EARTHQUAKE AND FLOOD – ADRA RESPONDS

Extensive flooding this year and a massive earthquake last year demonstrate just two of the areas where ADRA has been providing intentional support to hurting communities.

In Queensland, Australia, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia is working on the ground with local governments to plan cleanup and recovery activities to contribute to a process which will, according to experts, take years.

While ADRA continues to plan and assess the long-term needs of affected communities, ADRA Op Shops throughout flood affected Queensland continue to meet the immediate welfare needs of affected families.

In Toowoomba, which lies in the wake of what has been described as an 'inland tsunami', the local ADRA Op Shop assisted in providing food, clothing and emergency accommodation for those impacted by the torrent.

"You just do what any human would do," said Janet Hughes, Op Shop manager in Toowoomba. "We were able to call on our resources and assist as the needs arose."

In Gatton, ADRA Op Shop manager Ngaire Dare, who also coordinates ADRA's local youth support and training programme 'Focus for the Future', is working with emergency service authorities to provide additional clothing and blankets to the region's evacuation centre.
ADRA has also assisted in securing emergency accommodation for flood affected families in northern New South Wales, with volunteers safely accommodating 294 people in Moree overnight.

"We are committed to this response for the long-term," said ADRA Australia's CEO, Jonathan Duffy. "Our supporters have been extremely generous, but the amount of work to be done is almost incomprehensible."

Meanwhile, exactly one year on from the Haiti earthquake, ADRA reports that it has provided more than US$4 million in aid, personnel and assets to assist Haitian survivors in the months since the earthquake.

Throughout the twelve months that has passed since the 12 January 2010 earthquake, ADRA has been focused on managing displaced persons' camps, water purification, food, the distribution of non-food items, sanitation and hygiene, psychosocial support, education, and semi-permanent shelters. The international news programme 60 minutes, a news programme aired on the CBS network, highlighted ADRA's work.

To date, ADRA has built over 2,500 shelters for displaced families, benefitting more than 15,000 displaced persons. These efforts have been focused in the Carrefour district, just outside the city of Port au Prince, close to the epicentre of the quake.

For more on the work of ADRA or to donate, please visit www.adra.org.uk.

REVIVAL IN ACTION AT SEC EXPO  [Catherine Anthony Boldeau] Also a video report.

'Revival and Reformation' was the theme of the annual SEC Evangelism Expo held at Newbold College on Sunday, 9 January. Up to 800 lay leaders and clergy gathered together for this event.

A call to revival was delivered by Pastor Kirk Thomas, senior pastor at the Willesden Adventist church. He drew his message from the book of Jeremiah, focusing on chapters 20-22. His thesis was based on the initial resignation of the discouraged prophet, his resigning to the task of delivering the Word of God, to Jeremiah's reassignment by God to expand his mission field. In Jeremiah 20:7, the prophet is not only downcast and unwilling to go on preaching, but he is angry with God. He states, "O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I and hast prevailed" and in his anger he, (Jeremiah) resolves not to 'make mention of Him' (God) anymore. (verse 9). Thomas went on to relate how we, as contemporary Christians often resign our task to serve the Lord. He surmises that we resign our mission when we forget where God has brought us from and continues that this often is the result of focusing on the earthly instead of the heavenly. However, Thomas brings us back to the central point of the text that "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire..." (verse 9) and because of Jeremiah's spiritual awakening, he was able in the 21st chapter, to 'get back on track' and start fulfilling his mission. Finally, in chapter 22, he is given greater work by the God who had ordained him as a prophet to the nations even before he was born.

"The business of the church is evangelism," was the passionate response of SEC President, Pastor Sam Davis to the rousing and passionate devotional. "Our purpose as a Church is to fulfil the Gospel Commission and go and save souls," he continued. "2011 has been designated as a year of Revival
and Reformation and the leadership team of the Conference is committed to helping our pastors and members to be part of this revival to advance the work of God."

