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## Baptism VIC-TAS Field – Ligia Lupoiu

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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matt 5:16

On the 21st of May 2011, Ligia Lupoiu made her covenant with the Lord, becoming the youngest member in “Maranatha” church. It was the sunniest day of May so far when members, friends and all heaven gathered to witness her baptism.

Someone once said that we all have a gap in us in the shape of God! We can choose to contemplate on the gap, talk about it, describe it and still be atheists...or we can let Jesus Christ into our lives and be complete!

Sr Ligia chose to let His love fill her heart and her public testimony was a witness not only for us, but also for some onlookers that were at the water. After enquiring about the event they decided to join us for the afternoon program and perhaps come again.

Praise God for the freedom and opportunities to serve Him, and we pray that He will help Sr Ligia shine and represent Him always. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6)

## New Zealand Field Camp Meeting & Baptism – Auckland

Our Spiritual Conference was held at the Auckland Church April 22-24, 2011, with the theme being "Knowing Christ". Many members and friends attended (60 over Sabbath) and were blessed by the studies presented and fellowship with one another.



On Sunday we all rejoiced to witness the baptism of Br Raphael Giles.

(Look out for the full report in the print edition of Good Tidings Magazine.)

## Fly and Build Project – Vanuatu (Update from the AUC YPD)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19. Many times I ask myself if it is worth investing and spending a lot of money to do missionary work in the islands. I know that this money could be spent here, locally... but while reading the book "Faith I Live By" I came across THE answer.

"Christ gave His disciples their commission. He made full provision for the prosecution of the work, and took upon Himself the responsibility for its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe...Labor in faith..., for the time will never come when I will forsake you." The Faith I Live By, p. 149, para. 2.

When the invitation came, I couldn't decide anything else, but to go!

About Vanuatu mission:

Vanuatu is composed of multiple islands in the South Pacific Ocean. A group of young people and I will be leaving on the 15th of June to complete a small church building project in Vanuatu. With this opportunity I would like to praise God for the missionary spirit and care for souls that He put in our young people, as seven of them decided to volunteer and help this project, sacrificing time, money and exposing themselves to the serious risk of malaria, etc.

From the capital Port Vila, we will be flying another hour to a remote island where our project starts. We will be accommodated in the house of one of our brethren, where there is no electricity and no water. We need to purchase a generator and a portable water tank, among other things (i.e. fuel, food, etc).

While many of us may have only dreamed about spreading the word of God to the islands it is not always possible to go personally, yet now, there is an opportunity for you to still be a part of an island mission by supporting it with donations. Further more we would like to ask you to keep our volunteers in your prayers as they embark on this fly-and-build mission and be bearers of the light in far away countries.

Will this building be a success? I will try to answer this question by sharing with you a story:

“The Duke of Wellington was once present where a group of Christian men were discussing the possibility of success in missionary effort among the heathen. They appealed to the duke to say whether in his judgment such efforts were likely to prove a success commensurate to the cost. The old soldier replied: „Gentlemen, what are your marching orders? Success is not the question for you to discuss. If I read your orders aright, they run thus, „Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Gentlemen, obey your marching orders.”

...And this is why we are going to Vanuatu!

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Thank you for being part of VANUATU Mission 2011!

Peter Szabo, AUC Youth Department Director

## Vanuatu Field News

Br Andrew Pakoasongi reports that they have just finished a two week long series of open air evangelistic meetings in Port Vila. The program commenced on the 24th April and concluded on the 8th of May, 2011. The meetings resulted in a good response by mostly young people. Two couples are ready for baptism. One of them was an interest from a previous series of meetings held during the last Field Camp Meeting. This years' camp meeting is now underway and will continue to the 30th May 2011.



## Infant Dedication VIC-TAS Field – Jemima Ella Szabo

On May 21, 2011 the brethren of Maranatha Church, Victoria witnessed the dedication of a precious baby. Jemima Ella Szabo was born to Br Joe and Sr Brigita Szabo on 6 November 2010, 100 days premature and weighing just under 500 grams.

The next five or so months were very hard for the family as little Jemima had to live at the hospital until she was strong enough to live without support. This meant daily trips to and from the city for her family.

Many prayers were said for Jemima and her family and God answered them wonderfully. Jemima grew and the scales showed progress every week until finally on 1 April 2011, she was able to go home. She has continued to grow and improve and recently made an appearance at church, much to the delight of the congregation.



