

# Messenger

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## Shoeboxes replace pillows

by Godwin Benjamin –  
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For the past few years ADRA-UK have had an annual shoebox appeal and each year a different country is nominated to be the beneficiary. Last year it was Mali, West Africa.

The shoeboxes arrived there at the end of December 2011, and distribution was delayed until April due to local restrictions.

We were able to distribute nearly 4,000 shoeboxes among 7 schools, 5 orphanages, 4 groups of street children and the children of prisoners at a women's prison. The remaining shoeboxes have been distributed by ADRA Mali.

The first school I visited had six classes, which ranged in size from 97 to 119 children, each being taught by one teacher! This was normative for all the schools.

The principals and teachers of the schools and those who run the orphanages and street shelters were all filled with gratitude for your shoebox gifts. Bi-Bi, a lady who runs one of the orphanages said: 'These girls have never received a gift in their lives, and by you coming here you have let them know that somebody cares about them.'

Michael Reich, local ADRA director said, 'We would like to express our sincere gratitude to you and your colleagues, as well as to the donors, for this excellent collaboration. People are talking about the joy you have brought. I heard about children taking their presents with them to bed, some sleeping with their heads on them as pillows. It is a collaborative effort which made this project possible, and I would like to join you in thanking everyone for their contribution, whether in the UK or in Mali'.

In addition, Michael informed me that many people talked to him about the shoebox distribution when he attended a meeting of the board of an NGO network.

Many times, as I was leaving a place where we had distributed shoeboxes, the children would be singing, 'Thank you Godwin, thank you ADRA', but I know the people who should really have had their praises sung are the thousands of members and friends up and down the UK who donate the shoeboxes. I was just doing the delivery. To all of you I say, 'Thank you!' on behalf of the children of Mali.

There are videos of the distribution on Youtube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMkdqF7QWNg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMkdqF7QWNg).

Next time you lay your head on your pillow, think of those children in Mali who don't have a pillow – but on the other hand, who needs a pillow when you have a shoebox full of goodies?



Godwin Benjamin







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## Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald, RGN, RM, RHV, MSc  
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### Golden eight — part 6d

#### Healing foods

Commencing 1 November 2011, viewers across the UK tuned into Channel 4 to watch a pioneering eight-part series examining the science behind the use of food as medicine.

Captioned *The Food Hospital*, the series invited individuals suffering from a range of medical conditions and symptoms to undertake specific food treatment programmes to ascertain whether their health challenges could be alleviated by eating certain foods for a period of up to six weeks. Each individual received thorough consultations from three practitioners – a GP, a consultant specialising in their condition and a leading NHS dietician – indicating which foods to include and which to avoid.

The programme received mixed reviews, but what was evident was that in most cases the 'patients' attending the food hospital experienced a marked change in their conditions.

Additionally, viewers were invited to take part in the first-of-its-kind television-led food science trials. Each week two groups of individuals with a health challenge would be subjected to a trial with a specific food, and after a specific time frame a comparative analysis of each group was undertaken to see which food best alleviated the symptoms. As a result of the series, extended research is being undertaken with more study subjects to gather data to establish evidence-based conclusions.

Among the foods highlighted for their therapeutic properties by the doctors at the food hospital were the following:

**Antioxidants** – blueberries, goji berries, kiwi fruit, pomegranates and tomatoes

**Anti-inflammatory foods** – cherries, flaxseed, ginger (use caution if on blood-thinning medication), millet and turmeric

**Anti-microbial foods** – cranberries, broccoli, garlic (use caution if on blood-thinning medication) and pomegranates

**Blood sugar balancers** – barley, chickpeas, cinnamon, lentils, oats, soya beans and sweet potatoes

**Brain boosters** – avocado, banana, oats and walnuts

**Cardiovascular health foods** – almonds, avocado, celery, garlic and oats

**Digestive aids** – cabbage, fennel, ginger and pineapple

**Detoxifying foods** – beetroot, fennel and prunes

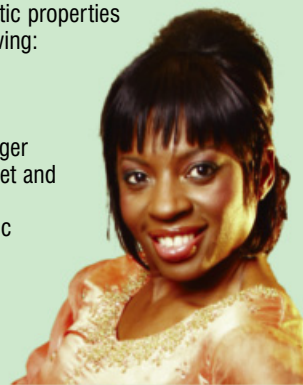
**Immunity-boosting foods** – asparagus, garlic, kiwi fruit, spinach and watercress

**Skin health foods** – carrot, cucumber, millet and turmeric.

The British Dietetic Association has produced some factsheets on well-researched studies relating to diet and health. The reports identify specific health conditions, and suggest foods which may work best for each condition and the dietary practices that can enhance wellbeing. Visit [www.bda.uk.com/foodfacts/](http://www.bda.uk.com/foodfacts/) for more details.

Excellent books on nutrition by Professor Winston Craig include: *Nutrition & Wellness* (second edition, 2011); *Flavonoids, Food and Your Future* (2009) and *Herbs for Your Health – A Guide to the Therapeutic Use of 45 Commonly Used Herbs* (2011, second edition). Additionally, Dr Clemency Mitchell's book *Understanding Nutrition* (second edition, 2011) is available from The Stanborough Press: Call 01476 539900 to place your order, or contact your PM secretary today.

**Good health!**



# editorial



Julian Hibbert  
Editor

## It has an expiration date

I am sure that cyberspace creaks and groans beneath the load of unsolicited material it delivers daily. A large portion of it we condemn immediately to the location called 'trash'. The rest we open – sometimes with justified trepidation!

I have been ambushed by such material – ranging from grotesque crime scenes featuring decapitation, to screaming fluorescent monsters that fling themselves malevolently against the 'inside' of my screen.

There are, however, some really 'cool' things in circulation on the internet: beautiful nature and animal photography; stunning wildlife behaviour; touching stories and really funny anecdotes. In fact, just yesterday, I received a delightful bit of prose attributed to Michael Gartner, president of NBC News (1988-1993) and winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing. It ended like this: *'Enjoy life now – it has an expiration date.'*

#### What a theme!

Now that is really something to reflect on!

Let's briefly ponder the thought that *this* life is a finite experience – with an expiry date. I suspect that most of us get so used to living that we forget that life is a finite state. After enjoying forty or fifty years of unrestricted mobility and agility, good eyesight and hearing, and a sharp memory, it is only human to sense that life will always be like this.

But it will not! The Bible jolts us back to reality: *'The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.'* (Psalm 90:10, NIV-1984.)

