his baby girl by himself, his mother Maria took care of his baby until she was 6 years old.

Then Patrick was blessed to find love once more, so he married again in 1968. Dad and Audolia were blessed with three beautiful girls.

In 1971 his Auntie Raquel told him she was applying to go and live in Australia, so she asked him: Why don't you also apply? So, he applied and was accepted to come to Australia. We all came over in 1971 to a place that was so different in language and culture, and yet we have become part of the thread of this country. Life in Australia became memorable and interesting.



**He loved going to church and loved helping when there was church activities and physical work.**

During his life, Dad had always been a hardworking man, and he made life light with his witty comments. Dad could always make one laugh. He was the best storyteller, even with his broken English.

Dad loved his family, and he was always proud of his girls and his seven grandchildren.

He loved going to church and loved helping when there was church activities and physical work. He also loved being helpful to all those around him.

People always knew that he was around because there was always laughter in the air where he was present.

I will miss his phone calls and his witty jokes but most of all his big heart for his fellowmen and his spirit to live with joyful laughter to lighten the burdens of life.

We will miss you.

You may rest in peace, beloved father.”

## In Loving Memory of Audolia Munoz Villagra

21 July 1942 – 25 April 2018

“My Step-Mum Audolia, whom I always knew as Mum, was born in the woodland plantations in Chile. Her life started with the death of her mother at her birth.

Her mother had given birth to twelve children, but only eight of her children survived. Sadly she did not have the chance to see all her children grow up.

Her parents were farmers in the woodlands. These lands were the new frontiers that the government had opened up. They were located far from the nearest town. Mum’s father did his best to raise Mum and his other children. He made sure his children had enough to eat. In those days when it was hard to even provide basic necessities like clothes



and shoes for his children, he made sure that his children had the necessities of life plus a basic education, which would enable them to read and write.

Mum’s father married two more times. He was married the second time when Mum was seven years old, but sadly his wife only lasted a year. The third and last marriage was when Mum was sixteen.

On the death of their mother, her eldest sister Ovi (who was only twelve at the time) was Mum’s carer and took on the mother-figure. Her father gave her financial support.

During her growing years, Mum learnt how to read and write. Her sister Ovi taught her how to cook, and so from the age of eight, she cooked, using a large pot.

Mum’s sister was in financial difficulty. She was married to a man who worked in a steel plant stationed very far from his family, and he could not always send money to his family. Therefore, Mum prayed, and the idea came for her to sell bread to commuters in the morning on their way to work. Since she was a shy teenager from the country area, she was frightened at first, but prayed for the strength and courage to do this. She was blessed that she never had a problem selling all her goods and in this way was able to support her-

self and her sister’s children.

Selling bread every morning gave her sister Ovi the idea that when her husband returned from the mines, she would start a store in her house, and it became a profitable venture.

Later in her early twenties, Mum found the Adventist faith.

She was also encouraged to study – so she studied at night to become a seamstress.

Her occupation was going well, but it got interrupted by a tall young man with dark brown eyes. This young man swept her off her feet. (This young man was a widower with me as his only child). They got married in 1968, six months after they had met. From the date of her marriage in 1968 she would never be apart from her loved one.

Their marriage was a little rocky at the start, especially since they lived with her mother-in-law. Then in early 1971, Dad applied to move and live in Australia. He was encouraged to just live in Australia for two years. He was also told that this country was very young and still in nappies. With the money you make there, you can be well established back in Chile. When their application was accepted, they only had two months to prepare for their trip. At that time, she gave birth to her second child.

Mum did not want to move to this faraway country where they did not speak the same language. With a heavy heart, she followed her husband, moving to a country that was different in every way, not only in language, but also in culture.

After their arrival they stayed in a hostel where they had wonderful care, although the food was very hard to get used to. There they were taught English, but Audolia had a hard time attending classes as she had three daughters and one more child on the way. Mum cried thinking how was she going to give birth to a child in a foreign land where she could not speak the language. When she was about to give birth, she said to the nurse and doctor to treat her with kindness since she would have fifty more babies.

