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THE SABBATH: DELIGHT—A DAY FOR JOY

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View from the bottom
Jarrod Stackelroth

It seemed to the disciples the world had stopped—no, not stopped; crashed down around their ears, torn like the temple curtain, from top to bottom. And they were at the bottom. For reasons they would never understand they had been chosen. Now, one of their own had betrayed Him and they were lost and leaderless. It must have been a lonely sacrifice and shares the importance of the Kingdom of God on page 10. But there are still those who haven’t heard that message. Nathan Brown and Samir Selmanovic share part two of their Sabbath series on page 14, challenging us to make Sabbath a delight, not a chore.

Flash forward 2000 years. Do we get it? We know the joy of Easter Sunday. We’ve seen the plan unfold, the Kingdom grow.

We often have a special Easter program on Sabbath, which commemorates Jesus’ sacrifice and shares the good news of the Resurrection.

But are we still sharing the Kingdom? Are we connecting with the Holy Spirit? Is Sabbath a chore or a delight? When we stop growing, learning and most importantly sharing and loving, we die—spiritually. Use this Easter to revive your relationship with the King of kings. Get up out of your comfort zone and realise that we are here for one purpose alone (Matt 24:18-20).

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On February 25, a 49-member delegation representing over 30 different organisations, political parties and church groups, including Pastor Trafford Fischer, Family Ministries director for the South Pacific Division, met with a number of Australian politicians at Parliament House. They brought with them a passionate call for the renewal of marriage and the restoration of family life in Australia.

Gerard Calilhanna, spokesperson for the marriage delegation, stated that the group represented more than 52 per cent of people in Australia who are deeply concerned over the increasing levels of family breakdown, high divorce rate, high rates of cohabitation without marriage, the declining status of marriage, higher rates of violence against women and children, rising rates of violence in the playground and general societal decay.

The marriage delegation presented the Marriage Manifesto, its foundational blueprint for the development of public policy by government. It also presented a one-page policy brief that highlighted ways to strengthen and support marriage.

The delegation went on to demand the Federal Government permanently shelve its plans for a national relationship registration scheme; to honour the critical connection between marriage and the family; to recognise that the union of a man and woman is oriented towards the generation of human life; and to guarantee the rights and entitlements of children to a mother and a father in the optimum social and legal environment.
Youth go with purpose, passion and power
Charlotte Elisafan—Sydney, New South Wales

Go with Purpose, Passion and Power—Adventist Youth Conference 2010 kicked off in Melbourne from February 4 to 6 with Sydney hosting it the following weekend, February 11 to 14. A total of 830 young people were present across the two states to be trained and inspired.

Pastor Dwight Nelson was the keynote speaker alongside Pastor Matt Parra, Peter Gregory, Dr Neil Nedley and local speakers like Johnny and Tina Wong, Neale Schofield, Judy and YM Cheng, Peter Bertus, Lyle Southwell, Mark Roberts, Pastor Gary Webster and Pastor Justin Lawman.

There were many powerful testimonies of small groups, Bible work, youth preaching and youth evangelism around Australia and the world. A total of 71 young people made a decision for baptism or rebaptism and 66 made a decision to become Bible workers.

On Sabbath afternoon, the youth went out in the community to do practical evangelism and were knocking on doors in Sydney and Melbourne, doing surveys and asking the community if they were interested in Bible studies. There were 263 people in the community who were interested in Bible study, and 127 people were interested in receiving a DVD.

Lilydale’s billy carts hit streets of Melbourne
David Jones—Lilydale, Victoria

Lygon St Carlton, one of Melbourne’s most iconic cafe and restaurant precincts, was closed recently as students and staff from Lilydale Adventist Academy staged a Billy Cart Grand Prix. The organising committee of the La Dolce Italia Festival contracted LAA to demonstrate billy cart racing based on the school’s successful Weet-Bix Billy Cart Grand Prix. The circuit was in the prime position as over 50,000 people visited the annual festival.

As the races began, the 250 metre track was surrounded by spectators three and four deep, cheering on the teams. During breaks in the program parents who were watching were invited to kit themselves and their children with safety gear and push them around the track. Students and staff of LAA also took turns at pushing children.

The carts were designed and built by parents and staff and will be on display at the Australian Grand Prix in late March. The Australian Grand Prix Corporation also supplied caps as prizes. The La Dolce Italia Festival has already approached LAA about their involvement in 2011.

Adventist Media revamps audio studio
Tim Burcham—Wahroonga, New South Wales

Adventist Media Network (AMN) has invested in re-equipping the recording studio ensuring the future of Adventist music and audio production. The re-build of the control room took close to four months and adds a new dimension to the facility. The architecturally designed acoustic recording space was built in the 1960s and still amazes those involved in the recording industry. It is a credit to doing things properly, which was the guiding philosophy behind Psalter, AMN’s new recording label, production and AMN in re-fitting the studio for equipment.

“We wanted to add to the existing digital set-up, which is excellent for automation, editing and post. More specifically we wanted to add some top-end analogue equipment to really expand the capabilities and credibility of the studio,” says Dale Willis, AMN’s audio production manager.

The studio now has a 32 channel analogue desk, which is a re-make of the most admired desks of all time—the “Trident” series. The studio now boasts top of the line microphones and outboard equipment, which according to Mr Willis, enables it to deal with any recording situation.

