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'OUT OF MANY, ONE PEOPLE'  [Katie Ramharacksingh]

It is a time of celebration for Jamaicans. Not only has the Olympics confirmed their pedigree as the world's fastest runners, but for the past 50 years, citizens of this proud Caribbean nation have progressed in their journey of independence.

Thus on Sabbath, 4 August, over 1,400 Jamaicans from across the British Isles gathered together at St John at Hackney Church, East London. Under the theme 'Out of Many, One People' they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Jamaican Independence.

The packed programme was organised by a handful of Jamaican Adventist professionals who have come together as a group, called 'JAWorks,' and includes Pastor Richard de Lisser, Steve McKenzie, Andy Peynado, Larry Simpson and Joan Reid. This first event for the newly established group was to celebrate Jamaicans coming together and their work for the Church in the UK.

The powerful sermon for the day, 'God Reigns,' was given by Glenn Samuels, Personal Ministries, Sabbath School and Ministerial department director in the Jamaican Union Conference. For Pastor Richard de Lisser, "It was a very special day of fellowship for Jamaicans from all over the UK. Fifty years in the making! We are already looking forward to coming together again next year, at the same time, for a second Jamaican day of Fellowship."

The day included a video presentation on the Windrush and Jamaicans' entrance into, and contribution to, the Adventist Church in the British Isles. Karen Clarke also interviewed Miss Myrtle Roole, MBE, a church member awarded by the Queen for her service to her local community in Stratford.

Karen Clarke enthused, "I was very honoured to be able to interview Miss Roole, it was very important that we recognise her for her work. We're privileged because we saw her mission work as
we grew up, and seeing that meant we've been that much closer to her and her goals. We really do consider her to be a torch bearer in her own right!"

Coincidently, during the evening concert with performances by The Moodies, Lennon Brothers, Mark Bunny and others, there was even more cause for celebration as it was announced that Jamaican athletes, Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce and Veronica Campbell-Brown, had taken gold and bronze, respectively, in the Women's 100 metre finals at the nearby Olympic Stadium.

A 1998 archive radio interview with Myrtle Roole, the summer she was awarded her MBE is now available from the BUC Media archive. The video created for the day can also be seen on Youtube.

WHERE DO I STAND? [Ian Sweeney / BUC News]

While Olympic fever seems to have taken Britain by storm, there are those in the Christian community that have rightly expressed concerns over the Games. They ask, "How can games that have their origins in pagan Greece, Mount Olympus and the god Zeus be seen by Christians as anything but negative?" Equally they add that even though those origins are part of ancient history, the current Olympic hymn and the Olympic flame are still connected with that pre-Christian past.

These are good questions, and for the Adventist who wants to either enjoy the Olympics as a sporting event, or more importantly, use the opportunity for outreach, the questions deserve prayerful consideration.

A New Testament parallel may be seen in the conclusion of the Council of Jerusalem that believers should "abstain from food polluted by idols." [Acts 15:20] However, by the time Paul wrote 1 Corinthians, he argued that as the idols represent gods that do not exist it makes no difference whether we eat or not. His only, and major, proviso is that the Christian should not be a stumbling block to others.

Following Paul's logic, is it then bad or even sinful for a Christian to participate in or even watch the Olympic Games?

Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland ponders the contradictions of modern life, noting that while "we should not associate with paganism in either symbols or ritualism, yet many of us wear wedding rings which I understand were a pagan custom, and there is no Biblical command for them, but we use them in our church-sanctioned ceremonies."

He then gives other examples: flowers placed upon a grave were originally introduced as a way to appease the spirits of the dead. The US dollar bills portray an eye over a pyramid. The days of the week that we use in English were derived from the Saxons to give honour to their own deities.

"Should I then refrain from using the English names of the week in full knowledge of their pagan antecedent? Should I refuse to use flowers at a funeral or to travel to the USA using their 'pagan' currency?" Pastor Sweeney states, adding, "Clearly this would be absurd."

