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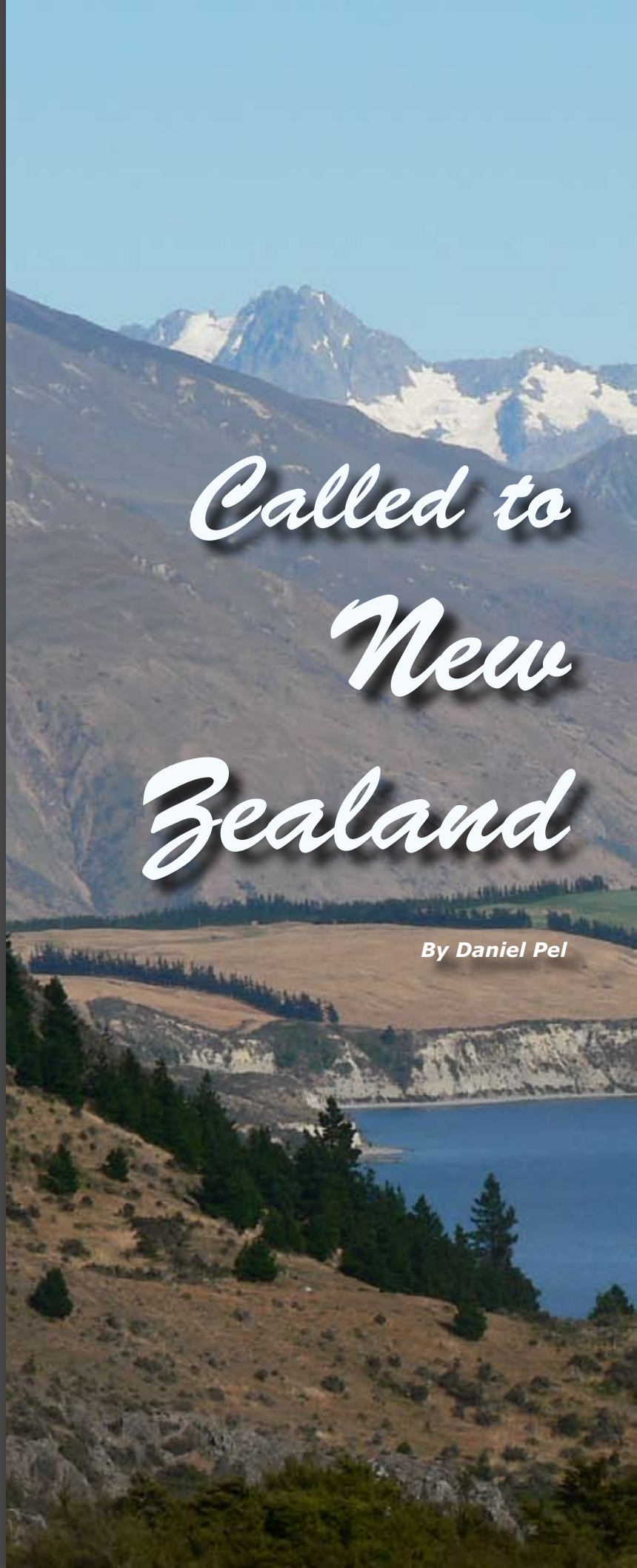
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# Called to New Zealand

*By Daniel Pel*

I was quite excited as the plane finally landed in New Zealand after a long journey. The airport we arrived at was the same airport from which I had left New Zealand, my birth country, about 17 years earlier. I could hardly believe that after all those years I was back in this beautiful country together with my wife. It was even harder to believe the purpose of my return as an evangelist to share the Word of God. God's ways are truly beyond our ways, and His thoughts are so much higher than ours (Is 55:8). It had always been my dream to return to my birth country, but it had not happened till now. As I had given my life to God's service, I pledged in my heart to go where He wanted me to go. My silent prayer was that He would allow me to preach the gospel in New Zealand one day. When the invitation arrived from Autumn Leaves Ministry, I rejoiced in God's incredible answer to my prayer. Autumn Leaves Ministry is run by the Hurley family which I have known since I was a child and still lived in New Zealand. It was through this dear family that my parents first heard about the Advent message. Before I tell you about our experiences in New Zealand, I would like to share with you how my mother and I came into the Seventh day Adventist message. My personal testimony is closely connected with what happened with my parents during my childhood in New Zealand. I would like to take this opportunity to share this story with you. I am ever thankful for God's guidance in my life as I recall the experiences He has led me through.