When dad was thinking of going back to Chile, the government changed, and they felt that Australia would be their permanent home and decided to become Australian citizens.

Then out of the blue a friend said to Mum, why don't you join me at my work; the work is not hard, and it is at night. She began working for additional income for her family. Also, she was able to support her sister Ovi in Chile for the rest of her life.

Her saddest moment was when her dad passed away and she was not able to travel to Chile to attend her father's funeral.

My parents worked hard and were able to establish a house. They helped their children as best as they could. Their greatest gift was their love and their work ethic, to become independent.

Mum and dad were like two turtles or doves that could not be separated from each other. They had been married for about fifty years. This was a love story of ups and downs, but they were always together.

They are loved by their four daughters and the seven grandchildren who survived them.

We will miss you.

You may rest in peace beloved Mother!"

~ By Patricia Villagra

## Condolences to the Sabo Family

It is with sad hearts that we extend our condolences to the family of Sr Katica Sabo. May our wonderful God give you strength and peace during this time of sorrow.

May the hope of being together again with your loved ones keep your hearts alive and looking forward to that great reunion where there will be no more parting, where we will live with our Saviour for ever. What a day that will be!

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Revelation 21:1-7.

## In Memory of Katica Sabo

Proverbs 31:10, 27-28

Our mum was born on 7 January 1929 in the small village of Vajska, former Yugoslavia. We could picture her playing with her brothers and sister, running to school, helping her parents at home and on the farm. Mum would tell us how they spent the long winter evenings doing various handcrafts such as weaving, knitting and making baskets.

Our parents were married in 1953. Dad travelled for work quite a lot, and Mum was always busy around the house. She loved her garden and enjoyed cooking. We looked



forward to coming home from school to a nice warm meal. Mum would always make sure we did our best at school and at home.

As we grew older Mum and Dad were thinking of the future, both for themselves and their children, and in 1970 our family migrated to Australia. Mum and Dad secured employment soon after arriving, with Mum finding a job at a clothing manufacturer where she worked for approximately 15 years.

Mum was a God-fearing woman, and upon our arrival to Australia we were all given a Bible, which she loved to read every day of her life. Mum gave her heart fully to the Lord, and in December 1984 she was baptised into the SDA Reform Movement, where she loved and enjoyed attending church. Her life was one of service and self-sacrifice. Although she was quiet by nature, her influence was powerful.

Mum and Dad shared happy times and sad times. They both loved their grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would look forward to their visits. Mum would always have some special treats, such as honey cookies, cabbage rolls or some other family favourite.

Both Mum and Dad generally enjoyed good health, but following a stroke about 7 years ago, Dad was hospitalised and moved to Kings Langley SDA nursing home, where he could receive the high level of care that he needed. Mum remained in the family home for some years; however, as time went on and her health gradually declined, the home was sold, and she moved to Kings Langley also. Here Mum and Dad

shared the last few years together, enjoying family visits, outings, and the company of Dad's sister Ilonka. We are tremendously grateful to the church friends who also visited and encouraged Mum and Dad during their time at Kings Langley. When Dad passed away, Mum spent even more time reading her Bible and looked forward to the better land where there would be no more parting.



On Friday evening 13 April 2018, Mum felt unwell and was taken to Blacktown Hospital. The family were advised that Mum had suffered a heart attack and did not have much time left. On Saturday morning she peacefully closed her eyes and is resting in the loving care of our heavenly Father. We will miss her greatly and will never forget her love and care for each one of us. We look forward to meeting her again on that great resurrection morning.

By Margaret Ciric and Ethel Stoyko

## **A Tribute to My Mother**

*By Margaret Ciric*

What can compare

To the love of a mother

Whether tired or scared,

But always prepared

To love and understand.

I will miss you Mother,

Like no other

That walks on this earth,

Is what you are worth

I'll treasure your love,

And all you have done,

To make our life better,

And provide, no matter

The cost to yourself.

Farewell! Farewell dear Mum

Just for a little time;

Thank you for your prayers

While climbing life's stairs.

See you in the morning

On Christ's returning

Love you always, Margaret.