**Origin of Days of the week in English.**
- Sunday (Latin Dies Solis) Sun’s day.
- Monday (Dies Lunae) Moon’s day.
- Tuesday (Dies Martis Mercurii) Tiw’s day.
- Wednesday (Dies Mercurii) Woden’s day.
- Thursday (Dies Jovis) Thor’s day.
- Friday (Dies Veneris) Frigg’s day.
- Saturday (Dies Saturni) eterne’s day.
So how about the Olympics? Over the past two years the South England Conference has worked and planned hard to use the Olympics as an opportunity to witness to the assembled throng. Wherever a crowd is gathered there is an opportunity for witness. The results of witnessing activities over the past few weeks have demonstrated that the crowds have been open and receptive.

The choice of the witnessing teams has been to rejoice in a God who sent His Son into the world, "not to condemn the world, but that the world through him should be saved." [John 3:17] Volunteering as an Olympic Chaplain, mixing with the crowds at Stratford Underground Station or the Olympic Park, organising community activities or handing out leaflets or books to receptive crowds along the route of the Olympic flame, has allowed Adventists to follow a blueprint outlined by Adventist Church co-founder, Ellen White. "Christ's method alone gives true success in meeting people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" [Ministry of Healing, page 143]

Recognising the pagan background to the Olympics, the Apostle Paul nevertheless took the Greek love of athletics and used it as an illustration of the Gospel, "Running with perseverance the race laid out before me," "I have run the race, finished the course." [Heb 12:1, 2 Tim 4:7 etc.] Of course, what Paul does is take it one stage further. While in an Olympic race there is only one winner, in the Christian race there are many winners for those who "keep their eyes fixed on Jesus."

Pastor Sweeney concludes, "It seems to me that the facts behind the pagan origin of the Olympics are indisputable. I suppose my challenge on a personal level as well as a leader, is where do I draw the line? I want to avoid pagan connections, and yet it seems all-encompassing of my life…. 'Where do I stand?'" His unequivocal answer is that, "I stand for using every opportunity to proclaim the Gospel message to a largely ignorant world."

A fuller response from Pastor Sweeney is also available on the BUC website.

BEYOND GOLD VIDEO REVIEW

Following last week's BUC News Report on the Mervyn Weir production, 'Beyond Gold', a BUC News Video interview now shares with you the flavour and colour of a production that aimed to highlight the inspirational stories behind the Olympics and touch people's lives with a Gospel message. As one theatre manager said, "This is the best thing I've seen in this hall for 15 years!" Watch the report on the UK Hope TV website now.

WALTHAMSTOW OLYMPIC YOUTH CAFÉ  [Linda Green / SEC Communications]

"We learnt that it is in fellowship outside of worship that we get to know people," remarked Linda Green, Youth Leader at Walthamstow church, at the end of a 4-day Youth Café that brought people together to watch the Olympics live.

'Youth Café', a strange term to some in the Church, was what Walthamstow church decided on as a way of reaching out to their community during the Olympic period. Thanks to cooperation from church members and various
church departments, the Youth Department was able to get a new satellite installed that provided coverage of the Olympic events and open up the café to the public.

What did they do? They watched basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, cycling, weight-lifting, gymnastics, athletics, paused for light refreshments each day, but most of all they talked, laughed, cheered and fellowshipped. They got to know each other better and built stronger ties with each other and their community.

Linda added that the first step in bringing someone to Christ is in getting to know them in social settings outside Sabbath worship. She went on to emphasise how Jesus modelled this step in his own ministry and how He encourages us to do the same.

"We were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you became dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

HOMELESS MOVE TO THE ADVENT CENTRE  [Katie Ramharacksingh]

Homeless and hungry, several gentlemen made their way from Waterloo Bridge to the Advent Centre, in Central London, on Sunday, 5 August, for the Health Ministries' twist on a Soup Run.

Usually catering for the homeless under Waterloo Bridge every Sunday afternoon, South England Conference Health Ministries Director, Elsie Staple, was forced to come up with a different plan when London officials made it clear there was to be no serving people on the street during the Olympics.

Elsie explained, "Because of this, we wanted to continue our service and, therefore, we invited the homeless here, to the Advent Centre. They claimed it was too far from Waterloo Bridge, where we usually do the Soup Run but people have come!"

In an additional difference to the usual Soup Run, Elsie teamed up with two Muslim ladies, Nurjahan Khatun and Sahir Bashir, who are volunteers themselves. Nurjahan states, "In my spare time, I feed the homeless once a week, typically in Victoria. I'm part of the Ramadan Festival 2012 campaign that is supported by Sebastian Coe (chairman of the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games) and one of its initiatives is to feed the homeless. They approached me to engage Muslims in the community, to get them involved and do something for those who are more needy than us."

