ADVENTIST TEAM LEADER IN UK EBOLA INITIATIVE

Reading West church member, Edward Vandi, is among the first group of NHS health professionals heading to Sierra Leone to help the fight against Ebola. He is clinical team leader for the group of more than 30 volunteers who will be spending the next five weeks at Ebola treatments centres, returning three days after Christmas.
Edward originates from Sierra Leone, having been raised as a child at Adventist-run Masanga Leprosy Hospital. He has lived in the UK for the past 25 years but keeps close contact with his home country. He confessed in a BBC interview that he is nervous but states, "Being there and helping to reduce the risk will make me happy."

In February this year Edward volunteered with ADRA-UK to help distribute 6,000 gift boxes to children in Sierra Leone. Speaking the language and understanding the local culture was a great contribution during this time. Now he has a personal reason to return. "Some of my relatives in Sierra Leone have been wiped out by Ebola so it gave me a desire to do something to help end this epidemic", he told the BBC.

Other Adventists in the UK are also committed to helping deal with the epidemic. Albert Kallio, a member of Newbold church is one of a number of volunteers who has helped trial an Ebola vaccination over the past two months. He volunteered as part of the human trials of this vaccine, conducted by the Jenner Institute, Oxford.

Co-developed by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), the vaccine uses a single benign Ebola virus protein to generate an immune response. It does not contain infectious Ebola virus material and therefore cannot cause a person who is vaccinated to become infected with Ebola. Albert is positive about the impact organisations like the Jenner Institute can make and the benefits of vaccines and immunisations on public health.

Eddie Cole, a member of Wimbledon International Adventist church is also actively engaged in the fight against Ebola. He is part of the Sierra Leone Adventist Association in the UK (SLAA). He has a particular interest in Masanga and is part of the ADRA-UK initiative to reactivate clinical services at the hospital (see: Masanga: A Hospital Apart). He is doubly delighted that The Telegraph newspaper has chosen 'The Masanga Mentor Ebola Initiative' as one of its three Christmas charities.

These three individuals have all chosen to volunteer and express their concern and Christian love in very practical ways. They are, perhaps, the public face of a much larger group who pray daily for the situation in West Africa, and who have donated to charities such as ADRA-UK, The Telegraph Appeal or the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal.

[Victor Hulbert with ADRA-UK]
TRANSFORMED BY HIS WORD

Attendees at the National Lay Bible Workers' Convention were shocked to hear that "forty per cent of individuals baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist Church leave within a few years." This shocking statistic was delivered by the keynote speaker, Dr Gladstone Knight, during the Sabbath morning service. He was seeking to give answers on how this trend could be reversed during the 7th National Lay Bible Workers' Convention held in Wokefield Park, Reading, 21-23 November.

Dr Knight, President of the Greater New York Conference, in dignified but passionate tones, delivered a sermon entitled, 'A Call to Discipleship' where he spoke about the key elements of discipleship. "We are all disciples, who need to lead other disciples to Jesus Christ." This was the main thesis of his presentation to the 285 attendees in which he concluded that we can only effectively lead others to Jesus, if we read the Word, study the Word and allow ourselves to be transformed by the Word of God.

Leading others to Jesus was the reason behind the weekend's training programme and there were several exciting stories from around the Union territory. Keith Allen, first elder of the Willesden Adventist church, West London, spoke about witnessing and soul-winning in urban London. On the other side of London in Walthamstow, there has been significant growth in Simple Church and Oksana and Ginatare, both leaders in that congregation shared how God blessed their ministries. Arto, a Russian young man, who currently resides in Scotland spoke of the work that is currently occurring in the Aberdeen area, in particular the summer Health Expo that drew crowds to hear about both the health message and the Word of God. Tina Brooks deliberated on how her music ministry with an indigenous Gospel Community Choir in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire is encouraging people to come to faith.

Hearing the stories, Pastor Eglan Brooks, BUC Evangelism director and event organiser mused, "It's amazing that God can use us, despite our faults, and in spite of our failures. Our lives sometimes are full
of brokenness and mess, but He encourages us to work with Him to save lost people."

Being 'Transformed by His Word', the theme of the weekend was emphasised by each of the other plenary speakers. Dr Pauline Charlot taught members how to be more effective in delivering Bible studies. Her honest conviction came through as she talked about her own experiences of leading Bible studies and gave practical suggestions for exploring the Bible with friends and family. Her vast experience of church work includes her current roles as Co-ordinator for the Lay Bible Institute and Women's Ministries director for the Greater New York Conference.

