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SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

AN UPDATE FROM VANUATU

As many are aware, our South Queensland Conference is a sister conference to the Vanuatu Mission. At Big Camp last September, the members of this conference donated more than \$200,000 for the Vanuatu rebuild. It was a huge effort and we were overwhelmed with this financial support. I would also like to acknowledge our Conference administration for the tremendous support they have given to this rebuild. So what has been happening in Vanuatu?

Here are some updates on the rebuilding process.

We engaged a qualified structural engineer who was very experienced in cyclonic design to design

a building that would withstand a Category 5 cyclone. These buildings are to be used as “safe houses”, where village people can take shelter in future cyclones. We purchased the building supplies at discounted rates from major suppliers in Brisbane and used Watson Park as our depot. Many volunteers helped cut the timber window frames and load the supplies into containers that were then shipped to Port Vila, where everything was unloaded by hand. So far, we have shipped 41 buildings—a huge effort.

However, getting our materials to some of the remote islands is a real challenge. To get to the building site of a church at Amaroo on the island of Epi, there is no road—the only access is by water. How do you unload six tonnes of building material onto a boulder beach, and then walk all the material 2 kilometres into the bush? This is a job we will be doing in early June, and I still haven’t worked out how to get the material off the ship and onto the shore. I am thinking we might need to build a raft out of 44-gallon drums.

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We have trained a team of 10 local paid workers to erect these buildings, and are currently working on our 17th building. It takes about a week to erect each building. We move from village to village, living in our small tents with no electricity, very limited water and eating local food. Some of the terrain we cover in our 4WD truck is quite challenging. We have been stuck in the mud a number of times, and it is good having the local boys to dig us out.

The construction process is as follows: I have made up a full-scale template to set out each building. We then dig the pier holes for our foundations, and these piers go to a depth of nearly 2 metres. After this, we assemble and erect the steel portal frames, which are solid galvanised C channels. The concrete comes next, and yes, we mix all the concrete by hand! The local Adventist men are a huge help—at times we have had up to 40 young men wanting to help. In many villages, the ladies clap their hands and cheer as we stand up each portal frame.

We usually commence each project on a Sunday, and have it completed by Friday, so that on Sabbath our construction team can take the Sabbath school and worship service. Our construction team is made up of Adventist men who are leaders back in their home church, so Sabbaths are a real high point—not only for the congregations in these newly erected church buildings, but also for our team.

We will be building a new church on the remote island of Emai in June—the group is currently meeting in a temporary church. A small building on right is a tithe house. Adventists bring their taro, banana, sweet potato and vegetables as tithe. The sign inside says, "Bring all the tithe into the store house so there will be enough food in my temple." This really caught my eye. How simple is life in such a remote little village—the people have nothing, but they still are loyal with their tithe giving.

The village people have a simple life with no creature comforts. They sleep on a mat on the ground in their grass huts and cook over an open fire. Their church life, however, means everything to them. They open Sabbath with Friday-night vespers; have Sabbath school; a main worship service; afternoon AYS; and then a closing Sabbath service. Most evenings during the week, they either have prayer meetings, choir practice or some other meetings. It's hard to explain the emotion that is buzzing in these new buildings on the first Sabbath, upon completion. They cry tears of joy, praising God for the support of our world church. They say it's like manna dropping from heaven.

On behalf of the Vanuatuan Adventists, a huge thank you to everybody who has so generously given to this program. Please keep praying for us as we continue to rebuild.

PETER KOOLIK





Wats-on at Watson

We here at Watson Park hope your year has started off with many blessings. 2016 at the Park is shaping up to be a year of service. So much has happened this year so far. In cyclone-related relief, we have provided logistical support for the most recent 20 cyclone-rated schools and churches bound for the Vanuatu recovery building projects, and we have supported another denomination's local church group who has sent aid to Fiji after Cyclone Winston. We also donated a significant number of the double-bed mattresses, which we no longer use at Big Camp, to their aid efforts.

From service outward to service inward, we have been blessed once again with Heather Cox volunteering her time this

year, helping out with some painting and varnishing around the campgrounds. Thanks for your help, Heather. We really appreciate it and value the work you do within our Conference.