Modern medicine, better living conditions and nutrition may have edged the average UK life expectancy fractionally beyond these biblical boundaries – men 78.2 years, and women 82.3 – but *'they quickly pass'!*

#### Don't be preoccupied with days

Now don't misunderstand me. I am not suggesting that we all swing into 'countdown

mode', morbidly marking off the days we think we have left on life's calendar! I am not encouraging this type of pillow talk:

*'How are you tonight, Julian?'* says my wife.

*'Dreadful, my dear',* I reply. *'I have only 7,670 days left!'*

Michael Gartner was not suggesting we become preoccupied with either **the time past** or **the time remaining** for life. He was suggesting we become preoccupied with life. Obsessed with extracting all the good it has to offer!

#### How?

That is the question. How should we go about extracting the goodness from life? Perhaps the answer can take the form of a few simple rules:

#### Rule 1 – If you want to enjoy this life, make sure you are 'booked' for the life to come.

Each December, Elize and I fly back to South Africa to visit our family and close friends – and to bask in that wonderful Southern Hemisphere sunshine! We enjoy every minute of the vacation. But what if we didn't have return tickets purchased, valid for a specific flight, with seats already assigned? Would we enjoy the holiday? Unlikely!

We would just be too stressed! That's why it's vital that the next leg of our trip is properly booked – and life is no different. Bluntly put, if we want to enjoy things **now**, we must make sure our bookings for the **hereafter** have been made!

Notice the wording carefully here. I didn't say that we had to **buy a ticket** for the hereafter. Jesus has done that already, for each of us. I said we had to **book a ticket!**

Jesus makes it clear that the booking is made by faith in Him: *'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* (John 3:16, NIV.)

Returning to my analogy of our trip south: once the booking is done you can start enjoying the journey.

#### Rule 2 – If you want to enjoy this life, help others do the same!

This has to be one of life's most neglected secrets. Based on my observation, it seems to me that those who help others get more from life appear to enjoy life more than those who don't.

*'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.'* (Matthew 7:12, NIV.)

According to this biblical rule, these acts of goodness are not aroused by an intermittent or occasional impulse. They are part of a comprehensive approach to life, indicated by Christ's careful emphasis: *'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you'* (emphasis supplied).

If living like this is foreign to you, don't get discouraged. Start by helping others who are already doing good things. Offer your services to the local food bank; start packing shoeboxes for the next ADRA Appeal; join the local deacons when they clean up a needy member's yard.

#### Rule 3 – If you want to enjoy this life, start making your 'wish list' come true.

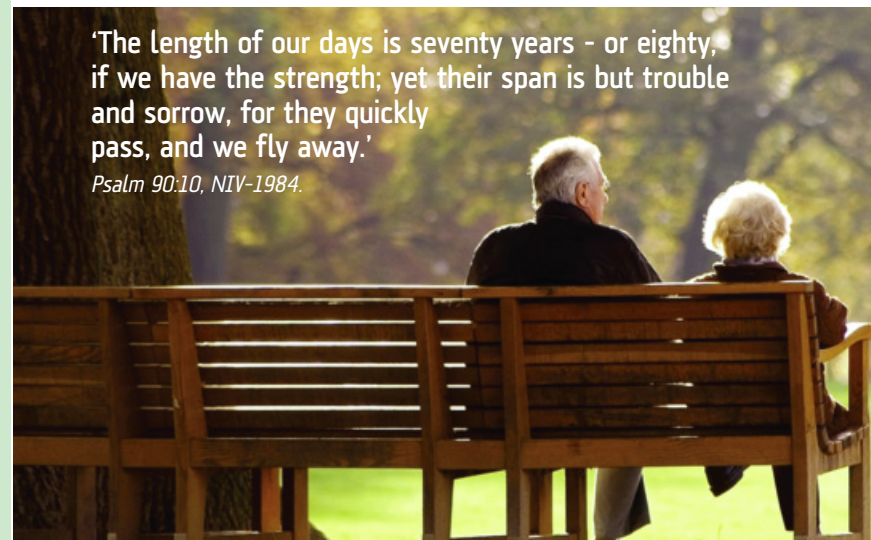
All of us have wish lists – things we have postponed over the years because of life's more urgent demands. Now is the time to dust them off and make them happen.

Learn to drive, paint, do embroidery or play an instrument. Take swimming lessons, learn to ride a bicycle or service your car. Read *War and Peace*, walk Hadrian's Wall or visit the Tower of London. Visit your seldom-seen relatives, or Egypt or Prague. Attend a General Conference session, preach your first sermon or do a mission trip.

Don't make the mistake of waiting for the 'right moment' to devote time and energy to your list. Revise it today, prioritise it tomorrow, and make those things happen soon!

*'Enjoy life now – it has an expiration date.'*

<sup>1</sup>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_Gartner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Gartner)  
<sup>2</sup><http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/subnational-health4/life-expec-at-birth-age-65/2004-06-to-2008-10/statistical-bulletin.html#tab-National-life-expectancy>



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*Psalm 90:10, NIV-1984.*





## Why are religious people often insufferable?

by David Marshall

Having spent much of my working life around religious people, I can totally understand why Jesus preferred the company of publicans and sinners.

Too high a proportion of religious people turn out to be Pharisees, and – as you may know – old Pharisees never die; you just wish they would! Indeed, I have come to suspect that old Pharisees actually multiply!

There's one thing worse than a Pharisee in my experience: and that is a perfectionist. Jan Paulsen, in *Where Are We Going?* (PPPA, 2011), quotes one of his college teachers saying to such a person: 'Feel totally free to be a perfectionist – but why must you be so hostile?'

My own experience of perfectionists has not been good. In every known case the perfectionist has been a person who takes pains – and gives them to other people!

The notion of sinless perfection is a dangerous delusion. A professed Christian who coolly says that he is beyond hymns such as 'Just as I am' – applicable when he first came to Christ, but no longer applicable in his new, advanced state – is in a most unhealthy spiritual condition. Those who profess to be 'living without sin' are deceived about the nature of sin. To steer Christians away from such delusional thinking, Jesus boldly stated that the self-righteous 'will certainly not enter into the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 5:20, NIV)\*. More than that, He made our understanding of sin multi-dimensional: 'Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill . . . But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall

be in danger of the judgment: . . . Ye have heard that it was said . . . Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her. . . .' (Matthew 5:21-28, NIV).

All the perfectionists I have ever known have ignored that understanding of sin (favouring a purely legalistic one), and have hurried on to Matthew 5, verse 48. I cannot count the number of times 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect' has been shouted at me in a hostile tone.

**'Feel totally free to be a perfectionist – but why must you be so hostile?'**



But what do those words mean, and what is their context? Remember, 'a text taken out of context is a pretext'.

To find the context of 'Be ye therefore perfect . . .' you should read the whole of Matthew 5. At the very least, you should read verses 38 to 48.