Jeremiah Weeks came to encourage lay members to get involved in the ShareHim project. His presentations included giving tips on practical time management for preparing and delivering a Bible study. On Sabbath afternoon Pastor Petras Bahadur gave a moving presentation about reaching out to people in multifaith communities.

Music is always an integral part of the weekend and the Praise and Worship team were at their best, using both traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs to complement and enhance the meaning of the sessions. 'God Loves People More Than Anything' was a particular favourite.

Various seminars complemented the main presentations. Among the guest speakers, there was a good representation from the headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Victor Hulbert, Communication director, delivered a seminar entitled, 'Sharing Jesus Online'. 'Let's Fish!' was the seminar delivered by Pastor Des Rafferty, Principal of the Adventist Discovery Centre. Steve Okelo, Associate Treasurer and Pastor Llew Edwards, Ministerial Association director spoke about 'Church-based Bible Studies' and 'How to Run a Bible Study Group' respectively. In addition to this, the programme was supported by the Evangelism department of the South England Conference with Pastor Kirk Thomas, Personal Ministries director and Pastor Aris Vontzalidis, Church Growth director, leading out, chairing various plenary sessions and also presenting two seminars each.

'You talk too much!' This was the dramatic, yet outstanding Sunday morning devotion delivered by Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President. Based on the story of the man with leprosy who Jesus forbade to
tell anyone about his healing in Mark 1:40-47, he cautioned the attendees that there are things that they should not say while witnessing. Using the biblical narrative to illustrate his thesis, he made three distinct points:

1) Because the leper talked too much, he hindered the ministry of Jesus causing the Master to abandon His ministry in and around Galilee.

2) He heightened the prejudice against Jesus' ministry.

3) He allowed and began to start a movement that followed Jesus for all the wrong reasons. Jesus' primary interest wasn't in 'building a mega church, with mega followers'. His mission was to 'seek and to save those who are lost'.

As well as the main programme for the adults, there was also the WOW Children's Club that shared simple witnessing techniques to the children and the adult congregation was given a beautiful sample of their learning on Saturday evening. Pastor Jonathan and Jodie Burnett led the Teen programme. Using innovative techniques, they made witnessing exciting and accessible through their interactive presentations.

Reflecting on the weekend, a member from the north stated that, "I've really enjoyed the fellowship, the sharing of stories, and the fact that everything I've heard was completely Bible-based."

A selection of photos from the weekend can be found on the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

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EXTREME FRIENDSHIP KIDNEY DONATION

Would you sacrifice your kidney for someone who is just a casual acquaintance? That was the amazing choice that John Karekezi made on behalf of a friend following a Christian visit to their home. Speaking humbly during the National Lay Bible Workers' Convention on Sabbath, 22 November, he told how when he left the home of the seriously ill man he felt impressed by God that he should make the donation.
Telling his wife in the car, she immediately agreed, as did their children sitting in the back seat.

His full testimony is one of hope, and is shared in a BUC News video interview conducted later the same day. John's story has had a positive and successful outcome on all counts. His actions, he states, are based on Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Watch the video on YouTube.

For more on organ donation, particularly within the Black Minority Ethnic Community, watch a special edition of ViewPoint.

[Victor Hulbert]

TOGO – HERE WE COME!

The ADRA-UK offices have been a constant hive of activity for the past two months as staff and volunteers have prepared, packed and sorted thousands of gift boxes! This year we added a quality control checkpoint to the process. This was put into place to ensure that no prohibited items were sent to Togo inside the boxes. With the help of over 90 volunteers from across the country, including Pathfinders and the SEC teens from their Prayer & Faith Conference, staff were able to check and sort the boxes bound for Togo!

A large number of churches, organisations, schools and even a nursery participated in the Gift Box Appeal. ADRA would like to say a special thanks to Stanborough Secondary School that sent in 105 boxes, and in particular to Tabaso who packed a whopping 15 boxes by herself! Harper Bell School in Birmingham also packed and prepared boxes with their students. More than 40 children (aged 2-4) attending a local Watford nursery walked, in their high-visibility jackets, to the ADRA-UK office, to excitedly deliver their gift boxes.
It was then the turn of ADRA-UK staff to pack and sort all the boxes into larger boxes, and once completed then to lift, heave and pull the boxes into the airtight container for shipping across the ocean to Togo. With a little help from some faithful volunteers and the shipping company staff, we packed the container full to capacity, then waved goodbye as the boxes began their journey to Togo.

