ADVENTISTS RESPOND TO NEW ZEALAND QUAKE

In the wake of devastation and death spawned by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake that struck Christchurch, New Zealand's city centre on 22 February, Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific are responding with material and spiritual support.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA NZ) has been working closely with the civil authorities and the Salvation Army to provide immediate physical relief to those scattered in the three or four evacuation centres around Christchurch, reports Jarrod Stackelroth in the Record.

At least 98 people are known to have been killed, with another 226 still reported missing or trapped in collapsed buildings. Unlike the 7.1 magnitude quake which hit the same area last September, this tremor struck closer to downtown Christchurch, and at midday, when the area was packed with office workers and shoppers.

The denomination's Sanitarium Health Food Company in Papanui has been asked by Emergency Services in Christchurch, New Zealand, to provide a triage centre for the injured. The Christchurch Hospital, the largest tertiary teaching and research hospital in the South Island, was evacuated due to safety concerns and is now only admitting people with serious injuries.

Pierre van Heerden, General Manager for Sanitarium in New Zealand, said the site has been made available.

"We're blessed to have little damage to our buildings and to serve the wider community in times of devastation. The Christchurch factory in Papanui has a large garden and extra space for people to
congregate and use as a triage centre. We have a borehole on site that is functioning and that will give us an opportunity to provide fresh drinking water to the Christchurch community." Sanitarium also plans to provide Weet-Bix, milk and bottled water for those in need.

Craig Gillis, President of the Church in South New Zealand said, "At this time it is difficult to get much information about what has happened due to communication channels being blocked and overloaded. Our office staff are all fine. Christchurch Adventist School students, teachers and staff are fine, as are the preschools." Abraham Wilson, head elder of the Fijian Seventh-day Adventist church in Christchurch was sitting in front of his computer at the time of the earthquake. He told Radio Australia that as he sat there he could just see the door in front of him dancing with cutlery and glasses falling everywhere. He was pleased to be able to account for all one hundred of his members.

At this stage there aren't any reports on church members but the Record reports that a number of Adventist churches have experienced minor damage. However, it is anticipated that they will all be open for worship this Sabbath.

"We're shocked at what's happening in Christchurch," said Barry Oliver, President of the Church's South Pacific Division. "We want to assure the people of Christchurch and our Church community of our support. I invite everyone to pray for safety and a sense of peace."

**DREAMS COME TRUE FOR RETIRED PASTOR [John Surridge]**

Pastor Roger Neal, together with his wife Marilyn, have long dreamed of there being a church in Newtown, mid-Wales. It is an area of the country where the Adventist presence is very sparse, but when a number of members moved into the area from the North England Conference, the Neals began to encourage prayer meetings and then a Sabbath meeting alternate weeks.

Finding a suitable venue was a bit of a challenge, but in the middle of a housing estate the group found the somewhat neglected Treowen Community Centre. A long-term rental was agreed and over the last year they have breathed new life into this building. Every Sabbath it is now a hive of activity and the reputation of the fellowship lunches is such that often a number of youth from the community leave their bikes outside and join in!

In the fourth quarter of 2010 the group took the plunge and decided to go full-time. This demonstration of faith and commitment led the Welsh Mission Executive Committee to approve their organisation as an official Company, an event which took place on Sabbath 19 February.

"Newtown is a strategic location here in the Welsh Mission," said Welsh Mission President Pastor John Surridge, who led the organisation service. "It is right in the heart of mid-Wales and we really need a presence here. We're so pleased that a number of families have found work in this area and have decided to make it their home."
MANAGING MONEY BANBRIDGE STYLE  [Weiers Coetser]

As the recession shows no sign of abating in Northern Ireland, Patrinne Irvine, Simone Coetser, and Heather Keough decided to equip themselves with skills to help individuals and families get their finances back on track. They attended a training seminar run by the organization, Christians Against Poverty (CAP). CAP is a charity that trains money coaches and also provides specialised debt counselling. Patrinne, Simone and Heather completed a course that equipped them to present a money management seminar.

On Thursday, 10 February the three ladies launched their first seminar in the Banbridge church. They did extensive advertising for the event with posters placed in all the major supermarkets in Banbridge. Patrinne arranged two radio interviews about the project. One of these interviews on Shine FM, a local radio station, was recorded and has been posted on the Banbridge website. On the night of the launch 9 people arrived to participate in the first of three sessions on getting their finances in order. They were introduced to several principles of budgeting, recording their expenditure, and how to plan future expenditure. Participants were sent home with homework and a variety of printed and online resources to prepare an initial household budget. In the following two weeks participants will be introduced to a more comprehensive money management system.