Another project that has been taking shape over April, one that will serve us for many years ahead is a brand-new cold room and freezer in our kitchen. This new system has been lowered into the floor to allow for trolley access, and it will be significantly more energy efficient and reliable.

God is working wonders in our church and at Watson Park. May we continue to serve Him and our communities.

TIM HUTTON

His Story takes Singles to Luther Heights

"Million-dollar views", "Gourmet Meals", "Great Fellowship" and "Spiritual Feast" were among comments heard at the Q'SAM Easter camp held at beautiful Luther Heights Camp near Coolum. Gayle Rusterholz led the group of Singles on a spiritual journey to understand how much *His Story* is *Our Story*. The great weather topped off a successful weekend that also incorporated scenic walks, tasty food, and a Hawaiian-themed dinner and evening.

Queensland Single Adventist Ministries (Q'SAM) are an important part of Relationship Ministries with an active program throughout the year. Apart



from visits to local churches, the next event is "Christmas in July," held this year on beautiful Bribie Island. This will be a Christmas banquet, with themed music, lots of fun and some tasty Christmas food to enjoy. It runs from 1 to 3.30 pm, on Sunday, July 10 at the Island Beach Resort.

This is open to everyone—not just singles—and your entry fee will not only provide a delicious meal, but will also support ongoing Q'SAM ministries. So consider coming as a group or family,



and enjoy a day out exploring the ocean coastline or Bribie's famous Pumicestone Passage. "Christmas in July" costs just \$29 per adult (\$26 for pensioners/students, and \$10 for under 13 year olds). Pre-book online ASAP at <<https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/1116>> and enjoy an earlier (and cooler!) Christmas.

PR CHRIS FOOTE
DIRECTOR OF RELATIONSHIP MINISTRIES

When Hope Shines Through

She is going to court and often it will be the Brisbane Family Court, which means it's about children. We will talk about the process of what is going to happen when we get there, and how we are going to get there safely. It means a 5 am wake-up call, leaving the Sanctuary at 6 am, taking the children to early childcare, perhaps in two or three locations depending on their ages, then facing the three-hour drive to Brisbane in peak-hour traffic. Then there is court. Waiting, waiting and more waiting, always mindful of the hundred things also waiting in a normal day's work back at the Refuge.

Our job is to keep her calm and distract her, answer questions that she has. We might sit there all day and then get dismissed. What did we achieve? Nothing! We go again for the next court date, when hopefully we might be among the first on the list. We debrief on the way home and talk her down—perhaps she has gained lawful access to her children or perhaps she has just had them taken away from her. Regardless, we need to try to make her understand the process that has just happened. In the meantime, staff at the Refuge have picked up the children at about 3.30 pm from their various childcares and have fed them, so that when we arrive back from court at 7.30 pm, they are ready to spend homework time with Mum.

A lady who has just moved on from the Refuge spent days and days writing up affidavits for the Domestic Violence and Family court—she couldn't really participate in our program because of time constraints. For us, it's a matter of being flexible, based on their schedules and their needs. Being in refuge is like being in "time out." It is a time to learn some new skills, sort out the mess, and have some different priorities.

Sonshine Sanctuary grew out of a recognised need by the Landsborough Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1992 and officially opened its doors in February, 1993. Since then, it has been continuously supplying accommodation and service to women victims of domestic violence from across Queensland and the nation.

Domestic violence happens behind closed doors where no one sees. Because of legislation changes, these women need to provide evidence to prove their case. Without organisations like ADRA Australia, it would be difficult for us to remain financially viable to do this work. But the vision of Sonshine Sanctuary is courageous: *"To live in a world that does not tolerate violence, and a community that will work together to eliminate violence and its associated issues."*

In a world where violence is becoming the norm in both entertainment and in society, the need to protect those who are vulnerable is becoming even greater. An ABC Australia report from April 2015 shows there are an average of 180 domestic violence incidents in Queensland every day.¹ Between July, 2014, and June, 2015, Sonshine Sanctuary cared for a

total of 31 women and 65 children, for an average stay of 46 days per adult.

Kids are our clients, too. They might range from pre-birth to 18 years. Many of the children are traumatised by the domestic violence they have witnessed, so we engage with other professional and specific services to help, such as educational assistance, counselling services and other therapeutic services. Most importantly, we try to help the kids by helping Mum: teaching her some other parenting and coping skills to de-stress her situation. A good way to teach the kids acceptable behaviour and boundaries is to teach Mum to demonstrate her own behaviour and boundaries.

