Home from the Sea is the story of Bob Smart’s amazing adventures as a wireless officer on board merchant and hospital ships in the U-boat-infested seas of World War Two. There are inspiring stories of God’s providence that are thrilling thousands of readers. First shipwrecked by torpedo in the Caribbean Sea, Bob traces the story of God’s leading in his life until, following his second shipwreck, he gave his life to Christ. One seaman in every four lost his life in the Atlantic convoys of World War Two that brought much-needed supplies to Britain. But when Bob was shipwrecked for the second time he was serving on hospital ship The St David. That ship was missiled off Anzio.

Back in home waters, a mariner returned from the sea, Bob resolved to go to Newbold to train for the Seventh-day Adventist ministry. During his many years in ministry Bob enthralled the younger members of his congregations, in particular, with his fascinating stories of God’s protection and guidance. His brilliance as a story-teller, together with the stories themselves, led many people to urge him to write them down.

It is, however, unlikely that Bob would ever have committed them to paper had it not been for the encouragement of his wife Joy and their children Iris and Malcolm. In the final months in which he completed the book, Bob had almost lost his sight due to cataracts. It was Malcolm’s task to decipher what he had written and set the stories on computer. The cover picture – of Bob’s first shipwreck – was especially commissioned from Scottish marine artist Gordon Bauwens, organist at the Crieff church and family friend of the Smarts.

The loss of Bob’s eyesight was a major tragedy during the months in which his book was in preparation at The Stanborough Press. Earnest prayers for Bob’s healing went up from his local congregation in Crieff, Perthshire, when he went into hospital for laser surgery. Elsewhere in the British Union – in the many congregations Bob has pastored, and in the homes of those he brought to Christ and inspired to train for ministry – scores of Adventists laid siege to the Throne of Grace.

The good news is that operations on Bob’s eyes were an outstanding success. The sailor turned pastor, home from the sea, has had his eyesight restored. And he, his family and his local congregation are praising God.

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Newport Pagnell church plant

On 15 July Milton Keynes church members together with West Bletchley church, met in Newport Pagnell where the church was being held. We were permitted by the authorities to set up a stall on which were displayed posters and photographs of the work carried out by Adventists both here and abroad. ADRA was prominent and many of the visitors stopped to check it out.

Large number of ballons carrying religious messages were distributed free to the children, and a good number of visitors, especially those resident in Newport Pagnell, completed given to them as a test of their requirements in the community. Foremost resident in Newport Pagnell, completed surveys as to in the title: talking on a telephone emergency use only is the safer option. It is likely that a complete ban

Newspapers and magazines, including the Sunday times, should publish in the BMJ.

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West Midlands: The Canvas Cathedral

by Natasha Gunter

September 3 signalled the end of what had been a fascinating experience under the canvas cathedral pitched in Summerfield Park. Among the distinguished guests over the duration of this West Midlands evangelistic effort, we were happy to receive support from dignitaries such as Lord King, a member of the House of Lords, who commended the young people for attending such an event and emphasised that ‘our future lies with the young people’. We were also visited by Mr Regis, the third black footballer to play for England. He reminded us that ‘our relationship with God is the most important thing in our lives.’ Dr W. Wiklander, TED president, and NEC president Pastor E. Francis gave us their support by attending the campaign.

The series of events included meetings with forty-one souls being baptised. Dr Warden (the evangelist) from the beginning aimed at building a rapport with the visitors. His messages each night were complemented by the songs that J. Herbert (the singing evangelist) sang. In tandem with the series of messages presented, Dr Knight, working in partnership with Dr Warden, presented a ten-to-fifteen-minute family issues spotlight which really enthralled the audience. Dr Knight provided counsel on several areas including: ‘Are you the one for me?’, ‘Bad boys are bad’, and ‘Let sleeping dogs lie’. On the third Sabbath, Dr Knight momentarily swapped roles with Dr Warden and delivered the message for divine service. The theme of his message was “If God be for us”, what do you think is the key to survival in the unstable world of today?

The only way I believe you can make it in this world is by forming a close relationship with Jesus. We must totally submit our lives to him. From your own personal experience what has helped you in practical terms to overcome crises in your life? Linked with that, what would your advice be to anyone experiencing crises right now?

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One thing is that God does not send crises, but he uses them as refining fire. He wants us to trust him, it is very easy to follow Christ when things are rosy; but you are supposed to follow Christ despite the situation.

Did you grow up in the church? As a child I was an altar boy in the Anglican Church. When I was 8 our neighbour encouraged my mother to send me to an Adventist camp. It was one of these youth camp retreats that I gave my life to Jesus and where I first met Dr Ivan Warden, who was acting as the chaplain for the week.

How long have you been in pastoral duties? I entered the ministry in 1969. In addition to my pastoral duties I am a hospital, university and registered police chaplain. I believe that working in these roles has created an opportunity to reach those who normally would not come to any church.

What do you consider to be the greatest need of the Church?

