OXFORD MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

The Oxford Adventist church Music School, a dream of Sophia Nicholls, saw 24 children from ages 6 - 16 years praising the Lord through music and song. Sophia says "I believe the use of music to be one of the ways we can teach children about the love of God and to help them develop new and long lasting skills which can be used in the service of God in the church and local community.” Children from the Oxford church and local community came together to learn the rudiments of music and how to play songs of praise and worship. Many of the children who attended the school had never played an instrument before. It was great to see their happy and joyful faces shine with delight as they realised the new skills they had achieved.

Comments from the children and parents included the following – "We can't wait to go back mummy," "it should have been longer," "it's great to see even the young ones playing along.” The summer school culminated in a wonderful mini concert which took place on Sabbath, 20 August where the children played both individual pieces and ensemble pieces arranged by Dr Diana Sinclair, NEC Music director.

The Summer Music School saw the launch of the Oxford Adventist church MAJOR (Make A Joyful nOise to the LoRd) Ensemble and Children's Choir. Children in Oxford church and the surrounding community will be encouraged to sign up to the
school to learn new praise and worship songs, take music grades and present their talents to the glory of God.

Thanks go to Dr Diana Sinclair, Yolande Hudson, Vivienne Alexander and Sophia Nicholls – the Music School staff team for their sterling work during the project. For more information about the Oxford church Music School or the MAJOR Ensemble/Choir please contact Sophia Nicholls on 07768 298 297.

COWBOY PRESIDENT AT ABERDARON FAMILY CAMP  [Geraldene Farmer]

He may have recently been voted as President of the Adventist Church in the North of England, but that did not stop Pastor Cyril Sweeney from strapping on the cowboy gear and 'doing his stuff' at the North England Conference Family Camp concert at Aberdaron. Families gathered from as far afield as Scotland, London, Grantham and the West Midlands and many places in-between to meet up with old friends, make some new ones and simply enjoy the great outdoors and fellowship, 22 – 31 July, in a camp that has been described as 'a resounding success'. Even the weather played along and full advantage was taken of the bright summer sunshine to explore the beautiful coastline and generally get as much fresh air as possible whether playing volleyball, cricket, crab football or simply enjoying group activities alfresco.

Pastor 'cowboy' Sweeney continued in his role as camp master, even with his new responsibilities, and between him and his associate, Tim Clee, they kept things turning over admirably. They were not fazed as they dealt with day to day matters like handling campers' concerns, keeping the camp programme running smoothly, deciding which tables should be fed first, and supervising the seemingly endless group of young bell-ringers eager to wake up campers, or to call them to meals or worship.

Camp Padre, Pastor Clifford Herman, Scottish Mission Family Ministries Sponsor, spent the week reminding campers of the fruit of the spirit and how it should manifest in their lives. There was good worship singing, excellently led by Kristina Hammond and Claire Peacock with George Acquah and others providing piano accompaniment. Adam Ohman did a great job of creatively piecing together the camp drum kit and providing tasteful percussion to complement the lively singing.

Young campers were kept occupied with daily activity groups, arts and crafts, bouncy castle, a sand building competition, treasure hunt, water bomb fight and much more. Special thanks must go to all the camp staff who gave up their time to keep our children occupied and safe. The Thursday afternoon children's party was a colourful event with children dressed up in costumes from around the world. The day ended with a concert compered by Pastor Sweeney, dressed as a cowboy.

The Friday night programme provided a memorable evening of introspection and recommitment to our faith as campers participated in a very creative and moving communion service with beautiful music and well chosen scriptures enhancing the occasion.

No report on this camp would be complete without commenting on the excellent food provided by Fiona Cooper and her helpers who worked tirelessly to keep the many mouths well fed every day.
Campers commented daily on the quality and the quantity of the food they were getting as well as the cheerfulness of the kitchen staff.

It is hoped that Family Camp will be bigger and even better next year. Geraldene Farmer, NEC Family Ministries director said, "Judging by the number of enquiries received to date we anticipate a scramble for the limited number of new family tickets which will be available at the end of the summer holidays. Details will be on the Family Ministries web page from 7 September." Next year's Family Camp will be held 22 - 31 July 2012.

A selection of photos from the camp are available in the BUC Picture gallery.

