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Newbold Graduation 2005

by Helen Pearson

Ten years ago the young daughter of Icelandic singing teacher Greta Jonsdottir died of cancer. In the years following her loss, Greta looked for 'something to do'. She wanted to 'find something to help others'. Someone she knew had taken an MA at Newbold so just over two years ago she looked at the Newbold website (*newbold.ac.uk*) and found information about the Counselling Course. 'When I saw the class, I knew that was it. That was what I wanted to do.' Once a week for most of the twenty weeks a year of the two-year course, she took the six-hour return trip from Reykjavik to London to participate. On Graduation Sunday, 22 May, along with eleven other students, she received the Advanced Certificate in Christian Counselling (accredited by the Counselling Training Initiative/Open College Network) from Newbold's principal, Dr David Penner. She is already giving counselling-related seminars in Iceland and, in the near future, plans to start a counselling agency in Iceland.

The elements of Greta's story are there in many

of the stories of the young people celebrated by their teachers, families and friends at Newbold Graduation. The journey for many begins with recognition of need in themselves and others, followed by a desire to serve. It continues with a determination to find their own particular way to serve, and concludes as their personal commitment and perseverance takes them to qualification and on to service and, as so many of them describe it, 'making a contribution'.

Newbold's two Graduation ceremonies reflected the variety of ways in which the College offers to help those aspiring to serve God and other people. In the morning ceremony, thirty-seven students received certificates, diplomas and degrees. The first to receive their awards were seventeen students with undergraduate certificates and diplomas in Counselling, Christian-Muslim studies, and Religious and Pastoral Studies. They were followed by twenty graduates from fifteen countries who received BA degrees in English, History, Behavioural Science, Accounting and Management.

In the afternoon ceremony forty-six students from twenty-four countries received BAs in Humanities, and Biblical and Pastoral Studies and MAs in Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies and Theological Studies. Fourteen students received awards *in absentia*. Many of those not present are already hard at work in their chosen fields of service from Germany to Nigeria, from Brazil to South Korea.

In his annual report Dr Penner shared news of a generous and anonymous gift of £100,000 to the College, which will be used for scholarships for new and gifted students and fellowships for staff. This project will be called *The Randolph Initiative*. In his speech, the principal wished farewell to two departing members of the Senior Management team, Dr Penny Mahon, Dean of Students and Head of Humanities, and Mrs Judith Vucic, Bursar. He paid tribute to the enormous contribution both have made to the College.

The speaker at both services this year was Dr John Matthews, Newbold graduate and Professor of Educational Administration and Religious Education at Andrews University, and the father of Humanities graduate Angela Matthews. His simple biblical message to the graduates offered a choice between finding limited meaning in religious ritual or more authentic life and meaning in relationship with Jesus Christ. 'I challenge you to live your life so authentically that if you were to live it again, the repetition would be sweet. If you make right choices now, your life will bring life to you and others and the river will flow into eternity.'

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Val Bernard, Head of Behavioural Sciences, with one member of the largest ever Behavioural Science class to graduates from Newbold, Gabija Obadauskaitė who graduated *cum laude*.



Two cousins, sons of two Irish sisters, received their awards in this year's Newbold Graduation class. Conrad Vine, son of Newbold alumni Robert and Vivienne Vine (née Hill) graduated with distinction and received an MA in Biblical Studies – New Testament. His cousin, Steve Wilson, son of George and Evelyn Wilson (née Hill), received an MA in Pastoral Studies.

Steve is already working as a pastoral intern in Dublin. After completing his assignment for ADRA-Sri Lanka, Conrad will take up his own ministerial internship in the Holloway church in London. Reflecting on his Newbold experience, Steve said: 'One of the most important things that Newbold has taught me is what a team can do if everyone does their bit! It's the small things that make the difference.'



MA graduates Bernard Akakpo, presently serving a ministerial internship in Brixton, London, and Steve Wilson, assistant minister in Dublin.