As the Gift Box Appeal comes to a close for this year, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped to pack, sort or donate a box! Without your support, time and sacrifice, this project would not be possible. We look forward to sharing with you the joy of the children of Togo when the boxes are delivered early next year.

[Fabrice Baker-Livingstone]

NATIONAL DISABILITY MINISTRY CONFERENCE

It is not just access that is for all. Christ is for all. That was the reason behind the 7th Annual National Disability Ministry Conference, held on Sunday, 16 November at the Hilton Hotel, Watford.

In his opening presentation Nigel Nicholls, the chair of the Adventist Special Needs Association (ASNA), welcomed the delegates and reminded them that they were on a journey, "not from the east or west and north or south but the journey of the heart." He paid tribute to the fact that God can bring good out of what had been a seemingly negative experience. ASNA itself is one result.

Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, could not be there in person but shared an opening welcome via video.

Over 70 delegates attended this wonderfully inspiring event. Stories were shared, journeys taken and many friends made. Pastor Sweeney reminded the delegates that the churches in the BUC were not full until all had heard about the love of Christ no matter their ability. Pastor Terry Messenger, SEC Executive Secretary is a keen supporter of the ministry and echoed Pastor Sweeney's thoughts during his devotional message.
Disability Ministry co-ordinators across the UK enabled good practice to be shared. Discussions and observations encouraged delegates to examine attitudes and long held opinions. One parent of an adult with disabilities and a member of the Reading Central church community project, Helping Hands, expressed how much she felt blessed to be attending the conference. "I would never have thought I would be saying to my work colleagues that I will be attending a Christian conference on Disability at the weekend!" The Helping Hands project members, led by Paul Thompson, demonstrated their multi-sensory ministry using accessible strategies to engage all the senses through which the Bible and its truths can be taught.

Carmen Dublin, a Disability Ministry co-ordinator based in High Wycombe expressed how much she enjoyed the day."I am so glad I came today. I have learnt so much." She spoke about the ministry she started in her local church as a result of training from ASNA and the SEC Disability Ministries department. As well as starting a Carers' Support Group and drop-in facility at the High Wycombe Adventist church, Carmen celebrated the baptism of three members from the community into her church family as a result of the disability project. "There is so much we can do in the community to bring people to Christ", says Carmen, "We just need to be willing to be used by Christ."

Guest speakers Michael Sharkey and Joy Ani related their own personal journeys. Michael expressed how he had come to see blindness as a blessing. "When I look back at the young 16-year-old Michael, I can see where God has led me from and where He has placed me now", he said as he spoke about the achievements in his life. He has not only become a well-established Goalball player for the Paralympian 2012 Games and a professional physiotherapist, but found love in his marriage to Nicola who is also blind.

Joy Ani, author and Christian teacher described her feeling when she realised that she could not hear the voices of her friends and family at the end of a telephone line. This experience led her to develop a ministry for people living with deafness and to write a useful book about her experience. She related how she had come to accept the disability and 'move on', using her God-given talents to bless others and bring about a change in attitudes through her ministry.
The morning and afternoon workshops included Mental Illness led by Grace Walsh (NEC Health, Community Services and Disability Ministry director), Accessible Church led by Lorraine Ward (Access Officer based in Manchester working for the council), Supporting Carers led by Sophia Nicholls (SEC Disability Ministry director / ASNA Trustee and a carer), Deaf Awareness led by Sign Ministries, and Supporting People who are Blind or Visually Impaired led by Dr Gordon Temple (CEO Torch Trust) together with Michael and Nicola Sharkey.

Sharon Platt-McDonald (BUC Health, Women's and Disability Ministries director) described the day as one that could bring about changes across the BUC as the Church aims to bring the message of salvation through the Mission to the Cities project. Many volunteers, BSL signers and supporters helped to make the day a success. A picture gallery can be found on the ASNA Facebook page.

[Sophia Nicholls]

SECOND LARGEST HOSPITAL IN THE USA INSPIRES BRITISH PASTORS

A group of staff from the South England Conference (SEC), were inspired by their visit to Florida Hospital, the second largest hospital in the United States, from 9 – 16 November.

