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COMMUNITY 'ON THE BALL' IN GLASGOW

A five-a-side football tournament, 'Stay Fit – Stay Focused', organized by the pastors and the Men's Ministries department of Glasgow Adventist church has built bridges with youth on the fringes of the
Coming from the Goals Soccer Centre in Shawlands, the hosting facility, he expressed, "Having officiated many tournaments, I'm impressed by the organisation and how individuals behaved themselves during the tournament."

Led by Glasgow members, Clement Makwero and Richmond Michelo the objective was to (re)connect with the youth, to stimulate their sense of focus and progressive working towards achievements, and to embrace the need of developing positive role models among men. As part of the Glasgow 'Commonhealth and Wellbeing Project' over four Sundays from 25 May to 15 June, eight teams registered with seven players in each team.

Who were the players? Some youth and men who regularly attend Adventist churches in the West-of Scotland district, but the majority were those who do not attend church anymore along with their friends. With supporters, individuals who came 'just to kick about' and children, a crowd of almost eighty people gathered on our 'peak' Sunday.

Despite the natural masculine competitiveness, it was moving to observe players working together and endeavouring to play in the 'true' spirit of the game. We heard an apology for inappropriate language, words of encouragement after a defeat, we saw handshakes after nerve-wracking matches, compassion and care after injuries or passing on of the randomly given gifts (such as footballs, shin pads, or water bottles) to friends who needed them more. Leaders spent an hour talking to a man who, on his way from a Sunday Mass, stopped to find out what organization starts a football match with a prayer.

There was a level of disappointment with every passing week as trailing teams were eliminated from the competition joining the cheering crowd. Following the nail-biting semi-finals on the third week, the final match was played symbolically on Father's Day. Pastor Bernie Holford, Scottish Mission President, then presented medals, gift vouchers, and the trophy to the winning team.

With this positive, meaningful initiative, we are positive that our sole sponsor, the Scottish Mission, will be joined by others next year. The management of 'Goals for free' have already given a voucher for use of their pitch for another four Sundays. Hence, Glasgow boys and men, continue to meet, not just for football, but for other exciting sports and social activities.

The words of the awarded player of the tournament, Ruhsan, a non-Adventist young man, encourage us to believe that old and new friendships built up during the tournament will
continue. He said, "I enjoyed the tournament and I'm looking forward to being involved in future activities."

A selection of photos from the tournament can be seen on the Adventist Church picture gallery.

[Rodney Mupedziswa, Ivana Mendez. Photos: Igor Mihailov]

INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S WEEK OF PRAYER AT NEW LIFE CENTRE

New Life church, in Holloway, London, held their first specialised Children's Week of Prayer, inviting families from both the church and community to get involved, from 24-30 May.

"They decided a year ago that they wanted to have a Children's Week of Prayer and that's what they've had here this week", explained Malika Bediako, South England Conference Children's Ministries director. "We started the programme on the Saturday, in church, and the most moving bit for me was when the children prayed for their parents during the service."

The programme ran each weekday from 5:00 pm, and involved a huge variety of activities, from prayer games with the 'prayer parachute', to crafts and musical performances.

Parents participating in activities with their children
Parents from the church and community brought their children and stayed throughout the evening, doing the activities alongside them. Different stations were set up around the church, allowing families to go to each point, complete the activity and move on.

The children were excited about the group games and song times, so much so that even the youngest girl wanted her own microphone to sing about how much Jesus loves her.

"I've been coming here all week", commented Kerry Remy, a mother from the local community. "It's been fun and Malika has been showing us how to have quality time with our children, even teaching us how to pray. I've really enjoyed it and it's been really interesting. Other parents should think about coming next time they hold a programme for the children!"

The New Life church believes they have been placed in their particular local community for a reason. They call the church building the 'New Life Centre', keen for those who live locally to understand that it is open to them throughout the week.

"Each day we run something that members of both church and community can attend", says their pastor, Anthony Opoku-Mensah. "On Monday we hold a youth club, Tuesday a club for the elderly, Wednesday prayer meeting, Thursday we run marriage counselling and youth club again on Fridays. We are open to the community because we have realised that as a church God has called us to go into the world and share the gospel with everybody – and everybody means everybody!"

To view a selection of photos from the Children's Week of Prayer, please visit the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

[Katie Ramharacksingh]

ADRA GIFT BOXES FOR TOGO

The annual ADRA Gift Box Appeal has become a positive tradition for schools, churches and youth clubs across the British Isles. Supported by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in both
the UK and Togo, the 2014 Gift Box Appeal will be going to benefit over 9,000 primary school children in the beautiful West African Togolese Republic (Togo).