In talking about reformation, Pastor Davis introduced by DVD two forthcoming evangelistic initiatives to be spearheaded by the SEC. The first is Relay 2012. This evangelistic initiative focuses on the forthcoming 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in the United Kingdom. This programme will begin with training events for all areas of the SEC in 2011 and move to 'reaping' events in 2012 concluding with a Festival of the Laity late in the year. There is also a faith goal of baptising 2,500 people within the next two years. Pastor Terry Messenger, Personal Ministries director, emphasised, "There is a great work to be done in spreading the gospel during this period. There are many individuals who will come to London (and other parts of the United Kingdom) to participate in the atmosphere of the games. We have a unique opportunity to invite them to engage with the many activities that our church will do during this period."

The media is a strong force in our world today and the South England Conference has recently secured airtime on Revelation TV Sky Channel to broadcast programmes with Seventh-day Adventist content. There was obvious excitement at this ground-breaking project led by the Communication team. Further details will be released in due course.

The remainder of the day was devoted to evangelism training. Twenty-three seminars were held around the college campus. These were Reclamation, Simple Church (Lay People as Frontline Missionaries), Family Life, Prayer Ministries, Community Involvement, Personal Ministries, Ministry to Muslims and Asians, Messy Church, Straight Bible, Music, Reaching the Men, Stewardship, The Bible and Disability, Evangelismo Intergado, Children's Ministries, Prayer Ministries, Relational/Emotional Evangelism, Prison Ministries, Radio Evangelism, Youth and Teens Issues, Media in Evangelism, Community Ministries (focusing on Homelessness), Sabbath School, and Women's Ministries.

The day concluded with a plenary session with all the presenters. Members were given a chance to ask questions and give comments and suggestions about the evangelistic outreach of the South England Conference. This programme was recorded for radio and will be broadcast in the future.

Reflecting on the day's events and the evangelistic programme of the Conference, the President said, "We have a golden opportunity to spread the message that God loves you, He wants to save you and that He is coming back for you. In our generation, there are so many methods that can be used for outreach, so, no-one really has an excuse not to do evangelism. I believe that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can achieve great things for God".

Watch the SEC media YouTube report or view photos of the day on the BUC picture gallery.

**HOPE CHANNEL: GROWTH AND CHANGE**

Hope Channel viewers in the UK and Ireland will get more programming in English from 1 February 2011. The channel which originally served viewers from North Africa and the Middle East across to Russia and Scandinavia in a variety of languages is changing format allowing for 13 hours of English each day in two blocks. Our church members have been pleading for more programming in English for a number of years and with the opening of the Arabic, German and Romanian channels this has now become a possibility alongside programmes that
will benefit the Russian-speaking diaspora. Programmes in English will be available from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 1:00 am each day. At other times the programmes will be for the Russian/Ukrainian communities. We believe that this is a positive step forward along with plans for some presence on a Sky Christian channel in the near future.

2011 also sees a further change to the satellite signal which means all viewers need to retune their set-top boxes this week in order to continue viewing. The current frequency will stop airing on Wednesday 19 January. The new frequency is: 11642MHz. All other parameters stay the same. An auto scan on your set-top box should find the new frequency for you. For more details visit <www.hopetv.org.uk>. A list of service providers who may be able to help you retune is available in the technical section.

Hope Channel President, Brad Thorpe is apologetic regarding the change recognising that it is a major inconvenience having to retune yet again. He states, "Our satellite space provider for Hope Channel Europe is changing transponders on the satellite and we are being forced to change too. This means we have to have EVERY dish that is receiving Hope Channel Europe change the parameters so that they can continue to receive Hope Channel Europe." While it is inconvenient it is something that has been forced on Hope Channel – and is not an infrequent occurrence for other channels as well. We hope that you can retune this week and so continue to receive the expanded service of nurture and evangelism in your home.

