

NEC Camp Meeting 2017

**Nurturing each other and winning another
(26 June-2 July)** by Pastor Peter Jeynes (and Miyarah South)



The North England Conference chose to use a symbolic Jericho walk to begin Camp Meeting at the Pontins Southport holiday venue. Instead of Joshua and the twelve tribes we had Pastor Victor Marshall leading a Pathfinder drum corps, a marching team, uniformed Community Services workers and a good proportion of the camp meeting attendees marching once around the site, praying at intervals for God to change a small part of Lancashire and the visitors from afar who were gathered to meet God.

The return to Southport after a few years of wandering in the 'wilderness' (Prestatyn, Pwllheli and Skegness) meant we were back on familiar territory, where Pontins staff worked hard to keep us happy and the services were well attended.

On Tuesday morning, prayer meeting was for those who woke a little later than those who were exercising on the beach – or wherever early-morning athletes went to warm up. Bible study, health teaching and Power-Hour followed in quick succession. The children were happy with their programme, but eager for puppet-making to begin. The youth had their own inspiring meetings while the teens gathered to hear a visitor from afar. Pastor Sam Gungaloo, fresh from his recent ordination at the SEC camp meeting, taught and encouraged their young minds.

The audio-visual team were happy that

their video streaming had managed to reach a larger-than-usual audience, while the on-site radio station continued its outreach to Birmingham – all the way from Southport. Nigel Buxton and his team have provided equipment for HopeFM to broadcast the Adventist message to the world. Under the slogan 'More Music, More Debates, More Hope' over 53,000 people have so far been reached by radio waves and internet that can reach 66 different countries, but the primary target is Birmingham in support of 'Mission to the Cities'.

Buxton, a Nottinghamshire lad, has great experience in using radio to bring the Gospel to the world. Beginning with Adventist World Radio and now with HopeFM, his vision is to reach as many people as possible with our great message.

The Tuesday morning interviewee, John Baidam, Newbold College Principal, was engaged in wide-ranging discussion with Pastor Michael Simpson, talking about the history of the college, and the challenges of maintaining a higher-education institution.

The 'drive time' show was expertly and very professionally hosted by Charles Bramble, the North England Conference

treasurer. His seat at the microphone seemed the most natural place in the world to find this talented man.

Outreach was a strong feature of the Camp Meeting, as it should be, and Grace Walsh was soon training her team to head in to Southport Town Hall for the yearly health expo. This time the staff were largely from PEACE, the Conference-led evangelistic training scheme, among whom was a young physiotherapist from Nuneaton by the name of Luke. He, along with other experienced workers, was being prepared to help local people understand more about their own bodies and perhaps guide them to a healthier state of physical and spiritual wellness.

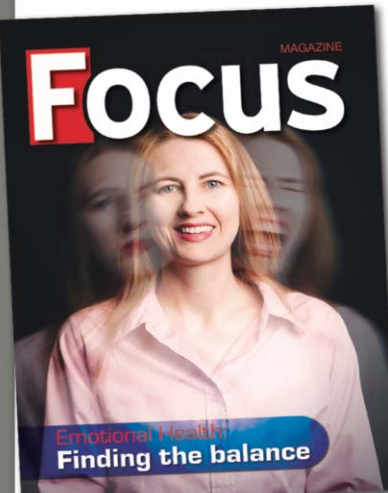
By Tuesday evening the campers were enjoying some excellent meetings, one of which was blessed by a loud and powerful message by Pastor Glen Samuels, President of the West Jamaica Conference.

Next door to the adults, the children were meeting under the guidance of Pastor Patricia Douglas and her small army of helpers, made up of teaching staff from Harper Bell School, pastors and their wives, among others. The children were led to understand in what way Jesus is their 'Light'. According to young

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Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald, RGN, RM, RHV, MSc
Health Ministries Director, BUC

Let's get moving! – part 4 – UK guidelines for age-related activities

Research demonstrates that regular exercise is vital in maintaining optimal health, and knowing which type works best for our age group is important.

The Department of Health has issued guidance from the Chief Medical Office (CMO) on how much daily physical activity we need. The caution for everyone is that we should minimise the amount of time spent being sedentary. A full listing of specific age-related guidelines and activities can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-physical-activity-guidelines>. Here is an overview of this guidance:

Early years: under 5

'Children of pre-school age capable of walking unaided should be physically active daily for at least 180 minutes (three hours), spread throughout the day.' **Activities include:** Climbing, bike riding, running, skipping and energetic play. **Benefits:** • Improves cardiovascular health • Contributes to a healthy weight • Improves bone health • Supports learning of social skills • Develops movement and co-ordination

Children and youth: 5-18

Engage in moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity for at least 60 minutes, but preferably up to several hours every day.

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editorial



Julian Hibbert
Editor

The 4th Musketeer

I know full well that history repeats itself – 'what has been will be again' – a lesson that many politicians, economists, military strategists, and so on, appear slow to learn. And, sadly, many of the rest of us who know better still find ourselves repeating both our own mistakes and those of others. Yes, in that respect Solomon is right to say that 'there is nothing new under the sun.' (Ecclesiastes 1:9, NIV-UK.)

On the other hand, for me, each new day dawns pregnant with new information, medical breakthroughs, scientific discoveries, a deeper understanding of our minds and emotions and so much more to discover that is **definitely new under the sun!**

This week's discovery . . .

Here then is my 'something new' for this week: **The 4th Musketeer**. Strange as it may sound, **The 4th Musketeer** (also known as 4M) is a lay organisation for men that originated at the instigation of a woman. It happened in the Netherlands back in 2008 when one evening Ruth Stoorvogel asked her husband, Henk, 'Why don't you start something with men? Not an ordinary men's ministry but a movement unlike any other.' To which Henk responded, 'You're right, we'll do it! And we'll call it the 4th Musketeer.'¹

Henk's inspiration for 4M was drawn from that historical novel by Alexandre Dumas, *The Three Musketeers*, and is based on its leading character, d'Artagnan, who leaves home for Paris to join the elite Musketeers of the Guard. And, although he is not able to join due to adverse circumstances, he 'befriends the three most formidable musketeers of the age – Athos, Porthos and Aramis – and gets involved in affairs of the state and court' as the fourth musketeer.²

It is this powerful imagery of the loyal and fearless musketeer that undergirds the 4M ministry. This is how it is expressed on one of their websites:

'The Musketeers: the personal elite troops of the king. All for one, one for all. They gave themselves completely for their lord. They knew they could trust each other blindly. Both in war and in peacetime. Unity. Adventure. Heroism. Servitude. Power. The Musketeers speak to our imagination. They had what we so often do miss. They were what we want to be.'³

And this is how they use that imagery to define their ministry:

'The 4th Musketeer (4M) is a men's movement which trains men to live for their King. He was the One who gave Himself for us all. Together we will give everything for Him. Our service to Him is our highest honour. His struggle is our struggle. His passion is our passion. His goals are our goals. Are you a Christian, but missing passion? Do you read the Bible, but the message remains distant? Do you go to church, but following Jesus is not an adventure for you? Do you yearn for adventure deep inside? For struggle and victory? For honour and masculinity? Then you've come to the right place!'⁴

I'm envious

4M is now an international movement, with 'bases' in at least 10 countries. Their objective is to reinvigorate the lives of Christian men by putting them through their 'Xtreme Character Challenge' (XCC), the 'ultimate adventure where men will experience great physical challenges, mental exhaustion and inspiration'.⁵

I am envious of what 4M is doing to recapture something that, on second thoughts, is not actually 'new under the sun'. Jesus actually 'wrote' the four-part manual on men's ministry with the help of the Gospel writers. It's all there. The call to fight for truth and justice in a radical way. The challenge of being a band of brothers living by the motto, 'All for one and one for all; united we stand, divided we fall.' Knowing what it's like to value bravery, courage, loyalty and service to a cause and Leader worth dying for. The salty taste of hardship and endurance. The sweet reward of the task well done. It's all there!

Put the masculinity back . . .

4M is putting the masculinity back into Christianity! Something that is desperately needed if we are to **truly be a robust reincarnation of the New Testament Church**, and if we are to **have much influence on UK men generally**.

In this regard, the book by David Murrow, *Why Men Hate Going to Church: Completely revised and updated*, is worth a read. He makes two points relevant to this discussion on pages 212 and 213. **Firstly**, that 'women bond face-to-face' while 'men bond side-by-side.' According to him, 'Masculine friendships form while guys are doing something else.' This embraces sport, fishing, working on cars, hiking, camping, working together on practical projects, etc.

Secondly, that 'enduring male bonds are formed under pressure. When men struggle together, they bond. . . . The deeper the struggle, the stronger the bond.' Talk to most men and they will endorse this. I have a number of friends with whom I have hiked or shared medium-distance cycle events (105km), and I can testify that shared adventure, endurance and adversity build relationships between men.