To allow for efficiency of delivery and transportation, the empty boxes need to be pre-ordered and shipped to local ADRA agents, allowing time for them to be filled, collected, and then shipped to some very happy children.

For this to work efficiently there is a very strict deadline for submission of orders. They must be received by **Thursday, 31 July 2014**.

The minimum order is 25 boxes, and orders can only be placed in increments of 25. To order your boxes please use the [online form](http://adra.org.uk/index.php/projects/togo) or contact the ADRA-UK office on 01923 681723.

ADRA-UK will be shipping 9,000 boxes and all orders will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. For further information please visit: [http://adra.org.uk/index.php/projects/togo](http://adra.org.uk/index.php/projects/togo).

There is also a personal chance for you to get involved and be a part of the Gift Box Appeal!

ADRA staff are looking for volunteers who are ready and willing to check our boxes in order to give them the final seal of approval before the kids in Togo get a peek at them. If this is something you are interested in, please contact [volunteering@adra.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@adra.org.uk).

[Fabrice Baker-Livingstone]

**NEC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION TRAINING**

To summarize the North England Conference Children's Ministries Level 1 training the only word that comes to mind is 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' a phrase coined in the 1964 Walt Disney film *Mary Poppins*. It was an eye-opener and life-changing experience for many of us in that we left equipped with a skill set, which hopefully will change our practice when it comes to working with children in our churches.

Under the leadership of NEC Children's Ministries
director Pastor Patricia Douglas, the team put together an informative training with speakers who are both passionate and experienced.

Dr Linda Mei Lin Koh, the keynote speaker, using sharp wit, energy and a sense of humour, delivered animated presentations drawn from her years of teaching, being a mother and a Christian. She took us through Active Learning, Understanding Child Development, Faith Development in Children, Positive Discipline and Understanding How Children Learn. The presentations were interspersed with discussions, exercises and children's songs.

In my years as a Seventh-day Adventist this is the first time I have been in a church conference solely about working with children. My experience had always been about children being an afterthought. In most of our congregations we have children's days and the 13th Sabbath presentations. During the weekend of 23-25 May at Eastwood Hall, Nottingham, I learnt that children should be included in every aspect of our services, they should be treasured and discipled, so that they grow to become disciples of Jesus and will not leave church when they come of age.

The NEC Children's Ministries Praise team led us into worship, so that there was indeed a sweet Spirit in that place and by the time Camelia Bran presented a special item it felt as though we were before the throne of God, it was so beautiful. The visible attendance and participation of some of the pastors of the North England Conference means that the good practice of Children's Ministries can be cascaded directly from church leadership.

There were presentations by various speakers throughout the weekend. Eirlys Broome, a Special Educational Needs coordinator, presented the need to embrace all children; whilst Heather Haworth made an impassioned plea, stressing the importance of keeping children safe. There were so many highlights, but for me Sabbath was the day when I saw how much fun and enjoyment our services can have. Sharon Pryce led out in an arts and crafts session, which saw even the staunchest of our members giggling with glee as they made works of art and played games. It was a joy to learn and understand that we do not have to lose our childhood nature under the guise of responsibility and being grown up. A good balance could make us productive and make us enjoy the work we do in our churches and wider community.
Delegates were treated to a dramatization of Mark 10:13-16 by the Children's Ministries Core team, the atmosphere was amazing as Pastor Cyril Sweeney, the newly elected BUC Children's and Family Ministries director, acting as Jesus, shouted, "Let the little children come to me." Pastor Dan Majaducon later presented a devotional thought on this text, of how God wants us as helpless little children to come to Him, trust Him, and rely on Him.

In the closing graduation ceremony Pastor Sweeney charged the graduates of the Level 1 Certification Training:

"Continue in faith for our children
Continue in faith to assist in creating an environment to show grace and love of God
Continue in faith in using training to acquire and equip others for service
Continue in faith keeping a safe environment for our children and vulnerable using resources provided
Continue in faith to uphold Children's Ministries according to Deuteronomy 6."

A selection of photos from the weekend can be seen on the Adventist Church picture gallery.

[Lungani & JoAnne Sibanda]
The weather was warm which brought out the crowds to visit the many stalls, relax and listen to the varied music and different performing acts. Many volunteers from the church, led by Antonia Castellino, took it in turn to hand out literature and talk to passers-by. Face painting, balloons and children's craft activities were also provided. This offered good opportunities to talk to the parents while they were waiting in the queue.

