



## Former church leader knighted

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**O**n Friday morning 12 June, the Governor General of Jamaica, His Excellency Dr Patrick Allen, accompanied by his wife, Her Excellency Mrs Patricia Allen, had an

audience with Her Majesty the Queen and was knighted by her at Buckingham Palace.

As Governor General and the Queen's representative in Jamaica, it is part of the

protocol that the Governor General be knighted. Following the ceremony, The Most Honourable, His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen and Her Most Excellency Lady Patricia Allen left the palace to attend a reception held in their honour at the Jamaican High Commission in Kensington.

Among the guests at the reception were politicians, entrepreneurs, High Commissioners of a number of other Caribbean islands, church leaders, community leaders and a number of relatives and friends of their Excellencies Sir Patrick and Lady Allen.

After an introduction by the Jamaican High Commissioner, Mr Burchel Whiteman, Sir Patrick spoke of his vision for Jamaica as a nation and called on the Jamaican diaspora to support their country and pray for its progress and success.

The SDA church in Britain was represented by Pastor and Mrs C. R. Perry, Pastor and Mrs Don McFarlane, Pastor and Mrs E. Francis, Pastor and Mrs S. Esson, as well as a number of church members and friends.



Dr Patrick Allen being knighted at Buckingham Palace

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**See the report  
of Sir Patrick's  
visit to NEC  
Camp Meeting  
on pages 4-5**

I am now officially the owner of a five-door Ford Focus and I have the Registration Document to prove it.

'Good for you,' I hear you say, 'but so what?' Well, thereby hangs a tale.

I bought the car in December 2008, and have only now, six months later, received the correct Registration Document. The problem started as the dealer had to re-register the car, as it was an ex Ministry of Defence vehicle. Unfortunately, he re-registered a Vauxhall Astra at the same time as my Ford Focus, and I ended up getting the Registration Document for the Astra. So I duly wrote to DVLA, informing them of the mistake. They replied, sending me a second document, but for a Ford *Maverick*. I sent it back, and they then sent me a document for a *three-door* Ford Focus. They also had the Vehicle Identification Number wrong, so I informed them of both errors. They replied (bear in mind that it takes them at least a month each time), correcting the VIN, but not the number of doors. I sent it back

again, and this week, HOORAY, I now have a correct Registration Document!

Have you ever noticed how one mistake can lead to another? I am using the word 'mistake' the way government ministers have been using it recently. I have found it interesting to hear how many intelligent, well-educated Members of Parliament have made 'mistakes' while filling in their expense claims.

So you and I may make a 'mistake' by, for instance, lying about something. One lie, as my mother always used to say, leads to another. How true that is. Or we make the 'mistake' of pulling down someone's character behind his or her back. Again, the consequences, mainly for the person concerned and possibly for you as the instigator, can be devastating.

What is to be done, for none of us lives a 'mistake-free' life? Jesus had this to say:

'If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front

with Jonathan Barrett  
One 'mistake' leads to another . . .



of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.' Matthew 5:23, 24.

If we have made a 'mistake' and it involves a dispute with someone, then it needs to be addressed immediately. This principle could extend to other areas of our 'mistakes' as well. No matter how far-reaching the negative effects, the best approach is to start trying to put things right straight away.

One final thought: It took a long time and many mistakes were made but, eventually, I got my Registration Document. With God, whatever we have done, despite the consequences for us and others, there is always forgiveness and that, by the way, is immediate.



# Surviving your crisis

David Marshall

The greatest test of the Christian life is to live with the silence of God. The challenge is to go on trusting when things have gone wrong and we see no obvious sign that God is intervening on our behalf.

Unemployment comes; and every job application goes in with a prayer.

A dire diagnosis occurs; and we pray that God will heal.

Life circumstances continue negative year on year; we pray for improvements.

If job offers are slow to come, the disease appears to be advancing and there is no change in our life context – how do we feel?

Bible characters expressed those feelings. The psalmist cried, 'How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?'<sup>1</sup> 'Why is my pain unending?' demanded a major prophet, before addressing this barbed question to his Creator: 'Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails?'<sup>2</sup> A minor prophet begins his book with, 'God, how long do I have to cry for help before you listen? How many times do I have to yell, "Help! Murder! Police!" before you come to the rescue?'<sup>3</sup>

On what do our survival chances depend in crisis times when it seems that God is silent?

\*How well we are rooted in Scripture. \*The strength of our bond with God. \*The view we have of the God revealed in Christ.

The heavens were mute when Job suffered the theft or destruction of his livestock, when his employees were murdered and when he stood over the open graves of ten family members. Satan had predicted that Job would curse God in those circumstances.<sup>4</sup> There came a time when Mrs Job urged that course of action.<sup>5</sup> Job's response: ' "You're talking like an empty-headed fool. We take the good days from God – why not also the bad days?" '<sup>6</sup>

When Job developed boils from head to toe, three friends decided that what he needed was a guilt trip and some cold moralising (affirmation, sympathy and warm compassion might have worked better). The three friends urged that Job should view his sufferings and Heaven's silence as *punishment!* Job defended himself. A fourth, younger, friend then spoke up who was angry with both Job and the three friends and urged the view that suffering was – a test.

After that God had his say. No explanation

was offered. But Job realised that *Why?* was the wrong question. The right question was *Who?* In tackling *Why?* Job's friends had been speaking without understanding, and God was angry with them. Job had acknowledged how little he understood of God's way of working, but God affirmed Job as one who had 'spoken of me what is right'.

What matters to Job at the finish is not having received a direct answer from God, but his encounter with God. Job had feared, as we do when we are depressed, that though things turn out right for others, we are the exception. We fear we have fallen through some hole in the universe, beyond the reach of God's grace. The message of Job is that no one can fall through a gap in God's management of the world. God is holding all things by the word of his power. Both Job and we can rest secure and live with our questions unanswered. God is in control when things are going badly, as well as when things are going well.

Job had fastened on to the best principle at the outset: 'We take the good days from God – why not also the bad days?' That was the knot at the end of the rope that enabled him to hold on. He had learned that God is too kind to do anything cruel, too wise to make a mistake, too deep to explain himself, but too gracious to be worthy of anything but our trust.

When an undergraduate I interviewed Michael Ramsey, then Archbishop of Canterbury, and asked him what his most profound biblical insight had been. His response provided an important contribution to our survival-in-crisis chances:

'In God there is no unChristlikeness at all. If you think there is, it is because you have misunderstood something. Christ is the perfect revelation of God to man.'

Adventists like to fasten on to Bible verses. Right? Here are five:

\*During the trial of Jesus, Pilate asked, 'Don't you realise that I have the power either to free you or crucify you?' The response of Jesus has a wider application than to the immediate situation he was in: 'You would have no power over me at all if it were not given to you from above.' (John 19:11.) Nothing can impact the lives of those who do God's will unless God has permitted it.

\*God does not permit anything that cannot

work to the eternal advantage of those who love him. 'We know in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.' (Romans 8:28.)

\*'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Corinthians 12:9.) These are the words of the Risen Christ to Paul with regard to a health issue. Paul wrote, 'I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations.' (Verses 7, 8, MGE.) God does not permit painful illnesses to afflict us in order to discipline us. Remember: In God there is no unChristlikeness at all. Nevertheless God's grace is maximised when we are at our weakest. God's grace is the resources of his love. Grace is there when the need is there.

\*'Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgements, and his paths beyond tracing out.' (Romans 11:33.) Paul was winding up his explanation of the Gospel contained in Romans 1-11. Suddenly theology became doxology. Paul drew together several praise passages that echoed Israel's praise down the ages. What was he saying? No human can fully know the mind of God. The more we study his ways, the more we offer him praise.

\*And finally, 'So what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?' (Romans 8:31, 32, MGE.)

The greatest example of human loyalty to God was Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son. Paul invites us to remember that, and says, 'God's loyalty to you is like that, so what have you to fear? That something can separate you from the love of God? Forget that – because nothing can!' (Read Romans 8:31-39.)

References: <sup>1</sup>Psalms 13:1. <sup>2</sup>Jeremiah 15:18. <sup>3</sup>Habakkuk 1:1, 2, MGE. <sup>4</sup>Job 1:11. <sup>5</sup>Job 2:9. <sup>6</sup>2:10, MGE. <sup>7</sup>42:7. See the whole of chapter 42.

## Enhancing Health

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### Allergy extra



In view of the numerous questions received on the previous allergy articles and the level of interest in the subject, I have added this extra article on allergies.

Since the BBC report in April 2009 indicating the increase in allergies in the UK much discussion has ensued in the media and health arenas about this rising health challenge.

#### Risk factors

Suggested risk factors for developing allergies include: having parents with allergies; birth date coinciding with the pollen season; early-life diet consisting of high levels of dairy and wheat products; hormonal, vitamin and mineral imbalance; cigarette smoker/passive smoking; dog owner; living in well-insulated, double-glazed homes, providing well-sealed environments that encourage allergens such as house dust mites; overexposure to toxic stresses and environmental pollution.