Simone, CAP Money Coach, said: "We're thrilled to be able to launch CAP Money in Banbridge. With the recession still creating havoc with people's finances, it's a critical time for us to step in and help.

"Through the course we aim to bring hope to those in financial difficulty in the local community. Whilst many in the UK are reeling from the effects of the financial crisis, we are convinced that, with the launch of CAP Money, many will be saved from slipping further into debt, whilst picking up excellent financial skills that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives."

The vision is now spreading with their sister congregation in Belfast now inviting Patrinne, Heather and Simone to run the same course there in the near future.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS AT STANBOROUGH SCHOOL  [Vanessa Pizzuto]

Students from Hong Kong and Spain visited Stanborough Secondary School during February giving students a chance to enjoy the cultural richness of the encounter and to develop as responsible global citizens.

The two groups of international students came from Tai Po Sam Yuk Adventist School in Hong Kong and from Sagunto Adventist School in Spain. Between them over thirty students came to improve their language skills and, above all, to make lifelong lasting friendships with our students.

In addition to learning English, they had the opportunity to visit tourist sites such as London and Cambridge, and they even visited the Emirates Stadium to watch the Arsenal-Everton game. Fun-packed afternoon programmes were organized to ensure they squeezed the maximum out of each day! Though we were sad to say goodbye on the day of their departure, we are happy that they blessed us with their visit.

But the visits of our international friends are not over at all! Next month we will be hosting students from Maurice-Tiéche Adventist School, France and then from all over the world during our annual International Student Exchange Programme.
At Stanborough we believe that learning in an international context is essential for our students to meet the challenges of the 21st century and to develop as responsible, global citizens. Thus, we are thankful for the many opportunities that God has provided for our students to form well-informed views of the world that will enable them to act responsibly.

When asked about the experience, our students speak with the same enthusiasm. Colin, in Year 9, thinks that the best part of having international students visiting is to "make friends with all of them," and to "understand why people do things differently". Erika and Keleey, International Baccalaureate students, like to learn about their different cultures and languages. "I learnt to count up to 10 in Cantonese," Keleey said. When asked if there was anything she did not like about the international students Erika said "I don't like that they have to go back home!"

[Pictures: Daniel Saggers]

**NEWBOLD COLLEGE RESTRUCTURES**  [Katie Ramharacksingh/BUC News]

Extensive consultations on restructuring have continued this month at Newbold College, led by Acting Principal, Dr Svein Myklebust. As part of the process, 15 members of staff received 'notice of possible redundancy' letters on Friday 11 February. At the same time all recipients were invited to apply for the 7.5 new positions which the College is creating in order to redirect its resources.

Dr Myklebust and the Senior Management Team hope that the restructuring process will be completed by the middle of March and that, as a result, the College will be able to respond more effectively and economically to the needs of the Church in the Trans-European Division. The College is seeking to generate a new mindset for communicating the Gospel in the modern world. A robust recruitment process continues and all the courses in Theology and Ministry, and in English as a Second Language remain strongly subscribed. The College has plans to develop further its offerings for its Business students and those from the USA. The course in Media Studies has been discontinued.

Dr Bertil Wiklander, Chairman of the College Board says: "Members of the Board of Governors are well aware that these changes will create a lot of uncertainty about the future in the minds of staff. We are doing everything in our power to minimise that uncertainty while putting Newbold on a firmer footing for the future and preserving most of what makes Newbold valued by so many people."

Svein Myklebust adds, "The College has always exercised a significant influence in the Seventh-day Adventist Church disproportionate to its size. Everyone involved with the College is hopeful that this will continue to be the case."

Job insecurity is obviously difficult for staff at this time but the programme is being worked through in as positive a manner as possible. Support and counselling systems have been put in place, the church family is also providing strong support. Senior pastor, Patrick Johnson says, "all staff know that the church family has them in their prayers and this has equally been expressed during worship services.
and prayer meetings. Our office has been open and some have stopped by for a listening ear and for a word of prayer." He adds, "Newbold is my alma mater too and an institution I want to see prosper. Equally my heart goes out to all those staff who are dealing with these challenging issues."

