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Country Gospel Music Festival a first at Karalundi

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Extraordinary love

STEVE PIEZ | National ATSIM Director

If you visit the township of Gundagai you will come across a number of sites that honour the memory of a Wiradjuri man named Yarri who lived at the Crossing during the mid-1800s.

The Crossing was a settler's camp built on the Murrumbidgee river flats that had developed into a small town. Local Aboriginal people warned of the dangers of living on this low lying land – but there was money to be made from people waiting to use the river ferry and so their warnings fell on deaf ears.

In June 1852 the drought broke and it rained for nearly three weeks. The Murrumbidgee rose steadily. Residents had become used to minor flooding so no one thought to move to higher ground until it

was too late. The water came up steadily at first but then rose quickly beyond previous levels at a rate of one metre each hour. By Friday night only roof tops were visible above the torrent.

The flood peaked at 11pm. The moon came out and the temperature quickly dropped below zero. People clinging to rooftops and tree branches began to suffer from hypothermia in the freezing conditions. One attempt to rescue those stranded ended in disaster when the punt was struck by a floating log and capsized drowning a number of people.

It seemed all hope was lost. When into the mile-wide floodwaters came Yarri on a small bark canoe. He skillfully avoided

floating logs and wreckage, guided through the darkness by cries he could hear above the roaring water. Right through the night Yarri rescued people one-by-one. On Saturday others joined him including another Aboriginal man by the name of Jacki Jacki. Some survivors were wedged in trees for 36 hours before being pulled to safety, but for many others it was too late.

The Gundagai flood is one of the worst flood disasters on record in Australia. More than 80 people died in the deluge. However, it would have been much worse if not for the brave efforts of Yarri who, at great risk to his life, rescued 49 people.

Why did he do it? These people weren't his kin, they weren't even close friends. At the unveiling of his gravestone in 1990, the NSW premier, Nick Greiner, said "considering the situation for Aborigines at the time... Yarri's efforts were truly remarkable... his extraordinary love for fellow humans is an inspiring example to all".

Extraordinary love – what an amazing thing. It lifts our spirits and reminds us of Jesus. It lies at the heart of true reconciliation and is the foundation of Christianity. God wants us to have this love.

The Bible says, *Love your enemies and be good to everyone who hates you.* In another place it says, *God is love and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him.* What a powerful challenge from an extraordinary God who sent his son Jesus to endure a painful death so he could rescue us. What is your response? Will you, like Yarri, live a life that is defined by extraordinary love?

"... the temperature quickly dropped below zero... people clinging to rooftops and tree branches began to suffer from hypothermia..."

49 PEOPLE ON THE NIGHT OF 24TH JUNE, 1852 FROM THE FLOODED MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER IN GUNDAGAI, RESTS HERE. THIS MONUMENT WAS ERRECTED ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1990 BY THE TUMUT - BRUNGLE LOCAL ORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF YARRI'S HEROISM.

▲ **A TRUE HERO** The monument where Yarri saved 49 people from the Gundagai flood – Gundagai, NSW

in your words...



▲ **SPENDING TIME TOGETHER** Sara Williams, Tyshanna Williams, Shane Beaman Jr., Edwin Beaman, Sandra Williams & Lucretia George – Leonora, WA

By the end of 2007, we had 28 children who had attended since I had started picking people up for church. As the numbers started increasing I asked people from Darwin and Palmerston churches to come down and help me, as sometimes I had up to 16 children on my own from 3 to 11 years old.

Different ones came down to help me from time to time. They could see the need, but due to other commitments (plus we are 100kms from Darwin), they were unable to come regularly. Virginia Scott realised I needed ongoing help and she has made a commitment to drive down from Howard Springs every Sabbath. I couldn't do this work for the Lord without Virginia and her faithfulness! We had in excess of 70 different children last year!

At different times we have Adventist visitors call in and they usually are amazed with the work we are doing teaching the children about Jesus, also the numbers of children.

Since Virginia started visiting regularly, we saw a very strong need to provide nourishing food for the children. We provide lunch for the children which includes egg sandwiches, fruit and my special chocolate or banana cake.

Not only are we teaching the children about Jesus and a healthy diet, we are also teaching them good hygiene, good manners and helping to clean up afterwards.