**Excessive cleanliness** – Many researchers and some doctors suggest that a certain level of

dirt is beneficial, particularly during infancy and early childhood, when the immune system is maturing and exposure helps to build resistance against allergies in the future. Research states that our current obsession with cleanliness reduces the young's exposure to bugs. This affects the efficacy of T-helper cells which assist in building immunity.

**Vaccinations** – Children are now vaccinated against a wider range of diseases. There is some evidence that vaccination alters the ratio of T-helper cells and T-suppressor cells. This possibly has an effect on the vaccinated child's susceptibility to allergy reactions. Research shows that most vaccines stimulate the branch of the immune system concerned with the more extreme immune reactions to invaders.

**Food overexposure** – New research suggests that the availability of certain foods all year round could cause a predisposition to allergies. Since soya has become a common ingredient in many processed foods, there has been a dramatic increase in people

experiencing soya allergy.

**Technological developments** – Increasing use of plastics, formaldehyde, benzene and so on have led to overexposure to a larger range of chemicals. Modern insulated offices increase inhalation of chemicals or perfumes which may be irritant.

**Environmental pollutants** – Chemicals in diesel fumes are known to damage the outer membranes of pollens. Subsequently, when the pollen is breathed in, the pollen proteins are immediately in much closer contact with the delicate membranes in the mouth, nose and lungs, resulting in a more severe allergy.

**Electromagnetic pollution** – Increasing exposure to electromagnets is blamed for sensitive reactions to computers, mobiles, power lines and so on.

**Nutrition** – Eating more pre-processed, nutritionally compromised foods can increase allergic reactions in sensitive individuals.

*Be vigilant!*

# Scottish Bible brings insight to members

by Victor Hulbert

Not satisfied with the sixty-six language GC Bible travelling the world in the lead up to the General Conference Session in Atlanta next year, Scottish Mission members decided to have their own personalised, handwritten Bible. Over the past months members from all the churches in Scotland submitted handwritten passages of Scripture to the Mission office, where Carole Peacock compiled them into the 'Scottish Adventist Bible'.

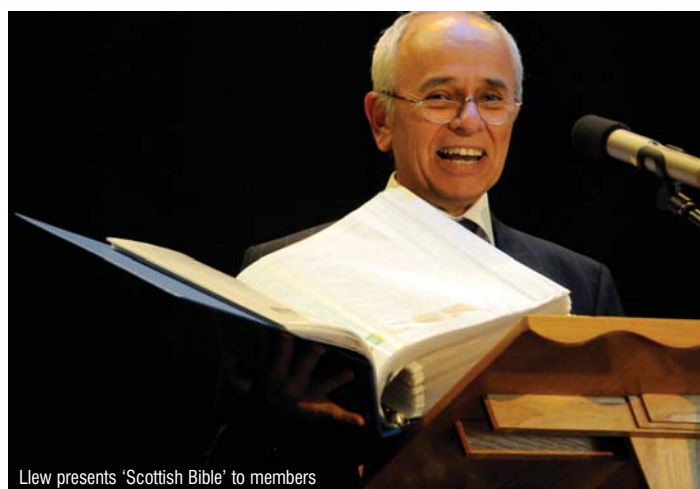
Writing out the Bible by hand can bring new insights and meaning. 'In the same way students write out revision notes, hand-writing the Bible makes passages stand out for you,' Carole states.

Some members kept an international spirit by writing their selection out in their own language. This was

particularly significant for Arthur Gall of the Dundee church who submitted John 19 written in vernacular Scots.

'Meanwhile Jesus' mither an his sister wis staundin aside the cross, an wi them, Mary, the wife o Clopas an Mary Magdala. When Jesus saw his mither an the disciple at he loved staundin aside her, he said tae her, "This is yir son." An syne tae the disciple, "This is yir mither," and frae that day the disciple tuick her intil his ain hame.'

Arthur regularly reminds people that King James was a Scotsman and thus sees the Bible in Scots (the language of the East Coast) as the Bible coming home. 'It brought it home to me, writing it out,' he said. He found a Scots Bible in the Dundee library and is now searching around to try and buy one. Arthur



Llew presents 'Scottish Bible' to members

was baptised in the Dundee church back in January and is enthusiastic to share the Bible with his fellow Scots.

The 'Scottish Adventist Bible' attracted considerable attention at the Scottish Mission Day of Fellowship as members pored through the pages to see who had contributed and in which languages. More importantly, as part of 'Follow the Bible', Pastor Llew Edwards hopes that this initiative has helped Adventists in Scotland to appreciate

their Bibles more, not just as a historical heritage but as a life-changing book to cherish and share. He has experienced that 'somehow, actually writing the text of Scripture out yourself has its own way of "speaking" to you as you write.'

For more on Follow the Bible visit [www.adventistinfo.org.uk/followthebible](http://www.adventistinfo.org.uk/followthebible). Pictures of the Scottish Bible are available on the BUC picture gallery, along with photos of the Scottish Mission Day of Fellowship [www.adventist.org.uk](http://www.adventist.org.uk).

# NEC Camp Meeting 2009: Kingdom Living

by Jeff Nicholson, Communication director, NEC

'This was the best Camp Meeting yet,' commented Maxine from Birmingham. North England Camp Meeting 2009 started with nearly 1,800 people booked in for the week at the Pontins holiday centre in Southport and with all the day tickets taken. In fact, the 200 day tickets were all sold out within two days of their being for sale online. There was an air of excitement and expectation as the campers started to gather on Monday evening, 8 June. 'The attendance at the opening session looked like what we would usually have on Friday or Sabbath services in years past,' commented one camper.

The theme chosen for Camp Meeting 2009 was 'Kingdom Living'. After introducing the main presenters, NEC president Pastor Ian Sweeney gave the keynote address, challenging the attendees to put Kingdom Living into practice in daily life. In his address, based on Christ's command in John 13:34, 35, he challenged the campers to take to heart the fact that the command of Jesus

to love one another 'is no less a divine command that must be obeyed than any of the Ten Commandments.'

### Youth programme

Camp Meeting 2009 was the first time in years that we had a dedicated and distinct programme for the youth. The youth programme, mainly hosted in the Lunar Bar, was an astounding success, when looked at from the standpoint of youth attendance and support. From Morning Manna at 7am to the evening commitment service at 7.30pm there was a surfeit of abundance in the presentations for all to choose from. The youth devotional speakers, Randy Skeete and David Ascherick, were often oversubscribed and, as a result, the adults were asked to leave so as to provide adequate room for the youth.

The youth presentations addressed all aspects of contemporary youth culture and lifestyle. There were sessions addressing

Christian values and lifestyle, sexuality and relationship issues and how to live and maintain the Christian life during the week in what is effectively school time. This created the challenge to house the various activities planned for the youth. The four portacabins and other rooms were not adequate, so we had to hire a marquee to host some of the activities. Children and youth took part in many of the sport and recreational activities, like go-carting, trampolining and abseiling.

### Commitment speaker

The commitment speaker for the adult programme was Geoff Youlden, an Australian evangelist. The theme of his presentations 'Lest we forget' was based on 1 Corinthians 10:11. The experience of the children of Israel on their journey to the Promised Land was presented as a mirror of our journey to the heavenly Canaan.

### Health

The Health Ministries department promoted physical activities at this Camp Meeting, with groups going on three-, five- and nine-mile walks. The most subscribed physical activity was the massage machine, in which one received a dry water massage fully clothed. Over four days it served more than 800 people. Janet from Wolverhampton, coming back for her third massage, said, 'I have had my most pain-free night after my massage and wish I could take the machine home.'

Right around the corner from this was the Newbold promotional booth. Dr Sabes, the principal, addressing the attendees, said that Newbold is about 'more than just education and degrees; we are training for service, training for eternity'. The Newbold team further made an impression by feeding the youth at their barbecue with 600 vegetarian burgers, which went down a treat.

### The cricket match

This year the pastors versus the members cricket match was a proper affair and took place at the Ainsdale Cricket Club. The match was held on Thursday and the weather was very good. The members were determined to give the ministers a beating. The ministers won. An excellent time was had by all.

### Sabbath highlights

The Sabbath programme is always the highlight of the Camp Meeting. None could help but be impressed with Randy Skeete's powerful presentation and be challenged with his ability to learn and recall the words of Scripture with such ease. There was a report on the activities of the Taskforce workers in Rochdale and Wakefield, highlighting the challenges and the successes. On the Sabbath afternoon we witnessed the baptism of one of the contacts from the Rochdale outreach.

One special feature on the Sabbath afternoon at Camp Meeting was the service of baptism. There were three persons scheduled for baptism but, as always with the proclamation of the Gospel, there are always some to respond. In the end, rather than three candidates, twenty-seven people were baptised.

### Visit of Sir Patrick Allen

After the service of baptism the waiting congregation had a special treat as the newly knighted Governor General of Jamaica, His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen, visited the attending campers and extended his greetings and best wishes. His entrance was greeted with rapturous applause. Sir Patrick reminded the congregation that it was not long ago that he was here with them as guest speaker. 'I know that many of you are asking if I can still be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian and serve the Lord in this position,' Sir Patrick said. 'I am still the same person,' he continued, 'just called to serve in a different position. Like Daniel I have been called to serve the Lord in a different capacity, and I seek for your continued prayers.'

