

3ABN Australia Newsletter – Summer 2024

Report from the Associate Director

3ABN Rally

It has been a long time since we had 3ABN Rallies in Australia and New Zealand—pre COVID—so it was time to have 3ABN staff make the long trip Downunder once again. Greg and Jill Morikone, Pr John and Angie Lomacang, and Tim Parton, joined John and myself as we went to four different churches to meet the people and bring them testimonies/reports, music and spiritual food.



We began at **Hamilton Central Church in New Zealand**, where we were also joined by Pr John and Angie Lomacang (Tim could not join us in NZ). At that church we were able to meet many of our viewers, including some who came into the SDA Church through 3ABN. People joined us from other parts of the North Island, and from as far south as Christchurch. We also appreciated the help of Jim

Rennie who, by God's appointment, was able to take the Lomacangs shopping after their luggage didn't arrive on the flight from the USA.

While waiting to go to the church in Hamilton, NZ, we were able to take Greg and Jill to the Hamilton Gardens. It was truly remarkable and beautiful. If you are ever in Hamilton, NZ, make sure you take time to visit these gardens. You will be amazed and will find them a true blessing. There is an entrance fee, but we believe it was well worth it.

After Hamilton we flew to Sydney where we met Tim Parton and continued the journey to Perth. Then we drove to **Bunbury** where we held a meeting on Friday night, and three more over the Sabbath, including an afternoon Concert. Both Jill and Pr John preached again, John M and Greg gave reports, and Pr John, Tim, and I presented the music. Many people said they felt like it was a mini camp meeting and they felt very



encouraged in their spiritual walk. We enjoyed a delicious basket lunch together as well.



It was extra special for John and myself, as we were able to catch up with many friends from years gone by. It reminds me of what it will be like in Heaven, when we are able to meet our friends again "on that beautiful shore". In heaven there will be no more parting, crying, sickness, injuries, or death. How wonderful that will be!

After the program, we had to drive back to Perth to get a short sleep and catch an early flight to Adelaide. Because Sabbath had closed, we stopped to find something to eat, and that is where we experienced a Divine Appointment. We bought some take away food at a shopping centre but, for some reason, the Lomacangs' food took longer than expected to be ready.

While we all chatted outside the restaurant, a stranger came up to Pr John and held up his phone. "Is this you?" he asked. Pr John said, "Yes." The man went on to say that He watches Pr John and

Walter Veith on YouTube all the time. As he walked into his local shopping centre, he was shocked to see this American preacher from YouTube in person! He said he is not an SDA, and doesn't believe everything as we do, but he has accepted the Sabbath. After a short chat they had a photo taken together and the man went his way. Less than a minute later the Lomacangs' food was ready.

And the story doesn't end there. The stranger's neighbours are Seventh-day Adventists who attend the Bunbury church. The man went to his neighbours and told them what had happened. He was so amazed by this chance meeting. Oh, and the Lomacangs' luggage did finally catch up with them—on our last night in Perth!



Our next meeting was at the **Adelaide City Church**. Once again, it was great to meet the people and be able to bless them with reports, sermons, and music. After the meeting, the Pastor's wife had a lovely meal ready for us in the hall.



Our last stop was at **Hamilton Church in Newcastle NSW**. We had a lovely time with the people there, who once again said they had been blessed by the program, and stayed for a long time to talk. While in Newcastle we were able to take the visitors to the Blackbutt Reserve in Newcastle where they saw koalas, kangaroos, emus, wombats, and many other Australian animals and birds. We were

also invited to visit some of the younger students at **Macquarie SDA College**.

As the Lomcangs and Tim Parton flew back to the USA, Greg and Jill stayed on where Jill was the speaker at the Greater Sydney Conference's Women's Retreat. Women came from PNG, the Cook Islands, and other Australia states to hear Jill speak. Greg and Jill had a wonderful time at the retreat, and I think they were as blessed as the ladies who listened to Jill's talks on the armour of God.

A comment from Greg Morikone stays in my mind. He said that at 3ABN they are talking to the people around the world through the cameras. But when they are able to go to local churches they are really blessed to be able to talk with people in person, and to see the faces instead of the cameras. This is very true.

We thank the Pastors who made their churches available for us to hold our meetings, Pr Jordan Spangler (Hamilton NZ), Pr Robert Stankovic and 3ABN Australia Vice-chairman Terry Preston (Bunbury, WA), Pr Brenton Wilkinson (Adelaide City, SA) and Pr Justin Torossian (Hamilton, NSW). We also thank the people who came to see us, as well as those who worked behind the scenes to make the programs happen. We appreciate you all and we were blessed by your presence. We will have to do it again soon and next time visit places we couldn't this time around.



Praise God!

Rosemary Malkiewicz

3ABN Australia Holiday Dates

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