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Connected! SEC Camp Meeting 2002

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The weather threatened, the World Cup beckoned, but through it all the Spirit blessed the South England Conference camp meeting held at Pontins, Prestatyn, Wales. From Monday 10 June through till Sunday morning 16 June, all present were invited through the various programmes to get 'connected' with God, with the community and with one another.

Around two and a half thousand men, women and children gathered together for a week-long programme of spiritual emphasis with an additional thousand joining us during the final weekend.

Early morning prayer session

If there is one service that is always well attended, it is the early morning Praise and Worship session. At 5.50am you can see many campers hurriedly making their way to the 'main ballroom' to catch the early morning blessings. And when you finally arrive, seats at the front of the hall are at a premium.

In previous years the programme only featured praise, prayer and testimonies. It was a programme for 'the people', and 'the people' made the programme. However, this year, without

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Royalty in the driving seat for ADRA

by David Balderstone, ADRA-UK Volunteer Transport manager

Crown Princess Katerina of Yugoslavia accepted the writer's mischievous invitation to drive the ADRA-UK truck on the last leg of its journey to a large psychiatric hospital near Nis, by climbing into the driving seat. However, while she was happy to pose for photographs, she graciously declined to take the wheel, deciding that she would prefer to return to the Palace.

Over the past five years ADRA has been taking supplies to a 1,000-bed psychiatric hospital at Gornja Poponica. Thousands of donated wall tiles and gallons of paint have been transported and put to good use in brightening up what was a most depressing and dilapidated building. ADRA-UK has also been instrumental in providing all the transport costs and much of the patient clothing, bedding,

tables and chairs which have given dignity to those who were at the 'bottom of the heap' during the war years.

This time when the writer and Harry Wilby arrived at the hospital they were greeted enthusiastically by the medical team and patients who helped them unload medical supplies and equipment destined for rebuilding and refurbishing a new unit for 120 patients. The new unit will house 60 psycho-geriatric patients on the ground floor.

ADRA-UK, along with other charities, has co-funded the refurbishment work with the Yugoslav government. Tough negotiations with the builders over two years nearly ended in disaster recently because of non-payment of local funds. The builders were on the point of pulling out when, in a direct answer to prayer and during the final

stages of an on-site meeting, a telephone call brought the news that the government had agreed to pay a large contribution within two days. As a result most of the work was finished in time for the official opening by Prince Alexander on 10 June.

On the return journey from the hospital, a visit was made to a gypsy camp in the centre of Belgrade, just 200m from a number of big 5-star hotels. The people living in squalor in the camp can get no work and do not qualify for social security of any sort. As a result they are in urgent need of tents, clothes and food. Although the war is over, ADRA's work goes on.

Can you help? The needs are for: good quality winter clothing; shoes – especially for men and children; baby clothes; hygiene and sanitary supplies; bedding; kitchen utensils; cutlery; plates and cups; bicycles.

The patients at the hospital require: materials to make into clothing.

Please ensure that supplies are packed in labelled boxes and not in plastic bags. Clothes need to be clean and of good quality.

Where possible supplies should be delivered to Stanborough Park for packing into the big ADRA truck. If this is not possible, supplies can be collected from any central area which can be accessed by a 7.5-ton

truck. Collection by ADRA is difficult because we have to rely on volunteers. You can talk to the writer on his mobile: 07831-438095.

ADRA-UK will be despatching a container to Latvia in the autumn and there will be two more trips to the Balkan region this year. Each trip costs £3,000 (£1 per mile). Any financial contributions to these relief projects of ADRA-UK will be greatly appreciated.

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The deadline for receipt of applications is 14 August 2002.



Do you live a double life?

How many people live a double life? James Forster did. The case came to trial a couple of years ago.

The setting for the unusual crime was an idyllic village just south of the River Tees. The village of Manfield has a population of two hundred. A cluster of houses around a church and a pub. No more.

Twelve years before the trial the peace of the village was disturbed when the first of a series of anonymous letters dropped through somebody's letterbox. It was full of obscene accusations.

Not long afterwards someone else received a poison-pen letter. The content made it obvious that the sender had both a warped mind and inside information.

Soon after that a married woman began receiving posters, each of which portrayed her as a prostitute.

Other letters followed. Many were threatening. An elderly lady who lived alone received a letter saying that someone was going to throw a bomb down her chimney. A 13-year-old girl received porno magazines with insulting and lurid references to her.

It became clear that the sender was a part of the community; one of those two hundred inhabitants.

Villagers began looking at one another in a new way. At first people shared their suspicions with one another. Before long, however, no one trusted anyone.

One poison-pen letter writer poisoned the atmosphere of a whole community.

The police caught the sender. He was put on trial.

Do you think it was the weird, solitary man in the dirty mac? No way!

Evening by evening the regional television news kept us abreast of the trial. You see, Forster was a university lecturer. After he had been found guilty the regional news team presented a profile of him.

Distinguished. Silver-haired. Sixty-eight. Well groomed. A pillar of respectability. A man who attended church every Sunday and was considered a prominent Christian.

Fellow university lecturers used the words 'kind', 'tolerant' and 'dependable' of Forster.

But then there was that other side to him. . . .

Be honest. What was your first reaction when you read that story? Did you ferret around in your mind to come up with an explanation? Was the explanation you came up with: 'He was mad'?

'He was mad' is the diagnosis we come up with to explain all kinds of bad behaviour. Hitler? He was mad! Pol Pot? He was mad! Idi Amin? He was mad!

But they weren't mad. They were **bad!**

Bad. Bad. Bad.

The exact sort of badness that took over men like Hitler, Pol Pot and Amin is unlikely to crop up in you and me. But what about the badness in James Forster? That 'other side' to his pew-sitting respectability?

So you've never sent a poison-pen letter. But can you honestly say that there is and has never been an 'other side' to the front you present to the world? That there have not been things in your life that you would not even have discussed with your best friend?

If the answer is 'yes' it means that you are a sinner. Jesus had a lot of time for sinners. He came to save them.

There was just one type of sinner that Jesus found tough to save.

And he had a real burden for that type. They were double-sided people who would not admit – *even to themselves* – to the existence of their 'other side'. He called them Pharisees or hypocrites.

In his great Manifesto of the Kingdom Jesus said that those with the Pharisees' approach to sin and salvation would 'certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven'.¹ In the last week of his ministry, just before he spoke of his return in glory, Jesus presented a thirty-nine-verse tirade against hypocrites. 'Woe to you . . . you hypocrites!' he said. 'You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.'² Then there was the story Jesus told to make the point that confession of that 'other, darker side' was indispensable to salvation.³

Remember? The hypocrite who went to church and prayed '*about himself*' (NIV), or '*with himself*' (KJV), or '*to himself*' (NASB)?

That verse always reminds me of a report I once received which mentioned 'the most eloquent prayer ever offered to a conference session'. I altered the 'to' to 'at', but have often wondered since if I did the right thing. . . .

In the story of Jesus the prayer of the hypocrite began with 'I thank God' but was actually delivered for the benefit of the congregation. The message the prayer was meant to convey was, 'Look at me, folks! I'm the greatest! There's no impurity in me! I pay a second tithe. I gather twice as much as anybody else! I attend two prayer meetings a week!'

There is no indication in Jesus' story that the hypocrite was lying. All of which makes the words of Jesus in his Manifesto even harder to understand: 'Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.' (Matthew 5:20.) They really *were* way, way above average in the righteousness stakes!

You may remember that the man in the story of Jesus who went home from church 'justified', 'accepted with God', was the tax man who prayed, 'God be merciful to me the sinner' (Luke 18:13, NASB). Notice *the* sinner'. As he looked inside himself the tax man thought he was more than a sinner; he was *the* sinner, the worst of sinners.

The point of the second prayer in the story of Jesus was that it was the tax man's heartbroken self-loathing and admission of total dependence on the mercy of God that won him acceptance by God. The other man in the story – the hypocritical Pharisee – would only be accepted by God when he could get to that.

Jesus is the only foundation for our salvation.⁴ With even the best we can do by way of homemade righteousness, we shall 'certainly not enter into the kingdom of heaven'. The only righteousness that can ensure us an abundant entrance is the gifted righteousness of Jesus which we receive when we admit that we are hopeless and helpless, with no salvation resources of our own.