We now hope and pray for all the people we interacted with and ask God to guide them according to His plan for their lives.

[Lorraine Glinton]

MUSIC IMPACT FOR OXFORD AND BEYOND

Can a teenage academy choir from the USA sing and make an impact? Oxford, Willesden, Southampton and Preston churches would answer with a resounding, "Yes!"

The Puget Sound Adventist Academy choir from Seattle, Washington State, have been performing in Adventist churches and in a couple of Anglican cathedrals over the past week as part of their programme, 'Witness and Reward'. It was a tour that started at Oxford Adventist church for their day of Music and Praise on Sabbath, 14 June.

Sophia Nicholls states, "Members and visitors to Oxford were 'taken to heaven and back' with the dulcet tones of the 15 strong ladies choir.” A visitor stated she was thrilled with the ‘unexpected blessing from the choir’. Another visitor commented to the Oxford Asst Music director, "You have a fantastic choir here.” Not wanting to 'bear false witness', the director had to admit that the group were 'visitors from the United States' and that the visitor had
chosen the best Sabbath to visit Oxford.

Choir director Estyn Goss, a retired professional opera singer, gave a fantastic and powerful rendition of 'In that great gettin up morning', reminding the congregation of the promise of our Lord's return. His leadership provided a well-chosen and varied programme providing something for all. Oxford member, Daniel da Costa commented that he "really enjoyed the angelic voices", stating that "despite a group coming from the other side of the pond we felt connected by default. It was like a wave that involved everyone in the church."

It was a similar reaction in Southampton church where the choir performed on Tuesday evening. Alther Jonas beamed with joy as he exclaimed that the choir had set a high standard for them to follow. Encores were demanded both of a 'favourite' sung in a mixture of English and Swahili and for the opening antiphonal piece that involved four members of the choir singing from near the back door while the rest were on the platform. Conversations continued long after the concert finished.

The Puget Sound choir see their annual international trip as more than an adventure. They have spent time visiting historic sites, cathedrals, castles and the London Eye, but their primary purpose is mission. Not only have they been delighted with the response to their music in the churches and cathedrals where they have performed, but at Oxford church, the first on their itinerary, they chose to make a $400 donation towards the Oxford Music School Outreach project.

Anita Dorland, choir coordinator and tour organiser, told Nigel Nicholls, "We always encourage the young people from the choir to use their talents and abilities to fundraise towards a good cause relevant to the tour destinations. We thought about Oxford's project and wanted to make a contribution to the work of the school." Nigel thanked her for her kind words of encouragement and support promising to use the funds to improve the resources enabling the music school to continue its work in the community.

The choir continue their tour with a performance in Manchester South church Thursday evening and with a full day programme in Cardiff on Sabbath, 21 June.

[Sophia Nicholls / BUC News]
"This is the first time I have seen this church filled to capacity", stated Rev Dilly Baker, Rector of St Mary's, Stoke Newington church in London. She warmly welcomed just over 600 Montserratians and their friends to her parish church. The congregation had gathered from across the British Isles for the 14th Annual Montserratians and Friends Day of Fellowship (MDF), on Sabbath 14 June, 2014.

Under the theme, 'Be Hopeful', the primary focus was the reassurance of the eternal life we can have in Christ. This theme resounded throughout the day, especially in the singing of the day's theme song 'We Have This Hope'.

The service was streamed live around the world, thanks to the services of Medianet Gospel which reported that there were 489 online viewers. The technology enabled the congregation in the UK to view their brothers and sisters in Montserrat who had congregated at the New Ebenezer church (from 6:00 am their local time) to view the service on a large screen.

Beautiful music echoed throughout the day. During the Divine Service, Charlotte Bramble prepared our hearts to receive the Word, singing a meditational song, with guitar accompaniment. However, the music reached a crescendo in the afternoon's programme, which included singing from gifted young singers such as: Gospel Works, Stefancia Weekes, Paulesa Ryner, Karin Williams and Stanley Allen.

Pastor Richard Jackson, Ministerial Association director for the North England Conference used the sermon title 'Walk into your season', to show how the Bible character Joseph, faced by a myriad of difficult circumstances, still attained to great heights while maintaining hope in his God who never forsook him. Montserratians were reminded that in
spite of the challenges we may have faced in relocating to the UK due to volcanic activities in Montserrat, God has brought us here for a reason.