**TEN MOVE 100,000**

If ten men can move 100,000 books, magazines and pieces of literature, then it should be easy for 32,000 to give out just five pieces each. That was the conclusion of 'volunteers' conscripted from the BUC office this week to help move pallet loads of literature into the BUC office ready for distribution to churches across the South England Conference. A further 80,000 pieces of literature have been delivered to the North England Conference office, and supplies are also available for Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

'The Power of 32,000' happens on Sabbath, 24 September at a church near you – where individual church members and friends have a chance to share a message of hope with their communities by giving a book, magazine or tract to at least five of their friends, neighbours or others. With an increasing membership size it follows on from the success of 'The Power of 31,000' in 2010. BUC Evangelism director, Pastor Eglan Brooks, was so excited about the way church members caught the vision last year that he insisted it should become an annual event. With supplies now ready and the date just a few weeks away he is already positive about the requests for literature coming in. "Order your supplies quickly," he says. "While we may have unloaded a large lorry full of supplies, they are going to go to the churches very fast – and we don't want anyone to miss out on this opportunity."

Available free resources include: Focus magazines, LIFE.info magazines, Steps to Christ, Reach out for Life, and a variety of Pocket Signs tracts. The Adventist Discovery Centre has a number of ADC cards which local churches can also use for distribution on the day. These can be purchased from the ADC by phoning 01923 672606 to place an order. Alternatively, you can email <adc@adventist.org.uk>.

To find out more visit the Personal Ministries page of the BUC website.

**SCHOOL RESULTS UPDATE** [Edwena McFarquhar/Laura Osei/Richard de Lisser/BUC News]

Following last week's brief highlighting of exam results, we can now bring you a fuller picture of how students in our Secondary Schools are performing.
John Loughborough School

The John Loughborough School is delighted to announce that 68% of students achieved 5 A*-C grades which is higher than their set target of 65%. This was particularly good news for this cohort of students who faced significant changes and challenges during their secondary education.

In the area of Maths 33% was achieved – well below the expected target and thus bringing the overall percentage of students gaining 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths to a very disappointing and unacceptable 29%. This is confirmation of the school's decision to heighten its focus on improving standards in the area of Maths.

The JLS girls continued to achieve well with 81% of them achieving 5 A*-C grades and 42% including English and Maths. The gap between boys' and girls' achievement continues to narrow with the boys achieving 52% 5 A*-C grades. Included in the 5 A*-C results is one male SEN student and several other male students who faced significant external challenges during their GCSE years.

Art, Textiles, Science and ICT continued to produce excellent results. French and Spanish also achieved excellent results this year – 100%. The Humanities including Religious Studies continue to make good progress.

Head teacher, Edwena McFarquhar reports that 60% of the top grades came from Adventist students. The top student, an Adventist, gained 7 A*-A in addition to other passes. The school's Head Girl obtained A*-C passes in 10 subjects and the Head Boy passed 9 subjects. The top students in the school gained up to 9 or 10 GCSE passes – the maximum for this cohort.

Stanborough Secondary School

This year's results at GCSE level were very encouraging, reports Roger Murphy, Head teacher of Stanborough Secondary School in Watford. He notes that 86% of students obtained 5 or more passes at A*-C grades (well above the national average of 55%). 82% of students passed 5+ GCSEs including Mathematics and English. He notes that "the results from our Year 11 cohort brings Stanborough's GCSE average to 84% 5+ A*-C grades over the last 5 years. This is a consistently high level of performance."

Stanborough also runs the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme as an alternative to A-levels. Mr Murphy is absolutely delighted with his students obtaining excellent results with 100% success in the IB diploma (24 points). Students scores ranged from 27 points up to 38 points (equivalent to 567 UCAS points or 4 A* grades at A-level).

The Eden Independent Adventist School

The Eden Independent Adventist School, based in Ealing, achieved 80% 5 A-C passes in the June GCSE examinations. Head teacher, Laura Osei states, "The school gives all the praise to God for His wonderful intervention in the lives of the Eden students," adding, "The Year 10 students who also sat English, Science and Drama exams one year early achieved a whopping 85% pass rate in the exams they sat. This is a huge bonus for the next year's 2012 examinations."

