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Kwailabesi clinic in Vanuatu, before (inset) and after (large photo) renovations conducted as part of the "Adopt-A-Clinic" program.

Seven clinics complete under "Adopt-A-Clinic"

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Since the commencement of the South Pacific Division's (SPD) "Adopt-A-Clinic" initiative in 2007, work has been completed on seven clinics. All clinics in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands have also received much-needed equipment, such as medical instruments, linen, mattresses and beds.

According to Dr Chester Kuma, associate director of Adventist Health Ministries for the SPD, clinics in Papua New Guinea (PNG) will be receiving the same help in the coming weeks. He says, "So far, seven clinics have also received a boat and outboard motor, which is already hav-

ing a significant impact on the delivery of health services to those living in isolated communities."

The Kapi clinic in PNG, Aore clinic in Vanuatu and Kukudu, Biluro, Kwailebesi, Sulopo and Sango clinics in the Solomon Islands have been completed. Work is currently underway on two clinics—one in Port Resolution, Vanuatu, and Dovele, Solomon Islands—with further work to commence in a number of other locations in coming months.

There are still a further 34 clinics where work is yet to commence, 21 located in PNG.

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Seven clinics complete under “Adopt-a-Clinic”

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“Adopt-A-Clinic” grew from an idea from the Hillview Adventist church, located on the central coast of New South Wales, involving work at Kukudu in the western Solomons. The SPD’s Adventist Health Ministries also noted a need for improvements to be made to almost all of the 54 clinics in the division, ultimately leading to the launch of the program. “What the clinics had in common was the poor state of the buildings and lack of basic equipment,” notes Dr Kuma.

Requests were sent out to local churches in Australia and New Zealand to adopt a clinic of their choice, with the goal of the churches contributing toward improving and maintaining clinic facilities. Dr Kuma says, “Each clinic not only provides health and welfare services but also acts as a Christian witness, enabling patients to know Jesus and experience true healing.”

Dr Kuma believes the work conducted by the clinics is a “powerful and positive” way in which a growing awareness of the Adventist Church is being developed.

Representatives from the governments in PNG, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands have also expressed their appreciation for the “Adopt-A-Clinic” initiative.

Dr Kuma says, “Rural health clinics in the South Pacific played a significant role in the spread of the gospel in the early days of our church. Through these humble establishments, the light of truth penetrated heathenism and helped in the advancement of the gospel in many previously-unentered areas.

“Our 54 clinics and one hospital in the South Pacific continue to perform this important work, providing essential basic health services to thousands of people every year. Great and wonderful things are happening and lives are being changed as a direct result of the support, prayers and commitment of church members around this division. We would like to thank all for taking part—local churches, families and individual members throughout Australia and New Zealand. Please know your partnership in this work is greatly appreciated and we hope you continue to support this cause.”—**RECORD staff/Chester Kuma**

Fire temporarily closes nursing faculty

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

An electrical fire at Sydney Adventist Hospital closed Avondale College’s Faculty of Nursing and Health for more than three days in late March. The fire began in a switchboard a floor above Lecture Room 3 at about 4.30 pm on March 26. Eight fire crews attended the fire and it was contained to the one room.

An evacuation of the building affected classes—level-five students took equip-

ment outside to continue their clinical assessment. The faculty cancelled level-one classes and rescheduled the clinical assessment on Friday. Level-three students, who are currently completing their clinical, helped evacuate patients in the hospital.

A number of patients were also evacuated but were able to return when the blaze was contained. The nursing faculty reopened on the following Monday morning with no damage to property.—**Brenton Stacey/The Age**

Vanuatu sees progress for clinics

PORT VILA, VANUATU

Joses Seth, director of Adventist Health Ministries for the Vanuatu Mission, has reported senior officials in the Vanuatu government’s ministry of health have expressed a desire to see the upgrade of the clinic run by the church in Aore to become a community health centre. Preliminary discussions are already underway and will likely result in a viability study being conducted into the idea.

