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## ADRA-UK and Ireland Hope for Humanity

by Victor Pilmoor,  
BUC & ADRA-UK treasurer



Why can't we have the picture of "the nurse" back again? Collecting for Medical Missions was so much easier.'

Yes, I remember those days – the air was clean, missionaries were heroes and the needs of the 'heathens' were obvious! But the world has changed. Imperial type-casting is cruel. The virtue of foreign mission workers is no longer presumed and our capacity to service quality schools and hospitals less feasible; not that poverty, famine, disease and disaster have been eliminated.

The best charities have come to realise that an ounce of prevention is better and cheaper than a pound of cure. We seek to offer hope through developmental programmes that have a long-term effect, that restore dignity and self-sufficiency to people. 'Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach them to fish and you feed them for a lifetime.'

The chosen image this year encapsulates our mission and our method. Both the child and the seedling are young, beautiful and potential-filled. The child is filled with awe and is learning through the experience of encounter. The plant is a source of health and sustenance. The relationship between mankind and plant is the source of economic stability.

Our spiritual response should be, 'Inasmuch as you have done it for one of the least of my children, you have done it unto me.'

Readers ask how we select the projects from the many requests we receive.

- The first criterion we use is the **quality of a proposal**. Does it make business sense? Does it address real need? How many people will benefit? Will there be *lasting* benefit? Does the church have a support network to sustain the legacy? Is it run by nationals for nationals? Is it affordable?
- The second criteria we use is

- '**marketability**'. Will the project be easily recognised as a need among the British public? Will our Adventist constituency be sufficiently connected to want to embrace the appeal? Is there sufficient diversity to satisfy the aspirations of our diverse membership without alienating their emotional affiliation?
- Thirdly: We have an **undertaking** to support church-sponsored humanitarian work within the Trans-European Division. The British Union has undertaken to focus support on requests from Pakistan and Sudan. In a similar vein we will be supporting a hospital project in Ghana that will be implemented by young **volunteers** from our own churches.

During recent months we have been preparing materials to equip, inform and motivate donors and collectors more than ever. Our hope is that every member will recognise their need to respond to the Grace of Christ who gave everything for our happiness and eternal salvation. Our offer of hope for humanity is not optional – it is precisely what we are called to do. Healing, Prosperity and Entrepreneurship are the consequence of spiritual hope – not the source.



**'AIDS is no longer a disease; it is a human rights issue.'**

Nelson Mandela

42 million people are infected.  
20 million people have died.  
17 million are in Africa.  
11 million children are orphaned.  
6,500 people die in Africa every day.  
95% are in the developing world.  
50% of new infections are in the young.  
66% of the newly-infected are women.  
30 years is the life expectancy in Zambia.

Tell people you care. Tell people that you are giving your today for their tomorrow.

**Annual Appeal 2004**

27 March to 11 April  
(extends to 18 April in London)







## Have you seen *The Evidence*?

Hosted by Dwight Nelson and Gillian Joseph (BBC Television presenter) . . . and featuring music, art and stories, with guests from the UK and abroad

The *Evidence* TV series is part of LDi and will start broadcasting 1-5 March and 8-12 March at 8pm on Hotbird Satellite in Europe. The series, which will cover basic biblical values, is geared to attract secular, unchurched people in Europe.

The Adventist 'Hope Channel' is now available in Europe.

In the past 12-18 months 300 Adventists in the British Isles have had a satellite dish installed so that they can access the Adventist satellite TV channels – The Hope Channel and 3ABN.

Both channels provide a large selection of programmes including Healthy Cooking Tips, Children's programmes, Teens' programmes, Body & Spirit Aerobics, News and Lesson Study, plus much more. The Hope Channel will feature *The Evidence* series, which aims to reach a secular audience. It will be hosted at Newbold College.

The company responsible for this mammoth task of installing satellite dishes all over the country is JSD Christian Satellite. Based in London, JSD Christian Satellite aims to provide as many homes as possible with access to Hope Channel, 3ABN and AWR.

Should you wish to get a satellite dish installed or make further enquiries about receiving the Hope Channel, email [info@jsdsatellite.co.uk](mailto:info@jsdsatellite.co.uk) or log on to [www.jsdsatellite.co.uk](http://www.jsdsatellite.co.uk).

### Live from the British Union

'The Hope Channel beamed from the Hotbird satellite opens up a communication pathway for our very first ever broadcast live from the British Union with

the 10-programme series *Evidence* hosted by Dwight Nelson and Gillian Joseph.

'Every Seventh-day Adventist household or church can now access through the installation of a satellite dish a rich diet of Spirit-filled lifestyle programmes for themselves and their friends. Augment your witness for God by being ready for the uplink of the *Evidence* in March.'