Pavilion of Hope hosts Fun Run

by Dr Jacqui Halliday-Bell

A chargeable Sunday morning on 14 August saw the inaugural Fun Run for Fun at the Pavilion of Hope location in Summerfield Park, Birmingham. An offshoot of Pathfinder Club activities, the run was open to all. The charity fundraising event was promoted on flyers posted out to promote the soul-winning campaign. There was clear organisation from the beginning with paid registration, numbered cards for runners and exercise warm-ups by Pastor Thomas while Pastor Haworth gave us their support by attending the campaign.

Revolution predicted, we are in a Laodicean state. The level of apathy is high; we seem to love this sin-sick world. The other problem is a lack of preaching.

What was your perception of church as a youth? What would you say to the youth of today concerning their role in church?

As a youth I attended SDA Academy. Most of the youth who attended were tired of restrictions and this influenced my thinking until I came to Jesus Christ. As for young people’s role in our church today, I believe that they should be drafted into the decision-making of the church so they can learn by being involved.

In between services you have sacrifices the time to conduct seminars specifically for the lay members who wish to sharpen their skills in the area of expository preaching. What specific advice do you give for the lay people of today’s church?

The lay people of this church are the ones who are going to finish the work. This has been a multi-dimensional evangelistic work – and so while Dr Warden has been presenting the Word of God, I have taken time to address the equipping of the laity and the need for the family.

What was your impetus for coming to Birmingham?

After the bombings in London I had the impression that I had to come and give support to Dr Warden. I also had the burning desire to share my gifts and resources to aid this harvest of souls.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a humble man of God, I want people to focus on Jesus. What one thing has gripped you during your time here?

I was really overwhelmed by the masses of young people who responded to the appeals made; totally surrendering their lives to Christ.

Dundee Adventurers

For a whole year four young adventurers worked hard most Sabbath afternoons in the Dundee church. Through writing, arts and crafts, acting and singing, leader Jane Walton helped them to become health and safety specialists and Bible beginners. On Sabbath 22 October Pastor Marcel Ghisalda presented them with their awards, investing them as Busy Bees.

Get involved – Get addicted

Join the staff at Aberdonar for Special Needs Camp 2006. Volunteers are needed to provide care and entertainment for campers from 2 to 9 July 2006. Training sessions will be provided. Please contact Joy Bussey at 2 Shakespeare Street, Walford, Herts, WD2 5HF, to register your interest and for an application form. Phone: 01923 461044.
PhD at Dundee

Congratulations to Yvonne Jacqueline Adzelé of the Dundee church on the award of a PhD degree in Biochemistry from Dundee University.

The purpose is to promote ADRA’s name as a non-Adventist, thus raising its profile so that the charity will be better known, and assisting collectors to raise funds during the Annual Adventist Fundraiser, and also to receive £10 from each pack sold.

The packs contain 5 cards with a Christian theme, and 5 with a traditional Christmas scene, and inside, a ‘Share Your Card’ and website address, will be the messages: ‘Changing the World One Life at a Time’, and ‘Seasonal greetings’.

Each pack contains 5 cards, costs £2.50.

To reduce postal charges, members are invited to place their orders through their local ADRA agent. Cheques should be made payable to ADRA-UK.
Newbold School raises money for Macmillan Cancer Relief

We were very pleased to help prepare for the coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Relief. We had great fun painting the signs, although we had to paint the letters really big to catch people’s attention. It took a long time (three-quarters of an hour!) but we thoroughly enjoyed it. The next day as we walked to school, we admired our great work.

Some of us were waiters and waitresses at the coffee morning, serving people delicious and mouth-watering food and drinks. We also helped to clear the tables.

Lots of mums came, and grandmas and granddads attended with grandchildren; it went very well. We also had lots of visitors from Binfield, although we had to paint the letters really big to catch people’s attention. The next day as we walked to school, we admired our great work.

Have you ever wondered what happens in our remote hospitals and clinics around the world if something goes wrong with the plumbing or electrics? That is where Adventist Health International steps in, in the form of one of its operatives. Last December, occupational therapist Susan Bennett of Starbucks Park church married Sydney-born Kelvin Sawyer. Kelvin is one of these miracle workers.

En route to Rwanda

August Bank Holiday, when most of our thoughts ranged as far as the nearest seaside, saw the start of an incredible adventure for a young couple.

On Sunday 19 July the ‘Race for Life’ began at 11am at Trent Park, London.

The course was rocky, exciting, steep, grassy and very hilly. The weather was 91 degrees!

The dedicated runners in the Race for Life started on the 5k journey, along with the 4,000 other runners. Those who took part were Cresha and Audrey Richardson, Kim (Heather) Newell, Marcia MacHerson, Marjorie Richards, and Georgina Richards (9 years old).

Our aim was to raise funds for people with terminal illnesses and to celebrate those who are receiving treatment and are in remission.

We all completed the race in fine style, tired, breathless, lost for words and, you might say, ‘legless’!

But we thank God for our talents, which include physical fitness and mental agility.

Conrad Johnston, Railway church.

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