Jesus has already established that the righteousness of the Christian disciple must transcend the formal obedience of the Pharisee (vs. 20). Using a series of examples He makes it clear that following the letter of the law and ignoring its spirit will not do (vss. 21-37). Jesus gives six examples of the 'greater righteousness' He is talking about. Referring to murder,

adultery, divorce, oaths, revenge and love, He takes things to a far deeper level. Not merely the act is condemned, but the attitude from which the act stems. The origins of murder are in the dark lair of the human heart: hatred. Deliberately fostering lust flies in the face of the seventh commandment, not just the act of adultery.

In verses 43-48, Jesus goes to the bottom line of the 'greater righteousness'. 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy."

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . .' (NIV). This is more than passive non-retaliation: it is active love (*agape*). The grace of Christ can enable the believer, in his relationships, to have the unconquerable benevolence and invincible good will (the *agape* love) characteristic of God Himself. The Greek word translated 'perfect' is *teleios*. It does not mean a sinless person, but a mature person; one who possesses the 'higher righteousness' of the context: the unconquerable benevolence and invincible good will (the *agape* love) of God Himself. In Luke's Gospel (6:36) the word is rendered 'merciful'.

*Teleios* is not sinless perfection. It indicates the 'completeness' and 'wholeness' of the spiritually mature. Examine the use Paul makes of it in 1 Corinthians 2:6; 14:20; Philippians 3:15.

When the Bible applies the term 'perfect' to believers it never means 'sinless'. Nine different Hebrew words, and six Greek words, are translated 'perfect' in the KJV. Noah is said to be 'perfect in his generations' (Gen. 6:9). Of Asa, king of Judah, it says, 'Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days' (1 Kings 15:14). James (3:2) says, 'If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body'. Paul states, '. . . we speak wisdom among them that are perfect' (1 Corinthians 2:6).

In these instances the word translated 'perfect' means *spiritually mature, and totally responsive to God*. Noah, Abraham and Job are declared 'perfect' men. Yet the story of their lives shows that they were far from sinless.

Yes, salvation by grace through faith in the blood of Christ 'demands my soul, my life, my all': everything I am, have, and can ever hope to be.

Yes, Paul urges a life of sustained victory over known sin (Romans 6:11-15), but victory over known sin is not the same as 'sinlessness'. The Christian's is a lifelong battle. God's method of sanctification does not involve an eradication of our tendency towards sin, but the counteraction of it by divine power through the Holy Spirit (Romans 8).

The sinful nature is not eradicated until 'this mortal shall have put on immortality'. 'If we

say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. . . . If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us' (1 John 1:8-10).

The most eminent saints of God in every age have been the very last to lay claim to absolute perfection. They have always had the deepest sense of their own unworthiness.

The 'kingdom of heaven' is promised to 'the poor in spirit' (Matt. 5:3), those who are so aware of their moral and spiritual unworthiness that they *know* that they cannot save themselves.

We will never become perfect by dwelling upon being perfect. The perfection upon which we should dwell is the perfection of Christ. His is the only perfect righteousness there is. It is by reflecting the Lord that we are transformed into His likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18). We do not reflect Jesus unless we look to Jesus – *constantly*.

Those who dwell on being perfect develop a sense that they are a spiritual elite. Invariably they have seriously underestimated the requirements of God's law and radically overestimated their own moral performance. They tend to reduce the level of divine righteousness to the level of their own performance. The fruit of this? Judgementalism: hostility to fellow believers. Hypocrisy: self-delusion. Self-righteousness: a characteristic so unattractive that it leads to patterns of insufferable behaviour that others find hard to live with.

### I could not do without Thee

I could not do without Thee, O Saviour of the lost,  
Whose precious blood redeemed me, At such tremendous cost  
Thy righteousness, Thy pardon, Thy precious blood, must be  
My only hope and comfort, My glory and my plea.

I could not do without Thee, I cannot stand alone,  
I have no strength or goodness, No wisdom of my own;  
But Thou, beloved Saviour, Art all in all to me,  
And weakness will be power, If leaning hard on Thee.

I could not do without Thee, For tho' the way is long,  
And I am often weary, And sigh replaces song:  
How could I do without Thee? I do not know the way;  
Thou knowest, and Thou leadest, And wilt not let me stray.

I could not do without Thee, O Jesus, Saviour dear;  
E'en when my eyes are holden, I know that Thou art near.  
How dreary and how lonely This changeful life would be,  
Without the sweet communion, The secret rest with Thee!

\* All Scripture quotations in this article, except where otherwise stated, come from the King James Version.

with Andrew Puckering



## Like a thief

Thieves abounded in Bible times, as they do today – God through Moses legislated against them in the Pentateuch (Exodus 20:15; 22:2-8); Job complained about them (Job 24); the psalmists and Solomon wrote of them (Psalm 50:18; Proverbs 6:30; 29:24); and the prophets condemned them (Hosea 7:1; Zechariah 5:3, 4). Jesus warned that they have a tendency to break in and steal (Matthew 6:19; Luke 12:33), and even one of His own disciples was a thief (John 12:6). It's hard to imagine a more complete opposite of selfless giving, as commanded throughout the Bible (Deuteronomy 15:7; Matthew 5:42; James 2:15, 16), and so it's hardly surprising that Jesus contrasted His actions with those of thieves and robbers (John 10:1, 10). Jesus, clearly, is not a thief.

What is surprising is that He does compare Himself with a thief in Scripture – not just once, but many times. When accused by the Pharisees of collusion with devils, Jesus likened His redemption of the possessed to the plundering of a strong man's house (Matthew 12:29; Luke 11:21, 22).

Even more interesting is His assertion to John that He is returning to Earth 'as a thief' (Revelation 16:15, NKJV). Peter and Paul both repeated this statement to various churches (1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10). This was obviously a popular and well-known teaching among early believers. His coming will be unexpected, like a snare or trap to all who dwell on the face of the earth (Luke 21:35).

Hang on a minute – all? Maybe the world will be surprised, but surely His coming won't take believers by surprise! After all, we're children of the light, not of darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:3-5). Well, actually, Jesus told His followers that He'd be back when they least expect Him (Matthew 24:44). The exact time of His coming would not be known to them (Matthew 24:42; Revelation 3:3) – in fact, not to the angels of Heaven either (Matthew 24:36). When He was on Earth it wasn't even known by Jesus Himself (Mark 13:32)!

That's not to say we won't have any inkling – we'll be able to see various signs of His return, just as budding fig trees show that summer is on its way (Matthew 24:32, 33; Mark 13:28, 29; Luke 21:28-31). All these signs started to appear in the disciples' generation (Matthew 24:34; Mark 13:30; Luke 21:32), but they're just the beginning (Matthew 24:6-8), and Jesus will come at an hour we don't expect (Luke 12:40). Why?