Neville Peter and Mark Bunney were the special guest musicians at this Camp Meeting. All week long they lifted the hearts of the campers in worship, praise and adoration to God. An evening of praise led by Neville Peter, Mark Bunney and a host of other artistes capped what was a wonderful day. The concert, with stage management under the able control of Aaron and Anton Stewart, was an exciting affair that culminated in an inspiring song with Neville Peter and a well-trained and rehearsed youth choir.



1. NEC president Ian Sweeney welcomes Sir Patrick and Lady Allen to Camp Meeting.
2. 'The youth services were the best ever.'
3. Dr Diana Sinclair.
4. Paul Haworth with guest speaker Geoff Youlden.
5. Pastor Sweeney welcomes one of the 27 baptismal candidates.
6. Grace Walsh greets a baptismal candidate.
7. Pastor Morgan's joke went down well.

# Cardiff Field School of Evangelism

**'The danger is that we're not going to have trouble in the time of trouble because no one knows we're here!' (Larry Laredo)**

John Surridge reports on the three Missions' Field School of Evangelism.

On Sabbath 30 May Pastor Geoff Youlden, television presenter and evangelist for the Australian Union Conference, came to Cardiff for the start of a week-long Field School of Evangelism. For many years Geoff has had a keen interest in evangelism in the British Isles and when invited to run the school in Cardiff he readily accepted.

In his Sabbath presentations to the Cardiff and district members Geoff focused on the importance of being faithful to our calling as evangelists. 'We have a responsibility to share the message we have,' he said. 'We will be held to account for this. Not everyone will accept it, but plenty will.' Regarding the practicalities of public evangelism in the twenty-first century he pointed out that the basic evangelistic strategy of sowing, cultivating and reaping has not changed since New Testament times. However, 'things have changed since the big reaping campaigns of fifty years ago,' he said. 'Today we need to spend much more time in sowing – through leaflets, personal contacts, health seminars – but primarily through door-to-door-work.'

On Monday 1 June twenty-two ministers and lay evangelists from Scotland, Ireland and Wales arrived for the main part of the Field School. Over the next few days, through lectures, practical door-to-door sessions and evangelistic presentations in front of the whole group, they practised and developed their existing skills and learnt about new approaches to proclaiming the Gospel. In particular they practised using the 'New Beginnings' evangelistic series, which is being made available to all churches within the British Union Conference.

On Tuesday morning 2 June Pastor Larry Laredo, another highly

experienced Australian evangelist and a friend and colleague of Geoff Youlden, gave a special presentation. Larry had come to Cardiff with his daughter Jenny and son Grant as part of their vacation in the UK and Europe – a trip they tailored especially to enable them to attend the Field School. Commenting on the need for evangelism in these latter days and throwing down a challenge to ministers and members with a Laodicean mindset, Larry warned, 'The danger is that we're not going to have trouble in the time of trouble because no one knows we're here!' However, he went on to give encouragement with the words, 'Seeing people come into the Kingdom is what revitalises the church.'

Larry Laredo has recently been suffering from cancer and, although he is currently in remission, he recognises that every day is now special. In a particularly poignant moment he paused in his lecture and invited Welsh Mission president, Pastor John Surridge to the front. 'I have a gift from an elderly couple in my home church,' he said. 'When they heard that I was coming all the

way to Wales to talk about evangelism they gave me this.' At that point Larry handed over an envelope containing a thousand Australian dollars – proof of the commitment that so many Adventist members still have to public evangelism.

A key component of the Field School was the test running of two dinners, laid on for the public at the Cardiff Centre Holiday Inn. Members were asked to invite as many of their unchurched friends as possible to an evening dinner, which included a special presentation by Geoff Youlden. More than eighty people came on the first night, and just over sixty on the second, and some thirty or so new contacts were made. For his presentations, Geoff gave a brief overview of the three angels' messages, urging people who

wanted to know more to attend the forthcoming New Beginnings series in the Cardiff church.

On the final Sabbath of the Field School BUC president Pastor Don McFarlane came to Cardiff to give his support. He explained the rationale behind the current General Conference 'Year of Evangelism' and stressed the need for Adventists not to be passive but to go out to the public with the Gospel.

In the closing session on Sabbath afternoon the team members spoke of their experiences and Geoff Youlden summarised the lessons that had been learnt during the week. Perhaps the most important lesson learnt was that door-to-door work can be easy, fun and painless. It can also bear much fruit – in just two sessions of one hour each, more than twenty-eight contact names were obtained. 'Just imagine what would happen if that were repeated every week in every Adventist church in the UK and Ireland!' Geoff concluded.



Left to right: Jenny Hilda (daughter of Larry Laredo), Geoff Youlden, Larry Laredo, Grant Laredo – in front of the Cardiff church.



Field School participants in the youth room of the Cardiff church

# First full CHIP programme in Wales

by Lily Kidwell

During May the Swansea church hosted a full CHIP health programme. Although the Welsh Mission has run a couple of MicroCHIP programmes over the past year, the ambition has always been to run a full programme. This was finally achieved in Swansea, thanks to Welsh Mission Health Ministries sponsors Lil and Irving Saunders, who, along with a number of dedicated church members, gave up their time to support this important evangelistic work of the church. Eight participants committed themselves to the intensive and quite expensive programme which ran for four weeks and included blood tests for cholesterol and blood sugar, as well as blood pressure and body mass index (BMI) checks.

There were four programmes each week during which health books were given out and instructional and motivational DVDs shown on subjects such as vegetarian cookery and healthy lifestyle practices. These were backed up with many practical demonstrations by the team members, and the tasty and nutritious food was enjoyed by all. A regular programme of exercise was also encouraged and, with the arrival of the summer weather, all participants have been spending more time walking.

On Monday 15 June friends and family of the participants attended the graduation ceremony. Before the more formal part of the programme the graduates shared a meal and spent some time socialising together.

As the graduates were presented with their certificates they were congratulated and everyone wished them well. At least one of the visitors was very impressed and is considering taking part in the next Swansea CHIP programme, planned for October.

Many people contributed to the success of this CHIP programme but the support of members from the Lampeter church was particularly appreciated as they had to travel so far. Their catering skill in providing a wide variety of healthy vegetarian food was second to none.

An alumni meeting took place in July when participants were able to reflect on their good work during the course and help with the planning of future programmes locally and throughout Wales. The CHIP programme will continue to be run in the Welsh Mission and anyone interested in



Left to right: Jacquei Jones and Jovan Adamović present Asu Paul with his certificate

hosting an event should contact Lil or Irving Saunders on 01792 549412, or the local minister, Pastor Jovan Adamović. For more information check out the Swansea CHIP website at [www.swanseachip.net](http://www.swanseachip.net).

## What is CHIP?

CHIP – the Coronary Health Improvement Project – is a 30-day lifestyle education programme proven to help reverse medical conditions such as diabetes, some types of cancer, atherosclerosis and other health problems like depression. The programme was pioneered in 1988 by Dr Hans Diehl in the United States and has since gained popularity around the world. As people are becoming more health conscious it is good to see Adventists leading the world through the health principles they derive from the Bible as well as from the writings of Ellen G. White.

# Darlington: first baptism

It was a wonderful and blessed Sabbath day at Darlington church. May 30 began with a beautiful morning. Darlington church was full

of joy as the youth started the day's Sabbath School programme. The church was packed and full of the smiles of the members, friends and visitors who joined together to praise God. The youth also took the divine service and the church received the Word of God delivered by Callun Ham-Ying and Anganile Mwanjoka, 11 and 12 years old respectively.

It was a historic afternoon at Darlington as the church and the local community witnessed the first baptism conducted by Pastor Colin Woodford, his first baptism since becoming a pastor.

We witnessed Bwighane Bruce Mwanjoka and Anganile

Mercy Mwanjoka as they declared publicly their acceptance of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

The next day was a very special one for Darlington church as well as the whole of the North East. Sunday

31 May was a beautiful day, too. The church was again packed as people came to witness the wedding blessing of our former pastor, Peter Jaynes and Ludy Robinson.

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# Huddersfield baptism

Sabbath afternoon 27 June saw the Huddersfield church packed with members and visitors, family and friends, to witness the baptism of Alana Baker, Naythan Grant and the reception into membership of Mr and Mrs Nicholas and Evelyn Nyamayedenga on profession of faith.

Mike Baker, a son of Huddersfield and uncle of one of the candidates, was the preacher for the baptism. Alana Baker has just completed her 'A' levels and has been accepted as a student in Audiology at De Montfort University, Leicester.

Naythan Grant is on a gap year, seeking work experience before completing his final year in accounting at Huddersfield University.

Nicholas Nyamayedenga is a science technician working at a high school in Wakefield. His wife Evelyn is a full-time student at Bradford University, studying Social Work.

The Nyamayedengas, originally from Zimbabwe, are now members of the Wakefield church, and Alana and Naythan join the growing number of young people at Huddersfield church.

