

Good Tidings

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Upcoming Events

Victoria Camp

Dates: March 7-10, 2025
Location: Harrietteville, Victoria

WA Delegation

Date: March 23, 2025

NSW Delegation

Date: April 6, 2025

NSW Camp

Dates: June 7-9, 2025
Location: Elim Heights Youth Camp

Centenary Week of Prayer

Dates: July 11-20, 2025

Pastoral Families Conference

Dates: July 13-17, 2025

QLD Camp

Dates: August 14-17, 2025
Location: Mt Tambourine, QLD

Victoria Snow Camp

Dates: August 15-17, 2025

NZ Prophecy Seminar

Dates: September 13-21, 2025
Location: New Lynn, Auckland

East Timor Children's Mission

Dates: September 22 - October 2, 2025
Location: Timor Leste

QLD Youth Camp

Dates: October 3-6, 2025

WA Camp

Dates: October 10-13, 2025

Week of Prayer

Dates: December 5-14, 2025

AUC Delegation Session

Dates: December 23-24, 2025

AUC Spiritual Conference

Dates: December 26-28, 2025

Something to share?

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goodtidings@sdarm.org.au



Update from the General Conference Session in Colombia

As we prepare to publish the news, our delegates have been attending the 24th General Conference Session of the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement in Colombia.

Our delegates have served on the Nominating Committee, Doctrinal Committee, and Bylaws Committee. New officers have been elected for the 2025-2029 term, and plans have been made for the progress of the work.

If you would like to read the official reports, visit the website of the General Conference at www.sdarm.org



Delegates of the 24th GC Session, Colombia

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A Joyous Occasion

Baptism of Lance and Marj Smith

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19

“Christ has made baptism the sign of entrance to His spiritual kingdom. He has made this a positive condition with which all must comply who wish to be acknowledged as under the authority of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Before man can find a home in the church, before passing the threshold of God's spiritual kingdom, he is to receive the impress of the divine name, ‘The Lord Our Righteousness.’ Jeremiah 23:6.” *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 91.

On Sabbath, November 9, 2024, our church family witnessed a moment of spiritual joy and commitment as Lance and Marj Smith were baptised into our church. The special event took place on a Sabbath day, adding an extra layer of significance to this sacred occasion.

The day began with a heartfelt program at the church in the morning, setting the tone for the celebrations to come. The brethren shared hymns and prayers.

In the afternoon, the baptismal program was divided into three meaningful parts:

1. Profession of Faith – Lance and Marj publicly declared their commitment to follow Christ and uphold the biblical principles of the SDA Reform Movement Church.

2. Baptism by the River – The baptism took place in Warrandyte, Victoria, a picturesque location with serene scenery and a flowing river. The natural beauty of the surroundings enhanced the spiritual atmosphere as church members and friends gathered to witness this sacred moment.

3. Fellowship of New Members – Following the baptism, Lance and Marj were officially welcomed as members of our church community. Words of encouragement and blessings were shared, underscoring the joy of gaining a new brother and sister in Christ.

A delightful lunch preceded the baptismal program,

giving attendees an opportunity for fellowship and preparation. After the baptism, everyone came together once more for a special meal, rejoicing in the Smiths' decision to dedicate their lives to God.

We pray for God's continued guidance and blessings upon Lance and Marj as they begin this new chapter in their spiritual journey.

