



Calendar 2019

- 7-14 April
New Caledonia
Youth Week of
Prayer
- 17-21 April
Tonga, TPUM
Women's
Congress
- 24/6-27/9
Long Service
Leave

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Many Ways of Blessing Others

by Danijela Schubert

It is a little fresh this morning. So much so that I have turned on the heater in my office. My hands were so cold I couldn't type. I am not complaining. Just stating the facts. In fact, I am happy that it is somewhat colder. It has been a long summer and fresh nights make better sleep. The sky is blue, the eucalyptus trees in front of my office window are green, and with the rain we recently had, the grass is green. Life is beautiful.

Regardless of your age, you can find beautiful and exciting things to do and see. There are many ways of blessing those around you.

In this edition of Going Places, I'm sharing with you a few such options. I like what Percy Harold has shared with us in an email. Although it seems longish to read, keep reading. As you do, you will sense more and more excitement.

Further on, you'll find details about some excellent resources that the Discipleship Ministry Team has prepared, which you can use and share with others. There are also some very interesting facts

about amazing achievements of black Adventist women in America; an opportunity to be involved in a global youth mission for a year; and finally, I'm appealing to you to support ADRA's advocacy campaign to see every child have the opportunity to go to school. In this last article you will also discover the big picture of our education work in this Division.

Please pray for me as I conduct a week of prayer for youth in New Caledonia in April, and also for the women's congress in Tonga that will see over 600 women from all around the Trans Pacific Union Mission get together to be empowered to share the gospel.



Exciting Things in Life

by Dr Percy Harrold

Yes I have been 'retired' since 2005, but have an interesting retirement.

Back in 1996, I began reading/recording the Adult Sabbath School lessons for use by Christian Services for the Blind (being director at the time), and continue to do so today. Initially recording was done to a master audio-cassette tape, which was copied and mailed out throughout Australia and New Zealand, with occasional tapes being sent to 'listeners' in England, South Africa (a blind school) and Fiji.

At the time of my retirement in 2005, we switched to digital recordings, which were sent out from the SPD to the clients — as was done with the tapes.

Then in 2007, at a request from the SPD Sabbath School department, it was arranged for the recordings to be made available worldwide as the

official podcast for the GC of the reading of the lessons. So now it is downloaded in countries all around the world, and is part of the options on the official Sabbath School 4 App for each lesson. It has its own iTunes app as well: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/podcast/sabbath-school-podcast/id1052991743>. But the original source is at Adventist Media as part of our SPD Hope Channel. It can be downloaded from <https://www>.

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hopechannel.com/listen/shows/sabbath-school-podcast

Excitement 1

Over the past two years the audio for the blind and visually impaired has received new markets for the blind in the NAD (Christian Braille Record) and Germany (Hope Channel). Vision Australia distributes the lessons for us in Australia electronically and on CD, and a comparable organisation in New Zealand does the same there. All of this is under the leadership of Lee Dunstan at Adventist Media.

Excitement 2

Unbeknownst to me, and discovered by me accidentally, a young Adventist at the Florianopolis Church in Brazil began using the online podcasts as the base for a new venture for an English-speaking class he was starting in his local church. He ran the audio while scrolling with a video camera through the lesson text page by page, including the Bible texts as well . . . all visual with the audio backing. This he has on YouTube, and it too is being viewed all over the world. Some use it for Bible study, but many use it to learn English. This we know because of the comments left by viewers below the online YouTube video. Claudio Carniero and I communicate regularly. He is excited and so am I. You can view the finished YouTube product at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=claudio+carneiro+sabbath+school

So out of my study here in Yandina in Queensland, with my laptop and microphone, I enjoy interacting with people all over the world. Right now I am about to respond to a positive comment on the YouTube version from the USA.

Excitement 3

I get to assist in the operating theatre at local private hospitals on the Sunshine Coast most Wednesdays, being the old guy in the room, and supporting a number of Adventist nursing staff and doctors younger than me. Keeps the brain ticking over.

May God continue to bless you in your specialised and important area of ministry.

Following Jesus Resource



The Discipleship Ministry Team has been very active in equipping church members to share Jesus with ease and excitement. Discovery Bible Reading is one such way of sharing Jesus with friends and colleagues. The Following Jesus and Following the Spirit videos are now on the AUC website.