God does not want us to live double lives. He wants us to be whole and to be healed. He invites us to enter a new life through a new birth. He can handle our 'other side'.

References: ¹Matthew 5:20. ²Matthew 23. See especially verse 27. ³Luke 18:9-14. See especially verse 11. ⁴1 Corinthians 3:11. Unless indication is given to the contrary Bible quotes are taken from the New International Version.

Healthwise

Immobilised!

Through the years many questions have been asked regarding the safety of powerlines running through communities and their possible role in contributing to the incidence of particular cancers. After several studies there is still no definite answer. Two lengthy major studies, American and Scandinavian, have confused the picture. One says there is a link, the other cannot find one.

The issue has quite literally come to a head in the debate over the health risks of mobile phones and, in particular, their use by children. The telecommunications industry on the one hand states that their phones are entirely safe, while a growing number of Health Ministries around the world argue that there is a risk and especially for children.

The Health Ministries find support for their concerns in no less a person than the

Director-General of the World Health Organisation, Dr Gro Harlem Bruntland, who has publicly stated that mobile phones give her a lingering headache whenever she has to use one.

A UK inquiry headed by biochemist Sir William Stewart failed to find any adverse effects from the use of mobiles but 'kept the door open' by saying: 'If there are currently unrecognised adverse health effects from the use of mobile phones, children may be more vulnerable because of their developing nervous system, the greater absorption of energy in the tissues of the head and a longer lifetime exposure.'

Sir William's inquiry also recommends to the mobile phone industry that their adverts should not be targeted at children. An Australian consumer group is more forceful in its statement: 'For the sake of the future our children's health, we need to

heed these voices [of caution] seriously and limit children's unnecessary use of mobile phones.' The Australian view is echoed by many governments who now advise the restricted use of mobile phones by children to essential purposes. It may be as well to heed this cautionary advice for the reasons given by the Stewart Inquiry. If years of investigation into the possible health risks of powerlines are inconclusive it will be several years yet before the effects, if any, of mobile phones will be known. This 'time lag' is a common feature in clinical investigation since many of the possible, or now known, hazards to health are of fairly recent introduction.



Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

THE PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION

Where can you go with such a personally humiliating, sensitive problem?

by Gary L. Hopkins and Joyce W. Hopp *

'The Internet is as persistent as it is potent, an indelible and uncontainable presence in the culture. In fact, the Internet isn't separate from the culture at all; it *is* the culture. All the trash, flotsam, and spillage of our society gets its moments there, and the tiniest obsession has its spot on the shelf, right next to Bach and charity and sunsets. The Internet lets a million flowers bloom, and a million weeds.'¹

Online porn has turned into one of the most profitable areas of e-commerce. Estimates of annual revenues run to billions of pounds. The number of people who visit sex sites each day has been estimated at 60 million. Together, the top five sex sites have more Internet visitors than MSNBC.com and CNN.com combined.² All of these sites are available to your kids every minute of their lives. And they are simple to find, only seconds away.

Internet porn is so large that it is probably accurate to say that it is here to stay; it is unlikely ever to be blocked. Every day approximately 400 new pornography websites open on the Internet from locations such as Thailand and Russia.³

In the United States an estimated ten million children go on line every day. Many are eager to make 'e-friends' with whom they can chat. In a recent study of nearly 1,500 children aged 10-17, it was found that one in four had an unwanted exposure to some kind of image of naked people or people performing sexual acts. One in 33 received an aggressive solicitation, meaning that some person on the Internet asked them to meet or phone, or sent them regular mail, money, or gifts.⁴

If you aren't convinced that porn is a problem, keep an eye on your local newspaper. Newspapers commonly report incidents in which individuals, such as the Harvard University Divinity School dean, a Disney Internet executive, many college professors, school teachers, and other once-reputable citizens around the country are 'busted' for viewing Internet porn sites.⁵

In 'Pornography, Main Street to Wall Street', H. W. Jenkins reports that Dr Mark Lasher, a co-founder of the Christian Alliance for Sexual Recovery (and himself a recovering sex addict), had this to say at a congressional hearing last year: 'Many in the medical community feel that for a substance to be addictive it must create a chemical tolerance.'

Alcoholics know, for example, that over the lifetime of their addiction, they must consume more and more alcohol to achieve the

same effect. New research, such as by Drs Harvey Milkman and Stan Sunderwirth, has demonstrated that sexual fantasy and activity, because of naturally produced brain chemicals, has the ability to create brain tolerance to sex. I have treated over a thousand male and female addicts. Almost all of them began with pornography.⁶

Jenkins goes on to report: 'The Internet makes porn imagery even more easily available, and in virtually limitless variety. It would be a miracle if kids weren't finding this stuff, even if it means going around the 'filters' provided by their parents or their Internet service providers. . . . If exposure builds up tolerance, and tolerance makes the problem worse, having unlimited porn imagery within easy reach of every computer is likely to produce social effects that we haven't yet reckoned with.'

David's story

One problem that David's mum hadn't faced was Internet pornography and whether or not David was spending time surfing through the many sites on the Internet where there are graphic images of people

having sex. David's mum, Janet, hadn't thought about it much, though she had heard about it from time to time. She had certainly heard of people losing their jobs because of it.

David's relationship with his mum is great. It's good enough so that he can talk to her about most of the challenges that he faces from day to day – including drugs and sex. But is it good enough to talk about pornography? If David had a problem with porn, could he say, 'Hey, Mum, I need to talk to you about something that's bothering me.' Would he be too embarrassed? There is an excellent likelihood that he would hide the problem.

Let's go a step further. If your neighbour had a problem with Internet pornography, do you think he or she would come to you for help? How about your spouse? How about you? Could you even muster the courage to take it to the Lord in prayer?

Where do you go when you have a problem so sensitive, personally humiliating and degrading as the use of pornography? Is there anyone within our organisation who would be willing to listen without criticising or, more important, without gossiping about it? A

church member with a pornography addiction would make for great behind-the-back chatter.

David's mum couldn't believe what she had just read – a 12-year-old boy and pornography? The next day after work she asked her daughter, Beth, if she had ever seen sex on the Internet.

'Sure,' Beth answered.

Janet froze. 'How did that happen?'

Beth's story was similar to the one Janet had read about in the newspaper. 'I was in the computer lab at school, looking for information on cancer. I had a report due and was just looking around to see what I could find on the topic. While I was surfing the Internet it seemed as though I came across more pictures of people having sex than information on cancer.'

Beth's mum asked her to go to the computer and show her how it happened. She skipped over to the computer, clicked the mouse a couple of times, looked up at her mum, and said, 'OK, what do you want me to do?'

With her arms crossed, Janet said, 'You told me that you know how to find dirty pictures on the Internet, so show me! I don't believe it.'

Beth shrugged her shoulders and said, 'Mum, anyone can do it. It's simple.' Beth quickly typed a few words on her computer, and Bingo! One window after another started popping up even though Beth's fingers weren't on the mouse or the keyboard. Automatically picture after picture appeared.

'Turn it off! I don't want to see that stuff,' said Janet. Beth did and swung around in her chair to face her mum.

Janet asked Beth if she often went onto the Internet looking for people having sex. 'Mum, I never do it. You asked me to show you, and I did,' Beth scolded.

'Well, how did you do it?' asked Janet.

'Look, Mum,' Beth explained, 'just type in a word and hit the Enter key.'