Gloria Garling from Palmerston Church who is also a student at Mamarapha College started coming down regularly with Virginia last year. Her artistic abilities and talents are very much appreciated. She is a wonderful role model and mentor for our children and the Indigenous adult helpers.

I still collect the children each week.

We pray that we can help the children and through them, their families and carers, understand that God loves us so much and wants to take us home to be with him in heaven.

Ros Jones – Batchelor, NT

Miracles and children in Batchelor

Batchelor is a small township that was built in 1953 to house people who worked at the Rum Jungle uranium mine. When the mine closed in 1971, Batchelor became an open town, meaning that anyone could live here, not just miners.

In 2007, I was strongly impressed to drive around Batchelor knocking on the doors of Indigenous families and inviting the children to come to Saturday school and learn about Jesus.

During the following six weeks I had 18 different children attending, with eight being the most at any one time. One little girl who is now ten years old came four weeks in a row, and still attends on most weeks. Now her four year old brother and three year old sister attend too, along with their Nana, a lovely Christian lady.

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Country Gospel Music Festival a first for Karalundi, WA

DAVID COWLED | Chief Executive Officer, Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community

Karalundi dreams of becoming the biggest venue next to Tamworth to host a country music festival.

As part of its 25th re-establishment anniversary celebration, Karalundi hosted its first Country Gospel Music Festival in October.

"I believe it can only get bigger and better, as music has a way of attracting people from all walks of life..."

An estimated 300 people attended the annual three-day Christian convention, with its new musical spin.

Guests included Gavin and

Trudi Chatelier (who, with their family tour Australia and overseas), renown Kimberley guitarist Rodney Rivers, Craig Pickett from

Red Ochre, with Darren Farmer, Trevor Wingo and Mitch Akai. Another well-known and respected artist was Josie

Boyle, who sang songs in the Wongai language.

A workshop on building strong families proved very popular, with presenters Gavin and Trudi Chatelier sharing their personal struggles while raising their seven children.

At one session, strings were attached to a cross and held to each person's heart. The cross was raised while reading the scripture, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). Tears flowed freely as people were drawn together.

Highlights of the festival included an open air Saturday night concert hosted by radio personality Kevin Merritt and 'Gopher' the cheeky puppet, an afternoon jamboree of music, and a BBQ and bonfire night.

Many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people either visited Karalundi for the first time or returned after many years for this very special event.

ATSIM Director for Western Australia, Pastor John Beck, shared that people were enthusiastic about attending another country gospel music festival in the future.

"I believe it can only get bigger and better, as music has a way of attracting people from all walks of life", he said.

"The strong musical emphasis interwoven with a simple gospel message had a way of opening the mind and hearts of young and old alike, which is why Karalundi's first country gospel music festival was such a success."

David Cowled/John Beck/Kym Piez



▲ **PULLING HEARTSTRINGS** Worships were powerful at the music festival – Karalundi, WA



▲ **FESTIVAL OUTING** Where would the festival been without an outing to Tunnel Hill and Bilyuen Pool – Karalundi, WA



▲ **THE MUSIC WAS AWESOME** Gavin Chatelier and support band at the afternoon jamboree – Karalundi, WA



What I like about *Mama* [God]

YUNDO SPIDER | Finke, NT

He's all right! I never miss church where ever I am. When I travel, I always get there, no problems. When people ask me about travelling on my own I say I don't worry because *Mama* watching over me.

What prayer means to me

LEILA MURISON | Black River, Qld

Since I came back to church, I feel peaceful. God has brought peace to my heart and now I feel at ease with life.



Underground church celebrates baptisms



▲ **FIRST BAPTISMS FROM SURROUNDING AREAS** These are the first people from Marree to be baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist Church – Coober Pedy, SA

In an echo of the catacombe worship services of the first century, prayers of blessing have been offered during a regional meeting at a new underground church in Coober Pedy, a South Australian opal mining town in the desert midway between Adelaide and Alice Springs.

Many homes, hotels and other facilities are dug out underground in Coober Pedy to protect from daytime temperatures, which can exceed 45 degrees.

Their annual regional meeting was attended by about 120 people from as far as Port Augusta, the APY lands in the state's north-west and Finke, over the Northern Territory border.