Dr Myklebust is a long time friend of the college and is putting a lot of much appreciated energy into securing a strong future for the institution. He concludes, "We ask all those who have a place in their affections for Newbold to keep it in their thoughts and prayers as it puts a new shape on its future."

HEALTH SUMMIT: A FIRST FOR THE UK

With top speakers coming from around the world, the BUC Health Ministries department is planning a key health initiative for 2011, the first of its kind in the British Isles. The 'Wellness Summit', to run in late June aims to train, inspire and equip anyone who is interested in their own health and the health of others.

With a qualified team of trainers including Dr Handysides – GC Health Ministries director and his team the event will undertake a comprehensive training portfolio of courses and workshops offering evidence based holistic health programmes for church and community outreach. Health leaders, health professionals, church leaders and members will be able to choose from courses such as: Addictions – Breaking Free from Harmful Habits, Domestic Violence, Engaging Nurses in Health Ministry, Forgive to Live, Foundations of Health Ministry, Funding for Health Outreach Programmes, HEAL Educator/Distributor Course, Health Expo training, Health Expo for Children, Health & Faith Impact, Health Screening, Hydrotherapy, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), The WELLNESS Package, Vegetarian Food Instructor Course, Weight Management, and Youth Alive. After a day of lectures a complimentary massage will also be available and full use of the spa facilities on site.

UK delegates will be joined by others from around the Trans-European Division for this high calibre summit, therefore early booking is essential to guarantee your place. Details are as below: Dates: Tuesday 21 June - Sunday 26 June. Venue: Staverton Park Hotel, Daventry Road, Staverton, Northamptonshire, NN11 6JT. Cost: Day delegate: £55 per person, Shared room rate for 5 nights £508 per person, Single room £595 per person. Alternative B&Bs are available close to Staverton Park. Contact the BUC Health Ministries department on 01923 672251 and speak with Faye Weekes to register or email: <fweekes@adventist.org.uk>. Book before 1 May to reserve your place and avoid a £20.00 late booking fee.

NEW ADRA VOLUNTEER TRIPS [Godwin Benjamin]

Experience different cultures, see new faces, listen to stories, and get to know the people that benefit from the work of ADRA. This is a life changing opportunity to see community development work in action and learn how ADRA transforms lives.

ADRA-UK is joining ADRA Canada's Connections programme to give you the opportunity to participate in a short-term project with long-term, life changing potential.

You can join our team of volunteers as we travel to an ADRA project and meet families and communities who are struggling with poverty. Jump in and work beside community members as change takes place. Perhaps you'll build a house for a family without one, construct a dormitory so
rural people can attend skills training workshops, give attention and hugs to an orphan, visit and encourage an impoverished family, or help plant a vegetable garden. Whatever the task, you can be sure that your presence will make a difference.

2011 trips are planned for Peru (1-13 May) and Kenya (23 November – 5 December) with a special Youth trip planned for 20-30 December.

The journey to Peru combines mission and education into a 13-day experience of a lifetime. The mission will be to assist with the construction of a dormitory styled lodge at a training centre for rural Peruvians, built with funding from ADRA-UK. You will learn about the country of Peru as you visit Machu Picchu and other historic sites, meet its people face to face and see first-hand how ADRA works with the underprivileged of Peru.

Cost to participate in the Peru trip is around £800 per person, excluding flights to and from Peru. You will be responsible to arrange your own flights. Prices may vary due to currency fluctuations.

This volunteer programme is coordinated and managed by ADRA Canada. For more information and prices check the ADRA website.

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

While many leaders and members who could not attend last week's 'Visionary Leadership' seminar at the BUC offices have had opportunity to download the PowerPoint and listen to the audio lecture, we are pleased to announce that a video recording of the lecture is now available on the BUC News page of the Hope TV website. With just over two hours of material, the presentation by Danilo Copiz is a very hands-on practical demonstration of Visionary Christian Leadership based on his experience as an international businessman and his work within the Cafe church in Copenhagen, Denmark.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS 19-26 MARCH

Please note that a pdf version of the Youth Week of Prayer readings may now be downloaded directly from the General Conference Youth website for your personal and church use. However, no part of the readings may be posted to a website or social networking site for copyright reasons.