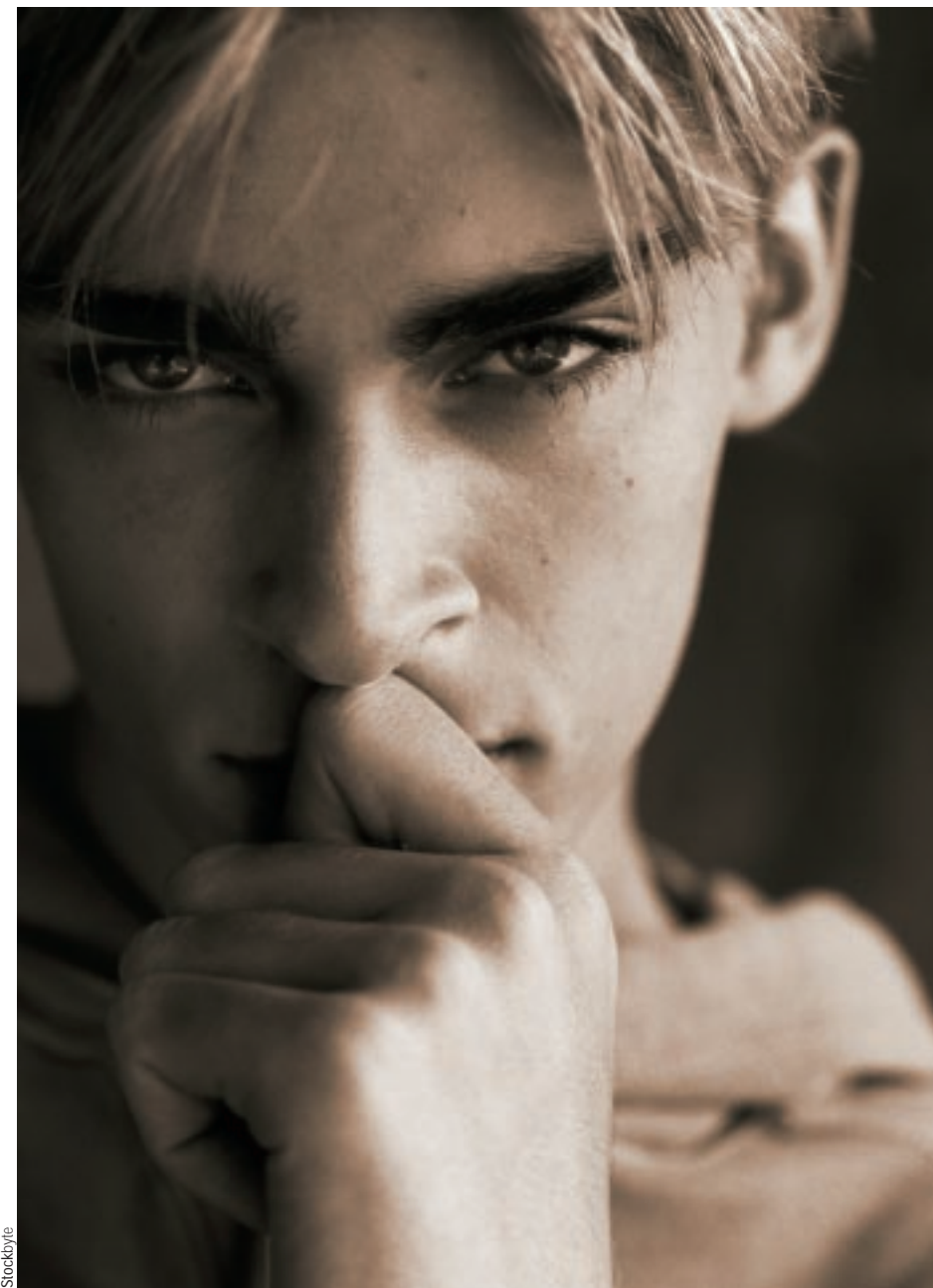
It's that simple. Our kids, our spouses, our employees, our kids' teachers – all of us who have computers with Internet access have available to us so many different websites that contain sexual content. A person could spend 24 hours a day and probably not visit all of them in a year.

David's mum just had to know if he was accessing Internet porn sites. For some reason she didn't have the courage to ask him directly, although she had noted that he spent a lot of time in his room with the door closed while surfing the Internet. She hadn't thought about porn until the experience with Beth.

One afternoon she asked Beth if there was any way to know whether someone has been looking at porn sites on the computer. Beth said, 'Sure, nothing to it,' and proceeded to show her how to do it.

After learning how to look around on David's computer to see what sites he had been visiting on the Internet, his mum went to his room one evening while he was gone. She did all the things that Beth had taught her to do and to her horror she learned that David had visited hundreds of different Internet sex sites. It took days for her to collect enough courage to talk to him about it, but eventually she did. David admitted it. He assured her that it wasn't a problem. She asked him not to do it any more, and he assured her that he wouldn't.

The story isn't over for David. Whether he will visit more porn sites or not is a question that won't be answered until his mother commits to monitoring his



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PROBLEM BEHAVIOURS REGARDING PORNOGRAPHY

by Gary L. Hopkins

Because of my association with the Institute for Prevention of Addictions at Andrews University, church members and workers have contacted me with questions regarding problem behaviours among their friends or family members, and sometimes regarding personal issues. One of the most common questions that I hear relating to personal behaviours is regarding the use of pornography. The following is a list of what I have learned from these individuals:

What people close to you might have noticed regarding your Internet pornography use:

- Isolation – I spent most of my time alone (most common reply).
- I spent an excessive amount of time on the computer behind closed doors.
- I worked very, very late on my computer; sometimes until 2, 3, or 4am.
- I actually spent as many as 18 hours or even more in a single day just searching for Internet sex sites. At one time I had as many as 50,000 sex pictures saved to my computer and still looked for more.
- My attention to family matters dwindled.
- My Internet provider charges increased. My credit card contained charges to unrecognised sources.
- My kids knocked on my door asking me to come out, but I would tell them, 'In just a few minutes', which would turn into hours.
- I became irritable and I was always tired.
- I did not meet commitments and was often late for work commitments.
- I often left committee meetings early.
- My relationship with my spouse deteriorated and our intimate relationship became ruined.
- I complained of headaches, neckaches, and backaches.
- I frequently purchased larger hard drives and memory for my computer.
- I lost the pleasant portion of my personality.
- I became financially irresponsible.
- I lied about everything.
- I lost enthusiasm for my job and spiritual things.

With whom in your church, work, or family did you consider discussing your problem?

- My pastor.
- My closest friends.
- My spouse.
- My boss.
- Co-worker.

Of those, whom did you eventually talk to?

- None of those listed.

- I eventually went to an Alcoholics Anonymous group and pretended to be an alcoholic. I developed relationships with a few who regularly attended, and eventually talked to one of them about my problem. That person had a similar history of pornography addiction.
- I went to my cousin who was a recovering alcoholic. I told him my story, and he told me that he had the exact problem for two years before getting help.

What would you suggest to spouses who suspect or know that their mate has a problem with pornography?

- Lovingly go to your spouse and say, 'I know you have a problem. I want to go with you to get help.'
- Don't believe it when your spouse says they will get help alone. Addicts lie about everything. Do this together.

What do you suggest to anyone who has been searching the Internet for sites with sexual content?

- Make an honest inventory of how much money you have spent during the past year on hard drives, memory, new computers, a high-speed Internet connection, Internet sex site membership, pornographic movies and magazines, and any activity related to your sexual appetite. Be honest!
- Get help! Do whatever it takes to get professional help from a Christian counsellor.
- Some people promote themselves as Christian counsellors, but aren't. Be careful.
- Get counselling from someone trained in sexual addiction.
- Don't expect your doctor to have expertise in the area of sexual addiction.

What should parents do regarding the home computer?

- Don't allow your kids to use the computer in private. If they have a computer in their bedroom, make sure that they keep the door open when using it and that you can see the monitor from the door.
- Put the computer in the living room where it can be supervised at all times.
- Learn how to check the home computer to see what Internet sites have been accessed.
- If you check the computer and the 'history' folder is empty, this may be a sign that someone has been where they shouldn't have, and knows how to cover their tracks.
- Understand that once you learn how to search a computer for sites that users have accessed, they will learn ways of covering their tracks. There are programmes made specifically to erase traces of Internet access to sites with sexual content.
- Don't allow anyone to use passwords on the home computer.
- Do not let your kids run the computer without supervision.

Internet activities. Whether the exposure that he has already had to pornography will turn into a problem 10, 20, or 40 years later in life is left to speculation. He has seen the images, and they will stay with him for life.

The scope of the problem

Pornographic Internet access is so extensive that it should shake you thoroughly. A survey by Media Matrix, Inc., an American Internet audience analysis company, found that in homes with Internet access the following percentage of time was spent on pornographic sites during December 2000:

Canada	33
Australia	33
US	31
Germany	29
France	25
Britain	25
Japan	21 ⁷

If our description of porn on the Internet seems wild, it isn't. This is serious business, and we must come to terms with it immediately. Leaving children with unsupervised computer access may be as dangerous as expecting them to live inside an adult

bookshop without looking around. To put it another way, would you go to the local adult bookshop and purchase 100 pornographic videos and another 500 pornographic magazines, put them on the bookshelf in your child's bedroom, and ask them not to look at them? Of course you wouldn't. So should you do that with the Internet?