Perhaps 4M's ministry – or, better still, that of Jesus Himself – provides some pointers that are worth reflecting on – especially if we are really serious about retaining and winning men to Christ. I'm going to give David Murrow the last word on this:

'When the Lord started His ministry, one of His first tasks was to gather twelve men and forge them into a band of brothers. Did it ever occur to you that Jesus might have been trying to show us something? Maybe the basic unit of God's church is not the individual, the committee, the Bible study circle, or even the congregation. Maybe it's the small men's group. What if the key to transforming our world is transforming men in little teams?'⁶



¹<https://the4thmusketeer.com.au/home/history> ²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Three_Musketeers ³<https://the4thmusketeer.co.za/> ⁴*ibid.* ⁵<https://the4thmusketeer.com.au/home/history> ⁶*Why Men Hate Going to Church: Completely revised and updated*, by David Murrow, Published by Thomas Nelson (2011), pages 213 and 214

reform-a-nation



Throwing out Jesus – is that the way?

by Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President

'I think that the church spends too much time talking about Jesus.' These words came from a dedicated and passionate church member, who felt that the church should be placing more emphasis on other tenets of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Now, while I strongly believe in the 28 fundamentals and have preached and taught them as a minister of the Gospel, I truly believe that without Jesus Christ at the centre of everything that we do, all our evangelism and outreach activities would be in vain, a waste of time. If Jesus isn't at the heart of our mission, we are little more than do-gooders.

When Adam and Eve sinned, the plan of salvation came into action – 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life' (John 3:16, NKJV). From Genesis through to the last chapter of Revelation, we see a God revealing His love for humanity and giving them chance after chance. Throughout the Old Testament He sent them prophet after prophet to encourage them to change their ways, and then, in the New Testament, we are introduced to Jesus Christ, whose sole purpose was to show us how to live in a world filled with suffering, pain and evil, then to die for the sins of a world that rejected Him.

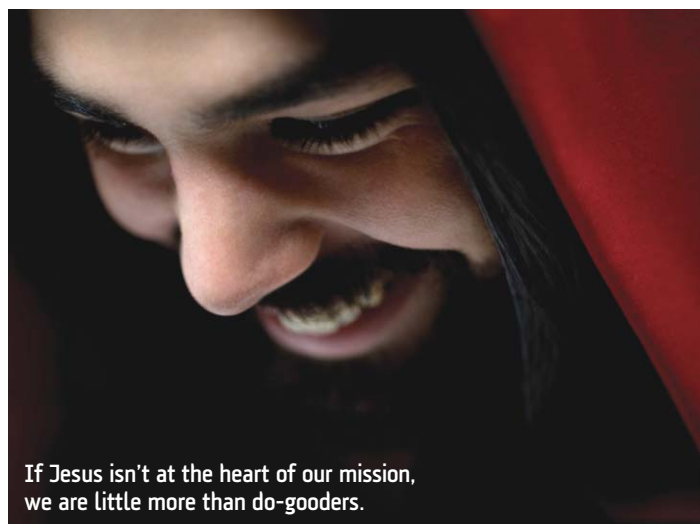
If there is to be true meaning in our worship and witness, we need to focus on Jesus, totally, utterly and completely, with no apology. This is the way that the apostle Paul lived. He was a man, highly connected and influential, who decided that the new cult of Jesus Christ (Christians) needed to be wiped out. So, he set about his planned 'genocide' with the backing of the organised 'church'. He had one objective: to get rid of the heretics that were talking about Jesus, preaching Jesus and living like Jesus. And

he did a great job.

He enjoys success in his mission by taking out the leaders who openly follow Jesus – the most famous being Stephen the deacon. But while he is threatening the believers, plotting and planning to go to the synagogues and round up those who believe in Jesus for execution, he meets Jesus. While on his deadly mission, on the road to Damascus, Jesus speaks to him directly, and his life is never the same after that. His name is changed from Saul to Paul, he discovers a new mission and he is able to say, 'I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth' (Romans 1:16, KJV).

The life of the apostle Paul is a story of transformation and reformation. Here is a man whose life is turned around 180 degrees when he meets Jesus. From him being hailed as the chief persecutor and exterminator of Christians, he becomes a leading Christian writer, teacher and preacher, with God not only using him to preach to those in his region, but also to those he encounters on his various missionary journeys. He is imprisoned, tortured and beaten for his new faith, but after meeting with Jesus he is able to say, '... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him' (2 Timothy 1:12, KJV).

Over the weekend of 11-13 August we will be exploring our faith, and Jesus will be at the centre. Please take time to join us over this weekend. Our Friday and Sabbath programmes are primarily for our members and we are excited about celebrating with them. On Sunday, our outreach 'Fun in the Park' day will be a great way for our communities to witness how Jesus has made a difference in our lives as we



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Let's keep Jesus in our sights as we work, as we worship and as we witness. That's how you Reform-a-Nation.

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reflections



While thinking about Prestatyn

by Pastor Patrick Boyle (retired)



Wintley Phipps



It's a few years since I last attended the South England Conference Camp Meeting, so going to Prestatyn in North Wales in June this year was unknown territory. Wales in June makes one think of rain, wind and cold. How wrong I was. Camp was a spiritual uplift.

Wintley Phipps was an experience, with his messages both challenging and practical. Dr Daniel Duda opened up new ways of viewing and understanding the whole Bible as a story with a beginning, middle and ending. He was

thought-provoking, inviting us to expand our conception of the plan of salvation. Dr Chidi Ngwaba's health presentations were enlightening, especially his analysis of depression and his practical suggestions for dealing with it.

For me the highlight was the Friday-evening communion service led by Pastor Osei, the Conference President. It is not often that one has the opportunity to share in the Lord's Supper with close on two thousand fellow believers. The challenge to Christlike living, the healing power of Christ's atonement and the assurance of salvation and the love of Jesus blessed all who shared in this service. The healing, assuring grace of our Saviour's sacrifice is intensified when shared by such a large group of fellow believers. Truly there is 'power in the blood'.

The morning devotions by various pastors were encouraging. The church is blessed with some very fine preachers and thinkers. One devotion by Pastor Abbasari lodged two ideas in our minds. He sees two problems which afflict the church: 'worldliness' and 'busy-ness'. Regarding the former he said, 'I looked for the church in the world and found the world in the church' – while about the latter he observed, 'We are busy, but what are we busy about?'

This was a good camp meeting and it demonstrated that it is easy to forget, or fail to recognise, that with all its faults and failings the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a growing church. It is not, as might often appear, a static church. When my wife and I threw our lot in with the Church over sixty years ago in the Republic of Ireland the total membership in that country was fewer than forty members. Today there are nigh on a thousand worshippers who observe the Lord's Sabbath. In the Republic of Ireland they bear a witness to the

Christ-centred Seventh-day Adventist message in what was, and still is, one of the most difficult countries in Europe in which to witness. We can only praise God for this wonderful change.

In the whole of the British Union in 1955 there was a membership of around 7,000, and it took until 1957 for the world church to reach one million members. Today in the British Union the membership is more than five times greater than it was in 1955. In the wider world the increase in members has been phenomenal. The three angels' messages ring out in over 200 countries with a membership in excess of eighteen million and growing.

We can only rejoice at this growth. The church may be, as Ellen White noted, 'defective', but it is God's true church and it is an inestimable privilege to be part of it. If the membership in the SEC continues to expand as it is doing, where will a camp meeting venue be found to accommodate those who will want to share in it?



Dr Daniel Duda

Do you know this person?

The country director of ADRA Uganda would be grateful to receive any information about John Palmer, who once served in that capacity. If you are related to John or know of his present whereabouts please contact Pastor Charles Ed II Aguilar at cd@adraUGANDA.org. The local union wishes to honour him for his contribution to the work of ADRA in Uganda.

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Going driverless

by Stephen Holden

A recent item in the news featured driverless vehicles that were on trial on a new development in Woolwich using 'cargo pods' to deliver supermarket orders to local customers, and another trial in Greenwich with other automated vehicles used to move people and goods around the city in a greener, more efficient way.

Cities are becoming even more congested, we are told, and widening the 'autonomy landscape' is being heralded as vital in creating a cleaner, safer environment and as an aid to more efficient transportation in inner city centres.

The concept fills some with fear – to trust in that unseen 'force' or 'intelligence' that moves the steering wheel as you round the corner 'hands free', or the application of brakes at the appropriate moment 'foot free' – but for others, whose mobility is restricted in some way, it may engender real hope of increased social inclusion.

Autonomous autos use technology that is being 'driven' by Google in the USA, by Volvo in China, and by Daimler in Germany, and by most other large car manufacturers. Here a British consortium known as the 'Driver Group' announced plans recently to test driverless cars on UK roads and motorways in 2019, led by Oxbotica, the company producing the software necessary to control autonomous transport.

This Government-backed project is the latest in a commitment of over £100 million earmarked for driverless technology development in this country, intended for Britain to lead the way in this advancing sphere of science and engineering. But this is small fry compared to the billions of US dollars committed to such projects in the USA over the coming decade.

