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Guildford Church Media Ministry in Western Australia has setup a new media website for hosting sermon videos and other Christian media content. The media website is named after the ministry's name, 'RainDrops'. You can check it out at <http://raindrops.sdarm.org.au>. At the moment it is displaying a collection of sermons by various speakers posted on the internet by our churches in Guildford WA, Schofields NSW and Clayfield QLD.

RainDrops Media Ministry adopted its name in 2012 as an expression of the members desire to be part of the action under the Latter Rain experience. Since 2011, the production of DVDs was its main object. The DVDs are still being bought by local members and used as missionary tools on a weekly basis.

The ministry sprung up in mid-1990 when Brother Matthias Thiel and his wife Sr. Lizy commenced the media work recording sermons onto cassette tapes and then copying them utilizing a high speed cassette copier. Since that time, the ministry has always existed as a branch department of Guildford Church and seen various developmental stages in terms of technology.

Today, recording of sermons is done using cameras, a live mixing computer system, video production software and a DVD duplicator. The media ministry is currently directed by Sr. Elizabeth Slade and has 7 volunteers each involved in various roles from book keeping through to camera work, software use and DVD production. Ongoing training sessions are also part of the ministries aims both for technical production training and speaker training.

The development of a responsive Wordpress based website to host recordings on is the latest addition to the ministry's projects. The responsive nature of the website enables it to be viewed easily on any size screen from smartphones to tablet screens to large computer screens.

A live streaming page will enable viewers at home to watch a fully mixed live stream of the sermon in Guildford broadcasted every week.

Do you want to be involved? If your church has a media ministry department or is recording sermons on video or audio – please get in touch with us. We'll be able to give you admin access to our site's backend so you can post sermon content there too. Email raindrops@sdarm.org.au.

Gerson Robles
RainDrops Media Ministry



Papua New Guinea Teacher's Training Seminar

From the 16-20 September, 2012, a Teacher's Training Seminar was held in Papua New Guinea Mission Field. The seminar was a further step in the preparation of Teachers for the first three Christian day schools set to commence operations in February next year.

We have been blessed by the support of "Christian Light Publications", suppliers of "Christian Light Education" (CLE) curricula materials. Elmer Glick, a trainer from the USA, and Jason Kauffmann, the CLP representative in Australia, delivered the training over an intensive 3 day period. Our brethren in PNG who attended the training gave a very positive report of the seminar.

Initially 10 Trainees were expected. However, over 30 attended the course. Trainees are now preparing for their



tests, and upon successful completion, will form the initial pool of teachers. While not all who attended will be selected as teachers, all have been encouraged by the training given.

Plans are now in place to deliver diagnostic testing to the first intake of students in preparation for classes next year.

Please keep this project in your prayers.

—AUC Education Department



Rockhampton Concert August 2012

The following report was received from Benjamin Fuenzalida, a member of the QLD Conference Young People's Department.

Rocky concert, 11:00am 24th August, 2012

Since the Rockhampton prophecy seminars in June 2012, Annette, the manager of Bauhinia House (where the seminars were held) had known about the musical talents God has blessed our youth with. As she was organising a luncheon concert for the Senior Citizens Club, she asked John Araya if he could arrange for some of our youth to play and sing for the older generation – a form of 'Thank you for shaping our community' performance.

Br John Araya and his wife Sr Rachel were able to round up a few of our musicians across Queensland: Letilda, Sienna and Elouise Wynne (vocals), Br Amos Thiel (vocals, hand-flute), as well as Jamie, Jo, Gracie and Sophie Squires (piano, vocals). However, the Squires were unable to attend, so my brother Jonatan and I (vocals, guitar) were asked if we'd be able to participate. Then God blessed our group with the addition of two more vocalists – Br Juan Ricardo Amaya and Alicia Lee-Long (my older sister).