PASTOR CECIL PERRY, president

## The Evidence

Presented by Dwight Nelson

Programme titles dates and times of transmissions on the Hope Channel

Date	Time	Topic
Monday 1 March	8pm	<b>Love</b> Love is supposed to make the world go round, but does it really?
Tuesday 2 March	8pm	<b>Meaning</b> Life seems to be a roller coaster placed between birth and death . . . so what's the point?
Wednesday 3 March	8pm	<b>Relationships</b> Do our relationships with others really affect our lives that much?
Thursday 4 March	8pm	<b>Rest</b> There's nothing like the rush of life to make you feel rushed. When can I stop and rest?
Friday 5 March	8pm	<b>Forgiveness</b> Forgiveness! What's so good about letting someone off the hook?
Monday 8 March	8pm	<b>Peace</b> How can we know what peace is when we are full of conflict?
Tuesday 9 March	8pm	<b>Hope</b> Is having hope like wanting a miracle? Does it serve any purpose at all?
Wednesday 10 March	8pm	<b>Death</b> What is the point of death? It robs us of our future, fills us with pain – and then what?
Thursday 11 March	8pm	<b>Suffering</b> We're born from pain. No one escapes suffering in this life. What's the point?
Friday 12 March	8pm	<b>Justice</b> All over the world people call for justice, but does anyone hear?

View the *Evidence* on the *Hope* Channel. If you have satellite equipment then tune in to the Hotbird satellite on the following frequency:  
Frequency: 12577; Polarisation: Horizontal; SR: 27500; FEC: -.

The following telephone numbers will appear in the next issue of *LIFE.info* for members of the public to call if they require information.

Call one of the following numbers to obtain venue details in your area:  
(01923) 665546; (01923) 665539; (01923) 665538; (07976) 916301.

with Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

## Thanks for the Memory

Author George Johnson states and asks, 'We can hear a melody for only a few seconds and yet carry it with us for a lifetime. Experience somehow leaves its mark on the mind. But how can something as fleeting as song take on substance and become part of the brain, part of the body?' 'Our memories are card-indexed, and then put back in disorder by authorities whom we do not control' explains writer Cyril Connolly. Exercising more control may be one way of ensuring that our memories are not disordered.

Sleep is emerging as one such control measure. Animal research shows that during sleep there are distinct patterns of activity in particular areas of the brain. The activity is related to shifts in slow-wave sleep

and the rapid eye movement (REM) associated with dreaming. During sleep the sensory input of the day is, as it were, 'card-indexed' to specific parts of the brain for almost instantaneous recall when appropriate knowledge, experience or emotion is needed in a current situation.

The research shows that the periods of slow-wave sleep occupy a considerable amount of our sleeping time and probably influence our later ability to recall data, and amplify memory traces. REM sleep periods are shorter and are thought to trigger the expression of genes necessary for the storage of information.

Other research centres on the role of *acetylcholine*. People with high night-time levels of this neurotransmitter do not have good memory recall. Alzheimer

patients have a lack of *acetylcholine*, which suggests that memory formation relies on optimum levels of the substance. Many of the drugs used to treat Alzheimer's disease boost *acetylcholine* levels to offset other unpleasant side-effects of the drugs being used. Difficulties arise in knowing what level of *acetylcholine* is present already in someone with Alzheimer's and, therefore, what level to include in medication.

While the chemistry referred to is essential for the formation and storage of memories it is not, of course, the whole story. The initial impact of an event and how we perceive it might be just as important to its retention in memory. For memories to be well-grounded they have to be invested with meaning and emotion. It is the intensity

of that meaning or emotion that acts as a trigger to the recall. On that basis, current research seems to show that we do not forget traumatic events even if we might wish to.

Meaning and emotion, the sensory data, is the stuff of memories; sleeping and brain chemistry are the means by which the memories are retained and recalled. Science writer Lyall Watson reminds us, 'If the brain was so simple we could understand it, we would be so simple that we couldn't!' We can, indeed, say, 'Thanks for the memories!'



with David Marshall



## The return of Jesus: Is it still on?

Is the second coming still on? I merely ask. I haven't heard it mentioned in a while.

Yes, I know we can't plaster it all over our outreach material in this age when everything has to be seeker-sensitive, and LDi-friendly. But I'm not asking if we should put it up front in our outreach. I'm asking, Is it still expected? Last time I checked, the name of the Church still had 'Adventist' in it, right?

Why doesn't the second coming get as much airplay as it used to? In this comfortable age, is it no longer necessary? Have we created a 'new heavens and a new earth' ourselves?

The day on which I write this is Holocaust Memorial Day. The chief rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, has been on *Thought for the Day*<sup>1</sup> to say that the 'only cure for the virus of hate' is education. In other words that the one way to prevent a repeat of the situation in which the mass of a population collaborated with a psychotic government such as the one responsible for 'the destruction of two thirds of European Jewry' is education. In morning worship today my pastor, an Ulsterman, took issue with the chief rabbi. Education, he said, was tremendously important; but that the sole means of preventing the recurrence of the horrors of genocide was the return of Jesus.