We thank God for the work being done by our teachers in our schools and congratulate all of the students who have been successful in their examinations this year and encourage those who have not to try again. May God continue to bless their efforts and grant them much success!
ABERDEEN AFFIRMS GOD AS CREATOR [Johnny Ramirez]

On the rainy Tuesday evening of 16 August, twenty-three sturdy and faithful souls gathered to hear Bernard Brandstater speak on recent events in the origins debate. An anaesthetist from Loma Linda University, Dr Brandstater has devoted considerable energy to understanding the origins debate and has presented widely on the topic at academic conferences and churches worldwide. The arguments from popular writers like Dawkins are echoed in print and on television and seem hard to refute. "We need not fear," Brandstater assured us, "because theories such as the Big Bang and Darwin's natural selection are under serious attack these days not from Christians but by other scientists."

Following a survey of important thinkers like Jerry Fodor and Timothy Eastman Brandstater, Dr Brandstater concluded by stating his belief that our Church should reclaim the leadership exhibited by George McCready Price and preach the First Angel's Message of Revelation 14:6-7 which he said was primarily a call for the whole world to acknowledge and worship a Creator God.

Pictured are Pastor Lorance Johnson, Bernard Brandstater and Elder Nigel Emm.

VEGETARIAN COOKERY CLUB OUTREACH COMPLETES THIRD YEAR [Cynthia Southcott]

The "Eating Better, Paying Less" vegetarian cookery club recently climaxed its third year of successful programmes with a Vegetarian Barbeque. The weather on Thursday, 18 August was not the sunny evening we had hoped for, but a very enjoyable spread of food was enjoyed by just over thirty club members. The food was cooked outside but we ate in the comfort and warmth of the church hall.

The club is run by members of the Weston-Super-Mare Adventist church as a community outreach and will start its fourth year of programmes on 6 October. Close on twenty members of the public regularly attend and, with good friendships being built, a number have come to several of our Christmas and Easter programmes, Harvest Festival services and social events. Some are even financially supporting our fundraising for the new church hall soon to be built.

HOLLOWAY COURTYARD SALE [Holloway Communication Team]

The Holloway Education department held a table top sale in the church courtyard on Sunday, 14 August. Various departments came together to help raise money for the church building fund by selling various valuable items.

The Health department provided health screenings and sold freshly juiced fruit and vegetable drinks. These were best sellers! The Personal Ministries department sold a variety of literature and found the Bibles to be the most popular.
After five hours of selling gifts and food, and many people digesting wholesome information and spiritual knowledge, the day came to an end, and grateful thanks was given to all who took part and for the funds raised.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN LONDON  [Nathan Shields]

Living in London and interested in part-time studies in theology? This academic year Newbold College is offering a number of modules in theologically-related subjects in London. Our target market is those who, for work-related reasons, are unable to study full-time but would nevertheless like to develop their understanding of theology further. This academic year two modules are being offered. The module 'Worship and Music' will run in the autumn semester and 'Ellen White and Seventh-day Adventism' in the spring semester.

Worship is integral to the individual and corporate lives of those who love God, and it is our hope that the 'Worship and Music' module will help enhance how we creatively express worship in our respective churches and communities. Pastor Cedric Vine, Newbold's Undergraduate Theology Course Director, calls this "an exciting and practical module that provides a theology for different expressions of worship." Pastor Gifford Rhamie, who has been instrumental in both teaching and promoting Newbold's London offerings, notes that former students have remarked, following attendance at a sample class, that the material has been indispensable for all involved in the worship and music ministry. They specifically liked the idea that they could explore the origin of church and gospel music, how praise and worship has evolved as a musical genre, and how we can account for different styles of worship. 'Worship and Music' aims to contribute to improving the delivery of music and worship leading as students are taught from a variety of guest lecturers with different talents and skills.

The module 'Ellen White and Seventh-day Adventism' addresses the crucial role Ellen White played within the formation of Seventh-day Adventism. It will take into account the cultural context in which Adventism originated, significant points in its development, the prophetic office of Ellen White and options facing the contemporary church in a postmodern world. Furthermore, contemporary developments and pertinent recent issues, such as the role of laity, the role of women, theological diversity and institutionalism will be presented and discussed. Both of these modules are sure to broaden a student's understanding of worship and theology on a real and practical level.

These university accredited modules will run Tuesdays 6:45 – 9:30 pm, 13 September - 13 December. at The Advent Centre, near the Edgware Road Tube station. Newbold is offering these modules at a 50% tuition discount in order to make these a more affordable option for those interested. With other discounts and scholarships available from the BUC, SEC and local churches the price of each module can be reduced to just over £300. For more information about how you can enrol in 'Worship and Music' this September contact Cedric Vine at <cvine@newbold.ac.uk>.