For the same reason that a thief doesn't wish to announce the time of his break-in – because then we'd prepare ourselves at just that moment (Matthew 24:43; Luke 12:39). Jesus doesn't want to advertise the date of His return. The point is to make sure that we're always ready for Him; always doing what's right; always making the most of His gifts; always keeping our lamp burning; always feeding our fellow servants, clothing the naked and visiting the sick and those in prison (Matthew 24:45, 46; 25; Luke 12:35-38; 1 Thessalonians 5:6) – and not saying in our hearts, 'My master is delaying his coming' (Matthew 24:48; Luke 12:45, NKJV). After all, even before Jesus comes, our final chance to prepare for Him could come tonight (Luke 12:13-21).

Jesus loves us so much, and has such a rich reward prepared for us, and wants us always to be ready to receive it (Revelation 22:12). The question for us is this: if He should come tonight – or if your 'time' comes tonight – will He find you waiting?

- To which church did Paul write regarding Jesus coming like a thief?
- How many times did Jesus compare Himself to a thief?
- In which Gospel does Jesus say He has mansions prepared for us?
- How does righteousness come to us? (Galatians 3)
- What are the signs of a living faith? (James 2)





# Adventist Gideons Centre?

by Pastor John Surridge, Welsh Mission President

I'm sure that many *MESSENGER* readers have heard of the Gideons, or 'The Gideons International', to give them their proper charity title. Founded in the USA in 1899 by three commercial travellers, the Gideons now have more than 250,000 members and work in more than 190 countries. No doubt many Seventh-day Adventists support their work and help them in their amazing task of placing 80 million copies of the Bible every year.

Initially the Gideons set out to place Bibles in hotels, but now this non-denominational charity places Bibles – free of charge – in locations such as hospitals, prisons, student accommodation, care homes, schools and medical centres, to name but a few.

It is a worthy aim – to provide Bibles in all kinds of places so that people can read the Word of God whenever and wherever they feel the need for spiritual guidance. We would be happy for you to find out more about the Gideons and perhaps give them some support, so please check out their website at: [www.gideons.org.uk](http://www.gideons.org.uk).

However, in its own small way

the Adventist Discovery Centre is developing a parallel project – putting Bibles not into public places, but actually into people's homes. Our new Gift Bible project offers people a free Bible in exchange for completing a series of studies on the web. Here's how it works:

Firstly people find out about the offer by receiving a flyer through the door, by personal recommendation, or by responding to Google AdWords advertising on the internet. They register on the site with just their name and email address, and then complete any ten of twenty-eight different Bible quizzes based – you guessed it – on the twenty-eight fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each of the quizzes contains twenty multiple-choice questions and can be completed in less than ten minutes, though the average time is fifteen minutes. When they've completed all ten they get a congratulations message and submit their postal address so that we can deliver a Bible. In a few days a representative calls at the door and presents them with their prize – a

beautiful, free, hardback Bible.

We feel that this is a very effective way of spreading God's Word, for three reasons: Firstly, we make sure that people are really interested in studying the Bible, by getting them to do the ten quizzes first of all. Secondly, we make a personal contact at the door. Thirdly, like the Gideons, with each visit we get one more Bible into circulation.

### Challenges

So far the project is meeting with considerable success. In the first five months of this year nearly 2,000 people have registered on the site, more than 700 of whom

went on to complete ten subjects and therefore become eligible for a new Bible.

However, the success of the project is bringing its own challenges. We need funds, of course, to pay for the advertising and the Bibles themselves. To give you an idea of just what can be achieved by extra funding, in April and May we were given a very generous donation from ASI. With this money we were able to double our advertising budget for about a month. the result: for every £6.67 donated we had one additional person complete the ten online studies!

We are also greatly in need of more volunteers – church members and ministers who are prepared to deliver the Bibles to people's doors, promptly and with a friendly smile.

If you would like to help then please contact the Adventist Discovery Centre at [www.discoveronline.org.uk](http://www.discoveronline.org.uk)!

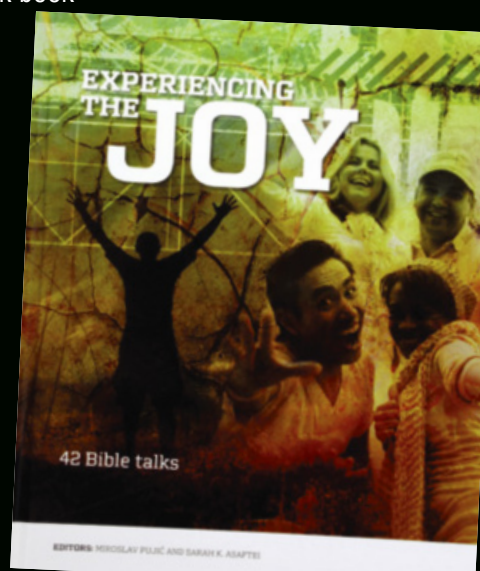
Note: the Gift Bible project is an evangelistic venture and is therefore only aimed at non-members. However, if you would like to do the quizzes – without the incentive of the gift Bible – you can do so at: [www.quiz28.org](http://www.quiz28.org).

## STOP PRESS

A brand-new experimental advertising campaign is now being aimed at those people who have received a gift Bible but have not gone much further. We are offering copies of the beautiful hardback book

*Experiencing the Joy* to any of the students who are prepared to go on and complete ALL twenty-eight studies on the site. This is a tall order as each study takes an average of fifteen minutes, but initial results show that about 10% of the students are

responding. In a target audience of over 1,400 (that's how many people have been given gift Bibles so far) it could mean over 100 studying the full range of Adventist doctrines.



# Reviving Literature Evangelism in the BUC

Dear Editor

I have just collected the *MESSENGER* dated 11 May. Having complained earlier about the 'deafening silence' by the Church over the issue of same-sex marriage, I am delighted to see the Church state its position. There can now be no doubt as to where the Church stands, with encouragement for us all to sign the petition, write to our MPs, and so on. I am particularly impressed with President Sam Davis's article, which rightfully balances our need to accept rather than persecute, while preaching against sin in all its forms. Thus we seek to follow our Lord's example.

ALLAN KISSACK

Dear Editor

It was good to read in the *MESSENGER* (Cover story of April 13) that evangelism is being done on the Falkland Islands. In the 1960s, after attending Newbold College and pursuing agricultural studies, my brother, Christopher Spall, went to live in the Falklands.