The Adventist Church operates six clinics in Vanuatu in conjunction with the Vanuatu government. They are located at Aore, Middle Bush on Santo, Port Quimi on Eni, Vandue on North Ambae, Middle Bush and Port Resolution on Tanna. These have recently been upgraded as part of the “Adopt-A-Clinic” program being conducted by the South Pacific Division.

A container of medical supplies sent by the Sydney Adventist Hospital has recently been distributed to the clinics, according to Pastor Damien Rice, general secretary of the mission.

The shipment included hospital beds, medical supplies, wheelchairs, walking frames, medical clothing and bedding.

Rennie Ngwele, associate director of Adventist Health Ministries for the mission, recently met with the nurse in charge of the Port Quimi and says, “She is so happy and excited after all her prayers have been answered with the delivery of the equipment.”—**RECORD staff/Damien Rice**



Unloading the container of medical supplies.



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Tryathlon series sets records in NZ, Australia

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

The New Zealand Weet-Bix Tryathlon series has drawn to a close for 2009—after attracting a record-breaking 18,959 participants across the 11 events. At the final event, held at New Plymouth on April 3, New Zealand's prime minister, John Key, announced that the event had set a new world record for a children's triathlon.

"Getting Kiwi kids active and involved in sport is a long-term investment in New Zealand," said Mr Key. "It has been fantastic to meet the children taking part in this record-breaking and iconic event."

Mr Key described the Weet-Bix Tryathlon as "hugely" important in getting young children involved and active, and said it was something the government was committed to for the future. "In fact, our commitment is only matched by their [the children's] enthusiasm," he said.

With eight events in the north island and three in the south island, all Tryathlon events in New Zealand were well-attended by high-profile celebrity athletes, including players from the All Blacks and triathlete Hamish Carter (an Olympic gold medalist), who support and encourage participants.

"We have come to the end of what I believe has been our most successful

Weet-Bix Tryathlon series yet, and the iconic status of our Tryathlon has been further enhanced," said Pierre van Heerden, general manager of Sanitarium in New Zealand.

Across the Tasman, the Australian Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRY-athlon enjoyed a similarly high response, with a record 13,351 children registered across the seven events—the largest total in the Australian series' 11-year history.

"That's more than 13,000 Aussie kids dreaming, training, trying and being champions—and, in the process, discovering how fun an active lifestyle can be. No other Sanitarium activity brings us into face-to-face contact with the community on this scale," said Julie Praestiin, corporate communications manager for Sanitarium.

David Martin, event activation manager for the TRY-athlon, says, "We have had record numbers of kids registering in Sydney and Adelaide, with a growth of 25 per cent in Perth. Melbourne registrations slowed—understandably, following Black Saturday—but registrations were approximately equal to last year."



New Zealand prime minister John Key presents a medal to a Weet-Bix Tryathlon participant. All children who take part in the Tryathlon series receive a medal.

Record numbers were also recorded in Geelong and Canberra. The Sydney event, which was the first in the series, saw almost 2800 children swim, ride and run their way around the course. Mr Martin says the size of the Brisbane venue was the only limit to a greater number of children participating there.

Mr Martin adds, "The key message regarding kids needing to be more active is getting through and we're delighted so many children are participating."—*Sharyn Brady/Sanco News*

More @ <<http://tryathlon.weetbix.co.nz>> or <www.weetbix.com.au/tryathlon>.

◆ **Northpoint church, Vic**, took a different approach to reaching their community this Easter. Members ran four



"Easter egg hunts" in various communities in western Melbourne, with more than 100 children and their parents attending. Ten contacts were made with people interested in making friends, having just shifted into the area, while three people expressed interest in attending church. Northpoint members, with the assistance of two bus loads of youth from the Vic

Youth "Tune In" Easter camp, also home delivered more than 1000 bundles of Easter eggs throughout the community, along with

a "connect" card explaining that Easter is a time of new beginnings. "It's about breaking down walls, building bridges and showing the community you care about them," says associate pastor **Greg Pratt**. —*RECORD staff/Greg Pratt*