If your children have computers with access to the Internet, learn how to supervise their Internet activities. If you don't know how to run a computer, then learn. Ask a friend to show you how to monitor Internet activities. Talk to your child. Plan what you will do. If you suspect that there is a problem with

your spouse, ask him or her. Not critically, but lovingly. Ask if the two of you together can get help for this critical problem.

It's a tough issue for husbands or wives whose spouses are hooked on porn. This sort of activity often results in the loss of employment. What can they do? Where does a church member go for help? Think about it very seriously. Pornography is available to everyone, even the clergy. It is treacherous ground. Research shows that the effects of porn are mixed.

A recent study reported research conducted on young women aged 14-18. It examined pornographic exposure and subsequent behaviour and behavioural consequences. Of those studied, 29.7% had viewed X-rated movies, and this was associated with an increased risk of having multiple sexual partners, more frequent sex, less use of contraception, a strong desire to conceive, and even a higher rate of sexually-transmitted infection.⁸

Once you, your spouse, or anyone successfully overcomes an Internet sexual addiction, consider that they still have to go back to their computer to work. How do you sit down and complete work on the very instrument through which you know you again have unlimited access to the thing that nearly ruined you? It's like sentencing an alcoholic to work in a liquor store.

A call to action

The problem of pornography is not only about them; it includes us. Recent research conducted on a Christian

sample revealed that 36 had visited sexually explicit websites; almost half had visited them either weekly or a couple of times a month. Only half were aware that their spouses knew that they were accessing these sites.

Pastors need to be trained regarding the dangers of pornography and sexual addiction. It's important to address the topic from the pulpit. We need small group sessions in which prayers of intercession are made to the Lord. We need to provide specific training for Christian counsellors in our universities and colleges. We need to locate the resources to provide members, non-members, and even clergy with a hotline they can call to ask questions with absolute anonymity and get assistance. We also need to conduct research in this area among both our members and clergy to understand better the extent of the problem and learn the approaches that have been found to be effective.

Regarding our young people, the fundamental responsibility to protect children from online sexual advances falls on parents. Seventy per cent of sexual advances over the Internet occur on home computers.⁹

Such an infection threatens the body of our church, and it needs immediate treatment.

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PORNOGRAPHY AT THE WORKSITE

by Joyce W. Hopp

Most employees are aware that employers have the right to monitor employee use of the Internet on employer-provided Internet connections at the worksite. Often, however, they appear to forget, or choose to ignore this fact. Because of the widespread and increasing use by employees of company-owned Internet for access to pornographic websites, employers are using software programmes designed to block such access. The same software will monitor the number of times an employee accesses or attempts to access pornographic sites, will identify the user, the time of day, and length of time spent at the website. Length of access time usually will indicate if the site was accessed inadvertently.

Universities, colleges, and health-care institutions are no exception to employee use of the Internet to access pornographic sites. Unfortunately, this includes Adventist-owned institutions. Our university is following the practice, after identifying the user and length of time used, of offering counselling through the Employee or Student Assistance Programme. Further, the particular software-blocking programme we are using flashes a warning on the screen when an attempt is made to reach a blocked pornographic site. Exceptions may be made for health-care professionals who need specific access to some of these sites for purposes of research or treatment. For example, a clinical psychologist may need to review the types of sites a client has been viewing in order to know how best to help him or her.



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PORNOGRAPHY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Neils-Eric Andreasen, president, Andrews University

Pornography is terribly wrong, because it demeans people and ultimately destroys them. Worst of all is child pornography, for it vandalises the body and soul of children who have not yet experienced their own identity and sexuality. For these reasons every committed Christian will resist and confront all expressions of pornography and the production of pornographic material, whether intended for public or private use. Christian education must use its considerable influence over the minds of students in both the lecture room and in the residence hall to affirm this Christian position.

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losing that special element, Pastor Maurice Vargas from North America shared God's Word with the waiting congregation.

Far from detracting from the personal element of this service, as some may have feared, it enhanced it no end. Pastor Vargas is described by some as a 'Prayer Warrior'. He is no stranger to South England, having held prayer revivals in the New Life, Holcombe Road and Watford Town churches. For more than eighteen years God has blessed people through his ministry, and the week at camp meeting was no exception.

Maurice Vargas strongly believes that God has given Adventists a special ministry that can result in 'transformed and healed lives'. Pastor Vargas did not want his talks each morning simply to be lectures, but 'a true healing experience with the Lord Jesus to those who are receptive'. Anyone present between 6 and 7.30am would truly agree.

Bible study

Our Bible study speaker, Dr Daniel Duda, joined us for the second year in a row. As a senior lecturer in the Department of Theological Studies at Newbold College, as well as BA (Hons) Course Board leader and Pastoral

Studies director, he is more than qualified to encourage the study of God's Word. With his in-depth knowledge, easy explanations, and his entrancing sense of humour, he helped the membership to draw nearer to Jesus.

Evangelism

Each morning between 10 and 10.45am there was an evangelism feature. The first of these was entitled 'Muslim-Adventist Relations' with O. Osindo and Y. Somi. This programme was hosted by Velda Cox of Newbold College.

LIFEdevelopment.info is the new buzz word in evangelism throughout the British Union. Dalbert Elias, Church Growth director of the SEC, spent the Wednesday and Thursday spots promoting this programme. He was also able to show video clips from two videos recently produced by the Union.

Like his predecessor Pastor D. Cox, Pastor Aris Vontzalidis is a keen exponent of church planting. In his 45-minute slot he highlighted some of the church-planting projects in the South England Conference. As Personal Ministries director in the SEC he is able to use his spiritual gift and passion for church planting to its full extent.



Family Focus

Family is important to Seventh-day Adventists. This is evident by the fact that we have a Family feature each year at camp meeting. Karen Holford tells us about this special time with Bryan Craig, Family Ministries director of the South Pacific Division and director of Adventist Institute of Family Relations in Australia:

'At camp meeting Bryan Craig shared his special understanding of relationships in his four morning presentations, helping us to understand more about ourselves, our relationships, and suggesting some simple ways we can begin to connect with each other more effectively. We can learn to listen more attentively, communicate more clearly, understand our differences; learn how to work through our conflicts in ways that can deepen our intimacy instead of pushing us apart, and find new and more meaningful ways to show our love for one another.'

'Bryan also observed that our church has focused on reaching out to those outside the church, rather than nurturing those within the church community. But if we turn the focus around and nurture the people inside the church, we shall begin to build a community of people who will have the emotional and spiritual strength to reach out to others. We'll also be much more effective at keeping our young people, new members and those facing enormous personal struggles if we are a church that knows how to nurture one another.'

Workshops

Workshops were held in the afternoon between 3 and 5pm. This was different from previous years when they were held in the mornings. These workshops varied from Worship Renewal and Women's Ministries to Building Healthy Marriages.

Special features

Prior to our commitment service each evening, a special feature was planned. Keith Davidson, Education director of the BUC, began the week with a feature on our schools, especially in South England. On Wednesday evening the congregation was blessed by the beautiful voices of a Welsh male voice choir. Singing hymns old and new in both English and Welsh, they thrilled the souls of all who listened.

'Unity in Diversity' was the title of the Thursday evening feature. Under the theme of 'Respect', the Communication department of the South England Conference addressed this issue sensitively and with understanding.

Commitment service

The Commitment service has often been criticised for the loudness of the speaker. However, this year we were all



Mr Camp Meeting, SEC Executive secretary Pastor Humphrey Walters

in for a pleasant surprise. Our speaker, Pastor Solomon Maphosa, president of the Zimbabwe Union, was a man of immense dignity and spirituality. Standing 6'2" tall, he expounded the Word of God in a way that all present could appreciate.

His introduction, though delivered gently, made an impact. After thanking the South England Conference for inviting him, he informed us that an African welcome often involved 'four strong men tying a piece of rope around the legs of a cow and pulling!' It revealed his very dry sense of humour that was to pervade his sermons all week.