He bought the dairy farm that supplied milk to Port Stanley, and for years he would deliver our message magazines along with his milk bottles. Donors in the USA kindly supplied the magazines and he distributed them each month.

Unfortunately, the islanders showed only a limited interest in our message, which was rather discouraging for him. Then the war broke out and life on the Falklands became a nightmare. After the war he returned to the UK.

My prayers are with that little group of workers who visited the Falklands to distribute our literature during March this year. ROSALEEN GILL

### JOB VACANCY AT ADRA-UK

for the position of Team Assistant from 1 September 2012.

Desired applicant will: have experience in an administrative support role; have a background in book-keeping, fundraising or logistical support; have strong numerical, verbal and written communication skills; be flexible in handling the wide variety of issues that arise; have a passion for service; be an enthusiastic team player; be committed to ADRA's principles and the Seventh-day Adventist Christian beliefs.

ADRA-UK is offering this position in the first instance as a one-year contract. Gross salary from £18,931 p.a.

Application pack and form are available on the ADRA-UK website: [www.adra.org.uk](http://www.adra.org.uk), or by emailing [info@adra.org.uk](mailto:info@adra.org.uk), or by writing to Recruitment, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts WD25 9JZ. Applicants should already have the right to work in the UK. Application deadline: 15 July 2012

So far this year, Pastor Eglan Brooks and those associated with him in the Literature Ministry have made every effort to revive this form of evangelism within the BUC. One of the highlights of this programme was a training weekend (23-25 March) attended by forty enthusiastic Literature Evangelists.

This was their opportunity to benefit from the inspiration, motivation and training offered by Wilmar Hirle (GC), Paul Thompson (executive vice-chairman, Experto Credite Ltd) and Elisabeth Sanguesa (Marketing director, The Stanborough Press Ltd). The managing director of the press, Paul Hammond, was also on hand to let the participants know how the literature ministry was doing in other parts of the world.

One of the new ideas introduced to the LEs was the potential of social networking for the marketing of their products.

If you would like to know more about the literature ministry in the BUC, please contact either Pastor Eglan Brooks (SEC) at: 01923 232728 or email at: [EglanBrooks@adventist.org.uk](mailto:EglanBrooks@adventist.org.uk), or Pastor Peter Sayers (NEC) at: 0115 9606312 or email at: [phsayers@btinternet.com](mailto:phsayers@btinternet.com), for more details.

## NEC graduation

Pastor Peter Sayers has not let either retirement or heart surgery dampen his drive to promote the Literature Ministry in the NEC. On 14 April this year, at the Yardley church, a number of people graduated from the Literature Evangelism course, all fired up to continue

their door-to-door evangelism through the printed page.

Here are some details about those faithful graduates and the work they do as provided by Ruth Flynn and Cachita Mayers:

**Urbi Brown**, just 18, first heard about literature evangelism during

her attendance at the PEACE programme. Since then she has become an active literature evangelist, working both in the US and the UK.

**Cachita Mayer** is 28 and another vibrant graduate from Pastor Sayers' programme. *The Great Controversy* played a part in her journey to becoming a Seventh-day Adventist, as did two Birmingham Adventists: one a close friend, and the other a work colleague.

**Yulia Kisova** (27) is also a *Great Controversy* contact. She believes that it is through this book, and the prayers of the man who sold it to her, that she is an Adventist today. Taking her faith in her hands, she intends to return to Bulgaria soon as a literature evangelist and a medical missionary.

**Chanel Green**, also 27, is another PEACE graduate to have completed the LE training programme. She has also been to the US for further training in medical missionary and colporteur work, and now serves in the health and temperance outreach of her local church.

**Alonel Mahlangu** is 18 and from Bradford. He is now selling our books and studying at a university in Sweden.

**Chris Louth** (54) is another graduate who, after completing the course, now sells books in Droitwich along with **Dorian Simmons**.



NEC Literature evangelists pose with Pastor Peter Sayers.

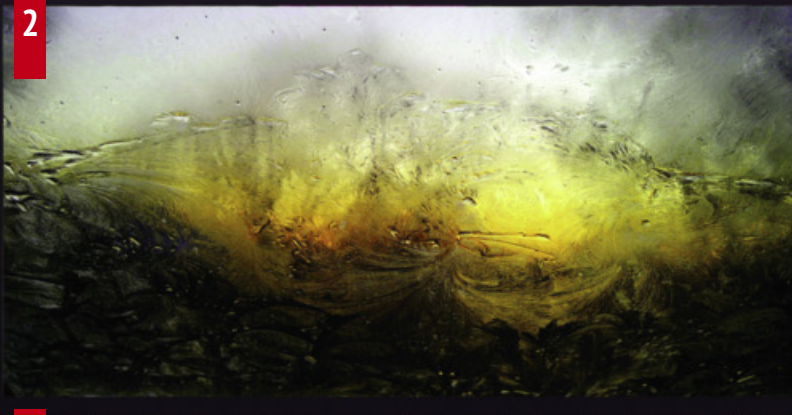


Readers' gallery

# Megapixels of creation

... a lucky dip!

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- 1. **Water splash.**  
*Jennie Hall, Sony DSC-TZ5.*
- 2. **Dawn through an icy window.**  
*Wes Kapon, Nokia N8.*
- 3. **Proud mother.**  
*Victor Hulbert, Samsung GT-I9100.*
- 4. **Robin singing.**  
*Piotr Nikiel, Canon 50d.*
- 5. **Starfish, Perth, W. Australia.**  
*Felicity James, Fujifilm S602.*

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### ... was that the summer?

Well, the sun shone bright and hot for at least a week, but now as I sit here and type, it's raining. But we need it, if only to keep our green and pleasant land . . . well, green and pleasant!

Britain has had a lot to celebrate just lately, with the Queen's Jubilee, and there's more to come, but how about celebrating creation, with your cameras, and shoot what you see around you – scenes, flora and fauna, birds, animals, insects and close-ups – anything that you feel portrays the wonder of God's creation.

If you have enjoyed all these great pictures, how about sending in yours, to: [dbell@stanboroughpress.co.uk](mailto:dbell@stanboroughpress.co.uk) – just remember to keep them 'hi-res'.

DAVID BELL

God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

*Genesis 1:28 (NIV)*





### AMR department celebrates ten years in SEC

The Adventist Muslim Relations department celebrated its tenth anniversary at its annual retreat, 27-29 April, at Devere, Wokefield Park.

More than eighty were in attendance, with many new faces from within the SEC.

During the weekend participants enjoyed excellent presentations by local speakers: Pastors Kirk Thomas, Andrew Davis, Terry Messenger and Ottokal Chackochen.