### *How it all began*

After my parents married in Holland they decided to start a new life together in a new country. They chose to immigrate to New Zealand, and it was in this country that I was born and grew up with my older sister and brother, and two younger brothers. Our family was not Christian and even though my parents both had a Catholic background they did not practice this religion. My father worked for a building company and one of his colleges was Doug Hurley, which presently leads Autumn Leaves Ministry. At that time Doug was not a Christian, but was seeking for more meaning in life. The Hurley family had some health problems, and since my father was a vegetarian he shared that a non meat diet may be beneficial. Doug and his wife Angela readily agreed to try this new diet and within a short period of time they experienced an improvement health wise. Their minds became clearer and there was a greater interest in spiritual things. One day Doug received an invitation announcing a prophecy seminar. He attended the meeting and was riveted to the timely message presented by the evangelist. The meetings continued and Doug and Angela accepted the Seventh day Adventist message and were baptised shortly after. Now they started sharing their new found faith with my parents. They did not accept every thing at once, but step by step they opened up and especially my mother showed a keen interest to learn more about the Bible. At this time we were having financial difficulties and my father had lost his job. The difficulties escalated and it came to the point that our family could no longer live in the house we were renting. We had no place to go and the future was very uncertain. God in His love had a plan with all that was taking place even though we had no idea about this. The Hurley family opened their home to us and we moved in with them. At this stage the Seventh day Adventist message they had shared with us was more than words. It could be seen in a very practical way and the love and care shown us surpassed the power of argument. My mother accepted the message readily and we started worshipping God for the first time in our lives. After some months my father could still not find a suitable job, and my parents decided the time had come to leave New Zealand and return to Holland. In January 1990 we left the beautiful South Island of New Zealand for a long journey to Holland. I was only 9 years old at this time and had never left New Zealand. I will never forget the scene at the airport. The Hurley's were with us and just before we were to board our plane we stood in a circle and prayed. The future was uncertain, but God had a plan in all that took place. Our family settled in Holland and soon enough we all picked up life in this new country. My mother cherished her new Christian experience and did what she could to share this with us. But all changes impacted our lives and it was not easy for any of us to hold on to our faith. During the years that followed my interest in religion varied from time to time. At times I would want to know about the Bible and I would feel my need for God, but then at other times friends would influence me and I would place the pleasures of this world above God. I had not learned to trust in God. During my teenage years I would not openly profess to be a Christian, even though deep within I knew it was the right way. As years passed by I would feel a deeper conviction and desire to change my life. Then at the age of 20 I took a full stand for the Lord and committed my life to Him. I dropped out of college and decided to get a job in order to earn money to attend a Bible training college in Sweden. Many could not understand this decision and thought I was throwing away opportunities I could have had. One day I remember that doubt filled my mind, and I was not sure if I had made the right choice. How would I provide for myself in the future? Had I been naïve in wanting to work for God? That evening I knelt and prayed and opened my Bible. The Lord led me to just the text I needed: Luke 12:22-31 – "And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they



grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye little of faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." I determined to seek the kingdom of God first and leave my earthly cares with God. It was not long after this experience that I was baptised, and less than two months later I enrolled into a missionary training in Sweden. My life changed dramatically during the year that I studied in Sweden, and my life calling became clearer than ever. The Lord was preparing me for His service. He had also prepared for me a partner with whom I could begin this new journey in life. I met Silvia and after my college year we commenced working together in Norway. In 2003 we united our lives in marriage. We laboured side by side and engaged ourselves in evangelistic work throughout Europe. As I look back I see God's hand leading at each step of the way. And then the call came to minister in New Zealand, my home country! After 17 years I would return to preach the gospel in the country where I first heard about God as a child. Being confident that God was leading, my wife and I travelled to New Zealand at the end of December 2006. Coming back to my birth country brought many precious memories to mind. As I look back on my past experiences I thank the Lord for His patience with me. He waited for the time that I would open my heart to Him, and it was then that He began using me in His service. How often do we make God wait for us in life? He has a plan for each of us and the moment we surrender our will to His, a new life begins. It may not be an easy way, as there is a cross that we are required to carry. But the joy of service surpasses the trials and difficulties and allows us to experience true happiness in life.

### *The camp meetings in New Zealand*

A few days after our arrival we travelled to the North Island with the Hurley family, who we stayed with. The Hurley's have been involved in ministry for about 20 years. Their ministry arranges yearly camp meetings in the North and South Island of New Zealand. It was an enjoyable time in the North Island as we met many brothers and sisters in the faith and new friendships were created. Two Speakers had come from America. Derrol and Cindy shared on the subject of Music. Tom Turner came over from Australia and inspired us on the subject of Sanctification and the importance of believing the promises in the Bible. Jonathan Bennet from England shared about the work in his ministry Advent books. Silvia ministered to the children and youth during the camp, and I spoke to the adults on true discipleship and the importance of labouring for the Lord at a time like this. With the youth I focussed on our identity and mission as Christians. It was a blessing to see the commitments that were made through all the meetings. After a wonderful week we travelled back to the South Island where another camp meeting was planned. Less people attended the South camp, but the gathering was like a big family in Christ. I shared on the great call to be an ambassador of God. Derrol and Cindy again shared on the subject of Music and I believe this seminar touched the hearts of the young people and several committed to put away certain music that did not glorify God. All in all we were drawn closer to our Saviour through both camps and we experienced spiritual refreshment from Gods Word.