PASTOR BARRY STOKES



Perth and Kinross Provost John Hulbert welcomes the new SM president, Pastor Bernie Holford



Karin and Llewellyn Edwards who are 'reversing the traffic by going from the Promised Land to the land of Egypt'



'Take his life' with Dundee Praise Team and Pastor Holford

## Great churches in Scotland

Scottish Mission Day of Fellowship, 20 June 2009

Words and pictures: Victor Hulbert

'Take his life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee,' the Dundee Vocal Band sang as new Scottish Mission president, Pastor Bernie Holford, stood in their midst during an induction ceremony at the Scottish Mission Day of Fellowship, Sabbath 20 June. The words of the hymn were slightly modified to blend with the focus of Pastor Holford's commitment address, in which he emphasised that he had 'come to minister, to join a team'. Recognising his change in direction from the family life role he has carried for the last twelve years, he reflected on the call of Abram from Haran and the need to 'stretch out and do something different for God'.

The induction service climaxed a high day in the life of the Scottish Mission members. Surrounded by stunning countryside in the grounds of the newly-built St Modan's High School, Stirling, around 250 members from the ten churches in Scotland defied the temptation of the sunshine outside to be blessed by quality singing, moving preaching and real testimony.

The testimony came from Adventist Volunteer Workers, Mark and Konrad Szalos-Farkas. The brothers had just returned from spending the last year teaching and mentoring at Palau Mission Academy in the South Pacific. Recounting his experience in front of an enthralled congregation, Konrad said, 'The experience brought me closer to God. My devotional life increased and I saw prayers answered daily.'

Music was supplied in ample abundance by not just the Dundee Vocal Band, but also the King's Advent Messengers from Glasgow, brothers Maroria and Bosire Oroko with their violin medley, the Faifley youth group, 'Destined For Greatness', and a congregation that had the ability to harmonise with every hymn.

Spiritual food came from a well-taught and interactive Sabbath School lesson led by outgoing president, Pastor Llew Edwards; a hilarious story of love by Pastor Clifford Herman and puppet 'Bradley', who taught the children that love is not a soppy, mushy thing, but a wonderful principle of giving; and then a very personal and practical demonstration of how to grow church by Pastor Janos Kovacs-Biro, Church Growth director at the Trans-European Division.

Quoting 1 Peter 4:7, 'the end of all things is near,' Pastor Janos personalised the verse and focused on individual priorities by asking, 'What if the end of Janos is near?' He then challenged, 'Ask it in your own mind and see what it means.' Continuing the theme of the text he then emphasised that to 'grow great churches, Christians need to pray and to be self-controlled'.

It was the prayer emphasis that will be >13



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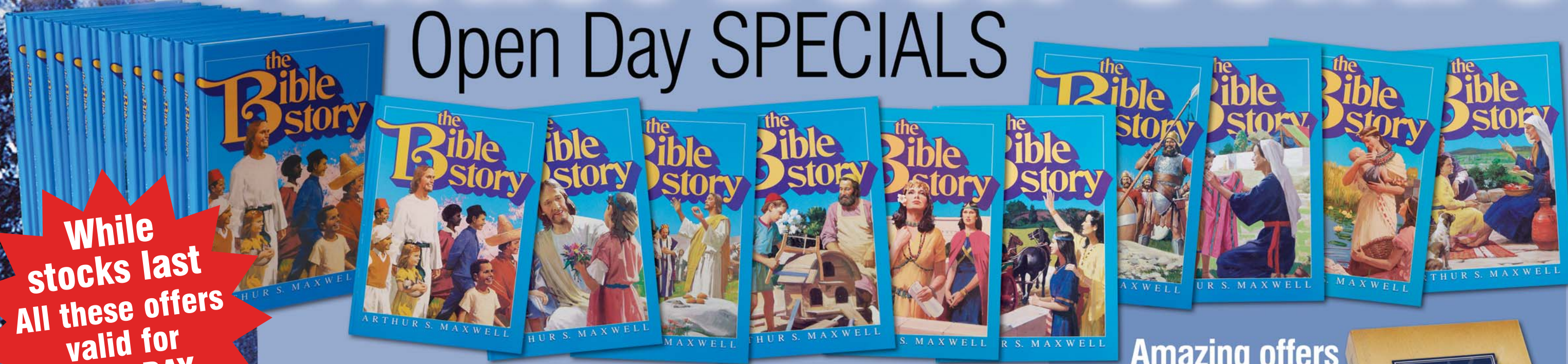
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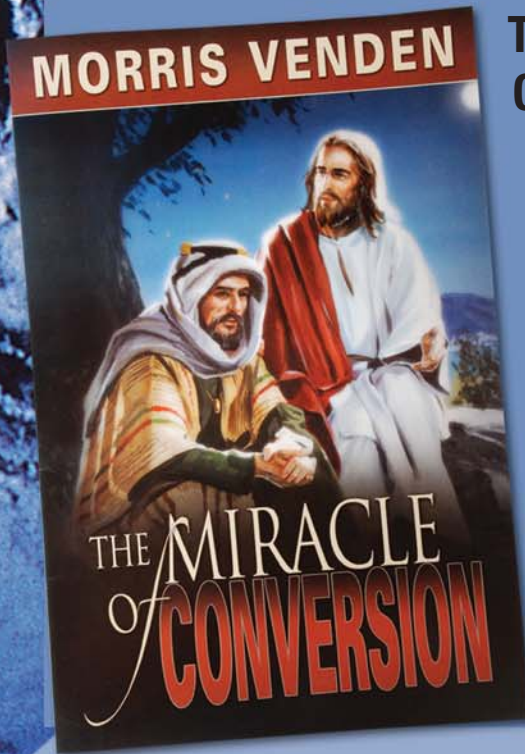
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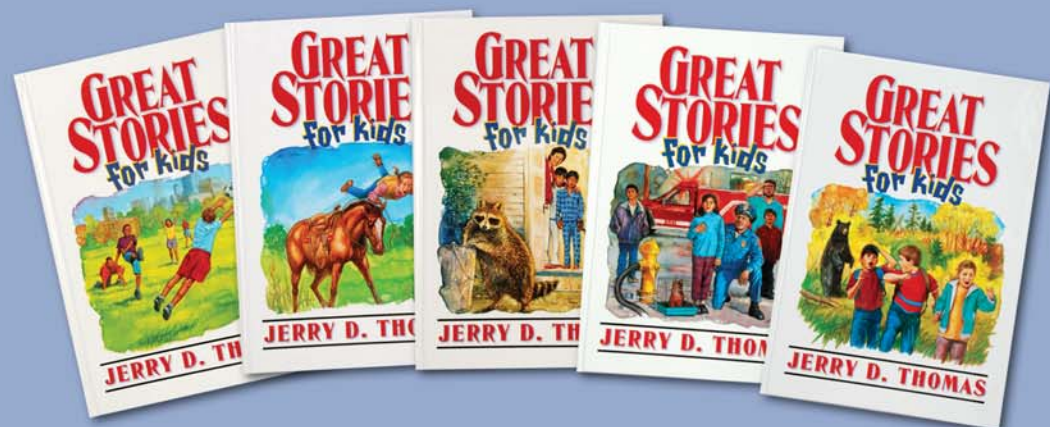
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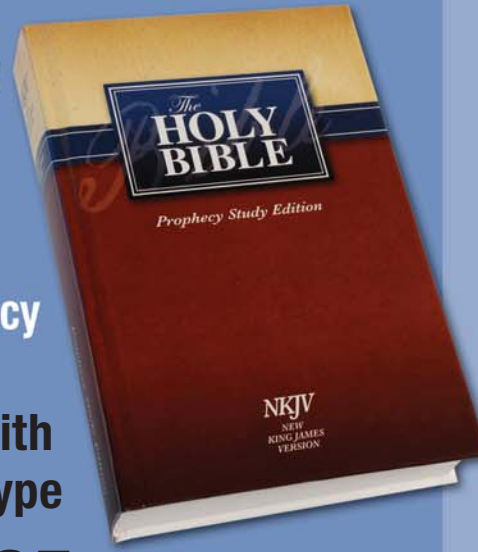
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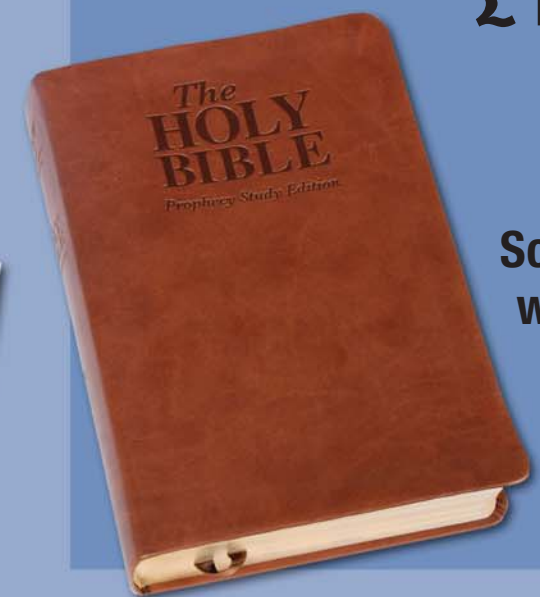
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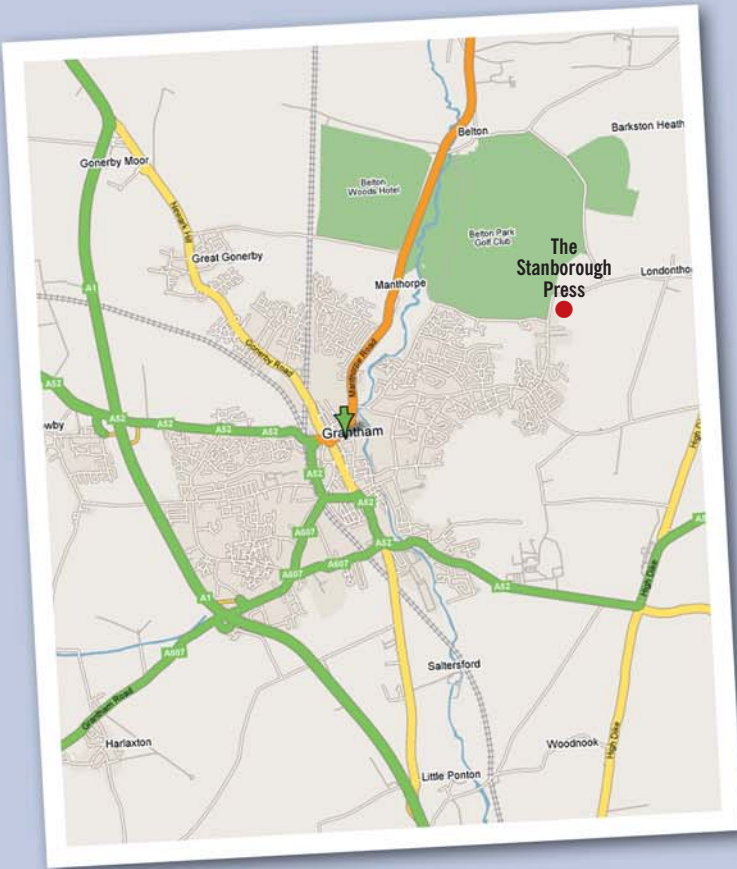
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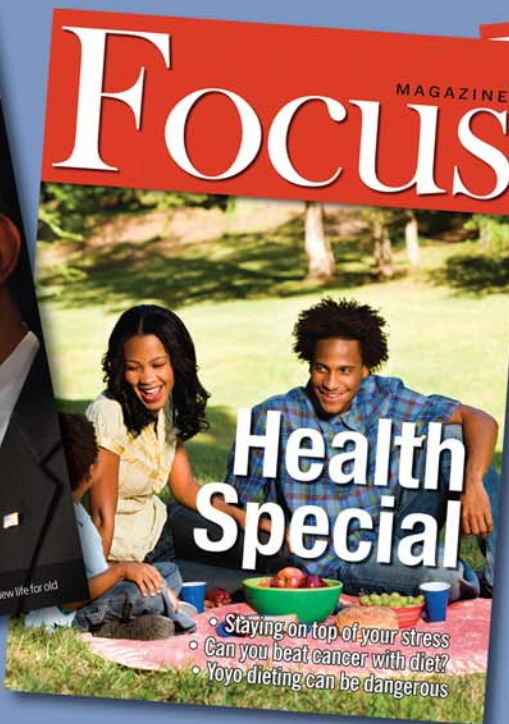
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<8 remembered by most members. Giving the illustration of how he used to pray for his unbelieving uncle and then move on, he discovered the difference when he doubled his prayer. 'Pray for somebody, then pray for yourself, stating, "Use me to touch them,"' he said. Newly appointed Aberdeen pastor, Lorance Johnson, reflected, 'That thought had a real impact on me. We all have family or friends who need faith. I will be changing the way I pray.'