Visiting speakers included Steve Piez, national director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM), Pastor Andrew Kingston, the president of the South Australian Conference, Pastor Darren Garlett, ministry coordinator for Mamarapha College, Quintin Dutlow, pastor of the Alice Springs church, and South Australian ATSIM director, Pastor Eric Davey.

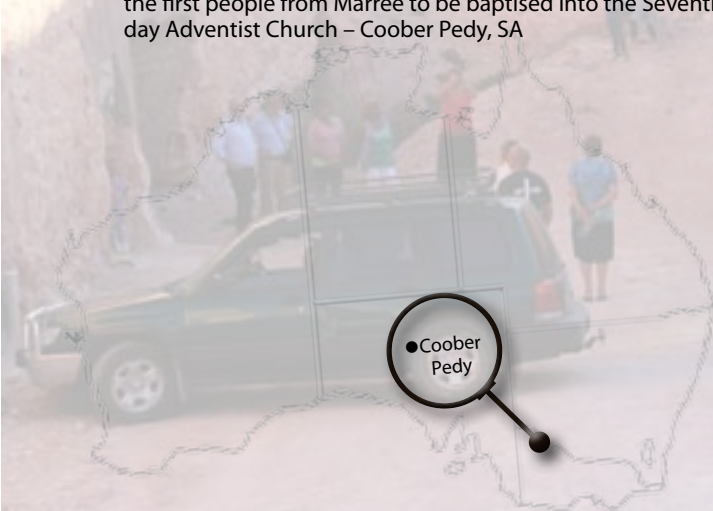
The weekend saw the first people from the outback town of Marree baptised and accepted as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Josephine Dodd and Colleen Roberts were baptised along with Maureen Williams from Coober Pedy. Pastor Davey and local pastor Alan Tuionetoa performed the ceremonies.

Alan and his wife Iolani have ministered in Coober Pedy for two years, reaching out to the community and meeting practical and spiritual needs.

A small congregation now meets at the underground church.

Record/Kent Kingston



Healthy Lifestyle Seminars in Mowanjum, WA



◀ **TAKING A CLOSER LOOK** Dr Chester Kuma with his new friends – Mowanjum, WA

In the afternoons, Ian and I ran healthy cooking demonstrations. The aim was to improve the nutritional value of the food the people were already eating by introducing vegetables of all colours, beans, legumes and fruit. We called the recipes our 'one pot wonders' because they were a simple, easy and a quick way to cook nutritious food for a whole family.

The cooking demonstrations were initially focused at the women in the community, but it soon became evident that the children wanted to learn about cooking too! Our original plans were altered to focus on the boisterous, happy kids ranging from six to 12 years of age.

While the food cooked, the kids enjoyed the quiz on what they learnt from the evening meetings that Dr Kuma presented.

The children's minds were like little sponges, absorbing all the life saving and life changing information.

Turns out it was one of the best things I have ever done. I'm not a nutritionist, I'm not an educator, and I consider my skills being limited to answering telephones, being a mum, and cooking for my family. But I took a deep breath one day and said "yes" to a request for help from Pr Beck.

It's amazing what happens when God answers prayers for courage and the words to speak! My challenge to you is that we all search for these opportunities, that we step out of our comfort zones, and accept them as God's way of being his hands and feet.

Lynne Turner – Perth, WA

Have you ever imagined you'd like to do something with a mission focus but thought you didn't have the expertise, time, money or courage to do it?

In late August, Pr John Beck (ATSIM Director in WA), Dr Chester Kuma (Associate Adventist Health Director for the South Pacific), Ian Redman and I were privileged to travel to the Aboriginal community of Mowanjum, 15 kilometres from Derby, to present healthy lifestyle seminars.

Over the four-day period John and Chester visited each home in the community, encouraging people to come to the cooking demonstrations and evening programs and providing personal encouragement, a listening ear and prayer.

In the evenings, John Beck played his guitar and sang songs as the people arrived, then Dr Kuma presented on topics such as drug and alcohol education, stress management and suicide prevention.

● Mowanjum



▲ **HEALTHY CLASSES FOR THE KIDS** While the classes were aimed at the women in the community, the children were keen too – Mowanjum, WA



▲ **ALL SMILES** Dr Chester Kuma, Lynne Turner, Ian Redman with Pr John Beck – Mowanjum, WA

remember when?

