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Honiara, Solomon Islands

ADRA Solomon Islands signed the first 21 agreements out of 28 projects to be funded by the European Union. Funding exceeds $US2 million and the projects will target 55 villages in the nine provinces of the Solomon Islands. Completion is scheduled for May 18, 2013.

Six new clinics will be constructed and 12 renovated. Two staff houses and community toilets will be built at each clinic, while solar power will be installed to run a fridge to store vaccines. Lighting and a permanent water supply will also be provided.

Many of the clinics are part of the “Adopt-a-Clinic” program, an initiative of the South Pacific Division. In addition, 37 other villages will receive a permanent water system and awareness training on sanitation, hygiene and general health. Most are on isolated islands and atolls, where people are forced to drink brackish water.

Jones Adventist College (Vella Lavella, Western Province) will receive a new dining hall and kitchen. A further three villages will receive coconut mills to support their economy by making coconut oil.

ADRA Solomon Islands has been provided with two large vessels to transport all the materials and technical support required to complete the projects.

Some villages still require Adopt-a-Clinic partners: Baniata, Viru, Valasi, Mataga, Su'ulopo, Manuopo and Honoa. A partner is also needed for Jones Adventist College.

For more details on these projects contact ADRA Solomon Islands country director Barry Chapman at bchapman@adra.org.sb or the SPD Health Department. – Barry Chapman

Lifestyle program gets a facelift

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Filming for the new CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) resource series began on May 15, and will take six weeks to shoot in both Sydney and selected locations in the United States.

The series will be filmed by the Adventist Media Network, under the direction of Kyle Portbury. The script was prepared following wide consultation with experts in lifestyle medicine, dietitians and behaviour change experts both in Australia and internationally, as well as church health directors and administrators.

CHIP is a lifestyle program that enables participants to achieve effective control and reversal of chronic Western lifestyle diseases using an evidence-based approach, in harmony with the health message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The new CHIP resources will be focused around three themes of lifestyle medicine—the Head, the Hand and the Heart. Each session will consist of 45 minutes of filmed content, which will be supported by local CHIP facilitators who will present the action and reflection component that is necessary for behaviour change. The Hand segment will provide practical information about how to implement these lifestyle changes and will be presented by Dr Darren Morton, an exercise physiologist and senior lecturer at Avondale College.

CHIP provides a unique opportunity for Seventh-day Adventist churches to interact in a very positive way with their community. The updated resources will be released at the CHIP summits—Tui Ridge, NZ, Nov 2-4, 2012 and Avondale College, NSW, Feb 1-2, 2013. See <www.chiphealth.org.au> and <www.chip.org.nz> for more details. — Paul Rankin/Rachel Rankin

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When I was a boy, I had one toy I valued above all others: Action Man. I had the Action Man space suit, deep sea diver kit, jungle explorer outfit, the English and the German army uniforms, a parachute that actually worked, Scots Guards and Grenadier Guards uniforms and the scuba diving set—with bright orange wetsuit, tiny goggles, diving knife, air tanks and flippers. I played endlessly with this most manly of, let’s face it, dolls. I imbued Action Man with all my hopes and dreams for a life of guts and glory.

Now here I am in mid-life; never having been attacked by wild lions, no wartime acts of daring to my name, no skydiving or deep sea diving, no sovereign guarding or space walking. I had a few adventures, granted, but not quite in the vein of my childhood imagination.

When I look back at those wild backyard adventures there is one thing I never imagined Action Man being—a courageously focused on him alone. You could drown in the sadness of those mysterious depths. The disappointment he saw there stung like a whip. The memories of that fateful dinner came flooding back. The Master had predicted this and he, Peter, had argued. He was ready to fight. All that talk had sounded defeatist. Hadn’t Jesus seen the crowds crying “Hosanna?”?

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James Standish is communication director for the South Pacific Division.

In just the last few weeks, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting Valerie Browning, an Australian nurse who married into a nomadic tribe in Ethiopia and has been working with them for decades to improve their health and education. Then there was the “machine gun preacher”, Sam Childers, who, upon accepting Christ, took on the cause of the threatened children of southern Sudan in the most direct manner—by shooting back at the militias trying to abduct them. I’m not sure if the shooting equates to Christ attacking the money-changers or to Peter cutting off an ear, but I do know Sam Childers is credited with saving the lives of more than 5000 vulnerable, precious little children.

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Those eyes. Eyes he had seen burning with fierce anger at the injustice of the world. Eyes he had seen withering with compassion, bursting with kindness. Those eyes had looked upon the wonders of the temple, the sores of the leper, multitudes of the seeking. But now those eyes were focused on him alone. You could drown in the sadness of those mysterious depths. The disappointment he saw there stung like a whip. The memories of that fateful dinner came flooding back. The Master had predicted this and he, Peter, had argued. He was ready to fight. All that talk had sounded defeatist. Hadn’t Jesus seen the crowds crying “Hosanna?”?

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I have denied Christ. I have ignored the Holy Spirit’s call, allowing fear and people’s perceptions of me to get me tied. I have been embarrassed keeping the Sabbath, telling people what I believe. More than that, I have denied His image (my body) through self-gratification, gluttony and low self-esteem. I have put others down, cursed and lost my temper. I have frightened those weaker than myself instead of pointing them to Christ. Whatever I put before Christ, effectively denies Him to the world.

The Master! Peter threw himself into the water and swam to shore. As he worked up the courage to look into those eyes, Jesus spoke. “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Three times He asks the question.

Peter is reminded of his betrayal, his three denials. Is this the price he has to pay? Will Jesus humiliate him? Doesn’t He know how much he loves Him? “You know everything. You know I love you.” “Then feed my sheep.”