## **Acquiatan Family Welcome**

We welcome to Australia Brother Randy Acquiatan and his lovely family—wife Adrilyn, three sons, Kevin, Ian and Randy Jr., and daughter Diadem. Brother Acquiatan has been serving the Lord full-time since 2000. He was ordained to the ministry 6 years ago and served two terms as the President of the Philippines Union Conference. In 2016 Brother Acquiatan was invited to as-



sist the AUC in carrying forward the Lord's work in the Victoria-Tasmania Conference, and he currently serves there as Conference President. Making the decision to leave their home country was not easy. The decision required much prayerful consideration. We are grateful that they made the decision to come in response to the call.

Br Randy expressed his thankfulness for support given to him and his family to date.

"We're happy that the Lord has given us an opportunity to work in the vineyard here in Australia and are thankful for the warm welcome and support of the brethren here in Victoria, and for the AUC in sponsoring us."

While the Acquiatan family is only here on a temporary religious work visa, we pray the Lord will open

the way for them to stay here long term. Please keep the family in your prayers.

~ Paul Chapman

## AUC Righteousness by Faith Symposium

Ministers and Bible Workers from across the AUC were gathered from Monday 5th to Sunday 11th of March at Elim Heights to study and consid-

er the vital topics of the atonement and righteousness by faith.

There were presentations on various subjects including: The Nature of Man & the Fall, Faith & Works, The Function of the Law of God, Christ's Nature and the Nature of Man, Historical Context of the 1888 General Conference Session, Lessons from 1888, Christ's Intercession and the Close of Probation, Universal Reconciliation and its Relation to Justification by Faith.

After the end of each presentation there was an open forum for discussion, questions and further study. Those attending were able to dig deep in Scripture and inspiration, consolidating their views on various vital points.

Friday night 9th and Sabbath 10th of March, Schofields church hosted combined NSW Conference Meetings and presentations were given on the following subjects:

- Meeting 1: Filthy Rags ([watch here](#))
- Meeting 2: The Wedding Garment ([watch here](#))
- Meeting 3: Our Title to Heaven ([watch here](#))
- Meeting 4: Our Fitness for Heaven ([watch here](#))

May the Lord bless the ministry in the AUC as they continue to dwell upon this vital subject.



## VIC Camp

Over 100 people gathered for the annual Victoria camp, held again this year among the rolling hills of Alexandra. The theme was “Are You Ready for Eternity?”.

Held over the Easter long weekend, the camp featured presentations and workshops on the general theme of a relationship with Jesus and daily walk with Him.

A highlight of the camp was the contribution of the Elim Missionary College students, who were responsible for a large part of the program content. Youth also enjoyed the high ropes course and flying fox provided by the venue on Sunday, and many families also enjoyed canoeing together on the lake.

It was a blessing to gather for fellowship and study and to be reminded of why we come together in association as Christians—because of Jesus’ life and sacrifice for us and His promise to return. Being ready daily by faith and consecration to Him is the aim of the Christian life.

~ Nathan Tyler



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The old man is humanity with sin working in it; the old man is humanity under the control and direction of the devil. The new man is humanity with divinity in it, and above all and first of all, the new man is Christ Jesus, “which according to God was created in righteousness and true holiness.” So we are instructed to put on the new man. Rom. 13:14.

“Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,” the new man, “and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”

Now how did Jesus Christ become the second father of the human family? and what does it mean to us that he did become the second father of the human family? This is told in Heb. 2:14: “Forasmuch then as the children” [he is the father] are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Notice carefully; it is because the children were partakers of flesh and blood that he also himself likewise took part of the same flesh and blood. Why? In order that he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