Easy multiplication is what we are aiming for. In many places across the Division, church leaders have attended training on how to organise their churches to more effectively spread the gospel. However, in the hope that such training can have an even greater impact, videos were prepared. They are helpful for those who attended the training, and for those who have had no training.

The first step is following Jesus and His way of preparing disciples, following

the writings in the Gospels. The second step is following Jesus' disciples and their journey of spreading the gospel after they received the Holy Spirit — following the writings in the book of Acts. So there are two video series that follow the same pattern. You will find the videos on the following links. If you would like to share them on social media, use the YouTube channel, and if you would like to download them to have them on your machine, use the Vimeo:

<https://disciple.org.au/resources/following-jesus-video-series/>

<https://disciple.org.au/resources/following-the-spirit-video-series/>

Following Jesus: <https://vimeo.com/album/5774127>

Following the Spirit: <https://vimeo.com/album/5774129>

One Year In Mission



One Year in Mission (OYiM) is a global youth initiative designed to give teams of young professionals 18 years of age or older an opportunity to magnify Jesus in the cities of the world through the Three Angels' Messages. When intentionally planned, promoted and implemented by youth directors at every level of the Church, it is a mighty catalyst for city evangelism, revival and discipleship. For more information about this opportunity visit <https://youth.adventist.org/OYIM>.

30 Awesome Things Black Adventists Did

Benjamin Baker wrote an article I found very interesting. I will share with you a few of the awesome things that black Adventist women have done — you can find the rest on the following websites: https://atoday.org/30-awesome-things-that-black-adventists-did/?fbclid=IwAR324ucD7ahXddv_tfahAufIzIbQZa-Tiokuw6Q-c53cBr1YbR9IW0WGoQHA

<http://blacksdahistory.org/>

1. Jessie C. Dorsey Green cofounds Voorhees College with Elizabeth Evelyn Wright (1897).
2. Mabel Branch is the first black teacher of public schools in the state of Colorado (1898).
3. Lottie Blake is the only black woman physician in Birmingham, Alabama (1901).
4. Anna Knight is the first black woman of any denomination to serve as a missionary in India (1901).
5. Mary Britton is the first woman licensed as a medical doctor in the state of Kentucky (1902).



Mary Britton (1855-1925)

6. Ruth Temple is the first black woman to practice medicine in Los Angeles, California (1918).
7. Eva B. Dykes is the first black woman to complete the requirements for a PhD (1921).
8. Irene Morgan refuses to give her seat on a Greyhound bus and when she is jailed, takes the state to court and wins the case, outlawing racial segregation on interstate buses (1944).

9. Mary Inez Booth forms a prison ministry group that visits jails every Sabbath to encourage prisoners. She continues going to jail every week for 55 years (1953).
10. Yolanda Clarke sings with her choir at the March on Washington and stands right behind Martin Luther King, Jr. as he delivers his "I Have A Dream" speech (1963).
11. Mary Kate Stovall-Tapley is the first black mayor of Hurtsboro, Alabama (1984).
12. Chessie Harris receives the President's Volunteer Action Award from President George Bush for her humanitarian work for disadvantaged children (1989).
13. Ella Simmons is the only woman to be a vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; she is the highest-ranking female official in the history of the denomination, with the exception of three woman treasurers in the pioneer era (2005).

Going Places

8 June - Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

24 August - EndItNow Emphasis Day

Download programs: <https://women.adventistchurch.com/events/>

Every Child. Everywhere. In School

One of the six challenge issues for Women's Ministry is education of women. Although there is work to be done in educating adult women, the education of children is also vital. In the South Pacific Division in 2018, many of the 74,000+ students who attended our schools accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and 2,068

proclaimed that publicly through baptism. But we aim even higher.

ADRA has launched a global advocacy campaign to see every child in the world attend school. You can join this global advocacy campaign and sign a petition for world leaders to take action for children to receive a quality education and live free from exploita-

tion and the shackles of intergenerational poverty.

To sign the petition, please visit ADRA.org/InSchool/Petition

For additional information and/or resources, please visit ADRA.org/InSchool/Resources

Union	Schools	Students	Teachers	Student /Teacher Ratio	Baptisms
AUC	72	13,555	1,060	13	184
NZ	24	2,182	155	14	17
PNGUM	146	29,713	975	30	1,227
TPUM	157	24,266	1,182	21	527
TOTALS	399	69,716	3,372	21	1,955
Tertiary + Vocational Institutions	7	4,548	205	22	113
SPD TOTAL	406	74,264	3,577	21	2,068