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Collectors for the 2005 Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Appeal with a donor. The appeal raised more than \$A1 million.

ADRA Appeal results top \$A1 million

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Figures just in indicate that the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Appeal for 2005 raised well over the \$A1.2 million mark, indicating that the doorknock is still very much alive and well. ADRA—Australia is attributing the increase to greater confidence of collectors who go to the doors knowing that ADRA is putting more resources into making its name known to the general public.

Raising a total of \$A1,227,708.91 in 2005, ADRA Appeal results are close to \$A56,000 more than in 2004. Gary Christian, the ADRA director for the appeal, believes

more church people are willing to go to the doors and represent the spirit of Christian volunteering to the public.

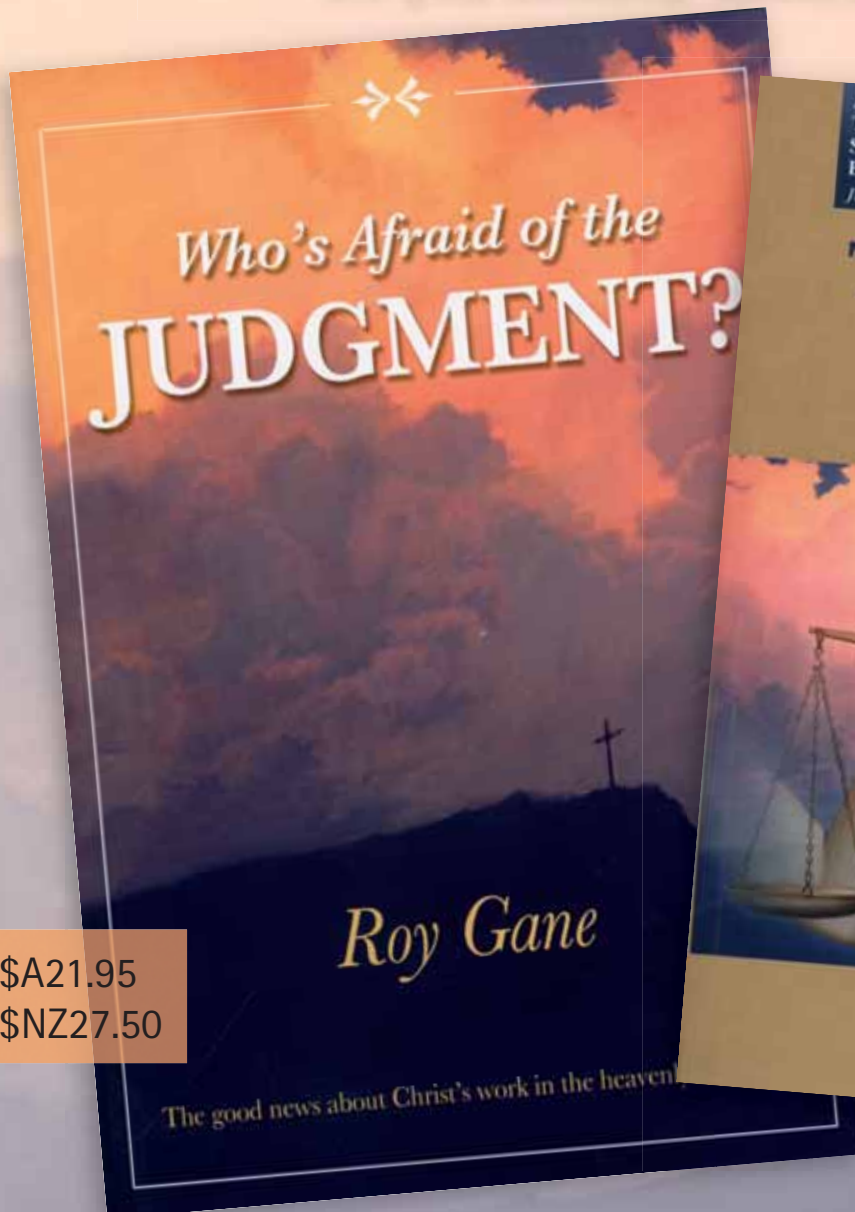
Mr Christian says, “We have asked our church people to carry a message about generosity of spirit to the public. We highlighted the benefits and joys of volunteering in our ‘Lend a hand’ campaign in the media, and church members have embodied the ethic as they have helped us raise funds for our international and national projects.”