Led by SEC Ministerial Association director, Pastor Emmanuel Osei, pastors, directors and Bible workers took on training and gained first-hand experiences of caring for those in need.

The group was invited to be part of that week's hospital induction of 70 new staff members. They were exposed to the history and functioning of the hospital, as well as the key ideas behind its philosophy. The hospital focuses on CREATION Health, a programme that has previously been utilised in the SEC Health Ministries department and Newbold church, and stands for: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook and Nutrition.

"At the hospital, to put it simply, Seventh-day Adventism works!", enthused London Bible worker, Veronica Williams. "They are clearly an example of what it looks and feels to be mission-driven and mission-led. It's a place where you can see the health message. In all the details, they are intentional and deliberate about living out the Adventist mission statement. When they open their new women's wing, myself and SEC Women's Ministries director, Malika Bediako, will be visiting again to see what else we can learn!"
The group heard presentations on therapies and advice in catering for the sick, mentally, physically and emotionally. One speaker, Rita Moats, described her work as a music therapist, ministering to individuals, and explained how music can be used to reach the depressed, physically sick and even those in a coma.

"When we do our pastoral training, there is no Clinical Pastoral Education included, but it is still our responsibility to visit the sick in hospital and prisons", said Pastor Osei. "What my aim is, with this annual trip, is to help provide an opportunity for some of our workers to gain training theoretically and practically, first hand, in how to cater for those in need in our church and local communities, especially using the principles of Creation Health."

Another speaker focused on self-care, encouraging the workers to take care of themselves and realising their human limitations before reaching out to others. As well as listening to presentations, the group were able to connect with the chaplains that worked in the hospital, hearing first-hand stories of their experiences.

The second half of the week was dedicated to practically using the training and ideas from the first few days, within the hospital's wards, working alongside the chaplains.

"I had the privilege of walking around with two chaplains and seeing the way in which they 'do business’", shared Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President. "They carry a lot of insight, a lot of sensitivity to the ministry they do. I also found that, within that environment, the patients wanted them! They would ask the chaplain to come through, regardless of their beliefs and faith, and this is something that was new to me and was very powerful."

Florida Hospital continues to inspire its 15,000 employees spread across eight campuses, but more importantly, its visitors and patients. Built similarly to a resort site, the hospital's unique atmosphere provides a very distinctive, positive experience to anyone who steps inside. The Christian element is prevalent, while still being accepting of all the non-Adventist staff and leaders, and is ingrained in the smallest of details, such as the weekly induction for new staff.

"It was my first time in the environment of an Adventist hospital, and I was very impressed", commented Pastor Davis. "It made me very proud to see what our Church is doing with health. One thing that impressed me was the way they just put their beliefs out there, they were bold and open with the healing ministry of Christ."

[Katie Allen]
NEWBOLDIAN STAND FOR JESUS!

Student are known to have a streak of rebellion in them, so when challenged by the question, 'Who do you stand for?' you should be prepared for surprising answers.

Perhaps the preacher was prepared for that. As a fairly recent Newbold graduate, Pastor Anthony Fuller took time during an inspirational Week of Spiritual Emphasis at Newbold College to share thought provoking sermons with students, staff and the entire Newbold Community.

Pastor Fuller interacted with his audience; asking them to read Bible texts, and inviting them to share their views on some of his questions. As he brought light to his eager listeners, Pastor Fuller described two characters: those who openly testify that they are followers of Jesus, and those who do not care about anyone other than themselves. They make their own decisions, they do, watch, wear, say, whatever they want. They say that they are their own follower, when in actual fact; they are a follower of the devil. In that many people may find themselves in the latter category, Pastor Fuller shared the encouraging words that although Jesus hates sin, He loves everyone and is calling for us to come to Him.

'Stand' was the theme of the week, and the went hand-in-hand with the theme song, 'Armour', composed by another former student, Natalie Kendel. Pastor Fuller God's truth into perspective through the of Galatians 6: 7-8, "Do not be deceived, not mocked; for whatever a man sows, will also reap. For he who sows to his will of the flesh reap corruption, but he sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." He went on to ask a student to read Galatians 5:19-21, to point out the works of the flesh. A member from the community also read 1 Corinthians 2:14, showing man's natural sinful state. Pastor Fuller then went on to announce the good news, that despite people's sins, Jesus is still saying, "Come, just the way you are!"
Pastor Fuller gave real life examples about the nature of man, that he may trust a bus driver but struggles to trust his own Creator. He stressed the benefits of trusting God, noting that when you begin to develop a relationship with Jesus, he will see his children through their struggles with all sorts of giants in their lives.