HOPE CHANNEL UPDATE

Many viewers are now enjoying the extra hours in English available on the new Hope Channel Schedule following the change of frequency last month. There are still some schedule issues to resolve but we have been assured by Hope Channel that the current Sabbath School Lesson will now be aired at 7 pm on Friday evenings. There will be further adjustments to the English schedule in the next few weeks in order to bring some of your favourite programmes into prime time. Thank you for your continued suggestions on key programmes that you would like in the schedule. More suggestions are still welcomed. For more on Hope Channel, to re-tune, or to watch online visit <www.hopetv.org.uk>.

This coming week on 'In Conversation':
Friday 25 February: 8:00 pm: **Marjukka Ostrovljanovic** – Teenage drug user to pastoral counsellor.
Sabbath 26 February: 12:30 am: Marjukka Ostrovljanovic
Monday 28 February: 9:00 pm: **Alexander Douglas** – Jazz in a Christian world?
Wednesday 2 March: 8:00 am and 8:30 pm: Alexander Douglas
Friday 4 March: 8:00 pm: Alexander Douglas
Sabbath 5 March: 12:30 am: Alexander Douglas

COMING EVENTS

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

THE HEAVENS DECLARE. Continuing to Thursday, 31 March. Popular talks about the universe with lessons about God's character and dealings with mankind drawn from planets, stars, and galaxies. Every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the Coleraine Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ratheane Avenue, Mountsandel, Coleraine. Speaker: Pastor Dr Mart de Groot, a former director of the Armagh Observatory. Contact: Mart de Groot <mart.degroot@gmail.com>. Phone: 02838 871252.

HEALTH MINISTRIES DAY: CAMP HILL CHURCH BIRMINGHAM. Sabbath, 26 February. Sabbath School 9:30 am. Theme: Self Esteem. Divine (11:00) and the AY services (16:00) will be led by Nyse Collins, owner at NyseLife Consultants Inc., a renowned health and wellness speaker. Nyse will cover various aspects of healthful living on the Sabbath and undertake a cooking school session on 27 February. This will start at 2:00 pm for approximately 4 hours. Entrance to all sessions is free; an offering will be taken up to help with Bro Collins' expenses. Contact: J Bell <jhb@doctors.org.uk>. Telephone: 0780 0761612.

THE PRELUDE LAUNCH TO IGNITE THE SPIRIT AT HACKNEY. Saturday, 26 February. The launch event to 'Ignite the Spirit' takes place at Hackney Adventist church, 164 Haggerston Road, London, E8 4JA. Sabbath 26 February during the Divine Hour, start time: 11:30 am. Featuring guest speaker: Ray Patrick. This will be the introduction to the series of special prayer meetings taking place every Wednesday night throughout March. All welcome. This event is sponsored by the Hackney Personal Ministries department. For more information contact Patricia Campbell; 07946 317 891 or Pastor Chitura <s.chitura@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07956 013615.

SPORTS EVENING WITH CAMP HILL CHURCH BIRMINGHAM. Saturday, 26 February. Everyone needs to get fit and stay fit. You and your friends are invited to a fitness evening to be held at the Calthorpe School, Darwin St, Birmingham, West Midlands, B12 0TJ. 0121 773 4637 – for map see www.calthorpe.bham.sch.uk/. Time: 6:30-10:30 pm. Cost: £2 for adults, £1 for children (5-15 years of age). Under 5s are free. Sports will include: badminton, aerobics, fitness suite, swimming, football, basketball. There will also be a seminar on Back Pain Management during this event. Contact: J Bell <jhb@doctors.org.uk>. Phone: 0780 0761612.

LIGHT OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT. Saturday, 26 February. Light of Hope International (LOHI) is a registered charity providing education, healthcare in Sierra Leone and an orphanage in Zambia. We want to raise £5,000 to complete the building of a health centre in Sierra Leone. Please support us on 26 February, 7:00 pm at Peckham Adventist church. Contact Laura Neale for more details <lneale2@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07954993044.