The upgrade shows AMN’s commitment to Psalter and producing music of the highest industry standards. Production manager Kyle Portbury sums it up, saying “regardless of where we all are in two years time, at least we’ve left a legacy for God.”
A new organisation called Eternal Earth-Bound Pets links pet-owners with atheists who promise to look after Christian believers’ pets in the event of a secret rapture. The difficulty is in finding atheists who are bad enough to be “left behind” but good enough to provide compassionate petcare.—Assist News Service

Haiti has experienced a spiritual revival since a massive earthquake devastated the country in February. Reports of hymn-singing in Port-au-Prince on the night after the earthquake suggest soul-searching which has now borne fruit—40,127 baptisms.—Baptist Press

The Greens and the Labour Party in New Zealand have officially recognised their religious-minded members. A Christian couple heads up the “SpiritGreens” interest group within the Green Party and a Presbyterian minister is the initiator of Labour Inter-Faith. He says the Christian right-wing in New Zealand needs to be challenged.—Touchstone

Catholic organisations are asking shoppers to choose fair-trade chocolate this Easter. About 40 per cent of the world’s chocolate is made from cocoa grown in West Africa. Tens of thousands of children are forced to work on cocoa plantations as slaves.—CathNews

Around the time of the First World War, approximately 1.5 million Armenian civilians, Christians, died at the hand of Ottoman Turk forces. A US congressional committee has narrowly passed a resolution recognising the deaths as “genocide” despite opposition from President Obama and the Turkish government.—LA Times

More than 500 Christians have been killed near the Nigerian town of Jos after Muslims attacked villagers, including pregnant women, babies and young children. The massacre is the latest tragic episode of religious violence in Nigeria which has left 14,000 Christians and Muslims dead during the past 10 years.—Sydney Morning Herald

The Atheist Foundation of Australia is going to the United Nations in an attempt to overturn NSW anti-discrimination laws so atheist messages can be advertised on government-owned buses. President David Nicholls says promises and warnings of heaven and hell are brainwashing and abusive to children.—2UE

Only 100 kms from Brisbane, volunteers have put seven years into creating a glimpse of first century Israel. The annual Moogerah Passion Play is held on a rural property with palms, olive groves and a Roman praetorium. The venue seats a few thousand visitors every Easter.—www.moogerahpassionplay.org.au
Training centre inspires first students

Nathan Brown—Yarra Valley, Victoria

Fifteen students from around Australia completed the first three-week training block of a lay pastoral assistant course on March 5. This group was the first intake of the Australian Union Conference Training Centre, hosted at Jumbunna Lodge.

“We have had an enthusiastic group of people who soaked up as much as eight hours of teaching each day, as well as practical evangelism experience,” reports Pastor Roger Govender, director of personal ministries for the Australian Union Conference (AUC). “We have spent two years developing this program and we are delighted to see this come to fruition.”

The lay pastoral assistant course is designed to equip church members to assist church pastors in the direct pastoral and evangelistic ministry of the local church. The first training block introduced students to Adventist heritage and identity, church structure and administration, and evangelism in theory and in practice. Students also participated in community outreach in conjunction with the Northpoint church in suburban Melbourne. Plans are in place to offer a parallel course for youth Bible workers.

The students are enthusiastic about what they have learned and experienced—and the skills and confidence they will take back to their local churches and communities. “I have been a member of my church for 22 years and have held a number of church positions but in this training I have learned a lot about our church,” says Vansy Ketsavann, a member of Cabramatta church, Sydney.

Students at the AUC Training Centre were sponsored by their conferences and local churches, and they are expected to put what they have learned into practice in their churches, before they return for the next block of training in October.

“The need for a training school such as this has been the subject of conversations around Australia for a number of years,” says AUC president Pastor Chester Stanley. “I think this is a good beginning. I would love to see the AUC Training Centre become part of the culture of our church in Australia and we hope lay pastoral assistants will become a regular part of many churches.”

Avondale offers two new courses

Brenton Stacey—Cooranbong, New South Wales

Avondale College now offers a Master of Arts by research after receiving approval from the New South Wales Department of Education and Training.

The external panel reviewing the course made several commendations and no recommendations, reports Associate Professor Daniel Reynaud, the dean of the Faculty of Arts. He says the panel described the course—its accessibility and flexibility, particularly the inclusion of artistic practice as research—as exciting and the submission as well-balanced and composed.

The course is available in any of the disciplines—communication, English, geography, history, international development studies, music, visual arts and visual communication—in the Faculty of Arts. It is accredited for the maximum five years and offers a student entry into postgraduate research without the student having to complete an undergraduate honours degree, provided the student’s grades in their undergraduate degree are good. A student can also choose to complete the course by writing only a thesis or by writing a thesis and practicing as an artist or as a professional.

Three students have already received approval to study.

Avondale now offers master’s degrees by research in four faculties: arts; education; nursing; and theology.

One is studying music criticism in Australia, another the integration of classical and jazz teaching in clarinet and another aspects of the church’s ministry to indigenous people in Australia.

Avondale now also offers a Bachelor of Theology (Honours). The course, accredited for the maximum five years, offers a student entry into a PhD without the student having to complete a master’s degree by research. It is also the first honours degree offered outside of education and nursing.

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The Master of Arts (Research) and the Bachelor of Theology (Honours) fill gaps in the course offerings at Avondale, says vice-president (administration and research) Dr Vivienne Watts.
International youth speaker Eddie Hypolite (London UK) shared his story with Avondale School secondary students (NSW) during Week of Mega-praise. Pastor Hypolite challenged self-centred attitudes and inspired students to find the direction which Christ provides. —Susan Rogers

Adventist Media Network’s film production unit travelled to Papua New Guinea. They went to shoot the South Pacific Division’s video report for the General Conference session which will be held in Atlanta in June. —David Gibbons

Peter and Ljiljana Joseit have just retired, returning to Australia after spending the last four years as conference and union president in Switzerland. Before that, Peter worked in Sydney, Melbourne and Germany. He has agreed to pastor the Marrickville Spanish Church (Sydney) in retirement. —IntroSyd

Peter and Lakeside church (NSW) members to turn up for Clean-up-Australia Day. He was so enthusiastic about the cause that the local community organiser for the event thought, at first, Mr Pearce’s offer of help was a hoax. So she called her Adventist neighbour to check him out! —Monica D Nash

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Andy Collis, a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Arts at Avondale College, has entered a portrait of his 88-year-old father in the Archibald Prize—one of Australia’s oldest and most prestigious art competitions. He calls the painting “Battle of Britain: My Father.” —Kirsten Bolinger

Pastor Andrew McCrostie, youth director at the South NSW Conference, hugs his first aid training mannequin during Pathfinder leadership training. —SNSW Imprint