Just to highlight his popularity, we can reveal that all his tapes were sold out prior to the camp closing. God be praised for how he used Pastor Maphosa to minister to the adults at camp meeting!

Communion

Communion is always a moving time at camp meeting. This year was no exception. With efficiency the deaconesses, deacons and elders

enhanced the mood of the service.

Youth were featured during the programme – a special mime presentation by visiting artistes 'Hands of Holiness'.

Dr Richard De Lisser, in his short sermon, spoke about what often happens 'after communion'. A musical rendition, 'Calvary', was sung by Beverly Coysten.

The service was simple but meaningful.

Ordination service

Five of our licensed ministers were ordained on Sabbath afternoon. Pastors Wilfred Blake, David Foster, Ebenezer Jones-Lartey, Ferdinand Lombart and Everett Picart were accompanied by their spouses and Pastors James Phillip, Ian Lorek, Des Boldeau (BUC), Brian Martin and Richard Vine (Welsh Mission). Pastor Eric Lowe, Executive secretary of the BUC, delivered the ordination message. Using modern illustrations he urged the ordinands to work for 'the coming of the hour and the coming of the man', Jesus Christ. The prayer of consecration was given by

Camp Meeting ordinands David and Sandra Foster, Wilfred and Cheryl Blake, Comfort and Ebenezer Jones-Lartey, Anja and Ferdinand Lombart, Jackie and Everett Picart



BUC president Pastor Cecil Perry.

Youth programme

Home grown talent featured in the 'Powering Up' session. From 8.45 to 10am Olere McKenzie, Gifford Rhamie (Newbold), P. Vunilera and Costa Vaggas showed that our young British preachers are an equal match for their American cousins.

Highlights of the youth programme included a group seminar entitled 'The Disconnected Generation', by BUC Youth director Des Boldeau, two presentations by Pastor Kim from the Korean Language School, the 'Weakest Witness' organised and hosted by Debra Harris-Ugbomah and two video presentations.

One of the videos was talked about by the youth for several days. Centred around Singleness, it was, apparently, extremely frank in both content and delivery. On Friday morning the debate with Pastors Nigel David and Bernie Holford evoked strong emotions from some of those present.

Youth Commitment service

The youth were given much food for thought by Commitment speaker Pastor Keith Morris. Though a young man still in his early 30s, his messages were extremely well delivered as if biblical research were his second nature. Pastor Morris did not preach, as such, but the Spirit moved through him so that he spoke to the heart.

It is not always easy to sit still for over an hour concentrating on a speaker, but Keith, a native of Jamaica, currently the associate pastor of the Toronto East Adventist church, made an hour seem short. I interviewed Pastor Morris and asked what drove him. 'My passion for Jesus and for lost souls,' he replied. Keith also told me of one of his other passions: music. As a young man he wanted to become a reggae DJ (hard to believe now), but the Lord had greater plans for him. He began his studies in Business Administration at Northern Caribbean University, formerly West Indies College, but was encouraged by a friend to swap classes and study for the ministry. Heeding the call of Jesus Christ, he has won over 500 individuals to Christ in his ministry in Jamaica and a hundred since going to Canada.

Teens

Like some of our other programmes (Programme 3, early morning Prayer and Praise), for the first time the teens had an official speaker. Pastor Robert Hines reports on the week's programme. . . .

The teen programme is always full of excitement and innovation. But it still remains one of the most challenging areas of ministry. Pastor Frankie Lazarus, Youth director for the Ontario Conference, rose to this challenge with



Commitment service speaker Solomon Maphosa

a series of inspiring presentations around the theme 'Keepin' it Real'. These gripped the teens' imagination and caused some serious reflections

on the real issues of life and how to keep the faith relevant. Sex, violence, drugs and faith in the twenty-first century were the topics that brought



Pastor Des Boldeau presents Cheryl and Wilfred Blake



Pastor Richard Vine presents Jackie and Everett Picart

the Gospel to their hearts in a practical way.

The teen ministry programme has always been about balance; walking that thin line that separates two extremes; balancing the power of praise that can be heard and felt across the campsite and the essence of worship that draws the heart to God. Teen ministry is about balancing the message and the medium. Walking this tightrope were Pastors Eglan Brooks, Paul Boldeau and Dayne Mathieu. Assisted by other pastors and youth they brought the Gospel message to the teens through a variety of media including dance, mime, discussion, sports, music and the spoken word. The teens were encouraged to take part in their programme and many did so. They are so very talented in more ways than can be imagined.

The Sabbath's programme was a high time of praise and worship. The teens brought their various forms of worship and adoration to the service, creating a real sense of expectation. The Spirit did not disappoint, and around thirty teens responded to the appeal made by Pastor Lazarus to have a real relationship with Jesus.

Programme 3
'The Unforced Rhythms of Grace'
Programme 3, billed 'Not at all what you might expect' was a contemporary programme that differed from the more traditional style of worship of the main adult service. Karen Holford reports on this service. . . .

Grace is a vital component in nurturing a community of believers. Bryan Craig loves to preach on the incredible and surprising 'unforced rhythms of grace' that he has experienced in his journey with God. Grace is exciting, releasing and empowering. It's something we need to experience more fully from God and with one another. When people come to our church they need to feel, through the worship service, how much God loves them, and how much others love them, by being accepted when they've failed, being

comforted when they're lonely or sad, and encouraged and supported when they are struggling. Bryan was the speaker at the Programme 3 contemporary service each evening, sharing openly, warmly and humorously his journey into grace, inspiring us and stimulating lively discussions around the candlelit café tables in the striped marquee.

Church Health before Church Growth
Asking Bryan to summarise, in a nutshell, the three things our church needs to increase its effectiveness as it considers the new LIFEdevelopment programme, he would say:

Inclusiveness, openness and togetherness. Three words that take a moment to say. But, if we take the time to consider how each of those attitudes could transform our lives, our churches and our communities, we might begin a new journey. We can each take responsibility for our own spiritual growth, then reach out to strengthen other church members and build a healthy church, able to inspire and transform whole communities for Jesus.

Church is made up of healthy relationships, and perhaps before we start a programme of Church Growth it would be a good idea to start a programme of Church Health. Outreach doesn't start with a programme, it starts with us; building a healthy relationship with God and with each other.

For Bryan, family ministries is about helping the church to be a happier and healthier place in which to grow, whether we're strapping great trees or fragile seedlings. And that's



Prayer was priority one

Programme 3 speaker Bryan Craig



Youth speaker Keith Morris



something of which we can all be a part.

Connected Through Prayer – The Prayer Chapel

In a corner of the Programme 3 marquee stood a newcomer to camp meeting – The Prayer Chapel. Designed to be a quiet place in the middle of the camp meeting bustle, it stood like an oasis, serene and refreshing. People came in ones and twos, and even as entire families, to find tranquillity and encouragement inside the muslin-

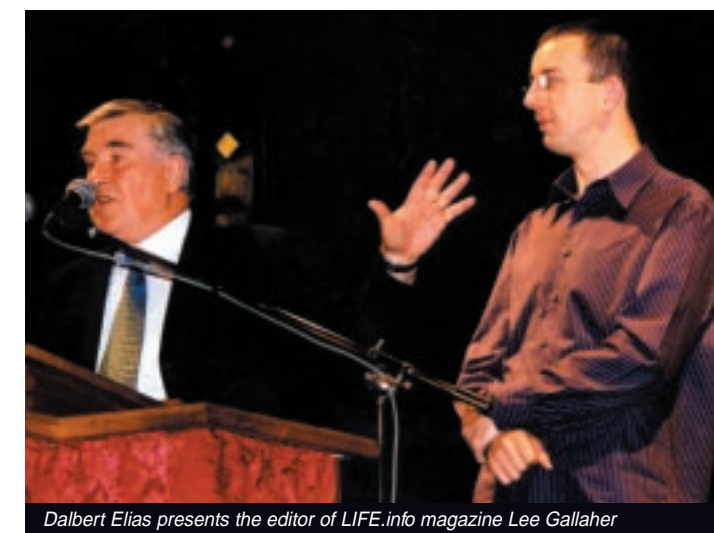
Here is a sample of parts of the nature-inspired psalm written during camp meeting by visitors to the Prayer Chapel:

Hello, sweet rainbow love, God – unfathomable!