## *Preparing for the evangelistic campaign - and a divine appointment!*

As the camp meeting in the South Island came to a close we started to focus on our next project which was an evangelistic series of meetings in the city of Christchurch. We would have some weeks to thoroughly prepare for this endeavour to reach souls. Damon (Doug and Angela's oldest son) designed a flyer and worked on various other methods of advertisement. Presentation guides were made for each study and a website was put together. All in all there is a lot of work involved in an evangelistic series of meetings. We enjoyed all the preparations and learned a lot from the ministry we were staying with. About 2 weeks before the prophecy campaign was to commence, we started to distribute some of the flyers in the centre of Christchurch. One day as we were out on the streets an old lady came up to me. She had a pamphlet in her hand which she wanted me to look at. She asked if what I was sharing had any thing to do with the booklet she had. I thought to myself that the chances were very small that the booklet she gave me had anything to do with the Seventh day Adventist message. But as I opened the pamphlet and started flicking through the pages I was suddenly startled to see the heading: "Lamb like beast speaks as a dragon". I thought this was absolutely incredible. I went to the back of the pamphlet and saw an advertisement of "the Great Controversy", "the National Sunday Law" and "Steps to Christ". I really started wondering where this old lady got this pamphlet and why she had shown it to me. The amazing story that followed is almost too good to believe, but it demonstrates Gods power and patience to save. She said she had received the booklet 10 years ago in the mail box. She had kept it all these years and studied the message that it taught from the book of Revelation. I could really see that she had studied its content as various colours were used to underline important sentences. The front page of the pamphlet had worn away over the years and was now held in place by two paper clips. Glades told me how the message had impacted her life. I asked her if she had ever tried to contact the people that had written the booklet, but she replied she had not. Nevertheless she had a desire to share the message with others around her. It was therefore that she had gone out on the very day we met. She was on her way to photocopy the pamphlet when we met on the street. It must have been the Holy Spirit that led her to me at just this moment! I was then able to explain about the meetings we were going to have in the city. She was so excited and I will never forget what she said to me that day: "Now I will be able to hear the rest of the story." Imagine that God had prepared this lady 10 years in advance by a simple pamphlet. She had kept on to this material and was now ready to hear the Advent message presented. We found out that Glades was 88 years old, but this did not keep her from coming to the meetings every single night! It touched my heart to see her commitment at this age. As the Sabbath message was presented she was in Church the very next Sabbath. You are never too old to find truth, and never too old to share what you have found with others. Glades shared with those around her and even drew some friends to the meetings. There was a glow in her face that no one could deny. This woman truly had found Jesus and He was living in her heart.

## *Praying for the city of Christchurch*

It was during the morning hours that Silvia and I made our way up "Two tree hill". From childhood I remember the Hurley's taking us up to this beautiful view point. A road crossed the hill with two trees growing on each side. It reminded us of the picture in Revelation, and how the tree of life





*Christchurch Townhall:  
The prophetic word was  
preached with power...*



*The 'Prophecy Unlocked' team:  
More than the preacher is  
needed for a successful work.*



*Conversations in the foyer:  
Friendships were created and  
questions answered.*

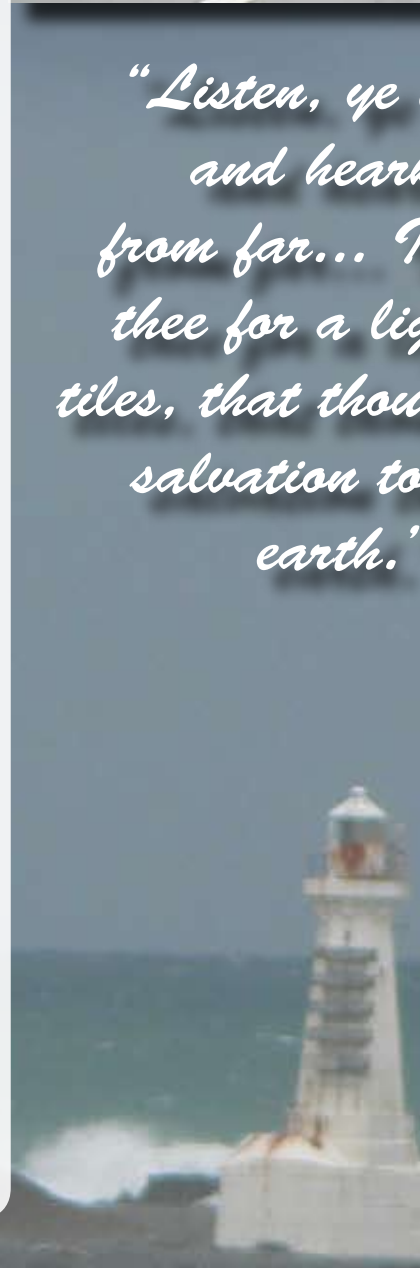


*Youth on fire for the truth:  
Daniel together with Timothy  
and his girlfriend, Renee.*

unites above the river of life. At the summit of this hill we had a beautiful view over the surrounding scenery. To the east we could see the coast line and the sea stretched out on the horizon. To the west we had a view of the Canterbury plains and in the distance we could see the snow capped mountains rising high. As we glanced south we could see the city of Christchurch in the distance. It was a sunny day and we enjoyed the beauties of this place. As we sat on "Two tree hill" we spoke about the meetings that were going to commence the very next day. Much preparation had been put into this campaign, but the most important preparation was still going on. This is the preparation of heart, mind and soul. We knelt and prayed for the city Christchurch and asked God to intervene in the lives of young and old in this city. God placed a burden of souls on our hearts, and we could hardly wait to experience the blessings He had in store for us.