Br Joe and Sr Brigita feel overwhelmed by the prayers and good wishes of the church as a whole and are especially grateful to God for sustaining them through the tough time and giving them such a wonderful little daughter.

And so, on 21 May, Jemima was dedicated to the Lord by Br B Jaksic. “Br Jaksic was visiting Melbourne when Jemima was born,” Sr Brigita said. This made it extra special for him to be visiting again and to have him perform the dedication.

May the Lord bless Jemima, her parents and her brother Joshua with abundant life!

# South Australian Field News

## Using our Talents - Large or Small

The church membership in South Australia is very small compared to other fields in Australia, but that doesn't mean that the Lord has forgotten about this part of the world when it comes to the blessings He is willing to share with us. Once a month as part of our missionary work we all go to different nursing homes and sing songs for about an hour. It is a great time for us to practice our public singing talents however small they are, and it is a great time for those in these institutions to have a rejoicing time with us singing along. Some times it seems that the listeners are dozing away and really are not interested in listening. But afterwards we usually spend some time talking to the elderly and try to encourage them and that is when you realize that the singing wasn't just wasted time and energy. Some express in simple words how much the songs have encouraged them while others with tears in their eyes are begging us to come more often. We also deliver short messages to these lovely souls not always realizing how much it means to them, how much they are encouraged by them. It is a great blessing to be able to sing at these nursing homes.

Great blessing has been received also as a result of little group missionary activities where two or three individuals have conducted various activities. One of these is a home cooking demonstration where friends of our faith have been invited to a private home and have learned how to cook different healthy and tasty vegetarian foods. The atmosphere was beautiful and good quality time has been enjoyed by both, the visitors as well as our church members, not even mentioning the spiritual blessing that is felt by all as a result. The Lord is willing to bless His people and for this we do not necessarily need to be great evangelists. We all can share a part in spreading the gospel message to every man we come in contact with. A paragraph comes to my mind from Review and Herald Nov. 24, 1896, 11:

"Each one is to work in God's great moral vineyard. He bids you use your entrusted gifts, large or small, in whatever sphere you may be called to act, employing every capability, and improving the smallest gift for him."

Let us all use our talents no matter how inconsiderable they appear, as the Lord can only multiply and bless them as we put them in practice and use them.

## Editor's Note

*On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, after an encouraging morning of literature distribution together with some of our members and youth in Rockhampton, QLD, I experienced an unfortunate mishap. A fall from a horse resulted in a fractured left arm, 3 fractures of my right clavicle (collar bone), and a broken toe. After spending a week in Rockhampton hospital I can report that I am now home in Brisbane and on the mend. I am typing this note using three fingers with one arm in a plaster and the other arm in a sling.*

*I wish to thank the Lord for preventing any serious injury, for the wonderful help all the medical staff gave me at the hospital, and for all the prayers and well wishes of all my Christian brothers & sisters, and friends and family.*

*The mishap has put us a little behind on our deadlines for the Good Tidings E-News and the next full colour Good Tidings Magazine. Please bear with us in the interim. Thank you.*

*Paul Chapman, Editor.*

## Coming Events Calendar

**10-13 June 2011**

**New South Wales Spiritual Conference**

VENUE: Elim Heights Youth Camp

*Official invitation brochure in PDF format can be downloaded here:*

[http://www.sdarm.org.au/files/2011-NSW-Camp%20Invite WEB.pdf](http://www.sdarm.org.au/files/2011-NSW-Camp%20Invite%20WEB.pdf)

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**16 June – 15 July 2011**

**Mission Projects Oceania: Fly & Build – Vanuatu**

Malekula Island, Vanuatu: 16-29 June 2011

Port Vila, Vanuatu: 3 – 15 July 2011

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**5-7 August 2011**

**Queensland Spiritual Conference**

VENUE: Ewen Maddock Dam Recreation Centre – Sunshine Coast

*Additional details will be available on the website soon; for further information contact [pchapman@sdarm.org.au](mailto:pchapman@sdarm.org.au)*

**18-21 August 2011**

**General Conference Spiritual Meetings**

**Sibiu, Romania.**

*Website for the location of the public meetings:*

<http://www.salatransilvania.ro>

*For location, access to Sibiu, hotels, contacts, etc.:*

<http://www.azsmr.ro/gcsession>

**Oct/Nov 2011**

**Evangelistic Seminar – Rockhampton, Queensland**

9 Nights of Bible Prophecy Lectures for the General Public

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