'Uber', the mini-cab firm located in San Francisco that operates in some 570 cities worldwide, now intends to revolutionise the taxi industry with driverless cabs. Each cab has a suite of high-powered sensors to enable it to 'see' the world around it. They have a powerful spinning LIDAR laser beam on the roof and supplementary radar units positioned all around the vehicle. Both systems use a common principle: to blast the environment with light and radio waves and interpret them when they bounce back to determine the location and shape of everything in the vehicle's operational environment. Some 1.4 million laser points are returned per second to enable a 3D map of the car's surroundings to be generated and continually refreshed. Four other, less

powerful, modules provide a complete uninterrupted coverage based on this data. A dedicated camera detects colour in the world outside the cabin to differentiate between a red or green traffic light, while other cameras detect other braking vehicles, pedestrians, and any other obstructions. In total there are 20 cameras around each cab, all feeding information back to create a 'true picture', while different radio antennas line the roof for seamless wireless data

communication and accurate GPS data to pinpoint its location.

Despite all this technology and the ability to interpret and react to it in split seconds, the company had to suspend trials pending an investigation into a collision in Arizona in March this year – but I seem to recall human intervention was blamed.

Many drivers pride themselves on being good 'behind the wheel' – of being a 'safe pair of hands' when carrying passengers. They have a commitment to observing the highway code and obeying road signage in order to maximise on road safety.

They are courteous to other road users – not taking chances, even perhaps when late for that crucial appointment! But can we ever know what is lurking around the next corner – what obstacle we might be confronted with and how best to avoid a possible collision?

Jesus enables us to travel in a driverless way when we commit our day to Him. He it is who, through the Holy Spirit, can steer

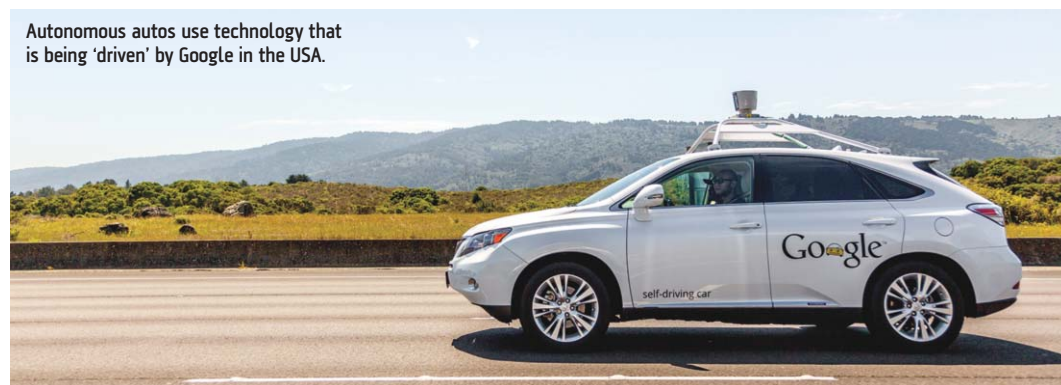
us through its hours in a safe and secure manner – if we rest in Him and surrender that wheel to His control.

God is fully aware of our position and circumstances at every moment of the day and night. He can see potential problems and obstacles that we might encounter on our journey even before they happen. He has the 'true picture' and knows how to negotiate those twists and turns and avoid those ever-increasing potholes that life forces us to contend with. If we allow Him to take the wheel each day He can avoid the many contraflows that slow our progress, and the traffic jams that threaten to bring us to a complete standstill. He won't take us down 'dead ends', and will make sure to get us safely home at the end of the day without harm.

He declares Himself to be the 'Way' to God – the real Truth and real Life – and no one can come to the Father but through Him.

In Psalm 139 the closing verses in *The Message* read like this: David says: 'Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong – then guide me on the road to eternal life.'

Has the time come for us to go 'driverless' too?



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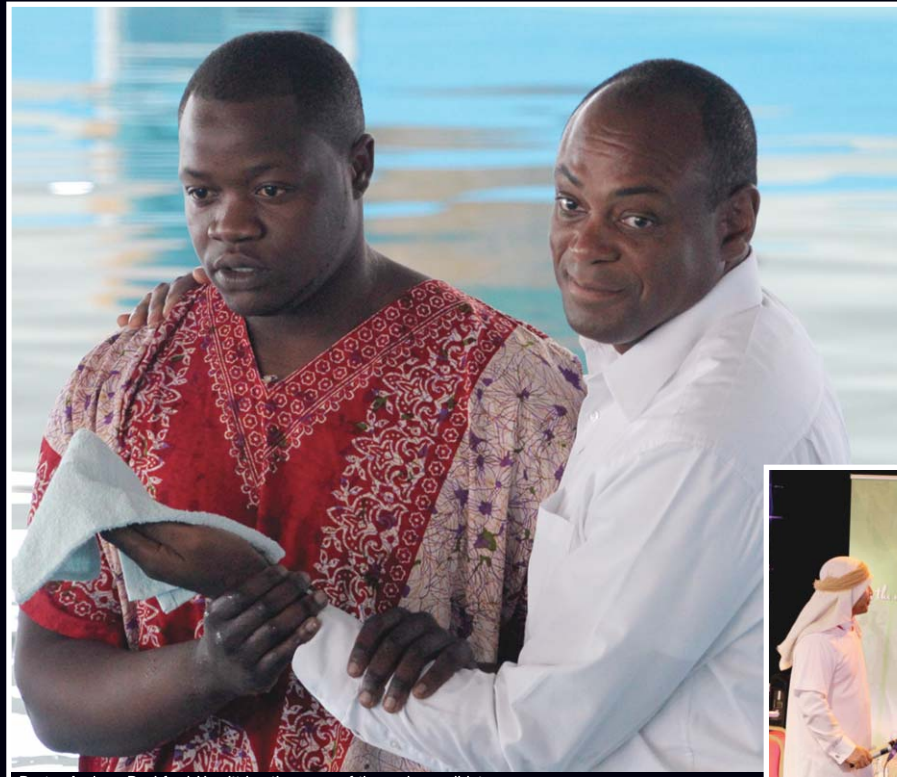
The project will kick off with the 'New Songs to Sing' workshops at North Wembley Church over the weekend of 18-20 August. Registration is £50 for the weekend of sessions, meals, and materials. Full details are online at www.secmusicskills.com.

Leading the workshops will be renowned Adventist writer, Gale Jones Murphy, who has had numerous songs published in various US and worldwide publications. Some UK churches are using her song, 'Sabbath Rest', as a prelude to worship. She says, 'I will teach a session centred on the art and craft of writing songs for church: that is, hymns, praise and worship, choir selections. Prior to the workshop, each participant is encouraged to submit details about their song-writing (for example, strengths and weaknesses, genre, instrumental ability) so I can address questions and assist them better. I will be offering one-on-one consultations during the weekend for any interested delegates, if time permits. To schedule your appointment, please send me an email: galejones.murphy@gmail.com.'

It's one thing writing the song, but how do you 'get it out there'; how do you attract the attention of recording artists; and how do you receive an income for your work? These are the issues that we will be discussing with Keith Kirk following his 'Business of Music' presentation. We will also have an interview with a Grammy-nominated producer. Keith says, 'Attendees will learn about the new music business and how the landscape of publication and licensing has changed. There will be a focus on exploiting original works, publishing and how organisations such as PRS for Music administer the rights of original compositions. Delegates will have a clear road map of exactly how to get a song from an idea to polished production and the various things they can do to maximise the potential earnings from their music.'

The Sabbath School will take a closer look at songs past and present and analyse the message we have been imprinting on our minds. Listen again to 'I'll Fly Away' and 'I Bowed on My Knees', and see how many errors you can spot. How about SDAH 403, 'Let Us Break Bread Together' – then read what Ezekiel 8:15-17 has to say. One final one: 'In Christ Alone' – is everything correct lyrically, according to Scripture?

For more details about the workshop and information on how to submit songs for the songbook panel, please contact Mike Johnson on 07757 816316, or email mjohnson@secadventist.org.uk.



Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt baptises one of the male candidates

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Elijah (8) his favourite part of each morning was making things, and singing 'Make me a servant'. Bethany from Bradford Central, who is slightly older, enjoyed the craft work as well. Her task was to make a puppet figure which even some adults had found rather fiddly to construct.

The earliteens had been shepherded across to a modern room next to the camp restaurant. Enticing smells did not distract Miyarah South, who wrote this section of our report, from giving us her view on her week at Southport.

'The teens had a fun and uplifting time at this year's NEC Camp Meeting, with tailor-made programmes that catered well to the age group in attendance. Their main speaker was Pastor Sam Gungaloo from the SEC, whose messages were centred around the theme, "Born for More". He challenged them to reflect on their identity and purpose, and taught them that sometimes being different is good.