Peter looks directly into those eyes. As Jesus speaks, Peter hears of the death he will face to glorify God. But Peter doesn’t care. He knows he has been reinstated. He gets what Jesus is telling him. Stop thinking of yourself and take care of what is Mine. Peter realises with His three questions, Jesus has kept him accountable for his denial, but He has also undone it. Peter squares his shoulders and the old gleam is in his eye. He is back, with new understanding and a new resolution. He is beginning to catch the vision. Jesus says, “Follow Me” (See John 21).

Jesus calls us back from fishing to follow Him again. The shadow of the cross loomed large over Peter that day but it became a symbol of God calling him back. It reenforces me to God, takes away shame and guilt, and releases me to live victorious.

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come . . . Reconciled to God. Made God who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God* (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).
Ministers revitalised during summit

Apo, Samoa

Pastors and their wives came together for a week of sharing, learning and fellowship during a ministerial summit for Samoa and American Samoa in April.

Focusing on the theme “You Divide and God Multiplies”, the summit provided inspiring spiritual, social, personal and group discussions. There were many opportunities for interaction, and emphasis was placed on the role of the pastors to empower the laity through training, delegating and empowering our churches to be training centres.

Leading the team of guest speakers and presenters from the South Pacific Division (SPD) and Trans-Pacific Union (TPUM) Mission were Pastor Nos Terry and Dr David Tasker. Other team members included TPUM youth director, Pastor Maveni Kaufononga; Pastor Mike Sikuri and Marica Tokalau; Pastor Aseri Suka of the Fiji Mission; Dr John Skrzypaszek; and Pastor Brett Townsend.

SPD associate director of Health, Dr Chester Kuma, emphasised healthy principles of diet and nutrition to reduce non-communicable diseases, which are prevalent in the South Pacific today.

“In all, the ministerial summit succeeded to bring the workers together to further revitalise and empower them in their commitment to serve the Master in Samoa,” said Julia Wallwork, communication director of the Samoa Mission.

New website aims to inspire

Wohraonga, New South Wales

A new website launched by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia is aiming to equip and inspire Australians to make a positive impact on the world.

“We still have plenty to go up, but our new blog, profiles of each of our 40 plus international projects, and more resources for churches, schools and individuals have already been popular,” said ADRA Australia communications coordinator Braden Blyde.

“We really want to equip and inspire people to make a difference—our growing online presence is an important part of ADRA’s ministry.”

The new blog will be regularly updated with news, commentary, devotionals and reviews to inspire those passionate about ADRA’s ministry and the cause of social justice. Visit <www.adra.org.au> to check out the new site today.—ADRA Australia

Pacific excited by Project Hope

Suva, Fiji

The Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) plans to distribute more than 200,000 copies of The Great Hope, a condensed, modern English version of The Great Controversy, through Project Hope.

TPUM leaders are excited about the potential impact this distribution will have on their members and the community. “Our people are really hungry for this project,” said TPUM’s chief financial officer Francois Kett.

TPUM hopes to use the books in different ways. For example, Vanuatu Mission is planning to order enough books for each member to have two copies each—one to keep and read, and one to give to a friend. The Fiji Mission is going to set aside a large number of books for Indian outreach, funded by Indian evangelism special funds.

“We are building up our evangelism training and work amongst our members and churches and see this project as heaven-sent to push this forward,” said Fiji Mission general secretary Wame Sausau. “This is the kind of boost we need to stoke the fire under our churches and propel God’s work forward in these times.” Project Hope is part of the Great Controversy project, an initiative of the General Conference to place the Great Controversy book in every home within reach of our members, churches and institutions.—Jonah Stokeloth

News in Brief

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“Journey of Jesus: The Calling” is the world’s first Facebook game based on Christ’s life. The player enters first century Palestine, meets characters involved with the story and follows the gospels unfold. Around 300 million people play social networking games every week.

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Docth evidence

The Iranian government press says that dubious evidence has been presented in court to prove the 1979 murder of a Muslim cleric in the US army.

—Adventist Today

Lifted up

Arthur Blessitt carried a 3.5 metre wooden cross for 44 years, walking through every nation of the world. Now a 5 cm cross, cut from the original, is orbiting Earth on board the second stage of the Falcon 9 spacecraft. The cosmic memorial will remain in space for around a year. —www.blessitt.com

Save our cathedral

Thousands of New Zealanders have rallied in Christchurch to protest the demolition of the landmark Anglican cathedral, which was badly damaged in the 2011 earthquake. But it’s unlikely calls to halt the demolition will be successful, especially after another 5.2 magnitude shock caused further damage to the building. —stuff.co.nz

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Big faith—big screen

Pre-production is underway to make the World War II story of Adventist conscientious objector Desmond Doss into a major Hollywood movie. Walden Media, which produced the World War II films, is bankrolling the project, and Oscar nominee Randall Wallace will direct the film. Doss was a medic in the US army.—Adventist Today

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Young alumna’s challenge to cherish the everyday

Cooranbong, New South Wales

Avondale’s Young Alumna of the Year finds meaning in the routine of the everyday despite a burgeoning career as an artist and speaker.

Since graduating from Avondale College of Higher Education in 2006, Joanna Darby has worked as a teacher and as a lecturer, become a mother, presented exhibitions and spoken at camps, churches, conferences and conventions. She received the Gabe Reynaud Award at the Manifest Creative Arts Festival in 2011 for excellence in using the creative arts for ministry. “But I keep trying to figure out where I am and what exactly it is that I do,” she told staff members and students attending the Alumni and Graduation Forum.

Avondale Alumni Association president, Pastor Des Hills, announced Mrs Darby as the recipient of the award, presented to a member of the association aged 30 and under on the sixth anniversary of their graduation. It recognises commitment to Christian service and dedication to achieving personal goals.

Mrs Darby adapted the biblical account of creation to illustrate how the everyday can obscure these goals. “Let there be washing, Facebook, nappy changes and a cuppa with a friend,” she said. “It’s easy to look somewhere else, sometime else or at someone else. We just want to be on our way, but perhaps all this is the way.”