Evidence and Mind the Gap DVDs released

by Alan Hodges
Ldi co-ordinator

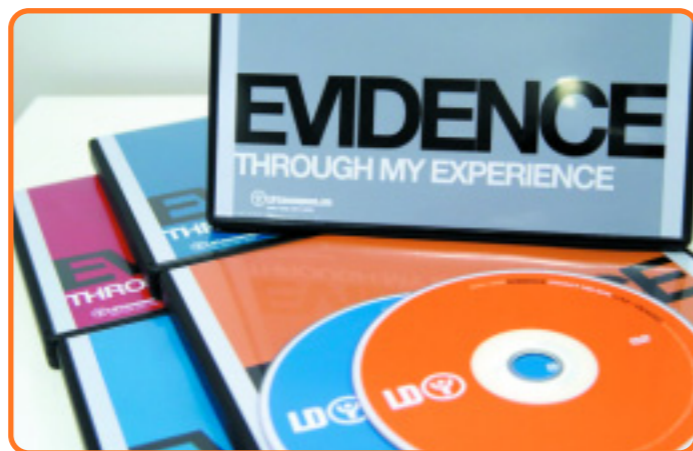
At last! The LIFEdevelopment team are able to announce the release of the *Evidence* and *Mind the Gap* DVDs. This valuable resource for reaching the secular and unchurched has taken months to produce due to the fact that many countries have requested subtitles to be added to the two series of programmes. In addition to English subtitles for the hard of hearing, the following languages are also available: *Evidence* Croatian, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Serbian, Slovenian, Swedish.

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The *Evidence* and *Mind the Gap* series are the

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Healthwise

Talking to one's self

It is estimated that more than two million Britons hear voices when they are alone. It is not always the result of a psychiatric disorder. Seventy per cent are diagnosed as sane, although the World Health Organisation says that over 1.2 billion people suffer from some type of neuropsychiatric or behavioural ailment.

Studies in the UK and Sweden show that over 13% of recently widowed men and women hear the voice of their dead spouse, and 71% of bereaved elderly people have hallucinations (or hallucinatory-like experiences) of their lost partner.

The hearing of voices generally follows a period of intense emotional upheaval and can last from a few months to a number of years. Many regard the voices in a positive light and take comfort from the 'communication'. Others find the voices to be bizarre or persecutory in nature.

Brain research, using the various new imaging devices and the monitoring of skin conductivity, has highlighted the conclusion that voice hearers are literally speaking to themselves. When the voices are heard activity can be found in both *Wernicke's* and *Broca's* areas of the brain, the regions that deal with speech. The muscles used in normal

talking are also activated.

The inner speech silence and minuscule muscular activity is referred to as *subvocalisation*. It is thought that subvocalisation is a learned behaviour in that children talk to themselves out loud in early childhood, and then suppress the activity as they get older. Even then, some older people vocalise their activities in low voices and often speak of 'thinking aloud'.

Persons with mental disturbances such as *schizophrenia* and who hear voices which they find alien or threatening are still thought to produce the voices through subvocalisation. The voices appear hostile simply because the planning part of their minds does not recognise the voices as their own. Experiments

amplifying the subvocal movements have in fact been able to record the personal dialogue and confirm that the voices are the result of individual speech to oneself.

There is a tendency for the human brain to generate what it wants to hear, and to derive comfort from it. The problem arises when an individual ascribes that voice to a supernatural source and acts out the 'communication', often contrary to Scripture, believing they have divine authority. Voices need to be tested for source and authority for at most we may only be talking to ourselves.



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

Message from the Editor

A friend teaches literacy skills to children with learning difficulties. When she phones up of an evening, and Harley, 9, has made a breakthrough with regard to a basic literacy skill, she could not be more enthusiastic if she had made a quantum leap in rocket science.

Last evening, though, she reported a setback. Hobi, 7, frustrated with himself because he continually made mistakes, had walked away sadly saying, 'I'm a loser.'

Shocked, but never short of a word, my friend had responded: 'Hobi, look at me! You are like me: not a *loser*, but a *learner*. We learn by making lots of mistakes.'

Today I'm here to enrol as a *learner*. I'd like to sign you up, too.

Before you sign, please understand this, though. Your status as a learner will involve you in admitting failure from time to time. However, even failing over a significant period does *not* make you a loser.

Old Testament David experienced one failure/loss after another:

The loss of his position at Saul's court and in his army.

The loss of his wife, Saul's daughter.

The loss of Samuel, his mentor.

The loss of his best friend, Jonathan.

The loss of his self-respect.

(See 1 Samuel 18:10-30:6.)

That's when David arrived in the Cave of Adullam, the Cave of Failure.