Pastor Petras Bahadur, SEC AMR director, co-ordinated the excellent programme and thrilled the audience with his report on the successes of AMR in the SEC and around the world.

The guest speaker for the retreat was Dr Lester Merklin, GC AMR director, and his presentations proved to be a great blessing to all.

According to one attendee: 'It was the most professional and successful AMR retreat thus far!'

Don't worry if you missed the retreat. We are encouraging you to attend the AMR certified training programmes to be held on 3 June, 9 September and 2 December at the Advent centre (10-5pm). To register, and for more info, please call: 01923 232 728 or email: [zbishop@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:zbishop@secadventist.org.uk). BASED ON A REPORT SUBMITTED BY J. MRIDHA.

### Three brave saints take to their saddles

Pastor David Burnett, Jeff Clarke and Angela Hunter recently rode a London-to-Dover bike challenge (81 miles) in a bid to raise money for their charities: Clapton Church Building Fund, ADRA and Macmillan Cancer Support.

'I was terrified, actually tearful', Angela of Tottenham Church confessed. 'When we did the recce in the car to scout out the route, all I saw were hills. I thought, "I can't do it! What have I let myself in for?" But it was too late to pull out. I had hoped my GP would tell me I was too unfit to do it. That would be a legitimate reason to pull out, wouldn't it? But instead she said, "Great! Good luck, have a wonderful time!"'

The three had done some training during the last few months, but new Clapton member Jeff, baptized the day before the ride during the Core of Adventism campaign, is a seasoned cyclist. 'I've done the London-to-Brighton, which is tough, and the London-to-Paris', he beamed with assuring confidence. The other two were glad they were in the hands of an expert.

Pedestrians and residents along the A20 were intrigued, encouraging and helpful as they learnt of the challenge, wishing the cyclists well and removing dangerous debris from the road.

The three sang as they cycled in an effort to keep their spirits up – among their repertoire were 'Press along saints, press along in God's own way' and 'Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!'

After completing the challenge, Angela remarked excitedly, 'I never thought I'd complete it, but miracles Do happen!' Jeff beamed: 'I feel strong'. Meanwhile, Pastor Burnett was already planning the next ride – London to Paris!

If you would like to support their causes, please contact Clapton Church directly or telephone Pastor Burnett on 07947 624206, or contact Angela Hunter for sponsorship forms at [angie.hunter1@gmail.com](mailto:angie.hunter1@gmail.com), or phone 07989 855951. See her and donate at <http://www.justgiving.com/Angela0Hunter1> and <http://www.justgiving.com/Angela-Hunter>, or text LTDA75£10 to 70070 for ADRA and ANGE75£10 to 70070 for Macmillan.



### Failley Community Church open for prayer

At Failley on 10 March this year the local Seventh-day Adventist company celebrated the official opening of its recently acquired church.

West Dumbartonshire MP, Gemma Doyle, admitted it was the first time she had opened a church. She praised the congregation for its commitment to community outreach – a comment evidenced by the number of local residents present. Obi Oheoma, minister for Failley and Paisley, said, 'I spent some time getting to know folk locally by knocking on doors. It was great to see so many from the indigenous Scottish community at the opening. The name, "Failley Community Church", was chosen because we felt it was important that the surrounding community see the church as their place of worship too.' For local 70-year-old James, this was only the second time in his life he had entered the former Baptist church. He was so overwhelmed that he felt compelled to make a donation to the church building fund.

Failley Church began with three families from Glasgow Church meeting locally in their homes as a small group. As numbers grew, they began worshipping in the local Church of Scotland building, the minister of which, Reverend Gregor McIntyre, was also present.

Mission president, Bernie Holford, said: 'This is to be a house of prayer . . . for everyone.'

Failley Church leader, Chris Harle, summed up his members' feelings: 'When you invite the locals into your house of prayer and they accept, you know you are an immigrant at home in Scotland.'

JOHN WILBY



### Medical evangelism at Manchester South

During March 2012, Manchester South hosted a week-long health evangelism training medical missionary course, run by Elvin Adams from the USA and sponsored by the NEC. Like CHIP and community health expos, it attracted people from the local community, many of whom had never stepped inside our churches before: during the week a complete stranger walked into the church and joined in the sessions!

Dr Adams' passion was infectious as he emphasised that a deeper relationship with God is the key to both spiritual and physical health.

The graduation ceremony followed at the end of the week; participants left equipped for future evangelism programmes.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

### Adventists feature on Songs of Praise

On 20 and 27 May, BBC1's *Songs of Praise* featured Adventist musicians, directed and arranged by Ken Burton, who also conducts a congregation of over eight hundred. The main choir was the Adventist Vocal Ensemble, appearing with Tessera, Jeharna South, and female quartet Resurrection.

The first programme showed mostly a capella spirituals, and the second had a more contemporary flavour, celebrating the theme of Pentecost. However, a number of interviewees were from the church, including a singing bus driver.

The songs are available for purchase on iTunes and other formats. See [www.adventistvo-calensemble.com](http://www.adventistvo-calensemble.com) for details.



## Prayer ride for camp meeting 2012



In 2010 Paul Calphon and Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt cycled 60 miles to camp meeting on a prayer ride. Pastor Andrew believes the Holy Spirit inspired the idea to encourage folks to pray for camp meeting in much the same way that one would construct a prayer walk. Having engaged his church members on prayer walks previously as well as Street Pastor prayer walks, Pastor Andrew decided to plan a prayer ride.

During the 60-mile ride, from Manchester city centre to Southport, stops were taken every 15 miles for prayer for the camp meeting along specific themes. Paul, who is not a member of the church – was blessed by the whole experience.

This year they will ride 100 miles on Monday 18 June from Manchester to Pullheli, the site of this year's NEC camp meeting.

If you would like to share in this year's prayer experience text Pastor Andrew on 07931 732490. Here are ideas for you to plan your own prayer rides:

1. Carefully plan your route after doing a risk assessment.
2. Share the idea with your pastor and church board. Obtain board approval if it is to be done as a church activity (in which case you will also need stewards).
3. Plan your prayer themes according to the stops you intend to have, for example, Praise, Repentance, Intercession, and so on. Have prayer stops at set intervals in safe areas!
4. Select pertinent Bible passages to encourage the riders and strengthen the prayers.
5. The route may be around a certain area your church wishes to evangelise, or your neighbourhood, or elsewhere.
6. Arrange a small celebration of thanksgiving at the end of the ride, and assure the participants that God has heard the prayers.
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### 'From two to ten'

Friends gathered at Clapton Community Church on Sabbath, 12 May to witness the baptism of Kaidene Wellington and Sarah-Jane Okiya – but two souls became ten souls for Christ when, as the week-long Core of Adventism programme closed, guest evangelist Dr David McKenzie from Lighthouse Tabernacle Church (NY, USA) preached his last sermon. Eight others decided on baptism when he quoted Mark 16:16 (KJV): 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved': Harrison Williams, Melody McLean, Joel McLean, Jacqueline Smith, Wilhelmina Stewart, Jeffrey Clarke, Paulette Lewis and Leon Lewis.