PASTOR SACKEY RETIRES AFTER 44 YEARS IN MINISTRY  [Nana Sifa Twum]

Retirees, they say do no longer have to punch a time clock. They can rather in retirement do what they want, when they want and anytime they want. If this saying is anything to go by then, Pastor Ebenezer Obodai Sackey lived it before stepping right into retirement proper.

He had all the time he needed on the second Sabbath of 2011 at the London Ghana church. For his retirement service he preached, conducted the Mass Choir, sang, feasted with colleague ministers, fellowshipped and above all worshipped the King.

It was really a great day not only for himself, but also for the entire community of Ghanaian Adventism – especially those in Europe particularly the UK and Ireland. Church members as well as ministers, family members and relations had travelled from far and near, some from overseas to bid the renowned minister a befitting farewell from his 44-year successful ministerial career.

Dignitaries among the very large congregation included the President of the BUC, as well as the President of the SEC, Pastors Don McFarlane, Sam Davis, and their predecessors, Pastors Cecil Perry and Humphrey Walters together with other departmental leaders. It was a moment of mixed feelings as well as inspiration as Pastor Sackey sat close to his wife Alice and listened to citations read by the dignitaries and other well-wishers to them.

The emotions climaxed with a special song composed by Padmore Awuah who was taught by Pastor Sackey when he was a teacher in a village in Ghana. It was sung beautifully by the London Ghana Church Choir. "I taught Padmore some decades ago, and if I whipped you or did anything bad to you please forgive me – you have made my day," Pastor Sackey, close to tears, responded.

When he mounted the pulpit for the last time before his official retirement, Pastor Sackey inspired the gathering with all the good things about heaven. He bid all gathered to endeavour to be in heaven and added that "for all the things the Lord has promised are not myth but real." Emphasising his presence in heaven, he also
expressed the desire to meet people he had struggled with in carrying out God's work here in the UK and elsewhere.

The afternoon saw more than 10 singing groups and individuals in a great exposition of Adventist music. Pastor Sackey, himself a musician, sat in the front row together with Pastors Davis and Walters and their wives to thrill their souls with soul-revival lyrics and rhythms.

He stole the show by doing what he does best when he was invited to conduct the Mass Choir of over 100 singers. Their tune was the famous Hallelujah Chorus. With artistic and flexible hand movements, beaming eye signals and beautiful body movement, the 65-year-old retiring pastor did not only entertain the gathering but also left them with untainted memories with his conducting skills.

The programme which was streamed live via the church website also saw an eight minute pictorial documentary of the life of Pastor Sackey. He received a number of gifts and plaques – one of which came from the SEC, which was presented to him by President Davis. In the words of the President, Pastor Sackey has over the years worked faithfully and diligently with the Conference. He has been a mentor to many a young minister. "He is a fantastic church planter and an inspirational fundraiser. I have been telling churches who are struggling to raise monies for projects to learn from Pastor Sackey," Pastor McFarlane observed.

Pastor Sackey arrived in the United Kingdom at the request of the SEC in 1997 to pastor the then growing London Ghana church. On his arrival the membership of the church was less than 200. Today there are not only nearly 600 members worshipping in the church, there are also seven more churches, daughters of the first church he pastored. Until his retirement, he was the church pastor for the South East Community, Elephant & Castle, and Milton Keynes International churches, all with principally Ghanaian congregations. He had also pastored the Clapton and the All Nation churches.

Will his retirement be one of idleness and leisure? Undoubtedly not! Pastor Sackey states, "I will want to return to Ghana and provide help where I can, preferably to assist the Valley View University".

A selection of photos from the day are available on the BUC picture gallery.

SERIOUS CAR CRASH HAS POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES  [Peter Jeynes]

[Editor's note: Pastor Peter Jeynes of the Lincoln and Newark churches, and an avid communicator, could not be held back from reporting the positive side of a serious car accident that hospitalised him on Thursday, 6 January. We wish him a speedy recovery.]