The message: God is in every day and God is in the everyday. “He doesn’t mind repetition,” said Mrs Darby, referring to days and seasons. “He created it, and it was good.” The challenge: “When we fail to acknowledge the spiritual and the significant and the incredible in the everyday, we risk a sort of death, a death by boredom.” Cherishing the everyday gives life meaning, she added. –Brenton Stacey

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Biggest Grey Nomads camp contributes $20,000 to youth
by Adele Nash

With 580 registered campers from around Australia (along with some from New Zealand), the 2012 Grey Nomads Camp, held from May 4-12, at the North NSW Convention Centre at Stuarts Point, was the biggest to date.

Numbers swelled to more than 650 on each of the Sabbaths of the camp as the grey nomads worshipped together. The oldest attendees were 91, 92 and 93 years old respectively.

The theme of this year’s camp was “Nothing to Fear . . .”, based on Ellen White’s comment, “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teachings in our past history” (Review and Herald, October 12, 1905).

On the first Sabbath, attendees gave more than $A20,000 to the World Changers Bible Project (WCBP), which is an initiative of the South Pacific Division’s (SPD) Youth Ministries Department that aims to see thousands of young people across the SPD equipped with a Bible.

SPD Youth Ministries director, Pastor Nick Kross, said, “I had an amazing experience at the Grey Nomads Camp. The Spirit was there totally in the lives of hundreds of our retired church members. After the video and 10-minute promo, an offering was collected—$A13,415 in notes alone! After I walked out, people came up to me in a line and handed me more pledges and cash.

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Right through lunch, retired pastors and others from all over Australia came up to me with cheques, cash and pledges. There was so much excitement up there and I felt the unity of the Church in a really amazing way. One retiree mentioned he had been saving for an item he was really keen to buy and had finally raised enough, but after the presentation, was convicted to give it all to WCBP.”

The total raised Division-wide for WCBP is now more than $A530,000.

Former associate editor of Adventist Review and Adventist World, Dr Roy Adams, was the keynote speaker for the camp. North NSW (NNSW) Conference general secretary, Pastor Paul Geelan, said, “Dr Adams’ evening programs were both inspiring and challenging. His sermon on the final Sabbath of camp focused on Philippians 3:12, where it talks about pressing on, forgetting about what was in the past. He made an appeal for people who have children who aren’t in the Church anymore to come forward for special prayer. Around three quarters of the tent came forward. It was a real blessing for them to receive that prayer.”

Other guest speakers included Dr Allan Lindsay, who took the 7.30 am daily devotions and spoke about Adventist heritage, and Dr Don Hansen, who conducted morning Bible studies. The music, which was described as a “feast”, was organised by Allan Dalton and Murray Oliver.

Manuel Escórcio performed a special concert on the first Sabbath night of the camp, which was loved by attendees.

During the week, afternoon workshops were held, focused on things like photography, estate planning and computing. The final Sabbath of the camp featured an afternoon MV program run by Pastor Bob Pos-singham before a ‘Grey Nomads Got Talent!’ concert. The concert was hosted by David Woolley, and was greatly appreciated for the enjoyable and fun display of talents it showcased.

NNSW Conference president, Pastor Justin Lawman, said, “The camp’s growth figures are really telling. We started with 238 Grey Nomads in 2009, which grew to 380 in 2010 and 436 in 2011. It’s really exciting to see this, and many of this year’s attendees have gone to every camp so far. The wonderful sense of unity makes it an incredibly happy, stress-free camp. It provides a sense of community for people at that time of life while providing them with a spiritual shot in the arm.”

Adele Nash is editor of NorthPoint for the NNSW Conference.
Not a tame lion

As a teenager I am at the stage of my life where I’m starting to ask questions—What’s my life going to be like?, What do I want to do when I grow up?, What are my beliefs about God?, What’s God like and who is He? Many people think that God’s like a protective bubble—as long as you go through the motions of going to church, reading your Bible and praying, then you’ll go to heaven and nothing bad can ever happen to you. Now I’m not saying that doing that stuff is bad, but I don’t think God’s like that at all.

A quote from the Narnia series really helped me to discover what God is like.

Mr Tumnus: “Don’t worry. We’ll see him again.” Lucy: “When?” Mr Tumnus: “In time. One day he’ll be here and the next he won’t. But you mustn’t press him. After all, he’s not a tame lion.” Lucy: “No... but he is good.”

I’m a huge Narnia fan. I’ve read all the books and watched all the movies, but when I first came across this concept, I didn’t get it—it didn’t make any sense (that’s most likely because I was eight years old at the time, but that’s beside the point). The point is, God’s not tame and He can’t be tamed. You can’t tell God what to do.

I think that sometimes we try to manipulate God into doing what we want Him to do. We tell God to make our lives into a piece of cake and make the people who we don’t like into goldfish. But God is God—He doesn’t do what we want Him to do. He does what He knows is best for us because He loves us. God’s not overly into cake or goldfish, He’s a lot more interested in love in the truest sense and that includes our salvation, which because He loves us. God’s not overly into cake or goldfish, He’s a lot more interested in love in the truest sense and that includes our salvation, which

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I retired in 1992, which was earlier than I had prepared for. However, I believe there was a purpose in doing so. Having some background in fine arts, I decided to make fridge magnets. I painted scenes of the local area on small pieces of wood. On the back of the magnets I pasted a short message: “JESUS loves Me, Do I love JESUS?”

In the 19 years since retiring, I’ve painted more than 7000 magnets and given them away with a silent prayer. The magnets have gone to people we’ve contacted in our travels and at shopping centres and hospitals we’ve visited. I’ve been blessed greatly by this hobby—just to hear the words “thank you” and see smiles on people’s faces.