“Shy, young and delightful” was how the North West Star described the local Seventh-day Adventist gospel singing group, Unique Sound. They performed at the Mount Isa (Qld) Zonta Dinner. The group would not accept a fee for their performance, but said a donation could be made to their church. —North West Star

Fremantle church (WA) was empty on Sabbath March 6, because the congregation had walked out into the neighbourhood of Palmyra. Instead of sitting in a pew, listening to the preacher talk about serving the community, church members got out and did it! —Terry Lambert

According to North Taranaki Midweek, the children at the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School in New Plymouth made use of their hairspray and gel for a Wacky Hair Day. The 22 students, between Years 1 and 8, raised about $A300 to support the Child Cancer Foundation’s annual appeal. Styles included mullets, afros, green hair, pink hair, ponytails, spikes and glittered locks. —Teressa Pollock

The Esperance Christian Primary School (WA) community is praising God for protection over His school. The fire was deliberately lit and within 10 minutes local fire units were at the scene. Three acres of bush and scrub burnt very quickly. Staff, students and parents were relieved the new multipurpose building, which was in the direct line of the fire, was not damaged. —Rhonda Morcombe

Twelve Avondale secondary students (NSW) rock-climbed, abseiled and hiked through Tasmania’s Cradle Mountain National Park. They were participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards program. —Susan Rogers

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The dedication of a new printing press and other production equipment at Signs Publishing Company on March 17 affirmed the ongoing print ministry of the Adventist church in the South Pacific Division (SPD).

“Recognising the importance of publishing ministry, there have been a number of reviews of the operations at Signs in the past decade and we had arrived at the point where Signs would not have been viable without a new press,” explains Neale Schofield, chief executive officer of Adventist Media Network (AMN), of which Signs Publishing Company is a part.

“The AMN Committee decided to do whatever we can to give a future to Signs Publishing. As well as this investment in new machinery, this has included some restructuring at Signs, a focus on new product development, and a focus on a global marketing of our books and other products.”

This process was headed by the installation and dedication of the new printing press—a second-hand but as new, 64-ton, 10-colour, perfecting Heidelberg Speedmaster press. “We can print both sides of a sheet at once, meaning we can print up to 70 per cent faster,” explains Ray Portbury, production manager at Signs Publishing Company. “We are also printing at a significantly higher quality and are able to do more specialised printing work.”

According to Mr Portbury, the new printing press places Signs at an equal technological level as any other printing company in Australia. “The old press served us well but technology has definitely advanced since 1995,” he says.

The other equipment installed in the past six months at Signs Publishing includes a new folding machine and guillotine as part of a $3-million upgrade, which also included strengthening of the factory floor and expansion of electrical circuits to support the new machinery.

“The process of installing this new machinery has been managed well by Signs staff,” says Mr Schofield. “There has not been any interruption to production and we are grateful to all the staff members who have contributed in this transition process.”

The new press has been operating for the past month, with ongoing finetuning, testing and training, but the press dedication was a highlight of a meeting of the AMN Committee in Warburton, bringing committee members together with Signs staff and other invited guests.

Joanne Davies, a member of the AMN Committee and a church member from Auckland, New Zealand, shared stories of how her life had been touched by products from Signs Publishing Company, beginning with reading The Bible Story in her home before any of her family were members of the Adventist church. She thanked former and present staff of Signs for the impact they have had in her life, family and church.

Pastor Chester Stanley—president of the Australian Union Conference—prayed for the staff and ministry of Signs Publishing Company, while Dr Barry Oliver—chairman of the AMN Committee and SPD president—led a prayer of dedication for the new machinery.

“We know the quality of our work and staff is outstanding and we appreciate that the work ethic and commitment of staff at Signs to the work of the church give us an extra edge,” says Mr Schofield.

“Signs exists to print for the church,” adds Mr Portbury. “It is not just about the books, magazines and lesson pamphlets we publish. We do a lot of printing for church schools, evangelistic programs and projects, local churches and other church entities. We are here to serve the church and its mission through printing.”
The Kingdom of God has come!

Last year, I was asked to write a series of small group guides based on questions like, “What does a disciple of Jesus look like today?” “How do I become one?” “How do I grow as one?”

To help prepare for this task I spent considerable time in the Gospels and I came away, more convinced than ever that we need to broaden our understanding of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

It goes without saying that as a church we are endeavouring to go to all nations to make disciples. And we are baptising people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. But are we teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded us?

As I understand it, the “good news” is much more than an atonement theory. It invites us to accept Jesus Christ as both our Saviour and Lord, and it is the Lordship of Jesus that I think needs upholding. Emphasising the forgiveness of sins seems to produce consumers of grace. Emphasising eternal life seems to mute God’s will for the here and now. The antidote, I believe, is teaching the “good news” as Jesus taught it; in the context of the Kingdom of God (see Matthew 4:23, 9:35; Luke 4:43, 8:1, 16:16).

There are approximately 110 references to the Kingdom of God or Kingdom living in the Gospels and each of these is a call to become less anxious, more forgiving, less proud, more generous, less selfish, more childlike. The power of this gospel is not only that God forgives sins but that He can and will transform hearts, and is not this the hope of the world?

The gospel I believe we’ve been commissioned to teach is that when we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord we are not only saved from the ultimate consequences of sin (future), we are saved from the unnecessary consequences of sin (present)!

Pastor Sue Redman is the pastor of Thornleigh Church and personal ministries assistant (discipleship) for the Greater Sydney Conference.
Are you constantly hungry?

Satiation and satiety are both important in determining how much food we eat and our total energy intake. Satiation is the feeling of fullness we get while we are eating that signal us it is time to stop eating. Satiety—the feeling of fullness we have for a period of time after a meal has finished—is often what determines when we next eat. Many factors can cause us to ignore these feelings of fullness, such as the availability of great tasting food, eating in social situations, boredom and hormonal cravings! But ignoring satiation and satiety and repeatedly overeating eventually results in weight gain, accompanied by associated health issues. To help in weight control it has been recommended over the years that we eat slowly to allow time for our brain to register we are getting full.