For my pastor, evil manifestations in history did not end when the allies took Auschwitz in 1945. More recently there have been genocide in Rwanda (over 800,000 people slaughtered in a hundred days in the spring of 1994), and atrocities associated with the Balkan and Middle Eastern conflicts of the last ten years. There has also been 9/11 and, in addition to Al Qaeda terrorism, the publicised excesses of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, the Saddam regime in Iraq (and, some would argue, the nature of the American and British responses to those regimes).

And, as Ingathering approaches, can we altogether withdraw into our comfort zones and forget the two thirds of the world that goes to bed hungry? Or the malnutrition and disease endemic in developing countries? The total lack of unpolluted water supplies? Do you read the ADRA material?

In the last few years 300,000 people have migrated to the UK and Ireland from one country: Zimbabwe. When the regime that has precipitated the flight of a population equivalent to that of a major British city comes to an end, you can be sure that there will be stories to tell that will put Idi Amin in the shade.

More than thirty years ago, with others, I was invited onto a BBC radio programme called *Speakeasy* chaired by Jimmy Savile. The subject of discussion was, 'Is the world getting better?' Right up to World War I human progress was thought to have been made inevitable by the advance of education, social legislation and political reform. Somehow that view was never tenable after 1914. The totalitarian regimes of the post-1918 period made it even harder to believe that mankind was advancing ever onward and upward. Nevertheless, since the fall of Communism in the late 80s, some of our national broadsheets have, from time to time, breathed again the heady atmosphere of 'inevitable human progress'. And we have a variant of it in the naïve political belief that it is possible for one or two major Powers to eradicate rogue regimes and, in a sense, effectively be 'world controllers'.

The chief rabbi had, apparently, spent the previous Holocaust Memorial Day at a school in South London. 'The pupils came from forty-three different language groups,' said Sacks, '— almost every religion and ethnicity you could imagine.' Two pupils, 'one a Muslim, the other

from Africa' had spoken about how a visit they had made to Auschwitz had changed their lives. 'Everyone sat in total silence. And when the assembly was over and people were filing out,' continued Dr Sacks, 'some of the 11-year-olds in the front row called me over and said, "Sir, we want you to know that if anyone picks on someone in this school, we're there to protect them. We don't allow any racism here." And I thought,' Sacks continued, 'if only such moments could be replicated around the world, how much grief we might spare, how many lives we might save, in the years to come. . . .'

Sadly, however, the lesson of history is that no one learns the lessons of history. Since the Fall, there has been no 'ascent of man'. Rather, a *descent* of man. The same forces that huddled and bubbled beneath the surface of the cauldron of society when Tiberius was emperor, huddle and bubble and threaten to boil over in a world dominated by men with names like George W. Bush, Robert Mugabe and Ariel Sharon. And there's been no noticeable improvement in the standard of political controllers, either!

The only hope of change for the better in today's world — as in the world of Tiberius — centres on an event that happened in AD31 when Tiberius was world-controller. It took place, you will recall, on Skull Hill outside the walls of Jerusalem not far from the Damascus Gate.

That Skull Hill event made revolution possible. Not the sort of revolution the zealots wanted. Far, far more radical than that.

Revolutions, in fact, within the hearts of men and women. Revolutions, so life-changing that although they happen only one at a time — impact one life at a time — can reverberate through human society: one changed life impacting thousands. Calvary is the truth that sets us free. It is the source of our personal revolutions. It is the ground of our only hope, and the world's. Through Calvary 'no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.'<sup>2</sup>

We say: 'It's impossible.'

Because of Calvary: 'All things are possible.' (Luke 18:27.)

We say: 'I can't do it.'

Through the Christ of Calvary: 'You can do all things.' (Philippians 4:13.)

We say: 'I can't manage.'

God says: 'I will supply all your needs.' (Philippians 4:19.)

We say: 'I'm worried and frustrated.'

God says: 'Cast all your cares on me.' (1 Peter 5:7.)

We say: 'I can't go on.'

Jesus says: 'My grace is sufficient for you.' (2 Corinthians 12:9.)

We say: 'The world is in an inglorious mess. Is there any hope?'

God says: 'There will be terrible times in the last days.' (2 Timothy 3:1.)

And Jesus says: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever. . . . Behold, I am coming soon! . . . Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.' (Revelation 1:17, 18; 22:12-14.)

Is the return of Jesus still on? It had better be! Only thus will the wolf and the lamb feed, in peace, together; and the people of this planet be kept from harm, mutual destruction and final annihilation.<sup>3</sup>

In the meantime let's go to Skull Hill for the life-changing revolution and try, with God's help, to be a light in this dark world. In the thunderous darkness of this world's midnight, let's not be shy about flicking on the arc light of the Blessed Hope.