Although some of the gentlemen were shy in telling their stories, they were happy when it came to taking their photo! A couple of those eating even commented on the good job the organisers had done, despite the food being vegetarian and located farther than usual.

"Today, myself and another volunteer have come along to help Elsie and we want to support her Waterloo Bridge Soup Run," enthused Nurjahan. "I really believe in her, I'm here today to show my support and I want to do whatever I can to help. We're different faith groups coming together, but we've got a common value here to serve those that need help. I think we both agree that we want to serve God by serving people."
RAINDROP PROJECT 2012  [Daren Paskal]

The South England Conference Teens department has launched the Raindrop Project at the New Life Church in Finsbury Park, London. The project, run in partnership with the New Life Youth Club, ran for five days starting Monday 30 July. The theme was identity, and the week started with a short seminar exploring personal identity. During the five days, young people from the local community participated in photography workshops facilitated by Jadanna Huie. Kevin Jongou facilitated a drama workshop, with a group working towards a production of his play, 'Super Heroes'. The group performed on the Sabbath evening, in front of a packed auditorium. The Raindrop Project will return next summer to again work in partnership with a local church and their youth community projects.

YOUR VOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

"What difference can I make? I'm just one voice." How many times have you heard that said? Yet we live in a democracy. MPs look to serve their constituents and also look to get re-elected, which means that they do listen to their constituents' views.

This is scaring the Conservative Party at the moment. Prime Minister David Cameron, is pressing ahead with plans to deliver same-sex 'marriage' by 2015 despite reports that the issue is causing a drop in grass roots membership of the party. That drop could impact the next General Election, this according to the pressure group, Christian Concern. Back bench Tories are joining with senior party members to warn Mr Cameron on the issue.

One of those back benchers is Dr Phillip Lee, MP for Bracknell. He was contacted by one of his Adventist constituents back in March during the Government consultation period on 'same-sex marriage'. His reply was polite but ambivalent. Since then his stance has changed.

The Daily Mail quotes him as admitting that the 'vast majority of people' were against the plan. He wrote: "With the strength of opposition from so many of my constituents, I have had to review my own position." Subsequent correspondence with Dr Lee has also been positive; causing him to think on the implications for sex education in schools should the legislation change.

This is just one example. Bolton pastor, Jeff Couzins, is among a number of other Adventists who have shared their views with their local MP. He writes, "If more people expressed their outrage and dismay at the way the Government is handling the proposal to redefine marriage then we may get a good outcome."

While the result may not always be positive, as seems to be the case following the consultation in Scotland, the opportunity to write and express your view in the hope of change is surely better than the alternative.

ROCK 'N' ROLL TO ROCK OF AGES  [Philip Herbert/BUC News]

Two weeks ago we reported on the BUC School of Evangelism training in Leicester. This report takes a look at the event from a local church perspective:
For one week starting Sabbath, 7 July, Leicester Central Adventist church enjoyed a series of presentations on 'Revival' delivered by Pastor George Kumi. They reached in to the church family in preparation for the outreach that was to follow. That outreach, ‘Life after Rock 'n' Roll’, was delivered by Pastor Louis Torres, former bass guitarist with 'Billy Haley and the Comets'. Pastor Torres explored his show business experience with Bill Haley, the father of Rock 'n' Roll, and other groups that spanned his eight years in show business. He also had the opportunity to talk about this in an interview with Dulcie Dixon at BBC Radio Leicester.

But this outreach series was more than just his gripping, personal journey as a Rock 'n' Roll star, the problems of the drug scene and how he survived it to become a converted Christian. Pastor Torres’ presentations were intriguing, pithy, erudite, and good humoured, and opened the mind to consider the seriousness of eternal truths. Pastor Kumi enthused, "We were delighted to have Pastor Torres and his wife Carol share his amazing story of transformation with us, a story of hope for all.'

The series culminated in a baptism of 23 candidates. This group had been nurtured over time through baptismal study groups, KIDS in Discipleship and Sabbath School experiences. Here they had time to explore what the Adventist Church believes, and come to a personal decision.