We have met some fantastic women who have been in the most horrible situations. But all they need is to get in touch with who God intended them to be and they are amazing! We took in one Filipino woman who was so beaten that she was like a mouse in a corner. Before the 12 weeks was up, she completed the "Boundaries" course. When her court time came, she spoke up for herself and her kids, and it blew us away. We told her that this is what would happen and she didn't believe it. But she won her case.

We have the privilege of celebrating with our clients: birthdays, new homes, getting a driver's licence. It's important to celebrate these moments, because this happens rarely in an abusive relationship. We recently celebrated the freedom of one lady to know how her kids were doing at school for the first time. Previously, her partner had always excluded her from this information.

When we get a thank-you from a client we are energised. Several ladies came up last week from the other side of Brisbane to say thank-you—they were so appreciative. To see the difference in them from who they were when they arrived to who they are now was like observing a chrysalis unfold.

Rare moments like these put everything in perspective. The frustration, anxiety, all the long hours and the travel to the Brisbane courts, sitting with them, the hours and hours of one-on-one work that we do with them, helping them finalise what they say to the court with their affidavits, and how they can prove what they say happens—it's all worth it in the end.

When we see the final result, when a whole woman stands tall and confident in the knowledge that she CAN have a safe life for her and her children, when she fully understands that she is not alone even if she is single—then we go down on our knees with humility, praise and gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed on us in allowing us to witness this new creation.

SONSHINE SANCTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

¹ Kym Agius, "Domestic violence rising in Queensland according to new report" <<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-02-28/domestic-violence-report-handed-down/6271208>>. Accessed April 22, 2016.



GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT VISITS SPRINGWOOD CHURCH

On April 23, General Conference President Elder Ted Wilson preached to a packed congregation at Springwood church.

Elder Wilson and his wife Nancy were on a “whistle stop” world tour to participate in a number of evangelistic activities in Africa, the Pacific and South America.

Elder Wilson’s personal and quiet style enthused the 600 people present, who responded to a call at the end of his message to greater consecration to being witnesses.

His message was based on John 9:4: “As long as it is day we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no man can work.”

Highlights of Elder Wilson’s message included challenging us to be hospitable and welcoming to visitors on Sabbath; emphasising the importance of Christ’s righteousness and His grace to us is paramount in our understanding as to why we would want to witness to others; growing in Jesus will automatically lead us to make disciples; and challenging us to truly be a disciple for Him.

Elder Wilson also shared some personal reflections, including how he came to be known as Ted: his grandparents were living in Australia, as his grandfather was the Australian Union President when he was born. His grandmother suggested he be nicknamed “Ted”—as in as in Teddy Bear—to commemorate the Australian koala, which she had encountered. He traces his name back to Australia, saying we are all

connected in Jesus Himself.

A list of his tour this year includes a half-day with sleeves rolled up assisting in the construction of a new cyclone-proof church in Vanuatu, and an evangelistic series in Rwanda, where the aim is to baptise 100,000 people. Mrs Nancy Wilson will run the evangelistic program independently of her husband, when they are in Rwanda.

At the end of the service, the congregation lined up to greet Pastor and Mrs Wilson, who were generous with their time. They posed for personal photos with people and prayed with those who came with special needs. The line took some 30 minutes to end.

Senior pastor at Springwood, Kendell Cobbin, made some remarks about the day, saying, “There was an air of excitement and pleasure in having a number of visitors on the day, as well as our leaders from the local and General Conference, both of whom enhanced our worship experience. The focus of Pastor Wilson’s message with every person being a disciple holds ongoing significance to remind ourselves that all of life is about living and reflecting Jesus in how we live as His ambassadors.”

A whole service and sermon can be found at: Springwood SDA live stream- Ted Wilson

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUxHQvwgMCA>>

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WARWICK

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On March 4, the Warwick church hosted the World Day of Prayer for the city of Warwick. The focus for the day of prayer was the country of Cuba, and men and women from other faith communities joined with the Adventist church in a time of fellowship, reflection and prayer. The program included singing, prayer and two very special presentations.