References:

<sup>1</sup>[www.bbc.co.uk/religion](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion) (Key in 23 January 2004, Thought for the Day.)<sup>2</sup> 2 Corinthians 1:20.

<sup>3</sup>See Isaiah chapters 11 and 65.





## Speech Day at JLS

by Bridget Taffe

The Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Erline Prescott, was among the dignitaries who acknowledged the outstanding achievements of John Loughborough School at the annual Speech Day exercises. 'It is important that a school should celebrate the success of its students,' she said.

Sharon Shoesmith, Director of Education for Haringey, like the Mayor, voiced strong support for and commitment to JLS. She commended the students for attaining the greatest improvement in the GCSE results in the borough of Haringey.

The main address was given by Tolu Oni, a chartered certified accountant who manages his own business and is currently employed as a consultant for a London law firm. A former student (class of '91), Mr Oni reflected on his memorable days at the school.

Sincere gratitude was expressed to the dedicated teachers who had worked so untiringly to achieve such excellent results with the GCSE students.

### Student awards

Michelle Costillo was the recipient of the Maureen Luxton Award (best GCSE English student). Joint holders of the Maths Award (best GCSE Maths student) were Stefan Codrington and Antoine Daniel. Joint holders of the Science Award (best GCSE Science students) were Antoine Daniel and Erithier Macani. The Stanley Fray Award (best GCSE French student) went to Stefan Codrington. Other prize recipients

were: Head Teacher's Cup (Head Boy and Head Girl), Belinda Bwoga and Kimakienda Bediako; Deputy Head's Cup (Deputy Girl and Boy), Samantha Phillips, Janelle Williams and Matthew Findlay; Shaw Award (highest performers in Years 7-9), Ulla Akujo-Dronyi and Corey Young; Williams Award (highest performers in Year 10), Belinda Bwoga and Matthew Findlay; TED Award (highest average point score), Ulla Akujo-Dronyi; Artist of the Year, Samantha Phillips.

Nadine Allen, Year 11 student, thrilled the audience as she sang with conviction 'Believe that Children are the Future', and evoked well-deserved applause. Following in her footsteps was Samantha Phillips, Year 11, who with verve and gusto reminded us that we should not allow stereotypes to overcome

us, but let the world know that with Christ we can achieve the impossible.

### Spiritual emphasis

Pastor and educator Patrick George Smith brought this year's Week of Spiritual Emphasis to John Loughborough School with the theme 'Making God's Ideal Real'. Pastor Smith, director of Alumni Relations and Planned Giving at the Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica, outlined to students and staff the 'Ten Essential Social Needs' of all humans in order that they might develop 'Successful Social Skills'. Pastor Smith identified the needs as acceptance, affection, appreciation, approval, attention, comfort, encouragement, respect, security, support and went on to endorse each of them with Bible texts.

There must be satisfaction in these 'Top Ten Non-negotiable Necessary Needs', said Pastor Smith, to experience successful social living.

## Just great!

Alfreda Florence Conroy of Stanborough Park church has at least two claims to fame. The first is that she was born in 1909 and celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5 January. The second is that she was the daughter of a pastor, and the wife of a pastor, and is the mother of a pastor.

Born in Glasgow, Alfreda was the only child of Pastor Alfred Bacon and his wife Florence. In turn, Pastor Bacon became president of the Welsh Mission and then

jointly of the North England Conference and the Scottish Mission.

In 1939 Alfreda married Dennis Conroy. He ministered in Hull, Bradford, Hastings, Brighton, Bournemouth, Newcastle, Wolverhampton and Dudley. Musically gifted, Alfreda sang in church services, and played the piano or organ during campaign meetings. Their home welcomed all who would come to prayer meetings or church social evenings.

The Conroys had two children. The elder one is Pastor Alan Conroy, recently retired after forty years in the ministry. The younger is Sister Lorna Annable who has also retired. In her



## Northampton choir visits Grantham

The thirty-strong Northampton Male Voice Choir gave a sacred concert at the Grantham church on 31 January. In the last year the choir has been to Malta, France and many parts of the UK. Conductor Richard Christopher led the choir through a two-hour programme of new and old well-loved songs. Soloist Kim Bennett gave a stunning performance. The concert was in aid of Dudley House School building fund and was sponsored by Granovita UK.

ANDY JOHNSON

## Tottenham member celebrates her centenary

On 21 December the Tottenham West Green Road church gathered to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> (yes, that's right – 100<sup>th</sup>!) birthday of Mrs Albertha Wharton – better known as 'Granny'.