This thought is suggested in 1st John 3:5. “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins.” Notice what it says. “Ye know that he was manifested.” He WAS MANIFESTED to take away our sins. How was he manifested? He was manifested in the flesh; by becoming partaker of flesh and blood he was manifested. John says in the first

chapter and second verse, “For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us.” And he was manifested to take away our sins; and he was manifested by taking part in flesh and blood, that he might be seen, capable of being looked upon. but he was manifested to take away our sins. For it was necessary, in order to take away our sins, that divinity should suffer. But how could divinity suffer simply and solely as divinity for the sins of humanity? So divinity was clothed with humanity, was manifested in humanity, that there might be a human side to divinity for the suffering; that it might be possible for divinity to present a human side for the suffering; that there might be, as it were, a vulnerable side to divinity, that divinity might receive the wound: because prophecy said that his heel should be bruised, and that must be in humanity. There must be a human side to divinity in order that divinity might suffer in humanity. But divinity must suffer to take away our sins, so divinity was manifested, put into humanity, clothed with a body; clothed with flesh, with our flesh, in order that divinity might present a side capable of receiving the wound; so, “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,” and he partook of the same flesh and blood in order “that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might deliver them who through fear of death [and death comes only through sin] were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

How did he take upon him that nature, that flesh and blood? he did it by birth, by being born of a woman, and the agency through which he

was born of a woman was the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:35: “And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” But he was also the Son of Man, and the head, the second head of the human family was a man, the new man, the divine-human man, the man Christ Jesus.



**There must be a human side to divinity in order that divinity might suffer in humanity**

Now what does it mean to us that Jesus Christ became the second head of this human family? It means this: Just as, when Adam was created, all the members of the human family were created in him, so also when the second man was created “according to God in righteousness and true holiness,” all the members of that family were created in him. It means that, as God saw in Adam all the members of the human family, so he saw in Christ, the second father of the family, all the members of the divine human family; so he saw in him all his sons, all his daughters, all his descendants; all that belong to the family. No matter whether they were born into the family or not. Before Jacob and Esau were born, God saw two nations there. No matter whether born into the divine-human family or not, yet God created in Christ Jesus, the new man, all the members of the divine-human family that should afterward be born into that family.



Now the fact that Christ took our flesh, and that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, means a great deal more than that there was a good man who lived then, and set us a good example. He was the second father, he was the representative of humanity; and it was when Jesus Christ took our human nature and was born of a woman, that humanity and divinity were joined. It was then that Jesus Christ gave himself, not simply for the human family but to the human family. That is to say, Jesus Christ joined himself to humanity and gave himself to humanity, and identified himself with humanity and became humanity; and he became we, and we were there in him. It means that Jesus Christ in himself joined humanity and divinity to all eternity to take our human nature and retain it to all eternity, and is to-day our representative in heaven, still bearing our human nature, and there is a divine-human man in heaven to-day, - Jesus Christ.

Read it in Heb. 10:11, 12: "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever sat down on the right hand of God."

There is a man sitting on the right hand of God, and we sit there in him. That is what this scripture in the seventh of Hebrews, to which we have referred, has illustrated, how it is that God saw in Adam all the human family, and how that when he created Adam he created all the human family. This Scripture means a great deal more than that. Read again Heb. 7:9, 10: "And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him." When Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, Levi paid tithes in him, for he was in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him. All that Abraham did, Levi did in him.

Read further in the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians, verses 21 and 22: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." You may stop a moment to think that they both came by a tree; death came by a tree, life came by a tree. Adam ate of the forbidden fruit of the tree, so death came upon the human family. Christ bore all our sins upon a tree, and by that means brought life to the human family. "By man came death; by man came also the resurrection of the dead, for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall

all be made alive." Adam is the man through whom death came; Christ is the man through whom comes the resurrection from the dead.

Read also Romans 5:12 and onward. As we read this scripture, bear these principles in mind, and this parallel between the first Adam and the second Adam, and what we gained through the first Adam and what we gained through the second Adam. From the first Adam, sin, transitory life, death; from the second Adam, righteousness, life, - eternal life. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Revised Version, "for that all sinned." Just one act in a point of time wholly past. For that all sinned; for all did sin.

"For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed where there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure (or type) of him that was to come. But not as the offense, so also is the free gift; for if through the offense of one many be dead (Revised Version,

many died) much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification," or righteousness. So the contrast is between condemnation and justification, or righteousness. Death came by sin. "For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as by the offense of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made [or 'became,' or Dr. Young's translation, 'many were constituted'] sinners; so by the obedience of one shall many be made [or constituted] righteous."