He adds, “What is also possibly helping is the recognition that the doorknock part

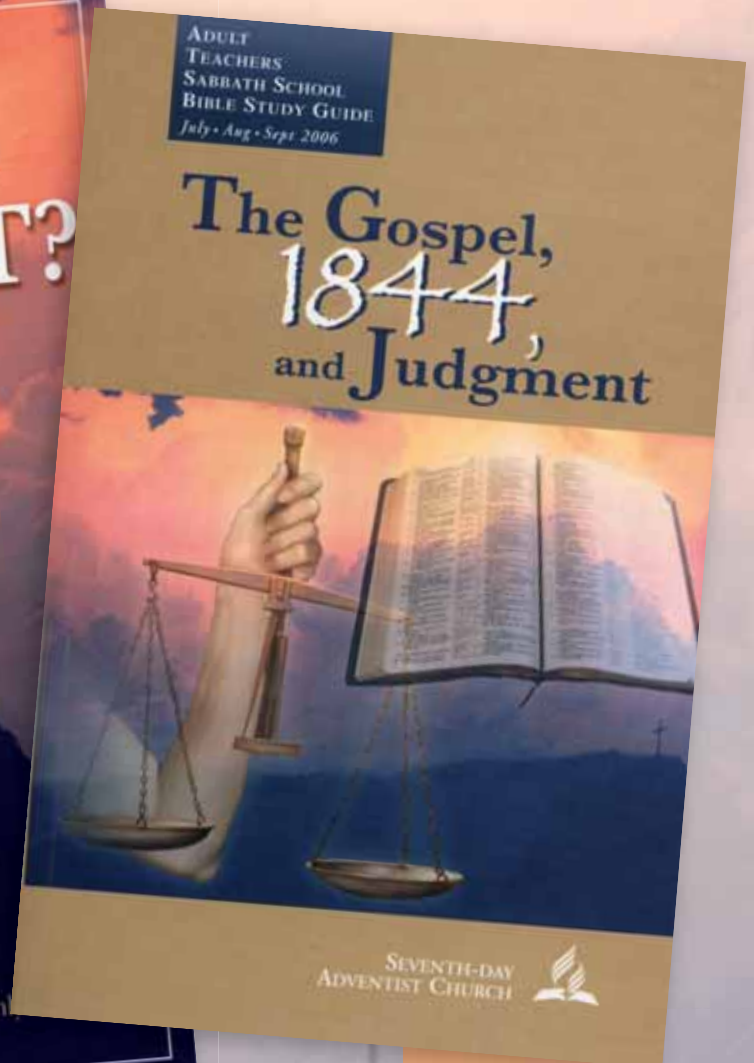
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SAH team opens hearts in Fiji

SUVA, FIJI

It has been an annual tradition for the past 14 years and has seen more than 400 people receive lifesaving operations. This year it saw a 50-member team from the Sydney Adventist Hospital head to Fiji to perform free heart surgery as part of "Operation open heart."

The team arrived on June 17 and concluded surgeries on June 30, with around 30 people receiving the operations, which were performed at Suva's Colonial War Memorial Hospital.

The media relations officer for the Ministry of Health, Iliesa Tora, said, "Approximately 100 children and adults from the three main hospitals in Fiji are screened by visiting cardiologists and their local counterparts to decide which cases are to undergo surgery."

From this number, around 30 are chosen to have the surgery. Unfortunately, not all of those who are screened for heart problems are able to receive the surgery.

Some are also too sick to be operated on and Melanie Windus, director of "Operation open heart," says, "Sixteen children were unsuitable for surgery because they were too sick. If they were overseas, because of the availability of the machines

and expertise, they would have been saved.

"There is no specialised surgeon in Fiji. That is why we have been travelling to Fiji every year for the past 14 years with the main purpose to help and train local doctors as to what open-heart surgery is all about."

In the past, the teams have trained two doctors in Papua New Guinea for the same purpose, and now these doctors perform the surgeries in PNG and join the teams when they visit the Solomon Islands.

Ms Windus says, "All team members of 'Operation open heart' volunteer their time and contribute financially to this worthwhile cause. Most of us are on leave and have volunteered our time and services to the people of Fiji."

Joe Talemaitoga, secretary of the Fiji Mission, says, "The Adventist Church in Fiji has been a partner in this program each year. Our mothers and members of the Adventist Dorcas welfare society have been providing meals for the team of doctors and nurses each day."