Lord, I thank you for loving me, a sinner. I am amazed at your love that touches the most sinful and reclaims them to your glory. Help us to stay connected always, just as I felt here when I called on you.

Thank you for being my Father. Please help me to see the evenings

Lively youth services



Dalbert Elias presents the editor of LIFE.info magazine Lee Gallaher

individually, according to your measure.

Please let my husband come to you before it's too late, and also my kids.

May I be the person, daughter and Christian you want me to be.

Place your hand on our son Joshua. Bless him and keep him from harm, so he will be free from pain.

Restore my nephew K. to full health.

Deliver my brother from alcoholism, unemployment, smoking and a broken marriage and bring him your salvation.

May my post be made into a full-time permanent position.

Lord, give me wisdom, insight, energy and commitment to pursue my small group.

Help me to be more patient.

Please pray for our family.

We pray that God will answer these prayers according to his grace and love.

Chantal Alen was worship leader for Programme 3



walled white gazebo, sparkling with tiny lights. But it was not just an empty space. It was a place to take off your shoes and walk softly. It was a place to listen for the gentle strains of spiritual melodies. It was a place to discover new ways to pray and open your heart to God. You could be inspired by nature photos to take part in composing a psalm of praise. You could write your thoughts and concerns in a prayer journal. You could pin your prayer requests on a gold-coloured board, or hang your gratitude to God on a thanking line with a gold peg. You could read the Bible. You could take a piece of clay and mould it in your hands as you asked God to take your life and mould it in his hands. You could take a seed to remind you to pray for someone who needs to know Jesus. Or scatter cented petals over a friend as you prayed for them to be the fragrance of Christ in a hurting world.

And when you'd talked with God and listened to him and read the prayers of others, you could leave, carrying with you the serenity and the beauties of your time spent with him, and share them with someone else.

As one person said: 'I don't always have the right words to pray, but when I came in here and read what others had written, I found it so much easier to pray. I have been so refreshed by discovering new and creative ways to pray. I want to bring all my friends in here to share this wonderful prayer place with them.'

through. I do hear your voice. Please help me to act on it wholeheartedly. O God, you are my lighthouse in a darkened world, showing me the way and keeping me safe. Help me to be a light to others, too.

God, you are so deep and rich. May your fragrance fill my soul. You are amazing. Everything you have created is so beautiful, the big and the small things. Thank you for your everlasting promises.

And when I think of the ocean! The length, the depth, the extent, the tide, its ebb and flow, O Lord, the more I think how fathomless is your love for me – and so, as I am lost for words, I want to shout 'Glory! Hallelujah! Amen and Amen!'

Some requests from the prayer board:

Please heal Natasha who has kidney failure.

Lord, my three children need you very much. Please bless them

Please, Lord, heal my darling wife. It is so painful to see her suffer.

Daddy, purify my thoughts. Make me bigger and better by any means necessary!

Lord, I want to be delivered from my insomnia.

Lord, I ask that you bring peace to the C. family.

Music

Go to any camp meeting service and you will be greeted by singing. The singing evangelist this year was Theresa Morton, who is an accomplished vocalist, songwriter, arranger and director. Her voice at times sounded like Whitney Houston, and the songs that she chose were divine in

Below and right: Prayer warrior and Youth speaker Maurice Vargas



The children's programmes were a great success





Gospel soloist Theresa Morton

style. For those who appreciated her jazz-fusion style she was a 'diva with attitude'.

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Additional music was provided by the harmonious group '3 in 1' from the Plumstead church.

CMTV

From Tuesday afternoon till Friday afternoon the Communication department ran CMTV around the site.

Looped music was played throughout the night and day (when programmes were in progress). Dr Richard De Lisser and Rebecca Murray hosted the 'Talk Back' early afternoon slot, and Eddie Hypolite hosted 'The Breakfast Show' in the morning and

the 'Late Show' during the evening. Mid-afternoon slots provided time to show pre-recorded videos through from 'Veggie Tales' to the new Max Lucado video 'Resurrection'.

Appreciation

On behalf of the president of the SEC, Pastor Don McFarlane, I would like to say thank you to all those who attended camp meeting. The faithfulness of our members each year is much appreciated. Thanks should also go to all the chairpersons of the various committees, especially

non-employed Malika Bediako (Junior Youth), Hubert Greenaway (PA), and Maureen Redhead who so beautifully arranged the flowers for the adults, youth, teen Programme 3, communion and ordination services. Thanks to the workshop speakers.

Thanks also to the staff at the SEC office – many of whom are new to the running of camp meeting – for their dedication and hard work before, during and after the event.

A special thanks to Pastor Humphrey Walters who so ably deputised in the unavoidable absence of the President during the week.

Finally, thanks be to God for another camp meeting. May we stay 'connected' with God, with our community and with each other till we meet again next year.

Nec Camp Meeting – A miracle

A report on North England Conference Camp Meeting – Southport

by Des Rafferty, Christine Moses, Malcolm Watson, Fred Mapp and Paul Liburd

'Cancelled!' was the hue and cry on the grapevine, concerning NEC Camp Meeting 2002 just months prior to the event. Because of events beyond the North England Conference's control, cancellation seemed inevitable. However, God had other plans. He opened a line of communication that many had thought dead – and Camp Meeting 2002 became a miracle.

Amid the euphoria and high expectations of the World Cup, a caravan of more than six hundred people journeyed to Southport on Sunday 16 June for NEC's annual Camp Meeting. President Pastor E. Francis said, 'Following the uncertainties surrounding this year's camp meeting it was gratifying to see so many people checking in for a week of spiritual and physical revival.'

Our heritage

Dr Don King (commitment speaker), president of the Atlantic Union Conference, accompanied by his wife Lois, demonstrated that he was a promoter of the one and only heavyweight of the world – Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Each evening under the challenging theme, 'Our Heritage – Inspired by the Past to Shape the Future', we were inspired through the reminders in the Word that 'we too can experience relief in times of suffering'.

Pastor King, who carried his crown in his top pocket, immediately set

about dispensing hope and reconciliation as found in the life and teachings of Jesus. One couple, Sonia and Chris Parnell of the Stafford church, were obviously impressed with the evening messages. Sonia said, 'I've never thought that Jesus was considered unclear in the eyes of the law. Thank God we can come to Jesus just as we are and he will accept us.' Each night the congregation responded to Pastor King's positive portrayal of our

common heritage through the blood of Jesus. Many people made decisions that will last for eternity.

Power Hour

Pastor Dumiso Matshazi, director for Development and Public Affairs, Solusi University, the Youth speaker, challenged everyone during Power Hour to know their heritage and to give full expression of their love in a joyful hymn of praise to God. Later in the

week Pastor Matshazi had us speaking in tongues – when he taught us a song in the Sindebele language! We were grateful for the interpretation 'Holy Spirit fall on us!'

Bible study hour

Bible study hour was led by Pastor Gifford Rhamie, lecturer in Theology at Newbold College. His attention to cultural sensitivities paved the way for the Gospel to take deep root in the hearts



Left: Pastor Winston Hurlock
Below: The Kings
Bottom: Pastor Gifford Rhamie

Photos by Des Rafferty

Every day of camp meeting was blessed with sweet singing and beautiful instrumentals. Pastor Winston Hurlock, a singing evangelist and international artiste, complemented the powerful presentations.

Communion

The high point of the week for many people was the Communion service



marshalling, created a hushed ambience directing hearts and minds to heaven.

Sabbath

Sabbath 22 June was designated a day of fellowship in the NEC. The main hall filled to capacity with 2,000-plus people seated. Pontins security staff commented that they had not seen so many people in their hall. Others, who could not be accommodated in the hall, watched the relayed service on CCTV from the restaurant area and still others from the comfort of their chalets.

Ordination

In the afternoon three ordinands were introduced and hands were laid on them, ordaining them to the Gospel ministry. The ministerial couples were Mike and Marlene Simpson and family, Roger and Marilyn Neal, and Andrew and Andrea Rashford-Hewitt. A full biographical sketch of each of the ordinands and their families will be available soon on the new NEC website. Thanking their families, congregations and Almighty God, they pledged themselves in service.