RHYME & DINE BANQUET. Saturday, 26 February. Pendeford Adventist church, Dovecote Community Centre, Ryefield, Wolverhampton, WV8 1UD. Pendeford Women's Ministries presents a banquet of all banquets. Come and rhyme & dine in style. 7:00 pm till late. £15 per ticket. Formal dress code: ladies in long dresses, men in suit and tie. Live entertainment, comedy sketch, poetry in motion, open mic. Prize given for the best poem. Vegetarian cuisine at its best. Contact: Valerie <vrl_kelso@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07950918252.
ADRA AGENTS' WORKSHOP. Sunday, 27 February. Training for ADRA agents for this year's Annual Appeal, from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm at Brixton church. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

HEALTH MINISTRIES COOKING SCHOOL WITH NYSE COLLINS. Sunday, 27 February. Nyse Collins, the owner at NyseLife Consultants Inc will undertake a cooking school using his knowledge and skills. This event is open to everyone. Learn how to get the most from your food and tips on how to lose weight. Tasters included. Time: 2:00 pm 'till 6:00 pm. Place: Camp Hill Adventist Church, Old Camp Hill, Sparkbrook Birmingham, B12 0JP. Contact: J Bell <jhb@doctors.org.uk>. Phone: 07800 761612.

IGNITE THE SPIRIT. Wednesday, 2 March to Wednesday, 30 March. Come and experience 'Ignite the Spirit' at Hackney Seventh-day Adventist church, 164 Haggerston Road, London, E8 4JA. Time: 7:30 pm. A series of lively special Wednesday night prayer meetings where we will learn God's purpose and intentions for our lives – running every Wednesday, 2 to 30 March. Featuring guest speaker: Ray Patrick. For more info contact: Patricia Campbell, 07946 317 891. (Programme sponsored by the Hackney Personal Ministries department). Contact: Pastor Chitura <s.chitura@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07956013615.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER (HOPE COMMUNITY BECKENHAM). Sabbath, 5 March to Sabbath, 12 March. Guest speaker: Andrew Fuller who will join us for the week. There will be a Youth Day on 12 March which will include a fellowship lunch, praise and reflection service and a social. All are welcome. Venue: The Pabya Centre, 56 Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QW. Contact: Deslynne Roberts <deslynner@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07961 814 871.

COUNTDOWN TO THE END SEMINAR. Saturday, 5 March to Saturday, 19 March. You are invited to attend the "Countdown to the End Seminar" with Pastor Shian O'Connor from the Cayman Islands and Stephanie Johnson (Singing Evangelist) from the USA. 5 - 19 March at 7:00 pm nightly (except Thursdays). Venue: Greenwich Adventist church, Devonshire Drive, Greenwich, London, SE10 8JZ. Contact: Timon <info@greenwichadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07944351801.

SPECIALY FOR WOMEN ~ TRAINING DAY DOMESTIC ABUSE. Sunday, 6 March. As part of the EnditNow campaign, this training day includes such topics as 'Finding out about domestic abuse', 'Patterns of abuse', 'Listening to Victim's voices', and includes discussion about what we can do about it. To be held at Dundee Adventist church from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided – please let us know how many are coming from your church. Contact the Scottish Mission office: Mrs C Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

JUMBLE SALE AT STANBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL. Sunday, 6 March. Jumble Sale at Stanborough Primary and Nursery School: 12 noon – 2:00 pm, at Appletree Walk, Watford, WD25 0DQ, with profits going to fund the new all-weather surface of the school's playground. You will find bargains for the whole family at our stalls: books, clothes, china, cakes, children's toys and excellent value cafe lunches. Come early to get the best deals! Contact: Helia Mateus <helia.mateus@gmail.com>. Phone: 07702408994.

DEVELOPING CULTURES OF TRUST. Tuesday, 8 March. The March Diversity Seminar at Newbold College investigates 'Developing Cultures of Trust'. Lecturer: Victor Pilmoor, Treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK & Ireland. Date: Tuesday 8 March. Place: Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, RG42 4AN. Time: 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served. Contact: Helen Pearson <hpearson@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344-407580.

DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUP TRAINING. Friday, 11 March to Sunday, 20 March. Need some intensive training on how to lead Small Groups, LIFEdvelopment groups, Study groups or Discipleship groups? Then come to Watford in March. Pastor Jonathan Burnett (USA) will conduct this both theoretical and practical training. He comes recommended following a similar BUC training programme at Nottingham University last year. You will not want to miss this innovative approach to Discipleship Groups. Training times: Friday, 11 March 7 - 9 pm. Sabbath, 12 March 9:45 am - 11:00
am; 11:15 am - 12:15 pm, (sermon); 5 - 7 pm. Sabbath, 19 March 9:45 am - 11:00 am; 11:15 am - 12:15 pm (sermon). Sunday, 20 March 10 am - 12 pm. Venue: Watford Town Adventist Church, 187 Leavesden Road, North Watford, WD24 5EG. For more information contact: <ebrooks@adventist.org.uk> or Jonathan Barrett on 01923 490110.

