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Under way at St Louis

Two thousand delegates from the world church are meeting for the General Conference Session at St Louis, USA, 29 June-9 July. As one of thirteen world divisions, the Trans-European Division (TED) sent one hundred delegates, based on our membership and the number of our organisations. The General Conference Session is the highest church authority among Seventh-day Adventists, and meets to elect leaders of the General Conference for 2005-2010, decide various matters relating to the beliefs and policies of the world church, receive reports from various entities, and be built up in spiritual fellowship. I would encourage all Adventists to continue to pray for this important meeting so that God's presence will be strongly felt and that his will may rule in everything.

The TED prepared various reports concerning its work in the past five

years. There will be a live programme for the public on Saturday evening 2 July at 8.20, when the TED will present its report using a combination of video and live presentation. The video was previewed by the TED Executive Committee on 17 May and will be made available to members after the session.

The following day, Sunday 3 July, my written report with more detailed information will be printed by the *Adventist Review*. The staff of the *Review* have

informed us that they will have edited the report rather substantially in order to provide space for more photos. The full text will be available, however, on the TED website (www.ted-adventist.org).

The Division will also provide a booth in the exhibition hall, where visitors may meet some of our delegates and receive an attractive booklet with detailed information about our work. The delegates will be offered a special gift: a genuine clay oil lamp made in Israel, which is part of TED territory. The intention is to point to Jesus, the light of the world.

The closing programme on Saturday evening 9 July will be a Parade of Nations involving about forty countries from the TED. This will provide a live understanding of how many countries have been reached by the Advent message and how many remain to be

by Bertil Wiklander, TED president

reached. In the Division office we look forward to the opportunity of telling about the many things God has done in our field. It is our primary wish to glorify God in our reports, because we are doing his work.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all of you – members, pastors and leaders – for your continuing support of the Church in the TED, your commitment to ministry, self-sacrifice and faithfulness. The wonderful good news of our growth in membership of 12% since the last session is in all material respects a result of God's blessing being added to your faith and work. May God bless you, all our families, and his Church, in great abundance. It is good to be part of the family of God in the Trans-European Division.



The TED staff

Photo: Miroslav Pujic



Summer witnessing tools

The pollen count is up, holiday traffic is at a standstill, the weather could be better, but all this pales into insignificance alongside the news that there are still people *in your neighbourhood* who don't yet know Jesus Christ!

You could take advantage of the lighter, milder evenings to spread abroad a few pages of light in your community.

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Essence of Woman

by Julia Smith, SEC Women's Ministries director

Women's Ministries baptism took place at the SEC Essence of Woman Symposium at the Lewisham church on Sabbath 28 May when six individuals, Percival Gorden, Clive Campbell, Matthew Daniel, Brenda Walcott, Janet Hadden and Dian Muchette-Sargeant were baptised in front of a packed church.

Following a short but challenging message about decision and commitment by the speaker for the Symposium, Dr Rosa Banks, Associate secretary and director of Human Resources at the North American Division, the six candidates were immersed by Pastor Ellis Guthrie, the minister of Lewisham church.

In addition to the individuals baptised, twelve people made their commitment to be baptised in July, twenty-three requested Bible studies, and

thirty requested special prayers. This was due to the strong influence of the Holy Spirit and the excellent presentations by Dr Banks, who utilised her expertise in teaching with her deep and unique perspective and understanding in delivering the word of God.

The symposium took place every evening of the week except Thursdays, with attendances exceeding 150, many coming straight from work to the meetings. What was unique about the attendance was that youth as well as older folks were there virtually every evening. Many young people made their decisions for Bible studies, and visits by Bible worker Brenda Rutherford, working tirelessly with Julia Smith and members of the Women's Ministries Council, who planned the Symposium.

Members of the Women's Ministries Council were enthused and motivated by this first evangelistic Symposium, and plans are already under way for the 2006 Essence of Woman Symposium. At the beginning of the year the Council gave itself the goal of ten baptisms in 2005. We have achieved 60% of our goal and look forward to working with the local churches to bring many more souls to Jesus Christ through baptism in 2005, the tenth anniversary of Women's Ministries in the South England Conference.