In summing up the week, Pastor Francis paid tribute to the speakers, and to the singing evangelist for their 'excellent ministry', campers for keeping faith and attending camp meeting, and ministerial colleagues who 'faithfully contributed to the smooth running of the event'.

Following an appeal one evening Pastor King was approached by an 8-year-old boy who said, 'Pastor King, I love your preaching. I want to be a pastor when I grow up.' A little child expressed what many felt. We have been participants in a royal event where the King of Heaven has been

and minds of those eagerly searching the Word of God. Sadly, he had to leave on Wednesday. Pastor Frederick Mapp led on Thursday with an opportunity for all to listen to the dramatised Word on cd-rom. Pastor Ron Surridge, former president of the NEC, had the hardest task of all as he competed with the England vs Brazil game. His topic was, 'Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.' It would be interesting to know how many professing the Lord's name were at this time cheering the names of the England team! Doubtless the statistic is known in heaven!

a closer look at post-modernism and its effects.

Music

Among the many gifts that God has given to his church is the gift of music.

held on Friday evening, where nearly seven hundred participated in a truly moving and meaningful service. The carefully selected and skilfully presented ingredients of preaching and music, together with efficient





exalted by his servants throughout the week. We pledged ourselves to growing into the image of Jesus and to expressing our kingly joy wherever we go.

Children's programme

The children enjoyed a creative, interactive, musical, Spirit-filled week of activities. Each day began with stories, singing and devotional activities designed to focus the minds of the children on the higher spiritual values that give us our sense of identity.

Carefully designed to meet the needs of the younger and older children, the theme for the week was 'Praise'. In order to encourage the expression of praise, each child was shown how to make a musical instrument. The younger children made a

range of percussion instruments while the older ones carefully cut and varnished lengths of bamboo in order for each of them to make a set of pan-pipes. These activities developed manual dexterity as well as training the ear, which was necessary for tuning the pipes correctly.

It was clear that all the children thoroughly enjoyed the week. The instruments made by them were of such high quality that they were able to use them to perform a musical item in the large hall prior to the ordination service. Each of the children left Southport carrying with them their own hand-made instruments, secure in the knowledge that while they were at Camp Meeting 2002 they had succeeded in becoming self-motivated, hard-working high achievers.

Christian Counselling course – first graduates

by Velda Cox

On Sunday 12 May Newbold College held its first graduation for the new Christian Counselling course, when twenty-eight students received professional qualifications. The course, which started in September 2000, is accredited by the Open College Network and recognised by the Association of Christian Counsellors. 'This graduation seems to be very special to them,' said Lucia, director of the course. 'To see the first set receive certificates has been a dream come true for me and for my husband Steven who has also been involved,' she said.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Raafat Kamal, director of ADRA-UK. Addressing the theme of the graduation weekend 'Reaching Out – Reaching In' he said that the great commission given in Matthew 28 was particularly applicable to the work of counsellors. 'It is our responsibility to go out into the community and take the message of hope, love and care to neighbours and friends,' he said. Raafat went on to

emphasise the importance of delivering a message that was relevant to people's actual needs in a caring and sensitive manner. 'People do not care how much we know, until they know how much we care about them,' he said.

Special guest Dr Andrea Luxton, who returned to Newbold for the occasion, said that the theme 'Reaching Out – Reaching In' is exemplified in the life of Christ. She urged everyone to heed the instructions of Jesus given to Simon Peter about feeding his lambs, and encouraged the graduates to 'reach out to God and to others and seek humility and God's strength to face the difficult task of serving people in need'. 'It is important,' she said, 'to reach out to others in pain with openness and in a non-judgemental way and with sensitivity, integrity and humility.'

Director Lucia Hall thanked Dr Luxton for her continued support and encouragement since the start of the counselling course. 'Andrea was the instigator

and the driving force in helping to establish the counselling course at Newbold College,' she said.

On behalf of the students, Pastor Jeremiah Bonner, who has completed level one and two of the course, thanked Lucia and Steven Hall for their patience and hard work. 'Not only did they teach us but they nurtured and counselled us,' he said. Pastor Bonner went on to say that 'the mind is like a parachute; it only functions when opened. Our minds were opened and thus we functioned. Our core beliefs were challenged until we knew and understood why we had them. We have been trained to care for the needy in a professional manner and we will not rest until our communities, homes and churches are made better as a result of our influence there.'

The course, also accredited by Andrews University, has two levels: an introductory level (next cohort 4-9 August) and an advanced certificate level. The graduating advanced certificate students included pastors, social workers, nurses and a radio DJ. 'The course is excellent for anybody who is interested in helping people,' said graduating student Ruth Baah-Gyebi. 'It teaches you how to relate to people and how to communicate. It was a good course for me as I was able to continue with my work and look after my family as I studied part time.'

If you would like to register for level one or two, please contact Lucia Hall on 01344 407499 or email: icc@newbold.ac.uk.

Jennifer Whitney, a London social worker



Raafat Kamal delivering his speech



Dr Andrea Luxton presenting the certificate to Peter



Obituaries

Dr LESLIE GILBERT HARDINGE – d. 14 March. Not only through a score or so of books does this pastor, educator and talented technician still communicate but through the superbly artistic church furniture he designed and created for churches in many countries. He has written books on a variety of topics – his PhD thesis was on the Celtic Church in Britain – but while his 1940s contemporaries were producing sermon copies on crude wax stencils, Leslie had mastered the technicalities of the Multilith and Multigraph and the subtleties of the Verityper to present his biblical and historical lecture summaries in faultless professional style. When appointed President/Dean of the SDA Theological Seminary in the Philippines in 1978, he taught Bible in addition to his administrative duties. The seminary had no library nor sufficient money for one so Leslie produced the plans on his own drawing board then rolled up his sleeves and worked together with his students to build on campus the edifice uniquely named for him.

There is a sense in which it could be said that Leslie Hardinge was baptised twice, with no fall from grace between immersions for his mother became a Seventh-day Adventist while the family were living in Calcutta, and was baptised while pregnant with her third child, whom she dedicated to the Lord to do his work. It was in this home with his parents, his older siblings, Ivan and Phyllis (wife of R. S. Joyce), and younger ones, Mervyn and Alan, that Leslie learned to worship and received a grounding in Christian teaching which would influence his subsequent life. Three notable missionaries – Wellman, Wilson (Neal C.) and Wyman – were also influential visitors, but the very first Adventist service Leslie attended was in his late teens in the British Adventist College in 1930.

When Leslie qualified for College entrance by passing the Cambridge Scholarship exam, this product of the British Raj did not travel to Britain by the packet liner but made the 40-day journey economically on a tramp steamer, sweating in Suez and storm-tossed in Biscay. It was a relief to enter the tranquillity of London's river and be met at Tilbury by his elder brother and sister who had gone to Stanborough College ahead of him. College was not so much tranquil as 'in transit' for the whole institution would be moved to Newbold Revel in Warwickshire the following year. One quite stable factor was his first room-mate, Eddie White, for the two roomed together until graduation in 1933 and became lifelong friends in the process.

Meeting Phyllis's friend, the attractive, musically-talented Swiss girl, Miriam Petavel, was for him a life-enriching, not to say exciting experience ('she bowled me over!'). Two years, almost to the day, after his graduation they were married. The work in London first claimed the young intern, Wimbledon and Lewisham churches the main focus of his attention. Then he pastored in East Anglia – Yarmouth and Gorleston – before moving to the West Country – Torquay, Exeter and Taunton. His influence on the young people in his districts was marked by a steady flow of new students to Newbold, Mansel Jones, James Durbin, Albert and Charles Watson among them. His artistic woodworking skills during these years were well-used to the benefit of the church buildings. The world-map he carved to offset the sterile décor of the Torquay church proved prophetic for he would later spend his life in the great

continent to the west and in Far Eastern climes. Arrived at the Scottish capital, his last assignment in UK, he was depressed by the rented quarters in Picardy Place and started looking for a permanent home for the church. Dr Bert Dunlop recalled that he had all the members selling books to raise funds. Leslie found the building of his dreams in Bristo Place. At the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Adventist centre, church elder the late Harry Pedlar noted that the former Congregational complex had been acquired complete with organ, communion table and elders' chairs for the sum of £3,800 – a trivial sum now but representing real sacrifice then. Leslie had crafted by skilful partitioning, with wood from surplus pews, a small Prayer Chapel and a superb set of communion trays still in use.