~ Miguel Mendoza

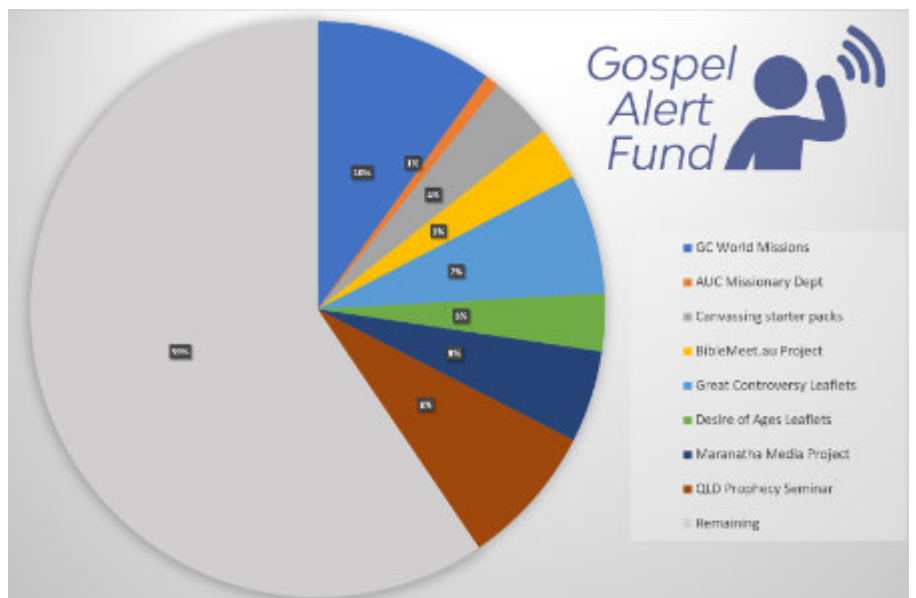


Gospel Alert Fund

We are happy to report new projects being claimed against the Gospel Alert Fund. Your church or field can be next by submitting a proposal to the AUC Treasurer.

Funds Allocated:

GC World Missions:	5,000.00
AUC Missionary Dept:	386.28
Canvassing starter packs:	1,800.00
BibleMeet.au project	1,500.00
Great Controversy Leaflets:	3,372.73
Desire of Ages Leaflets:	1,618.38
Maranatha Media Project:	2,579.00
QLD Prophecy Seminar:	<u>4,000.00</u>
Funds Remaining:	\$ 29,743.61



Keilor Park Church Rebuild

Originally constructed in 1972 with volunteer labour, the Keilor Park Church sanctuary was showing signs of wear. Additions had been made to the rear of the building since first constructed, but over time, the complex was shown to be inadequate for the number of people who attended. More and more maintenance items were identified, and several years ago, cracks started appearing in the structure.

At first, it was thought that the building could be repaired. However, the foundation around the sanctuary had been settling, and it came to light that the wall and roof structure were not properly constructed to withstand the shifting of the foundation. This would be a difficult and costly repair. The church members concluded that rebuilding would be the best, simplest and most cost-effective solution.

After plans were drawn up and ratified by the church, application for building was made to the Council. This process was long and faced many obstacles, but eventually the new building was approved. The old building had to be demolished, and the site cleared for the new building. In May 2023, after a lot of work in preparation, the concrete slab of the new church was poured.



Today the rebuilding has progressed well. The frame, roof, exterior brickwork, windows, doors and lining have all been completed. Most of the lighting is in with just a few external lights remaining to be installed and connection needed.

Things remaining to be done include:

- Fit-off
- Lighting
- Flooring
- New pews
- External works
- Car park

We are appealing for money to finish the rebuilding. We need AUD\$50,000 to finish the project.

With your help, the Church can reach this goal and complete the work we've set out to do to the glory of God.

Please send all donations via the AUC:

BSB: 032-274

Account: 498391

Name: Trustee for SDARM AUC Trust

Reference: Keilor Park Building

Or donate online here:

<https://my.sdarm.org.au/keilorparkrebuild>



Health Camp and Expo

On Boxing Day 2024, attendees rolled in from all around Australia, others hailing from far-away Europe, all excitedly joining in for the Made Whole 360° Conference. The program was kick-started with an artisan sourdough workshop for those eager to learn this age-old skill. Outdoors, a wood-fired pizza oven project beckoned those who preferred to get their hands dirty in other ways. Before anyone could get bored, another workshop in the greenhouse invited those wishing to learn secrets of working with the soil. Dinner followed and the dining hall was full for the very first meal of the event.

Opening worship featured a moving testimony from Brother Szabi, who shared his personal story of growth into the health message. He strongly recommended that everyone read *The China Study*, by Dr T. Colin Campbell—a book that he has read through eight times. Following the conclusion of worship, everyone was encouraged to complete a health survey identifying various health habits and what they hoped to gain from the event. The young people then gathered for a session of trivia in the hall, featuring questions on geography, Bible, hymns and more.

Friday morning saw attendees meeting together in the dining hall for a hearty breakfast of polenta and various tasty toppings. Each morning there were also servings of zesty green smoothies for all those who wanted them, made by the amazing smoothie bar team. An inspiring worship followed with George Gurduiala sharing about the brain's connection to our health.

After a brief interlude, the workshops of the day began with more options than any one person could attend. A short promo was given and attendees had to make a choice of which to attend: Healthy Iron Levels, Atomic Habits, Regaining Your Energy Levels—Gut Health, and Healthy Desserts. These were followed by three different fitness classes, one for the men, another for the ladies and then for those who wanted to do exercises but couldn't get out of their chairs. The fitness sessions were thoroughly enjoyed and inspired those who attended.

A delicious lunch of quinoa kale salad, baked sweet potatoes with creamy peas satisfied everyone's hunger after the activities of the morning. Teams of young

MADE WHOLE 360° HEALTH CONFERENCE



people helped to keep the kitchen and surrounds a place of lively activity and in order. The lunchtime bustle was followed by a workshop on overcoming anxiety, a session each for the teenage boys and girls and a Men's Connection session.