The services were accompanied by a lively praise team and band comprising young people from around the Conference. In addition to this the teens benefited from morning devotionals by a variety of ministers. There was also time for activities such as go-karting, football tournaments and swimming. The week was a blessing and the teens left with many spiritual lessons and positive memories.'

On Sabbath morning, after an excellent Sabbath School led by Beulah Plunkett and a lesson well taught by Pastor Bertram Melbourne, the worship service took the form of a baptism in the centre's large swimming pool, where Sisters Sihle Siwela and Shuma Berita from the Gorton church (south of Manchester), and Brian Nyathi (whose home church will be in the Birmingham area), were baptised. The event was carefully



synchronised as the baptism was streamed to the main hall, with both congregations singing and expressing God's glory.

Pastor Douglas, when asked why so much effort was put into the children's ministries programme, pointed out the logic of putting thought, prayer and good hard cash into children's ministry. Early emphasis placed in the mouldable early years would be repaid in less effort reclaiming lost youth in the later years. She suggested that at least 25% of a church's evangelism budget should be directed towards the church youth. According to Patricia, effective children's ministries 'is not an optional extra'.

This showed in the effort that was put into the Sabbath afternoon children's showcase, which was far more than a display of the children's talents. The programme was designed to reveal how exciting and wonderful

children's worship is. Adopting the regular form of a worship service the children sing, pray, present sketches, display their handiwork and reveal how God is at work in their young lives.

Towards the end of Sabbath afternoon, Charles Bramble revealed, with a degree of justifiable pride, that the two offerings collected during the week had raised a remarkable total, slightly higher than that collected at the previous week's camp meeting in Prestatyn. The congregation were also told that 10% of those offerings came from the teens and youth, who made up much less than 10% of the total congregation!

Although the sun has not sparkled out of a blue sky, the NEC's nearly-2,000 campers had been drawn to look onwards and upwards to the great and glorious day of Christ's coming.



Dr Subodh Pandit



The youth by Pastor Adam Ramdin

For many youth a return to Southport meant familiar surroundings that meant much to them as younger teens or children. This year the youth speakers were from Maryland and Michigan respectively – Pastors Damein Johnson and Jason Sliger – both of whom delivered powerful and relevant messages.

Throughout the week there was an active social programme including basketball on Tuesday and evening socials. On Thursday afternoon there was an NEC 'pastors versus members' football game, which the pastoral team won 7-6, valiantly holding off a late comeback attempt. On Thursday evening we had a challenging scavenger hunt, which included some tough questions and the

collecting of items from around the camp and elsewhere, all in the space of an hour. On Friday there was a football tournament, won by 'Ultimate Team' from Birmingham.

On Friday evening the youth joined in with the rest of the site in celebrating communion in a deep and spiritual service led by Pastor Derek Simon. Pastor Damein Johnson preached a powerful sermon in which he challenged the youth not to get set in a life role that they don't want permanently, drawing on the characters in the final moments of Jesus' life for inspiration.

Throughout the week Pastor Jason Sliger shared a series on 1 Corinthians 13, pointing the youth to a more authentic Christian experience that shows itself in real-life interactions and not just in what we profess.



Left to right: Sign the Word's Lorna McKenzie and Angela Walker

NEC: 'Signs and wonders'

by Pastor Peter Jeynes

The Camp Meeting at Southport was a great experience, but for many of the team who provided services at the site it was very tiring too. Two of the tiredest people on the site were Angela Walker and Lorna McKenzie, who provided signing for the adult audience throughout the week. British Sign Language is likened to taking a sentence and turning it into a picture for the hearing-impaired to 'see' what is being spoken about.

Standing to the right of each speaker, and often within the camera's field of vision for the streamed presentations, the ladies worked in shifts re-telling the message of the speaker in 'hand-pictures' using BSL, British Sign Language. With one known Deaf* person in the audience and unknown others, the signing service was provided not just for that person but also to set an example of the need for every church to be able to provide sign language communication during regular worship. The congregation were treated to a brief example of the frustration a Deaf person experiences when Pastor Jeynes interviewed Lorna McKenzie on the Sabbath afternoon – with her responses taking only the form of hand gestures!

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Throughout the week we were also blessed by the ministry of Dr Magna Parks-Porterfield, who delivered health messages with a youth twist, focusing on emotional health.

This year the youth were happy to have a social on Saturday night that was able to run longer than in previous years at other venues, providing one last opportunity for fellowship and fun.

The programme this year was run with the help of Pastors Derek Simon and Craig Gooden, and the youth advisory. We would also like to thank all the musicians and singers from around the Conference who participated, along with the excellent media team led by Clive Coutet and Stephanie Edwards. The sermons and workshops can be found at www.youtube.com/necyouth.



According to Lorna, estimates are that only 2% of the world's d/Deaf have heard about Jesus, and that the lack of the hearing-impaired in our congregations is not because we are blessed with good health, but because we simply do not provide a service for them, thereby excluding them from receiving the Gospel. Providing a hearing aid loop, it seems, is simply not enough to fully minister to the Deaf.

Angela told of how, after she had signed for a party of Deaf people in another faith setting, one member of the group indicated that her visit was the first time her church leaders had been able to explain her faith to her.

To take the theme of the children's ministries programme, we truly hide our light under a bushel when we do not provide communication for our members who are Deaf and visitors who need sign communication.

Lorna explained that she and Angela were part of a team who provide BSL communication for churches. Led by Pastor George Hamilton, who is based in Bradford, the group have provided basic instruction to the Wolverhampton and Bradford churches and can provide further training. The team, 'Sign the Word', suggest that every church should, at the very least, be able to greet a Deaf person in sign language even if a full-communication service cannot be provided.

The North England Conference, through Grace Walsh, Health Ministry Director, has committed funds to help promote sign language use in churches. We ought to realise that, while trying to reach our neighbourhoods, friends and Muslim neighbours, we must not forget the d/Deaf people or those who find it difficult to hear.

Our BSL communicators received warm applause and appreciation for their efforts during the week at Camp Meeting, in which they opened up a world of potential involvement for many of us.

*In deference to the many who consider deafness as part of their identity, we occasionally use the upper-case 'Deaf' where appropriate, while also using the lower-case 'deaf' in deference to those without hearing who choose not to self-identify in that way.



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MTTC: Birmingham – an update

The MTTC initiative continues to bring hope to Birmingham during the bright summer months as efforts to 'make Seventh-day Adventism known' across the city gather momentum.

Members of the Prayer Steering Group have been involved in the *Prayers of Hope* programme on HopeFM every Sabbath morning (7-9am). They have been holding discussions on the power of prayer, with guest speakers giving inspirational testimonies and requests being made for prayer by members of the public. In addition, over 40 prayer leaders and their teams are praying regularly for the MTTC evangelistic outreach to the city of Birmingham and surrounding areas.

After much prayer and effort on the part of the NEC Personal Ministries Department and Birmingham Advisory, MTTC offices in Birmingham have been acquired in a favourable part of the city. God has blessed us with two floors of a building which will provide an administrative base for city-wide contacts, a central storage area for MTTC resources and a place to facilitate training.

An interest in the health of the city has been one of our priorities, with a number of



health expos having already taken place earlier this year, in addition to a wide variety of health talks on HopeFM and regular training sessions. Furthermore, a very effective Reversing Diabetes series of presentations, cookery demonstrations and carotid artery screening, organised by the MTTC health team and led by Dr Clarence Ing and his wife, took place in a variety of locations across the city during the month of June. Public response to the distribution of leaflets was very encouraging, and those who attended were invited to local health expos. We thank God for the 200+ contacts that have been made; a follow-up programme has been planned for the autumn.

MTTC is well supported by the NEC leadership, who, encouraged by the response to the HopeFM broadcasts, have agreed to house the radio station in a more permanent location. We continue to solicit your prayers during the months ahead, especially as we promote awareness of the Protestant Reformation prior to the Day of Fellowship at Birmingham's International Convention Centre on 28 October, via a series of seminars. On the DOF there will also be a widespread distribution of *The Great Controversy*.

MTTC COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Winson Green benefit concert

On 29 April, Winson Green Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted another evening of gospel music, this time to raise money for local pastor, Aster Bruce's medical treatment fund.

An audience of over 200 people enjoyed items by numerous Seventh-day Adventist artistes from the Midlands and beyond who sang and played pieces of inspirational music. Among the participants there were a number of wonderful instrumentalists, including Anneliese Smith and Carlance Parnell on the flute, Hannah and Louisa Jeffrey, and Elizabeth Iheoma on the cello. Vocalists included Kay Francis, Godfrun Moore and a young Nealsen Mirk Clifford from Halesowen Church.

The compère for the evening, Eathon Webber, introduced the artistes and commented on the splendour of HopeFM Radio, which is part of the Mission to the Cities: Birmingham project that will run until 2018.

Well wishes, thoughts and prayers were shared on behalf of Pastor Bruce. Over £500 was raised that evening. If others wish to contribute to the fund they can do so via the NEC.