One evening as my wife, Betty, and I were watching the TV news, the phone rang. We knew the caller from about a year ago, when she’d nursed Betty in hospital for a lengthy period. During that time I’d given this nurse a magnet, which she said was beautiful and put it in her pocket.

The nurse said she’d had a very stressful time these last few months and had been very discouraged. She somehow remembered that there was a piece of wood in her handbag that might help. She rummaged through the bag, found the fringe magnet at the bottom, turned it over and read: “JESUS loves Me, Do I love JESUS?” She said the words hit her like a bolt of lightning. She felt the weight of her troubles fall off her shoulders. “Yes,” she said, “I do love Jesus and I want to be like Him now.”

The woman thanked me several times and said the magnet was now on her fridge to remind her of what Jesus had done for her.—Milton McFarlane

Torpedo tragedy!

We may look at the Seventh-day Adventist Church today with its burgeoning membership around the Pacific, and forget the level of personal sacrifice involved in building it. But we forget those stories at our own collective peril, for it is through them we come to understand how precious the message is that God has entrusted to us.

Mission service in the Pacific has come with an awful price. In the last half of the 20th Century, there were 60 Adventist missionaries and others who perished in mission service. It is thought that more than 60 Adventist national and expatriate missionaries and their dependents have paid the ultimate price in our region since then. The torpedoing of the Montevideo Maru during the heat of World War II and its impact on our community is just one example.

It was December 1941 and all women and children were directed to be evacuated from Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. Within seven months, the Japanese Navy had pushed back the Australian Army, taken over Rabaul, and set up the island of New Britain, and established a base from which to plan the invasion of mainland New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Soon after the Japanese occupied Rabaul, the remaining male missionaries and other expatriates were rounded up and arrested. The Japanese considered prisoners of war a hindrance, having to be guarded and fed. On June 22, 1942, the prisoners held in Rabaul were placed aboard a Japanese cargo ship, the Montevideo Maru. Nine days later, the ship with its human cargo was on its way to Hanan Island in the southern Philippines. The American submarine, the USS Sturgeon, captained by Lt Cdr Wright, pursued the Montevideo Maru and, in the fog of war, confused it with the Japanese destroyer, Rio de Janeiro Maru, Unaware that it was carrying Allied prisoners and civilians, Wright torpedoed and sank the ship before dawn on July 5.

It was the greatest single loss of Australian life in WWII. Among the prisoners of war on this ship were Adventist missionaries, Pastor E M Abbott and Trevor Collett, along with an Adventist government medical assistant, Len Thompson. Pastor E M Abbott was a graduate of the busi- ness course at Avondale and, after various appointments in both Australia and New Zealand, he became superintendent of the New Guinea Mission. He’d delayed his holiday in Australia in order to avoid depleting the field of expatriate pastors during Pastor and Mrs Tutty’s holidays. His location placed him within easy reach of the invading forces when they arrived. When the prisoners were packed onto the Montevideo Maru, he was among them. This courageous, self-sacrificing Christian was only 34.

Trevor Collett was a self-supporting missionary in Papua New Guinea working in the timber industry when war broke out. In the early days of the war, he and his wife found themselves looking after 500 refugees dumped on Emira Island by German raiders. He sailed a mission vessel to get help from the Prime Minister of PNG, Kiriakos Konstantopoulos, in 1942, Collett and Pastor A S Atkins, a leader in the New Guinea Mission, left Emira, with the hope of joining other missionaries to make their escape from the Japanese. But Pastor Atkins came to believe it was his duty to stay at his post. Another factor in his decision to remain behind was his deteriorating health as a result of asthma and his desire not to be a burden on the others trying to get to safety. He encouraged their escape while he continued to work around the clock looking after soldiers desperately ill—particularly with dysentery. Collett, concerned about Atkins’ failing health, chose to remain and help look after him.

On March 13, 1942, Pastor Atkins, totally exhausted, died in the Japanese controlled hospital in Rabaul, two days after the completion of a difficult forced march. At this point Collett attempted to escape, but it was too late. He was captured and became a prisoner of war. Pastor Atkins was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Kokopo, near Rabaul, and not far from the contemporary Sonoma College.

Len Thompson was another Adventist on the Montevideo Maru. Trained at Sydney Sanitarium, he became a medical assistant in the New Guinea Government service and, very much to his credit, continued his work for the local people in the early days of the Japanese occupation, until he too became a prisoner of war.

On Sunday, July 5, the Australian Government is dedicat- ing a Rabaul and Montevideo Maru memorial at the Austral- ian War Memorial in Canberra. This presents a perfect time for us to remember the commitment and sacrifice of those who have gone before; reflect on our present freedom; and, just as importantly, help build on the foundation of their pio- neering efforts.
Was Ellen White Right?

by Dr David Pennington

HAVEN'T YOU GOOGLED ELLEN WHITE? IF YOU HAVE, you've likely found the White Estate and a few other helpful sites—along with sites that attack her credibility, ethics and reliability. The critical sites recycle the usual quotes taken out of context, repeat well-worn character attacks, and focus like lasers on a few snippets taken from her close to 100,000 pages of writing that are, indeed, difficult to understand (what is surprising to any of us who have written and subsequently discovered our words have been misunderstood, is how difficult it is to understand statements there in those thousands and thousands of pages). But what I find most interesting about the attacks—particularly those on her health advice—is how out of date the attacks are. And as medical science advances, more and more of her statements that were used to “prove” her wrong, are actually being confirmed. Ironically, in the way Ellen White’s life is the medical community referred to all communicable diseases, whether they be viruses or bacterial infections, as “germs.” Incorrectly applying modern nomenclature to writings more than a century old, they then allege that Ellen White was wrong, because they think bacteria do not cause cancer. But they are woefully ignorant of the huge amount of recent scientific data unveiling a number of bacteria as likely causes of some of the commonest cancers of our era.