Ms Windus says, "*Vinaka vakalevu* to all the Dorcas ladies and local churches who have contributed to the success of the open-heart team's program."—*Cross Roads/Fiji Times/RECORD staff*

MEU Adventists meet with Islamic professors

DOHA, QATAR

A delegation from the Middle East Union (MEU) met with four Islamic studies professors at Qatar University in Doha on May 7 to promote interfaith dialog and a better understanding of each other's beliefs. This was the fourth Doha conference on religious dialogue held at the university.

"I felt a great sense of mutual respect and

friendship during our hour-long meeting," said Alex Elmadjian, communication director for the MEU and a delegate at the meeting.

Pastor Tibor Szilvasi, administrator of the Adventist Church in Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar, added, "There was a genuine sense of brotherhood as we spoke about the urgent need for interfaith dialogue for greater mutual understanding."—*Middle East Union*

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Socceroos have had their Weet-Bix

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

When 26-year-old Australian Soccereroo midfielder Tim Cahill scored two of his team's three eleventh-hour goals during their June 12 World Cup match against Japan, the next-morning's newspaper advertisements heralded "Of course he ate his Weet-Bix!" trumpeting Cahill's endorsement of Australia's number one breakfast cereal. Mr Cahill's goals volleyed the Soccereroos toward their first World Cup success in only their second finals appearance in 32 years.

Win or lose, Mr Cahill says he is thrilled to help rebound Australia's soccer reputation and to be the new face of Weet-Bix. A sponsorship deal between the Soccereroos and Sanitarium Health Food Company (News, April 22) ensures the cereal will be the official breakfast of the team, and Cahill, its face, over the next three years.

"I am proud," Cahill says, "to tell my kids that I am one of the faces in the Weet-Bix advertisements and on over 14 million packs." But his pride comes from well beyond mere publicity, as he starts his day with five Weet-Bix.

Prior to flying out to Germany, Sanitarium hosted a farewell breakfast for the team and anyone wishing to attend, where the team signed autographs and spoke about their World Cup dreams.—*ANN/Jaemes Tipple*



Tim Cahill with one of the Soccereroos' younger fans at the Sydney farewell for the team.



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Sydney church plant to benefit from world offerings

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The “Fountain in the city” church plant in the centre of Sydney is benefiting from the 2005 General Conference worldwide offering that was directed toward the big cities of the world. Global Mission operations director Homer Trecartin recently announced that of the \$US1.48 million collected for the “Hope for big cities” project last year, the South Pacific Division (SPD) would receive \$US109,194. This will mean an injection of approximately \$A145,000 for the “Fountain in the city” project from the offering.

A previous offering collected in 2004 raised \$A90,647 for the Sydney project. This, together with moneys from Global Mission, the Australian Union Conference and the Greater Sydney Conference has enabled the new church plant in the CBD to proceed, and with two baptisms already conducted the new company is continuing to grow.

Altogether, the SPD raised \$A230,000 from the “Hope for big cities” offerings.

Other cities around the world to benefit from the offerings include: Mexico City, Tokyo, Johannesburg, Buenos Aires, Lon-



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don, Bangkok, Montreal, Moscow and Addis Ababa.

“We can be confident that the offerings we give to support the mission of the church are directed to the biggest challenges that we face in fulfilling the gospel commission,” says Pastor Ray Coombe, director of Adventist mission for the SPD. “On behalf of the Greater Sydney Conference, thank you for supporting the ‘Hope for big cities’ offerings. They are certainly making an impact in this, our largest city!”—**Ray Coombe/RECORD staff**

ADRA Appeal results top \$A1 million

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of the appeal is not as difficult as it once was. The public now is no longer so denominationally focused, and is happy to give to a charity that can demonstrate it is meeting real needs. Recent surveys of donor preferences have also shown doorknocks are far more popular with givers than other types of charity appeals, and perhaps this is showing up in the figures.”

There has also been an increase in alternative fundraising methods for those who find it difficult to go on the doorknock.

“A number of churches are using well-organised walkathons or runathons to raise significant amounts of money,” says Mr Christian. “One church in New Zealand has raised as much as \$NZ15,000 during a single event. An increased number of churches are using market stalls to sell items to raise funds for the appeal.”