God does some of his best work on us in such places. For it is in such places – where all of us log time at one time or another – that God, having made a loser into a learner, gives him a fast-forward learning course.

The problem, though, is that a person who sees himself as a loser attracts the company of other people who see themselves as losers. There, in the Cave of Adullam, 'all those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around [David], and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.' (1 Samuel 22:2.) Can you imagine it – 400 whingers, whiners, grumblers, fretters, fussers and groaners?

There must have been more than 400 altogether because it says that they brought their wives and started families. Because they thought they were losing and not learning, they went around raiding nearby villages.

That led David to hit rock bottom. His community of families lived briefly at Ziklag. One day when David and the 400 men were away on a raid, the Amalekites swept in and took all the women and children captive (1 Samuel 30:1-5).

Crunch time. 'So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.' (Verse 4.) Ever done that? Weeping *is* permitted!

Then it got worse. The mood of the men turned really ugly: 'each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters' (verse 6). Under those circumstances it is natural to start in on the blame game. It was, they decided, David's fault.

When he heard them discussing stoning him to death, he knew that he was totally vulnerable and without resources.

Then David realised he had one Resource: '*David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.*' (1 Samuel 30:6. KJV.)

With every prop kicked away – even the friendship of the whingers and whiners – David had only God. *And he found that God was enough.*

That discovery made him abandon 'loser' for 'learner'. And among the first things God taught him was how to recover the wives and children.

But first David encouraged himself in God. There are different kinds of psalms: psalms of thanksgiving, psalms of wisdom, and psalms of lament. In the cave, David wrote Psalm 142, a psalm (prayer) of lament.

'I cry out loudly to God . . . ' he wrote, 'I spill out all my complaints before him, and spell out my troubles in detail: . . . I cry out . . . "You're my last chance, my only hope for life! . . . Get me out of this dungeon." ' (Psalm 142, MGE.)

As Hezekiah would lay the Assyrian letter out before the Lord, David lays out his troubles. David's faith may have been of mustard seed proportions, but he knew that the Lord watched over his steps (verse 3, NIV) and said, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.' (Verse 5, NIV.) And God can work on faith like that. David did not bury his failure; he presented it to God. He moved from loser to learner. From then on there was no way but upward. David was being prepared for mission; God's purpose for his life. God worked on Elijah in the cave, too. After a period of rise and rise, Elijah, like David, had gone on the run because of fear. Hundreds of miles from the theatre of his mission, Elijah ended up in the cave. In a still small voice God spoke to him there. He moved from loser to learner. God does his best work in caves of failure.

Like Elijah and David we can learn in the cave of failure – to learn from failure and follow God's plan.

The props David had lost – his position, his wife, and the rest – had been a substitute for God. They had focused his mind on the horizontal. In the cave David lost all his props, had only God, and knew that God was all he needed. It refocused his life on the vertical. Failures and problems are things to be learned from. Losers become learners. Then there is no way but upwards.

Jonathan Edwards wrote of 'a tough fibrous root that is all that is evil within us.' We cannot take it into the Kingdom. It has to be tackled here. God works with us in the cave that we may lose it. Conversion is the work of a moment; sainthood takes a lifetime.

God has the process on fast-forward while we are in the cave. There the learning curve is steepest.

We must all do time in the cave to adjust our

A loser or a learner?



with David Marshall

focus from the horizontal to the vertical, to shift from 'loser' to 'learner' mode.

Both David and 'David's greater Son' did time in the cave. The time Jesus spent in the cave, though, was to ensure a way out for the rest of us.

'The Son of David also lost his position, his status as a teacher, his safety and security. He lost not only his best friend, but all his friends, in spite of his teachings and warnings. His life, too, was endangered. But his failure got worse. He went to a cross and died. All his dreams and all the dreams he inspired, appeared to die with him. What started as a shining success ended in ignoble failure.'²

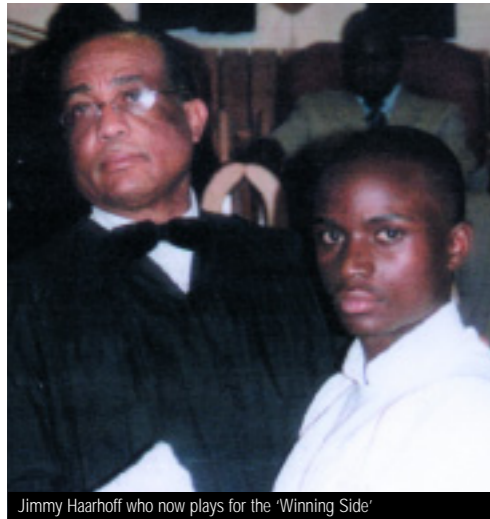
When they were certain he was dead, they put his body in a man-made cave. They placed a great stone with a seal on it, and posted a guard.