Julia Smith, Dr Rosa Banks and Heather Haworth

Temporary church
Please note that until the end of August, the Halifax church will be meeting at St Hilda's church hall, Gibraltar Road (between Hopwood Lane and Gibbet Street, near to Milecross Road), Halifax.

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Evangelist Billy Graham took a lot of stick for visiting Russia during the Cold War. What his conservative Christian constituency particularly resented was the deference and respect with which he treated Communist leaders like Kosygin and Brezhnev. I guess they would have preferred it if he had yelled and threatened them a bit!

In a TV interview one critic barked at Graham: 'You have set the Church back fifty years!'

What could Graham say? He looked crestfallen, and responded: 'I am deeply ashamed. I have been trying very hard to set the Church back two thousand years.'

Do you have the sort of Christianity that makes you hostile and angry? Or are you trying, like Billy Graham, to set Christianity back two thousand years – and restore the love and graciousness of the Founder among his twenty-first-century followers?

Sometimes love and graciousness seem to be in short supply. That is especially so among conservative Christians, and since Adventists are conservative Christians, it can be in short supply among us.

Why is that?

In order to feel 'equal', insecure people try to find ways to represent other people as morally 'inferior' and themselves as morally 'superior'.

The tactic is to divert attention from their own deplorable conduct by drawing attention to the perceived faults of others. Typically they will have half a dozen favourite mallets – and keep on smashing the skulls of the saints with them!

The Pharisees were brilliant at that in Christ's day. The Judaizers were, too, in Paul's day. In every subsequent generation they have had their equivalents. Why? Because insecurities are always with us. Why? Because *sin* is always with us. Irony: People are lambasting others from what they claim to be the moral high ground – because of their own sin.

Weird, or what?

Has no one rumbled them? Yes; but almost in every instance they attack the validity of the Pharisee's mallet – whereas what they should do is deny them the right to use *any* mallet to smash skulls (destroy spiritual lives).

If you have 'ought against your brother', what do you do? Look for his weak points and exploit them? Hardly. That's Satan's work. Sit over your laptop and thrash down the arguments in the way most calculated to bring discouragement – if not despair – to the person with whom you disagree? That's Satan's work, too. You think Satan doesn't have access to the Internet? You're joking? Of course you are!

Look up Matthew 5:21-24 in your favourite Bible version. Here's how it reads in *Message*: 'You're familiar with the command . . . "Do not murder". I'm telling you [says Jesus] that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. . . . The simple moral fact is that *words kill*. This is how I want you to conduct yourselves in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.'

The God who says 'Blessed are the peacemakers' doesn't want any of your religious offerings until you have first accepted his great Offering for sin. Only when you have done that and accepted his salvation, graciously given, will you have the grace to make peace in your relationships with others (to forgive as you are forgiven). The God who, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself, does not recognise any moral high ground apart from Calvary – and the terrain around the cross (on which you and I stand) is level.

Jesus' teaching is this. We must live in such a way that when we come to worship there is no anger between us and our neighbours, brothers or sisters. Impossible? Jesus says, 'I am the Way.' 'Whoever loves his brother lives in the light. . . . But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness.' (1 John 2:10, 11, NIV)

It was fashionable to be angry when I was young. 'Angry Young Men' were all the rage (if you can take the pun!). John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, John Wain's *Hurry On Down*, and Alan Sillitoe's *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner* exalted anger and seemed to be saying that alienation was the natural state. Kenneth Allsop called ours 'The Angry Decade'.

It was easy to be in the fashion then, but not so easy to see the fashion as sin. Alienation and anger still seem to come naturally. Peacemakers, affirmers and encouragers need *supernatural* help. Where do they get it? 'The fruit of the Spirit is love . . .' – and eight facets of love which, together, amount to grace (Galatians 5:22, 23). It's hard for me to recognise – because I *was* an angry young

Setting the Church Back



with David Marshall

man and still have a tendency to be an angry old one from time to time! – but 'discord, fits of rage and dissensions' are among 'the acts of the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:19-21).