While the day was one of blessing, it also had a tinge of sadness. After eight years of service in the Scottish Mission, goodbyes and tributes were paid to Pastor Llew Edwards and his wife Karin who are leaving to serve in Egypt. BUC president, Pastor Don McFarlane, thanked them both for their spirituality and their leadership of 'a family of pastors'. On behalf of the Scottish Mission, Pastor Jimmy Botha told the congregation how he appreciated their good spiritual leadership, stating, 'The Scottish Mission is the best place I have ever worked.' By the happy smiles on the faces of those leaving Stirling at the end of the day, most members would agree with him.

A selection of photos from the day can be seen on the BUC picture gallery, [www.adventist.org.uk](http://www.adventist.org.uk).

## Scottish Mission Session: Youth take the reins

Youth Empowerment was a central focus at the Scottish Mission Triennial Session on Sunday 21 June at the Crieff church. The delegates modified objectives set out by the retiring Executive Committee, strengthening their commitment to youth and mission across Scotland.

Among the changes, they voted to 'Empower and support our children and youth to be involved in the life of the church and to develop innovative evangelistic approaches that transform local communities.' They also urged churches to equip and support young people who can connect with the majority culture to train to be pastors and Bible workers, as well as encouraging churches to develop local projects that the youth of other churches can support.

These were not just idle statements. The new Executive Committee now includes two youth. Yvonne Bauwens of the Crieff church, 2008 winner of the General Conference Youth department's M. E. Kern award for young people. She is accompanied by Desire Gondwe. As Glasgow youth leader she has inspired the development of the youth under her care. Pastor Herman states, 'She is a very capable, talented and quite resourceful young lady who loves the church and especially young people.'

In addition, the Nominating Committee recognised the developing potential for using technology in the ministry of the Church and recommended that Alex Podbrezsky of the Crieff church take on the role of technical support for the Mission.

Seventy-three delegates were registered at the start of business for the session and were given a special welcome by Provost John Hulbert of Perth and Kinross Council. A committed Christian himself and the son of missionary parents, the >14



Maroria and Bosire Oroko



Faifley youth group, 'Destined For Greatness'



The new SM Executive Committee (not all present)



BUC president Don McFarlane with TED's Janos Kovacs-Biro

provost greeted the delegates from the ten churches that comprise the Scottish Mission and particularly welcomed the presence of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in his area.

Under the theme of the session, 'Building Great Churches', TED Church Growth director, Pastor Janos Kovacs-Biro, challenged delegates with the idea that 'A disciple is someone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and loves people – great churches bring these two together.' The morning then moved forward with a rapid selection of the Recommendations Committee, then the Nominating and Credentials and Licences Committees. By lunchtime the Nominating Committee reported back and the delegates voted the following names to serve the Scottish Church for the next three years:

**Executive Committee**

Pastor Don McFarlane, Pastor Eric Lowe, Victor Pilmoor, Pastor Bernie Holford, Pastor Clifford Herman, Pastor Neil Robertson, Owen Anderson, Yvonne Bauwens, Tarzan Bhebhe, Nigel Emm, Desire Gondwe.

**Sponsors**

*Children's Ministries:* Jennifer Orok  
*Church Growth:* Pastor David Hatch  
*Communication:* John Wilby, *Family Ministries:* Pastor Clifford Herman  
*Health Ministries:* Pastor Jimmy Botha,  
*Pathfinders and Youth:* Pastor J. Marcel Ghioalda, *Prayer Ministries:* Pastor Lorance Johnson, *Technical Support:* Alex Podbrezsky, *Trust Services and Stewardship:* Pastor A. R. Rodd, *Women's Ministries:* (To be appointed).

While the Nominating Committee was at work, the rest of the delegation listened to and commented on the president's and secretary-treasurer's reports. In his final

report before leaving for mission service in Egypt, Pastor Llew Edward's presidential report focused on the importance of church as a 'transparent picture of what God's grace is about'. He expressed gratefulness for the churches where young people feel free to invite their friends – and then those friends keep coming. He measures the greatness of the church not just by the sermon but by the welcome, the meal, the people and sense of community – of building together. A presidential report, by its nature, covers a lot of ground, and much of this was reinforced by a twenty-five-minute video documentary compiled by Communication sponsor, John Wilby. This ably demonstrated the amount of activity that has taken place in the Mission during the last three years. Camps, spiritual retreats, prayer conferences and evangelism were all part of the programme. However, what was most significant was the warm expression of thanks from Pastor Llew to the pastoral team and their wives. 'Over the years,' he said, 'we have worked together, teased and had fun together. We have grown together.'

Goodbyes were said to Pastor



Bryan McCormac and his successor as Aberdeen pastor, Lorance Johnson

Bryan McCormac and his wife May who retire in July after having served most of their ministry in the Scottish Mission. The delegation wished Pastor McCormac and his wife every blessing.

Pastor Llew gave special thanks to Carole Peacock as Mission secretary and then expressed his joy that Pastor Bernie Holford had accepted the call to come and lead. 'I am handing over to you a fantastic Church,' he said.

As secretary-treasurer, Victor Pilmoor reported that the Church in Scotland has grown by 11% in terms of baptisms and profession of faith, with a total net increase of 20% when transfers in and out of the Mission are included. Two new churches have been planted and while the total membership is only 426, they have been very active.