But God resurrects dead things in caves. Mountains piled on mountains, and armies of millions with weapons of mass destruction, could not have kept him in there.

When you have no more strength to weep, when your psalm of lament has been uttered, look up, encourage yourself in the Lord your God – you are ripe for resurrection!

And if you think you're a loser, looking out of a Cave of Failure, take heart: you're about to become a learner. God is preparing you for mission. He does his best work in caves.

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Jimmy Haarhoff who now plays for the 'Winning Side'



Luton: A year with the Pathfinders

'On the Winning Side'

February 5 was a happy day in Bournville church. Members were pleased to see two young people, Donna Chitiyo and Jimmy Haarhoff, baptised at Handsworth church to the delight of parents, friends and family. Being the only two candidates made it truly a Bournville day of celebration. Donna made history

by being the youngest member of the church at the tender age of 14, while Jimmy has decided to hang up his boots at the age of 23 and sacrifice a professional football career for his Saviour.

After words of encouragement from Pastor Appiah, Donna took to the baptismal pool first and both were baptised by Pastor McIntosh. The ceremony ended with the right

hand of fellowship from elders, pastors and key workers both of Handsworth and Bournville churches, including Jimmy's proud parents, Hilda and Jim Haarhoff. Jim serves as head elder of the Bournville church.

Both young people have been voted into membership of the church and have already started an active life for the Lord.

LORRAINE EDINBOROUGH

Luton Pathfinders have had a very interesting and exciting year. In March 2004 they paid a visit to The National Space Centre in Leicester to learn about the planets and stars. The Guide Class planned and organised a visit to the African-Caribbean Day Centre for the Elderly, where they socialised and had fun.

Luton church members showed their commitment to the Pathfinders by supporting a fundraising Gospel Concert featuring Blessed Voices in May and a sponsored 8-km hike in August.

Camporee in Ireland was a first-time experience for several Pathfinders. Although it was quite

cold and damp in September, they invaded Phasel Woods for a weekend camp.

It was a rush to get all the files up to date and ready for inspection by the end of October, but an Investiture was held on 11 December with some Pathfinders receiving several honours badges. Two beautiful trophies were awarded to Tanita Satchwell and Emmanuel Aechempong, who were nominated as Pathfinder Girl and Boy of the Year. Cherelle Dwyer was awarded the Drilling and Marching trophy. Well done to the Pathfinders, their director Douglas Davis, their counsellors, parents and church members for making the Investiture possible.

EILEEN HUSSY, Luton Pathfinder Club

Barnet and St Albans baptisms

God has clearly blessed the Barnet



and St Albans churches under the strong leadership of Pastor Jonathan Barrett and the enthusiasm of the members.

On Sabbath 16 April both congregations united in worship for a baptismal service at St Albans when five candidates committed their lives to Jesus, each giving a personal testimony.

Brenda Fair (St Albans) had some Christian background but, through marriage to an Adventist, experienced a deeper desire to follow Jesus.

Mario September (Barnet), influenced by his Adventist wife Charmalyn, attended camp meeting where he was extremely impressed.

Stephen Kataya (Barnet) was influenced by his wife Mwape, also an Adventist. Recently, during his stay in hospital, many Adventists visited him and with their prayerful support he is recovering.

Kamima Chipongo (Barnet) is the

16-year-old sister-in-law of Stephen, brought up by his wife (her sister). She wants to live for God and often ministers in songs.

Mwami Musamali (Barnet), 15

years old, was brought up in an Adventist home and believes the biblical truths she has been taught. She therefore wanted to commit herself to God.

CYNTHIA KNOWLTON

Nyesha's baptism

On the afternoon of Sabbath 19 March the High Wycombe Sands church celebrated the baptism of 14-year-old Anne Nyesha Genevieve Williams, fondly known as Nyesha. Proud parents Joel and Val supported their only daughter as she stood before God, the church family, her extended family and school friends to show her desire and commitment to following her Lord.