One man of that generation stood out against the anger *zeitgeist*. His name was Martin Luther King (1929-68). Prior to his assassination he was a civil rights leader. Few did more to turn attitudes away from anger and towards non-violence. In 1964 King received the Nobel Peace Prize. 'Power without love,' he said, 'is reckless and abusive.' He sought to 'set Christianity back' two thousand years by extolling the ideals of Christianity's Founder who promised *shalom*-peace and represented peacemaking as the active manifestation of grace.

'Grace', says Eddie Hypolite, 'is more than an abstract noun. It is a verb: *something that you do*.'

And, for the record, grace is not 'cheap'. It is, however, paid for. What it costs us is admitting that we're broke. 'For some,' writes Stuart Townend, 'that's too big a price to pay.'

'Wonderful grace, that gives what I don't deserve, pays me what Christ has earned, then lets me go free. Wonderful grace that gives me the time to change, washes away the stains that once covered me.'
(©1990 HarperCollins. By John Pantry.)

Remember: * Words can both kill and encourage; * Grace is ours. Let's live it! It's something you *do!*

Healthwise

Alpha to Omega

'To eat or not to eat? – fat is the question!' The terms *alpha* and *omega* have meanings other than their theological connotations, referring instead to the *fatty acids* found in the make-up of all fats and oils.

The *fatty acids* are molecular chains of 1 to 24 carbon atoms having, naturally, two ends – a methyl group and a carboxyl group respectively – with *omega* being the designation for the oxidation that takes place at the methyl end of the chain. Omega also refers to the fats found in the unsaturated fatty acid families.

In recent times the media has focused on the health benefits of

omega 3 and *omega 6* use. These numbers simply refer to the position of special double bonds on the carbon chain (at, in this case, sites 3 and 6, and there are others to complicate the fat picture). *Omega 3* is found in soybean, rapeseed, flaxseed oils and purslane (a salad herb). *Omega 6* is found in varying amounts in evening primrose, blackcurrant seed, borage oils and animal fats. *Omega 3 fatty acids* are said to have anti-inflammatory properties and are part of the fat constituents of nuts and seeds (as well as some fish and meats) and in small amounts in green leaves. *Omega 6 fatty acids* are used when cooking with corn oil, cotton seed oil, regular safflower oil, and regular sunflower oils and are fairly evenly distributed with *omega 3 fatty acids* in peanut oil, rice bran oil,

and sesame oil. *Omega 6 fatty acids* are needed by the body to respond to infection from harmful micro-organisms. Both forms (and others) of *omega fatty acids* are the end product of the process of fat metabolism in the body from *alpha-* and *gamma-Linolenic acids* found largely in the range of *poly-unsaturated* fats, hence the *alpha* of the title.

In order to strike a balance between the *omega 3* and *omega 6 essential fatty acids* the following guidelines should be adopted:

- do not *overly* restrict fat in the diet (fats also provide the needed fat-soluble vitamins A, D and E)
- consume a good *alpha-linolenic acid* source each day (primarily supplied by plant foods)
- limit the intake of safflower, sunflower and corn oils as these are

high in another 'parent' oil – linoleic acid

- replace the forgoing with canola, soy, flaxseed and olive oils
- replace hard margarine with soft margarine, and limit the intake of processed foods

As might be expected, this is not the whole story about fats. There is not room here to comment on harmful *transfats*. However, keeping within the above guidelines should ensure that areas unexplained regarding fats should not present a problem. If we stick to the facts and not the fats we can reap the benefits of the balanced life!



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



Ordination at Scottish Mission Day of Fellowship

by Clifford Herman, Communication sponsor, Scottish Mission



Sabbath 4 June was the occasion, once again, for all the members of the Scottish Mission churches to gather together for their annual Day of Fellowship. This time we did not meet at the Crieff Adventist Church, but in the St Andrew's church hall of the Crieff Parish church, when about 300 people were in attendance from the eight groups of the five districts in Scotland. Although the day promised rain, many folks came with warm hearts to meet friends, family and fellow Christians.

The occasion not only celebrated the annual get together and spiritual boost, but also a special ceremony to set apart two of the ministers in the Scottish Mission for the gospel ministry – Clifford Herman and Marcel Ghioalda.

Marcel and Clifford graduated together, were involved in the planning of the graduation ceremony together, conducted a high school choir together, sang in the same quartet at college together, ended up serving in the same district together, and now had the privilege of being ordained together.