Each night, there was an opportunity for people to write their prayers on prayer walls, and there were also decision cards for those who wanted to be prayed for, or be baptised. Pastor Fuller also made an appeal to those who wanted to stand for Jesus, and he prayed for them.

Jefferson John, a Theology student reflected, "I loved everything about The Week of Spiritual Emphasis. Pastor Fuller brought to light the struggles that we all go through, especially us young people. However he brought the true message of God: do not move but stand in the vine, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Stand."

[Judith Makaniankhondo]

**ALSO IN THE NEWS**

It may be a small church but it has a big heart. Judith Makaniankhondo reports on a special music Sabbath and a thrilling children's story at **Wokingham in Berkshire**.

James Shipley is excited. He has just conducted his first baptism and rejoiced almost as much as the nine candidates who have swelled the ranks of **Swindon church**.

The number nine is equally significant for **Camp Hill church, Birmingham**. That is the number of deacons who were ordained and pronounced ready for service last Sabbath.

Finally, Hyland House School is soon to be welcomed in Tottenham. According to the **Tottenham and Wood Green Journal**, the school will relocate next year to the Holcombe Road site, giving a much needed opportunity for expansion. Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President and chair of governors is quoted as saying, "Of course, it is a Seventh-day Adventist school, so it is a
faith school, but we are open to applicants from all faiths. Whoever wants to come they will be most welcome."

[Victor Hulbert]

TRAVELLING THE WORLD FOR JESUS: ADVENTIST TV THIS WEEK

Enjoy these special selections on Revelation TV and Hope Channel:

Thursday 27 November, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 30 November, 1:00 pm). Growing up in a country where her Church was deemed illegal, Elisabeth Sanguesa's father was a printer of Christian books, Elisabeth developed both a love for God and for literature. She also loves travel, just as well as she is Marketing Manager for the Stanborough Press and travels the world promoting Christian literature. Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freesat 692, internet and Roku).

Thursday 4 December, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 7 December, 1:00 pm). Though now remarkably cured, in this week's In Conversation, Karin and Llew Edwards openly share their moving and thoughtful views on living with terminal cancer. Their mixture of humour, honesty and a deep trust in God makes this compelling viewing.

YET MORE NEW HOPE CHANNEL PROGRAMMES ON ROKU. You have been asking for them. The technical team have responded! There is now a greater selection of on-demand programmes available for you on Roku. Get all your favourite programmeson Roku, or online, including all your international favourites plus an immediate 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. You can also watch all programmes direct from the Hope TV website.

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COMING EVENTS For a full and continuously updated listing of Coming Events please visit http://adventist.org.uk/events

Sabbath 29 November:

Enter the Dragon. Religious Liberty Day at Peckham Seventh-day Adventist church. Time: 09:30 - 18:30. Venue: Peckham Seventh-day Adventist Church, 149-159 Ivydale Road, Nunhead, Peckham, London SE15 3D.

Greenwich Youth Day. The theme is 'Called Out of Darkness'. With guest speaker Jesse Samuels, lunch will be provided to prepare you for the spectacular afternoon programme! Start time: 09:30. Venue: Greenwich Seventh-day Adventist Church, Devonshire Drive, London SE10 8JZ.

Messy Church – Ashford. Messy Church is a way of being church that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour in a fun and creative way. Open to all ages, we use a variety of arts and craft activities to interact and fellowship with one another as we worship, exploring different Christ-centred themes each month. A light lunch is also provided. Time: 11:00 - 13:00. For more information, please call/text 07432 081 927. Venue: St Hilda's Church Hall, Stanwell Road, Ashford TW15 3QL.

Saturday 29 November:
Jubilee with Handsworth Youth Choir. Handsworth SDA Youth Choir will present JUBILEE, along with many other singers and musicians from across the UK. Time: 6:30 pm SHARP! Free entry, come and experience worship taken to another level. Venue: 98 Hutton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B32 2JU.

