

# Going Places

Adventist women in the South Pacific

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## Calendar 2019

- 5 & 6 March  
AUC Advisory
- 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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## M2C, CPC & ADV

by Danijela Schubert

You may be wondering what is this title about? Here in Australia we use a lot of abbreviations. What's a few more? The three in the title are abbreviations for events I attended in February.

1. M2C was the Mission to the Cities symposium. A think tank with presentations and a lot of discussions and prayers to find new ways of reaching people in our large cities, especially those over one million inhabitants: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Auckland.



2. CPC was the Church Planting Conference, held like the previous one, at Avondale College in Cooranbong, New South Wales. Several international presenters were able to attend both of these events and bless different attendees with their experiences and wisdom gathered from other parts of the world as well as from the South Pacific

Division. All in all there were 30 presenters leading various workshops designed to help church planters.

3. ADV is my abbreviation for Advisory. Several members of the Discipleship Ministry Team met with teams in Trans Pacific Union Mission in Suva, Fiji and Australian Union Conference in Melbourne, Australia. These meetings are necessary and much needed to share the vision of the church and find ways for discipleship that are best suited in different localities.

Some mission ideas gathered I will share with you in the following newsletters. However, if you'd like to see these valuable presentations from the CPC conference, or check their Power Point Presentations please go to this website: [tinyurl.com/church-plantingconferenceslides](http://tinyurl.com/church-plantingconferenceslides)

## Saying Goodbye

This is a difficult note to share. Words escape me, and I think what I write will not do justice to what I'd like to say.

All of you know Jan Bolst. She has been working at the South Pacific Division for over 24 years and for the church even longer. She is such a reliable worker. Gentle, patient and very efficient.

She has decided to take a break, and will possibly retire later this year.



Please pray for Jan as this has been a difficult step to make. She needs God's healing hand.

Dear Jan, thank you for your hard work and all the love and care you've put into the work for God and helping women in our Division.

Danijela

# No! No! No!

by Danijela Schubert

It feels great saying “NO”.

Go and try it.

“NO!”

Well done! How did that feel? I find it quite empowering.

Of course, it also depends what is the reason for saying such a strong “NO!”

I tend to say it once while shaking my finger. “No!”

You may have a hard time believing that I tell myself “NO!” when I am tempted to keep eating, since I’m fairly skinny. I don’t remember having such a strong desire to keep eating when I was younger as I have now that I’m older.

In December 2018, we just had a lovely dinner with another family in a Korean

restaurant. There was plenty of food, lots of variety, I had plenty to eat. Still, I wanted some desert afterwards. I had some cherries in the car and as we were driving home, I ate them all.

But I wanted some wicked desert, some cake, ice-cream, cookie. You know the feeling?

When we came home I was opening cupboards to see what I could devour.

The logic was telling me, “You had enough to eat, you don’t need anything else.” But another voice was saying “I want to eat something more, something sweet, something yummy. I want it! I want it NOW!”

The desire was so strong that I knew that waving my finger and saying “No” will not do it.

I stomped my right foot several times and said “NO!” Three times I had to repeat it. I said “NO, NO, NO!” in sync with stomping my right foot.

That did the trick. I stopped looking for food. Instead I prepared my lovely Bircher Muesli for breakfast the next day and made myself a nice cup of herbal tea.

I was very happy with myself for not succumbing to this strong temptation.

Is there something in your life that needs a strong “NO” statement?

You have my permission to stomp your feet if a simple “No” doesn’t work.

“I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13) Even when that is saying “No” to temptation.

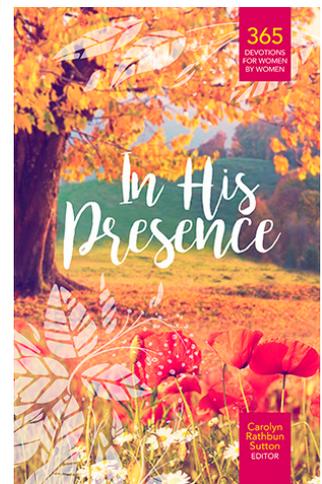
## Writing for Women’s Devotional

The devotional book project in Women’s Ministry started in 1992 to raise funds for scholarships. It was meant to be a one off, but it has been very successful and continued to be published ever since. The blessings that come from this book are multiple. The women who write are blessed. The readers are blessed. Those receiving scholarship funds are blessed. The church and community are blessed with the service those who have been educated.

Submissions are now being accepted for the 2021 devotional book.

Please visit the online website to check the book guidelines and pointers for writing devotionals. <https://women.adventist.org/womens-ministries-devotional-book>.

Let’s read from many authors from South Pacific Division in the 2021 devotional book!



### THOUGHT

*If we can organise, regular meetings where women will learn to be disciples and make disciples our churches will have life and vitality such as have been so long needed. I have so longed for women leaders who will help other women overcome discouragement and work for the Lord. This effort is bringing rays of sunshine into their lives, and is changing the hearts of others. (paraphrased from Ellen G. White, (1899) Lt 54, 1899.)*

## Important Date

This weekend is the INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY OF PRAYER, March 2, 2019.

May you be blessed as you join women across the world in prayer.