Clifford Herman was born in Cape Town, South Africa. He graduated from Helderberg College in 1997, having served as a Youth worker in Tauranga, New Zealand in 1994/5. Returning to South Africa he worked as a Youth worker then as a district pastor in the Southern Hope Conference of the Southern Africa Union until December 2001. The following year he and his wife Ophelia and son Matthew were invited to Scotland to minister

in the Dunfermline and Edinburgh districts. In September 2004 they were called to the pastorate of the East Kilbride, Glasgow and Irvine district of churches. During this time he was also asked to be the Mission Communication sponsor.

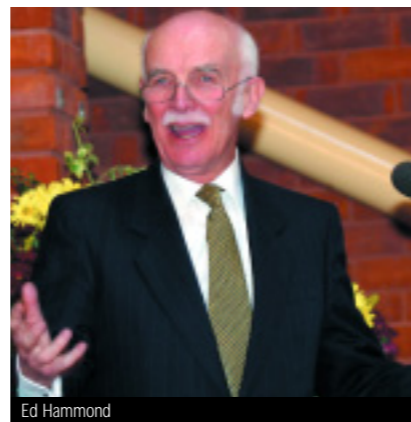
Marcel Ghioalda was born in Bucharest, Romania, and after the regular twelve years of schooling, completed a technical diploma in measurement instruments. In 1994 he commenced his theological training at Helderberg College, South Africa, and graduated in 1997. In the meantime, he met Claudette (who studied and graduated from the same college) and they were married on the campus in 1997. In 1999 Claudette and Marcel joined the workforce in Scotland in the Irvine and East Kilbride areas and in 2001 moved to the Dundee/Perth area. During the same time they were challenged to accept the responsibility of Youth sponsorship in Scotland.

The day was highlighted by Dr Daniel Duda from Newbold College, the speaker for the day; Pastor Cecil Perry, president of the BUC, conducting the Sabbath school lesson study; and Pastor Alan Hodges, Ministerial secretary of the BUC, taking the ordination prayer.

In attendance, as well, were Marcel's parents on their first visit to Scotland, along with a special South African contingent from the Hampstead and St Albans churches, who offered support and shared their music talent with the folks in Scotland.

LIFEdvelopment co-ordinator Carolyn Schulz, told of the various activities that the church is already involved with. These included three different types of café programme – men's, women's, and youth, as well as an over-50s' club and a kids' club.

Visiting from the nearby church of Stanborough Park was Ed Hammond, who told the congregation a little of the LIFEdvelopment activities that have flourished there



Ed Hammond



since the construction of the Stanborough Centre. These included the very popular Café Blue, various clubs and special meals, and a programme of visiting lecturers.

Concluding the morning, local pastor Jonathan Barrett confirmed his support for LIFEdvelopment evangelism. 'The old methods just don't work any more with the secular population that we are targeting here in St Albans. If we are going to reach anyone in this sector we have to try new methods of making friends with people and getting them connected with the church.' In a final act of commitment Pastor Barrett placed five glasses on a table at the front of the church and invited everyone present, even the visitors, to write their name on a piece of paper and place it in one of the glasses, depending on what LIFEdvelopment activity they would like to get involved with.

For further information on evangelistic approaches at St Albans see their new LIFEdvelopment website: <http://stalbins.lifedvelopment.info>

JOHN SURRIDGE

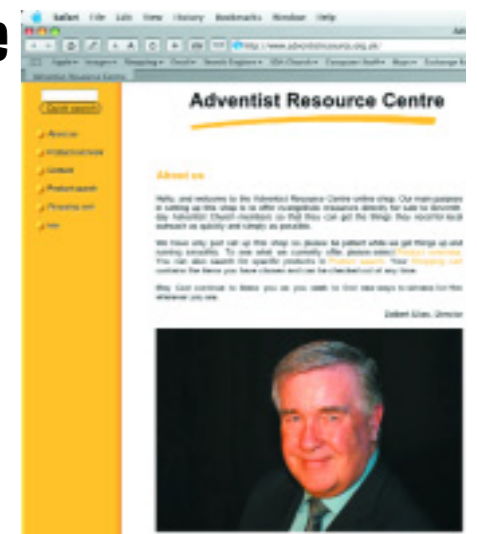
Adventist Resource Centre online

In early June Pastor Dalbert Elias, director of the Adventist Discovery Centre, launched a new facility which will enable church members to order a number of different evangelistic resources online. The Adventist Resource Centre website can be found at www.adventistresource.org.uk, and currently offers ADC cards, leaflets, DVDs and videos, and bulk orders for the *LIFE.info* magazine.