Sue Campbell launched the day with a recount of her recent trip to Cuba with her husband Peter. She was able to highlight the needs and struggles Cuban people are encountering as their leaders moved Cuba into a global community. Her photos of their experience were a highlight of the presentation.

Simon Lewis from ADRA gave an engaging talk on the power of prayer and shared reflections of answers to prayer in his own personal and professional journey. He highlighted the importance of prayer in all of our lives.

Money raised from the event is going toward the purchasing of 1 million Bibles for the people of Cuba. All enjoyed a morning tea, and it was terrific to see the Adventist church in Warwick removing some of the barriers that hinder us in engaging with believers in other faith communities.

The day was filled with blessing as surprises as other Christians encountered the Adventist church on the common ground of prayer.

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE QUESTION

When Mason asked his Grandma Kelvey to come to Sabbath school with him, she was only too happy to oblige. Little did she know that simple question would change her life and bring her into a close relationship with Jesus and the people of His church in Stanthorpe. Mason's dad (Ed Rudolph), a former Sabbath school attendee and Pathfinder member, had planted the seed of worship in a little boy's heart



and the only person able to take him was Grandma.

So, for the past two years, Kelvey has faithfully attended the Primary Sabbath school class, and along the way has been loved and blessed by the members of Stanthorpe church.

When approached by the pastor and asked if she would like to learn more about Jesus, Kelvey jumped at the chance and began studies every Monday morning. Kelvy and Mason also became regular attendees of the main worship service, with six-year-old Mason often complaining that it finished too soon.

Kelvey often remarked during Bible studies that she had always believed in God but didn't know what "flavour" she wanted to be. With the combined work of the Holy Spirit, Bible studies and the love of Jesus shown through the Stanthorpe church family, Kelvey made the decision to be baptised into the body of Christ.

On April 9, at the age of 71, Kelvey Johnson entered the waters of baptism and publicly declared her love and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. A special thanks and mention also goes to Liz, Justine and Ed—Kelvey's family who attended the occasion and sang two special items before and after the baptism to honour Kelvey and her moment.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you, Kelvey, and your family as you show and share the love of Jesus to all those around you. And to young Mason—thank you for bringing your grandma to church.

ARTICLES: CATHY OEHLMANN, TREVOR MAWER

BRISBANE ASIAN COMPANY

DIABETES REVERSAL SEMINAR



On April 23, Brisbane Asian held a Diabetes Reversal Seminar in the auditorium of Sunnybank State High School, after a few months of planning, prayer and flyer distribution, with guest speaker Angeline Yeoh.

Angeline is an accredited Practising Dietician and Nutritionist who graduated with a Masters degree in Nutrition and Dietetics. Her dedication and enthusiasm to witness to the community was well presented, focussing on the optimal way of eating to help prevent and reverse diabetes, and how a significant lifestyle change in our eating habits can reclaim our physical health.

Thirty-two participants—excluding members and regular attendees – were in attendance, and the feedback was very positive. If we have helped to change one person's life, then it has all been worth it. Angeline emphasised to us before the program how genuine learning is facilitated in an environment where a relaxed atmosphere is created. Friendly people, smiles, laughter and healthy nibbles on hand are where relationships grow and flourish. We are blessed with church members who all helped to make this happen, and especially to Angeline, whose expertise and skills made the program a success.

Helping others has helped consolidate our own learning within our church. The health message is an opening to guide and direct more people to open their minds and hearts to know more about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MERI HOHUA & DAVID PANG



GLENVALE

IDENTITY, FAITH, AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

With a theme of “Affirm Your Identity, Grow Your Faith, Nourish Your Soul”, Dr Allan Lindsay presented seven messages at Glenvale Adventist Church in Toowoomba over two weekends in April. A gentle, interesting and persuasive speaker, Allan shared his great love for Jesus and his wealth of knowledge of the Bible, history and the writings of Ellen White. Meeting titles were:

1. Prophetic Foundations.
2. Jesus is Coming—Very Soon!
3. A Great Disappointment—His Appointment.



4. A Momentous Discovery to Prepare the World for the Final Crisis.

5. Prophets are for Profit.

6. The Gift of Prophecy—Why I Believe.

7. How to Read and Understand a 19th Century Prophet in the 21st Century.

On the Sabbath mornings, more than 350 people attended, including visitors who joyfully travelled to Glenvale from Adventist churches in the north, south, east and west of the South Queensland Conference.