It was a full day of meaningful but good-natured discussion. There was a strong emphasis on mission. An equal emphasis on community, with Dorothy Logan recommending to other churches the CAP [Crieff Aid Project] that has seen a church of sixty-nine members raise £37,000 to support projects such as AIDS orphans in Maluti, Lesotho, and an

old folks' home in Romania. The youth have also been involved in a mission project in Romania, and prayer retreats, Family Life events and days of fellowship have helped nurture the Church.

In his closing comments, BUC president, Pastor Don McFarlane, reflected on the way Jesus treated his mother and brothers in Mark 3. Recognising the difficult tensions in the chapter, Pastor McFarlane noted that while his family 'may have been there to take him out of circulation', Jesus turned it around and showed that 'Kingdom relationships take precedence'. He said, 'Kingdom service is the greatest service we can give.'

As the new Scottish Mission president, Pastor Bernie Holford, drew the session to a close, he then challenged delegates to look personally at the objectives agreed for the next three years. He said, 'I'm excited that you didn't just accept the plans – you focused, suggested and made them your plans.' Then he asked each delegate to choose one commitment for themselves and to make sure it happens. Such commitment and enthusiasm bodes well for the future of Scotland.



Marcel Ghioalda and Clifford Herman



Moira Rodd presents flowers to Karin Edwards

# Mary Barrett commissioned

by Sandra Golding

Sabbath 6 June was a special occasion for Mary Barrett from the Stanborough Park church as she was commissioned as a pastor within the South England Conference.

The special commissioning service took place at the SEC Area 7 Day of Fellowship in St Albans, where Mary was joined by family, friends and well-wishers who were there to share in her special day.

Pastor Garth Anthony's inspiring and challenging sermon motivated us to go back to the Bible. Pastor Ian Sleeman, minister of Stanborough Park church, presented Mary with her Certificate of Commissioning. It was a special time for Pastor Jonathan Barrett of St Albans church, as he read the scripture reading for his wife Mary. The two of them have worked together as a pastoral team for many years. Pastor Paul Lockham, SEC executive secretary, gave the prayer and the Introduction of Commission. The Prayer of Commission was given by Pastor Sam Davis, SEC president. The Charge to Ministry was given by Pastor Alan Hodges, BUC Ministerial Association secretary, and Mary was welcomed to the ministry by Pastor Emmanuel Osei, SEC Ministerial Association secretary.

Special musical items during the commissioning service were rendered by the Stanborough Park church choir and Recall from St Albans.

A service of commissioning gives female pastors the same privileges to serve as their male counterparts, short of presenting the vows at a wedding service.

The service followed a packed morning during which Pastor Sam Davis led out in the Sabbath School discussion and Dr Laurence Turner from Newbold College was the main speaker for the worship service with his sermon 'Where do you draw the line?' A musical concert followed the commissioning service, featuring artistes from the various churches within Area 7. The Alban Arena was packed to capacity with over 850 people enjoying the array of talent.



Pastor Mary Barrett was chosen to conduct the Communion service at the SEC Camp Meeting, reported in our last issue

# Corby commissioned

by Peter Jeynes

'Corby is the town where many people come to for a new start.' So said the Deputy Mayor of Corby, Ann Brown, as she attended the commissioning of Corby Seventh-day Adventist church.

Many of the members of this young Adventist group have come to the town for the same reason – a new start. Whether of Zimbabwean, Malawian, Filipino or New Zealand or even English origin, the group is seeing a new start in the beautiful county of Northamptonshire.

Pastor Ian Sweeney, NEC president, was present and began worship by commissioning the church. In his short address he reminded the Corby congregation that each member may have had his/her own reasons for coming to Corby. The reminder was, 'God has given another commission to our members in Corby – to be good for the community.'

Joshua Hammersley, church leader, and his team, had constructed a day's programme with much variety and interest. Joybells, Dumisan Chorale, Committed, and 'The Southend Group' revealed the breadth of friendship and relationship developed by the church and its members.

Mrs Gaye Shaw and her daughter Zelda rejoiced to be there. Gaye had been a Corby resident for many years, had prayed for the people of the town, given out many an Adventist magazine and sought to develop growth in the town.

The Sabbath School, divine service and later the afternoon programme had as a continuing theme the work of the church for the community.

The Deputy Mayor promised to return as a visitor after a thirty-year absence from church. She found church to be an attractive place. Just right for a newly commissioned church.



Left to right: Masimba Mavasa, Pastor Jeynes, Husband of Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor Ann Brown, Joshua Hammersley, NEC president, Pastor Ian Sweeney and Tony Welch

## Walthamstow Life Enrichment Series

Walthamstow church is holding a Life Enrichment Series from 18 July to 2 August at Walthamstow church, 78-80 Boundary Road, Walthamstow, London E17 8JU.

Speaker: Dr Elliot Williams.

For further information contact: [Comms@walthamstowadventistchurch.org.uk](mailto:Comms@walthamstowadventistchurch.org.uk)





## Sabbath School leaders' retreat

by Terry Messenger,  
Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director, SEC

The first Sabbath School leaders' retreat held in recent times by the SEC convened from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 June at Wokefield Park near Reading. It was a retreat that will be remembered for a long time. Many of the attendees were in tears on Sunday as they expressed thanks for the Spirit-filled weekend with excellent fellowship and much valuable information to take back to their churches.

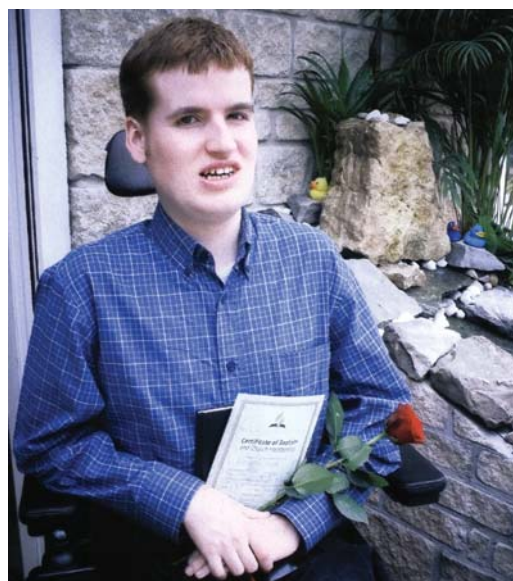
The weekend started with an excellent devotional message from Dr Richard de Lisser, Communications and Stewardship director, who asked us the question, 'Who is the teacher who most influenced you in your life?' The importance of the role of the Sabbath School teacher was emphasised in that they can be a great influence on someone's life.

On the Sabbath, Dr Mike Hamilton, Sabbath School director at the TED, spoke about Sabbath School and the local community and emphasised the fact that our Sabbath Schools should be far more interactive with the people who live around our churches. Dr Terry Messenger then led out in a Bible study role play, where each of the five groups were asked to pray with each other, share stories of how the Lord had blessed them, and if there were any concerns from individuals the group was to pray for them on the spot. Then they entered the Bible study taken from the lesson guide on 'Community'. Dr Messenger was keen to emphasise that our Sabbath Schools should be places of nurture and caring and this is determined largely by the way we study the Bible together. Cliff Hilton, member of the Chelmsford church and a busy presenter utilised by the TED, BUC, NEC and SEC in recent times, gave a powerful message on sounding the warning to the world of difficult times ahead but then the glorious Second Coming of Christ. 'This is the purpose of our Sabbath Schools,' he said, 'to prepare people for the Second Coming of Christ.'

During the weekend four different workshops were presented at three different times. Beulah Plunkett, Sabbath School director at the NEC, presented a workshop on effective teaching and spoke about teaching methods which would truly engage people's minds. Cliff Hilton spoke about reinventing the Sabbath School and how through planning and new ideas Sabbath School attendance would increase. Dr de Lisser's workshop focused on evangelism and how the Sabbath School plays a vital role in this. Dr Mike Hamilton discussed group dynamics.

Mention must also go to Fen and Joy Braithwaite who led out in the worship and devotional times so beautifully.

It is hoped that this weekend will serve as a catalyst to revive the Sabbath School in the SEC, and that the original purpose of the Sabbath School for strong Bible teaching, mission, fellowship and outreach will be re-established.



## Richard's baptism

Croscombe church members in Somerset recently recorded a unique event.

On Sabbath afternoon 6 June over sixty members and friends met in the home of Elizabeth and Martin Pugh to witness the baptism of their son Richard. Richard, who will be 21 in September, suffers from Muscular Dystrophy and therefore the immersion was facilitated by the use of an electrical hoist.

After a short service led by Pastor Dranca and his assistant Anthony King, Richard was baptised in the large indoor home swimming pool. This event was very moving to witness.

The day ended with a fellowship tea.

On the left is a photograph of Richard with his baptismal certificate.