Hence, even if Ellen White’s statements are read to only refer to bacteria, there can still be no doubt she was spot on. Medical science concludes bacteria cause common cancers In 2006, cancer expert, Professor Max Parkin, estimated “Several infectious agents are considered to be causes of cancer in humans... The estimated total of infection-attributable cancer in the year 2002 is 1.9 million cases, or 17.8 per cent of the global cancer burden. The principal agents are the bacterium Helicobacter pylori (5.5 per cent of all cancer), the human papilloma viruses (5.2 per cent), the hepatitis B and C viruses (4.9 per cent), Epstein-Barr virus (5.1 per cent), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) together with the human herpes virus 8 (0.9 per cent). Relatively less important causes of cancer are the schistosomases (0.1 per cent), human T-cell lymphotropic virus type I (0.1 per cent) and the liver flukes (0.2 per cent).” Commenting on this in the highly authoritative journal, Clinical Microbiology, the authors, Chang and Parsonnet, state: “Although this estimate includes viruses and parasites in addition to bacteria, we believe it to be quite conservative, as it is based on only a few well-established causative pathogens. The estimate does not include the many types of cancers reviewed here for which a bacterial etiology is suspected but has not yet been proven definitively.”

Their conclusion? “As cancer continues its climb as the leading cause of death in developed nations, understanding the long-term effects of bacteria has become increasingly important as a possible means of cancer prevention.”

It has been known for some time that bowel cancer, the second-commonest internal cancer in the Western world, has its highest incidence in the United States, Argentina and Australia. It is hardly a coincidence that these three countries are the largest beef-eaters and producers in the world. Even long ago as 1955, a bacterium called Streptococcus bovis was isolated from the faeces of a high proportion of cancer suffering. S. bovis exists in the intestines of beef and dairy cattle, and in excess may cause serious disease in them, such as “bloat”. Whilst evidence of a causal relationship between this bacterium and bowel cancer is still debated, the evidence is building rapidly that S. bovis colonisation of the human intestine transmitted from meat products has an insidious long-term carcinogenic effect.

“A study by Elmerich, et al. in 2000 proposed that S. bovis and antigens from the bacterial cell wall promoted the progression of preneoplastic colonic lesions in rats... Perhaps S. bovis causes chronic inflammation, thereby promoting carcinogenesis, or the bacteria may secrete a metabolite that induces neoplastic change” (Quoted by Westling et al). A research article by Bianc et al concluded: “These data support the hypothesis that colonic bacteria can contribute to cancer development particularly in chronic inflammation/inflammation diseases where bacterial components may interfere with cell function.”

This research has been supported by others in the field. Dr Chang and Upton Fisher in 2003, summarize the accumulating evidence in humans that are now either known or suspected to be caused directly or indirectly by bacteria. These include the following:

1. Gastric (stomach) cancer: more than 60 per cent of all cases are caused by chronic infection with the bacterium Helicobacter pylori. Helicobacter organisms, including H. pylori, are readily found in chicken and meat for human consumption. 1-4

2. Colon cancer: there is a strong association with Streptococcus bovis and some other bacteria. 5

3. Bile duct cancer is associated with chronic infections with Salmonella enterica serovar Typhi and Helicobacter species in many cases. 6

4. Cervical cancer in women is associated with chronic chlamydial trachomatis infection, which may act as a co-carcinogen with the human papilloma virus (HPV). 7

5. Prostate cancer: some cases have been associated with chronic infection of the prostate with Propionibacterium acnes. 8

6. The so-called “MALT” sub-types of lymphomas are often associated with chronic infections with Helicobacter, Chlamydiophila psittaci and Borrelia burgdorferi. Conclusion: Returning to Ellen White’s original description of these causes of cancer, we note that she indicates that the process is slow and insidious. This is in contrast to the rapid and often quickly fatal infections widely understood in her day. She says that “cancerous humours” (ie, something of an infected fluidic nature) would “lay dormant in the system their life-time” before they commenced their “eating, destructive work”. Using slightly different terms, modern science would describe the cancer-causing process as occurring in just the same way.

Moreover, today’s medical research has fully and comprehensively backed up her assertion that “cancerous germs” are a cause of cancer. Is it remarkable that a woman with very little formal education, no medical training and writing over a century ago was able to pinpoint the cause of many cancers? Yes, it is. It is equally remarkable that today, critics continue to blindly ignore the mounting evidence supporting her visionary statements. And even some of us can easily be led to doubt by these ill-informed attacks. Surely the mounds of scientific research that now support her insights should give us pause before falling for the attacks. There are some who remain unconvinced by modern science. Rather than blithely believing, therefore, that she is wrong, we’d be wise to give science a little more time to catch up.

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LETTERS

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS
Danny Bell, WA

David Tomlin’s article (Religious Wars, RECORD, May 5) is both timely and relevant given the state of the world. I see potential for a misapplication, however, in calls for “peace-making” in several articles and feel the need to say that Christ is not all called to create peace.

The peace that the Bible speaks of is mainly that which is experienced internally by one who surrenders to Christ. This peace sustains the Christian through all kinds of emotional and physical turbulence in their lives.

When Jesus said “Blessed are the peacemakers”, He did so when blessing followers who had various strengths and temperaments. Some were “merciful”, some were “persecuted” and some were blessed because they “hungered and thirsted for righteousness”, “suffered persecution” and so forth. Not all Christians are called to be peacemakers. This is evident in the gift lists in Romans, Corinthians and Ephesians where Christ’s followers are to be given a variety of qualities, among which are wisdom, knowledge, exhortation, prophecy and martyrdom.

MILITARY SERVICE
Steve Sleight, NSW

I commend the author of “Religious Wars” (RECORD, May 5) for his engaging idea of “just wars”. The author objects to military service, which he finds as a child of Adventists, there being no provision for Sabbath keeping nor guarantee of the just use of force.