◆ **North West Christian School (Tas)** students and staff recently had a visit from **Royce Mon-**



cur, who entertains students in a fun science show with lots of visual activities and surprises. There is strong educational content in the show, with students gaining "hands-on experience," to help them remember it. Each year, the content of the show is different. This year's theme is the **International Year of Astronomy**. —*Natalie Winchcombe*

◆ Students at **Longburn Adventist College, NZ**, celebrated **International Week** in late March, by learning a "greeting of the day," eating various international foods and having a day for people to dress up. Students got involved and appreciated sharing different cultures with their peers. —*Julene Deurksen-Kapao*



Parenting wisdom

JULIE WESLAKE, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

Thank you for the informative article "Where did we go wrong?" (Feature, April 25). I really appreciated sharing the great ideas for parenting a teenager. I endorse the point that parents need to start parenting before a child is born. Parents need to have a vision for what they would like their child to be like by the time the child reaches 18, then have a plan that starts early to ensure it happens. The spiritual development of children is even more important than their physical, mental and social, as it influences the formation of lifelong beliefs, habits and values. We have a choice to either have our children's worldview, based on God and His word, or the world. Be intentional and strategic or, as the author explains, "by the time our children are teenagers, it's nearly too late."

Why not "begotten"?

BETTY WHITEOAK, NSW

Reflecting on "Jesus—the One and Only!" (part of "Worshipping Jesus—the 'eternally blessed God,'" Feature, March 21), we all know Jesus is equal with God (see John 1:1-3), the second part of the Godhead and the Creator, yet He was also truly Man (see Philippians 2:5-8). But what is the problem with Jesus being "the only begotten son," as stated in the King James Version?

A similar example is found in Hebrews 11:17, 18, which says, "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, 'In Isaac your seed shall be called' (NKJV). Note the comma at the end of verse 17. Despite the fact that Abraham has other sons, Isaac was the only one of his begotten sons who was heir to the promise to his father. Adam, too, was called a son of God, as are all devoted children of God (see 1 John 3:1). But only One can be called "the only begotten son of God."

When we look at the annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary in Luke 1:35, we read, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God" (NKJV). So isn't Jesus literally the only begotten son of God?

The article suggested that this language "presupposes a mother with whom the Father God has intercourse." But if we accept the Holy Spirit as an equal part of the Godhead, could not this description suggest a moment at which the Son was "begotten." I'm sorry to sound indelicate but the words in Luke seem to infer that.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were all part of the mystery of the incarnation. We cannot know how but we can believe. And I never cease to be filled with wonder at God's extravagant love for us.

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Record Roo



Hi kids!
God had saved the Israelites from the Egyptians by parting the Red Sea. What would He do for them when they were thirsty and hungry?

Bible Text

Then _____ led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the _____ of Shur. For _____ days they _____ in the desert without finding _____. Exodus 15:22 NIV

They eventually found water but it wasn't fit to drink. The water was bitter. What was the name of the place of bitter water? Write down every third letter to find out.

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Spot the Difference



The Israelites needed food. So God provided a miracle - bread from heaven! Can you spot **10 differences** between the two pictures of the Israelite woman collecting manna?

Colour In

Colour in the pictures of the woman and her basket of manna.



Answers: 1. Hairband is black, 2. Neckline a different shape, 3. Manna mark missing, 4. Belt tassel shorter, 5. Piece of manna missing in hand, 6. Piece of manna missing in basket, 7. Piece of manna closer to the next, 8. Mark on hat missing, 9. Second shoe missing, 10. Extra piece of manna close to basket.

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thony; and his brothers, Ljuba and Mirko. Branislav went to his rest with the assurance of the Resurrection and full confidence in God's grace. He was baptised on 11.11.08 in a spa bath at his home, even though he was extremely ill. He embraced the truth as it is in Jesus with vigour of heart and mind, and now rests waiting for Jesus.