LIVE: ST AUSTELL PRESENTS - PHILIPPA HANNA. Saturday, 12 March. Philippa Hanna is an amazing singer/song writer from Sheffield from an extremely musical family with the success of her cousins (Richard and Danny from Embrace) and her brother Stuart (bassist for Jamiroquai, Mark Ronson). Philippa has a hard act to follow; however she is winning fans and making friends all over the globe. It is with great delight that LIVE: St Austell has managed to get her down to Cornwall once again to bless us with her talented music. Start time: 5:30 pm, Ticket prices: £3, Running time: 2 hours. Address: The Keay Theatre, Tregonissey Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4DJ. Contact: Steven Hulbert (SteveO) <happytobebeans@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07772582133.

PUPPET MINISTRY WORKSHOP (FEATURING ANETTE MOORE). Sunday, 13 March. Get hands-on experience of puppetry, including basic and some advance puppet manipulation skills, starting and resourcing your puppet ministry, and more. Suitable for VBS/Pathfinder leaders, School workers, Children's Ministries/Sabbath School workers, Youth workers, Adults and Young people. Unsuitable for children under 10 years, unless part of a puppet group. See a puppet being made and get the chance to have it for your ministry. Save £s on resources – all at discounted prices. Registration fee (non-refundable): £5 until 3 March or £8 thereafter. Cheques payable to: Willesden SDA Church (on back - Puppet Workshop). Workshop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Registration from 9:30 am. Lunch and refreshments provided. Venue and Registration Fee: Willesden Adventist Church, Corner Glebe Road/Pound Lane, London, NW10 2JD. Free street parking, nearest Tube: Dollis Hill. To register: email or tel. as indicated. State: name, email/mobile & no. places. First come first served. Contact: Yvonne Cummins <evesancum@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07904906204.

SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING WORKSHOP. Sunday, 13 March. A workshop for Area 6D Sabbath School leaders and teachers. Learn how to revitalize your Sabbath School with best teaching methods and practices. Sunday, 13 March 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Chiswick church. This is open to all Sabbath School leaders and teachers in Area 6D. Registration is not required. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

CORE SKILLS TRAINING PART 2. Sunday, 13 March. Children's Ministries Core Skills Training session part 2 to be held at Dundee Adventist church – all day event 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Let Carole know at the Scottish Mission office if you plan to attend. Lunch provided. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF BUC OFFICE. Sunday, 13 March. The official opening of the new BUC office, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD25 9JZ will take place on Sunday, 13 March 2011 with a service of Appreciation and Thanksgiving at the Stanborough Park church followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new building. The President of the World Headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Ted Wilson, will be a special guest on the day. Contact: Jacquei Johnson <jjohnson@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

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SMALL ADS

BECKTON MARANATHA NEEDS A PIANIST. Beckton Maranatha is a church known for its strong music, but unfortunately we lack a resident pianist. We are now seeking a volunteer to come and help us improve our music experience. You will need to worship from Beckton (East London) every Sabbath and help us with choir practice. If this is you, please contact Rachel Nabudde at r.nabudde@b2si.co.uk.
£45 REGISTRATION FEE FOR BUC YOUTH CONGRESS – time is running out! Hurry to register for the BUC i–Change Youth Congress at the reduced price of £45. After 1 March, prices will be increasing to £60 so you don't want to miss out! Visit www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress today to register.

CAN ISAAC TALK HIS WAY INTO YOUR HEART? Isaac is 5 and has blossomed living with his great grandmother who he calls "nanny" but due to her advancing age she is no longer able to look after him. Nanny, who will remain in good contact with Isaac, describes him as a happy, chatty, energetic and affectionate child. He is sociable and contented but can be shy and quiet too. He enjoys outdoor activities like going to the park, climbing and riding his bike. He also likes to draw, play with his train set and Nintendo DS game. Isaac is Black British of Jamaican origin and needs a permanent family to reflect his cultural background, either in a one or two parent family where he could be the youngest child. Could YOU be his forever family? For further information please contact Ruth Montoute on 020 8356 6318 or email ruth.valentine-montoute@hackney.gov.uk.

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