



Double ordination

Pastors Chris Kirkwood and Pat Tuialii were ordained into ministry on July 1 at the Northern Australian Conference (NAC) Big Camp held at Riverside Convention Centre in Townsville (Qld).

Pastor Tuialii followed in his father's footsteps to become a pastor, entering ministry in 2016 as a Bible mission worker in South Moreton Bay Islands in the South Queensland Conference. He joined the NAC in 2019 to pastor the Mount Isa and Cloncurry churches and was called to Mackay in 2021, where he now pastors the North Mackay, Farleigh and Walkerston churches.

Pastor Kirkwood was an accountant and worked at the Western Australian Conference as the CFO before being called into pastoral ministry. His first appointment as a minister was in the NAC as the pastor of Townsville City and Charters Towers churches. He was appointed NAC ADRA director in 2022 and continues to pastor at Charters Towers.

Australian Union Conference (AUC) secretary Pastor Michael Worker gave the ordination charge and AUC president Pastor Terry Johnson led out in the ordination prayer. Family and the church community joined in prayer to bless the two pastors and their families as they enter into a new stage of their ministry.

—Lorraine Atchia

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Mission in Ethiopia

Pastor John Horvath and his team from Perth (WA) have made a big impact in Gambella, Ethiopia, conducting another outreach program for refugee camps and local communities. Despite severe conditions and security concerns, their efforts resulted in the baptism of 391 individuals on July 8. The team provided key resources such as Bibles and laptops, while also supporting a new orphanage. "What a privilege to be here to enjoy the enthusiasm and thirst for the good news. The labourers and funds are few, but we are committed to helping finish the Lord's work," said Pastor Horvath.—Record staff



Say "yes" to Jesus

A week-long evangelistic series was held at the University of Natural Resources and Environment (UNRE) in East New Britain, Papua New Guinea, in preparation for the PNG for Christ 2024 campaign. Pastor Garry Laukei was the guest speaker at the July 9-15 program, which was themed "Say Yes to Jesus". University vice chancellor Professor Aisak Pue attended the opening night and appreciated the message, "Good God, bad world, why?" "I wish all the students in the university attend this meeting to learn about the truth," he said. One student from another faith who attended each night said, "If Adventists conduct such meetings monthly [it] will have greater impact in the lives of students. We need more of these messages to be presented at this university." Two students were baptised on the Sabbath and a further nine students committed to be baptised soon. UNRE is one of the venues selected to host the 2024 PNG for Christ campaign, which will be held at more than 2000 sites around PNG.—Record staff