Nyesha is a warm, friendly and outgoing young lady who plays several musical instruments. As a student of the Great Marlow School, she has made many close friends, several of whom came to share her special afternoon, witnessing the start of a new life Nyesha has chosen in following Jesus. School friend Claire Talbut played a piano piece before the baptism took place, and family and church friends Jade, Aaron, Shaun, Alex, Danni, Rebecca, Shakira and Reena expressed their joy in presenting poems, songs and readings all dedicated to Nyesha.

The sermonette presented by Pastor Michael Anim was entitled 'You're in Good Company'. Here Nyesha was given the assurance that she follows in the company of many young, strong, spiritual Bible characters who also stood firm in making a stand for God. The examination of the candidate was made by our elder Gideon Thomas.

Pastor Frederick Mapp of the NEC, a close friend of the Williams family, then entered the baptismal pool and expressed his personal joy in being given the opportunity to share in Nyesha's special day.

PATSY THOMAS



Scottish Women's Ministries Retreat

All attending this year's retreat, held at Scottish Churches House in Dunblane, received a great blessing. Our theme of drawing nearer to our precious Lord drew women from all of the Scottish churches.

It was encouraging to witness the love and fellowship, and experience the power of the Holy Spirit as he worked in the hearts of our sisters in Christ. The generation gap was non-existent as women from their early twenties to their mid-eighties enjoyed the blessings of one another's prayer, presentations, testimonies and God-given talents. We praised God as powerful testimonies of victories in the most difficult circumstances and of miracles

small and great were shared with great joy and thanksgiving.

Encouragement and solidarity were found in the sure knowledge that all who love and serve God suffer trials, sometimes great trials, but God is faithful to bring us through. In the fellowship and community of Christ we gave thanks to God for these trials, for we all saw his great purpose working in them as he 'draws us closer' to him through them. We testified with confidence that 'If he brings us to the trial he will see us through the trial!'

We enjoyed the uplifting blessing of prayer workshops where earnest prayer was raised to the throne of heaven for the specific needs of

each member in the group. We were blessed by the teaching and sharing of God's word as Carlene Rafferty spoke of God's perfumery and emphasised the beauty of different personalities and talents all working together as a sweet fragrance before God to fulfil his desires. We all agreed that, far from being a reason for differences and disagreements, our diversity in personality and talents were cause for rejoicing. The poetry of our most senior member attending, Vi Buchan, 84, was a joy to listen to.

The walk around Lake Katrine inspired us as we praised the majesty and beauty of God's creation. Judith Martin shared wonderful pictures and information on the Women's Ministries mission to Rwanda and we saw that sometimes our suffering and trials seem so small in the face of the sufferings of this country.

Thank you to all the churches that shared their talents and blessed us as they led out in worship. One theme of worship focused on the blessings of obedience as we abide in the powerful, living Word of Christ and live in his promises.

BRENDA BRYANT



Newark baptism

There was great rejoicing in the Newark church on Sabbath 23 April when Mrs Christine Walls and Mr Stephen Lunnon came forward for baptism.

Christine had long known about the faith from her husband, an Adventist, but had not taken the final step. During the last two or three years, Christine started studying again as she began to feel her need for Christ as her personal Saviour. She now loves to worship him every Sabbath.

Stephen was first contacted through a bill advertising Bible lessons in 1988. He did not follow up his initial interest but his wife Marilyn studied the lessons and was baptised in 1998. More recently Stephen began coming to church, and after much study, soul searching and many prayers, he requested baptism. Each Sabbath he loves to open up the church and set out the chairs.

Pastor John Ferguson, who has a close pastoral relationship with both Christine and Stephen, was delighted to baptise them. The Grantham members joined in to give support to the candidates.

PHYLLIS COLDWELL, Bible worker



Pastor John Ferguson would like to acknowledge the sterling work done over many years by Miss Phyllis Coldwell as a Bible worker, and of her personal involvement in greatly encouraging both candidates. J. F.

Hackney at 25

Members and visitors young and old came together on the evening of Wednesday 9 February to celebrate Hackney church's special 25-year milestone.

It was on 9 February 1980 that a dozen or so people came together to form a company of believers. As numbers grew, some branched out to Stoke Newington, and now, 25 years later, Hackney church has 200 or so members.