The occasion was an opportunity for many of our former pastors to drop in: Pastors Anim, Hamilton, Kavaloh and McPhearson were all in attendance to wish Granny their best. Pastor Perry also attended the special day, to give Granny some words of encouragement. Musical tributes were given by the CFJ Children's Choir, the Church Choir and a steel band. A tribute from the youth of the church was led by our resident amateur poet Mosa Telford.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY



Mrs Albertha Wharton with Pastors Bonner, Perry, McPhearson, Hamilton and Anim

case from teaching at Stanborough Primary School. She has not retired from church office, being 2004 Junior Sabbath School leader, a deaconess, and manager of the church kitchen. Lorna and her husband Denver have four adult children – Yvonne (Ishida), Kelvin, Graeme and Rachel.

Pastor Conroy and his wife Christine have a son Andrew, and daughter Deborah. Andrew and his wife Mala have a son, Nicholas – born in Canada in March last year. Deborah and her husband Roger have a daughter, Zoe born in August 2002.

Alfreda is always in church. She said she was brought up to be an Adventist by her parents, and told me

her paternal grandfather was transportation manager for Adventist missionaries late in the nineteenth century. However, she added, 'I'm an Adventist because I've read my Bible and studied it, and know it's right. I know Christ died for me on Calvary's cross. So I hope for a place in the Kingdom because I love the Lord.'

She added with glee, 'I'm 95 and I'm not just a grandmother. I'm a great-grandmother!'

'I'd settle for just 'great'. How much we owe to Alfreda and her three pastors – the representatives of those who kept the faith alive in the past and still do so today.

BRONWEN ATKINSON

## From a faraway place

On 20 December Peterborough church celebrated a baptism, welcoming Corrina Kennedy into fellowship. Pastor Amalendu Bairagee led the service and baptised Corrina. We were delighted that her husband John and several of her friends joined us on that special day, which included a fellowship lunch.

In 1999 Corrina was impressed by a Christian work colleague's meekness and serenity and listened carefully when she shared her faith with her. At that time, in her search for the truth Corrina was deeply involved in a pagan religion called Shamanism, but she began attending a nearby Anglican church, studying the Bible and praying to God for guidance. In 2002 she asked another

work colleague why she left early on Fridays, and so learned of the Sabbath truth. She checked this against the Bible and immediately began to keep the Sabbath day of rest each week.

She was then very ill for several months, but was not deterred from following the truth. Corrina sought out the Adventist church in Peterborough last year and has been attending regularly ever since. Because of her background she has a deep knowledge of pagan practices. She was delighted to find that our church follows biblical principles and ordinances.

The Lord has been gently drawing Corrina to himself for some time. And she has heard his voice and



Pastor Bairagee baptises Corrina Kennedy

come to him from a faraway place. We are looking forward to her gifted participation in the life and activities of the church.

JULIA BROWN

## Jannette Joseph completes charity run

On Sunday 14 September Sister Jannette Joseph joined 22,000 other women in Hyde Park, London, for the Flora Light Challenge charity run.

Women of all ages – from pushchairs to Zimmer-frames – gathered at the park, in glorious British sunshine to walk, jog or run for their favourite charities in this popular event. The 5K (five kilometre) event attracted a wealth of celebrities, including Olympic runner Cathy Freeman, children's presenter Floella Benjamin, and eventual event winner, the pride of Britain, Paula Radcliffe.

The Flora Light Challenge is a fun annual event, which also raises money for charity.

Our Sister Joseph excelled,

running all the way to come in at a very respectable time of 44 minutes – a truly impressive performance. When asked for the highlight of her day, she said, 'It was good to be able to finish the race and run for a good cause.' Sister Joseph chose to run for the Alzheimer's Society as a very close family friend suffers from the disease.

When asked what her final position was in this event, we were astounded to be informed that Sister Joseph was in fact placed somewhere 'after Paula Radcliffe!'

ANGELINE SHILLINGFORD

## Steam railway celebration

On a sunny day last year, the York church celebrated their longest-serving church members, Maurice Franks, Joan Flower and Marguerite Briggs. A special outing was kept a close secret from them until the occasion, and the venue couldn't have been nicer – a steam railway journey from Pickering to Grosmont and back again, with lunch at a tea room near the Grosmont railway sheds.

The presentation was made in the garden of the café after the meal. Maurice, head deacon at the church since before any current members can remember, has provided many years of valuable experience and service. Joan Flower had been Sabbath School superintendent for seven years, and saw the classes safely through their leanest times.

Joan Flower still remembers when she first came to the church

some years ago. It was Marguerite, the mother of the church organist (Sharon Puckering) who invited her to tea. Sadly, Marguerite was too ill to attend, so a special delegation consisting of Pastor Roger Neal and his wife Marylin, as well as Joy and Emma Barker and Gina Pepper, was sent to her residence in Harrogate with some flowers and chocolates.