YVONNE BAXTER

## Montserratian Day of Fellowship

by Marcelle Riley

On Sabbath 23 May hundreds of Montserratians and their friends congregated at the Ridge Way Centre in Milton Keynes for the ninth annual Montserratians and Friends of SDA Day of Fellowship. This day provided the opportunity to give thanks to God for the preservation of the island of Montserrat and the protection of lives due to the volcanic crisis which began in July 1995 and is still ongoing with varying degrees of intensity. Under the theme 'Christ the Essence of our Hope', we were taken on an uplifting spiritual journey from Sabbath School through to vespers.

During the Sabbath School, which was very ably and creatively led by Thelma Gage, we had several opportunities to lift our voices in praise to the One who is indeed the essence of our hope. Mike Johnson led a rousing Sabbath School discussion on the topic of 'Rest'.

Following the Sabbath School we received greetings from Ms Lazelle Howes, head of the Montserrat Community Support Trust. Mrs Janice Pantone MBE from the Montserrat Government UK office provided a report on developments on the island. A DVD presentation also enabled us to catch a glimpse of the development of the Adventist work in Montserrat.

Pastor Sam Davis, president of the SEC, addressed the day's theme in his sermon. He shared with us the many avenues through which people unsuccessfully seek hope. In a time when many individuals are losing hope, we were given the timely reminder and assurance that Christ is the only true source of hope – a source that will not disappoint.

The AYS, under the leadership of Rosetta Allen, saw both the youth and the young at heart actively participating.

Various musical renditions also enriched the day's service. The London Male Voice Choir has been a regular blessing. However, we were also uplifted by special items rendered by the Camp Hill choir and the Milton Keynes choir. Stanley Buffonge and Delthia Harris added a youthful touch with the song 'Holy Holy' during the AYS programme.

This year witnessed a technological achievement in that the service was broadcast live on the Internet for the first time. This enabled individuals in Montserrat to join in with the worship experience. Highlights of the day's service, such as the sermon, can be viewed on <http://www.justin.tv/mratuk/all>. Once on the site individuals can also click on 'channel' to view highlights in continuous play and also aspects of the Advent work in Montserrat.

There is always a social dimension to this special day as individuals renew contact and exchange contact details, promising to keep in touch.

The day climaxed with vespers by Pastor Davis. As we prepared to leave, we lifted our voices in song for the final time with 'We have this hope', our theme song for the day.

According to William Riley, the principal coordinator, plans are afoot to host the event in Birmingham in 2010 if the Lord should tarry.

## Baptism at Chingford Community church

Sabbath 30 May was a remarkable day at Chingford Community church, and was organised by Pastor Bernard Akakpo to celebrate both Communion and baptismal services on the same day. The morning was a grand Communion celebration when the hearts of members and visiting friends were drawn to God and to one another in sweet Christian unity. In the evening, Heaven came down at the baptismal service as members, family and visiting friends celebrated the baptism of Christopher Bunbury. There were melodious songs, beautifully sung by Chingford Community church choir, Faith Singers, Garnett Sterling and Calvin Johnson, along with a powerful sermonette by Pastor Akakpo entitled 'Rejoice Ye Heaven', and a special reading by Christopher's sister, Rachel, before the immersion, emphasising that baptism is the doorway to God's Kingdom and that there was great joy in Heaven that day.

Christopher's life has been touched by God in so many ways that he was more than ready to take this public step for Christ. Pastor Akakpo, along with church members, heartily welcomed Christopher into fellowship, the first of many more under our new name, Chingford Community SDA Church! ANGELA AUSTIN



## Wood Green: Edge of eternity

Daniel Saugh, pastor of Meadowvale church in Toronto, returned to Wood Green for another week of prayer in April. Entitled 'Edge of eternity', the campaign was a blessing to all who attended.

During the week, we were reminded that the enemy is attacking the youth with 'weapons of mass destruction' and that he is stockpiling 'D-bombs', such as deception and delusion, depression and discouragement, doubt and defeat, to use against us.

Each evening, Evadne Henry and Annette Seivwright led out in prayer

as both young and older members of the congregation prayed for help with the challenges the youth face in today's society and asked God to guide them in making wise decisions and influencing their peers in a positive way. Prayer requests included petitions for courage to witness to others, success in exams and safety on the streets.

On Sabbath morning Pastor Saugh's message entitled 'Mortal Combat' was taken from 2 Kings chapter 6, where the King of Syria had sent his army to Dothan to capture Elisha. Elisha's servant was afraid when the army surrounded

their city, but Elisha reassured him with the words: 'Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.' Elisha then prayed, and God opened the eyes of his servant so that he was able to see the horses and chariots of fire surrounding Elisha. Pastor Saugh likened this story to the various trials and challenges we all face in life and said that if we would only check the 'blind spot' we'd be able to see that God is there already, wanting to deliver us. Pastor Saugh emphasised the danger of being overcome by the enemy if we fail to check the 'blind spot' and see God's victory and deliverance instead of depression, doubt and defeat.

During the series, several young people made a commitment to give their lives to Christ and be baptised, three of whom were baptised at the end of the campaign. It was a joyful day for the Duffus family in particular, as Melanie and her niece Chanel were both baptised. Surrounded by her many friends and family who had come to witness her testimony, Nisha Barclay also publicly sealed her forever friendship with Jesus through baptism.

CAROLINE MANDEYA



## Auntie Margery at 100

by John Arthur

Mrs M. Heughebaert – affectionately known as Auntie Margery – completed a 'not out' century of years at the Richmond House Retirement Home in Crieff on 2 March.

As thirty well-wishers from the local church and community assembled in her room to honour the achievement, Councillor Helen McDonald read a letter of greeting from the Queen and presented a floral arrangement on behalf of the council. Nephew Pastor Bob Rodd read a letter of congratulations from the BUC president, Pastor Don McFarlane, and attempted to give a life-sketch – only to be corrected from time to time by Auntie Margery whose mind is as sharp as ever, notwithstanding her years!

Mrs Heughebaert was born in Clent in the West Midlands and, following her mother's acceptance of the Adventist faith, she was baptised at Handsworth by Pastor DeAth in 1926. She later taught at the Salford School of Art, and then lived for many years in Cornwall where her home served as the initial meeting place for the St Austell church.

She moved to Crieff in 1996 and attended the church regularly until advancing years forced her into a retirement home about five years ago. Throughout her life Auntie

Margery has developed a reputation for providing warm hospitality, and for her sense of humour. She is still an avid reader – completing a book a week in addition to her study of the Bible. She also possesses keen knitting skills which have made possible the recent despatch of more than 100 woollen dolls for orphaned children in Romania.

Margery maintains that her deep Christian faith has sustained her through the many challenges of life, and as she passes her 100-year milestone she eagerly awaits the return of Jesus when all things will be made new.





Left to right: Rob Mayall, Jenny Johnson, Hilary Woodman and Claire Flavell

## Dudley House receives Education Award

Dudley House School was very proud to be presented with an Investors in Education Award in recognition of the high quality work experiences it has provided for young people from the local community. The Investors in Education Award was presented during a ceremony hosted by Lincolnshire and Rutland Education Business Partnership on Thursday 30 April in Lincoln.

Dudley House School was one of the 101 businesses from Lincolnshire and Rutland recognised as providing excellent work experience opportunities for young people and inspiring them in their future careers.

Dudley House School was nominated for the award by the students themselves as a thank you for the time and effort put into making their

work experience so valuable and enjoyable and as an acknowledgment from the Partnership for all the hard work that this entails.

Mrs Johnson, head teacher, said, 'We are delighted to receive this award. We welcome students into our school family for work experience, and it is pleasing to know that they find their placements with us so positive and worthwhile.'

The award was presented to Dudley House representatives Jenny Johnson, head teacher, and Hilary Woodman, Work Experience coordinator, by Rob Mayall, assistant director of Children's Services at Lincolnshire County Council, accompanied by Claire Flavell, Employability manager, Lincolnshire and Rutland Education Business Partnership. COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



## Scotland: CHIPS for ADRA

by John Wilby

Sunday 7 June began with a stiff breeze and warm sunshine over Arthur's Seat, the rocky prominence which dominates the skyline of Edinburgh's Holyrood Park. More than two thousand people gathered there for the start of the six- or twelve-mile charities Walk for Scotland.

Five teams from the Paisley and Glasgow churches, sporting black T-shirts emblazoned with large ADRA logos, attracted enquiries from many fellow walkers and a dedication from the accompanying brass band. One walker said, 'Our presence alone allowed us to share ADRA's aims and activities with a number of prospective donors.' All completed the six-mile section and received their medals and certificates.

But the accolade for the day must go to the six-member team from Edinburgh. Led by Pastors Jimmy Botha and David Hatch, they arrived at the start of the twelve-mile section wearing CHIP polo shirts. More impressively, they had come direct from the final health screen of a four-week CHIP programme (Coronary Health Improvement Project), followed by a hearty CHIP breakfast. The team also included non-church CHIP course members. David Hatch, Scottish CHIP director, said, 'This was a fitting opportunity to enhance the close relationships built up during the course of our programme, as well as to raise funds for ADRA.'