SEC SESSION UPDATES

The 61st Business Session of the South England Conference starts on Thursday, 1 September with the Keynote Address by Newbold Alumnus and Bermuda Conference President, Dr Jeff Brown being streamed live by SECmedia at 2:00 pm. The President's Report, Devotionals and the Sabbath programme will also be streamed and media updates will be provided on the BUC News Facebook and Twitter feeds during the four day event. Photo galleries will also be available.

The Session will be a new experience for recently elected BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney. He says that he is looking forward to the SEC Session as "it is a wonderful opportunity
for our largest Conference to prayerfully reflect on how God has led over the past 4 years and in looking to the future, we seek God's continued guidance as to the leadership team that can inspire and challenge our membership to reach the millions who live in our territory with the love of Christ."

Pastor Sweeny is a pragmatist. He recognised that some people find Sessions and indeed local church business meetings and boards somewhat intimidating. However, he has always maintained that meetings such as these are a wonderful opportunity to reveal our true Christian self and afford us an opportunity to grow in Christ. He says, "I would call for all our membership to join with the delegates in praying for a Session that does not merely transact its business, but does so as men and women who are truly Christ's disciples and members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Prayers are requested as several vacant positions have to be filled in addition to careful and prayerful work by the Nominating Committee in reviewing all the elected positions. Due to the recent British Union Conference Session, the positions of Executive Secretary and Pathfinder director need to be filled. A full listing of recommended positions is on page 127 of the Session Report book.

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

"The Horn of Africa drought is the WORST in sixty years" reports the 2 September edition of MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. The report by ADRA International also gives opportunities for donations. Also in this issue: Julian Hibbert takes seriously the need to affirm, David Marshall asks, are we a well-oiled machine or the Body of Christ?, Fran MacLeod offers a book – and the news pages brim over with the summer's activities. MESSENGER in now available online – or at a church near you.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

A choice of UK produced Adventist programmes are available for you to watch this coming week.

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692) watch the following two programmes from SECmedia:

'Focus on the Future', Monday 5 September, 8:30 pm. Dr Richard de Lisser shares Gifford Rhamie's passion for ministry, preaching and even Biblical languages.

'Dark Room', Thursday 8 September, 8:30 pm. Sam Neves and Katie Ramharacksingh review 'Slumdog Millionaire'.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 2 September: 8:00 pm: Peter Walton – Loving the enquiring mind
Sabbath 3 September: 12:30 am: Sue Matthew – Activism and faith, 9:00 am: Peter Walton, 8:00 pm: Sue Matthew
Monday 5 September: 12:30 pm and 9:30 pm: Terry Menkens – Lifelong educator
Wednesday 7 September: 7:00 am: Chris Rogers – A passion of life, music and faith, 8:30 pm Sue Matthew, 12:00 midnight: Terry Menkens
Friday 9 September: 8:00 pm: Chris Rogers
Sabbath 10 September: 12:30 am: Ron Lawrence – Trapped in a Christian bubble,
COMING EVENTS

THE RESTORATION PROJECT – BIRMINGHAM. Continuing Sabbath, 3 September. Pavilion of Hope presents international guest speaker Pastor John E Palmer (Alabama, USA). *Dynamic preaching, *inspiring worship, *nightly Health and Wellness presentations - "Give them something better". 3 Sabbath mornings, Sabbath afternoon Youth Programme at 4:30 - 6:30, and every night for two weeks at 7:15. Venue: Handsworth Park, Holly Rd, Handsworth, Birmingham, B20 2BY. Contact: Please call or txt <hope@pavillionofhope.org.uk>. Phone: 07761816987.

SAYING NO TO SATAN’S ATTACK ON YOUR MARRIAGE! Continuing to Sunday, 25 September. Have you felt the piercing pain caused by adultery, divorce and the shattering of pieces of your marriage? Heal the Pain Ministry says "There is a balm in Gilead." For all women in pain and are wishing to say "No" to Satan’s attack on our homes through prayer, you are invited to join us to pray for deliverance, restoration and healing the pain. Either by prayers through conference call or physical presence. Every Sunday @ 08.00 pm - 08.15 pm (calls cost 2p a minute on a BT line – email for pin number – healpainandrestoration@gmail.com. Attending in person: Place: Chelmsford Adventist church, 43 Roman Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 0HA. Time: Every Thursday @ 06.00 hours to 07.30. Contact: Rachel/Chanda <healpainandrestoration@gmail.com>.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION – WEST MIDLANDS. Sabbath, 3 September. Come and be a part of a day of Bible study, preaching, worship and praise. Starting at 10:00 am with a Sabbath School panel followed by powerful preaching. In the afternoon there will be a feast of gospel music from around the world promoting the multi-ethnic composition of the Adventist Church in Britain. Lunch refreshments from the Indian subcontinent sponsored by Oxhill Adventist church, Birmingham. Venue: West Bromwich Town Hall, West Midlands, B70 8DT. Contact: Paul Lee/Wilfred Masih <плеє@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923656500/07985390007.