The celebratory service included a mime performance by Hackney's young people, an inspiring poem by our newest baptised member, Dominic Dalgety, 11, and renditions

by the Hackney Male Voice Choir and some of Hackney's original members. The highlight of the evening was a special performance in song by the 'Hackney Originals'.

Words of admonition and encouragement came from Hackney's former pastor, Ellis Guthrie, who began his ministry in Hackney in 1981 and was responsible for formally organising the members from company to church. He stayed with the church until 1987. In his address he reminisced on what it was like all those years ago. 'I remember the building we worshipped in was really cold, but, despite the cold, we stayed together because the Spirit of God kept our hearts warm.'



The celebrations do not stop there. A number of events have been organised throughout the year to recognise Hackney's 25th.

DARELL PHILIP

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We need Christian colleagues with energy, vision, and the ability to initiate and carry through developments; committed to school improvement and high standards of teaching, able to demonstrate enthusiasm and support the ethos of the school, while challenging pupils to achieve high standards.

For an informal discussion about these posts, please contact the Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Anne Phillip, John Loughborough School (VA), Holcombe Road, Tottenham, London N17 9AD. Applications by Friday 24 June 2005.

It takes a team

Among the peaceful and idyllic surroundings of the flowing River Derwent in the heart of the Peak District, some 30+ individuals from the Sheffield district had a weekend they would never forget.

In mid-February the Sheffield district (Manor, Carter Knowle and Burngreave) gathered together for a weekend of departmental training in Derbyshire at Cliff College. We were favoured with talks from our district elders Blake and Prime, and Pastor

Roy Morgan, the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for the North England Conference.

The focus of the weekend was for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit for work in the Lord's service, vision powered leadership, teamwork and an opportunity to relax and enjoy the Sabbath. On Sabbath we all looked at leadership from a biblical perspective.

On Sunday Pastor Morgan spoke passionately about 'Vision Powered Leadership'. He brought to our atten-

tion the vital role and power available that all leaders have at their disposal. 'He who is endowed with the Holy Spirit has great capacities of heart and intellect, with strength of will and purpose that is unconquerable.' *Australian Union Conference Record*, 1 April 1898. He often stated, 'If no progress is made – sack the leader!'

Well, despite the dull and dreary weather forecast, the sun came out full blast all weekend, so we took the opportunity to take in the fresh Peak District air during a praise walk to admire God's creation.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Aberdeen youth

Youth represent the future of our Church. Their potential as babies, pre-teens and that much-maligned bunch called teenagers is limitless – in God's hands. For instance, it seems not very long ago that I remember Victor Hulbert (whose name will be familiar to many Adventists) as a baby born in Aberdeen. We pray for our leaders and our pastors. Should we not also pray earnestly for our youth? Temptation for that age group has greatly multiplied.

We in Aberdeen are lucky enough to have a Master Guide in our church. She is Josephine Eikum who, since coming to Aberdeen from

Norway seven-and-a-half years ago, completed that course. She works hard with our Youth and Pathfinders and attended the Camporee with them in Poland in 2002. In July two years ago the group went to Romania and Josephine was one of the volunteers who helped to raise enough funds to build and furnish two family homes. Last year they went to Northern Ireland and took part in the BUC Pathfinder Camporee.

This year they plan to go back to Romania and hope to build a Kindergarten in a village called Crivina just outside Bucharest. Fund raising for expenses and materials

for that project has already begun. Since Josephine rightly thinks the young people should do something for themselves to raise money, as opposed to having it handed to them, such things as car boot sales and fund-raising dinners are being held. A concert was held in the church at the end of May.

The dinners are, with some supervision from Josephine, cooked by the young people, who also act as waiters and waitresses. So far it has been very successful.

There is a Youth day once a quarter, with churches in Scotland taking turns in hosting the event. This year it was Edinburgh in February, Glasgow in April, Crieff in June and Aberdeen will have the pleasure in September. *VIOLET BUCHAN*

50s Headliners feedback: The S. G. Hyde contribution

Pastor Jack Mahon's very interesting recollections of the 1953-54 Birmingham evangelistic campaign by T. J. Bradley (*MESSENGER*, 22 April) reminded me of the campaign that was taking place at the same time in the town of Ipswich by the English evangelist Pastor S. G. Hyde. Naturally it did not get the same publicity as the larger campaigns taking place in London and Birmingham. It was, however, remarkably successful. In my first year out of college I had the privilege of being part of that team together with Ainsley Hurdle, Miss Maud Ansty and Miss Bradbury.