## Sutton-in-Ashfield baptism

Sabbath 2 May was a very happy day for Sutton-in-Ashfield church as we witnessed the baptism of Ruth Berridge. The older members of Sutton-in-Ashfield church remember Ruth as a little girl attending church with her mother Carolyn and, more recently, her marriage to Steve in 2006. Ruth's cheery face and sunny disposition greet us all each Sabbath morning.

Ruth was baptised by Pastor Melvin Ellis, with church elder Eunice Mason assisting. This was Sutton's first baptism in our recently refurbished church; the baptistery was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers by head deaconess, Doreen Beamish. Ruth's husband, Steve, and her daughter Elli watched the happy occasion. Ruth is a gifted pianist whose talents are regularly put to good use each week, as well as on other special occasions. We welcome Ruth into Sutton-in-Ashfield church and pray that God will richly bless her and her family.

MORAY STEWART



Pastor Ellis baptises Ruth

## Isle of Wight health outreach

In the sixteenth century, ships sailed through Bembridge on the Isle of Wight, bringing herbs, spices and fruit from various parts of the Empire. But now in the twenty-first century, Bembridge is no longer a seaport, but a well-to-do village community.

On 25 May Bembridge held its annual bank holiday street fayre.

After nine months of planning, the Isle of Wight Adventist church held a health screening service for the community, organised by John and Angela Anderson. The day finally arrived with a weather warning of thundery rain – the worst conditions possible for encouraging the public!

We prayed, 'Lord, you know how hard we have worked for this event. Now the weather conditions are up to you and the day is in your hands.'

We arrived at Bembridge with Mrs Elsie Staple and her team from the SEC Health department, Pastor Robin Lewis and his helpers from the Portsmouth church and St Mary's hospital on the Isle of Wight, to be greeted by threatening skies, but as we started to unload our vehicles, the skies cleared. We assembled the tent, furnished it with tables, chairs and advertising materials and were ready by 12.30pm. The event was due to begin at 2pm, but as the queue formed immediately, with people eager to be weighed, measured and given their BMI (body mass index), and have their blood pressure taken, blood cholesterol measured and CO<sub>2</sub> tested, we were given permission to start early.

The response from the public was far greater than we had expected. We estimate that between 250 and 300 people were tested, eight made a commitment to stop smoking, while a further nine people signed up for a whole-food cookery course to be held in September. At least 10% of the people stated that they would be visiting their doctor in the near future. We all worked without a break from 12.30 to 5.30 to meet the demand – in blazing sunshine, the hottest day of the year!

So many of the people attending thanked us for bringing their health problems to their attention and asked that we provide the same service next year.

We distributed over 200 FOCUS health specials, 400 pens and bookmarks advertising our church, along with many NHS health leaflets.

ANGELA ANDERSON

## First year university tuition fees — £1,950 by Helen Pearson

A recent decision by the Newbold College Board of Governors means that next school year (2009-10) some degree students at the College will pay only £1,950 for a year's tuition fees.

British students aspiring to earn a degree at Newbold received a substantial encouragement last month when the Board of Governors voted to award £80,000 worth of scholarships to fund all or part of the tuition fees of new students from the Trans-European Division (TED).

New students coming from the UK and other 'hard currency' countries within the TED can apply for nine scholarships which will reduce their tuition fees for the first year of their studies by 50%. This means that for the student's first full academic year of study the normal tuition fees of £3,900 will be reduced to £1,950. If they also apply for the BUC member's grants for tuition and accommodation fees, scholarship students from the BUC will pay the comparatively small sum of £5,197 to live and study during their first year at Newbold.

Scholarships will, of course, be based upon the student's proven academic record and his/her genuine expression of interest in pursuing

one of the degree programmes offered by Newbold College. They will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and the **deadline for application is 1 August.**

The total amount of £80,000 for the 2009/2010 school year will be divided into two parts so that students from Scandinavian/Western European countries and from Central/Eastern European countries get similar numbers of places to study.

'We are grateful for the support and generosity of the TED in making this money available to new students,' says Newbold's principal, Dr Jane Sabes. 'We are expecting that there will be real competition for the scholarships among students in the forty countries of the TED. For deserving students, this is the opportunity of a lifetime.'

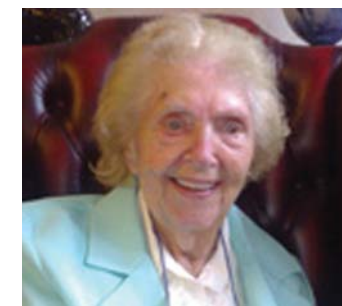
For more information, go to [www.newbold.ac.uk](http://www.newbold.ac.uk). For application forms, contact Admissions Officer, Annet Johnston at [ajohnston@newbold.ac.uk](mailto:ajohnston@newbold.ac.uk)



## Alice Bell (1910-2009) d. 2 May

Alice was the eldest child of Alison and George Anderson. Her father was chief officer on a merchant ship. During the First World War he was in an Atlantic convoy just off the coast of France when his ship was torpedoed and he was drowned. This left his wife to bring up a family of three children, and to do this work she worked as a dental nurse. Alice did well at school and attended Leith Academy in Edinburgh. It was at this time that the family joined the Adventist Church as a result of attending an evangelistic meeting. At the age of 15 Alice went to Stanborough College, Watford (now Newbold). She took the Ministerial course and, after three years, went to work as a Bible instructor, first in Glasgow and then later in South Wales. In 1937 she married George Bell and, as a pastor's wife, was well known for her Bible studies, Sabbath

School lessons, missions and children's stories. Pastor and Mrs Bell gave dedicated work to the churches in Bournemouth, Brighton, London, Reading, Cardiff, Liverpool, Hull and the West Midlands. Many people were brought into the church and, together with church members, enjoyed their ministry. The West Bromwich and Langley churches are living memorials to their work. At the age of 70 she went to Birmingham University to do undergraduate and postgraduate studies, and this was the preparation for her to write papers, books and to preach in Adventist and non-Adventist churches. She was well known in the community as a public speaker at dinners, Probus, Women's Institute, National Trust and other groups. As soon as possible her printed work will be put on the website at [www.sdassutton.com](http://www.sdassutton.com). There



have been services of thanksgiving in Colwyn Bay and West Bromwich. Approximately £700 has been collected for ADRA in her memory. The family wishes to thank all who attended the services, donated to ADRA and sent cards of sympathy, support and encouragement. Alice leaves twin daughters, Jill Joyce and June Bell, and a son, Alistair; grandchildren Alison Smale and Fiona Mokandpuri; great-grandchildren Jessica, Naomi and Constance (Alison's children), and Iona and Rowan (Fiona's children).

JUNE BELL



# London Youth Federation Praise Team Summit

On 26 April the Music department of the London Youth Federation held their first music leadership conference. With the target audience being music coordinators, band directors, choristers, praise team leaders and those with music industry experience, the aim of the meeting was to share the LYF vision for music min-

istry in our churches and for our youth in 2009 and beyond.

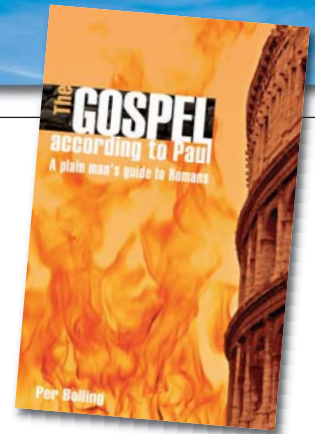
Attendees included delegates from churches with little or no inclusion of a musician for services, which is a major – yet seldom widely-spoken-about – issue. Also present was the SEC Music director, Paul Lee, who made a valuable con-

tribution to the ensuing discussions.

The meeting started off with an address from the LYF Music chair, Roger Baptiste (a role he shares with Thula Mangena), who, along with outlining the responsibilities of the LYF Music department and their agenda, highlighted some other major issues, including over-subscribed and under-utilised musicians, attitudes to music for worship, isolation of certain churches, and the need to get more musicians motivated and involved – particularly the youth. Norman Clarke, a highly accomplished musician, led out in the main section, touching on musicianship, taking time out to practise one's craft, the biblical landscape, challenges faced by many musicians in our churches, and various untapped avenues such as song-writing and production.

After a question and answer period, a prayer session closed off proceedings. The message everyone took away was this: LYF Music and the SEC are actively seeking new talent and are encouraging new music ventures. LYF is in the process of visiting churches every Sabbath to press this message home and lend their support to the day's proceedings. If anyone wishes to stay informed or know how they can contribute musically to the churches in their area, please contact [lyfmusic2009@googlemail.com](mailto:lyfmusic2009@googlemail.com). May the Lord be praised for the success of this first meeting.

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North England Conference	CHIP training: Dealing with the complex issues experienced by CHIP directors who have facilitated the CHIP programme in their communities.	28-31 August
Irish Mission	Fellowship and inspiration with Dr Hans Diehl	1 September
Scottish Mission	Fellowship and inspiration with Dr Hans Diehl	2 September
Welsh Mission	Fellowship and inspiration with Dr Hans Diehl	3 September
South England Conference	Get to know Dr Diehl personally. Be inspired, motivated and activated into HEALTH BY CHOICE AND NOT BY CHANCE!	4-6 September

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