JACQUIE HALLIDAY-BELL



The Stanborough Press Open Day

Sunday 3 September
8am-4pm

Five good reasons to attend Press Open Day

Stanborough Press hosts its annual Open Day on Sunday, 3 September, featuring some outstanding speakers and singers. So here they are: your five reasons for coming!

1 – Dr George Knight. George R. Knight is emeritus professor of church history at Andrews University and the author of at least 37 books, including titles in the Adventist Heritage series, the Ellen White series, and a devotional Bible commentary series. Knight is now acknowledged as the denomination's most influential writer of the last three decades.

2 – Dr Chidi Ngwaba. Dr Chidi Ngwaba (popularly known as Dr Chidi) is a lifestyle medicine specialist who is known for his success in reversing illnesses such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension, autoimmune diseases and obesity. He is a popular international speaker on health and wellness, with appearances on BBC1's *Food: Truth or Scare*, ITV's *Good Morning Britain*, Sky News's *SkyPapers* and other programmes.

3 – Great music. Paul Lee is no stranger to many of us, having recorded numerous albums and appeared regularly on the BBC's *Songs of Praise*. His special musical talents have delighted listeners across numerous continents, and his latest release will be available at Open Day. Camelia Bran will also stir your heart with a timeless selection of Christian classics from her debut album, entitled *Blessings*. Both will be available to sign copies of their albums for you.

4 – Susan Kirlaw (*Kirly-Sue's Kitchen*). Susan Kirlaw, TV chef and *Pride Magazine* food columnist, has carved out a niche market in the preparation of vegan recipes and appears to be a rising star in this industry. Susanne has a vegan cooking show on 3ABN, *Kirly-Sue's Kitchen*, which has been running for four years. She will be demonstrating how well-prepared vegan food can be both nutritious and delicious.

5 – New titles and events for the whole family. We have a host of new titles to interest the whole family, large-print Bibles, religious board games, Bible flash cards, etc. We will also have a bouncy castle and other activities for all to enjoy – and catering to ensure that all appetites are satisfied!

So . . . what are you waiting for?

Coaches to Grantham for Press Open Day: Book now to avoid disappointment. Coaches will run from Croydon, Brixton, Battersea and Fulham in the London area, and Wolverhampton and Camp Hill Churches in the Midlands.

To book phone Hubert Smiley on 07868288310 or 01384213803; failing those, try 07490592806, 07926553722, or 07463907686.

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Dr Chidi Ngwaba



Paul Lee



Camelia Bran



Susan Kirlaw





'On the road with Jesus' at LIVE in a Field, Cornwall

It was a battle against time, the elements, unfortunate circumstances, and electrical problems, but whatever was thrown at us did not prevail and *LIVE in a Field 2017* turned out to be one of the most exciting and Spirit-filled of LIVE St Austell's Area 1 youth camps.

The guest speaker was Pastor Jeremy Tremeer, one of our pastors from Wales, who shared stories around the theme of 'being on the road with Jesus', bringing to life some of the biblical encounters people had with Jesus as well as sharing from his own life's story. Jon Lewis, the youth leader for the Methodist circuit in St Austell, said, 'I really enjoyed the worship and prayer time and Jeremy's talks have been simple but meaningful. . . . Luke Whyte, the leader of Potters Bar's Templeway Church, was our morning devotional speaker, who gave us an inspirational start each morning of camp. This year we wanted to increase our prayer focus and so Pastor Sam Gungaloo was called upon to be 'The Prayer Guy', and everyone was encouraged to use the prayer stations with various themes each time (such as healing, thankfulness, and forgiveness). Last year we went from four written prayers to 103; this year we reached 150 written prayers. It was amazing to see everyone engaging with prayer in so many different ways. The camp and concerts were live-streamed by Steven Webb via Facebook and we received over 5,300 views over the whole weekend.

On the Saturday our praise team brought a whole bunch of new songs to the LIVE worship scene; prayer happened; Jeremy spoke; while Earl and family had an awesome lunch for everyone. The traditional walk around the Chapel Porth cliffs and down to the beach was led by Jennie Hall (who was the camp photographer). More praise and worship took place, along with prayer and another message from Jeremy before dinner.

At 7pm on both Saturday and Sunday nights the doors opened to the public for the camp concerts called 'Gig in a Field', featuring musicians and comedians from around the UK. Saturday night featured Daniel Costin, Chloe Reynolds, Sarah Téibo, Triple O, and a late-night gig with HARAN. Sunday night featured Daniel Costin again, Tom Elliott (comedian), Tony Vino (comedian), Speak Brother, and Mr Ekow.

On the Sunday we had a number of innovations for 2017, the first

being Joel Haran sharing his story about depression in the morning worship. He called it the 'beautiful struggle' and it not only spoke to many at the camp, but within a few hours it reached over 800 views on the Facebook live-stream. **Lukasz** posted online saying, 'Love you Joel Haran, you are making me sob.' **Jon** said, 'Joel's testimony struck a chord especially with the past year and my current battle with anxiety.' Workshops were also a part of the Sunday's activities, with Studio Haran running a ceramics workshop and Daughters of Davis running a #NotPlayingTheGame workshop (more info on this can be found at www.notplayingthegame.com). **Mp** shared an encouraging text at the end of camp, saying, 'Thank you for a wonderful weekend. I really enjoyed it, especially the Daughters of Davis workshop and Studio Haran, well done to you and your team.' For the first time ever we had a children's show with Tom Elliott, who engaged them with jokes and tricks – all intended to bring about a spiritual message for the youngsters.

Monday morning saw an emotional, heartfelt, spiritually connected time of worship followed by prayer over all that had been hung on our prayer tree and prayer pegs. We spent time wandering around, reading the prayers written and praying over them; it was really powerful. Sadly, the time came to say goodbye and to bring camp to an end, but not until Steven Hulbert had said all the thank-yous that needed to be said to those that helped make *LIVE in a Field* a reality. Preparations are already underway for *LIVE in a Field 2018*, 4-7 May.

Why do I do this? I do this because I believe that events like this have the ability to create meaningful, God-centred community and friendships, in a space made for everyone to engage with God in some way. It is a place where art is given freedom and God is allowed to speak through it. It is a place where people come from all over to find refreshment, encouragement, inspiration . . . and to learn more about the Jesus we serve.

STEVEN HULBERT

Pictures can be found at: www.facebook.com/pg/livestauell/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1491180724246018.

encouragement and support for these faithful members, and for doing what they could: a lesson and example to us all.

IAN SABADIN (COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER)



Star collectors recognised

On Sabbath 27 May, Bristol Central recognised its star Ingathering collectors.

Laurel Johnson, aged 78, and Hortense Small, 73, were commended for their faithfulness this year, and for many previous years of home collecting for the Annual ADRA Appeal.

For this year's appeal, Sister Johnson collected £216.27, and between 2012 and 2017 she raised £974.19. Sister Small collected £350.01 in her tin this year, and she raised £869.38 over the last four years. Between them, they collected 42% of the home tins/donations total, for this year.

Both these ladies are senior citizens and not in the best of health, but each year they seem to increase the amount they collect. They are among a group of seniors in the church who, although they find it difficult to go out door-to-door, faithfully fill home tins each year.

They were both surprised and humbled to receive such recognition, as they were called upon during the Family Service to receive a card and gift from Monica Grizzle (ADRA Agent).

After the service, Pastor Royston Smith had a personal word of



'Let food be thy medicine'

A report on the Pulses of Life cooking class, Cuisle Centre, Dublin, Republic of Ireland

The twice-monthly Pulses of Life vegetarian cooking classes remain one of the Cuisle Centre's most popular programmes. Apart from summer and Christmas breaks, the centre has held regular classes for adults and children since August 2014.

One of the highlights this year was provided by Ilona Rajki, who shared her personal testimony of the healing she experienced by switching to a plant-based diet. Ilona, who is Hungarian, suffered from severe seasonal allergies that affected her breathing and exacerbated her eczema, for which she needed regular medication and frequent visits to the coast, where she had temporary relief from some of her symptoms.

Hope came when a visiting health lecturer mentioned that the use of



animal products in the diet could precipitate allergic reactions. Ilona subsequently eliminated most animal products from her diet and waited. A year and a half later, when she forgot to carry her medications during a long trip away from home, she feared that she could become very ill; but to her pleasant surprise she remained well throughout the vacation. Since then, for twenty-two years, Ilona has been symptom-free, no longer needs to take drugs for those allergies, and still adheres to the diet that brought her healing.

Ilona also showed our visitors how to make the traditional Hungarian stew, goulash (or *gulyásleves* in Hungarian). She used smoked tofu and pinto beans in place of meat and seasoned the stew with paprika from her family farm. This was served with fresh pan-baked bread and a beetroot salad.