Once the sessions were over activity resumed all over camp as everyone got ready for the Sabbath. The kitchen was a constant hive of activity as the expert cooks, sisters Cati and Martha, worked tirelessly to prepare each lunch and dinner with their many helpers, while others shared their talents in preparing breakfasts.

Sabbath was ushered in with a worship with Bro Jared Chapman on the importance of true Sabbath rest. The powerful worship was followed by a candlelit praise meeting. The musicians led out as many spe-



cial songs were sung. It was a beautiful time of fellowship and joy.

Sabbath morning dawned bright and happy. Everyone was encouraged to study the special health lesson of the day in their rooms as family units. A scrumptious breakfast was served followed by a song service, which lead into the Sabbath school time. Small classes, for every age and experience level, dotted the camp ground. The tent was full and overflowing for the divine service which brought out the gift of being made whole.

A lovely, nutritious lunch was served and before everyone knew, it was time for the afternoon praise and fellowship meeting, filled with many beautiful items.

Once the afternoon meeting was over there were some special Bible nature scavenger hunts for different age groups, thanks to Chantelle, Jared and Irina. These activities were thoroughly enjoyed.

A yummy dinner was shared, then followed by a worship by Sister Catherine Robles on the subject of Fear.

The evening was filled with fun, laughter and some casualties as the young people enjoyed a lively game of glow-in-the-dark Capture the Flag.

Sunday morning saw people joining in line up the breakfast hall for another hearty breakfast, the highlight being the delectable green smoothies of course! Worship was held by Bro Harold Kraus on the spiritual aspect of conflict management. This was shortly followed by another stretching and exercise session.

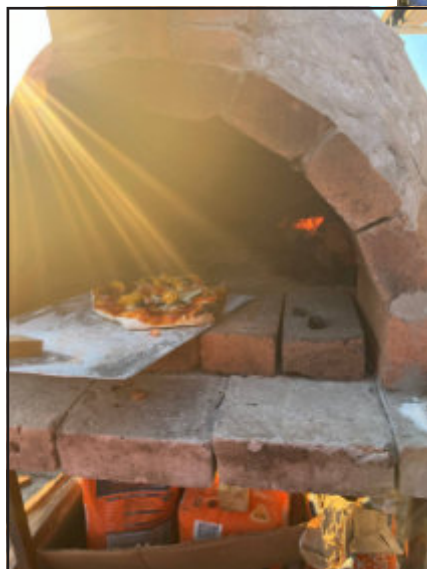
During the Sunday morning sessions, everyone was overjoyed to have a visiting guest doctor lead out. The topics covered were how to prevent burn out and kidney health. This was followed by the conflict resolution workshop in the hay bale and bean bag tents. During these sessions attendees were served freshly made juices. These sessions were enjoyed so much it was hard to be done in time for lunch, which was yet another mouth-watering healthy meal.

The afternoon was filled with a cook off complete with the Brazilian judges and lots of young contestants. This was hardly finished before it was time to start the exciting pizza making, where all, young and old alike, got to make a pizza and try the new pizza oven.

Everyone was having fun making their pizzas when the sauna on a trailer turned up. The fire was soon going and the sauna was in use. The ice maker had been an amazing hit during the camp, helping keep people cool on the hot days, and providing a key ingredient for the slushies that were enjoyed. Then Sunday evening the ice made its way into the cold plunge pools.

The conference was closed with worship Sunday evening. Sister Danica spoke about how doing hard things helps grow our brains. The challenge was given that each person should take the next hard step in their health journey.

The evening brought lots of fun with the sauna and cold



plunges and quickly turned into morning with more of the same.

A hearty meal of lentils on toast was enjoyed followed by a personal health experience shared by Sam Batger for worship.

The camp wrapped up with a unique Health Expo, featuring an alternative café, a lymphatic drainage class, relaxing massage sessions, and a natural skincare station with face masks and holistic self-care tips.

During the expo, people could enjoy a walnut cappuccino and other delicious iced teas, which were refreshing on the hot day. The bean bag tent was the special mask and facials center. Attendees relaxed on the bean bags as they tried out the different blends and enjoyed a little chat with Daniela, the beauty expert.

Much too soon the whole event was over and everyone went on their way, inspired for a year of better health ahead.

The Made Whole 360° Conference was an immersive and enriching experience, thoughtfully designed by the Health Department team to promote holistic well-being. They worked hard over many months to put together a varied and interesting program, with something for everyone.