The latest research from the 2009 British Nutrition Society Satiety Conference has taken a new approach—looking at satiety rather than satiation. It has suggested the key to maximising satiety is found in the kinds of food we eat. Research suggests the energy density of foods can be crucial to understanding how to eat sufficient quantities of food to feel full, but also to lower calorie intake. Energy density refers to the number of calories contained in a food divided by the serving size in grams.

It stands to reason that eating large amounts of low energy dense foods and small amounts of high energy dense foods will help us feel fuller and keep our total calorie count in check.

Energy density = number of calories/weight of serving size (grams). Very low energy density foods = less than 0.6, eg apples, broccoli, trim milk, porridge. Low energy density foods = 0.6 to 1.5, eg bananas, kumara, legumes, whole milk. Medium energy density foods = 1.6 to 4, eg avocado, chicken, fish, cheese, bread. High energy density foods = more than 4, eg chips, chocolate, nuts. By making more of your meals from foods with very low, low or medium energy density and keeping the high density foods for occasional treats, you will maximise satiety for you and your family.

**Satiety helpers; Fluids and Fibre**

- Foods high in water (fruit and vegetables) or foods cooked in water such as soups, casseroles and rice have lower energy density
- Foods rich in fibre have been linked to satiety and also tend to be lower in energy density

So try the following satiety hints:

- Add extra fluids where possible in cooking eg an extra tin of tomatoes to pasta sauce
- Add legumes to meals and reduce meat content
- Drink more low energy density fluids such as herbal teas and water instead of soft drinks, juices and alcohol
- Choose whole grain varieties of bread, rice and pasta
- Bulk up meals by adding extra vegetables and reducing quantities of higher energy density foods
- Avoid or reduce salad dressings. These are high in energy but have little volume to increase satiety
- Add extra fruit to desserts and reduce cream and ice-cream.

**Sweet potato tart with grilled vegetables**

1. Place 2 sheets of shortcrust pastry overlapping slightly on the bench, lightly roll to combine joins. Spray a 24cm x 4cm tart tin and line with pastry; trim and prick the base. Cover with baking paper filled with pastry weights or rice. Cook in a moderate oven at 180°C for 15 minutes. Remove the paper and weights and bake for a further 5-10 minutes or until golden.
2. Mix ricotta, cream and Parmesan to make ricotta mix. Line the tart with sweet potato mash and ricotta mix.
3. Arrange eggplants and capsicum in a fan shape. Top with tomatoes and bake for a further 10 minutes or until heated through. Serve garnished with basil and shaved Parmesan. Serves 6.

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 30 minutes

Tips: Crumbled feta cheese would also make a nice topping to this recipe.
The Bible

It is the best selling volume of all time, and no other book has been translated into more languages and dialects.

The Bible is the book of Christianity, so the issues of its authority and reliability are crucial to the Christian faith.

What claims does the Bible make about itself?

God inspired the writing of the scriptures.
Read 2 Timothy 3:16

The various authors of the books of the Bible were guided by the Holy Spirit to write what they did.
Read 2 Peter 1:20,21

Those are major claims, so how did inspiration work in the writing and transmission of Scripture? What was God’s role in the process of inspiration?

How did inspiration work from God’s perspective?

He spoke directly. In the Old Testament there are 3,800 references to God speaking directly to various individuals, 300 in Ezekiel alone. Read Ezekiel 1:3; 2:1-4; 3:22

He spoke through visions and dreams.
Read Numbers 12:6

He spoke through personal experience. Note the sad personal life of the prophet Hosea and how God communicated through him. Read Hosea 3:1-5

He spoke through the experiences of everyday life. An example is the prophet Amos who was a shepherd and a fruit grower.
Read Amos 7:14-15

The Bible is the product of God speaking to various people at different times and in diverse ways.

Pastor David McKibben is ministerial secretary for the South Australian Conference.

Body clock

Tick tock! A little electronic clock is ticking away, relentlessly chewing up the seconds, the hours, and worse, our lives! The system is called “circadian rhythm”. It is located in the pineal, a small gland at the base of the brain. It starts working about 13 weeks after conception, by which time the brain is fully formed. It is genetically geared to stop ticking in “x” years time.

The clock rules our lives—when to sleep, when to wake up, when to eat and roughly how much. It governs our rate of physical and mental development, how tall, fat, thin we are. It tells our body when we’ve reached the desired height, and how we fit into the genetic norm of a thing called the human body.

A common practical issue is travellers’ “jetlag”. When flying across international time zones, the clock gets “out of sync”. It takes a few days to re-adjust. We are wide awake at midnight, sleepy at midday for that’s what the clock says. This can be altered by sitting in the sun or under fluoro lights, which quickly re-adjusts it to local time. As darkness descends, the pineal produces a chemical called melatonin which is nature’s sedative. Hence darkness = sleepiness. The clock governs all body activities.

Now the bad news. The clock is also programmed to “Stop!” Fortunately, by sticking to the well-known principles of “good health”, we can extend this. Don’t smoke, get more exercise, eat sensible nutritious foods, seek regular medical intervention. Think positive. That way, your clock may decide to run until 100. More at <www.docwright.com.au>.

I became a Christian in 2005 while living in Singapore. I had tried many different religions—Buddhism, new age, feng shui, free thinking (or “I haven’t made up my mind”). But hearing that God loved me so much that He gave up His only Son blew me away. My conversion was transformational. I left the corporate world and an unhealthy relationship, and God filled me with a great desire to empower women and children. When God removes one thing in our lives He replaces it with something much better.

At the end of 2008, I moved back to Australia believing God wanted me to set up a ministry here. I attended many Sunday churches trying to find my “home”. My Dad (not an Adventist) told me there was a church at the primary school I had attended for a few years. One Saturday I went to Church in the Fields (Macquarie Fields, NSW). And I have not left since. I began Sabbath keeping that week, became vegetarian, and was blown away by the wisdom of Ellen White and the truths of the three angels’ messages. When I learned what happens to you when you die, it gave me peace. Isn’t God amazing!