ANDREW PUCKERING

## Burngreave baptism

The candidates were baptised at Burngreave church, Sheffield, on 30 August by Pastor Des Rafferty. Sonia Bartlett is a singer, and Kanukai Shiringinyai a university student. Sonia, who has been attending Burngreave for some time, decided on the day to recommit her life in baptism. Kanukai had been having Bible studies conducted by Sister Edwards (elder) and Brother Godfrey (deacon) who sadly passed away in the same week of the baptism after a short illness. Pastor Rafferty in his sermon said, 'You are worth everything in the sight of God. If you were the only person in the universe to have sinned, Jesus Christ would still have taken off his kingly robe to save that one individual.'

Pastor Cyril Sweeney (Family Life and Community Services director, NEC) who was present in the afternoon, welcomed the candidates into the family of God on behalf of the NEC. He encouraged the church to love, care, nourish, communicate and pray for the candidates, and closed the occasion with prayer.

ROSEMARY BLENMAN



# Youth Congress is back!

by Paul Tompkins, TED Youth director

International Youth Congresses have been part of the youth scene for years. Whenever I ask 'Were you there?' faces light up as memories flood back from events such as the Zurich Youth Congress in 1969 or more recently, Tromøy (Norway) in 1979, Exeter 1984, Århus (Denmark) 1989 or Budapest (Hungary) in 1992. But there the trail stops – there has not been an International Youth Congress for youth in our Division for more than a decade.

This year is different! Not only will there be a Youth Congress but it will be a Pan-European event involving youth from both the Trans-European and Euro-Africa Divisions. The Congress will be held in the centre of Europe and therefore will be accessible to all. The venue will be the beautiful university city of

Wrocław, in south-west Poland and we expect between 3,000 and 4,000 Adventist youth, aged 16-35, to be there from 4-8 August.

Each Union is handling the applications and co-ordinating the travel arrangements. Applications need to be in by the end of April and the good news is that the cost has been kept to a very reasonable level. The BUC are offering a Congress and travel package. Please apply for details. Application forms are available from each Conference office or Youth Sponsor in the Missions and you can find more information by logging on to the Youth Congress website [HYPERLINK](http://aycongress.info) <http://aycongress.info> or go to the Youth page on the BUC website: [www.adventist.org.uk](http://www.adventist.org.uk).

So now it is down to you. The

Youth Congress is a very exciting opportunity and we are inviting all Adventist youth to be part of this long-awaited event. Congress is

designed to empower, motivate and equip our young people under the logo 'Time 4 Action'.

See you in Wrocław.

## A miracle shared

The miracles that happened in the Bible are still happening today. Has God done a miraculous wonder for you that has turned your world around? Then we would love to hear about it. Why? We are collecting information to enlighten people who do not know God, and to encourage those who know but have some doubts, that God is still in the business of performing miracles.

**Urgently needed for Ghana Mission Project 24 June-11 July:** Bibles and Bible study lessons to take with us to Tamale for the purpose of evangelistic campaigns that will be conducted there. Complete sets of lessons preferred please.

If you have, or know someone who has, a generator or any building equipment that could be donated to the project I would like to hear from you also. Please contact Pastor Des G. Boideau at the BUC office by phone: 01923 672251, or email [dboideau@adventist.org.uk](mailto:dboideau@adventist.org.uk) or fax: 01923 893212 for arrangements to be made to receive these donations.

Whether it was the casting out of a demon, your conversion to Christianity, being brought back to life, healing, or having been brought help or comfort at just the right time – whatever your story – write and tell us about it.

Write to **Never Ending Miracles**, Hilltop, 85 Fifth Avenue, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 9TH or email: [neverendingmiracles@hotmail.com](mailto:neverendingmiracles@hotmail.com).

Remember – 'A testimony shared is a life enriched.'

DONNA AMANKWAH

**AUDREY HUSH (1934-2003)** d. 14 July 2003. Audrey O'Connell was dedicated with her sister Margie (now deceased) in the Adventist church which, at that time, was situated above a shop called Gato's in South Shields. She used to attend with her grandfather and grandmother, William and Helen Newton. Many a Sabbath they travelled across the river Tyne on the ferry to join the North Shields church fellowship. After a short absence from church attendance in her late teens, Audrey returned with a stronger conviction to serve the Lord. It was in the South Shields church that she met and married on 5 November 1961, her husband, Allan Hush. They were married by Pastor A. G. Timothy at the Rye Hill church, Newcastle. Along with her brother Brian and sister-in-law Gillian O'Connell, Audrey and Allan were founder members of the current South Shields church. Their many fund-raising efforts ensured that enough money was available for the church building to be renovated and suitable for its purpose of worship. Audrey was particularly successful during Ingathering and over the years collected thousands of pounds for many worthy causes. In 1967, after a short spell working in the Stanborough Press, Audrey returned to South Shields with husband Allan and continued to support the church with her tithes, offerings and collections. She held many church offices and was, until her untimely death, head deaconess. She is greatly missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ and especially by husband Allan; sons Allan and Neil; daughters-in-law Denisa and Anne and grandson Adriel.