Clapton, Woodford Green and Leytonstone members rejoiced to see these ten new souls for the 'Captain of the Lord of Hosts'!

KAREN HARLEY-FENTON



### A high day at Fartown

On Sabbath 7 April, the Fartown village hall was packed with family, friends and church members to watch the baptism of Sarah Dixon by Pastor Barry Stokes. Sarah has been having Bible studies with two members of the Fartown company for over a year. During the ceremony she recited an inspiring poem, which she composed for the occasion. Pastor Micah Campbell presented the sermon.

M. FRANCOIS



Left to right, Bernard Campbell, Pastor Steve Palmer and Helderberge Jackson.

### Deacons' ordination

On Sabbath 28 April at the Great Brickkiln church, Bernard Campbell and Helderberge Jackson were ordained as deacons by Pastor Steve Palmer, witnessed by church members, friends and families. The service ended with an official welcome to their new office.

DELVA CAMPBELL



### Music day worship in Nottingham

Nottingham Central hosted members from across the BUC on 21 April 2012, in a day of musical worship to the Lord. Jubilani Sithole, the praise team (led by Rachel Francis) and the New Temple Musicians led the Sabbath worship, and in the mid-evening praise service Ty and Tristan Barratt-Watts (4 and 8), Konnect, Seth and Ben Dantzie, Richard Christie and David Francis provided music, with special guest, Neville Peter (3ABN) giving his own personal testament about the love of Jesus with contemplative compositions and arrangements. We would like to thank the Squire family and the Chitambala family for making Neville's visit possible.

Judging by comments on Facebook, many were blessed by such high-calibre musicianship dedicated to the Lord!

For more of Neville's music, visit <http://nevillepeter.com/> or order through your ABC by phoning 01476 539900, Mondays to Thursdays, 8am-5pm.

SHAUN DOUGLAS

### Stonebridge praise and thanksgiving day

Praise and thanksgiving were given at Stonebridge Church on the first Sabbath in April. Orville Braithwaite from Stratford Church took the Sabbath School lesson and Paulette Marceny and Tavanna Green sang and gave a mission story, before Divine Service began with a rousing song service and meditative worship experience. Pastor Mannix introduced the theme of the day and a session of prayer was led by Marie Fletcher; Mark Bunney and Janine offered further music, before the sermon was delivered by Pastor Ray Patrick, head elder of Stonebridge Church, who said that Jesus is in control of every storm.

JEROME HARDY

### Drama at Leicester Central

At Leicester Central on Sabbath 7 April, young people performed a musical and dramatic event entitled 'He Is Risen', depicting Christ's last days on Earth, as He was mocked, beaten, and then crucified – taking upon Himself the sins of the world. The young people encouraged the audience to reflect on the true meaning of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for humankind, and sang in adoration and gratitude. The Pathfinders and Adventurers raised more than £200.

PHILIP HERBERT

### Silver wedding anniversary surprise

Congratulations to Yaw and Beatrice Akvoko-Frempong, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary over Easter – Yaw surprised Beatrice with a huge celebration in their former home of Dusseldorf, where they had previously studied and worked. Following Yaw's instructions, Exeter members had kept the celebration secret for weeks, and they sent a bouquet and card on behalf of the church. Yaw and Beatrice celebrated in white African robes, along with their son, Kwaku.

STELLA JEFFERY



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## Family retreat in Shropshire

The weekend of Stoke Church's Family Life retreat was held at Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, and organised by Thadious Chigodho and his wife, Stoke's Family Life leaders. Pastor Paul Liburd and his wife

Jeanetta gave presentations on 'Marriage and life as a journey', including such topics as 'Roles played by those involved in marriage'.

The children were also catered for by Liz Brenton and their parents, and the main teacher for the teens was Stoke's pastor, Dr Patrick Herbert, who spoke on dating and Christian standards – an awkward topic for some of the youth, but exciting and full of laughter!

On Sabbath, John and Miriam Zimheni renewed their marriage

vows, and when Sabbath was over there were lots of games, in many of which Pastor Herbert excelled!

Overall the weekend was extremely fulfilling, and many have promised to invite friends to the next Family Life event in the near future.

GIBBON MUSWIZU



## Dead men can tell tales

Stanley Maxwell (84) was able to stand at Stanborough Park Church on 21 April for several minutes to tell the story of his miraculous recovery from 'death'.

Reminding congregants of the series, 'Dead Men Don't Tell Tales', he told them of how ten weeks previously his wife, Joan, returned home one Saturday night in February to find paramedics resuscitating

# obituaries

**Derrick Alan Middleditch (1932-2012) d. 28 March.** Born in Thornaby-on-

Tees in the great depression, Derrick left school at 14 with a basic but solid education. He first took a job in a menswear store before moving on to an apprenticeship in painting and decorating. On completion, mandatory National Service intervened and he joined the Royal Signals, where he was put on a course to train as a radio operator. Derrick struggled to learn Morse code and determined to get off the course as soon as possible. He had grown up loving motorcycles, briefly racing at national level, and so used a typical combination of charm and persistence to get a transfer to a motorcycle dispatch rider course. Later selected for the 'White Helmets' Motorcycle Display Team, he entertained crowds with fearless stunt rides on tours of the UK and Denmark.

After demob, Derrick returned to his painting and decorating, and it was while working late painting the outside of the offices of a local department store group



that he first noticed a lovely young woman who was to become his wife of fifty-three years.

It was while painting another outside that he met and began to discuss Christianity with local Adventist layman Gordon Banks. Bible studies with Pastor Bob Rodd ensued and led to his baptism in 1964.

In 1966, after seven years of hopefully waiting, he and wife Janet were overjoyed at the birth of a son.

In late 1966 Derrick decided on a change of career and joined Adventist food company Granose Foods Limited. Despite a complete career change, his natural aptitude for selling and building relationships shone through and he was quickly top salesman in the company, despite there being little interest in vegetarianism or healthy eating in 1960s Northern England. He was promoted to sales manager, sometimes combining these duties with continuing to look after the North of England territory. In the early seventies he and legendary Australian general manager Alan Evans and finance director Peter Hinks steered the company to its first £1 million turnover and profit distribution to the British Union.

He had many humorous stories of

his time as a salesman, including visiting remote Scottish islands by ferry with his health foods, sleeping in a room so small he had to stick his feet out of the window, and a mysterious guest house in which he awoke to find it running, Marie Celeste-like, with no staff.