Speaking at the BUC office, Pastor Elias said, 'Our aim with the Adventist Resource Centre is to provide a one-stop shop where members can order resources to support their evangelistic work. Our focus is

outward, providing outreach materials simply and quickly, direct to those who are able to use them. In time, the dream is to gather the best evangelistic resources from around the world and make them easily available and affordable. The dream also includes the provision for this new evangelistic facility to act as a two-way agent, exchanging views and experiences as to how these resources can be used successfully.'

Payment for the resource materi-



als can be made online, using the same PayPal merchant service that is now used for the Church's online donation system.

Hospitality Suite: Making visitors feel welcome

On 5 February, the Hospitality Suite was born in Peckham, the idea of Interest Co-ordinator Stella Davis. I asked Stella what gave her the idea for a Hospitality Suite, and this is what she said:

'I know what it means to feel isolated in church. Having left Martinique for England – away from friends and family – it wasn't easy. Just thinking of arriving at an unfamiliar church on a Sabbath morning felt like a desert experience! So, when asked to be the Interest Co-ordinator for my local church I was unsure what this would mean practically. It is a relatively new office and so leaves plenty of scope for imagination and creativity. Certainly challenging, this is a position that can be difficult for the same reasons.

'However, because of my experience as a visitor, I saw the role as pivotal in providing a live front end of the church from the visitor's perspective. It is not only about making

visitors feel welcome, but provides a link whereby they can become a part of the body of Christ (in terms of how they feel and not in terms of membership). I have found that the best way to do this is to provide a welcome in an informal forum to give time for interaction.

'In the suite, we have a desig-

nated area for meeting and greeting visitors, providing light refreshments after the service and gifts to encourage their walk with Christ. This is a very sociable setting where visitors can relax, ask questions informally and give any feedback. There is also opportunity for them to provide contact details for follow-up. To date the feedback from our visitors has been very positive and a number of them are attending study groups in our church. We have encouraged our children and youth to be a part of this project, helping in directing visitors to the suite and giving out the refreshments and gifts.'

Our team has been richly blessed and we will continue to be creative for God as he leads us to adapt to the needs of his people in meeting them where they are, where we are.

CAROL JOSEPH



St Albans: Passionate about Ldi

Following a series of training seminars and promotional events, LIFEdvelopment was officially recognised as the primary evangelistic approach of the St Albans church on Sabbath 7 May. To mark the launch a special two-hour programme replaced the usual morning church services, underlining the message that in today's culture we sometimes need to do things differently.

One such difference is the use of music in worship, and the morning started with more than half an hour of praise and worship from the church's praise team and band. Student missionary Matt Vincent then presented a slot entitled 'About Our Neighbours', which outlined the demographic make-up of the city of St Albans, as well as that of the immediate neighbourhood of the church.

Trans-European Division Communication director Pastor

Miroslav Pujic gave the main presentation, entitled 'Designed to Serve'. 'Most of our neighbours are unchurched and secular,' he said. 'They are not interested in God or religion and the only way they will find out about Christ is through us. We are unique in that we are the broadcast screen of God. As previews or trailers sell movies, so we are God's preview.' However, Pastor Pujic went on to highlight the difficulties that Christians face in even getting to meet secular people in any meaningful way. 'LIFEdvelopment is all about making friends, which is the most difficult part of being a witness. We need to get connected with secular people, to listen to them and talk with them, eat with them and meet their needs. We need to win their confidence before we can talk to them about God.'