Next year the Adventist Church in Montserrat will celebrate 100 years of Adventism on the Island. According to William B Riley, MDF Principal coordinator, if the Lord tarries, we look forward to observing this very significant milestone in the UK during the 15th Annual Day of Fellowship.

[Marcella Riley]

ABERDARON WET AND WILD

Aberdaron Wet and Wild camp, 23-27 May was an ideal mix of the active outdoor with both spiritual and temporal food.

Sabbath started with good weather so the themed walk of Paul's missionary journeys, complete with model Roman soldiers, shipwrecked boats, baskets, the Parthenon, snakes and prisons, took place in the morning with the church programme switched to the afternoon when the rain tried to compete with Noah's flood!

Pastor Dejan Stojkovic, the Padre, challenged everyone to go home changed people, and who could resist both his inimitable humour and spiritual inspiration, which he continued with over the whole weekend.

We were blessed by some superb music in the worships and a Sabbath evening concert, led by the Winnitt family and Josh.

The kitchen, led this year by Gill Poyser and Rose Smith, produced a vast array of delicious and healthy food. That gave sufficient energy for the non-stop activities of four boats pulling donuts, water skiers, wake boarders, and some who chose to turn right angles at 30 mph! This, coupled with two grass go-carts that ran red hot at every spare moment, and the evening games which had
all ages smiling and laughing, meant that the weekend was typified by an atmosphere of warmth, helpfulness and friendliness.

The campsite was immaculate, thank you Les and Steve. See you next year.

[Philip Emm]

SCOTTISH CHURCHES GO FOR MORE THAN GOLD

Churches in Scotland are gearing up for a series of community and youth events leading up to and during the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in July and August. Under the banner 'Commonhealth & Wellbeing', it involves a series of health expos, a church health club, a children's holiday Bible club, a five-a-side football tournament, a praise concert and cycling and walking events.

As a YES Project – Youth Engaged in Service – it has gained More Than Gold 2014 and Legacy Glasgow status that attracts countrywide recognition and support. It has also attracted church medical and nursing teams from Norway and Portugal who will be participating in the health-related events.

For instance, this last weekend saw the final of the five-a-side football tournament and a warm-up walk along the West Highland Way at Loch Lomond.

For further information contact Project Administrator, Audrey Mutongi at audreymutongi@yahoo.co.uk and look out for a selection of photos on the Adventist Church picture gallery during the coming weeks.

[John Wilby]
"What a powerful message!" The words of a member of the South West London Ghana Adventist church as they mingled with the ASNA / SEC Disability Ministries team on Sabbath, 7 June during their Disability Ministries Emphasis Day. The Sabbath School programme examined mental illness and the Christian experience while the midday service looked at what the Bible has to say about people with disability and the image of God.

The day was arranged by Claudette Miller, Disability coordinator for the church. She was pleased with the outcome for the day, having organised a wonderful educational programme. The afternoon was spent examining the experiences of young people living with ADHD. This included an opportunity to discuss the response and cultural experiences of church members related to people living with ADHD and disability.

The Disability Ministries team now plan to continue the ministry with continued contributions from the SEC Disability Ministries department, ASNA and other specialist disability organisations.

[Y Sophia Nicholls]

YOUNG LOVE HEADS TO AFRICA

Long-standing Stanborough Park church member, Carolyn Guenin (née Cooper) and her husband Etienne, have recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary, an exciting time in every couple's life! But that is not the end to their excitement. They are going to Africa!

Late last year, they accepted a call, from Adventist Frontier Missions, to serve as missionaries on
the Dendi Project in Benin, Africa. Working alongside another family who are already in Benin, from September they will teach at a local school as well as help with an Inter-Faith Dialogue Centre, serving the local Muslim community.

Carolyn and Etienne feel blessed by the way God has been leading in their young lives. They have especially been blessed with funds from friends, family and other kind donations to help reach their goal of $21,000. This amount will go towards their training, living and project expenses. They are leaving behind friends, family and jobs, as they volunteer their time and financial resources to help with this project. They have raised approximately 60% of the money needed through various fundraising opportunities. Last month, they ran the 10k race in Bristol and both achieved very good times. Carolyn was very glad to cross the finish line alive, seeing that running is not her favourite activity!

In the next three months, they will continue to raise the rest of the funds towards the project, train in the USA, and prepare for their year abroad. We will be able to keep in touch via their blog and continue to pray for them and support them as they serve God together.