We all love to see 'old' photos. Please send in your photo so we can share it with **goodnews** readers.



▲ **PERTH CIRCA 1994** WA Conference ATSIM Advisory: (Back L-R) John Kyanga, Steve Belson, Darren Garlett, Doc Reynolds, Kevin Merritt, John Beck, Ilimo Tulevu. (Front L-R) Coral Foley, Keith Godfrey, Heather Umbagai, Val Royce & Eric Davey (photo courtesy: Eric Davey)



▲ **GERALDTON CIRCA 1988** Alice Nannup (centre) with George & Esther Quinlin (photo courtesy: Eric Davey)



▲ **KARALUNDI CIRCA 1987** Students (photo courtesy: Eric Davey)

Karalundi wins Tidy Town state category award



▲ **AND THE WINNER IS...** CEO David Cowled (right) accepts the state category winner for Karalundi from WA Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon. Bill Marmion – Perth, WA

On 18 November, Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community, won the state title at the Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities 2011 awards.

Karalundi was one of the seven finalists in the General Appearance category, at the ceremony held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. The event was attended by the Governor of Western Australia, along with other dignitaries and community regional winners.

In 2010 Karalundi entered the *Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities* awards, a 21 year old national program organised by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. The entry resulted in Karalundi being the overall regional winner for the Midwest region of Western Australia.

Karalundi's Chief Executive Officer David Cowled accepted the 2011 award and was presented with a framed certificate.

He stated, "This is a significant win for an Aboriginal community and hopefully will begin to break down some of the stereotyping associated with Indigenous communities." He encourages other Indigenous communities to join in the Tidy Towns program across Australia.

"It not only means cleaner and healthier physical communities but acts as an important bonding activity and builds social, physical, mental and spiritual health", he said.

The Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities awards program in 2011 resulted in entries from 61 communities around Western Australia, the largest number of entries in the WA program's 42 year history.

David Cowled – Karalundi, WA



1 TAKING A BREAK FROM SHOPPING – Bellbrook, NSW **2 TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL** Samoa's boys – Torres Strait, Qld **3 TUNING IN** Laura Wren from Prince of Wales, member of Thursday Island SDA Church helping out local pastor Glenn Grey on *Reaching Out on Radio 4MW* – Torres Strait, Qld **4 GATHER ROUND** (L–R) Letitia Coffee, Della Lord (Dutton), Elssa Coffee with Martin Boney – Brewarrina, NSW **5 ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE** Kathrin Britt, Marie & Nevell Barrs, George Lane, Kay Copland, Jenny Stewart, Kaylarnie Lane & Damien Lane – Goodooga, NSW **6 MEETING NEW FRIENDS** Colin Paddy, Craigie Bryant, Tony Paddy, Derrick Anderson & Prudence Anderson – Wingellina, WA

7 FULL BELLIES & HAPPY HEARTS Good music & fellowship at the food kitchen – Darwin, NT **8 MEETING THE MEN OF DODGE CITY** (L–R) John Kirby, Martin Boney, Allan Sullivan & Pr Leo Wright – Brewarrina, NSW **9 THE GIRLS** Rena Clement & Brodie Mackay – Cobar, NSW **10 PICNIC IN THE SUN** Dianne Kennedy (Walford), Stella Sands, Bobbie Hippett, Diane Sands & family – Namoi Reserve, NSW **11 & 12 HANGING OUT TOGETHER** William & David Shillingsworth, Margaret Hagan, Jackie Shillingsworth, Gordon Sullivan, Danuta Stockwell, Judy Shillingsworth & baby – Bourke, NSW

Back at *The Shack* at Karalundi



Flying puppets, cheeky characters and a postman who took air mail to the extreme were all an exciting part of Karalundi in third term.

Karalundi hosted the team from *Arnie's Shack* for Spiritual Emphasis Week. *Arnie's Shack* are a group of Christians (Abide Family Ministries) from NSW who perform spiritual, educational and entertaining puppet shows and songs for kids, teaching all about Jesus and values.