Dr Lindsay was delighted to have younger people attend his meetings, and he shared with the Teen Sabbath school class “the glorious deeds of the Lord” (Psalm 78:2-4). He commended Darling Downs Christian School on their excellent Arrowsmith classes after visiting there one Friday: <www.ddcs.qld.edu.au/the-arrowsmith-program>.

Church members commented on the faith-building content of the meetings and the Biblical prophetic basis for the purpose of our church. As Ellen White, “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” (*Life Sketches*, page 196).

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KILCOY

10 YEARS AT KILCOY



April 9 marked the 10th anniversary of the Kilcoy church. Among those gathered were the original five members: Rolf and May Vaessen, Gordon and Audrey Donaldson and Cheryl Granter. Also pictured is Pastor Mike Brownhill, who ran a series of 22 seminars over six weeks on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. This attracted a good number of keen students of God’s Word and resulted in an interest to plant a church in Kilcoy. We are grateful for the time and effort that Pastor Mike gave in order to share the gospel message with the people where we live.

Since the beginning, our small church has presented many programs for the benefit of our Kilcoy community. Stop Smoking programs, Health Expos at the local show, Commonsense Health lectures, Marriage Enrichment Seminars, Soap Making and our regular Vegetarian Cooking demonstrations, otherwise known as Recipe Club (still running to this day!) to name a few.

We are so grateful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for allowing us the privilege to serve our Kilcoy community in whatever way we can, and for growing our numbers so we can better serve Him and bring the good news to all.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: MAY VAESSEN



SOUTH BRISBANE

HONOA MEDICAL CLINIC UPGRADE REPORT—MALAITA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Following a trip to renovate the Honoa clinic in 2014, the decision was made to return to Honoa to perform further work and construction of a much-needed shower room for the patients and staff. In 2014, the clinic needed a clean and paint, and it had no lighting or running water. Hand basins with water supply and drainage were added, and a new extra-deep basin and bench were added to an extension of the building that ADRA had started a year earlier. All of this was accomplished on the first trip—but, a lack of time and funds required a second trip to be planned.

Following an intense fundraising period by the members of South Brisbane church, a container of supplies was sent to the Solomon Islands from Brisbane in January. A team of nine left Brisbane on March 15, and sailed from Honiara to Honoa on the night of the 16th, arriving the next morning, accompanied by retired local Pastor Martin Losi.

Our Team

James Kop (team leader), Janelle Kop, Steve Jolly (builder), Zoe Jolly, Mark Pearce (pastor), Maureen Ellson, Geoff Lorensen, Christine Jolly, Jess Olive.

Works undertaken:

- Built a shower room with water supply and drainage.
- Installed solar panels, batteries and lighting in the nurses house.
- Painting of the inside of the nurses house.
- Fit two large linen cupboards to the clinic wards.
- Fit a large wardrobe to the nurses house.
- Installed a laundry tub and bench between the existing toilets.
- Installed a kitchen bench and sink with water supply and drainage to the nurses house.
- Laid vinyl tiles to the floor of the new room at the rear of the clinic.
- Supplied 12-volt outlets to both the clinic and nurses house and a USB 5-volt charging system to the clinic for mobile-phone charging.
- Supplied and installed new aluminium steps to the front of the primary school beside the clinic, as existing ones were dangerous.
- Supplied 50 second-hand chairs to the clinic as children have been sitting on the floor.
- Supplied medical equipment to the clinic including glucometers,

stethoscopes, foetal Doppler, pulse oximeter, and medical books.

- Supplied linen, pillows and hospital-grade mattresses.
- Maureen ran a children's after school fun club for the village children.

The local community supported the project throughout, and worked extremely hard supplying sand and gravel, all carted by hand and canoe. The nurse, Calvin Taro, was very involved with the building works, and was keen to help and learn as many skills as possible. The clinic serves a large area of the coast and into the hills behind the clinic. We were told that the standard of the service at the clinic is so good, following the appointment of the two Adventist nurses in 2014 and the first renovation, that people will walk past other bush clinics to go to Honoa.