Radomir Stojnja, Rein Muhlberg

Rampton, Pastor Howard F, born 1.9.1923 at Dannevirke, NNZ, to Pastor Frank and Florence Rampton; died 8.1.09 in Florida, US. He graduated from Avondale Missionary College in 1944, and colported in Western Victoria for a year until he was picked up by an evangelistic team working in Melbourne. On 20.12.1945, he married his college sweetheart, Barbara Winch, who predeceased him on 9.7.07. He is survived by his brother, Cecil (Goulburn, Vic); his three sisters, Ruby Harker (Victoria Point, Qld), Olivine Cuso (Fairy Meadow, NSW) and Coral Grogan (Ocean Shores, Qld); his twin sons, Pastor Colin Rampton (Naples, Florida, US) and Pastor Peter Rampton (Semi Valley California); and his three grandchildren. He was ordained in 1951 and began pastoring in Moe, Vic. He pastored in Tasmania and South Australia before being called to WA as the Sabbath school and Lay Activities director. Three years later, he was called to the Australasian Division as the Sabbath school director, a position he held for 8 years. In 1970, Howard was invited to join the General Conference Sabbath school department of the world church. In this position, he visited each of the 12 divisions, strengthening and building up the Sabbath school work. He retired in 1985 but continued to pastor a small church in Leicester, North Carolina, for the next 7 years. He now rests from his labours awaiting the call of His Saviour on the great resurrection morning after living a rich and rewarding life.

Colin Rampton

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Appreciation

Smith, Colin. Marguerite Smith and her family, Maureen and Stephen Rose, and Debra and Tony Little wish to express their appreciation and thanks for all the love and support they received following the death of their husband and father, Colin Smith.

Weddings

Easterbrook—Bjazevich. Damian Easterbrook, son of George (deceased) and Cheryl Easterbrook (Marrara, NT), and Regina Bjazevich, daughter of Ivan (deceased) and Penny Bjazevich (Gold Coast, Qld), were married on 12.4.09 in the RSL Gardens, Currumbin.

Keith Grolimund, R Posingham

Hardy—Wiese. Victor Stanley Hardy, son of David and Rosalind Hardy (Geelong, Vic), and Rachel Frances Wiese, daughter of Lionel Wiese and Ruth Smith (Geelong), were married on the 19.04.09 in Geelong church.

John O'Malley

Mrozowski—Liemar. Robin Keven Mrozowski, son of Leszek and Honorata Mrozowski (Adelaide, SA), and Lana Liemar, daughter of William Liemar and Angelina Liemar (Adelaide), were married on 14.4.09 in College Park church, Adelaide.

Wolfgang Stefani

Muchondo—Mbonimpa. Gamaliel Muchondo, son of Aaron and Elizabeth Muchondo (Democratic Republic of Congo), and Anike Mbonimpa, daughter of Patrice and Maria Ndikumana (DRC), were married on 14.3.09 in Adelaide City church, Adelaide.

Wolfgang Stefani

Obituaries

Dunlop, Winston Cambell, born 3.3.1930 at Subiaco, WA; died 22.6.08 at Cooranbong, NSW. Winston married Patricia Burrige and had two daughters, Jennifer and Roslyn. Winston truly lived a life of service to his family and church. He served as a teacher at numerous Adventist schools, principal of Hamilton SDA school, Dean of Faculty of economics at Newcastle Uni, head of Business at PAU and served on Avondale's board of Governors. Always characterised by humility and grace, Winston will be deeply missed by his wife, family and church.

Justin Lauwan, Aaron Jeffries

Fagan, Stephen, born 25.8.1914 at Mona Mona Mission, NQld; died 21.1.09 at Mt Kooyong. Stephen was the first child born on Mona Mona Mission. He married Mona Donald at Mona Mona on 27.7.1933, and they lived at Mona Mona until 1958, when they relocated to Oak Forest, via Kuranda. Steven was a faithful, loyal member and devoted his life to the church. He was recognised as the first child born on Mona Mona but understood this only to highlight his dedication to the church and instil these religious beliefs and principles in all of his seven children and, subsequently, to their children. He is survived by approximately 24 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren (and still counting). Throughout his life, Stephen always maintained his cultural connections and identity, and passed his knowledge and skills of making Bama artifacts on to his family.