The theme for the week was when to say 'yes' or 'no' about lifestyle choices and decisions we face every day. An original theme song was developed especially for the week, encouraging kids to stop

◀ **ARRIVING BY ULTRALIGHT** Guests for Karalundi's Week of Spiritual Emphasis included PJ The Postman who flew into Karalundi's oval – Karalundi, WA

and think before they do something, saying 'no' to temptation and to take care of their bodies.

The week got off to a flying start – literally – with the arrival of the star of the show, life-sized puppet, PJ The Postman, who entered the scene on the Karalundi CEO's ultralight aircraft, much to the surprise and amazement of the kids. The *Arnie's Shack* team bonded with the kids through their fantastic songs and amazing puppetry.

The week included many trips to various beautiful locations around Karalundi as well as bible classes and nightly activities.

The team, facilitated by Kimberly and Rob Houliston, also did a huge amount of filming while at Karalundi. They plan to produce a new DVD, "Arnie's Shack in Karalundi" which will be out next year and shown on Christian television networks around the world.

They filmed from early in the morning until late at night with various groups of students going out with them showcasing some of their Aboriginal culture, which included looking for honey ants and bush banana's, and cooking damper in an open fire.

The climax was on the Friday night when all students learnt about Jesus as our best friend and making a commitment to make the right choices in life.

Simon Morton – Karalundi, WA

Karalundi students meet the Queen



On 27 October 2011, two Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community students met Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, at a State Reception in the gardens of Government House, Perth.

◀ **FIT FOR A QUEEN** Karalundi students Rikeshia Corbett and Victoria Ashwin with Principal Dr Paul Buschenhofen ready to meet the Queen – Karalundi, WA

Senior students, Vicky Ashwin and Rikeshia Corbett were chosen to meet the royal guests, accompanied by school principal Dr Paul Buschenhofen.

The girls were delighted when the Duke of Edinburgh stopped and talked to them. He asked them many questions, and they were impressed by his friendliness and his interest in Karalundi.

Karalundi was one of only 76 Western Australian schools chosen to commemorate the visit to Western Australia by Her Majesty the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.

Participating in this historic event was a memorable experience for both students, and a great honour for Karalundi.

Dr Paul Buschenhofen – Karalundi, WA



▲ **A TRULY SPECIAL DAY** (L-R) Dakota Grey, Sasau Mills, Aunty Kokobe & Emmerson Grey – Torres Strait, Qld

Baptisms in the Torres Strait

On 8 October, Sasau Mills, Dakota and Emmerson Grey were baptised on Prince of Wales – an island near Thursday Island – in front of family and friends who had travelled from Cairns and New South Wales to be with them for their special day.

Even more special was the fact that it was the minister for the Torres Strait, Glenn Grey's, first ever baptism. And it was his son and daughter plus a person he studied with who he baptised.

Sasau had first come in contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church through programs held by Ben Kosmeier, Pr Don Fehlberg, Pr Mark Wilson and finally Glenn Grey.

The weather was perfect, and those who attended travelled on *Lightbearer II* and *First Angel* (the longboat purchased for Saibai Island ministry).

God was very good with two more decisions for baptism being made on the day.

It was a bittersweet day for the Grey family, as it was the last time they will have the joy of taking part in such a wonderful event, as their time in the Torres Strait ends this year. They are very thankful to the Island communities that they have had the pleasure to meet and to work together with. They hope and pray that those in the Torres Strait keep their eyes on Jesus and to share Him with their family and friends.

Sharon Grey – Torres Strait, Qld

Obituaries



Iris May Curley (nee Councillor) was born in Mullewa on 26 April 1940 and died in Perth on 4 August 2011.

She was the seventh of 13 children and predeceased by her husband Les Curley and daughter Wendy, and survived by her children Phillip, Leslie, Christopher, Terrance, Darryl

and Heather.

Iris found work in the Murchison and it was at Moorarie Station where she met her husband Les. They settled in Meekatharra and raised their children. Just as the youngest started to walk, Les was killed in a car accident. Alone with seven young children, Iris stayed with supportive family until she moved back to Meekatharra where she remained for most of her life.

Iris was a kind, gentle and generous person who loved her family unconditionally and it would be these humbling characteristics that ultimately enabled Iris to open her heart to the Lord. She was baptised in 2009 at the Meekatharra Adventist Church.