"A43 accident causes chaos in rush hour", so the banner read in the Northants Evening Telegraph. "Fire crews had to cut free the driver of the silver Vauxhall estate car after the car was spun around on to the grass verge."

That was the main story – but the back story has more interest. The other car in the crash was sitting in the middle of the road with the new pastor of the Lincoln and Newark churches sitting in it. Breathing was rather difficult, after all a 50mph impact does rather take the breath away.
While the two fire engines, four ambulance vehicles, assorted police cars and passing doctors were on the scene the lady in the silver car was asking after my health as I sat in my car. When I was finally extracted and was sitting on the step of the fire engine, an ambulance man stepped up and said, "hello Peter."

Why? A year ago mail for my neighbour at number 18 used to land on my doorstep. The mail, addressed to my namesake, was duly delivered and a friendship begun. Care was offered during illness and Christmas cards exchanged. It was then Peter the ambulance man, my neighbour, who made sure that Peter the pastor had excellent treatment at the crash scene. He also invited me to his wedding – which put a needed smile on my face.

A two night stay in hospital with the diagnosis of a fractured sternum was a real learning experience. A nursing assistant, the son of an Anglican lay preacher was offered words of comfort, a Filipina nurse found a new friend in the pastor's wife while a visit to the hospital by Norman and Wendy Hopkins from Wellingborough church provided a very positive talking point for the hospital ward.

Recuperation is in progress, but the good things don't stop. The imam of a Middlesbrough mosque took the time to make sure that his Christian friend was prayed for at Friday prayers. A friendship is strengthened.

Did I learn from the accident?

I discovered that God has designed the body so well that the actual moment of the crash has been blanked from my mind – I'm not going to relive that experience over and over again. I thank God that I hit the car where the least possible damage would take place for me and for the driver of the other car. I also thank God that Christians are not immune from pain. At the same time I realise that I don't have to think that I have suffered because of something that I did. Accidents do happen – cars do drive out in front of us while we are on the Lord's business.

Now all I need is a new small car to replace my poor little blue wreck, for the need of painkillers to reduce, and for me to recover fully. Thank you for the prayers and good wishes from so many people.

COURT OF ARBITRATION ROLE FOR FORMER SPRINT CHAMPION

Blondel Thompson, an active member of the Chelmsley Wood Seventh-day Adventist church, is to become an arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration for Sport, based in Lausanne, Switzerland. Thompson, a keen sportsperson in her own right, and a former British 100 metres record holder, reached the sprint hurdles semi-finals at the 1974 European Championships. However as her faith developed she made a conscious choice not to race on Sabbath – a greater difficulty to progression in the sport back then than in the more open world of athletics today.

Blondel is a practising barrister who for the past 20 years has specialised in crime and sports law. She says, "I have been doing sports law for a while now and this new role is a natural progression," adding that she is looking forward to the new challenge.

Blondel's faith is not something that is left on the doorstep of the church. While she is active in her local congregation, currently serving as Sabbath School leader, she states that "faith is important in everything you do." In church she is known as a "spiritually dependable, very down-to-earth person who is always willing to give her all," according to church elder, Elisha Johnson. He says, "She puts
her whole heart into it," and that faith and attitude then transfers itself into court. She always prays before going into court – and indeed before starting to work on a case. She sees this as important.

Still a keen jogger, Blondel believes Christians should be involved in sport. "It strengthens you mentally and physically. It disciplines you as a person," she says.

This is seen in her family. Besides her being a former British and Commonwealth record holder, her two brothers were professional footballers and her son is a former World Indoor 400 metre champion. This has helped Blondel to develop an expertise in Sports law. She has been instructed by Sport Resolutions since 2001 as Chairwoman in cases of child protection, football, swimming, anti-doping and the illegibility appeal involving the Sports Council recognition of a sport. She now looks forward to her new role in the Court of Arbitration.

**MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE – NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS** [Patrick Herbert]

'Hosting the Homeless and Loving the Lonely,' was the Christmas day theme for the New Life Community Seventh-day Adventist church, Birmingham. The regular members, joined by friends and community guests gathered to share the message of Christmas in word and deed. The intention of New Life was to reach those in the community who were alone, homeless or in need at Christmas.

As early as Thursday, 2 December, an invitation was placed in the local Sandwell paper encouraging all lonely, homeless and in need at Christmas to come and spend Christmas day with the New Life family. The day involved the Christmas story, following Matthew's account, incorporating solos, narration and carol singing. After the worship came the 'cordon bleu cuisine' – Christmas dinner prepared and served on the finest platter by a catering team who were relatives of the New Life church members.

The media proved to be an effective means of advertising as several individuals responded to it in different ways. On the day the article was placed in the paper, New Life Leader, Winsome Brown-Baadjes, was immediately contacted by two ladies who wanted to donate financially to the programme. Michael, who was lonely saw the advert, came to the programme. Ray, even during the worship service, phoned to see if there was room for one more person for the dinner. New Life even went to the effort of laying on transport for those in the community who needed it, in order to come and have Christmas dinner. Many from the community came for the worship programme and also for dinner. New Life members endeavour to keep in touch and give support to the guests from the community. Through the warm interaction it was discovered that there are people in need right on their doorstep. A couple shared the fact that their house had burned down and that was the reason they attended on Christmas day.

Throughout Christmas and into the New Year, New Life have been involved in catering for the homeless. Through their community links, they have partnered up with Sandwell Council and Centrepoint Christian Church to meet the needs of the lonely and homeless. Their work is attracting attention from the community, so much so that, donations from local retailers, councillors, and individuals, both giving financial and food donations.

New Life's community work is making inroads and local people are becoming aware of the presence of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Hill Top, West Bromwich. Through their outreach the members are finding that the need for this kind of service is in
great demand and they are only able to reach a small corner of the community. Their work has been recognized so much so that they have been granted permission to place a permanent sign, with the Seventh-day Adventist Church logo, on the Community Centre where they worship.

The burden to minister in this capacity was shared in the newspaper advert, placed in the local paper. Winsome Brown-Baadjes shared her pledge to take care of the homeless and lonely this Christmas. This motivation stemmed from the memory of a homeless man whose body was found slumped across the stairs of West Bromwich Town Hall on Christmas day in 2005. Ever since that time, Winsome has had a desire to put her concern into action at Christmas time by ministering to the needs of the homeless. This work is done heeding the gospel commission recognizing that one day, "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" [Matthew 25:40 NKJV]

**CRB APPLICATIONS GO PAPERLESS** [Eric C Lowe]

Plans are almost finalised for a new paperless CRB disclosure application process which will be available to local church child safety representatives from Monday, 17 January 2011.

For a number of years the church has used an online CRB disclosure application process provided by Atlantic Data. This was a great improvement on the hand completed forms providing greater accuracy and checking mechanisms. This meant fewer mistakes and less need for forms to be sent back for correction. However, it still entailed a process whereby the applicant, having completed part of the form online, had to wait for the printed form to arrive by post from Atlantic Data so that they could date and countersign it. It then had to be forwarded to the BUC office by post for the countersignatory section to be signed and dated and then finally the completed form was posted off to the CRB.

A paperless process has been available for a while but as a church we were not processing enough disclosures per annum to qualify for this service.

The good news is that Atlantic Data have now been allowed by the CRB to serve as an umbrella organisation offering this paperless process – called ‘e-bulk’ – to smaller organisations that would not otherwise have qualified. The BUC, in conjunction with the two Conferences, has entered into an agreement with Atlantic Data so that we can benefit from this accurate and speedy system.

This system makes it possible for the approved Identity Document checker and the applicant to complete the form at one sitting at a computer with internet access without any physical signatures. The application is then transmitted electronically via Atlantic Data straight to the CRB.