But once admitting the benefits and endorsing just wars, we thereby commit ourselves to an action. We are logically obliged to participate in every sector of military service in just causes.

It is hardly a moral act to claim religious exemption from duty allowing others to become cannon fodder in our place. If a cause is just then it remains just a cause on Sabbath and becomes your Sabbath. After all, it is well to do good on the Sabbath, albeit distasteful. To refrain from doing good allows evil to flourish. No one can guarantee the just use of force. However it may be more justly used if wise people embrace and retain control of it.

Our Lord did not rendi-ate the sword to Peter but a spontaneously violent style of problem solving. Jesus previously instructed His disciples (Luke 22:16) that a sword was needed regarding your cost for Peace. When John the Baptist is approached by soldiers wanting to repent (Luke 3:14) he says nothing about changing career reivers! Jesus becomes complicit in military service by healing a centurion’s servant (Matthew 8:17). Cornelius, also a centuri-on (Acts 10), is the first Gentile to receive the Holy Spirit.

It appears, therefore, that there is a case for wise, responsible, professionally deployed military as a tool against evil and we should be in it!

WARM GLOW
Bruce Price, QLD

I have just finished reading the Papua New Guinea Mission edition of RECORD (March 31) and feel I should drop you a line of thanks for what you are doing.

It was positive, newsy, in-spiring and uplifting. It was so refreshing to read an edition of the RECORD from front to back and put it down with a warm glow in one’s heart, feeling proud to be an Adventist and more determined to support God’s work, which is going forth triumphantly despite all the negative criticisms!

GOD AND THE ARTS?
Wolfgang Stefanf, PhD (Music and Religion, SA)

It was refreshing to see a thoughtful article on the arts by Daniel Reynaud published in RECORD (May 19). However, I respectfully observe that while Dr Reynaud makes some valid points, he is reflecting a particular acceptable art form. It has its roots in Augustine but is by no means a unanimous view of the arts among thoughtful Christians.

The contention that “approaching art from a theo-logica! perspective your cost for Peace” is particularly concerning. How is it that the arts—such a pervasively influential part of contemporary life—are somehow more legitimately understood by reference to purely aesthetic criteria, apart from theology? I thought “God orientation” was an enlightened plumb line for Christian endeavour and thinking (Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10).

The arts are a wonderful gift of God to sinful mortals, but if we are to think about them in a balanced way we must include the discussion of whether such issues as the value-laden nature of artistic style and the nature of human creativity in light of the Fall as well as do more extensive work on the non-verbal arts in Scripture.

Thank you for opening the discussion, but, if we are to engage in it, please make it a truly representative and thorough one.

God can help us adjust to life’s changing circumstances because His immutability gives us stability.

by Casey Wolverton

NOT LONG AGO THE RESIDENTS OF SAMOA were faced with a possible and catastrophic earthquake. However, they did not panic and were able to take appropriate action to ensure that the lives of many were saved. This was a remarkable achievement considering that Samoa is located in a region prone to earthquakes. In fact, Samoa is geologically active and has experienced numerous earthquakes and tsunamis in the past. The residents of Samoa are known for their resilience and ability to adapt to their environment. They have adopted various strategies to mitigate the impact of earthquakes, such as building strong and sturdy structures, creating earthquake-resistant communities, and practicing emergency preparedness. These strategies have helped them to adjust and thrive in the face of their circumstances. This story is a testament to the power of faith and the importance of preparation. May we all learn from the resilience of the people of Samoa and adjust to the challenges that we face with grace and fortitude. 

Change is a natural part of life. But how do we cope with the inevitable changes that life requires? A new law requiring motorists to drive on the opposite side of the road. The road switch was economic, opening the nation to low-cost used cars from left-driving Australia and New Zealand. But the financial benefits weren’t sufficient to quell the concerns of many in the country. The Samoan government, however, decided to lobby the government into reversing the impending law. Churches were packed in the lead up with members praying for protection. The Samoan government did everything it could to minimise the negative consequences of the new law, broadcasting continuous public service announcements from the Prime Minister cautioning people not to drive on the opposite side of the road. However, the Samoan government’s efforts were not enough to prevent a tragic event from occurring. A truck tried to drive on the wrong side of the road, resulting in a head-on collision with a car. The truck driver was killed and several other people were injured. This tragic event underscored the importance of adhering to the new law and the need for the government to take additional measures to prevent similar accidents. The tragedy also highlighted the need for the government to work with the religious community and other stakeholders to address the issue and find a solution that would benefit all. 

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On January 1, 1903, the Sydney Sanitarium opened in Wahroonga with unpretentious but enthusiastic ceremonies even though much of the building was incomplete. Indeed, the weatherboards only had priming paint applied and just a few patient rooms were fully painted and furnished. The third storey accommodated the staff, but it was still without windows. Hessian was on the floor and draped over the door openings.

Before the opening ceremony the first patient arrived by horse-drawn taxi. A storekeeper whose shop was near the Wahroonga railway station had watched as part of 80 acres (32 hectares) of bush and orchard was being turned into “a home of health” or “a sanitarium” to promote “remedial agencies”, including “the simple agencies of nature, such as pure air, pure water, electricity, cleanliness, proper diet, purity of life, suitable exercise, recreation, rest and a firm trust in God.”

Lewis Butler was desperate. A husband and father of six children, he was gravely ill. We wish we knew why he or his family chose to rush to the untried Sanitarium, a partially-built enterprise with no record of success. More than nine decades later the institution would open an emergency department. But this was an emergency at the dawn of the 20th century! When Lewis Butler was admitted for emergency treatment, the attending physician remarked gloomily that it looked as though the San might lose its first patient. But the storekeeper survived. In fact, impressed by the care he received, Butler and his family became Seventh-day Adventists, an experience that was shared by 30 other patients within the next three years. Eventually all of Butler’s children joined the Adventist workforce, as have many of his descendants. It was an encouraging beginning for the mission of the new institution.