Throughout the final days of her life, all Iris wanted was for others to know this peace that she experienced and that "your mark on this world can only be measured by your commitment to God." With her beautiful smile and wisdom to match, she will be remembered as "A Beacon For Our Lord".

Keith Godfrey – Perth, WA



Sharrack (Sharky) Tullock was born in Port Hedland District Hospital on 26 September 1979 and died in Meekatharra on 6 June 2011.

He was the first born son to Wendy Curly (dec) and Robert Tullock (dec), and is survived by his wife Natalie Gillespie and children Fiona and Ricardo.

Sharrack was just two when his father was tragically killed, and his mother went on to raise both boys on her own. Although Sharky had just one brother (Warwick), he was surrounded by a very large extended family. His childhood days were spent with extended family between Meekatharra, Port Hedland and Port Lincoln.

Sharrack never shied away from adversity and always stood up for what was right. He approached all situations with dignity and respect on his part, regardless of the outcome.

He will always be remembered as a kind, fun loving person with an unforgettable laugh whose life, to many will leave an undoubted reflection of a true gentleman.

Don Fehlberg – Perth, WA

Turn back!



My name is Violet Doolan and I was born at a railway siding just north of the Finke Township in Northern Territory.

Both my grandparents were Arrente and our people had lived in this area before the white man came. The Finke was built when the railway came through in 1929 linking Adelaide to Alice Springs. In my early years, my

"I travelled with my work and at first tried to stay in places where there was no alcohol. But in time I began drinking and doing things I knew were wrong."

grandparents, parents and brothers all lived in a tin shed in the sand hills on the edge of town. We had no car back then, just an old wagon that was pulled by a camel.

In his younger days, my grandfather worked for the state police department as a tracker. My father was born on New Crown Station where he worked as a stockman. My mother came from Wingellina in Western Australia. However, because she did not like an Aboriginal man who wanted her to be his wife, she ran away to Kulgera, 600 kilometres to the east, and got a job milking cows. My dad met her on one of his trips driving New Crown cattle to Kulgera. They fell in love, were married and moved to Finke to begin a family of their own. I was their firstborn.

The Lutheran Church sent missionaries into my country. As a small child, I can remember



◀ **NO TURNING BACK** Violet Doolan loves to encourage her people to find happiness by giving their lives to God – Finke, NT

sitting and listening to them telling us Bible stories about *Mama* (God) from a picture roll. The stories were real good. My mother and father became believers and this had a good influence on me and my brothers.

Dad became a welfare officer and his work took him to different places. As a result, I went to a lot of different schools. For a while I lived out at the old Telegraph Station with relatives and went to the Mission school in Alice Springs. I would only come home to Finke at Christmas.

While living in Alice, I was baptised into the Lutheran Church and eventually married my husband. After getting married we moved to Marree to begin work on a station. It was while working here as a housekeeper, that I had my only son. I was 26 years old when he was born at Port Augusta hospital. I will never forget the day after his birth. I was feeling very sick and saw Jesus appear clearly on the wall in my room. I couldn't take my eyes off of him. He had one hand over his heart and one raised above his head. I was overwhelmed, Jesus was really there for me. I had always prayed to *Mama* since I was a small child and was so pleased that Jesus came to comfort me.

While living in Port Augusta, my husband took a job droving cattle through to Birdsville. This was a sad time, because he tragically died on the trip. I returned to my family in Alice Springs and found a job working for the hospital. I travelled with my work and at first tried to stay in places where there was no alcohol. But in time I began drinking and doing things I knew were wrong.

As time progressed, I slipped further away from what I knew was right and turned my back on *Mama*. During these years I found a close friend in Yundo who helped me to raise my four grandchildren. Yundo is still with me today. One night while we were asleep in our house in Oodnadatta, *Mama* called me. I heard a voice say, "You better turn back". I woke and looked around the room. Yundo was asleep. I returned to my sleep and the voice called again, "Turn back this very minute".

Three times *Mama* called me. "Get back and do your work". *Mama* put a light on me that night while I was walking in darkness.

He said, "You better turn back otherwise it will be too late". He also called me to return to my people in Finke and look after them. Yundo agreed and we returned home.