THE HIGHEST PRAISE CONCERT. Sabbath, 3 September. Special invitation to the Highest Praise Concert at the Lewisham Adventist church, 428-434 Lewisham High Street, Lewisham, London, SE13 6LJ, featuring the Golden Chords, Steel Pan, Tennae Drysdale, Estelle Lavaud, Testimony, Lewisham Adventist Choir. Starting time 5:30 pm. Contact: Terence Blackman <tblackman@3tj.co.uk>. Phone: 07507643366.

THE SANCTUARY CODE. Sabbath, 3 September to Sunday, 4 September. Imagine if an ancient ceremony held the code to a future promise? The Church Enfield is holding an Exhibition on The Sanctuary Code at the Enfield Town Show, Enfield Town Park on Sabbath 3 and Sunday 4 September. With life-size exhibits including the Ark of the Covenant and the Golden Lampstand, The Church aims to provoke interest in the mystery of the sanctuary and invite people to unlock the code which all points to one person. Come and see the amazing exhibits! Contact: K Pignon <k4ylene@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07702497699.

BRECON CAMP. Friday, 9 September to Sunday, 11 September. Autumn Brecon Camp. A great weekend for families and youth, just outside Brecon. Alternative contact number for Pastor Jeremy Tremeer: 07956 627233. Contact: Jeremy Tremeer <jeremytremeer@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 02920 832559.

FAMILY LIFE DAY. Sabbath, 10 September. Family Life Day – Wolverhampton Central Adventist Church, Warwick Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3SD. Sabbath, 10 September, 9:30 am till late. Paul & Carolyn Rayne from Restoration International, Montana, USA, presently appearing on 3ABN “Happy The Home” and speaking at the Stanborough Press Open Day on Sunday, 11 September. Jehanna South also appearing. Practical family messages that will help you in your marriage, parenting and Christian walk. Contact Mora on 07734750371 or email morafailth@aol.com.
SCOTTISH MISSION DAY OF FELLOWSHIP/BIBLE CONFERENCE. Sabbath, 10 September. Venue: Wallace High School, Airthrey Road, Stirling, FK9 5HW, starting at 9:45 am, through to 4:30 pm. Main speaker, Dr John Webster from La Sierra University, USA. Special guest, Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President. All day event, please bring a pre-prepared packed lunch, no cooking facilities available. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

A DEEPER LOOK 2011. Sabbath, 10 September to Sabbath, 24 September. Come take 'A Deeper Look' with Pastor Dane Fletcher and Pastor Paula Olivier. This programme will endeavour to challenge you to look deeper into the Word of God, your relationship with God and with those around you. 10 - 24 September at Chiswick Adventist church, Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 0XW. Sabbaths 11 am and 4:30 pm; Sundays 6 pm; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:15 pm – every night a different topic. See the website for further details. Contact: G Christopher <adl@chiswicksda.org.uk>. Phone: 020 8741 8767.

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY" MARCH. Sabbath, 10 September. Sydenham Youth department are inviting you to join us as we take a stand to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We will be sharing the Sabbath truth with our community by marching on Sabbath, 10 September at 1 pm. Those who want to support but are not able to walk can still take part at information points strategically placed through the entire length of the walk. For more details please contact Emil on 07506370513 or emil.day@live.com.

DERBY BETHEL FOOTPRINTS MUSIC PROJECT FUNDRAISING CONCERT. Saturday, 10 September. Footprints is a voluntary project started in 2008 by members of the Derby Bethel church who are passionate and committed to reaching out to their local community. The project provides opportunity for children in the local area of the church to learn to play musical instruments. The concert is to raise funds for the continuation of the Project. Hosted by Mark Palmer of Wolverhampton Central church with local artists from the West Midlands. Refreshments on sale. If you can't attend, donations still greatly appreciated. Time 7 pm. Venue: The Derby West Indian Community Centre, Carrington St, Derby, DE1 2ND. Entry by ticket only until 7.30 pm. Pay at the door after 7.30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from Lavern: 07792097805, Leanna: 07904803715, Winston: 07788868044. Contact: Adella Grignion <adella.grignion@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07806062024.