Pastor Hyde's inimitable style seemed to suit the people in East

Anglia. At the end of the first year, 1952-53, I believe that thirty-two people were baptised, and in the following year, when the late Donald McClure replaced me in the team, a similar number were baptised and joined the Ipswich church.

It has always been a challenge to proclaim the Adventist message successfully among the white population of this land, but from his early years in the ministry S. G. Hyde was a confident, energetic and effective worker. By the time he led this campaign he was already past his prime but his energy and commitment to the work of evangelism was undiminished, proving an inspiration to us all. Without a doubt the Holy



1953 Baths Hall, Ipswich campaign: Maud Ansty, Ainsley Hurdle, S. G. Hyde, Ron Surrridge, Miss Bradbury



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Spirit used him mightily in East Anglia where there are still faithful members who joined the church at that time.

PASTOR R. H. SURRIDGE



Peru – A time to dance

On Tuesday 10 May BUC treasurer Victor Pilmoor flew to Peru for a ten-day visit of ADRA-UK projects in the country.

Altogether he visited three projects which have received funding from the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID), the European Commission, and private donors in Norway, Canada and the UK. Victor returned to England on Friday 20 May and reports:

'My first port of call was the capital, Lima, where I visited the office of Congress for Women's and Children's affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and the mayors of the districts in which we are working. My visit had the effect of affirming the 250-plus ADRA-Peru workforce and also of reinforcing the DFID-sponsored project, which aims to address the serious issue of child labour. In Peru the distance from power to poverty is short. In Lima over two million people manage on less than £1 a day, with 54% living below the poverty line.



Newly installed ground water pump in Pucallpa



Education centre in Lima

Under these conditions child labour is inevitable. We visited Rosemary who raises a family just ten minutes walk from Congress in a one roomed home with no water or ablutions. She is supported by her two children who sell small items on the streets. Following the ADRA initiative, despite losing some earning opportunity, Rosemary now volunteers in her community to train other mothers and children with regard to their rights, self esteem, and the nurture of children.

'Lima is situated 12 degrees below the equator in an arid desert environment. Settlement communities are spread around the outskirts of Lima on the rocky hillsides with the poorest people living on the highest, most remote outcrops. In another project area eight-year-old Ronaldo invited us to visit the wooden shelter where he lives with his family. All water and food has to be carried up the hill and all the waste carried down. Every day Ronaldo gets up at 4 am and goes with his mother to the market to buy vegetables.

These they then hawk on the streets until he goes to school at 8:30 am. When he gets home the street selling continues until 10 pm.

'The second ADRA project I visited was in the Ayacucho district, which lies 300 miles inland at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The rights of women and children in Peru were enshrined through legislation for the first time in 2002. However, this fact is unknown by most public officers and so, in

Ayacucho, ADRA-Peru has taken on the task of giving life to this new dispensation. Hardships in the past have led to many social problems: family violence is considered normal and 15% of children are born out of wedlock. Until recently these children were not entitled to a name and, as they could not be registered, they were excluded from all public services and protection. ADRA is now working to ensure that every child has access to full civic entitlement. Teachers, psychologists and volunteers visit schools to reinforce the importance of education and encourage children to prepare for a future on the other side of poverty. ADRA has also established a network of elected volunteer 'Community Defenders' appointed to help resolve family disputes. These people are trained to share a variety of communal and personal skills.

'I was privileged to receive the civic gratitude of four communities in Ayacucho. Children enacted the drama of their lives, women testified of their trauma and the relief brought by the new community structures. It is gut-wrenching stuff to have women reveal their physical bruises and scars and speak of their repeated humiliation, but it was encouraging to learn of the changes that are taking place.

'One of the ways that the matriarchs were able to express their new-found freedom, and share it with me across the linguistic divide, was through the medium of dance. Despite the youthful inhibitions of my somewhat puritanical upbringing, not to mention my lack of rhythm and the breathlessness that comes to a less than fully fit traveller at 10,000 feet, the women were not about to take "no" for an answer so I joined in. And somehow, in that dusty arena, through primitive movement and touch, dancing did seem to be the most appropriate way of sharing the joy of these people. Just in case you misread the situation, one of



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the early invites came from a three-foot-tall lady in traditional dress. She was not going to pass up this opportunity after a lifetime of marginalisation. If it affirmed her humanity and symbolised acceptance of the most vulnerable, then it was a wholesome exercise.