It was widely remarked that this was a camp with a difference. Made Whole 360° was more than just a camp—it was an opportunity to embrace whole-person health, balance, and a closer walk with Jesus.



AUC Workers Seminar and Camp Preparation

Our workers gathered at Elim Heights in December for a special workers' seminar, with the presence of our GC President, Br. Eli Tenorio. Many beneficial discussions were held, and we were grateful for the first visit of a GC president to our worker seminar in quite a few years.

Of course from before the seminar until after the Camponotus program in early January, our workers were kept very busy in helping to prepare for and run the programs, with a tremendous effort put in both on site and off site with office support and logistics.

We are grateful to the entire team of employees and volunteers who came together to help make our end of year programs a great success.



News in Pictures



Construction commenced on the church building in Coleambally, NSW

Camponotus Kids, AUC Camp NSW



**Camponotus Kids,
Western Australia**



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East Timor Mission News

Volunteers from Australia and the USA have continued in various ways to assist the work in East Timor.

A family from the USA have been there since August 2024, and recently a sister from Australia has gone there for a medical internship.

Several fly-n-build trips have been made to work on the property in Gleno, the second-largest city in the country. We are grateful to the brethren that volunteered their time and travel cost to assist in this endeavour.

This year, there will be an opportunity to join a Children's Mission Trip. See information on the next page.

Finally, even though the missionary families are rotating out, we are happy that a couple from Indonesia have agreed to be the next ones to take charge of the work.

Please keep the mission of East Timor in your prayers, and continue to forward your financial support as you are able to do so.



Elim Missionary College Seminar

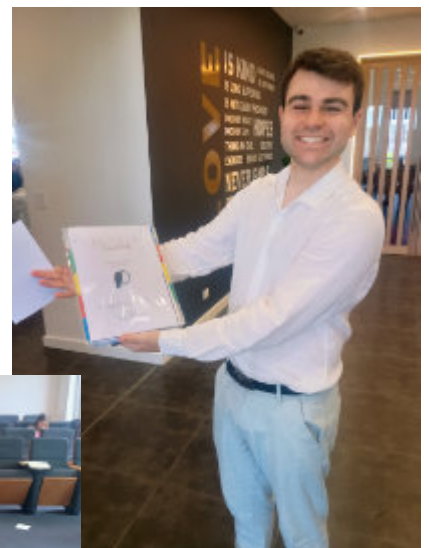
A short seminar was held in Melbourne, at Maranatha Church, from the 4th to the 11th of January, 2025. The subject matter was on Daniel and Revelation, with the title, "Prophecy Essentials."

The seminar covered an outline of Daniel and Revelation. Students were provided with resources and lecture notes, in printed and electronic form. They also received copies of new reprints of the books *The Sanctuary and the 2300 Days*, and *The Commandment to Restore and to Build Jerusalem*, both by J. N. Andrews (now available from RLPA).

Lectures were given on such key subjects as the identity of the little horn, the application of the day-for-a-year method, the confirmation of the method in the predicted downfall of the Ottoman Empire in 1840, and the the sealing and 144,000.

Students were assigned to study and prepare a summary on various prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

Elim Missionary College will now be looking to offer this seminar in other areas in the future.

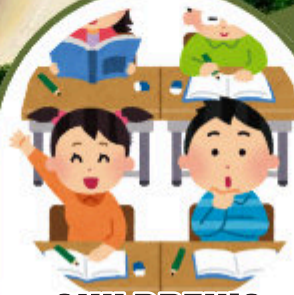


Children's Mission Trip

EAST TIMOR



CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



MISSIONARY WORK

Pre-travel requirements:

- Registration
- Travel Insurance
- Valid passport for greater than 6 months from departure
- Must be over 18 yrs or accompanied by a parent or guardian

What you might need:

- Clothing & attire
- Beach towel
- Good walking shoes
- Toiletries
- Bible/hymnbook

Proposed activities:

- Activities with school-aged children
- Bringing activities and showcasing the mission in Timor
- Presenting simple Bible stories to children
- Sharing your stories how Jesus has helped you in your life with others
- Bringing donations to share with the needy (like a shoebox challenge gift)
- Sight-seeing
- Immersion in a new culture

Dates:

- Depart Melbourne 22 September, 2025
- Return to Melbourne 2 October, 2025
- Registration closes 28 February, 2025

Contact:

- Ring Susanna on 0401 378 146
- Email susannamandic89@gmail.com
- Scan the QR code below to register

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Registration Link



Come and join us for a children's mission trip to East Timor. Suitable for all ages and abilities. We are looking for willing volunteers.



If you cannot attend but would like to donate to this mission:
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