A letter explaining this new process has been sent this week to ministers, elders and local church child safety representatives along with a visual flow chart. This information is also available on the Executive Secretary page of the BUC website.

We believe this will give greater accuracy, speed and efficiency to the process and we trust that it will thereby provide a better service to the church.

**LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTERS AND ELDERS** [Alan Hodges]

At the request of pastors and church leaders, the British Union Conference Ministerial Association is planning to conduct a series of training seminars for pastors and local church elders during 2011. Two seminars for pastors, repeated for elders are already in the calendar.
The first seminar for pastors, "Becoming a Visionary Leader," will be presented by Danilo Copiz in the BUC Board Room, Stanborough Park, Watford, at 10:30 am on Tuesday 15 February 2011. It will be repeated for local church elders at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 16 February 2011.

Danilo Copiz is a graduate of Newbold College and currently is the CEO of a firm for training managers and leaders with its base in Germany. He was also deeply involved with setting up a new and successful church in Copenhagen for reaching the unchurched.

The second seminar for pastors, "Creating Inspiring Worship in Your Church," will be presented by Stephen Currow in the BUC Board Room, Stanborough Park, Watford, at 10:30 am on Tuesday 29 March 2011. It will also be repeated for local church elders at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 5 April 2011.

Stephen Currow is Principal Lecturer in Pastoral Studies at Newbold College, who, after eight years of teaching at Newbold, will be taking up a new appointment later this year as Principal of Fulton College, Fiji in the South Pacific.

As seating is limited to approximately 50, so registration will be on a first come first served basis. The presentations will be recorded and the video placed on the BUC website for those who wish to watch online at a later date. Pastors who register and attend the seminars will be eligible for continuing education credits issued by the General Conference Ministerial Association. A registration form can be downloaded from the Ministerial Association page on the BUC website.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

From his poor and humble upbringing in a windmill in his native Holland, Reinder Bruinsma went on to become a writer, author, school principal, church pastor and experienced church commentator and leader who is open to be challenged by those of other faiths and points of view. He is this week's special guest on the Hope TV website and satellite.

Friday 14 January: 4:30 am and 8:00 pm: Elsie Staple
Sabbath 15 January: 3:00 pm: Elsie Staple
Monday 17 January: 3:00 am and 9:00 pm: Reinder Bruinsma
Wednesday 19 January: 8:00 am and 8:30 pm: Reinder Bruinsma
Friday 21 January: 4:30 am and 8:00 pm: Reinder Bruinsma
Sabbath 22 January: 3:00 pm: Reinder Bruinsma

If you are watching on satellite please be sure to retune your set-top box this weekend.

COMING EVENTS

For a full listing of coming events visit <www.adventistevents.org.uk>. New events are added on a daily basis.

NURTURING YOUR MUSICAL TALENT. Saturday, 15 January. A wonderful AYS programme from 5:15 – 7:00 pm hosted by Lewisham church’s Youth department. Featuring Paul Lee who will bless us in song and Mark Bunney who will be playing his saxophone. This is a free event. Address: 428-434 Lewisham High Street, Lewisham, London, SE13 6LJ. Contact: Michelle Samuel <michelle.samuel84@googlemail.com>. Phone: 07784287863.

LOVE WITHOUT END. Sabbath, 22 January. We are pleased to announce that Croydon Adventist Gospel Choir will be appearing at Hampstead Church, 66 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 2BE, during Divine Service, as well as at 5:00 pm, Saturday 22 January. During the afternoon session, they will be performing their highly acclaimed musical/dramatic programme, Love Without End. Special guest preacher: Pastor David Klinedinst, from the Iowa-Missouri Conference, USA. Pastor Klinedinst will also be delivering further presentations, 10:30 am Sunday, and 7:30 pm Wednesday. All welcome. Contact: Humphrey Walters <hgwalters7@aol.com>. Phone: 07956 922121.