The one episode which perhaps best illustrates Derrick's sheer tenacity was when his infamous Ford Anglia car broke down for the umpteenth time. Instead of abandoning it and his business for the day, he single-handedly pushed it across Glasgow from call to call, shop to shop; only finally ringing the local Ford dealer when his work was complete.

From his baptism Derrick was involved in many aspects of serving in, and leading, his local church in Middlesbrough; holding many church offices through the years. An elder for more than thirty years, he also loved preaching, telling children's stories with the aid of his puppet 'Fish-fingered Frank', ADRA Ingathering, door-to-door witnessing, teaching Sabbath School classes and occasionally stepping in to play the piano or organ.

The last six years were a long struggle for Derrick; he endured a heart bypass operation and the prostate cancer to which he was eventually to succumb. But he remained cheerful and determined throughout, and rock-solid in his faith in Jesus.

After a funeral service conducted by local pastor Colin Woodford he was laid to rest in Acklam Cemetery, awaiting the Resurrection

Morning he so eagerly anticipated.

Derrick is survived by his much-loved wife Janet, son John, daughter-in-law Gudrun and three grandchildren, Alicia, Olivia and William.

JOHN MIDDLEDITCH

**Vera Porter (1922-2012) d. 23 April.**

Vera had a Methodist upbringing in Royston, Hertfordshire, but became an Adventist after meeting David Porter. They were married for almost seventy years, living and working in the Cambridge area all that time. Her associations with the Cambridge church lasted over seventy years, and his for over ninety. She served as head deaconess and organist and he as elder and treasurer for many years.

During the war she served her country by driving ambulances, and afterwards worked with David in the literary life of the university city of Cambridge. They were both keen gardeners, and also spent much time witnessing for their faith until the last few months of their lives.

The funeral was taken on 8 May by Pastor John Ferguson in the presence of some long-term friends and the extended family, including Vera's daughter Janet Overy and son-in-law John, their daughter Sharon, and their son Lloyd with his wife Keturah.

Vera was laid to rest in Exning Cemetery, and together with her beloved husband awaits the Resurrection.

JANET M. OVERY

## Lighthouse anniversary

March 17 marked the first anniversary for the Lighthouse church-plant in Northwood, Stoke-on-Trent, and Pastor Cedric Vine preached.

To start a church-plant requires commitment and dedication.

Even when we requested the use of the facilities, the resident Anglican vicar, Christine, researched Adventist beliefs before granting us permission. Christine and her husband were extremely pleased with our background and faith, and have requested that we get together with their church members and do joint services.

Our strategy is to have a special children's service every month, and target friends who used to attend the mother church. Our worship style is informal to make the non-churched comfortable.

We have been steadily growing in numbers each week, and the average attendance is around thirty-five.

We are looking forward to evangelising the area with our new-found friends, and we ask for your prayers and God's blessing as we go forward in faith.

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her husband, whose heart had already stopped twice. He was taken to Harefield Hospital, where his heart stopped four more times before being successfully restarted. Any further attempts could have resulted in brain damage. He knew nothing of these attempts until he woke the following Thursday, and attributes the mystery 999 call that brought the paramedics to his guardian angel.

After stays in three other hospitals and a local nursing home, Mr Maxwell, who until his retirement ran the Seventh-day Adventist Association at the BUC and is a nephew of 'Uncle Arthur', was discharged to continue his slow recovery.

He finished by thanking members for their prayers and thanked 'our Heavenly Father for sparing my life. . . . If you don't believe in modern miracles I suggest you do some serious thinking, because you have the evidence in front of you.'

JUNE COOMBS

## Three dedications in Crieff

Both the families and the Crieff church family experienced excitement recently as three new babies – Robin Ostrowski, Nicholas Thompson and Samuel Logan – were brought to church and dedicated to God.

CHRISTINE BAUWENS



Left to right, Tomasz and Magdalena Ostrowski with Robin, Inna and Keith Thompson with Nicholas, Eunice and Andrew Logan with Samuel.

## Transport for NEC camp meeting

Hubert Smiley has organised several coaches to take Seventh-day Adventist members across the Midlands to the NEC camp meeting. For details, phone Hubert Smiley on: 07868288310, 07831958114, 07736509625 or 01384 213 803.

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## ADRA Appeal in Dorchester and Weymouth

Members of the Weymouth church were able to raise £2,021.20 for this year's ADRA Appeal. Fundraising activities involved three public events: one in Weymouth town centre, one in Dorchester Borough Gardens (selling biscuits and cakes, making balloon animals, face-painting and playing games with the children) and one at Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester. Volunteers also went door-to-door to homes, shops and businesses around Weymouth and Dorchester.

ELIZABETH WILLISSON

## Newbold College of Higher Education, United Kingdom Student Recruiter

Newbold College is a student-centred, inclusive and innovative college of higher education operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is located about 40 miles west of London, United Kingdom. Newbold College seeks to appoint a full-time Student Recruiter from no later than 1 September 2012. The purpose of this post is to assist and participate fully in the recruitment activities of the college on a full range of programmes for which Student Recruitment and Marketing Services are responsible, liaising with other college curriculum areas with recruitment responsibilities. The Student Recruiter is responsible to the Principal for attracting applications and for growing the number of applications that the college receives.

### Selection criteria

**Essential** • Detailed understanding of the principles and beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the ability to promote these principles and beliefs in a Seventh-day Adventist higher education community, • Educated to degree level or relevant experience, • Relevant experience working in a situation requiring the explanation and presentation of information to customers, such as in a Student Recruitment, Schools Liaison or Marketing Office/administrative role, including administrative experience gained in an office environment, • Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook), • Fluency in use of online social media, • High level of communication and interpersonal skills, • Excellent organisational skills, • Good presentation skills, • Ability to prioritise work tasks and work to tight deadlines, • Adaptive/flexible in relation to work tasks, • Team player, • Reliable, • Full driving licence, • Flexibility as additional hours will be required during busy periods, • Willingness to travel within the UK and abroad, including travel requiring multiple overnight stays.

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Note: Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have the right to work in the United Kingdom.

**Starting date:** As soon as possible.  
**Salary:** as per the denominational salary scale.

Candidates are requested to submit a letter of interest addressing the selection criteria and a CV (resumé), including the names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of three referees. These documents should be emailed as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday 15 June 2012**, to Dr Philip Brown, Principal ([pbrown@newbold.ac.uk](mailto:pbrown@newbold.ac.uk)).

For further information about this position, or Newbold College, please contact Dr Philip Brown on +44 (0) 1344 407400.  
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