\$A750,000 of ADRA Appeal funds collected in Australia will be used to support international programs, and the remaining \$A478,000 will support ADRA’s national program. This means that 39 per cent of ADRA funds are used within Australia, up from the 25 per cent of appeal funds that was designated for homeland programs in the 1990s.—**RECORD staff**



◆ **New Start Gardens** is a vegetable garden administered jointly by ADRA–New Zealand and the local Adventist community in **New Plymouth**. The garden is used as a source of fresh garden produce to donate to the community and as a place to give horticultural **work experience** for those referred from the government employment agency. Currently, 12 paid participants are learning practical

skills—from driving a tractor to chainsaw use. About 80 per cent find jobs after their six-month term. Every week some **50 food parcels** of vegetables harvested from the gardens and bread donated by local businesses are distributed by volunteers to residents of New Plymouth.—**Jenny Rielly**

◆ In a simple ceremony recently the **Nunawading Christian**



College, Vic, Year 12s received the **unique school ties** they had designed over the past few months. They are a symbol of their status as the seniors of the college.—**Jacques Calais**

◆ On April 7, Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), California, USA, unveiled a state-of-the-art **mobile telemedicine vehicle** (MTV) for disaster and emergency response. The MTV is designed to bring the expertise of a critical-care centre to patients cut off from access to hospital or medical care. Once at the scene, the MTV



can relay medical information, such as X-rays, vital statistics and live video, to LLUMC via a **satellite system** that isn’t dependent on land-based communications. The MTV has a **range of 1600 kilometres**, can run its generator for up to four days nonstop and houses a smaller all-terrain vehicle inside.—**Preston Smith**

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ JULY 22—MEDIA EVANGELISM OFFERING ◆ JULY 29—SIGNS RALLY DAY

Just war or just war?

COLIN JOB, VIC

The writer of “A ‘redneck’ gospel?” (Letters, June 17) is appalled by the idea of a just war and he praises the virtues of non-violence. He mentions Ghandi and Martin Luther King as examples of how nonviolence can overcome disputes. How would a nonviolent protest go in Iraq today? I am not in favour of war, but how do you stop the murderous terrorism of Iraq and Afghanistan from growing?

Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:36) to buy a sword, not for attack but for protection. In Luke 21:21, Jesus advised that in the time of trouble His people should flee to the hills. Jesus makes no mention of conscientious objection or nonviolent peace rallies in these statements; simply protection and common sense.

Evil cannot prevail. Although some wars are just, war is never good and causes great harm. The Bible states there was a just war in heaven (see Revelation 12:7). Look at the great harm it has caused, and is still causing, the earth (see Revelation 12:12).

An exasperated woman

NAME SUPPLIED

Having just read “Touch a heart” (Editorial, June 10), I am so sick and tired of hearing about women’s ministries. It seems almost every RECORD has something about women’s ministries. I have always understood that in Christ there is no “gender, race or status.” It is not whether you are a woman or a man that matters, but who you are. I have never felt I was lacking in leadership opportunities or been discriminated against in any way. I was taught that God made all equal and it is up to us to access opportunities.

Church should be family oriented and this means that all—men, women and children—should have equal attention. I do understand that in some countries there is a need for women’s ministries. But in places such as Australia and New Zealand shouldn’t we just get on with the job?

A worthwhile agenda


DIANNE DAVIES, WA

After reading “No agenda” (Feature, June 17), and as a parent whose daughter is about to embark on her fifth STORM Co trip, I thought I would write a short comment. In Western Australia, Pathfinders of 12 or 13 get to go on a STORM Co trip. To get to their destination they endure a long bus ride, then for the next nine days they live in a school classroom without any of the conveniences of home. So if these kids come back and say that doing the Kids Club was fun, as a parent, I would praise them.

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Kids corner




Hi Kids,
This week we will be looking at King Asa and his army. King Asa ruled peacefully for many years, but he still had a large army.
Read about it in 2 Chronicles 14:8
RR

Fill in the Blanks

“And Asa had an _____ of three hundred from Judah who carried _____ and _____, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty _____ men who carried _____ and drew _____: all these were _____ men of valour.”
2 Chronicles 14:8 NKJV

Read

If you read the rest of chapter 14 in 2 Chronicles you will discover how King Asa’s army defeated their enemy even though they were outnumbered.



Colour in

Colour in the picture of these two soldiers from the army of King Asa.

Peta Taylor

Weddings

Dawes—Kinghorn. Joel Dawes, son of Glenn and Lynette Dawes (Tumbi Umbi, NSW), and Kelly Kinghorn, daughter of David and Denise Kinghorn (Central Coast), were married on 30.10.05 at Soldiers Beach, Central Coast.

David McKibben

Hahnel—Wareham. Nigel Paul Hahnel, son of Dennis and Paula Hahnel (Perth, WA), and Jenny Sherene Ann Wareham, daughter of Robert and Ann Wareham (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 26.3.06 at Redgate Wines, Margaret River, WA.