When Leslie and Mollie Hardinge stepped off the *Queen Mary's* gangplank in 1946 they went first to La Sierra College where he completed his BA degree and began his teaching career in Union College, Nebraska, also notable as the birthplace of their only daughter Judy. His appointment to Washington Missionary College in 1950 would bring him back full-circle to Newbold for during that decade a consortium was established enabling Newbold to award degrees of Bachelor of Arts from the US. In 1960 the Hardinge family returned to England, Leslie having been appointed the first liaison professor for a two-year period, which was somehow extended to 1964 when Dr Hardinge returned, first to his base, Columbia Union College (the former Washington Missionary College re-christened in his absence), and then to his new appointment at Pacific Union College. That period in England had not only secured his London University doctorate but it had enabled him to create, with the assistance of a Scandinavian colleague, the unique Communion Table, Carved Screen and pair of lecterns which adorn Salisbury Hall at present.

Dr Hardinge's appointment to the prestigious Glendale church (1973-78) introduced him to a new ministry, radio, and the widespread propagation of his spiritual talks on cassette tapes. It was entirely appropriate that this man who first 'saw the light', literally and spiritually, in Asia should bring the wealth of his learning and experience to round out his ministry in that continent as president of the Adventist Theological Seminary of the Far East. His memory is revered in the Philippines not only for the named building but for his exemplary moral and spiritual stature, challenging the youth to higher ambitions. In retirement his life-companion Mollie predeceased him and in due time Mary the widow of his long-time friend of Union College days, Tate Zytoske, joined forces with him and they set up home together in Thousand Oaks. His second wife was not only a great comfort to him; she made use of her secretarial skills to prepare his materials for publication. This dear friend and close companion stayed by his side until his last breath, when his eyes closed in the pre-Resurrection slumber of the blessed.

Here in Britain we thank God for the twenty effective years Leslie Gilbert Hardinge gave in distinguished service to this country and offer our sincere condolences to Mary, his wife, and to Judy and Deane Wareham and their children, Leslie's grandchildren, Wendy, Bridget and Joseph.

JACK MAHON

EVENTS FOR PREACHERS

Dr Rex D. Edwards, director of Religious Studies, Griggs University and author of the PREACH Plan, is visiting Britain in August. There will be two main events:

- For Lay Preachers:**
From Text to Sermon. Seven Stages of Sermon Preparation.
11 August, 9am.
Swansea SDA Church, 55 Gower Road, Sketty Cross, SA2 9BH.
All day event.
- For Pastors:**
Preaching that Changes Lives.
13 August, 9am.
Cardiff SDA Church, Cowbridge Road East, (corner Rawden Place), CF1 8LF.
All day event.

Contact: Welsh Mission president Dr Brian Phillips on (01443) 814582. Attendance is not limited to Welsh Mission pastors and lay preachers. All are welcome.

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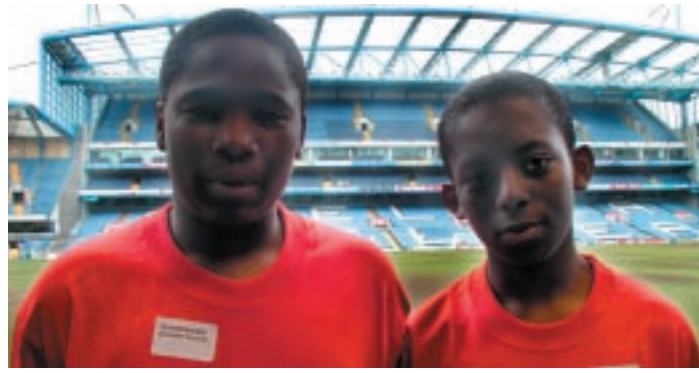
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Stanborough School in Top Ten

by Russell McKie

Tuesday 28 May at Chelsea Football Club – finals day for the ESFA u13 London Schools Coca-Cola Cup, and Stanborough School had been invited to take part in a skills challenge prior to these matches. Jermaine Purchas and Nathan Owusu represented their school in a fine showing of their individual and combined skills in shooting, running with the ball, dribbling, sprinting and passing

against sixty other London schools. The whole under-13 squad from school were there to support the boys and participate in this unique experience which included a tour of the Chelsea World of Sport and a chance to watch the boys' and girls' finals. The final results show Stanborough School ranking in the top ten Greater London schools and the top school in Hertfordshire.

GC Women's Ministries director brings joy to the UK

Heather-Dawn Small, associate director of the General Conference Women's Ministries department, visited a number of BUC venues. Speaking at the Scottish Women's retreat, the Stanborough Centre in Watford, the Handsworth church in Birmingham, the Brixton church in London, and during worship times at the BUC and TED offices, Heather-Dawn focused on the necessity to hang on to Christian joy.

'Spiritual warfare is real,' she said. 'Satan is active; he does want to steal your joy, so hang on to Jesus.' The BUC Women's Ministries department has invited Heather-Dawn back in the spring of 2003 for a leadership training weekend.

For further details of Women's Ministries events see the Women's Ministries department page on the BUC website at: www.adventist.org.uk or email the Women's Ministries department director, Mrs Heather Haworth, at: haworth@adventist.org.uk.

HEATHER HAWORTH

Avondale College (Australia) requires an additional lecturer in its fast-growing BA Communication programme. The appointment will be for a three-year renewable term commencing February 2003. The applicant should have relevant academic qualifications and significant professional experience in communication/media. He or she should be able to teach in a number of the following areas: journalism, publication layout and design, photojournalism, radio and video production, writing for broadcast media and multimedia. To obtain further information contact the Senior Lecturer in Communication, Dr Allen Steele: allen.steele@avondale.edu.au. Applications for this position should be sent in writing with CV to: Dr B. Youlden, Vice-president, Planning and Administrative Services, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265, Australia, by 1 August 2002.

ABC BOOK SALES 2002

July	14	John Loughborough	10am-2pm
September	1	Stanborough Press	9am-4pm



Stanborough School in Spain

by Natalie Kamal

Thursday 16 May saw a group of thirteen students from Stanborough School embark on a monumental journey to our sister school in Madrid, Spain. *Colegio Timon* is located in central Madrid and houses 250 students from Spanish, Romanian and South American backgrounds. After meeting the students, and some sightseeing, we went home with our 'families for the week'. Some of us lived 200 metres from the school, while others had a 2-hour journey by train or bus.

Our experience of different cultures enhanced our learning of the Spanish language and helped us to appreciate what we have in our beautiful school. We spent Sabbath with our respective families in their own churches around Madrid before meeting all together, after siesta time, in the park. We joined the Timon School trip on a cultural tour of Segovia, a town once submerged in water. Three large coaches took staff,

students and parents from the school on a wonderful day out in the baking heat.

Our last day came so quickly and gave us a final chance to be part of the Timon experience – we even got to do some teaching of English. It was great to be a part of this trip. Our new friends and families were sad to see us leave – one young boy, Aaron, started crying in class as he did not want us to go. All the boys denied it, we were happy to be going to see our parents again.

Teacher Russell McKie says, 'This was the first trip of its kind for the respective schools and has produced a wonderful link for future visits. We are currently looking forward to students from Timon joining us at Stanborough on an exchange visit and will be returning to *Colegio Timon* next year with a larger group to see our new friends and "families".'

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	HOW
West Midlands Tent Meeting, 'A Pavilion of Hope'	6 July-27 July	Birmingham, Summerfield Park	Dr Philip Willis (USA)	jude_jeanville@hotmail.com 01922 614504 or 07932 662714
African Union and Reunion Day	27 July	Wolverhampton, Oxford Street	Pastor Matshazi (Africa)	jude_jeanville@hotmail.com 01922 614504 or 07932 662714
Lay Evangelists Training Seminar	12-18 August	Gorway Conference Centre, Walsall	Pastor J. Zachrisson, General Conference PM Dept.	0115 960 6312 admin@nec-sda-church.co.uk
Hope for a hopeless world	24 August-7 September	Handsworth church Handsworth, B21 3RD	Pastor Randy Stafford (USA)	karen@wilks-larman.freereserve.co.uk or phone 07961 421798

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9	8.35	8.47	8.44	9.04	9.09

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