Between 1903 and 1928, 224 nurses graduated from the San’s various courses for nurses and nearly 200 others received between two months and two years of training in the institution. The San was not making much money but, with massive help from its nurses, it was making lives.
Shave for slaves
Avondale College student Leathan Fitzpatrick shaved his trademark dreadlocks in March. In doing so, $4000 was raised for survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Inspired by his efforts, Darling Downs Christian School (Qld) chaplain Kate Wolverton also shaved her head, raising another $900. The school’s year 8 girls also got involved, organising their own “crazy hair day” and raising $100. —Adrian Fitzpatrick

Special day for four families
Four children (Darryl, Hannah, Sydney and Tamika) were dedicated at Whyalla church (SA) in February. The ceremony, officiated by Pastor Don Fehlberg, signified the commitment of families to raise their children according to godly precepts. —Grapevine

Ordination of Uili Mauga
Uili Mauga was ordained at Murdoch University, WA, on March 31. Many friends and church members gathered for the ceremony—a testament to the impact Uili has made on people’s lives. During the ordination service, Uili shared how God has led and blessed his life and ministry. Conference president, Pastor Glenn Townend, provided the charge, and Pastor Terry Johnson, who Uili is assisting in the Youth Department, gave the address on the day. —Steve Goods/NewsWest

San staff honoured by Rotary
The Rotary Club of Wahroonga enjoyed breakfast at Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) on May 9, followed by an awards presentation where San staff were honoured. The recipients were Pam Reid, clinical nurse specialist, cardiac theatre, who received the Bill Leventhal (Clinical) Award; and Pride of Workmanship awardees Louise McKenzie, RN and assistant nursing unit manager, women’s health; Alison Sayer, midwife; and Mereani Tokainamena, hospitality supervisor. Rotary president Rob Hamilton presented the awards, which recognise commitment to SAH and the provision of service excellence. —Sydney Adventist Hospital

Housewife superstar turns 95
Tasmanian icon and Devonport church’s most senior member, Majorie Bligh, celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends in April. In nine-and-a-half decades, Majorie has been a homemaker, author, newspaper columnist, commentator, humourist, television personality, gardener and world traveller. She is also a relation of Captain William Bligh of the famed “mutiny on the Bounty”. A biography entitled Housewife Superstar—The Very Best of Marjorie Bligh, written by Danielle Wood, was released last year. —Dean and Diane Way/Tasda

Fighter pilots touch down
In March, a number of fighter pilots touched down in Strathfield. Their landing strip was the hall floor at Sydney Adventist College, NSW. Their planes were not full-sized, of course—they were members of the Strathfield Indoor Flying Club who had come to share their love of model aircrafts. Students were entranced by the demonstration, which included both classic and the latest aircraft models. —J Jackson

Where it all began...
A special Heritage Sabbath was held at North Fitzroy church (Vic) on May 5 to remember the way God began the Adventist Church in Australasia. The full day program included heritage displays, heritage pass-book for kids, historical re-enactments and horse and carriage rides. Many visitors had family connections to Adventist pioneers. —Denis Hankinson/Phyona McMahon

Jesus the focus at hat parade
Instead of wearing rabbit ears or other secular hat options, three young Henderson College (Vic) students decided to represent Jesus at their school’s Easter hat parade in March. Six-year-old Reagan wore a hat depicting the Second Advent, complete with King Jesus and a number of shining angels. Brothers Jack and Noah (7 and 8 years) felt a hat was not enough and dressed in costume as Jesus and Simon of Cyrene. —IntraVic
**ANNIVERSARIES**

Irvine. Victor and Beverly Irvine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on 11.12.11, in Warburton, Vic. Their family, Andrew (Liesa, Sean and Riley) and Maree (Peter and Daniel Watts) organised the event. The couple were married by Pastor M M Stewart on 11.12.1961 in Brisbane Central church. They worked for the Church in Papua New Guinea for nine years and for many years in Australia. They thank God for His many blessings upon their lives.

Morton. Bob and Jean Morton were married 15.4.1962 in Wahroonga church, Wahroonga, NSW. They have two children, Darlene Hector and Leisa Standish, and four grandchildren, Bradley Hector, Michelle Hector, Shea Standish and Skye Standish. Bob and Jean celebrated their 50th anniversary surrounded by three generations of family and friends. Congratulations Bob and Jean!

**WEDDINGS**

Butler–Pitchford. Matthew Barry Butler, son of Barry and Gaye Butler (NSW), and Michelle Anne Pitchford, daughter of Donald and Deanna Pitchford (Springwood, Qld), were married 5.4.12 in Springwood church. It was a magnificent day that saw them begin their new lives together in a way that celebrated God’s continuing leadership in their relationship. The spiritual tone of their wedding was appreciated by all.

Everingham–Loveday. Timothy Everingham, son of Wayne Everingham and Marie Claire Loumean, and Melynda Loveday, daughter of Kelly and Allison Loveday (Springwood, Qld), were married 1.4.12 in a beautiful garden setting at Malilda Homestead.

Gambrill–Morris. Edward (Ted) Gambrill, son of Grant and Betty Gambrill (Corrimalong, NSW) and Jasmin Morris, daughter of Mitchell and Tanya Morris, were married 18.3.12 in Ted’s parents’ home in Martinsville. They were married by their friend, Pastor Wayne French. The couple are living and working in Dubbo.