### *The meetings in Christchurch*

The next day our team left for the meeting hall where we started the set up for our opening night. We had about 70 people attending the first night and were excited to see how many would come back the next day. As the week continued we had a slight increase in our attendance each night. We got to know the people better and I could see many were coming with an honest heart to learn about prophecy. By the end of the second week we had up to 100 people attending the meetings. We were very encouraged to see the interest and there were quite a number of young people attending. After each meeting we would talk with the people in the foyer, and get to know them better. One young man that attended was Timothy. He came during the second week and caught the enthusiasm at once. After the Sabbath truth was presented he wanted to know all about the change from Sabbath to Sunday. He received the books: "10 commandments twice removed" and "The national Sunday Law". These books he read in a matter of days. The incredible thing was that Timothy is dyslectic, which means he has a hard time reading. Despite of this he was determined to know this truth in order to follow it and share it with others. Timothy is a young man of 19 years old and in the strength of his youth. He was active in his Baptist church where he worked as a youth leader. He has started to attend a Sabbath keeping church, but found out there was no youth group and no mission department. He shared his concerns with us, but added that he saw a mission he could be involved in. I was quite amazed as I thought about the situation. Someone from another denomination learns about God's truth in prophecy and immediately wants to share with others, while many people in our Church lack the inspiration to share and communicate the amazing message we have. It shows me how important it is to hold on to our first love.



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salvation to  
earth."*



Another man that came to the meetings shared with us his desire to follow the truth he had learned. James had a shop in Christchurch and it was here that we visited him one afternoon. As we drove up to the address he had given us, we saw him sitting outside his shop reading a book. As we parked the car and walked over to greet him, I saw which book he was reading. It was the Great Controversy, and it pleased me to see that he had come to the final chapters of the book. James commented that he had learnt a lot by reading the book. He also shared with me that he had received many insights from the meetings he had attended at the Town Hall. There were two issues that he wanted to speak about in particular. One was concerning the Sabbath and the other concerning the state of the dead. When he mentioned these two things, I thought to myself how wonderfully God had been working on his mind and was allowing him to understand the deceptions of Babylon. Babylon is characterised by these very two doctrines in particular. We had a good conversation and he related to us an important decision he had made. He shared with us that Saturday was his best selling day. But despite of this fact he was willing to shut down his shop because he wanted to keep the 7th day Sabbath holy. What a wonderful commitment! I rejoiced in my soul as I could see the Lord working in the heart of James. The Holy Spirit had brought conviction as the Word had spoken plainly to him. He had come to a cross road and had to make a decision. Instead of choosing the easy way he stepped out in faith! What a lesson for us to day. We may have believed the message for many years, but still decisions face us on a day to day basis. Our faith is tested in small things as well as in greater things. Following the Word implicitly may at times seem to lessen our influence or status in life, but we are promised that blessings will follow the faithful.

*Brothers and sisters inspired*

Besides the meetings conducted in the Town Hall, I was delighted with the opportunity to meet brothers and sisters in the faith, as we visited several Seventh day Adventist churches in Christchurch. I preached in some of the churches in the South Island, and we were strengthened by the fellowship we experienced. A few backslidden Adventists had been attending the evangelistic meetings and we were happy to see them returning to the church with an eagerness for the message and a strong sense of their identity. Several new contacts from the series began attending Adventist churches in Christchurch, and it was encouraging to witness their response to the clear Sabbath message. On the 17th of March I preached

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' Jes. 49:1, 6*



*A view of Christchurch: Doug and Angela Hurley, together with Daniel.*



*Follow-up meetings: The Biblestudies following the series were well attended.*



*Ilam SDA church: Attendance above expectation the Sabbath after the series*



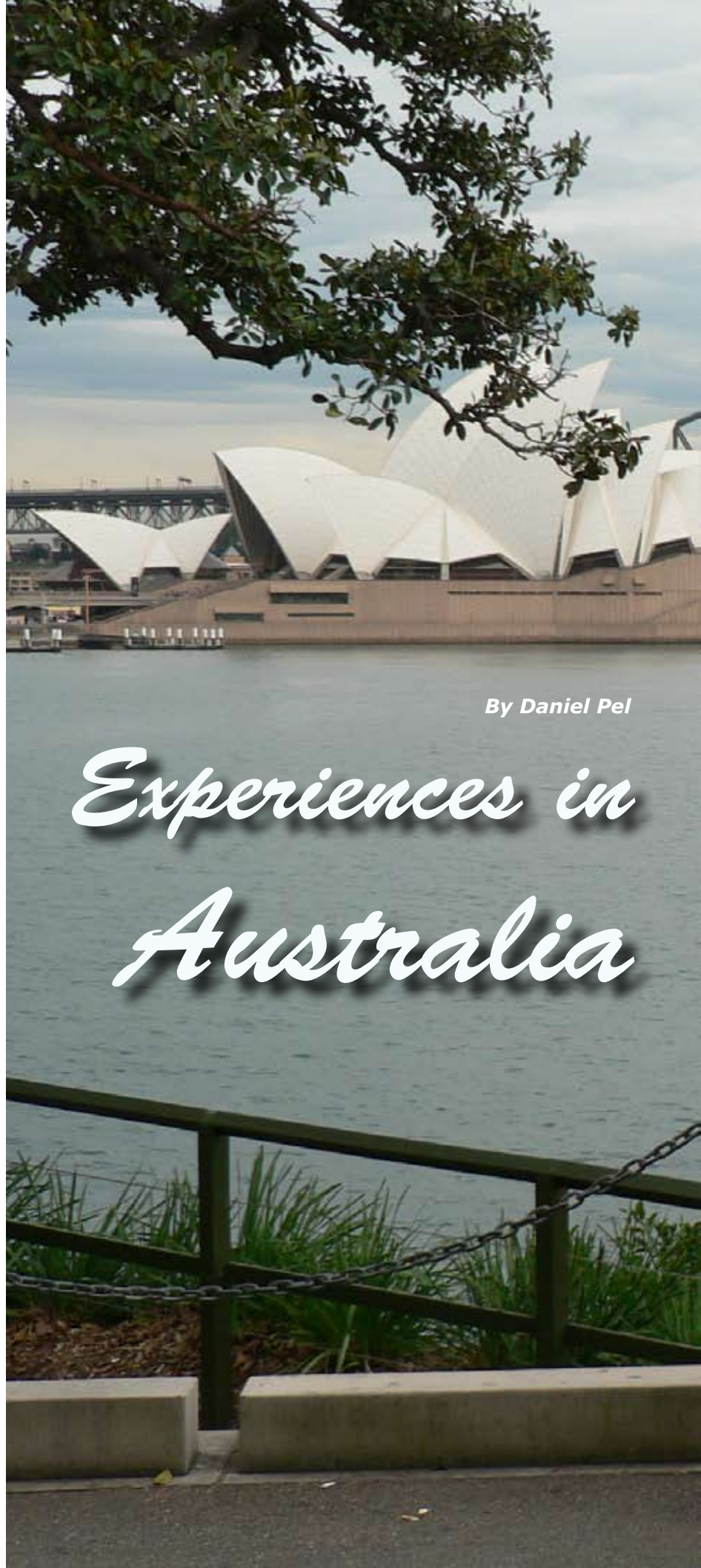
*A protestant countryside church: People followed closely as Daniel presented prophecy.*