Sunday 30 November:
An Evening of Elegance. Time: 15:30 - 20:30. Tickets: £15 adults; £10 students & £7.50 for under 12s. Dress code: formal. For more info contact R Blake 0793 041 2346 or Jeffrey 0793 041 2246. Venue: Windsor Street South, Birmingham B7 4HY.

Saturday 6 December:
Marriage Enrichment Fellowship Dinner. An evening of fine dining with your partner and fellowship with other couples as you enjoy the wisdom shared by speaker on the night. Time: 19:00 - 23:00. Venue: The Park Inn Hotel, Bath Road, Heathrow, Middlesex UB7 0DU. Check link for prices and further details.

Sunday 7 December:
Cambridge Christian Book Sale. The Adventist Book Centre will be hosting a one-off book sale at Cambridge church. Books for all ages and several subjects including Christianity, Science and Philosophy. Time: 10:00 - 14:00. Venue: 15 - 19 Hobart Road, Cambridge CB1 3PU.

Area 6A, 6B, 6C & 6D Community Services Banquet. Times: Doors open from 4:00 pm. Venue: The Advent Centre, 37 Brendon Street, London W1H 5JE. Ticket prices: Adults (18-64 yrs) £20 / Senior Citizens (65yrs +) £15 / Children (4-17yrs) £15 / Children (under 4 yrs) free. To purchase tickets or for more info, please contact Daphne Dates on: 0207 7352251.

Thursday 11 December:
Stanborough Christmas Fair – Fun For The Whole Family. Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, with an entry fee of £1. The evening will be fun filled with lots of great activities for the whole family such as: A variety of games; General fun and laughter; Gifts to purchase; A secret gift room; A selection of refreshments. Venue: Stanborough School, Stanborough Park, Watford WD25 9JT.

Sabbath 13 December:
SEC Teens & Pathfinders Day of Fellowship. Time: 10:00 - 19:00. We are looking to provide lunch for all those who are coming but we will only serve those who have registered. If you think the food we will serve will not be enough for you please bring a packed lunch. Venue: Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW. Price: Free (request online registration). Contac: Dejan Stojkovic 07919 172 176 and Kevin Johns 01923 232728.

Saturday 13 December:

Youth Gospel Music Expo 2014. Harmony In' Praise exists for the sole purpose of presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ through the presentation of competitive musical talent expos. Time: 19:00 - 23:00. See full details of our next event, including registration deadlines, on the above link or visit www.harmonyinpraise.co.uk for more details.

Sunday 14 December:
Deaf Banquet at Lewisham church. An evening of good food, entertainment and fun for the deaf. Time: 2 pm - 8 pm at Lewisham Seventh-day Adventist church. We are inviting our deaf friends to join us for a social evening. For more details contact us at deafministries@lewishamadventist.org.uk.

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SMALL ADS

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ACCOMMODATION NEEDED, Bracknell/Reading area. Michaela Koch receives regular treatment near the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and needs alternative accommodation from 21-24/25 December and 28 December to 01/02 January. She would be grateful either to stay in someone's home or to house-sit for someone while they are away (can house-sit for a longer period if that would help). If you can help please contact Michaela or leave a message on 0776 114 9473 or email: michaela_koch3@yahoo.co.uk.

PLANNING TO ATTEND NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY next year 2015-16? Enjoy a Student Residence where Adventist young people can study, worship and socialise in a conducive environment.. If you or your Adventist friends are coming and would like to share with like-minded Christians, please act now and reserve your place for next year. To find out about 'Advent House' phone 0785 530 1398 or email shaundouglas@btinternet.com.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS NEEDED. Vanessa and Perrine Rebourg-Nacto, two Adventist young ladies from Grenoble, France are looking to do a work placement 4 May - 27 June 2015 to improve their English and discover another culture. This is part of their Higher National Diploma, training to become Personal Assistants. They state, "we can do this work placement in any company. We ask you to help us find a business for each of us, and we are looking for
family who are willing to host us." Recommended by their local church pastor, they can be contacted for more details at: v.rebourg.nacto@gmail.com or perrine.n@hotmail.com.

JOB VACANCIES: Year 5 & 6 teacher, Newbold School for commencement in September 2015. Closing date: 31 January 2015. Volunteer Youth Worker, Stanborough Park church, closing date: 19 December 2014. For these and other job opportunities with the Church visit the Adventist Church website.

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