Now see the contrast between the first Adam and the second Adam; the first father of the family and the second father of the family. From one, judgment to condemnation; the other, justification of life. Through the disobedience of one, many were constituted sinners; through the obedience of one, many were constituted sinners; through the obedience of one, many were constituted righteous in him.

And the idea further that Jesus Christ gave himself to us. Think of that for a moment. It is not that Jesus Christ, as some one apart from us, as it were entirely outside of our connection in any way, just simply came forward and said, "I will die for man." No, he became man, and divinity was given to the human family in Jesus Christ.

But divinity was joined to humanity by birth, and Jesus Christ became flesh and blood relation, - near of kin to every one of us.

Read the foreshadowing of that in Lev. 55:47-49: "And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself upon the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family, after that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him, either his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself." Now that is where humanity is. Humanity is sold under sin. Now if humanity is able, it may redeem itself. Is it able? Is humanity able to redeem itself? No. Well, then, some one that is nigh of kin may redeem it. But who is nigh of kin that is able to redeem it? He who took part of our same flesh and blood. So that, as is expressed in Eph. 5:30, "We are members of his body and of his flesh, and of his bones." And he is nigh of kin.

Now read again in Heb. 2:11, and see how this relation is recognized. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren." You remember in his last prayer, just at the close of his work (John 17:26), he says, "And I have declared unto them thy name." "I will declare thy name unto my brethren." And he did it; and one of his last words was, "I have declared unto them thy name." They were his brethren. "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." And again, "I will

put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children which God hath given me." Second father of the family. Behold the children.

Mark 3:31: "There came then his brethren and his mother [Now these were those that were actually related to him by the ties of the natural flesh], and standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them that sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." That is, whoever is born into this family of God is as closely related to Jesus Christ, and that by flesh and blood, as is a mother to her own son.

Read in Luke 11:27, 28, and it is a touching thought: "And it came to pass as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked." As this woman looked upon Jesus Christ and heard his teachings, there arose in that mother's heart a feeling of what a wonderfully blessed thing it must be to be so closely united to that man as is a mother to her child. What did he reply? Oh, he said, "Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." Because they are united every one of them to him just as is a mother to her own child. That is, by the very closest ties possible in this world is every son of God united to Jesus Christ, his Brother, his Father, his Saviour, his Redeemer. ~ W. W. Prescott.



## Highlights from New Zealand Field

### Song Service at Avondale Rest Home, Auckland, New Zealand

Sabbath, 14th April 2018

We are blessed with the company of Br. Doug Thirkettle, and Br. Sam Batger & his family once again. On that Sabbath morning, Br. Doug gave a sermon on “The Bible, Its Counterfeits, and The Struggle for Supremacy.” He emphasised the reliability of the Bible and preservation of its manuscripts throughout the ages.

“God had faithful witnesses to whom He committed the truth, and who preserved the Word of God. The manuscripts of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures have been preserved through the ages by a miracle of God.” Experiences in Australia, p. 341.4.

“I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible, yet learned men, when the copies were few, had changed the words in some instances, thinking that they were making it more plain, when they were mystifying that which was plain, in causing it to lean to their established views, governed by tradition.” *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 1, p. 117.1.

After enjoying the vegetarian lunch, our group went to visit Avondale Rest Home. It was raining at that time, but we made it there on time to render song service and meet those lovely people. Visitors, brethren, and most of the children from our church came and joined the singing, Bible reading and poem recitation.

### Visits from the EMC Missionary Students

We were happy and truly appreciated the visits of nine (9) EMC Students to New Zealand. We enjoyed their company over three Sabbaths to our church. Br Jesse Dumitru spoke on “The Faith of the Patriarchs”, discussing Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. Sr Kaitin Hanuska deliberated the need to spiritual eyesight and how to get it; and finally Br Ebert Fountain followed on the final Sabbath of April.

To God be the glory!

*“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”*

*Ephesians 5:19*

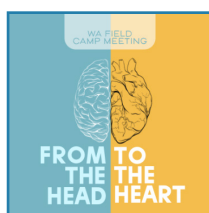


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