Following Pastor Pujic's presentation a number of members of the St Albans church, led by

Brixton pioneers Home Office drug programme

by Sharon Platt-McDonald

In an unprecedented move by the government to tackle the escalating drug problem in the inner cities, the Home Office have turned to the church for help. Two churches in the UK, the Brixton Adventist church (London) and the New Testament Church of God (Birmingham) were chosen to undertake a pilot project of drug education involving the local church and community groups. A budget of £10,000 was given to each church to undertake the project for a six-month period.

Realising that the conventional forms of drug education and treatment were not permeating the black community (less than 5% success rate), the Home Office sought advice from community leaders. It was identified that the black majority churches were ideally placed to impact black and minority ethnic (BME) groups in the community due to their strong community presence and the relationships they had forged. Guided by Dr Dwaine Neil, a specialist in Professional Informal Learning, a link was made with the South England Conference and discussions ensued with Education director Dr Keith Davidson, who then approached the Brixton church.

A steering committee was formulated to spearhead the project and plan the programme content. Pastor Hamilton Williams chaired the committee. Two co-ordinators – the writer and Julie Cameron – were jointly appointed to lead and manage the project, liaise with specialist

drug trainers, organise the workshops/seminars, be responsible for data collection, and monitor and evaluate the outcome of each session.

Pastor Hamilton Williams and the writer, along with Dr David Neil, were invited to meet with Home Office officials at their headquarters to present the scope of the programme and outline how they would deliver on their objectives, monitor the implementation and evaluate the outcome. Representatives from the New Testament Church of God were also present at the meeting.

Five key success criteria for the pilot project were identified by the Brixton project team against which the outcomes would be measured. These were:

- Increased knowledge and awareness of drug misuse in BME communities and how to access services
- Strengthening families in the BME communities to resist drugs and helping to remove stigma associated with this issue
- Empower BME families to take action when drug misuse is detected
- Dealing with crises at any time (night or day)
- Provision of data for use in the creation of a 'how to' guide (knowledge network creation) to assist in the development of similar initiatives in other parts of the UK.

Ana's baptism

On Sabbath 14 May, Ana Da Silva was baptised by our resident pastor, Ian Lorek, and officially welcomed into the Bournemouth church, after many years' attendance. Ana was accompanied



by her three nieces. One of them, Ana Gallagher, the wife of Dr Jonathan Gallagher currently working at the General Conference but who served for many years as South England Conference Executive secretary, flew all the way from America to be with her aunt. Ana was especially pleased, too, that her baptism shared the eighth anniversary of her dear sister's passing, who was also a long-standing member of the church.

JUDITH CASSIDY

The project was undertaken with two groups running simultaneously, led by specialist drug trainers brought in to deliver the training. A focus group of twenty individuals attended a comprehensive eight-week programme run by ACAPS Turning Point, a BME Outreach Team. Julie Cameron facilitated this group. A larger group in the form of five plenary sessions involving the wider church and community was run by O'Neil Smith (an ex-trainer of Hope UK) and facilitated by the writer. An additional two sessions were run with young people who had a programme tailored to their needs.

A pre- and post-pilot session and survey was led by Home Office officials who met with the focus group and members of the plenary group. A comparative analysis was undertaken to ascertain the level of learning gained by individuals during the project. The benefits were evident as both the learning and enjoyment was significant.

An action plan was devised at the end of the programme capturing the short-, medium- and long-term goals for the way forward. This was a demonstrable act of commitment by the Brixton church to make drug awareness a part of its outreach work and a recognition that relevant evangelism today requires a holistic approach.

Throughout the six-month period Dr Neil attended as an inde-

pendent observer and evaluator. From data and testimonials collected by the two co-ordinators and analysis from Dr Neil, a report was formulated which has now been presented to the Home Office. The preliminary report identified that the Brixton Adventist church had not only met but scored highly on all five criteria. It is envisaged that following formal evaluation by the Home Office of the two church projects, if deemed significantly successful, further funding will be sought to progress more in-depth work in this area.

This has been a hallmark achievement for the Adventist church. We are extremely proud that amid the negative reports that religion and church life sometimes get in the press, God has given us this window of opportunity to highlight our church in such a positive and relevant way.