It’s never too late. If you’ve been hurt by others: that was never God’s intention—please come back. We need each other. I now work part-time for the church, am involved with ADRA, and counsel children at the Macarthur Adventist School. I have created a counselling ministry for women <www.shewilflourish.com> and speak all over Australia encouraging women to be all they can.

—Suzanne Bocking
The grainy video flickered as the bulldozers moved forward and walls began to collapse. Seventh-day Adventists around the world watched with dismay as a government in central Asia demolished the church where some 80 Adventists were meeting each Sabbath. The crumbling debris seemed to extinguish the last fragile flicker of their long-cherished dreams. From the darkness of despair came a light of hope.

A few years ago, this same government granted the Seventh-day Adventist Church official recognition. Resolve rekindled, church members began renewed efforts to reach hearts in this challenging region—a region that was once an integral part of a network of trade routes, known as the Silk Road.

Centuries ago, merchants made the perilous journey between the trading centres of Europe to the Orient. Silks, spices and other goods flowed overland—the danger of the journey offset by the high price these goods commanded. Along with trade goods, these travelling merchants opened the world to an exchange of ideas, technology and culture.

This year the Seventh-day Adventist Church is collecting a special offering themed Lighting a Path of Hope. Every five years, the church chooses a special project or emphasis to be supported by the General Conference Session offering. In the months leading up to the session, Adventists around the world will be given an opportunity to give to that special offering. In the past, the offering has helped establish the Adventist World Radio station in Guam and helped build thousands of churches around the world through the "Hands Across the World" project.

The “Hope for the Big Cities” Offering in 2000 established work in major cities around the world, including the “Fountain in the City” church plant in the Sydney CBD.

This year, the General Conference Session offering will focus on territories covered by ancient trade routes through the Middle East, central Asia, southern Asia and China. For the Seventh-day Adventist Church, this area still represents the least reached area of the world. It is along the old Silk Road that thousands of people remain in darkness and need to hear the precious message of salvation.

In recent years, new opportunities have opened in some of these regions. The newly opened Global Mission pioneer school in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, trains dozens of people each year from southern Asia and sends them to unentered territories and unreached people groups. Encouraged by the success of the Tokmok School, other missions are now working on opening their own Global Mission pioneer schools.

No one knows how long it will be before these opportunities slip away. Or if the decisions we make today will determine if doors stay open. On April 10 your gift will help light a path of hope along these ancient trade routes through education, media and literature, Global Mission pioneers, health ministries and humanitarian care. Thank you for your prayers and support of Adventist Mission.

Hans Olsen works at the General Conference’s Office of Adventist Mission.
The Sabbath: Delight

by Nathan Brown & Samir Selmanovic
One of the great misunderstandings about Sabbath is that it is merely a day of rest.

Many people explain the purpose of Sabbath as rest from the week behind them and for the week ahead. In short, we rest one day so our activity during the week can be more fruitful.

The problem is this notion is not biblical: “Sabbath is not merely the cessation of work; it is turning from work to something utterly different from what we normally call rest” (Dan Allender, Sabbath).

The biblical and Jewish traditions maintain that the weekdays are for the sake of Sabbath, not Sabbath for the sake of the rest of the week. The six days exist to prepare for and “remember” Sabbath (Exodus 20:8). Sabbath is not an escape, but a centre of our days; it is not an interlude to living but a climax of life. This means Sabbath is not just a “Sabbath principle”—a time of rest we fit into our week as dictated by our schedules—rather, it is a “peculiar day” to which other days, responsibilities and appointments submit.

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah put it like this: “Keep the Sabbath day holy. Don’t pursue your own interests on that day, but enjoy the Sabbath and speak of it with delight as the Lord’s holy day. Honour the Lord in everything you do, and don’t follow your own desires or talk idly. If you do this, the Lord will be your delight” (Isaiah 58:13, 14, NLT).

Sabbath is an invitation to share in God’s delight and a symbol of God’s need for human love. God brings up Sabbath almost 150 times in the Old Testament and 60 times in the New Testament, always with longing and respect. The greatest gift of a lover is to make the beloved needed. In the gift of Sabbath, God honours us by needing us—and we need to make choices that allow the best things to become part of our lives. We do not maintain good health without conscious and careful decisions; we do not build positive relationships without choosing to prioritise the other person and making time to be with them; and left to ourselves we might drift into entertainment but we don’t drift into delight.

That’s why the Sabbath commandment stops us and why there is great wisdom in the Jewish and Adventist tradition of beginning Sabbath at a time determined by the setting sun, something outside ourselves. Sabbath does not depend on our readiness. We do not stop when we are finished, because we are never finished. Instead, we stop because it is time to stop.

In the second version of the Sabbath commandment in Deuteronomy 5:12–15, the motivation for Sabbath is a celebration of the Israelites’ freedom from slavery. It is recognition that slaves cannot take a day off, but free people can—even though not all of them choose to do so. On Sabbath, we declare that we are not a tool to be employed, nor a beast to be burdened. To insist on Sabbath rest is to believe in the subversive truth that the kingdom of God is in charge of this world—not our boss, not our possessions, not our career, not the government, but God. That’s why we stop.

It is also why we discipline our lives and build boundaries around this time of delight God offers to our lives. Of course, the “rules” of Sabbath-keeping can easily become legalistic and, sadly, we have spent too much of our energy, thinking and talking about Sabbath in trying to draw these kind of boundaries.

But in remembering and celebrating Sabbath, we need rules that we submit ourselves to—not so much as rules but as discipleship tools. When followed voluntarily, we realise that by saying no to some things, we say yes to this gift from God and we make space for other things to happen within us and in our lives.

It is this resignation from our efforts to please God that is the context and source of true delight in Isaiah 58. The Israelites were described as very religious but found no satisfaction in their religion. They were chastised for doing things to try to influence God. But Sabbath, according to the prophet, illustrates the heart of the matter—the core of the religion of Yahweh and of true Christianity.

On Sabbath, we take a step back from struggling to secure our place in the world. And, in the same way, on Sabbath we are reminded that our works do not bring us salvation. In the Jewish tradition, repenting and fasting are forbidden on Sabbath, which is to be a day of joy. The act of resting on Sabbath is an act of resignation from human effort to earn salvation: it is a means and enactment of grace.