RALPH JACKSON

**DAVID ALFRED PALEY (1945-2003)** d. 27 November 2003. We suffered a great loss when David Paley passed away in St Francis' Hospice, Berkhamsted. He was 58 and had been ill for four years. David was born in Muswell Hill at the end of the war and was apprenticed to a coachbuilder on leaving school. His skill as a mechanical engineer was carried with him throughout his life. At the age of 18 David met Roma French, aged 15, and they married in 1965. Their home was soon blessed with two children, Helen and Gary. The Paleys moved to Witham in Essex in 1966, and in 1975 the book *Your Bible and You* by Arthur Maxwell, led them to contact Gladys Brailsford, who studied the Bible with them. The couple were baptised in 1976 at Colchester and joined the Chelmsford church where David became Personal Ministries leader and elder. While living in Chelmsford, David spent three years as a full-time literature-evangelist. After eleven years he moved to Stanborough School where he became maintenance manager. Here he was later joined in this department by David Bailey and the pair became known as 'Paley and Bailey'. Always cheerful, reliable and punctual, David was a 'people-person', loved by staff and students alike. His response to any request to tackle even the hardest of jobs was, 'No trouble'. He once advised the Headmaster, Mr Steve Rivers to 'just do what you can and the rest will follow'. Pastor Orville Woolford, Trans-European Division Education director, for whom Roma is secretary, gave a sermon full of hope to a full Stanborough Park church on

Friday 5 December. He focused on John the Beloved, exiled on Patmos, suffering under the Emperor Domitian, yet in Revelation 4:1 John writes, 'After this [ie his troubles], I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven.' Similarly, David's long illness was his own Patmos, but God opened a 'door in heaven' for his faithful servant, a door of hope and assurance. The funeral was enriched with musical tributes from Pastor Malcolm Taylor (organ) friend from Chelmsford church, Paul King-Brown (voice), David's son-in-law, and a student from the School, Emanuil Markov (violin). Verbal tributes came from Alan, David's younger brother, who spoke of David's sheer courage against a cruel disease, Robert Beswick – from Chelmsford church who was befriended by David and Roma in 1980, and from Dave Bailey – colleague from Stanborough School. Steve Rivers added his voice of gratitude for having known David so well. The writer thanked all at St Francis' Hospice for their commitment to David's care and comfort. These included Doctors Roslyn Taylor and Sharon Chadwick, physiotherapist Joanna Blake, Macmillan nurse Julie Brown, the staff and even the black Labrador Pavvi (short for Pavarotti) who wanders round the beds of the sick bringing his own brand of friendship. The bravest tribute came from Roma herself who assured us that our prayers have been answered, and that though David's outer man was weakening, his inner man was growing through his four years of illness. Pastor Harald Wollan, secretary of the Division, took us in heartfelt prayer to the throne of the Almighty before we left to say 'Goodbye' at West Herts crematorium. David leaves his wife Roma, brother Alan, parents Alfred and Vera, children Helen and Gary, son-in-law Paul King-Brown and dear granddaughter Adina. Another Paley, William, wrote *Evidences for Christianity* in the late 1880s. Our own Paley family have written a living epistle with the same title in our very midst, from which we all will take courage as we wait for Jesus the Lifegiver. May he come soon!

PASTOR ROBERT G. VINE

## AMA launch new logo

by Trevor Johnson, Events and Publicity manager

We are constantly seeking to improve our corporate image and how to present ourselves generally. AMA is no exception and we launched our new logo in the New Year 2004. In keeping with the ethos the association has a subtle musical theme. The logo was tastefully

designed by Becky De Oliveira who was also responsible for designing the programmes for the Wembley Arena event. Look out for information on our new programme of events for the forthcoming year that includes our first ever Awards Ceremony in November 2004. Should you want more information on this please contact us by email: [ask@ama-ted-net](mailto:ask@ama-ted-net).

TREVOR JOHNSON

**JOAN OLIVER (1936-2003)** d. 4 December. For over forty-eight years Joan was a dearly loved member of the Hull church and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. After faithfully serving the church in a variety of offices over the years, Joan passed away peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with optimism, bravery and cheerfulness. The marriage of Joan (Wastling) and Brian Oliver took place in 1957, the same year as her baptism by Pastor T. L. Gillett. In due course Mavis and Joy were born. Joan's funeral took place at the Hull crematorium on 10

December in the presence of her loving family, friends and church members from near and far. Pastors Paul Haworth, Ron Edwards, and Hull minister Keith Hamilton officiated in a service which brought comfort, assurance and hope for the future. Joan leaves behind husband Brian, daughters Mavis and Joy (Stephen and Adrian), grandchildren Mark, Ryan, Alex, Francesca and Angelina; brother Geoffrey, sisters Margaret (Robertson) and Brenda (in Australia) and their families, to whom our deepest sympathy is extended. Joan closed her eyes in Jesus and now rests free from pain. When she awakes in the twinkling of an eye, she will look into the face of her beloved Saviour with the sweet assurance of life everlasting.