The concert began with an introduction by the MC, who sang a few songs from the 1950's. Then we were presented: they named us 'A New Sound.' From their initial reaction, it was evident that they appreciated the songs we performed. Many from the audience sang along to the Wynne girl's duet of *When a Child is Born*. When Br Amos, Jonatan and I performed *You Are My Hiding Place* on guitars and hand-flute, we received "MORE! MORE!" chants from the ladies – they really appreciated Br Amos' hand flute!

There was one song, however, in which God's hand was manifested in a marked way. It was one of our last, sung by all – *Ancient Words*. For some reason our vocals began clashing with the D major guitar accompaniment. I didn't know what to do! I began playing louder into the microphone, which only made it worse because it confused the rest of the singers. Then God reminded me that I could change the key to harmonise with the vocals, so I listened carefully for the key and continued playing in D# major. The song ended harmoniously, and nobody in the audience noticed what had happened (Johnny's feedback ☺).

The glory of it all goes to God. Through His blessing I believe our part in the concert went really well – we'd only had that same morning as a whole group to practice together, and any accidents onstage weren't noted. The most amazing thing of all is that afterwards, many people asked Br John Araya if our group could perform for their own events. It all just goes to show that if you, reader, completely trust that God's will be done, He will bless your efforts in the most beautiful of ways.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." – Philippians 4:13

May you be inspired by our testimony and blessed by God's love!

—Benjamin Fuenzalida



WA Field Conference: Revive Us Again

The biennial WA Field Conference was held on the weekend of September 13-16. Our theme was “Revive Us Again,” on the subject of Revival & Reformation. God provided perfect weather for us throughout the conference and it was a delight to meet again at the conference campgrounds.

At our previous Field Delegation session last year it was decided to hold more group Bible studies and study groups as opposed to ‘sermons’ during the camp meeting. The decision was based on the following statement:

“It has been shown me that our camp-meetings are to increase in interest and success. As we approach nearer the end, I have seen that in these meetings there will be **less preaching, and more Bible study**. There will be **little groups all over the ground with their Bibles in their hands**, and different ones leading out in a **free, conversational study of the Scriptures.**”—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 87.

With this in mind, the WA Field Committee arranged to hold group morning worships in the cabins, led out by cabin leaders and 3 Bible study/workshop sessions over the course of the conference. Since we have a lot of children in our field, the morning worships worked out beautifully as it allowed mothers with little babies to stay in the comfort of their own cabin while still joining in for worship. Cabin leaders were given brief worship content to make their own and then present to the members of their cabins. It was good to know that each group was sharing the same spiritual message and singing the same hymns.

The study groups also were very well received. They were entitled, “The Reviving Word: How Can the Scriptures Make a Difference in My Life?”, “Missionaries by Birth: Ways & Means of Witnessing of Jesus” and “Developing a Personal Mission Statement.” These were, in reality, Bible studies presented in a free conversational style with plenty of participation from the group.

Meeting Topics

The meeting topics were, “Steps to True Revival”, “Reformation Begins With Me”, “Christ the Reformer”, and “Outward Correctness vs Inward Integrity.”

In his meeting, “Steps to True Revival”, Bro. Jim Newman brought out how our attitude is a major catalyst to the revival Christ wants to work in us. He also brought out the outcome of true revival by sharing this alarming statement, “When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, straight-laced extremists. We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.” —*Review & Herald*, January 9, 1894 par. 10

In the next meeting, “Reformation Begins With Me”, Bro. Gerson focused on what led to Revival and Reformation in Nehemiah’s day. The basic thought here was that all true Reformation has its foundation in the Law of God. The people in Nehemiah’s day read the Law of God and as they read, it showed them how deformed they were in their plans, ideas and practices. This led to confession, repentance, restoration and reformation. It was shown also, how Christ takes away our deformity of character through bearing our sins and restoring our minds to reflect His character and will.

Bro. Ben Thiel took our Divine Service entitled, “Christ the Reformer” where he showed how Christ stood out in contrast to the philosophies of His day by being whom He was and teaching what He did. It was a needed reminder to us to see how we measure up against the Standard.