Heschel explains that Sabbath “is not a different state of consciousness but a different climate; it is as if the appearance of all things changed. The primary awareness is one of our being within the Sabbath rather than of the Sabbath being within us. We may not know whether our understanding is correct, or whether our sentiments are noble, but the air of the day surrounds us like spring which spreads over the land without our aid or notice.”

God’s love is not swayed by our performance. His love is free—and Sabbath is one way to acknowledge that fact and embrace that gift of grace and delight, making it part of our life and spiritual practice.

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FOR SALE. Holden Maloo HSV Ute, 2008, purple. 15,300 kilometres. ABS brakes, 20-inch alloy wheels, big bore exhaust. The 6000 cc, 8-cylinder engine has been removed and is not included. Would you buy this car?

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Like a car without an engine is a church without the Spirit. Would you buy into a church without the Spirit? What if that church was blessed with a well-spoken pastor, a great sound system, and seats that could keep you comfortable forever? There are churches that look good, but they are not driven into their community. The absence of the Spirit keeps them sitting.

When it came to sharing the Gospel, Jesus gave two commands. Each of these commands is a companion to the other. The first command is “Stay”. Stay on your knees until you receive power from on high (see Luke 24:49). Don’t move until you get an engine.

The second command is “Go”. Go and make disciples everywhere (see Matthew 28:19). Get a good vehicle and go. Too many of us are trying to move, without the power to do so. Shall we gather behind the ute and push?

When the countdown came for establishing the Christian faith, it’s no wonder Jesus focused on one subject—the gift of the Spirit. That focus is clear from John 14–17.

When the Christian church exploded into action, it was from the dynamite of the Holy Spirit. Believers stayed, they prayed, they obeyed, and they conveyed. They got the power, then they gave the gospel.

When the Adventist Christian community began, the Spirit was present. With signs and wonders. With healings. With spontaneous gatherings for Bible study, prayer and praise. With personal sacrifice. With seeking after God and a passion for souls. With some characteristics that cause embarrassment or objection today.

Our pioneers didn’t have an impressive Holden ute. But they did receive a powerful engine. Along the road to the 21st century, something happened. It happened quickly. Within 50 years of a promising start, one of our key founders expressed enormous frustration. The church acquired—metaphorically speaking—an impressive Holden ute. It developed good machinery, a great system but it seemed the engine had been removed.

Speaking of the gift and baptism of the Spirit, Ellen G White wondered why we had lost interest. Why had we stopped talking about the Spirit, stopped praying for the baptism of the Spirit, stopped preaching about the power of the Spirit? She explained there was a
price to pay for this. "Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, there is seen spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death" (Acts of the Apostles, p90).

This was not hypothesis. It was prophetic assessment. It was reality.

The Holy Spirit is mentioned 23 times in our foundational beliefs. But it’s possible to go from church to church for a year and hardly know it. George Knight’s decade-old question from the 2000 General Conference is worth asking again: “What steps can be taken to allow the Spirit its proper place in Adventism? Or do we hope to finish our work without His troublesome presence?”

As I write this, it’s only three days since a couple of new members came to me with a question. “We love our new church and its teachings,” they said. “But we miss the Holy Spirit. Do Adventists really believe what the Bible says about the Spirit?”

I encouraged them to persist, and pray, and wait. The Spirit will again visit us in power. I pray every day that I am right.

Some who read this article might think we’re wrong to paint a pessimistic picture. Isn’t the Spirit already working? Praise God, the Spirit still works, in spite of our deficiencies. What a God!

But here’s true optimism: “The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man’s machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit’s power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord” (Evangelism, p700).

I bow before this awesome picture, and pray, “Lord put me in the centre of this. I want the engine for this. I want our churches to be driven by this.”

What joy, if this could be our prophetic assessment; if the picture of “multitudes” would become reality in this new decade.

I praise God for signs of revival. There are stirrings, especially among youth and young adults. If we remain sceptical, let’s remain silent. If we cannot jump in and participate with joy, let’s stay out of the way and let the Spirit blow where He wills, move as He wills.

I’m encouraged by God’s “even now” message through prophets like Joel. Even now, in this 21st century, we can return with repentance to our compassionate God. Even now, we can gather our children and declare a holy fast. Even now, God will pour out His Spirit on all people—children and adults, men and women. Then, all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved (see Joel 2).

Even now—while there is a precious piece of time and opportunity remaining—our vehicle can get its V8 engine and roar into life. Enough pushing. Let’s drive.

Ed Gallagher is senior pastor for Healthy Adventist Churches in the North New Zealand conference.
MYSTERY HISTORY REVEALED

RECORD February 6:

This photo was taken on March 27, 1954, at the dedication of Temora church, NSW. This church is still operating today. Some of the people in the photo are Pastor Walter Scragg Snr, Pastor Wrigley, Lyndon Schick, Lionel Judd, John Green, Jack Fisher, Mrs L Fisher, Albert Green, Mrs M Green, Alby Judd, Marie Judd, Pastor Joe Dever and Bert and Amy Schick.

People also wrote in suggesting it may have been Dora Creek church, NSW, in the early 1960s or Eight Mile Plains church in Queensland in 1953. However, these suggestions are incorrect.

RECORD March 6:

This photo was taken in the early 1960s and is of the Seventh-day Adventist English church in Suva, Fiji, which is located on Gorrie Street. It was designed and built around 1955 by Pastor Alfred James (Jim) Gathercole who is standing on the steps in the photo. The church still exists today but is now a Central Fijian church.

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With Barry Oliver

Some time ago I was reading the Union Conference Record of July 23, 1906. By coincidence I came across an article written by Pastor Francis Allum, my wife’s grandfather. I quote:

“Our boat left the quay, Sydney, at 9.30 am, Sunday, April 15, and who can tell the thoughts that surged into my mind as we severed connection with old Australia. But we were glad to go, for we knew that God had called us, and not man, and this fact removed all the anxiety. Never was the third angel’s message more precious to me than when it called me to leave loved ones and the land that has been my home so long. I say today, Praise the Lord for the power that is in the message . . .