MEN'S MINISTRIES DAY - CHATHAM. Sabbath, 22 January. Men's Ministries Day hosted by the Chatham church. Theme: Men of Excellence - Men who stand tall in a fallen world. Venue: Rainham School for Girls Technology College, Derwent Way, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 0BX. Guest speaker: Pastor Ian Sweeney, NEC President. Sabbath School will be led by the Chatham Youth department with special music throughout the day by Inspired Redemption, Higher Ground and other distinguished artistes. Lunch provided. For further information, contact lead coordinators - Bro Raymond Mutumhe 07868417005 <raymondmutumhe@yahoo.co.uk>; Kotikeni Charles 07775722163 <kotikeni2002@yahoo.com>; Ian Gundah 07411886500; Dominic Gysai 07956881566. Pastoral lead pastor Israel Williams 07885975829.

HACKNEY 30TH CELEBRATION CONCERT. Saturday, 22 January. Hackney's Back to the Future Concert Part II takes place 22 January. Venue: The Advent Centre, 37-39 Brendon Street, off Edgware Road, London, W1H 5HD. Starts: 7:00 pm. Admission: £5.00 Adults; £3.00 children under 16. Part of the proceeds will go towards our church building fund. Nearest tube is either Edgware Road or Marble Arch. Enjoy a fusion of artists from "back in the day" and the present. Food and drink will also be on sale. Contact: Patsy Reid <patsyre29@gmail.com>. Phone: 07947158537.

LIVING THE EVANGELISTIC LIFE. Friday, 28 January to Sunday, 30 January. A retreat for all Personal Ministries personnel and anyone else who is interested. Pastor David Klinedinst, evangelist/trainer from the Iowa Conference in the USA will demonstrate how to live an effective evangelistic lifestyle. This is a must to attend if your church is serious about evangelism! Cost is heavily subsidized at £100 each. Deadline for application is 14 January 2011. Venue: Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

MENS DAY IN BEDFORD. Sabbath, 29 January. This is going to be a fantastic day for men of all ages... Lunch provided so please bring a friend. This event is for the men who are serious! – who want to be more effective in their Christian walk with God, family and friends. Venue: Bedford (Central) Adventist church, 73 Bromham Road, Bedford, Beds, MK40 2AQ. Contact: Edward <delle29@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07958 923339.

LETS BUILD TOGETHER. Saturday, 29 January. Fundraising Concert hosted by Chiswick Gospel Choir. Featuring Chiswick Junior Gospel Choir, 3IHN, Tessera, Paul Lee, Louanne Sampson and Leon Barclay. Doors open 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start. Venue: Chiswick Adventist Church, Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 0XW. Contact: Jose Morgan <choir@chiswicksda.org.uk>. Phone: 07946 200491.
SMALL ADS

JOHN JAMES HINCHLEY AND HUGO KENNEDY. The British Union Conference Seventh-day Adventist Retirement Plan is seeking to make contact with John James Hinchley and Hugo Kennedy. If anyone knows their whereabouts we would appreciate you contacting us by email on secretariat@adventist.org.uk. Thank you.

SNAP – CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS. Mike and Vicky Beamish would draw to your attention that the ‘Support Network for Adventist Parents’ has a new contact telephone number due to a house move: 01242 890566. The email address remains the same: snap.sda@tesco.net.

JOB VACANCIES. The Adventist Discovery Centre based in Watford is looking for a part-time Clerical Assistant to provide Maternity Cover for six months. The British Union Conference is seeking a part-time secretary (24 hours per week) to provide Maternity Cover. Newbold School is looking for a Headteacher. For full details visit: <http://www.adventistnews.org.uk/vacancies.php>.

CHURCH CHAIRS. Dundee Seventh-day Adventist church has around 60 steel chairs for sale, as they are replacing theirs. If you are interested, please email: marcel@sdascotland.com or call: 07814009063.

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