Pastor Mark Pearce and Martin Losi held night meetings showing the "Beyond" DVD series, followed by short talks on the subject of the night. Friends were made from far and near and an impressive goodbye/thank-you celebration was put on for us along with many speeches. Other issues were identified that need attention, mainly water security following the drought in the South Pacific, so God-willing there may be a third trip next year.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: JAMES KOP



CORAL COAST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ANZAC SERVICE AT CCCS

To commemorate the Anzacs and what all service men and women have done and continue to do for our country, Coral Coast Christian School held an Anzac Day service on April 21. Mr Bob McEwen, special guest speaker, reminded parents, staff and students that Anzac Day not only reminds us of the horror and devastation of war but also of the importance of courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice.

We were also privileged to have a past student, Adan Cherry, attend as trumpeter playing “The Last Post” and “The Rouse”. Two of the Year Six students, Natasha and Ethan, also played a significant role, laying a wreath of flowers in honour of the fallen men and women. The wreath has significance to CCCS as Mrs Howse was able to source much of the foliage and gum nuts from the school grounds, and other Australian

flora were a feature in the arrangement. The school library was transformed in commemoration of the Anzacs with a feature wall created and designed by the school librarian, Mrs Hanna, with help from the Senior Class.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: LEANNE JENSEN & TAMMY HOWSE

NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

THE TROLLEY LOAD THAT GREW INTO A VAN LOAD



Last term, we introduced a Junior School Project—the “Trolley Load of Compassion”. Each classroom filled a donation bag with pet supplies to be donated to the RSPCA. They then brought the bag to Chapel each week to add supplies to the trolley. As they did this, they were learning about compassion, and how it is “more than a feeling—it is an action.”

Thank you so much to Northpine families who gave so generously—one trol-

ley was not enough to hold all the donations that came in each week. More than 700 items were donated! The people at the RSPCA were very thankful for all the supplies that will help with looking after animals in their care.

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BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE

ANZAC SERVICE



“They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.”

On April 22, BAC held a special Anzac chapel. Our guest speaker Pastor David Edgar, shared with the students his time in the Australian Air Force and how Australian soldiers gave their lives and how Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice. Pastor Edgar, principal Mrs Entermann, College captains, Primary prefects, College chaplain Pastor Marks and Mr McKean were all part of the wreath laying ceremony. Mr McKean joined the army when he was just 17 years old. At 93 years of age, he has faithfully enriched our BAC Anzac chapels and for this we are truly honoured.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: LYN BENNETT





NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

ORRANI FATNOWNA RECEIVES GRANT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE MISSION

For the past few years, Noosa Christian College has been taking groups of students to Vanuatu to experience the culture and help local communities. This year, Orrani Fatnowna, School Captain of Noosa Christian College, was interested in going as her ancestors were from Vanuatu, and Orrani really wanted to help out.

However, there was a problem with affording this trip. Mr Jenkinson from the Cooroy RSL Sub-Branch came to Noosa Christian College and spoke to the Year 10 and 11 classes about a grant that could be used for any project, such as academic, sporting or community service. Orrani had a lot on in the way of assignments and was hesitant to complete all the assessment criteria for the grant, but then reconsidered, and applied. An essay had to be written, and Orrani had to then be interviewed on why she was going to Vanuatu and whom she would be helping. One of the crazy things discovered in the interview with Mr Jenkinson was that he lived in Vanuatu for a few years, and he was pleased that Orrani wanted to go to that country and assist.

Orrani proceeded to pray about it and waited for a month for a decision. Only 150 students from Year 10 or 11 re-

ceive a grant each year, out of all State of Queensland. Orrani's grant was approved, which was an awesome achievement! Because the amount of the grant exceeded the amount to travel to Vanuatu, Orrani was able to donate 20 teacher packs through an organisation called GLEAM. Orrani organised for a brand new projector to be donated to the Aore Adventist Academy by Mackay Adventist Central Church.

On the trip, Orrani and other students from Noosa Christian College assisted with rebuilding the roof of their drinking water tank, sanded and scraped barnacles from the school's boat, repainted and prepped it for the new engine that was arriving, helped out in the school kitchen every day, preparing food for the local children, plus various other jobs.