Sunday April 22: We reached New Britain. It is the most beautiful place I have ever seen. The foliage is so wonderfully green . . . I wonder who will be called to this place to tell this people the truths of the third angel’s message . . .

Little did he know, years later, his granddaughter and I would serve the people of New Britain.

The Allums (pictured below) spent 16 years in China—typical of thousands who have left home and family to serve God. I think of names such as Carr, Fulton, Wiles, Piper, Oti, Silau, Ragaso, I am in awe at the strong sense of commitment to God and the message that has been shared by so many. This is the great heritage of Adventist Mission. We are now part of that heritage. Whether we cross the ocean or the street, it is God’s intention that we join with Him in His mission.

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Duffy and Totenhofer (nee Stanton).** Pastor Arthur and Leonie Duffy, and Pastor Edwin and Joyce Totenhofer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries together on 21.2.10. The Stanton sisters both met their future husbands at Avondale College. Leonie and Arthur were married on 16.11.1949 by Pastor Harold Hollingsworth and Joyce and Edwin exchanged marriage vows before Pastor W T Hooper on 21.2.1950. Both were married in the old Monah Church, Tas. Tributes were expressed to God for His blessings to them and

**OBITUARIES**

**Ball, Kenneth Robert,** born 17.3.1924; died 30.12.09 at Arcadia Vale, NSW. On 26.3.1949, he married Jeanette in the UK. They had three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ken passed away after a long struggle with asbestosis.

**Robe, Arnold and Alma (nee Heise)** celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 31.11.10 with family and friends at Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. They married 2.2.1950 in Sherwood church. Arnold was a schoolteacher for 33 years and Alma was a trained nurse, who became a home-maker, caring for the needs of their severely disabled daughter for 28 years. They retired in 1987 to a hobby farm at Mt Tambourine and in 1998, they moved to the retirement village. They have always been noted for their hospitality, neighbourliness and stirring Christian character.

*Peter Marks*

**Swendson,** Wayne and Evelyn (nee Neumann) were married 8.2.1960 by Pastor Algie Gallagher at Kingaroy, Qld. Pastor Gallagher also baptised Evelyn. They were active members of the Kingaroy church for more than 40 years, before moving to the Adventist Retirement Village at Caloundra in 2000. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their daughter, Denyse; son, Anthony (Tony); daughter-in-law, Lo-Ann and their grandchildren, Kayla and Rachael. Their family surprised them with a helicopter joy flight over the Sunshine Coast as part of their celebrations of this significant milestone in their lives.

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*Rowan Jones*

**Fell, Bernie and Jean.** On 31.1.10 they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends. They were married in Hamilton, NZ. They have five daughters. They attended the Te Aroha church for many years before retiring. Hamilton has been their home since the late 1960s and they continue to live there. Although now separated because of health needs, their hearts are still knitted together. They have been active church members and praise God for their long relationship. They continue to live under His guidance.

**McDonald, carolyn.** Celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband, Allan, and her family on 21.2.1950 in Sherwood church. They have five children, including three in the Adventist Church, and twenty grandchildren. They have been active members of the church and other community organisations for many years. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and travelling with their family. They also enjoy reading and playing golf. They have always been active in their local community and are well known for their hospitality and neighbourliness.

**Stirling, Patricia.** Celebrated her 80th birthday on 21.2.1930. She has been an active member of the church for many years, serving in various roles including Sunday School teacher and church council member. She enjoys reading and playing piano in her free time. She has a deep love for God and His church and a strong sense of duty to serve Him and others. She continues to be an inspiration to all who know her.

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served in the armed forces during the war. Ken was re-baptised in 1992, linking with the Avondale Memorial church. He died affirming his faith in his Saviour and in the hope of the Resurrection.

Ross Goldstone

Ballerin, Mary Australia, born 10.4.1921; died 6.1.10 at Coraki, NSW. Mary was the daughter of Angelina Ianna and Peter Ballerin. In December 1950, she was baptised by Pastor Wooller in Lismore Church. She never married, spending many years looking after her aged parents before continuing to run their dairy farm after their death. In her own words “I will trust and obey Him until He lays me to rest—when I will wait for the Resurrection when I hope to meet my parents and loved ones again.”

Paul Geelan

Chapman, William Eugene, born 28.9.1919 at Renmark, SA; died 7.2.10 in Fremantle Hospital, WA. On 30.9.1945, he married Hazel Winifred (nee Smith), born 29.7.1916 at Balclutha, NZ; died 1.12.09 at Napier. She married Harold Collett on 21.2.1938 at Hastings. She is survived by her brother, Lionel. He is survived by his brother, Colin (Wooli, NSW). Roy began his working life as a builder, but eventually became interested in mining and for some 50 years lived in Lightning Ridge. He suffered bouts of pneumonia, one so severe that he succumbed. He was laid to rest in the Lightning Ridge Cemetery beneath the eucalypts which he so much loved.

Wendy, Leanne, and Gary; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his siblings. Bill loved his family, his church, his garden and music.

Steve Goods, Murray Chapman

Collett, Hazel Winifred (nee Smith), born 29.7.1916 at Balclutha, NZ; died 1.12.09 at Napier. She married Harold Collett on 21.2.1938 at Hastings. She is survived by her siblings, Muriel and Lois; her children, Avrill Christensen, Lynette Wilkinson, Sandra Healey, Darryl and Tony, their spouses; her many nephews and nieces; her 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and extended family. Hazel was greatly loved by her family and her legacy of a generous and loving Christian life lives on across the generations.

Hugh Heenan, Lynette Wilkinson

Cooper, Roy George, born 2.11.1927 at Queanbeyan, NSW; died 2.1.10 at Lightning Ridge, NSW. He was predeceased by his brother, Lionel. He is survived by his brother, Colin (Wooli, NSW). Roy began his working life as a builder, but eventually became interested in mining and for some 50 years lived in Lightning Ridge. He suffered bouts of pneumonia, one so severe that he succumbed. He was laid to rest in the Lightning Ridge Cemetery beneath the eucalypts which he so much loved.