Frank J Gorry

Radic, Branislav (Bruno), born 26.7.50 in Belgrade, Serbia; died 29.3.09 at home in Beaumont Hills, NSW. He is survived by his wife Nedeljka (Nena); his son, Zoran; his daughter, Snezana; his grandson, An-

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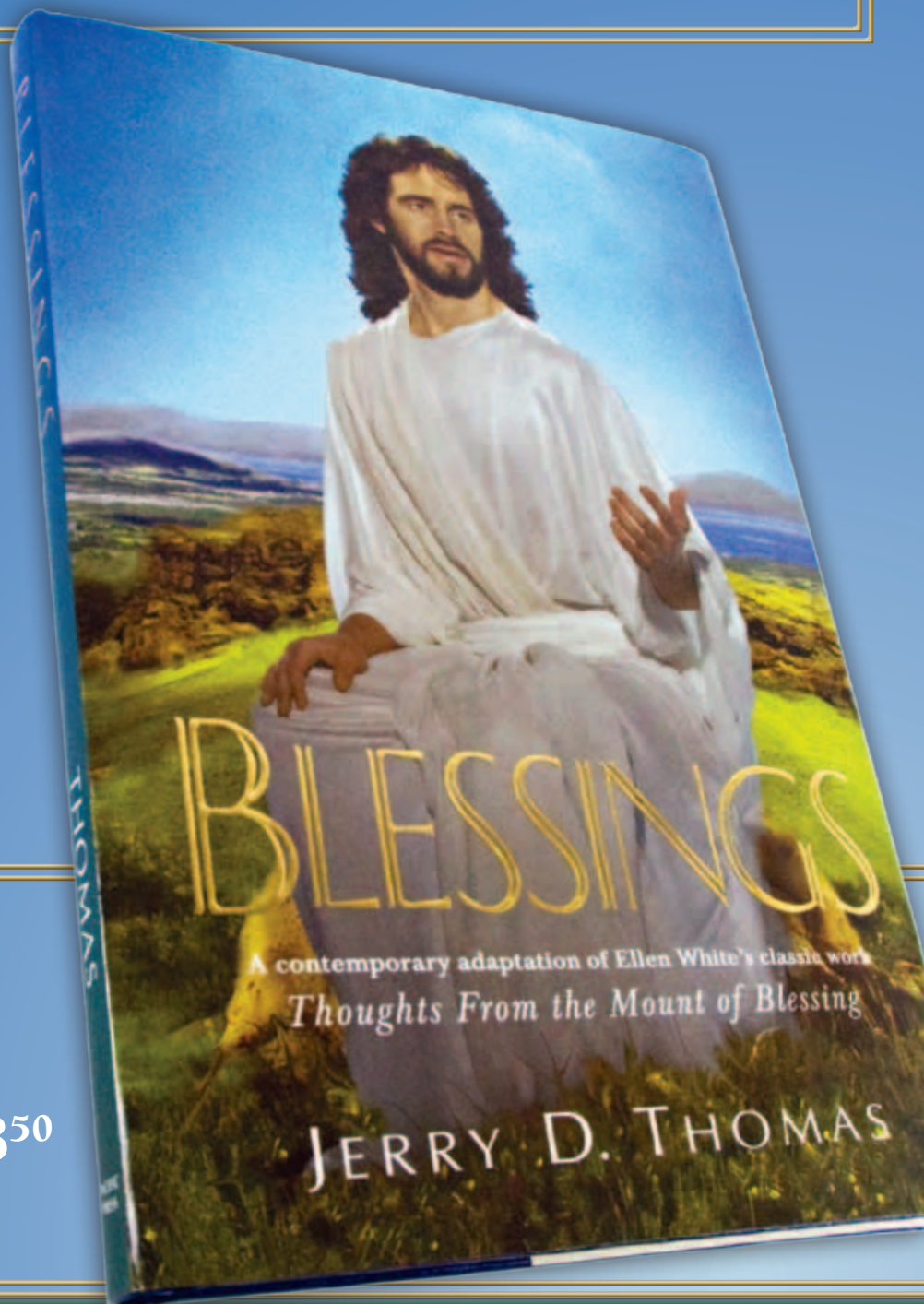
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