When I came back, I rang the church bell every Sunday for church services and helped our sick Aboriginal pastor to teach people about *Mama*. Eventually our pastor passed away but I continued to carry on his work for many years. Then one day, I met Pastor Don Fehlberg who supported me and put me on the right track. The Lord also impressed me to go to Mamarapha College in Perth. The College was real nice. I enjoyed sharing the story of how I was once in the world, a drinker and boy chaser, and how God called me back.

I have always had a good knowledge of the Bible but was excited to learn more. Among other things I discovered that the seventh day is God's true Sabbath. When I returned from my studies I met with the people on Sunday and shared with them that it is not only Sunday we have to think about but Saturday too. I would go down to our church on Saturday morning and sit there on my own.

Some of the women would come past and join me and we would have a good *wangka* (talk) about how the Sabbath has been there ever since Adam and Eve's time.

From the time *Mama* called me to turn back until this day, I continue to do the best I can to tell my people that he loves them. I encourage them to find happiness by giving their lives to him so that they will be ready for the coming of Jesus.

As told to Eileen Fehlberg by Violet Doolan, who lives in Finke, NT.

coming events

Special Events

4-8 January Eastern Zone Camp, Townsville, Qld
9-11 March South Australian Conference Camp
6-14 April Evangelistic Series, Coober Pedy, SA

Regionals

24-25 March Adelaide, SA
31 March Mt Druitt, NSW

Meetings

18 February Karalundi Annual General Meeting
19 February Karalundi Executive Committee

Mamarapha College

3 December Graduation
14-22 February Year 2-4, Block 1
16-14 March Year 1, Block 1
27 Mar - 4 Apr Year 2-4, Block 2

easy recipe

Cathy's Bean Haystacks

Serves 6



A quick and easy feed which is also good for you. Kidney beans are a good source of iron and high in fibre (and a favourite at the Garlett's).

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp oil
1 large onion, chopped
35g packet salt reduced taco seasoning mix
810g can 'no added salt' crushed tomatoes
750g can red kidney beans, rinsed & drained
1 tbsp tomato paste (optional)

METHOD

1 Heat oil & onions in large saucepan, until soft.
2 Stir through tomatoes, kidney beans & taco mix. Heat through for 10 minutes. Add tomato paste.
3 Serve bean mixture over corn chips topped with diced tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce, and some grated cheese.

Note You can make double portions and freeze half for up to two months.) Makes a delicious breakfast on toast or over pasta with extra vegetables.



Townsville Camp

Riverside Convention Centre | 4-8 January 2012

All singers and musicians who want to be involved in worship at camp, please contact Delphine Writer at <atsim2012@gmail.com>.

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Camp options and prices:

Accommodation per person*

- Powered site = \$55
- Conference tent = \$85
- Donga = \$115
- Ensuite Unit = \$175
- Children under 5 = \$35

Meals per person*

- 10 yrs and older = \$71.50
- Under 10 years = \$38.50
- or
- \$8 per meal (10 years +)
- \$5 per meal (9 years and under)

*Prices are totals for the duration of camp and include a registration fee.

- **CONFERENCE TENTS** The price given is for a minimum of four people per tent and is inclusive of the required beds mattresses chairs and a table.
- **SELF CONTAINED UNITS** The price is for a minimum of 4 people per unit.
- **REMEMBER TO BRING** Bedding, cutlery and plates.



Way to Jesus

JOHN CHAN | A Bible study for you

LESSON 21 – HOW DO I BELONG TO JESUS?

Be sure to pray before opening the Word of God.
"Dear Lord, I long to be part of your family; please help me to surrender to you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

1. What must happen for us to be in God's kingdom?

Read John 3:3 'Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, unless one is _____, he cannot be in God's kingdom."

2. How is a person born again?

Read John 3:5-6 _____

3. Is there a correct attitude to this process?

Read Acts 2:38 _____

4. How do we get repentance?

Read Acts 26:20 _____

5. Can I be sure of the forgiveness of my sins?

Read 1 John 1:9 _____

6. How will God's people be identified?

Read Ephesians 1:13 _____

7. What does this mark do for God's people?

Read Revelation 7:3 _____

9. What is this mark called?

Read Revelation 7:2 _____

8. Who does the sealing?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 _____

If you have any questions about what you have read, write them here:

(to be continued...)



Help build a church in the heart of Australia

STEVE PIEZ | National ATSIM Director

The Finke community is located in Northern Territory at the geographic

centre of Australia.