PETER WALLER

Brian and family wish to thank everyone for their charitable donations and many messages of sympathy and support.

Apology – A complaint has been received with regard to an apology that appeared on the back page of MESSENGER 30 January 2004. No slight against Joshua Maponga or Solusi University were intended. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the original apology. Editor.



# Adventist World Radio

by Lilia de Oliveira, secretary, AWR-Europe

## Frequently asked questions



*How can I hear AWR programmes?*  
Adventist World Radio is the mission radio arm of the Adventist Church. Our mandate is to enter the hardest-to-reach places on earth, and we focus on broadcasting to people groups that are difficult to reach in other ways. There are countries where mission workers cannot be sent because of political, religious, or geographic barriers.

North America does not have those restrictions, and many Adventist media ministries are already active there, so we concentrate on broadcasting to other areas. However, if you have a shortwave radio, you may occasionally be able to pick up an AWR signal. Also, more and more of our programmes are accessible through Internet audio, at [www.awr.org](http://www.awr.org).

*Why do you use shortwave? Isn't it obsolete?*

AWR broadcasts many hours on

shortwave radio because it is the most widely heard broadcast vehicle in the world. More than 2.5 billion people, using 1 billion shortwave radio receivers, tune in to shortwave radio somewhere in the world on a regular basis. Research shows that shortwave listeners are growing globally, with shortwave penetration at its highest level in developing countries. For example, 98 per cent of households in Zimbabwe have shortwave radios. People in North America don't listen as much to shortwave because of the widespread availability of local AM and FM stations.

In addition to shortwave, AWR also broadcasts programmes via AM/FM networks, direct-to-home satellite, and the Internet.

*How many languages do you broadcast in, and how many countries do you cover?*

We currently produce programmes in 55 languages, such as Amharic for people in Ethiopia, Kirghiz for residents of Kyrgyzstan, Malayalam for listeners in India, and Spanish for the population of Cuba. Our non-internet broadcasts cover 70 per cent of the world, through shortwave, AM and FM stations, and satellite. It is a challenge to calculate the exact number of countries we reach, since signals fluctuate



## No shame



Shopping for hardware last week, Steve got chatting with two salespeople about the latest *Matrix* film. One said Neo was becoming just another boring superhero.

Steve agreed. 'I liked him better in *Matrix 1* when he was human and vulnerable but was sensing a calling to be a kind of Messiah, with divine powers to save the world – reminded me of Jesus.'

'Really?'

'Yeah. The directors say they're inspired by Jesus' story.'

'Interesting.'

Then, not overdoing it, Steve said, 'Anyway . . . where're your tap washers, please?'

One salesman showed him and re-opened discussion. 'I actually don't know much about Jesus. Is he historical or just mythical?'

'Well, there're some myths around, but also some hard eyewitness history. What if, next time I come in, I loan you one of the best books I've read on him?'

'Cool. Thanks.'

So he did. Who know where Steve's unashamed, natural, friendly outreach will lead?

Personal evangelism can be:

- Testimonial (telling your story)
- Intellectual (arousing curiosity)
- Interpersonal/invitational (making friends, inviting them)
- Serving (Community Services)
- Confrontational (Paul's preaching)

All approaches have their place and suit different people. Steve does well at 1, 2 and 3.

What approaches could you use?

'For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.' Romans 1:16.

and radio stations access our down-links throughout the year.

*How are gifts to AWR used?*

All gifts made directly to AWR go to advance our broadcast ministry. For example, AWR uses direct gifts to cover the costs of air time and add new languages in areas such as the Middle East, Africa, Russia, and China. Operating expenses are covered by appropriations from the

General Conference and other sources of income, such as investments, endowments and estate gifts.

### ABC BOOK SALES

<b>Feb</b>	29 West Midlands	10am-2pm
<b>Mar</b>	7 John Loughborough	10am-2pm
	20 NEC Youth Day Nottingham	

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Mar 5	5.49	6.01	5.51	5.56	6.08
12	6.01	6.13	6.04	6.11	6.22
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<b>Parenting Training Day</b>	Sunday 25 April 10am-5pm	Advent Centre, London.	Bernie and Karen Holford	Tel Janet Guthrie at SEC 01923 232728 <a href="mailto:jguthrie@secadventist.org.uk">jguthrie@secadventist.org.uk</a>

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