Recent themes of our cooking classes have included the making of 'raw' desserts, using soy in cooking and learning meat-free variations of different national cuisines. Our cooks range from experienced chefs to those who just want to share the healthy dishes that they enjoy making. The classes are free and supported by donations. The Cuisle Centre is a centre of influence located at the Ranelagh Seventh-day Adventist church in Dublin, Ireland.

NOMSA MAPHANGO



Radcliffe Shakes receiving the trophy on behalf of his brother

Peter Donaldson, who finished third

Fantasy football fund-raiser results

The Fartown Community Church annual fantasy football competition fund-raiser has reached its climax for the 2016-2017 season. The game tests your skills as a football manager, with a budget of 100 million pounds to spend on a squad of 15 players, with the objective of scoring as many points as possible based on the players selected scoring goals, keeping clean sheets, putting in man-of-the-match performances, and so on. This season it was won by Gregory Shakes – the younger brother of Radcliffe Shakes, an elder of Fartown Community Church, who ended up finishing second; 9-year-old Peter Donaldson finished third.

The competition, which is open to all the Adventist churches in the country, attracted participants from as far away as the USA and France. In fact, the overall winner is based in the USA, but most of the competitors came from both the Huddersfield churches (Fartown and Crosland Moor). Despite the low numbers, the competition was a success and raised £135 towards the church building fund.

Fartown Community Church would like to thank all who participated in this year's competition and hope that they will be part of the next fantasy football competition, which will be run for the 2017-2018 season beginning in August. Contact Colin Donaldson on 07909512858 or email cdonald70@sky.com for further details.

COLIN DONALDSON

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(Galatians 6:2)

E-mail: snap.sda@tesco.net or Tel 01242 821105 for booking details

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NEC Women Together Conference 2017

'Women can and women do!' was the theme of the North England Conference Women Together Conference held on 7 May at the Nottingham Village Hotel. The women came in their numbers to be inspired, enthused and encouraged by outstanding and highly motivated women speakers and workshop presenters.

The day started with a man and a woman! Our president, Pastor Richard Jackson, gave the devotional on the significance and importance of women in Israel, and his wife Angela told of her work with the Ministerial Spouses Association.

They were followed by our speakers and presenters for the day. Pastor Patricia Douglas, a senior pastor in the NEC, spoke about her steps to ministry – 'Journeying with God!' She told of her call to ministry; of accepting the challenges and the joys that yielding to the call took her through; and encouraged her audience to heed God's calling to whatever area of service it pointed. She also talked of her time at Newbold College and the amazing lecturers and students she came to know. Lorraine Dixon, Head of Stanborough School, talked about being 'fearless and adventurous'. Her journey made the women gasp! Her sheer determination and courageous spirit is the stuff of dramas. Selo Karbah told the women, 'You can start and run your own business: I did!' Then she told the attendees about the real process of doing so, including the hidden possibilities and the daily commitment involved. Ruthlyn South ran a workshop on 'looking after your natural hair as God would have it'. The women flocked to this workshop in the afternoon, where there were products on sale and plenty of practical advice. Joanna Daniel, a qualified counsellor, ran a workshop on the 'healing after . . .' As a counsellor she was able to share and support by also offering a few one-to-one sessions throughout the day, which were much appreciated by the women.

Beulah Plunkett, Women's Ministries Director, who is also a life coach, ran a workshop on personal and spiritual development. The women were taken through the 'wheel of life', to explore how they can begin to address life planning challenges: personal and spiritual. They were fascinated by how clear a perspective they got from just examining their current life situation this way. Victoria Agyepong blessed us throughout the day as our singing evangelist, starting with the song 'Praise Him' that silenced the room as the women listened to the depth of her heartfelt praises to God.

There were also exhibition booths on Women of Virtue and Women's Ministries, and stalls with clothes and hair and skin-care products, household goods, books, DVDs and much more on sale. The day was full of good interactions and a wonderful spirit of joy in the Lord. What women can and do achieve was evident everywhere!

The day was attended by 200-plus women and was a great success, partly because our members brought their friends and family members and we were able to witness to them. One woman said, 'I'm not an SDA Christian as yet, but this has made me realise that I need the Lord in my life; I need to grow spiritually.'

The day was planned by Beulah Plunkett and her team of area co-ordinators (Faith Muimo, Faith Moyo, Greta Adams, Hyacinth Gayle, Iris Johns, Lenore Tulloch, Marva Cunningham, Patience Chiketero, and Sisa Dirahu).



The evaluations for the day were very uplifting: 'We have been blessed.' 'This is my first time coming to such an event and I will come again.' 'I enjoyed the music, the presentations and meeting so many women.' 'May God richly bless the team as they continue to bring us programmes like this.' 'I am so glad that I came.' 'I'm going home to try some of the ideas shared.' 'Praise God for such a wonderful event.' 'I have been inspired today!'

We thank God for His blessings and continued leading of the NEC Women's Ministries Department.

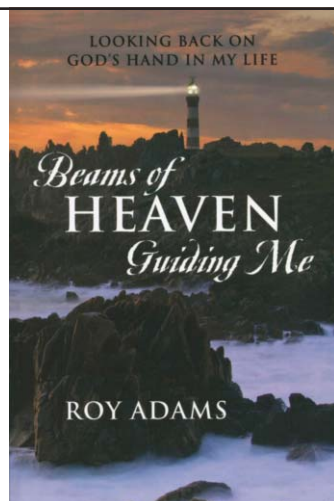
BEULAH PLUNKETT

Beams of Heaven Guiding Me

From a humble beginning in the Caribbean, Roy Adams has travelled all over the world as a pastor, seminary professor and speaker. For the final two decades of his ministry he served at the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as associate editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*. Adams' memoir, *Beams of Heaven Guiding Me*, includes some of the most arresting behind-the-scenes experiences of his life. Adams writes, for example, about the night God used a bunch of cockroaches to bring him to a pivotal decision of his life; and about the frightening moments at a British Columbia border when, after a harrowing journey from the Caribbean and an anxious, close-to-starvation five-day ride across the United States by Greyhound Bus, he came close to being turned back, with just 33 cents left in his pocket.

Readers of all stripes will find items of fascination in Adams' many travels. Caribbean compatriots will relate to his description of the many practices, customs and superstitions of the region; and people in South America, Australia and many parts of Europe will be interested in Adams' observations during his visits to those areas. Adams' memoir begins like many others of its genre, but, before it's done, it ventures into some of the most sensitive areas of the Adventist Church.

The book will be available during the Reform-a-Nation Bible Conference weekend at Stanborough Park, Watford, or directly from our ABC. Call 01476591700, Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm. Price: £12 plus p+p.



Maidenhead's metamorphosis begins

The Adventist church in Maidenhead was established in 1974, during the ministry of Pastor Billy Fraser, and met in a succession of hired halls for 35 years. A building fund was started from day one, and in 2009 the congregation purchased the well-positioned Burberry Gospel Hall in St Mark's Road. This is a wood-and-corrugated-iron building ('tin tabernacle') built in 1914 through the generosity of Thomas Burberry, founder of the Burberry fashion house and inventor of gabardine. It served initially as an interdenominational mission hall before adoption by the Methodists.

The hall has some pleasing authentic chapel features internally, but lacks adequate facilities. With the support of the Conference, plans were immediately drawn up to enhance or replace the building, with the hope that these would progress rapidly. They didn't, but after a number of different proposals and applications – and much deliberation and prayer – approval without any restrictive conditions has finally been granted by The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

A contract for demolition and the new construction has been awarded (a nine-month project), and from **Sabbath 22 July** the church will be meeting in the pretty, historic Berkshire village of **Waltham St Lawrence**, some five miles south-west of Maidenhead. The location is **The Neville Hall, Milley Road, RG10 OJP (Sabbath School 10.15; Family Worship 11.30)**.

Please come to find us; we look forward to welcoming you!

Follow Maidenhead Church on Facebook for weekly updates on the project's progress.

WILL SHARP



Wood Green's special Sabbath

On Sabbath 22 April, Wood Green Church officially welcomed Everton Wilson into the pastoral team as an elder. He and his wife, Edwena, make a remarkable spiritual contribution to Wood Green fellowship. Everton has brought his own unique and innovative style of leadership and mentoring to Wood Green from Trinidad, where he was a successful entrepreneur/businessman and a lay preacher. Elvira Wilson had flown from Trinidad to witness this joyful moment in her son's life.

The ordination service was conducted by our former pastor, Everett Picart, assisted by Pastor Joojo Bonnie and the other elders.

On the same day the church said farewell to Everton's sister-in-law, Jean McFarquhar, a much-loved long-standing member who has been active in several departments. A presentation was made by Pastor Joojo Bonnie and one of the elders, Tristan Cuniah.

BARBARA SOMMERS (COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT)



New Swansea church's first baptism

On Sabbath 27 May, these six young people gave their lives to Jesus following months of Bible study and discussion: Trisha Casinillo (19) and her brother Dirk (14); Mabel Karikezi (18); and three members of the Clarke-Sliskovic family – Gabriella (16), Gabriel (13) and Rafaella (11). They were baptised by Pastor Jovan Adamovic during a beautiful service attended by friends and relatives, then welcomed into the family of God as a specially composed song was sung to the glory of God.