Bereavement

Bernice Underwood, Mike Keith

Davis, Dorothy (Dot) (nee Underwood), born 8.7.1937 at Sandgate, Qld; died 22.1.10 at Tugun after a long struggle with cancer. In 1958, Dot married Allan in Central church in Brisbane. She is survived by her husband; her children and their families, Lyndel (Erskinville, NSW) and Peter (McMasters Beach); her six grandchildren; and her sister, Bernice (Lightning Ridge). Dot’s courage in the Lord was an inspiration to all.

Warren Price, Errol Wright

Duffy, Joy (nee King), born 27.3.1934 at Atherton, Qld; died 2.2.10 at Cooranbong, NSW. On 3.4.1957, she married Robin Duffy in Avondale Village church. She is survived by her husband; her brothers, Ted King (Cooranbong); her children, Dianne, Shirley and John; her four grandchildren, Graeme, Curtis, Ashlea and Jason; and their partners. Her faith in her Lord sustained her during the last five years of ill health.

Rex Cobbin, Ray Stanley

Fepulea’i, Tagisia (nee Uelese), born 30.10.1907 in Sataua, Savai’i, Samoa; died 23.11.10 in Blacktown hospital, NSW, aged 102 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Fepulea’i Ta’alolo, in 1998, and never remarried. She has 11 children and is survived by nine; 33 grandchildren (two deceased); 48 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. In 1937, Tagisia and her husband,
Fepulea’i were the first baptised members of the Si’ufaga Mission in Sava’i. They were pioneers of God’s work in the island of Savai’i. She loves her God and has been a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Tai Mokoroa

Gambrill, Jeff, born 9.11.1924; died 5.1.10. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie, in 2001. Jeff is survived by his four sons and their families, Breton, Grant and Betty, Greg and Viv, Murray and Malinda; and his five grandchildren. He and all four sons have given service at Sanitarium Health Food Company, total amounting to 140 years. He is at rest now awaiting the Resurrection but is sadly missed by both family and friends.

Allan Hedges, Ken Thomson

Howard, Barbara Jeanette, born 27.8.1924 at Dubbo, NSW; died 12.1.10 at Wylong. On 7.1.1946, she married Hilton Howard who predeceased her. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Joy and Paul Stevens (Sydney); Ross and Angela (Cardiff) and Ian (Sydney); and six grandchildren. Barbara was a cheerful, strong and marvellous friend, of whom she had many.

She loved her God, her church, her family and is greatly missed.

Ernie Krause, Tim Kingston

Harold Grose

MacGregor, Elizabeth Ann (Betty), born 6.12.1929 in Beerburrum, Qld; died 11.11.09 in Geelong, Vic. Betty is survived by her husband of more than 61 years, Brian; their daughters, Sharon, Jill, Gayle, Jananne; eight grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. Betty was a woman of great love, kindness and grace. Her love was the true witness of her love for Jesus. She was well known for her welfare work, serving as a leader and receiving certificates of recognition from the conference and the Commonwealth Government, signed by John Howard and Frank Boniface.

Moodie, Neil Thomas, born 24.10.1933; died 23.1.10 at home in Whangaparaoa, NZ, after a short illness. He married Shirley Brabant, who he met at Longburn Adventist College. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; and their children and spouses, Michelle, Craig and Raewyn, Paul and Julie; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The large crowd at Neil’s funeral was a measure of how much Neil was loved by the community he served.

Ritchie Way, Warwick Sheffield

Polley, Mervyn John, born 27.3.1927 in Brisbane, Qld; died 18.1.10 in Redland Residential Care Home. On 26.4.1970, he married Lydia. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Leone, and sons, Neville and Calvin. Mervyn, being a builder by trade, worked for the church in New Guinea, in 1958. He also did extensive building work in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

Neil Peatey

Robb, Sylvia Maude (nee Potter), born 16.7.1915 at Merbein, Vic; died 13.2.10 in AdventCare Whitehorse. On 29.3.1937, she married Robert McCrae Robb, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, lan (Port Macquarie), Jennifer Eales (Montrose, Vic), Dennis (Ferntree Gully) and their spouses Marguerite and Norma; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Sylvia was resourceful, living through wars, recessions and depressions, but through all her struggles she remained a “rock” for her family.

Ken Mead, Tony Campbell

Stafford, William John, born 6.8.1923; died 8.7.09. He was predeceased by his wife Ethel (nee Wicks). He is survived by his children, David ( Martinsville, NSW), Kevin (Carmel) and Bettie ( Martinsville), their spouses; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He served the church at Wahroonga (Division), Townsville (Conference) and Cooranbong (SHF and Avondale College).

Lyell Heise, Lyn Keating

Thornton, Marjorie Joan (nee Kennedy), born 30.4.1921 at Marrickville, NSW; died 21.1.10 in Royal Brisbane Women’s Hospital. In 1944, she married Frank Newland and had five children, two who died at birth. This marriage failed but in the 1970s she joined the Adventist church, had a brain tumour operation and married Harvey Thornton, the love of her life. She is survived by her children and their families, and her sisters. She is greatly missed.

Ernie Krause, Ian Johnston

Wilson, Walter Leslie, born 1.8.1929 at Kew, Vic; died 14.12.09, aged 80 in Warragul. He married Shirley McGrady who predeceased him in 1972. He is survived by his daughter, ZaiGERe; and grandchildren Daisy-Anne, Lawson and Micah, and his remaining siblings Elsie, Fred and George. Walter had a passion for God and for the church, working as a colporter both in Australia and Papua New Guinea, where he also served as a missionary. One of Walter’s greatest loves was Pathfinders. Until sickness beset him, Walter spent his life serving God.

David Butler

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Record wishes to apologise to readers and Sanitarium Nutrition Service for the wrong title on the health feature in the March 20 issue. The title “Can’t get no satisfaction?” should have read “Love and a healthier life—is there a connection?”

Finally

Our trials do not build our character, but reveal it.