Bro. Alex Ng’uni led out in our last meeting of the conference entitled, “Outward Correctness vs Inward Integrity”. This enlightening revealing statement was read from Steps to Christ, “...Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them...Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. **They may produce an outward correctness of behavior**, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life. There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. **That power is Christ**. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness.” SC 18.1



Baby Dedication

As I mentioned before, our Field has a lot of children! Among these were 3 brand new babies being dedicated to the Lord. Their names are: Imogen Brown, Dylan Balarezo and Hadassah Robles. Bro. Ben Thiel (Union Representative) prayed for each one separately and asked God to protect and guide in the upbringing of these children and also that they should be a tool in Christ's hand to minister to others in their growing years.



The parents were happy as they pondered the words of Christ when He invited the children saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14



Ordination Ceremony

Another special highlight of our conference happened on Sabbath afternoon. A special meeting was held for praise and for the ordination of Bro. Jacques Payet to the eldership. We were thrilled as we saw our church's sanctioning by the laying on of hands of the work Bro. Jacques has been called for.

Bro. Ben Thiel led out in the ordination service by briefly relating the qualifications and work of an elder according to the Scriptures and then inviting Jacques to stand when the following questions were asked:

1. Are you earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints?
2. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and His work?
3. Are you in harmony with the beliefs and practices of the Remnant Church and are you willing to teach them to others by precept and example?
4. Are you willing to follow the order, rules and decisions of the church according to a "thus saith the Lord"?
5. Do you understand and are you willing to enforce the discipline of the church according to Matt. 18:15-18; to uphold the high spiritual and moral standards of this church.
6. Will you diligently do the work of a shepherd, caring for the lambs and sheep of the flock and act as a messenger of God to those in danger?
7. Will you be faithful to the principles of health and dress reform, both in precept and by example?
8. Are you determined to employ your full time in the work of God and to be exact and punctual in all your duties?

May the Lord bless our dear brother and his family as they press forward in this important work and we praise our God for a blessed conference.

Gerson Robles, WA Field



Vanuatu Mission News

On the 14th of September, Br Andrew Pakoasongi reported that the Vanuatu Mission Field had just completed a week of public meetings combined with a youth camp. The turnout to the meetings was very good, and six interested souls are now undergoing further Bible studies.

Plans are in place to conduct a Leadership Seminar next month on one of Vanuatu's islands called Epi. The Vanuatu brethren are also planning to hold a Youth Camp Meeting on the island of Malekula in December.

We thank the Lord for the encouraging news from this part of the vineyard. Please continue to pray for the work there.

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Remembering the Life of Sister Agnes Helen Haynes

It was a warm sunny day on Wednesday, September 12, when our dear friend and sister in Christ, Agnes Helen Haynes was laid to rest until the resurrection morning. Many relatives and friends gathered for the 10:00am funeral service at the Castlebrook Memorial Park chapel, where her life was lovingly remembered. Fittingly, a beautiful solo, "Give Me Jesus" was presented, bringing to mind Sister Haynes' love of the Lord. Many present had experienced the hospitality of the Haynes' home in years gone by, and had found friendship, encouragement and inspiration in the warm and caring life of service that characterised Sister Haynes. Her strong faith and courage were recollected, and her hope in the eternal home prepared for God's children.

Agnes Helen was born October 19, 1915, to Harry Edwell Samuel and Frances Christina Litherland, dairy and small crop farmers living near Murwillumbah, north coast NSW. The family later moved to Cudgera, Cudgen, and then to Upper Burringbar, where Agnes Helen attended a convent school at Burringbar to sixth grade. Helen studied and loved the piano, an instrument bought as a gift by her father, and which she kept all her life until about two years ago, when she gave it to her niece.



Helen met Charles Peter Haynes, whose family owned a banana plantation near Upper Burringbar. They married on October 10, 1938 in Lismore, NSW, and spent their honeymoon on a road trip through southern Queensland. The newlyweds made their home in Upper Burringbar until 1944, when they were called to work for the church, and commenced ministry in Brisbane. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Winifred Helen, born August 14, 1939, who sadly died in 1941 at the age of two; Elizabeth Jane Frances born December 21, 1942, and Harry Peter, born July 29, 1948.