Orrani found this experience worthwhile and has since been looking at a career in international poverty and development.

If you are unsure of what God wants you to do, just pray and wait and he will open that door and you will know what path to take.

ARTICLE & PHOTO: DALE BERGMAN

GOLD COAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

GCCC AWARDED PROGRAM ENTRY

Gold Coast Christian College has been awarded entry in the Microsoft Associate Showcase School program for 2016

The Microsoft Associate Showcase School program is both an award recognising education innovation and an initiative to support whole school transformation. This recognises that the school has begun a process of transformation implementing Microsoft solutions utilising Office 365 and Windows 10 extensively, and is exploring new approaches to utilise technology solutions to drive innovation and improve learning outcomes. The program allows the school to connect with global institutions that are exemplary in their use of leveraging digital technologies and share best practices that impact leading and learning.

Microsoft has awarded entry into the Showcase Schools program to just over 600 schools around the world this year. In Australia, Microsoft has only awarded entry into the program to a total of 20 schools this year: nine Showcase Schools and 11 Associate Showcase Schools.

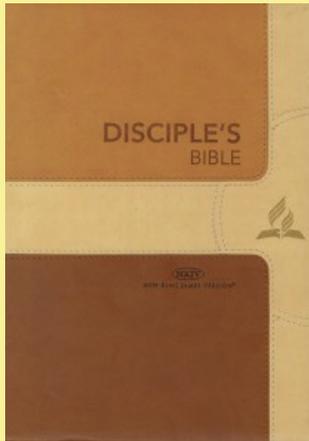
Through the program, GCCC has benefited by being able to obtain preview access to products in development and provide feedback to the developers to be of best benefit to educators and students; receive training, technical assistance and advice; make connections with innovative educators around the globe; access school transformation resources; and access 21st century learning design resources.

Being awarded entry into the program has recognised the innovative education and further accelerated the speed of education innovation at the school. The awareness of new tools and functionality has enabled new innovative lessons and delivery methods that were not practical a year ago.

As the program encourages schools to share knowledge, the school has been able to start some collaboration with other schools in South Queensland Conference and share some the experiences of innovative education taking place at the school.

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Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited

The above full-time position will become available commencing mid-2016 as a key management and ministry role in the South Queensland Conference.

The successful applicant should be a practicing member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and have extensive practical management experience, preferably relating to convention centres or recreational camps. Exposure to financial management/budgeting/computer and other basic business skills is also a requirement for this position.

Specific relevant qualifications in management/outdoor education and licenses in the use and operation of machinery and heavy vehicles, would be a distinct advantage for this position.

The applicant will hold, or be eligible to hold, a Positive Notice Blue Card for Child-Related Employment with the Queensland Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

As Camp Somerset is a key ministry venue of the church in South Queensland, it is essential that the applicant be able to demonstrate excellent communication and relational skills in dealing with other staff and members of the church and

general community and be able to demonstrate a clear commitment to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A more detailed written Position Profile is available on request.

Written applications for this position, including detailed resume and references, should be forwarded confidentially to:

Chief Financial Officer
Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited
PO Box 577
SPRING HILL QLD 4004

Applications Close: June 3, 2016

The administration of Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd reserves the right to make an appointment to this position. Only applications from current residents of Australia or New Zealand will be accepted for this position.



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June 18-19, 2016

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- Focus on results-based wellness, not participatory wellness.
- Facilitate CHIP programs in your community or workplace.
- Communicate the CHIP program powerfully, its core lifestyle medicine principles, what the program delivers to participants and the role it can play in reversing disease.
- Effectively plan and market your CHIP program to your target audience.
- Effectively implement a CHIP program in an easily reproducible manner that scales to different size audiences.

Dates/Times:

Sabbath, June 18, 2016, 2.30–9 pm and Sunday, June 19, 9 am–1 pm

Venue:

SQLD Seventh-day Adventist Church Administration & Resourcing Centre
400 Boundary Street, Spring Hill

Registration:

Full Training + CHIP KIT + Meal (CHIP approved) \$170

Update Training + Meal (CHIP approved) \$100 (for people who have done the training in the past four years)

Visit this link to register:

<https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/851>

Registrations close:

June 12, 2016

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