'In contrast to the dusty suburbs of Lima and the altitude of Ayacucho, Pucallpa is a city on the Ucayali river, a tributary of the Amazon where the native Shipibo people live in tribal villages along the river. Here, in an ambitious European Commission funded project, encompassing water, agriculture and civil infrastructure, ADRA is serving communities that are accessible only by boat.

'The shelters that these people live in are made of palm leaves on a pole structure. Most homes have no walls. Other than the clothes they stand in the people have no personal possessions. While there is plenty of river water it is not safe to drink, and ADRA has therefore installed hand pumps to draw on clean, subterranean water. This simple provision has the effect of reducing disease and infant mortality. Villagers are introduced to better farming methods, and crops that bring variety to their diet and an excess that they can trade to better their circumstance. They are also growing plants with medicinal value, trees for reforestation and some for construction purposes. Stabilising these communities contributes to the protection of the rainforest and preserves the people from extending urban squalor.

'The wise man declared that there is a time to dance and a time to embrace. No doubt Christ had some of this in mind when he declared that he came to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives, to heal the broken hearted and to declare the acceptable year of the Lord. Restoring the image of God in men and women is a task that ADRA is fulfilling in Peru. It is also part of our mission as God's people, wherever we are.'



ADRA headquarters under construction in Ayacucho



Rehabilitation in Sri Lanka

by Arlene Senior, ADRA-Sri Lanka

It has now become commonplace to see and hear about people who have lost their homes, family members and friends because of the tsunami – they have been directly affected. Let us also remember those who have been indirectly affected. Many people lost their businesses. Thus the knock-on effect is on others who have lost their jobs and are left with no income and few opportunities to find other work.

ADRA-Sri Lanka is running a project called the Tangalle Livelihood Recovery Project, through which 1,000 families will receive the chance of generating income by engaging in dairy, fish, poultry and goat

farming, and kitchen gardening. \$958,058 has been provided by the British Government's Department For International Development and ADRA-UK.

In early May I visited Tangalle, in the Hambantota District on the south coast, and spoke with three different householders who have been indirectly affected and now have no income to support their families.

The head of the household for the first family, Mr Dewndara Paththinige Manjula, has a wife and one child. Mr Manjula cannot generate any income to support his family because he has lost his means of employment. He was selected to receive a cow from the project. From this he explained that he can obtain milk for his child, make curd to sell and sell some milk also. This family owns enough land on which to keep the cow.

Mr Kankanam Pathirana Ranjith has five children, three of whom are now at school. He only has temporary casual work at the moment, but has also been selected to receive a cow. Thus he too has a source of milk for his family and children and will be able to generate income from selling milk. He, likewise, has enough land upon which to build a cow shed and keep the cow.

Mr Kotavila Vithange Wimalasiri's land was selected as the site for the prototype cow shed. He was chosen to receive a cow because from the milk he can also generate an income and give milk to his children, who will help him build the cow shed. They are naturally all looking forward to receiving their cows and thus generating income quickly.



Roundelwood Health Spa Manager sought

The British Union Conference is looking to appoint a new manager for the Roundelwood Health Spa, Crieff, Tayside. Candidates for the post should have a proven success in business management and be sympathetic to the ethos and mission of the Adventist Church. The position requires a team player with strong entrepreneurial and adaptable interpersonal skills with a flexible approach to work.

Please send CV to Health Ministries [Executive Secretary] Director, BUC Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts. WD25 9JZ. Telephone 01923 672251.

Closing date for applications: 30 June 2005.



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Tickets (including a two-course meal)

We do encourage you to book as soon as possible to help us with planning. To encourage you still further we are offering a significant discount for prepaid bookings. Individual tickets £15; or £20 for two prepaid bookings. On the day £20 per person and £25 for two.

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This year for the first time, students completing their studies in Newbold's ICC were included in the graduation ceremony. Seventeen students completed the Advanced Certificate in Christian Counselling, and twelve of them were present to receive their awards from the Institute's director, Lucia Hall, and Dr David Penner.

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