After six years of ministry in Brisbane, in 1950 Charles and Helen were called to the work in Perth, followed three years later in 1953 to an appointment in Sydney. In 1962, they were transferred back to Brisbane, and lived at Clayfield, where they also celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in 1963. In 1964, the Haynes family moved to 8 Whitehaven Road, Northmead NSW. Together with her husband, Sister Haynes exhibited a deep sense of service and sacrifice toward others, often taking in and helping those that needed help. In particular, many migrants arriving in the 1950's to the 1970's were received and cared for by the Haynes' until they were able to find their feet. Their caring friendship and guidance will always be gratefully remembered by many. Sister Haynes showed a keen interest in young people; she was able to touch their lives in a special way, providing encouragement and advice.

After the death of her husband in 1986, Sister Haynes continued to live at Northmead with her daughter Elizabeth until they decided to move to The Willows about two years ago. Sister Haynes was able to look after herself almost until the end. Within the last few months of her life, she first went into respite care at Guildford for a short period, and as she quickly grew weaker and could no longer care for herself, she went to the Adventist aged care home at Kings Langley. Unfortunately her heart, lungs and kidneys began to fail, and at nearly 97 years of age, on Thursday September 6, at about midday, she quietly fell asleep in Jesus, to await the voice of God, calling her "to everlasting life" (Daniel 12:2).

The life of Sister Haynes will live on in the memory of those who knew her as a quiet, cheerful spirit who served without fuss, yet impacted and inspired the lives of so many with her faithfulness, hope and courage.

—adapted from the eulogy presented at the funeral service

In Memory of Sister Alma Wooden

Alma Ida Esmeralda Wooden (nee Hughes) was laid to rest on Monday, 10 September, 2012 at the Wagga Wagga Monumental Cemetery after a service at the SDA Church in Wagga Wagga. Alma had two sisters (Merle, Gladys) and two brothers (Jack, Bill) one being her twin – Bill. The family recalled the happy times together at the home farm whilst growing up. Alma's love of music was clearly portrayed with a number of songs and hymns sung during the funeral service.

Alma always loved to share her hope of heaven with its pearly gates and the city of diamonds. She was often heard reciting Bible verses and poems. Now Alma is sleeping in the grave until the resurrection day when her Lord comes and raises His own to eternal life - where no one grows old but will have eternal youth.

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Coming Events Calendar

Sept 11- Oct 30, 2012

Depression Recovery Program, Victoria

Venue: Keilor Park, VIC

For further information contact: vic@sdarm.org.au

Telephone: (03) 9331 6432

September 25-30, 2012

Papua New Guinea Field Camp Meeting

For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au

October 4-8, 2012

Health Seminar, New Zealand

For further information contact: nzfield@sdarm.org.au

- October 25-29, 2012** **Fiji Islands Field Camp Meeting**
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- November 2-4, 2012** **'Getting to Know God' Retreat**
Venue: Elim Heights Youth Campground
Colo Heights, New South Wales
For further information contact: missionary@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- November 23-25, 2012** **Pacific Islands Public Meetings and Church Dedication**
Venue: Bladiners Estate, Port Vila, Vanuatu
Meetings Commence: 5:30pm Friday, November 23.
Church Dedication: 2:30pm Sunday, November 25.
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- November 26-28, 2012** **Pacific Islands Leaders Meetings, Vanuatu**
Venue: Bladiners Estate, Port Vila, Vanuatu
For all Field Leaders of the Pacific Islands only
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- December 2, 2012** **Malekula Island Church Dedication, Vanuatu**
Venue: Achin Mainland Village, Malekula Island, Vanuatu
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- December 25-29, 2012** **"Alive and Kicking" Health Camp**
Venue: Elim Heights Youth Campground
Colo Heights, New South Wales
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