in Ilem SDA church where about 250 people gathered that day. It was a high Sabbath as not only Adventists gathered together but also several contacts from the town hall meetings attended church on Sabbath for the first time in their lives. The following Sabbath was my last Sabbath in New Zealand. I spoke in St. Martens SDA church during the afternoon program. It was such a blessing to see the people coming to fellowship. St. Martens SDA church has an afternoon program that has a specific outreach focus. They have been involved in various projects for the community. Several individuals involved in this church have agreed to follow up the contacts reached through the evangelistic series in Christchurch.

### *Reflections on the work*

Looking out over the city of Christchurch my heart was full of thankfulness to the Lord. Silvia and I were up at "Two tree hill" once more. The evangelistic meetings had just been concluded and we could look back on the events with gratitude to God. We had witnessed the power of the Word of God come alive and seen hearts touched by the prophetic message. Commitments had been made and many had expressed their desire to follow the three angel's messages of Revelation chapter 14. Several expressed their longing to enter into covenant with God through baptism. As we spent time in prayer we also realised that the work had only begun. The precious souls that had been reached would need further care and guidance in their new Christian walk. Our prayers united for the workers that would continue the effort of leading these people into a saving relationship with Jesus.

Our days in New Zealand were numbered and soon we would leave this beautiful Island. We had almost spent three months in this country and the time had come to move on. New friendships had been made and we felt connected with the people that were coming into the Advent movement. But as Solomon's wise words tell us: There is a time for all things under the sun. The time had come for us to cross the sea once more. Not back home yet, but to the neighbour country of New Zealand. The call had come to preach in Australia.



*By Daniel Pel*

# *Experiences in Australia*

We arrived in Australia on the 28th of March. My brother happened to be in Australia at this time due to his studies at the University of Sydney. We spent our first day in Australia with him and he took us to the botanical gardens of Sydney. It was good to see that in the midst of this huge city with 4 million people there was some nature to enjoy. I have noticed in general that the cities in New Zealand and Australia are more green than many of the cities in Europe. You will find many parks and fields for recreation. After a day in Sydney we were picked up by Nathan Mitchell. Together with Autumn Leaves he had arranged a camp meeting that would begin a week later. It was at this camp meeting that we would speak. We had never met Nathan before, but a friendship began from the very first day we met. We stayed with his family and enjoyed their fellowship.

The days before the camp meeting, I joined Nathan to Sydney where he worked as a fulltime Bible worker for the Sydney conference. He was working with a team to establish a church plant focused on reaching Asian students. He had knocked on many doors in the immediately neighbourhood of a University where many Asian students come each year to study. Quite a number of the students had shown an interest to study the Bible. This way Nathan had build up a full schedule of Bible studies each week. It was a blessing to join him in this work. Many of his Asian students had never studied the Bible and hardly even read it. Yet they were excited and eager to learn about the scriptures and what Christianity teaches. The whole approach is different from what I have ever seen. I have studied the Bible with Europeans, Americans, Africans, Kiwis and Aussies, but this was a whole new experience. The Asian students were not really sceptical because they had no preconceived ideas about the Bible. It was all so new to them that they readily heard the Bible being presented, and then they would ask intelligent questions regarding the subjects. Some students thought that the Bible was something for the western world and were merely interested to know what it was all about. But Nathan would skilfully show some of his Chinese students that their own language revealed the deep roots of Christianity in their very culture. It was interesting to see the surprised and amazed looks on their faces when they discovered their written language revealed stories of the Bible. I believe God is working on many of their hearts and it is our prayer that these students may return to their countries with the light of the gospel. Imagine how fast the gospel can reach the Asian world with an army of students trained to teach the Word of God.