Hawes–Swart. Stephen Albert Hawes, son of Allan and Arrelda Hawes, and Monique Danielle Swart, daughter of August and Nancy Swart, were married 8.4.12 at The Haven, Nelson church, NZ. Steve, while living on his boat, observed another boat dweller heading somewhere every Sabbath. He discovered the person was going to church and asked if he could come along too. Not only did he discover a church family, but also Monique. Steve and Monique exchanged vows, and committed to grow together as they include God at the centre of their lives. They plan to live in Nelson.

**OBITUARIES**

Allen, Graham Bryce, born 5.12.1944; died 1.4.12 when struck by a car while bike riding. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Louise Smith, (Launceston, Tas) and Scott (Tumbi, NSW); five grandchildren; and his siblings, Malcolm (Moss Vale) and Noreen Devine (Wyongah). Graham loved his Lord and his church, and was an active member of Gosford church. He owned one of the largest commercial building companies on the Central Coast, and was well known and respected in the community. He

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*Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Sunday, June 24, Logan, Qld. Be part of the biggest kids’ triathlon series in the world. Includes: check-in processing; assisting at meeting point; meet and greet; assisting at finish line; numbering; transition marshalling; swim leg marshalling; crowd control; bike leg marshalling; run leg marshalling. Volunteers are expected from 6am to approx 12.30pm. You will get a T-shirt/cap, water bottle, snack bars and backpack, and a free Weet-Bix breakfast. Sanitarium will donate to your church’s Pathfinder Club an amount equal to $25 for every volunteer that turns up and assists on the day. Please contact AVS at <volunteers@adventist.org.au> or phone (02) 9847 3275.*
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attended. The very large attendance at his funeral, and the tributes from community and business leaders, reflected the high regard in which he was held.

Maxion, Malcolm John

Arnold, Patricia, born 8.2.1939 in Ballarat, Vic; died 23.11.2012 in Ballarat. On 6.9.1959, she married Thomas Arnold in Ferntree Gully church. She was pre-deceased by her oldest son, Jim, in 1984. She is survived by her husband, children, Janet and Graeme Berry (Bulwark), Patricia and Dale Eastwood, (Tas), Angela and Lex Mauritz (Melbourne); Leonie and Sam Nicholas (Ararat), Tom and Charissee (Snake Valley), Andy and Melinda (Melbourne); and eight grandchildren. Pat and her husband were founding members of the Giewaka church, Ballarat.

Brian Lawley

Houne, Ronald James, born 21.6.1936 in Millmerran, Qld. On 16.2.1963, he married his wife, Maxine and Christine, and their sister, Olive. Ron left school at 14 and worked at a farm in Warwick. Later he worked on bulldozers, in sawmills and at a sugar mill at Childers. Ron was a faithful church member and served in just about every church office. He loved truck driving and ran the Tunnureala school bus for 25 years. He invested much time in community children and, with Gwen, ran Vacation Bible Schools for 30 years. Ron loved collecting and restoring things. The Millmerran Shire Council purchased his collection and it is now at the Historical Society in Millmerran.

Dovey Venter, Clive John

Irwin, Archibald Leslie (Les), born 24.2.1930 in Brisbane, Qld; died 4.4.1993 in Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital. On 4.4.1953, he married Valda Violet Irwin. He is survived by his wife, Hilda, and his children, Carol Anderson (Hervey Bay), Chris (Brockhampton) and Garry (Brisbane). Les was a theologist in his own right with a self-taught grasp of biblical languages. He sleeps in Jesus awaiting the great reunion.

Joe Webb

Johnson, Arthur, born 21.6.1925 in Toowoomba, Qld; died 13.12.2012 peacefully at Warburton, Vic, after a brave battle with a long, debilitating illness. He is survived by his wife, Sibilla Johnson (Websun); his children and their spouses, Andrew Johnson (Websun), Sonya and Jonathan Moncrieff, Wendy and Jerry Johnson (all of Gippsland); siblings, Kelvin and Frances Johnson (Cairns, Qld); and Elof and Fred Hocking (Blacktown); and grandchildren, Michael, Sarah, Emma and Claire. Arthur worked at Santitum for 33 years as an accountant and manager. He helped to establish Santitum in Papua New Guinea. He served on the local church faithfully as a treasurer for many years.

Wayne Stanley, Doreen Croft

Rob Jeffrey, Murry Thackham

Martin, Alma Wray, born 14.1.1918 in Hawthorn, Vic; died 12.4.2012 in the Avondale Retirement Village, NSW. On 23.12.1936, she married Philip Martin at Moonee Ponds, Vic. She was pre-deceased by her husband in 2008, and her sons, Alec and Desmond. She is survived by her grandchildren, John Martin (Sydney), and her granddaughter Rachel (Canberra), and their sons, Chris, David and Bryan and families. Wray was a loyal wife and a faithful mum who loved her family. She and Philip lived in a number of places while working for Santitum. She loved her Church and awaits the great reunion day.

Adrian Craig, Rex Cobbin

Daryl Martin

Stroe, Michael, born 20.11.1927 in Romania; died 12.2.2012 in Tin Can Bay, Qld. On 27.0.1948, he married Mariana in Melbourne, Vic. He is survived by his wife, Michaela, a loving husband and a faithful member of the Gymia church. He lived a rich life in the love of the Lord, and was a devoted missionary, serving in Romania, Siberia and Hungary, with his last mission to the Ukraine in 2011. Michael was also involved in establishing the Romanian church in Melbourne.

Emanuel Pitarke

Wright, Lesley (née Johnson/Flott), born 14.12.1929 in Yara Junction, Vic; died 15.3.2012 in Mildura, after a sudden illness. She is survived by her children, Felicity Johnson (Aldinga, SA); Carol Parbs (Loxton), Glen Flett (Cairns, Qld); and her siblings, Margaret Clark (Mildura, Vic) and Ken (Westbury). Lesley worked as an assistant for Santitum in Warburton. She trained as an enrolled nurse at Mildura from 1960 and retired in Mildura in 2002.

Luis Bermudez

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