Pastor Louis is currently the president of the Guam-Micronesia Mission and has a wealth of experience, as an Evangelist, International Lecturer, Musician and Writer. He and his wife Carol are Co-founders of the Mission College of Evangelism and were training leaders at the BUC School of Evangelism. His daytime training during this evangelistic week certainly made a difference for Hyacinth Bishop from Norbury church, London.

Hyacinth writes, "Pastor Torres presented a positive and stirring course, which not only educated but also enthused us into action. The course covered all aspects of evangelism from the planning of a campaign to the practical application of preaching, Bible study and witnessing. It was not all theory, however, every evening we observed Pastor Torres in action by attending the nightly meetings of his campaign in Leicester Seventh-day Adventist Church. We had the opportunity to put our theory into practice by going door-to-door, speaking to members of the community, making contacts and building friendships. We learnt that whilst flyers and hand-outs produce suspects, personal contact produces real prospects for the Gospel. We learnt that we are all preachers but without the need for a pulpit or a big church congregation as every conversation we have lifting up Christ is considered preaching."

How has this transformed Hyacinth's life? She reflects, "Pastor Torres stated that evangelism is not an act but rather a cycle and likened the process to that of the crop cycle: prepare, sow, cultivate, harvest, preserve. By the end of the training we were indeed enlightened but more than that we were ready to return to our various churches and put what we had learnt into God's service."

Juliet St Rose Wong Chong was also at the training but specialised in the Literature Evangelism track. She reported that with a healthy mix of experienced literature evangelists (LE'S) and spirited new comers, sessions were lively and discussions engaging. She says, "If one area were to win Olympic Gold it would most definitely be the Supervised Field Training. The experience of talking the sales talk then immediately having to hit the streets and knock on doors produced innumerable testimonies and such high energy that Pastor Louis Torres' 'Life After Rock and Roll' presentations were well attended each evening in spite of ten hour long days." This second track was led by Pastor Eglan Brooks, BUC Evangelism Director; Elisabeth Sanguesa, Marketing Director at the Stanborough Press; Pastor Peter Sayers, NEC Literature Evangelism Sponsor; Roger Blake, SEC Literature Evangelism Sponsor; Paul Thompson, Executive Vice Chairman of Experto Credite and his wife June Thompson.

BUC PATHFINDER CAMPOREE 2012 – 'RUNNING FOR HOME' [Natalie Davison]

The BUC Pathfinder Camporee begins this weekend on Sunday 12 August with the BUC staff arriving on site for set-up. The main camp attendees will arrive the next morning 13 August, geared up for a fun and challenging week of worships, activities, socialising and camping. Please
pray that the camp may go smoothly and without incident; pray also that the campers attending have a spiritually enriching time - getting to know Jesus better and making new friends along the way; and that the staff will be able to provide them with a safe and exciting environment during their stay.

Updates and photos will be available to view throughout the week via the BUC Youth Ministries website or Facebook page.

DEATH OF MRS WENDY SEARLES

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs Wendy Searles on Sabbath evening, 4 August 2012, aged 96, at the Emmaus House Residential Care Home in Newport where she lived with her husband Bill.

A longstanding Adventist, Wendy worked for a time at the now closed Stanborough Sanatorium in Watford. She was the sister of the renowned missionary, the late Ruth Brown.

Our condolences go to her husband Bill and two daughters; Lorraine Morgan (husband Clive) and Pauline Potter (husband Bruce), two grandchildren, Lisa and Nick, one great-grandson, Isaac.

The funeral will be held at the Newport Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rosslyn Road, Newport NP19 8PD, at 11:00 am on Wednesday 22 August, followed by interment at the Croesyceiliog Crematorium.

The family have requested that donations in lieu of flowers be given to ADRA-UK. These can be sent direct to Lorraine Morgan at: Gaer Llwydd, Lamb Lane, Ponthir, Newport, NP18 1HA.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): FaithTalks 'Why can't I believe anything I want?' aired on Thursday, 9 August at 8:30 pm. Repeated Sunday lunchtime, 12 August, 1:00 pm. Next week, Thursday 16 August and Sunday 19 August, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist asks, 'Does Faith make a Difference in a Marriage?'