After spending a week with Nathan's family, we drove to the camp site where the camp meeting commenced. The theme for the camp was: "From home to the world". Jeff Reich from America came and shared powerful testimonies from the work he is involved in with Laymen Ministries. He also spoke on principles of family life and relationships. Silvia shared with the youth on the theme of the camp meeting and I shared in general on the parables of Jesus and their applications for us today. During 2 of the afternoon workshops I spoke on how to study the Bible and soul winning. The interest among the youth was good and several expressed their desire to put the theory they had heard into practice. We were especially impressed with the devotion and commitment of the young people that attended the camp meeting in Australia. Some of the youth were also involved in mission work. It was a blessing to hear



*Daniel preaches to a packed audience. On Sabbath almost 200 believers were gathered - we experienced a rich, spiritual fellowship.*



*Silvia had meetings for the younger generation. The theme of the campmeeting "From Home to the World" was reflected here as well.*



*You could see the result of godly homes - we were impressed by the eagerness, devotion and talents of the youth.*

the reports from various ministries represented at the convention. On Sabbath we had a good number of people coming to the meetings and the convention hall was packed. Up to 200 people worshipped with great enthusiasm and joy. It was impressive to see that many of the people that came to the camp meeting travelled from far. Some had travelled more than 10 hours by car to attend the meetings. This showed me that there is a hunger for the Word of God. Distances are great in Australia, but brothers and sisters in the faith truly take an effort to gather together and encourage each other in their Christian walk.

### *Back to Norway*

After a blessed two weeks in Australia we flew back to New Zealand to pick up our stuff and prepare for our long journey back to Norway. The next day we were scheduled to fly out from the airport we had arrived at three and a half months before. As we spent many hours flying back to Norway, I reflected on the experiences that we had during our time in New Zealand and Australia. God is ever so faithful! He leads us to those in need of the living water. There are millions of thirsty people waiting for a revelation of Jesus and we can take our small part in making this revelation a reality for those around us. Many times we don't feel capable of this call, and we fail as we endeavour to represent the character of our Saviour. But time and time again His outstretched hand is there to lift us up. Let us surrender our will to the will of our Father and allow Him to perform His work in us. Soon we will see our King for whom we have waited so long return in the clouds. I pray that He may find us faithful and ready. The Lord has a work for each of us to do in His vineyard. It may not be on the other side of the globe, but it could be in the very town, community, or country we live in. Where ever we are called it is our task to discern and act on the voice of God. His voice is speaking to our hearts and conscience. As we place ourselves in mission service, we are placing ourselves in the very hands of Omnipotence. It is time to believe that all heaven is interested in the salvation of men. The privilege is given to us to cooperate with the agencies of heaven. Jacob dreamed of a ladder that reached from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it. That ladder is ever so relevant for us today as angels are travelling with the speed of thought from heaven to earth and earth to heaven. We can be confident that as we speak to others of our Saviour, angels are by our side and will whisper to us the words that need to be spoken.

Sarah Higgins



I came away from the camp very much spiritually enriched. It awakened and challenged me to put God first and then to take it to the world. I left with a burning desire to be an end time worker. Overall the camp has drawn me closer to God, but also being away from my family I'm learning to depend on Him for strength and comfort. Christ is to me a very dear and personal friend.

Jennica McShane



I would like to share with you just a few of the blessings I received from attending the Autumn Leaves campmeeting in Australia. I was especially inspired by the messages that Daniel Pel presented. They inspired me to study my Bible in a more in-depth way, and to share with others what I have learned and the special insights I have gained.

I came to a greater realization that God needs young men and women that will stand for the right, no matter what comes our way. I would like to close with a passage that is special to

my heart, and that has encouraged me to serve the Lord, in the best possible way that I can: *"The greatest want of the world is the want of men,-- men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."*—Education p. 57

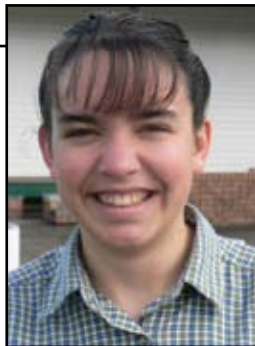
May each of us fulfill that given task!

Kerrod McShane



I just want to tell you all briefly how I was so greatly blessed by the Autumn Leaves camp meeting here in Australia. One of the most outstanding things that came to the surface for me was seeing again how the biblical parables are so powerful when unfolded by the Spirit of God. This Godly power is so amazing because it still exists today, and is waiting to transform my life into the likeness of Him! I encourage you to; trust God and you will see his power manifesting itself in your life in so many practical ways. I hope you all come to realize more fully the power that is in God's Word..

Amy McLeon



I found the camp a great blessing as it renewed my desire to work for the Lord. I find it a real encouragement to hear speakers talk of the practical way to walk with the Lord. Also, meeting old friends and renewing acquaintances is a great blessing. It is so important to have good friends as they can easily mold and fashion our characters and lives. Walking with God is a day-to-day experience which we have to renew every day in our time with God, and camp meeting can bring this relationship

alive. This is what will take us through the pearly gates. I found the camp especially encouraging as it really encouraged the youth to have a strong walk with God. The older people also take an interest in us. May God bless you all as you serve and follow Him.