Llandrindod ordination

A joyful time was had in the Llandrindod Wells church recently, when our founder member and leader Ifor Gimson was ordained as an elder by Dr Brian Phillips, or pastor and president of the Welsh Mission, and past president Pastor Peter Stearman. Our leader Ifor and his wife Pat planted the Llandrindod Wells church approximately fifteen years ago, it being the first Company to be established in Mid-Wales, so the above occasion was joyfully welcomed by the church members and visitors.

We give thankful prayers for all brothers and sisters in Christ who have worked for our Lord Jesus in this area over the past years, and many thanks to our leader/elder for all his faithful work.

OLWEN JONES



Dr Brian Phillips, Pastor Peter Stearman and Ifor Gimson

65 Years of Marriage

Pastor Walter Newman and his wife Myrtle, who are well-known throughout the British Union, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. Pastor Newman preceded his fiancée to Nigeria, where he went to serve as a missionary. It had been love at first sight, and soon afterwards Myrtle sailed out there to join him in mission service and become his wife. On 24 April they were married in Ibadan, Nigeria, at 8 in the morning to avoid the intense African heat! Their marriage has been blessed with three children: David, Gillian, and Roy. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Some time after their return home to Britain, Pastor Newman was called to serve as Publishing secretary in the south of England and then as manager of the Stanborough Press in Grantham for a while before resuming pastoral ministry of the churches. The couple's service includes Great Yarmouth (later Gorleston), Lowestoft and the Dell at Oulton Broad.

They are now retired and members of the Gorleston church after many years of loyal and committed service to the Lord. God has used them both and blessed their ministry. Sixty-five years is a very long time for marriages to last these days, even when age has allowed the opportunity. Their devotion to each other is a valuable testimony not only to the solemnity of marriage, but also to the endurance and lasting commitment to those sacred vows made to each other all those years ago.

On Sabbath 23 April a special service was held in our Gorleston church to celebrate their 65 years of marriage, in which the writer reminded the congregation of the divine institution of marriage and its spiritual relevance in the Christian faith, after which other members from Lowestoft and Oulton Broad joined us for a fellowship meal – all to the surprise of the happy couple. We were also delighted to have the company of their daughter Gillian, all the way from Toronto in Canada, to join



us; and with her shrewd assistance had managed previously to smuggle photographs out of the house so that an interesting PowerPoint presentation could be made. In addition to a presentation of china crockery, Myrtle was presented with a floral bouquet and Walter with a box of special chocs to indulge! We thank God for their lives and ministry – ministry from which this district has benefited much, as no doubt others have, too, throughout their years of service. We wish them God's continued blessing and happiness in their lives together.

PASTOR MICHAEL I. WALKER

100th Birthday!

A member of Stanborough Park church celebrated his hundredth birthday in style on Tuesday 24 May. Frank Winterflood was treated to a party by the deaconesses, to which family members and friends were invited. At the event Brother Winterflood reminisced. The 1940s were eventful for him. That was when he married Miss Margaret McKay, and when his sons Raymond and Alan were born. Sadly Raymond died after a car accident in 1962. Alan follows his mother's artistic family and is a local artist. The couple have another son, Mark, who seems to have inherited the inventor's gene from his father's family and has worked in the computer business in Taiwan and Switzerland but has now returned home to Watford.

Frank Winterflood was born in north London on 24 May 1905. His grandfather had invented a dual valve so that the more one turned up the gas, the more water would flow, making it easier for people to take a bath. Firms abroad became interested and this resulted in the family's spending their Christmas holidays at a farm twenty miles from Paris. Later his grandfather formed his own firm – Winterflood Geyser Co of Blackstock Road, North London. When the First World War broke out in 1914 the family left Paris, where

they had lived for a short time, and moved to Northolt. Frank attended Highbury County School and says, 'I look back with pleasure on those days.'

On leaving school he became a salesman, then a warehouse clerk, then a sampling clerk – dealing with customers from poorer countries abroad. Frank enjoyed meeting the customers and found his knowledge of French and German came in handy.

When the Second World War broke out he lost his job but was offered a commission in the army, which he accepted. Meanwhile, he joined the De Havilland Aircraft Corporation then based at Leavesden. About 1941 he came to live in Watford and cycled to their factory in Hatfield. One day a lone German fighter plane shot at him, but Frank saved his life by diving into the ditch. His boss claimed he needed him, so he remained at De Havilland's and never joined the army. After the war an Egyptian offered him work using his knowledge of French. That period was the happiest work experience.