Anthony MacPherson

Lewis—Fasavalu. Tupou Sione Lewis, son of Sione and Sarona Lewis (Buipaa, Apia, Samoa), and Taema Rosie Pule Fasavalu, daughter of Faaigua and Fasavalu Salesulu (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 21.5.06 in Brisbane.

Sioutu Okesene

Modernel—Oreo. Andrew Andrade Modernel, son of George and Joanne Modernel (Quakers Hill, NSW), and Jennifer Oreo, daughter of Robert and Gina Oreo (Sydney), were married on 11.6.06 in the Parramatta Adventist church.

Roger Govender

Schuster—Limu. James Russel Schuster, son of Dan and Fofoa Schuster (Deception Bay, Qld), and Angel Aiulu Limu, daughter of Aitofele and Aoga Limu (Scarborough), were married on 11.6.06 at Sandgate Adventist church, Brisbane.

Mike Brounhill

Tonkin—Glaskin. Daniel Anthony Tonkin, son of Raymond and Helen Tonkin (Perth, WA), and Joni Glaskin, daughter of Derek Glaskin (Hawaii) and Toni Jones (Busselton, WA), were married on 7.5.06 in the Livingstone Adventist church.

Anthony MacPherson

Obituaries

Adderton, George William, born 11.9.1913 in Hobart, Tas; died 26.5.06 at Victor Harbour, SA. On 23.1.46 he married Iris (nee Scragg). He is survived by his wife (Victor Harbour); his sons, David (Adelaide, SA) and Gary (Hobart, Tas); his six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. George lived a life of service to others, serving 17 years in the medical corp of Australian Defence Forces, five of which were in active service for which he received a British Empire Medal; and three-and-a-half of which he was a prisoner of war. Later he gave 10 years of volunteer work to ADRA, working in Nepal. He now peacefully waits for Jesus to return.

Allan Croft

Hill, John Frank, born 6.11.1943 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 12.5.06 in Mater Adult Hospital, Brisbane. On 4.1.89 he married Jan. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Craig and David; and his sister, Valerie Voigtlander (all of Brisbane). John raised finance for charitable organisations by going on walkathons. He supported ADRA, Red Cross, and gave blood to the Blood Bank. Although he never attended church worship services, he enjoyed Bible studies and had a close walk with the Lord. He had a joyful, happy disposition, and would laugh and joke even when suffering greatly. He will be greatly missed.

Miroslav Stiljinovic, Ray Fraser

Kent, Joan Loveina (nee Gisler), born 23.6.1936 in Brisbane, Qld; died 25.5.06 at her home, "Kentara," Fernleigh, NSW. On 10.7.56 she married Tom. She is survived by her husband (Fernleigh); her children and their spouses, Phillip and Wendy (Toowoomba, Qld), Sharlene and Mark Goltz (Alstonville, NSW), Kylie and Loren Fairall (Ormeau, Qld), and Brendan and Jodie (Byron Bay, NSW); her sister and brother-in-law, Judith and John Fulcher; her 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Joan was a passionate person, loving and living for her family, friends and community. She exhibited an exceptional gift in the field of creative arts and needlework, gaining a distinction when studying for her Advanced Commercial Certificate in Needlework.

Beth McMurtry, Robert Hansford

Montgomery, Stanley James, born 27.7.1919 at Johannesburg, South Africa; died 25.5.06 in Mosman Park Nursing Home, Perth, WA. On 9.2.46 he married Olive Waugh; then later he married Vera Pollard, who predeceased him in 2001. He is survived by his children to his first marriage, Brent, Jan Broadbent and Tony (all in NZ). Stan lived first in New Zealand, then in Western Australia, where he joined the Adventist Church. He was a keen gardener and sold vegetables to raise funds for the work of the Lord in Corrigin.

Robert Kingdon

Van Bree, Peggy Daphne Margaret, born 24.10.1920 at Tunbridge Wells, London, England; died 25.5.06 in Christchurch, NZ. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Beau and June, Wendy and Adrian, Gabrielle and Peter, and Trilby and Colin; her 13 grandchildren, but like a mother to David. Peggy became a Seventh-day Adventist through the influence of "the Bible lady", Renee Stanton, and a member of the Aranui church, Christchurch.

Stew Presnall, Ben Rea

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Finally

Man thinks of himself as a creator instead of a user, and this delusion is robbing him not only of his natural heritage, but perhaps of his future.—Helen Hoover