# He which hath begun the good work...

By Stine Gro Struksnæs

*"I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" 1. Cor. 3:6*

*What a joy to witness the growth that God alone brings about! One of the nicest you can experience here on earth, is seeing people you have been in close contact with taking a stand for Jesus Christ.*

*The 12th of January and the 16th of March have passed into history as two special dates. First we witnessed Beathe, and then Margit, enter the waters of baptism. They were two precious convocations, where God was glorified and exalted in many ways – through speeches, song, prayer and testimonies.*

*The faith God has implanted in their hearts, they now share at Stenshult in Sweden. It was a blessing for me to work with Margit, Beathe and others in the Stenshult team during a medical missionary outreach in Halmstad last April. Some months ago we laboured towards them receiving the truth – now we are working together to reach new souls with the same message. God is good! Lena, who is also joining our Bible-study group in Copenhagen was also visiting Stenshult together with me, and was a great help in the preparations for the first evening of the health-series.*

*I am also very happy that the study-group in Denmark is still active, even though I have worked more in Norway lately. I make the studies and send them by e-mail – and then the group is studying the topics themselves. Now and then I go back to Denmark and join the studies of both this group, and of another Bible-study group consisting largely of young SDAs, coming from different countries, working or studying in Denmark.*

*What a blessing to gather around the Word of God! "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Pslam 119:9-11 May the Word fill our hearts and overflow to a world which is thirsting for the living water!*





# God hears us!

My course started to come to an end, but my teacher wasn't sure if the exam would be on Saturday or another day, since it was still under discussion in the Board. I felt like going and speaking with my teacher regarding my preference not to take the exam on Saturday. I whispered to my friend Abida, who was sitting next to me, that I would go and ask the teacher if he could arrange another day for me to take the exam. Abida was very surprised and amazed when I told her about my faith. She used to be a Muslim. When the class finished, I went to my teacher and explained my reasons for not wanting to take the exam on a Saturday. He said that we could talk about it after a date had been set.

That Sunday we gathered at my place to have Bible study, and luckily Stine was in Denmark at that time and could join us. There were 11 all of us that evening. And what a surprise - the study topic was about Daniel and his friends who resolved to be faithful to their God. They said "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King". Daniel 3:17

In spite of the King's command they stayed obedient to God's command and were very blessed. I asked my friends to also pray for me about my exam. After this Bible study I was filled up with joy and happiness, and I was relaxed about the exam.

The following week my teacher announced that there will be a four hour written exam on Saturday. I was quite confident when I approached my teacher again. He said that I could take the oral exam on a Monday instead. I felt everything went smoothly because God was with me.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the King was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said unto the king, "True, O king". He answered and said, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God". Daniel 3; 24,25

I talked with some friends after they had written the exam, and they said that they found the exam very difficult and needed more time to complete it fully. They said they felt completely exhausted after the exam.

I took the one hour oral exam on a Monday. It was quite easy and I received the results immediately after my exam, while others had to wait for many weeks for their exam results.

After that I discussed my faith openly with Abida several times and she seemed very interested. I thank God for this experience that strengthened my faith.

With God all things are possible, including living a life without worldly conformity and compromise. Resolve now by His grace to stand on the Rock and resist the waves of compromise that are sweeping God's children from the shores of salvation. And always remember that when you take your stand, you do not stand alone, Jesus stands with you!!(Amazing facts jan/febr 2007)



Riina

*A greeting from*  
**The Bible-study**  
*group in Copenhagen*

A stable group of four persons gather every Thursday evening to read the Bible together. We have met at the home of Lena in Copenhagen. We are going through 23 baptismal vows...

These studies began in February, 2007. We are studying one baptismal point each time from studies sent to us by Stine. Each evening we begin and close with prayer. During 90 minutes we study different questions connected to our topic. There are 10-15 questions each time, with one or more Bible texts connected. Each time the Bible is giving us the answers, and often we compare Bibletext with Bibletext. This leads us to new questions, and again we have to turn to our Bibles. Due to prayer and the blessing of God, we have now been able to study more than half of the topics.

The last Sabbath of April, Stine was visiting us. After attending the service in Slagelse SDA church, we went into the danish forest. We enjoyed the fresh, new leaves of the trees, and saw the footprints of God through nature. As it became cooler in the afternoon, we gathered together by a dear family and had a Bible-study. Everyone enjoyed their time.

In the book „Steps to Christ“ we find the following quotation about the nature: „The trees, the birds, the flowers of the valleys, the hills, the lakes, and the beautiful heavens, as well as the incidents and surroundings of daily life, were all linked with the words of truth, that His lessons might thus be often recalled to mind, even amid the busy cares of man’s life of toil.“ (STC, p. 84-85)

*Lena, Jesper, Torben, Henning*



***Make others happy!***

Not long ago, Stine Gro came to visit us where we are living (Akkerhaugen, Norway). She had planned a mission-trip, and we wanted to join her.

Saturday evening we packed 15 “Great Controversy” books at our friends place. Sunday we drove and visited some of our neighbours. We gave them home-made goodies and the gift-books, and sang songs for them.

Almost everyone was happy that we came. One man was so happy that he wanted to give us something back. “You may get 8 kilos of apples each next autumn”, he said.