In June 1952 Frank was baptised by Pastor A. K. Armstrong, but sadly cannot attend now because of his great age. His days are filled with reading and watching television, but a few years ago something very

exciting happened On 19 March 2002, at the age of 96, Frank went up in G-AZOG with pilot Simon Weeks and actually flew the plane for part of the flight and landed it.

What's more, he has a certificate to prove it! Asked what he thinks about life today he said, 'Now throughout the world the countries look for friends of a similar mentality to increase the appearance of strength and lessen the chance of enmity. Hopefully this will exclude the possibility of a world war during this century, which we hope will endeavour to cultivate all forms of peace and



Margaret and Frank Winterflood Photo: Audrey Wolfram

friendship among all nations – the big, the medium and the small.'

BRONWEN ATKINSON

Campolo on Adventist stand

From Tuesday to Friday, 10-13 May, the South England Conference and the Stanborough Press each ran stands at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park in Esher, Surrey. As well as featuring more than 350 exhibitors, the CRE offers nearly 100 free lectures on a wide range of subjects, including church sound systems, Christian storytelling, how to reach the sci-fi generation, and the law as it affects clergy and church workers.

Many members and pastors of the Adventist Church have attended the event, which is one of the largest commercial Christian exhibitions in the country. The SEC stand and display was organised by their Communication director, Catherine Boldeau. 'Unlike last year, when the Church exhibited under the name "South England Conference", she said, 'this year we simply had a sign over the stand marked "Seventh-day Adventists". This change from a gentle to a more direct approach was met with mixed reactions. Some people simply looked at the sign above our exhibit and turned their heads in the opposite direction. Others showed a genuine interest in who we are and what we do. One of these was a trainee Anglican priest who knew about the firm stand that Adventists take on the Sabbath.'

Sharing the stand with the SEC was ADRA-UK, who displayed a number of posters as well as T-shirts bearing the slogan 'End World Poverty'. Dr Tony Campolo, renowned sociologist and religious advisor to US President Bill Clinton, made a personal visit to the stand because of his previous connection with ADRA-International.

Once again this year SEC staff and volunteers promoted the



SEC Health sponsor Elsie Staple reaches out at the Christian Resources Exhibition

LIFE.info magazine, handing out hundreds of copies to those passing by. *LIFE.info* was also promoted on the Stanborough Press stand, together with a number of small

devotional gift books. Speaking at the CRE, Stanborough Press general manager Paul Hammond said, 'The interest, especially in *LIFE.info*, was exciting.'

A rebel baptised

After studying and training at Northern Caribbean University, Francine Gonzales gained a BSc and qualified as a nurse. Her studies even included a compulsory module on the books of Daniel and Revelation. During those years of study, Francine lived in a house full

of Adventists who encouraged her to attend the local Adventist church. The rebel in her was not so sure. However, her enquiring mind led her to seek answers in the Bible.

Arriving in this country on a one-year contract in January of this year, she sought out her nearest Adventist church, received instruction from the pastor, and then declared her love



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for Jesus by stepping into the waters of the Southampton baptistry in front of a church packed with her new friends. *DAVID BRADLEY*

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South England Conference seeks **Accounts clerk/IT support individual** to work in their Head Office. Applicant should have some IT knowledge and preferably accounts work experience, though full training will be given for these roles.

It would be advantageous for candidates to have had at least two years' work experience in either of these fields. Knowledge of accounting software (currently using SUN systems), Microsoft Office, Word and the ability to communicate effectively is desired. Experience with Network Server administration and end-user support would be an advantage.

An analytical mind and the ability to resolve issues is needed, as well as the ability to work as part of a team, while showing initiative when working alone. The opportunity to pursue professional qualification may be available for the right candidate.

A full job description is available on application. Salary will be in the range of £15,904 - £18,106, depending on experience and qualifications. Letters of application, with CV, names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to: Human Resources Director, South England Conference, 25 St John's Road, Watford, Hertfordshire. WD17 1PZ or e-mail: humanresources@secadventist.org.uk.

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