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website. Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 10 August: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Lutz Rental – running from God.
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love (Centre of His business I)
Sabbath 11 August: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Lutz Rental
Monday 13 August: 12:30 pm: Clemency Mitchell – Living the full life.
9:30 pm: Viewpoint: The Sabbath
Wednesday 15 August: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: The Sabbath
Midnight: David Foster – mentoring murderers
Thursday 16 August: 00:30 am: Searching for a God to love, (Living on the edge II)
Friday 17 August: 8:00 pm & Midnight: Robert Hinds – A farmer with faith.
8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love (Centre of Existence II)
Sabbath 18 August: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm: Robert Hinds
COMING EVENTS

NEW BEGINNING @ WATFORD TOWN. Continuing to Sabbath, 11 August. Watford Town church is moving location! Visit 1-5 Brixton Road, Watford, WD24 4AB for a very special series, New Beginning – With God and for God with local pastors, Jonathan and Mary Barrett. Meeting Times: Friday 10 August at 7:30pm, Sabbath 11 August at 11:15 am. Please note, if the downstairs is not ready then these meetings will take place upstairs. Contact: Jonathan Barrett <barrettjonathan@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 0843 289 5030.

SEC OLYMPICS DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, TORCH BEARERS. Sabbath, 11 August. Venue: Troxy 490 Commercial Road, London, E1 0HX. Speaker: Pastor Denzil Fourie, Transvaal Conference, South Africa. Day of Fellowship and Concert. Contact details: 07731 338449. Time: 10:00 am; International evening concert 7:00 pm: featuring Heritage Singers and Larnelle Harris. Ticket prices: evening concert £30, £25, £20, £15. For more information please visit the Events section of the SEC website at www.secnews.org.uk. Contact: Paul Lee <music@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

CHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP. Sunday, 12 August. CHIP Leadership Training Workshop, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm at Aston-Newton Community Adventist church, Litchfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5SX. £20 per person, includes lunch and workshop materials. Who is this training for? Teams planning their first CHIP programme and anyone else interested in CHIP ministry. To book your place please contact ACA for a registration form at info@chipuk.org.uk or 07931 338449. You may also register at the venue at 9:15 am (cheques payable to ACA UK & Ireland). Organized by: Adventist CHIP Association UK & Ireland. Sponsored by: North England Conference. Contact: Ismael Gomez <ismael.gomez@chipuk.org.uk>. Phone: 07534 913864.

AREA 7 YOUTH FEDERATION SPORTS & FUN DAY. Sunday, 12 August. The Olympic and Paralympic buzz is an awesome opportunity for us to involve family, friends, non-churched friends and missing members in our programmes. All are welcome to participate in this Sports and Fun Day at 1:00 pm, Stockwood Park Athletic Centre, Luton, LU1 4BH. Events will include dominoes, athletics, football, face-paints, a traditional egg and spoon race, a sponsored walk for non-runners and more. If you would like further information please contact Nigel Donga, President of Area 7 Youth Federation (nigel@stayouth.com) or telephone 07737 682087.

BUC PATHFINDER CAMPOREE. Monday, 13 August to Sunday, 19 August. Blackwell Adventure, Bromsgrove, West Midlands. All details: www.pathfindercamporee.org.uk. Contact: BUC Youth dept <bucyouth@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

NEWBOLD REUNION 1970-85. Friday, 17 August to Sunday, 19 August. Studied or taught at Newbold between 1970 and 1985? Meet up with friends, catch up with news and reminisce at this special alumni weekend including, among others, former Principal and GC President, Dr Jan Paulsen. To register visit the alumni page at www.newbold.ac.uk. Contact: Henrik Jorgensen <guestc@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344 407407.

SOLOFEST 2012: ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. Sabbath, 18 August. This annual Day of Fellowship for unattached Christians returns to Balham Seventh-day Adventist church. Join speakers Clarence Jackson, Susanne Kirlew, Paul Thompson and Pastor Leslie Ackie, as they explore the theme 'All Things Are Possible'. Unattached Christians of all ages and stages, from across the South England Conference and beyond, are welcome from 9:30 am - 6:30 pm for a packed Day of Fellowship, inspiration and empowerment (lunch is provided). This will be followed by a special performance of show highlights from the comedy stage play 'Da Mans Dem: Chapter 2' at 7:00 pm. Contact: Annell Smith <fm@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07921 992 296.