The Adventist faith was introduced to this community by Lorraine Ferguson who became an Adventist while living in Port Augusta. She sent a number of Doug Batchelor DVDs back home to interested family members and in 2002 helped to coordinate the first visit by Pastors Eric Davey and Don Fehlberg who ran a number of well-attended revival programs.

Since then Pr Fehlberg, has continued to visit the community and many people have become convicted of Bible truths and recommitted their hearts to Jesus.

In a public forum, religious leader Violet Doolan (see her story on page 12) told those listening that she had discovered Saturday was God's right holy day.

Alice Springs church pastor, Geoff Crabtree and more recently Quintin Dutlow, makes the 5-hour drive south as often as possible to provide pastoral care, run church programs and the occasional funeral for the people.

Other supporters of the Finke have included College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Adelaide, STORM Co groups from South Australia and North NSW, and various volunteers. This work has now seen three people baptised with a larger group

committing to baptism in the new Adventist church when it is built in their community.

This desire for a church is not merely talk.

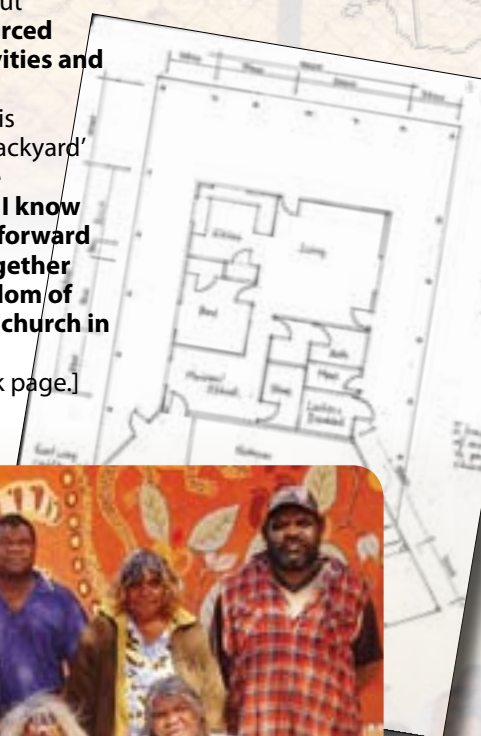
It was voted at a community meeting in 2009 to make freehold land available to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the building of a community chapel and lifestyle centre. Although it has taken some time, the land has now been secured and concept plans have been drawn up and approved by community members.

It is expected that approximately \$175,000 will be needed to build the church using volunteer teams. The national ATSIM Department and Northern Australian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist church have set aside some funds but **the remainder will need to be sourced through various fundraising activities and generous donations.**

This project is a venture in faith. It is something we can do in our own 'backyard' to see the last days Gospel message empower the people of this region. **I know that the people of the Finke look forward to your support as we all work together to advance the cause of the Kingdom of heaven through the building of a church in the heart of Australia.**

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▲ **THE FIRST BAPTISMS** Evelyn Churchill & Keith Minunga (pictured) were the first people to be baptised from the Finke – Brisbane, Qld



▲ **WHERE IT ALL STARTED** (Back L-R) Millie Myson, Lorraine Ferguson, Darryl Buzzacott, Sandra Minunga, Jeffrey Doolan. (Front L-R) Emily Churchill (dec) & Violet Doolan – Finke, NT

Has it ever rained frogs or fish?

It may never rain cats and dogs, but fish, shells and frogs have indeed fallen from the sky on rare occasions.

A long time ago, God sent a plague of frogs which covered the whole of Egypt. *They were in houses, ovens and even in the bowls of bread dough (Exodus 8:3).*

What words can you find in the puzzle below? (The words go forwards, backwards and diagonal...)

S H E L L S K S E H
 C E G N I K Y E L S
 A R T O J R O U I I
 N S I I E U O G N F
 A A D V L S C A T S
 L A A N E E F L Z Q
 S L N D O R A P V N
 S Y U O O P S R I A
 T P Y G E V W A S M
 Z C S S X E R X T I

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| CANALS | CATS |
| DOGS | EGYPT |
| FISH | FROGS |
| KING | ISRAELITES |
| NILE | PLAGUES |
| SLAVERY | RAIN |
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