[Diana Sabatier [Photo: Asun Olivan]]

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

A London day of celebration adorns the front cover of the 20 June Messenger, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland is now online. Inside Julian Hibbert rightly encourages church members to pray and petition for the release of Meriam Yehya Ibrahim, the Sudanese mother sentenced to death for simply being a Christian. Get more reaction to the earlier article on the ordination of women, rejoice in some stunning creation photos, and, in the latest round-up of baptisms, news and outreach, and discover how God solves a Sabbath issue. Pick up a copy from your local church or read it online.

[Julian Hibbert]
TAKING TO THE SKIES:
ADVENTIST TV THIS WEEK

Enjoy these special selections on Revelation TV and Hope Channel:

Thursday 19 June, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 22 June, 1:00 pm).

Thursday 26 June, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 29 June, 1:00 pm).
Are wolves our friends? Gabi, Cassila and Kezia visit with perhaps the most fearsome dogs of the animal kingdom in this final edition of Animal Encounters.

Starting Thursday, 3 July. Faith Talks returns to our screens as Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist delves into some of the challenging areas of faith, exploring issues and searching for answers.

Sabbath School Lesson: Christ's Church and the Law. Are Christians still expected to keep the law? Can those who refuse to observe God's law be saved? Find out what the Sabbath School author, Dr Keith Augustus Burton, has to say on this week's edition of 'Ask the Author'. Watch on Vimeo and YouTube.

HOPE CHANNEL. Get all your favourite programmes on Roku, or online, including all your international favourites plus an immediate, greater selection of UK based 'on demand' programming. A schedule, and a selection of ways to watch Hope Channel is available by visiting www.hopetv.org.uk.

LIGHT FM. For internet radio listeners: Fridays at 8:00 pm, 'My Song' with Mike Johnson, online at www.lightfm.net. Two hours of your favourite songs from across the decades. Send your requests/dedications to radio@lightfm.net.

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Continuing to Sabbath 21 June:
Back to Basics. Venue: Clapton Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, [St Paul's Church], Chelmer Road, Hackney E9 6AY. Check the link for further details.

Sabbath 21 June:
Anchored – On Solid Ground, Youth Service. Venue: SDA Church, Cuckoo Hall Lane, Edmonton, London N9. Lunch will be provided for all visitors and the youth. Time: 10:00 - 18:30.

Puget Sound Adventist Academy Choir – Cardiff. On Sabbath the Cardiff Seventh-day Adventist church will be hosting a Youth Day featuring special guests, the Puget Sound Adventist Academy Choir. For more information contact Jeremy Tremeer on: 029 2083 2559.
'A Tale of Two Gardens'. An amazing, musical production featuring the young and old of Holloway Seventh-day Adventist church. Free entry with refreshments provided. Venue: 381 Holloway Road, Holloway, London N7 0RN. Start time: 5:00 pm.
Contact: hmckenziesealy@hotmail.co.uk.

Greenwich Pathfinder Club Fundraising Concert. Admission is FREE. An offering will be collected which will go towards the Pathfinder Club. Venue: Devonshire Drive, Greenwich, London SE10 8JZ. Time: 18:30 - 21:30.
The Croydon Gospel Choir Big City Tour | London. This is your chance to be inspired, entertained and uplifted by experiencing these award-winning choirs...LIVE. For tickets, please visit www.cgcbigcitytour.co.uk or call 01905 732 957. The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW. Time: 19:30 - 21:30.

Sunday 22 June:
'Healthy by Choice' – community health event. This is going to be a fun day for the whole family, but with an important message, about how to improve your physical, mental and spiritual health. Venue: St Pauls Learning Centre, 94 Grosvenor Road, St Pauls, Bristol BS2 8XJ. For more information, email bjecsa@gmail.com. Time: 11:00 - 17:00.

Monday 23 June:
Cancer Support Group. A free open evening sharing positive ways to deal with cancer. Venue: The Adventist Church, St Andrews Church, Pike Drive, Chelmsley Wood B37 7US. Time: 18:00 - 21:00.

Monday 23 - Sunday 29 June:
SEC Camp Meeting 2014. Click here to download the 2014 SEC Camp Meeting Booking Form.
Click here to download the 2014 WEEKEND ONLY SEC Camp Meeting Booking Form.
Please complete the booking form and send it directly to: Pontin's Ainsdale House, Shore Road, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 2PZ. Tel: 08714 7427765.
'Rep Yo Country' Social at SEC Camp Meeting. Click the link for further details.

Thursday 26 June:
Health Lecture – Diabetes. Presented by Daniel Edwards. The format for the evening is a free, light supper served at 7 pm followed by a one hour Health Talk at 8 pm. Venue: Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Time: 19:00 - 21:00.