JAMAICAN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 50TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY. Sabbath, 18 August. Come and celebrate the 50th Independence Anniversary of the beautiful islands of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago. Starting at 9:30 am. Also come and enjoy "Caribbean Praise in the Courtyard"
at 4:30 pm. Chiswick Adventist church, Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 0XW. Contact: Chris <webmaster@chiswicksda.org.uk>. Phone: 07958 561233.

CROYDON OLYMPIC OUTREACH. Sabbath, 18 August. Join Croydon based Adventists as we experience the second of our Sabbath celebrations during the Olympic season with a musical festival featuring Ken Burton and the Croydon Gospel Choir during our morning service. Venue: Croydon Seventh-day Adventist church, 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6H. Contact: Pastor Richard Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958 433744.

THOU SHALT NOT - FAIRFIELD HALLS, CROYDON. Sunday, 19 August. A deep character study into the lives of five individuals who seemingly have it all. Mya, Rachel and Sly are at the top of the tree and the envy of not only all their friends but also their enemies. But they want more, and are prepared to do whatever it takes to get it. Their pact so casually brokered comes at a very high price... and now it's time to pay. Thou Shalt Not is an examination of the complexities of human behaviour; the addiction of transgression, and the ultimate joy in finding the pathway to Redemption. Contact: Mark Grey <mark@carmel-greystone.com>. Phone: 0800 112 3152.

HOLLOWAY PHOTO SHOOT. Saturday, 25 August to Sunday, 26 August. The Audio Visual department will be holding a photo shoot on 25 August from 8:00 pm, and on 26 August from 2:00 pm, in the upper hall, 381 Holloway Road, Holloway, London, N7 0RN. Get a family portrait for just £15, solo portrait for £10 or child portrait for £10 and with the options of having the photos printed in various sizes. So come along and enjoy getting your photos taken. Contact: George-Jina Anderson <communications@myholloway.org>. Phone: 07809697725.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY. Sunday, 26 August. A community Fun Day with Peckham Seventh-day Adventist church, at the Haberdasher's Aske's Park at the back of the church. Address: St Asaph's Road, Brockley, London, SE4. A fun filled day of excitement. Church address: 149-159 Ivydale Road, London, SE15 3DX. Contact: Johnny Wallace <mammybay98@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07570333770.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY INTRODUCTORY TRAINING. Sunday, 26 August - Sunday, 2 September. Registration – 26 August. Vojvodina Foundation, Adventist Lifestyle, Health Centre, Elek, Hungary. Training all in English. Topics: What is a Medical Missionary?; Christ as a Medical Missionary; God's Plan for Health; The 8 Laws of Health; Disease- Causes & Treatment; Charcoal Use; Smoking Cessation; Hydrotherapy - Theory & Laboratory; Learn how to enable others to have the Adventist Advantage. Attendees will learn how to assist sufferers of western lifestyle diseases – depression, diabetes, obesity, rheumatoid arthritis, stress, heart, vascular and autoimmune diseases. Lead Presenter - Medical director Dr Wyn H osley (natural medicine practitioner for 18 years). Attendees will gain a basic knowledge in the ethical and effective use of natural treatments. Cost: £400, including accommodation, meals and all materials. To book contact: Pastor Malcolm Watson 07786 380769; malcolm.watson@startanew.me / malcolmwa@gmail.com.

SEC TEENS' EXTREME CAMP 2012. Monday, 27 August to Sunday, 2 September. We only have 90 places available so please book as soon as possible to secure your place. The price for the camp is £110. Hope to see you in Cornwall this summer. Contact: Dejan Stojkovic <dejan@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07919172176.

JOY DOES COME RETREAT. Friday, 31 August to Sunday, 2 September. Weeping may Endure But Joy Does Come Retreat. Stories of pain, healing and restoration. Three beautiful women's stories, one a product of rape, one a pastor's wife in a broken relationship, the other... your story. The truth about them, the truth about you. Heal The Pain Retreat presents Mable Dunbar PhD and Shirley Haangala. Luxurious Wyboston Lakes. 31 August - 2 September. Affordable. Book now as places are running out fast! Contact: 0741 227 0613/ 0775 863 0434/ 0741 351 2554. Email: Chanda <sengemu@gmail.com>.

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