LONDON COACH TO PRESS OPEN DAY. Sunday, 11 September. There will be a coach trip to Grantham, Lincolnshire for the annual book sale on Sunday, 11 September at 06.45 am sharp! Venue: Outside Southall police station, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 3HG. The coach will depart Grantham at 16.30 hours. For more information and to secure your seat, contact Brenda Campbell on the details below. Hurry as seats are limited! Contact: Brenda Campbell <baadooey@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07931 149538.

NEWBOLD'S FOUNDATIONS OF WORSHIP 20 CREDIT COURSE. Tuesday, 13 September to Tuesday, 13 December. Try something new in 2011! This might be just the thing you are looking for! Do you want to improve the music and worship in your church?... Develop your musical skills to a high level?... Sense God's calling to worship ministry? Would you like to plan and lead worship with greater understanding, theological insight, technical, creative and artistic skill? This higher education course that combines theology, worship and music. Module: Foundations of Worship. When: 13 September - 13 December 2011. Where: Advent Centre, 37 Brendon Street, London, W1H 5JE. Time: Tuesdays (starting 13 September), 6:45 - 9:30 pm. For: Worship leaders, musicians, music directors, and others interested in what the Bible has to say about Worship. This exciting and practical module helps to provide a theology behind an array of different expressions of word and music in worship. Contact: Pastor Gifford Rhamie <grhamie@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 07877 657783.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SINGLES' RETREAT. Friday, 16 September to Sunday, 18 September. Seventh-day Adventist Singles' Retreat hosted by Cambridge Singles Ministry. All Adventist singles are invited to a weekend of spiritual revival and fellowship. Deepen your experience with God and broaden your friendship network. Date: Friday, 16 Sept - Sunday, 18 Sept 2011.
Venue: De Vere Hotel, Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, EN7 5HW. Cost: £125.00, all inclusive. Spaces limited! Book now! Contact us for more details. Contact: Carol Augustine <ethan40@talktalk.net>. Phone: 07968364687.


LIVING WATERS: STREAMS OF LIFE. Sabbath, 17 September. Dr Mable Dunbar is the author of 'Loved and Empowered', the General Conference, Abuse Prevention Day resource pack. She is the founder of the Women's Healing and Empowerment Network in the USA, where she runs 3 healing centres. She and Pastor Barrington Brennen are speakers at this special day of worship at the Renewal Centre, near Birmingham. Pastor Brennen pastors in the Bahamas, is a marriage and family therapist and a counselling psychologist. He has a ministry called 'Sounds of Encouragement' and has written many articles on family life and relationships. This programme looks at the transforming power of Christ to bring healing to individuals and families, no matter what the background. Both speakers will share their experience in providing help and support to members of our church and members of the community. This is also the launch of the Women's Healing and Empowerment Network, UK and the WHEL prayer helpline. Contact: Joan Saunders <joan.saunders@whenetwork.org.uk>. Phone: 0121 288 0613.

A BOWL OF HOT CHILLI SOUP. Sabbath, 17 September. It is a chilli-hot evening of song, poetry, humour and drama on life's spicy topic of love and relationships. Like any tasty bowl of soup, this programme will fill your heart, make you smile and leave you warmed and nourished. Christian artists you know and love plus some you will meet for the first time. A fundraising event for the WHEL prayer helpline where you and your family will be able to have an enjoyable evening! Tickets £3.00. Contact: Joan Saunders <joan.saunders@whenetwork.org.uk>. Phone: 0121 288 0613.

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SMALL ADS

1 MONTH STAY WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING FAMILY. A Brazilian Adventist lady with a fairly good knowledge of English is planning to study a Masters course in Germany from mid-March 2012. The course will be in English so to improve her language skills in a day to day situation she would like to stay with an English speaking family in England for 3 - 4 weeks in February 2012. She will pay for her stay with the family including her food, as she learns to eat, drink, sleep, think and speak in English. If you would be willing to help can you please email Joseph Rao at joseph.rao@gmail.com.

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