Swansea Church has pledged itself to provide a support system that will empower these young people to develop their personal relationships with Christ, grow in Christian maturity and become leaders in the church. The speaker for the day was Loren Latchman, a young woman who grew up and was baptised in Swansea Church. Her presentation on her work in a Seventh-day Adventist English Language Institute in South Korea motivated the young people to become mission-minded, using their gifts and talents in service to others. Loren emphasised the importance of focusing on developing relationships during outreach and not allowing cultural diversity to be an obstacle.

The scrumptious potluck lunch that followed reflected the multicultural composition of the congregation in Swansea and was enjoyed by all.

MARY LATCHMAN



Cornwall churches take health check outreach to the next level

After a number of years of operating the Know Your Numbers health checks at the Royal Cornwall Show, the churches of SEC Area 1 decided they wanted to strengthen the spiritual dimension of the experience. So, against the backdrop of the CELEBRATIONS acronym, an adaptation of the Sabbath Sofa was added to the final stage. Under the gifted guidance of Pastor Sam Gungaloo, participants were given the chance to reflect on their lives in a broader way as part of their response and evaluation of the programme. Many very meaningful conversations ensued as the people relaxed on the famous sofa and opened up their hearts. Everyone agreed that this must now become a regular part of the event.

PASTOR CHRIS PEAKE

Dagenham Church serves the community

At the beginning of 2017 the Dagenham church's Personal Ministries Department decided to minister to two hostels in Dagenham, and this has proved successful. In one of the hostels, crocheting and children's activities have been going on every Friday with the permission of the management. In the process, our Personal Ministries team has been able to talk quite openly with the participants, some of whom have received visits and been prayed for.

In April the members conducted a well-attended and very successful health seminar over three weekends, with Dr Sam Aryee as speaker. The three issues he addressed proved to be very relevant to the audience: stress, sleep, and the preparation of healthy food on a tight budget. The children were not forgotten either, and attendance figures reveal that the programme ministered to about 50 adults and 70 children from among the hostel residents. In addition, 75 pieces of literature were distributed; eight health consultations were held by Dr Aryee; three people were visited; and two vouchers were given out.

The event also gave some of the residents an opportunity to demonstrate their talents in the form of poems and Christian songs. As a result of this seminar, three have enrolled for Bible studies with Pastor Hezron O. Adingo, the local minister. In the meantime, the weekly activities continue.

In the second hostel, feeding programmes have been going on from time to time, courtesy of Dagenham Church. The church plans to do more than just feeding after being encouraged by the good relationship now existing between them and the residents, some of whom have also expressed the need for a health seminar, which will be run there soon.

Dagenham Church members are convinced that God has opened the door for mission in these two hostels and are keen on making a difference to the lives of the residents there.

PASTOR HEZRON OTIENO ADINGO



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Pastor Sam Davis on health

Health is currently a hot talking point! While it's true that money cannot buy health, it is equally true that the greatest wealth is health. Former SEC president and Hackney minister, Pastor Sam Davis, spoke on the impact of the mind upon health during a Health Emphasis programme held at the Hackney church on Sabbath 20 May. According to Pastor Davis, the key to practising a healthy lifestyle all begins in the mind. 'Sometimes we find ourselves hamstrung by circumstances because of the hand life has dealt us.' Then, pointing out what Ellen White says, he made the point that 'all the physical organs are the servants of the mind, and the nerves are the messengers that transmit its orders' (*Mind, Character, and Personality*, vol. 2, p. 396). There is a common misconception which says that genetics determines the outlook of our health, but for Pastor Davis it is not genetics but a chosen lifestyle and mindset which lights the fuse and pulls the trigger. Again quoting from Ellen White, he said: 'Nine tenths of the diseases from which men suffer



SummerVision concert

With August upon us, fund-raising for Project Moldova is nearly complete. The summer concert in Plymouth Church on 10 June saw a further £417.08 raised towards the group's goal of £6,000.

Over a year ago the idea of Project Moldova started to develop with talks between Pastor Herman (Plymouth) and Pastor Sprinceana (Chişinău, Moldova). With encouragement and help with translation from Ion (Pastor Sprinceana's son) the project outline quickly formed, to include health expos, evangelism, food and clothing distribution and messy church activities, as well as assisting with two building and decorating projects.

Friends and family from as far as Yeovil and Truro gathered at Plymouth Church to support and contribute to the event. To create a summer atmosphere the church was decorated with flowers and fairy lights, bringing the outside in for the 'SummerVision' concert.

Pastor Herman was the host for the evening, introducing the performers and entertaining the audience with witty riddles and jokes. He welcomed everyone with a solo of 'What a Wonderful World' before talented sisters Gemma and Jackie took to the stage with a beautiful duet. George and Mihaela Bostan joined the local talent from Truro and shared 'O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus' on the pan flute and piano. The youngest performer of the night was Annette, who sang with power 'Make Me a Servant'. To finish the first half of the show siblings Matthew and Meghan Herman performed 'When You Believe' beautifully.

Special guest for the evening was Jess Cooper, daughter of Mr and Mrs Cooper, teachers at Plymouth's Adventist primary school, Fletewood. The congregation was wowed by her powerful performance of 'Amazing Grace' and 'You Raise Me Up'. School friend, Matthew Herman, accompanied Jess on the piano.

After a collection was taken Daniel Costin (event organiser) stole the show with his enthusiastic saxophone playing, dominating the second half of the concert. He and his brother Denis Budaev (piano) performed several songs including 'You Deserve the Glory' and 'I Cannot Tell'.

After the concert guests enjoyed cake and drinks. The event was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. With excitement about the trip building, there is still plenty more to do before the group fly out to Moldova in August. A further £600 still has to be raised and supplies for health expos, clothing distribution and messy church need to be sourced and collected. For more information on the project please visit www.plymouthadventist.org.uk.

JENNIE HALL

have their foundation [in the mind]' (*Mind, Character, and Personality*, vol. 1, p. 59). 'The mind controls the whole man' (*Mind, Character, and Personality*, vol. 2, p. 396). 'Many are lifelong invalids who might be well if they only thought so' (*Mind, Character, and Personality*, vol. 2, p. 588). Pastor Davis went on to encourage the members to resolve personal grievances and allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives in order to be as emotionally and spiritually whole as God intended us to be from creation. 'If you live your life in bitterness you will inevitably make yourself sick. God made us to be happy. God wants us to live in wellness and the first step to achieving this is through the way in which we think – as the apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2 (KJV): 'And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.'

DARELL J. PHILIP (PR & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT)



Meghan, Kits, Ophelia and Glessy

Plymouth Camp

Over the weekend of 2-4 June members and friends of Plymouth Church gathered at Chapel Porth, Cornwall, for their annual family camp.

The speaker for the weekend was Pastor Jim Botha, originally from South Africa and currently ministering in Scotland. On Friday evening, using examples found in Exodus, he spoke about problem solving and how to cope with simple, complicated, complex and chaotic problems by relying completely on God, and following His plans for us.

Pastor Botha highlighted four promises from God found in Exodus chapters 3 and 4: I will be with you; I will lead you; I will teach you; and I will do something/act. Worship was filled with song requests, led by Matthew Herman on the piano with Daniel Costin (saxophone) and Gemma Hall (guitar).

Pastor Botha involved everyone by doing simple problem-solving exercises and encouraged those with a different first language to recite the same Bible verse for everyone to listen to. It was fascinating to hear the passages recited in seven different languages.

Just after sunset everyone headed down to Chapel Porth beach to enjoy the last embers of light on the horizon: the perfect end to a beautiful day.

On Sabbath morning Pastor Herman led the Sabbath School lesson, which focused on promises in the Bible such as Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' The children performed the 'Ravens' Wings' for the group, having just learnt about Elijah and the ravens in Sabbath School.

After lunch, friends from local churches, Redruth and St Austell, joined the group for a walk up to the St Agnes Beacon, along the coast and to the beach. The beauty of the coastline around Chapel Porth never ceases to amaze.

In the evening, after some songs of praise, everyone sat around decorated tables for an agape feast. In groups of two or three everyone prayed for one another and shared in communion before dining. The occasion was very thought-provoking and moving. As night fell the bonfire was lit and everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. Gemma Hall observed that 'it was great to spend some quality time in a small group. It made me feel closer to those around me and to God.'

On Sunday, after a wet start, the day brightened up, allowing for fun and games on the campsite before everyone set off for home after lunch. Pastor Herman commented that 'the day of the worst forecast weather turned out to be the best sunny day. God is truly our Canopy of Grace.'

Everyone had a great time and can't wait for the next camp!

JENNIE HALL



Every minute matters! Every second counts!

Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart malfunctions and stops beating unexpectedly. With its pumping action disrupted, the heart cannot distribute blood to the brain, lungs and other vital organs. A cardiac arrest can occur anywhere, including church meetings, and to people of all ages. Without promptly alerting the emergency services, commencing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and providing early defibrillation, the chances of survival decrease drastically by up to 10 percent for every minute lost. These key elements, which can be performed by non-medical responders, form the first links in the 'chain of survival' following cardiac arrest.

On 13 May, Doctor Petar Popivanov and Doctor Nomsa Maphango facilitated a Sabbath afternoon seminar at the Ranelagh Seventh-day Adventist church in Dublin to share these principles of CPR. The session included case scenarios with hands-on CPR practice using a manikin and trainer defibrillator. Our members enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to learn these skills. Research shows that CPR-trained lay people are more likely to give assistance when someone shows signs of cardiac arrest.

We are grateful to the Kanagaraj family, who created a fund towards the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED) for Ranelagh Church in memory of their late infant son. Other Ranelagh church members and friends further contributed to the fund and the AED was presented to the church in April.

The CPR training will be repeated for other church groups who use our facilities, including the Pathfinders.

DR NOMSA MAPHANGO

A floral sermon at Grantham

On Sabbath 13 May the Grantham church enjoyed a flower-filled sermon from Audrey Balderstone, assisted by long-time friend Pat Walton, from the Stanborough Park church. Audrey took the congregants through the history of salvation – starting in Eden, and ending with the crucifixion and the promise of eternal life with Christ – and illustrated each phase with a beautiful flower arrangement. Even the children appreciated these marvellous, Gospel-based displays!



GRANTHAM CHURCH COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



NEC youth ski trip

On 14 April 15 young people, 11 of whom had never been to a snow-capped mountain before, departed from Nottingham for the French Alps on the NEC ski/snowboard trip. After spending a full day on the road they attended church on the campus of Collognes – the Seventh-day Adventist university in France, where they enjoyed a lovely communion service which was translated for them by one of the professors. After fellowshiping with some of the students over lunch they headed to the top of the Saleve in the afternoon for the beautiful view over the city of Geneva.

That evening they arrived in the snow-sure resort of Tignes and settled in for a week on the slopes. The first night was rather busy because they had to rent their equipment and clothing before resting for the busy day ahead. Eight beginners chose to ski and two chose snowboarding, for which they took the appropriate classes.

They were blessed with lovely weather and the sun was so bright that most of the group suffered some kind of sunburn. Learning a new skill or hobby from scratch can often be a challenging experience and requires a mix of humility, determination, willpower and the ability to push yourself past your fears to realise new levels of achievement.

For many of those coming it was their first 'cold holiday', and,



despite some saying that they 'don't do cold holidays', everyone enjoyed the trip. Shade Henry said this: 'I had so much fun and challenged myself in ways I didn't think were possible. I left with new friends and new skills and I'm really grateful for such an amazing experience.'

The evenings were spent cooking, eating and fellowshiping together. One evening they all went on the 'extreme' tobogganing down a dedicated track – 3 kilometres long! Some loved it so much that they did it again, achieving speeds of up to 30mph, while others completed the run but will probably never do it again!

Some in the group took advantage of the facilities in the valley, visiting the spas and touring around the villages. The week went by too fast. Joanna Matheson said, 'It was a truly amazing experience hitting the slopes in the French Alps with friends amid God's creation. I will definitely go back next year!' Lauren Forde saw it this way: 'Being in the mountains brought to my mind the reflection of God in nature and the fact that you are capable of much more than you can imagine.'

On the last Sabbath the group drove to Geneva and spent the day at Adventist Fellowship Geneva, an English-speaking church. After potluck they walked around the city on a mini Reformation tour, visiting the Reformation Wall built to commemorate the city's key role in the Reformation, as well as St Peter's Cathedral, at which John Calvin pastored for many years. On their way home they stopped in Paris for a quick look at the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées before arriving safely home.

PASTOR ADAM RAMDIN (NEC YOUTH DIRECTOR)



ASNA launches #thinkaboutit online course

Over 250 have signed up for #thinkaboutit, the Disability Ministry awareness free online training course. Sophia Nicholls, SEC Disability and Diversity Director, expressed that she was encouraged by this excellent start. She was also delighted that the course was available online to enable as many members as possible to access the information. The training was developed to provide opportunities for members to take the time for self-reflection and attitudinal and behavioural change towards making the Gospel accessible for all. The course was launched during the recent National Disability Awareness Week (19-25 June). Church and community members can sign up for the course on www.asna.info/think. The #thinkaboutit course can also be accessed by sending an email to info@asna.info.

obituary

Kevin Lyndon Courtney (1961-2017) d. 28 March. Kevin was a teenager when he began his search for faith after reading the Bible. He first went to a Baptist church on Chepstow Road near his home in Newport, South Wales. He enjoyed worship there but felt, in his heart and from what he had read in the Bible, that Sunday was not the right day of worship. He then began to attend the Seventh-day Adventist church on the same road, where he was baptised by Pastor Richard Vine. His mother, brother and sister soon followed his example and began to attend the church too.

Kevin quickly became involved in Pathfinders, Bible studies, camps, the youth club and other activities. His education

had been restricted by dyslexia but he managed to pass several exams, and when he left school he began employment, aged 18, at the Passport Office in Newport. He continued to work there for 32 years until the main office closed and he was made redundant in 2013.

Kevin was still single at the age of 30. He was happy but really wanted to settle down with a Christian woman and have a family. He joined Companions, a Seventh-day Adventist dating agency, and was a member for about three years until Tanya, aged 22, from Berkshire, joined it too. Within three weeks they began to write to each other and quickly developed a friendship. They married in 1994 at Newbold College, Binfield, close to where

Tanya lived in Bracknell. They then lived in Newport, where Lauren was born in 1995 and Gareth in 1998. Kevin threw himself into being a father, cooking, cleaning, running the home and looking after Tanya, who had mental health issues including anxiety.

He was loved and appreciated by everyone. He was a deacon and an elder in Newport Church. Then for five years the family attended Ystrad Mynach Church, where there was a very active group of children, as at the time there were no children in Newport Church. Later, when back at Newport, Kevin and Tanya were involved with the Children's Sabbath School and Kevin became leader of the Children's Department. For a short period they became joint leaders of Children's Ministries.

Kevin was just 56 years old when he collapsed at home and was admitted to hospital. It was discovered that he had diabetes and after a week he was allowed

home to recover. Sadly, within a few days he collapsed again and was taken into intensive care, where he died peacefully early the next morning.

Kevin's funeral was held on 13 April in Newport Church. Over 100 people filled the church for a very beautiful service conducted by Pastors David Rancic and Jeremy Tremear. A number of ministers attended, including Pastor Richard Vine, who had played such a special role in Kevin's life. People wore Chelsea blue to the funeral as Chelsea was his favourite team. Kevin was laid to rest in a peaceful cemetery at the top of a hill overlooking a valley and some distant hills. He leaves behind his wife, Tanya; his children, Lauren and Gareth; his mother, Rene; sister, Meryl; and brother, Nigel, and their families. Kevin had a strong faith and his Bible was buried with him. He is resting until Jesus returns to call him back to life, this time to live for ever.

TANYA COURTNEY



NEC Evangelism and Mission Roadshow (TMI)

Total Member Involvement is a full-scale, world-church evangelistic thrust that involves every member, every church, every administrative entity, and all forms of public outreach ministry. It is a General Conference initiative designed for the global Adventist family to participate in. In keeping with this the North England Conference has been running a number of Conference-wide programmes, training our members to become active in personal witnessing.

Known as the NEC Evangelism and Mission Roadshow, these events are a way to bring information directly to our members, thereby sparing them having to travel long distances to access training elsewhere. They are run by a contingent of departmental directors who are visiting different areas within the NEC to deliver various aspects of this training via workshops. The first of the roadshows was in Leeds with a minimal number of attendees.

In all the roadshows, there has been input from Pastor George Kumi (Ministerial Association Director) and Pastor Michael Simpson (Director of Personal Ministries, Church Growth, Church Planting and Adventist Mission and the co-ordinator for ADRA). There have also been guest contributions from Beulah Plunkett (Sabbath School and Women's Ministries Director), Naison Chitiyo, who presents a fascinating workshop on leading a Bible study (part of Pastor Simpson's team), and Dr Gina Miller (part of the Ministerial Association team), who offers an eye-opening workshop aimed at enhancing our Christian experience.

On 6 and 7 May the team descended to cater for Coventry, in Area 7. The Sabbath sermon was delivered by NEC President, Pastor Richard Jackson, followed by an afternoon's workshop on evangelism. The Coventry training has been by far the best-attended, with about fifty members present.

To find out when the TMI team will be bringing their roadshow to a venue near you, please check the NEC website and the Facebook page. Please keep this work in your prayers, and remember: 'The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.' *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 9, page 117.

LUNGANI SIBANDA (NEC COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA DIRECTOR)



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