Friday 27 June - Friday 4 July:
Scottish Mission Family Camp at Kilberry. Book now directly with the camp: 01880 770224. Email portban@aol.com | www.portban.com or through the SM office: 01764 653257. (Book soon to avoid disappointment.)

Monday 30 June - Sunday 6 July:
NEC Camp Meeting 2014. Pontins, Prestatyn Sands Holiday Park, Central Beach Barkby Avenue, Prestatyn LL19 7LA. BOOKING REQUIRED. Call Pontins on 08714 742 7765 quoting: SDAN.

Sabbath 5 July:
Solofest 2014. Unattached Christians of all ages and stages, from across the SEC and beyond, are invited to Balham Seventh-day Adventist Church, 83 Elmfield Road, Balham, London SW17 8AD, for a packed day of fellowship, inspiration and empowerment (lunch is provided). Contact amclarty@secatventist.org.uk for more info. Read more about last year's Solofest here.

Guyana Day of Fellowship. All are invited to the annual day of praise & worship hosted by the UK chapter of Adventist Guyanese (UCAG) & friends. St George Church Building, 4 Vancouver Rd, London SE23 2AF. Time: 09:30 - 17:30. For more information please contact: Florence Allen 01923 663596 / Dick Hunter 0208 9860570 / Terrence Blackman 0750 7643366.

MTTC Prayer Nights, Manchester. Every month on the 1st Sabbath of the month, until 8 Dec 2014. Please note Manchester South date is 12 July because it clashes with Camp Meeting. Check link for further details etc.

Sunday 6 July:
A review of sexual health from the Bible. 2 day seminar on 6 & 13 July. Starting each day at 10:00 am, at Tottenham Seventh-day Adventist Church, 253 - 255 West Green Road, Tottenham N15 5ED. Refreshments provided. Time: 10:00 am prompt.

Monday 7 - Friday 11 July:
School Leavers' Conference, at Newbold College, Bracknell. Workshops for 16/17 year olds teaching key skills for future study/work situations, plus details about volunteering etc. Fun activities on and off-site also planned and inspiring daily speaker. Only £75 inc. accommodation, food and materials. Book by 27 June: www.adventistyouth.org.uk.

For more details and a larger selection of events both this weekend and in the future please visit the Coming Events website where events are continuously updated online. Select your region for events nearest to you. You can also share events important to you on your Facebook or social media profile. You can also submit your event at the same location.

SMALL ADS

FAITH BASED FOSTER CARERS WANTED. Hazel Munroe and Rose Taylor who represent two Adventist churches based in the West Midlands area, are seeking people who have the potential to become Foster Carers. If you have space, availability, and patience, pick up the phone. If you are passionate to help, then a vulnerable and needy child/ren or young person
needs you. For more details on how you can help, please telephone on 0845 299 6559 or email info@keysfn.co.uk.

ADVENTIST FLATMATE REQUIRED. Nicola, a member of Kennington Adventist church, London is seeking an Adventist flatmate. If you are interested please contact her on 07577 070 840 or 0207 622 3516.

GC2015 – They did it in Atlanta in 2010, now Barbara Lawrence and Blossom Gillin return with a "credit crunch trip" to General Conference in San Antonio, Texas. They offer: return flights to San Antonio, hotel only 8 minutes' walk from conference centre, fully fitted kitchen including microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, free breakfast, swimming pool, free Wi-Fi, and much more! Prices from £1,250 - £1,550. A tour can be added at a small extra cost. Full details available soon by email. To indicate your interest contact Barbara on 0794 000 7331 or Blossom on 07956 226 995.

AU PAIR LOOKING FOR AN ADVENTIST FAMILY: Benjamin Romet, an Adventist student in Bogenhofen, Austria is looking for an Adventist family with kids that could and would like to welcome him to serve as an au pair or volunteer for 2-3 weeks over the summer. He can teach violin and French and can help in the garden and do other chores. He would really like to improve his English. References from the local church and the Adventist College in Bogenhofen are available. For more details please email: Benjaminromet@hotmail.com or his mum on Schatzmeisterei@eud.adventist.org.

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE: PARIS. Muriel Hernando, from near Paris, France, has a 17-year-old son who needs to improve his English before taking an exam. As an Adventist family, they would like to find a Christian family in the UK, whose child about the same age, would like to improve their French. They are ready to welcome a child for a language exchange from 2 weeks to 1 month during the summer. For more information email: muriel.hernando@yahoo.fr.

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