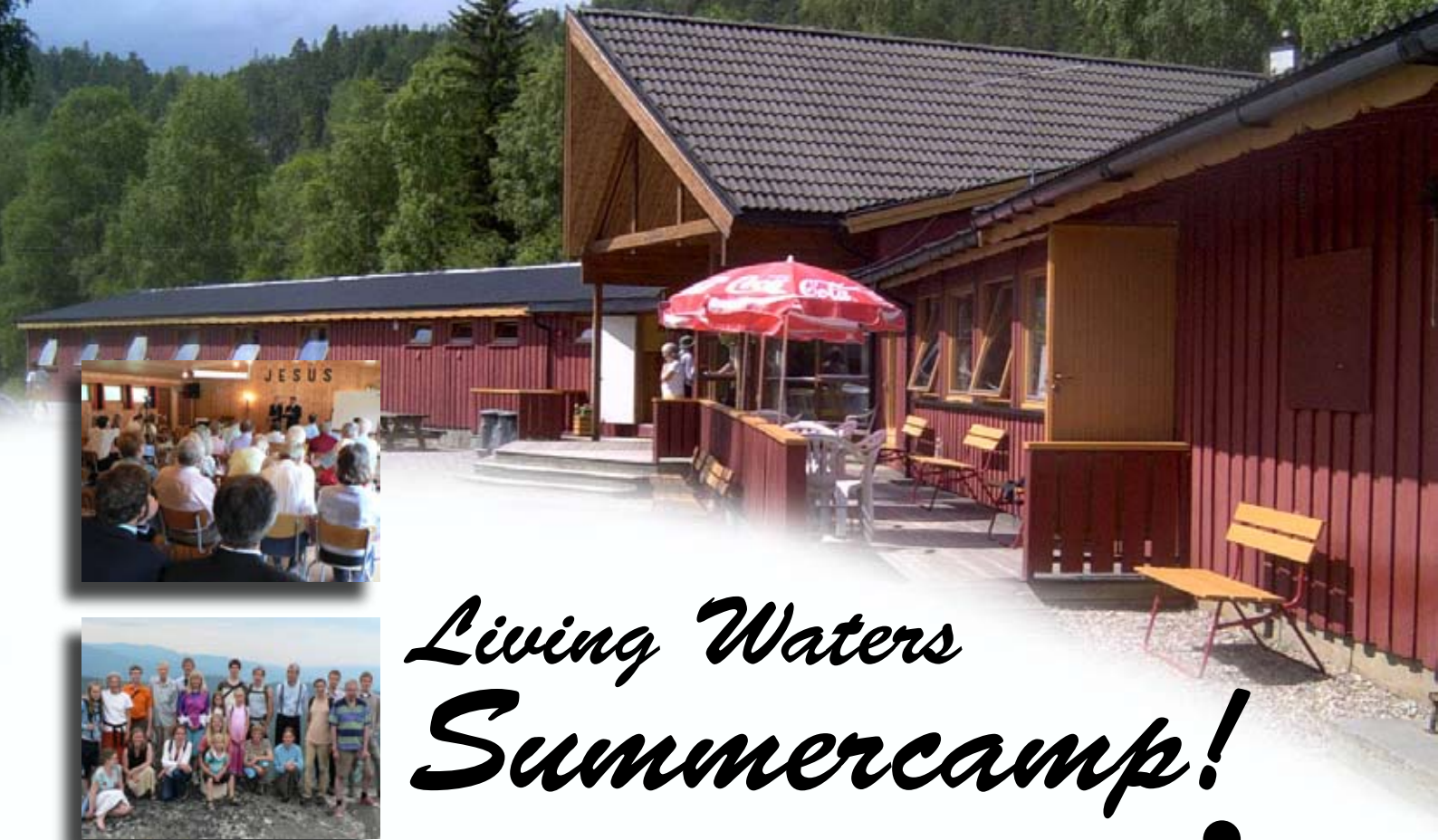
One of the doors we knocked on, nobody opened. We prayed to God that He would send someone to open the door. After we prayed, a lady opened. She was very happy, and talked with us.

Another place we came to a farm with many horses, and the farmer sang together with us: “Whether I am little or big, it is the best for me on this earth to belong to Jesus and go His way – that is what makes me happy!”

We thought it was very nice to be able to do something for our neighbours. Now we hope that they are reading the “Great Controversy”!

*Anne Katrine (14) & Sara Veronika (12)*





# Living Waters Summertime!

**Time:** July 4 - 8, 2007

**Place:** The camp-ground 'Vatnar', beautifully situated in the heart of Norway (between Notodden and Bø in Telemark, about 130 km from Oslo).

**Price:** 80 euro,- (room), 50 euro (tent).  
Children under 12 years old: Half price.  
Accommodation and food for the whole period included.

Stine Gro Struksnæs and Silvia Pel are responsible for activities and meetings for the children.

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## Guest-speaker:

*Alberto Rosenthal* has his base in Germany, but is a travelling, international speaker. He is a spiritfilled preacher, emphasizing a close connection with his Saviour. Many years of study has provided him with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. At Living Waters Summertime he will share of his knowledge and experience. Special attention will be devoted to an empowered life in Christ.

Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Sabbath:	Sunday:
16.00-> Arrival	07.00: Worship	07.00: Worship	07.00: Worship	07.00: Worship
18.00: Supper	07.30: Breakfast	07.30: Breakfast	07.30: Breakfast	07.30: Breakfast
19.30: Meeting (M.), Alberto	09.30: M., Joachim	09.30: M., Alberto	09.30: Biblestudy, Abel	09.30: M., Alberto
	11.00: M., Alberto	11.00: M., Abel	11.00: M., Alberto	11.00: M., Daniel
	13.00: Lunch	13.00: Departure	13.00: Lunch	13.00: Lunch
	14.00: Departure Mountainwalk	13.00: Lunch-pack Out-reach	14.30: Walk	14.30: Packing, Cleaning, Departure...
	18.00: Supper	18.00: Supper	16.30: M., Daniel	
	19.30 M., Abel	19.30 M., Daniel	18.00: Supper	
			19.30 Music, testimonies	