
Email Newsletter of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland

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CENTRE OF HOPE, HEALTH AND HEALING FOR GLOUCESTER

Sabbath 18 July was a significant day in the history of Gloucester church as it was opened as a Centre of Hope, Health and Healing, the first to be officially launched in the UK.

Sharon Platt-McDonald, Health, Disability Awareness and Women’s Ministries director for the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with the Health team, local pastor, Namushi Namuchana, head elder...
Errol Westcarr, and members and friends of the church.

The day was designated 'Health Impact Day', and what an impact Sharon made! Through her sermon, 'Holistic Makeover – A Mandate for Healing', she inspired and motivated the church to move forward in faith, taking hold of the 'Right Hand of the Gospel', to meet the needs of the community and draw them to the Great Physician and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

From Sabbath School through to the afternoon youth meeting, the entire day focussed upon the Health Ministry of the Church. Sabbath School explored the topic of the 'Unlikely Missionary' and how God was able to use a little girl's witness of His ability to heal to bring a pagan to conversion. The Mission Spot focussed upon local testimonies of how health initiatives such as the Shape Up programme delivered by Joni Blackwood had enabled members to not only make healthy lifestyle changes but had provided opportunity to witness to work colleagues. Others spoke about how making diet and lifestyle changes had helped to improve health conditions. Another shared how by claiming the text Joel 2:25: 'I will restore the years the locusts have eaten', they had given up eating meat for three years and felt great as a result – more energised and healthy.

During the afternoon Sharon spoke on the topic 'Centres of Hope, Health and Healing – a Commission for Mission'. She encouraged the Health team to work with local community leaders, the NHS and related organisations to identify the specific health needs of the community and work with them to help to address them.

It was not just theory. Members actively participated by heading out into a nearby local park to distribute over 400 of the General Conference mission book *Health and Wellness* to people participating in an annual local festival. These were shared along with flyers promoting the upcoming Lifestyle for Excellent Health seminar, led by Danny and Charmaine Vierra from Modern Manna. Other health information and literature were distributed from outside the church, along with free bottles of water.

Gloucester church is not new to such approaches. For over twenty years it has been developing its approach to feeding the homeless and needy and running health outreach programmes in partnership with the local community. Over the last 10 years the church has provided a weekly Soup Kitchen, on a Tuesday and Thursday, regularly feeding between 50-70 people.

The mission statement of the church is to 'Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and lead others to Him, discipling all, as we serve and await His soon return'. Their vision is to be 'an accessible, friendly and vibrant church, meeting the needs of the community'. The goal of establishing a Centre of Hope, Health and Healing is to share the Adventist holistic lifestyle with the local community so that they can become better educated about healthier alternatives in diet, exercise and general lifestyle.
The Shape Up programme ran from January to March, and the very active health team is now facilitating the Shape Up maintenance group that meets fortnightly to encourage continued weight management and exercise. They plan to provide simple screening and health advice to people.

In August they will run a nine-day health seminar which will include information and education from a biblical perspective on the optimal diet, making healthy lifestyle choices and the benefits and use of natural therapies. Danny and Charmaine Vierra will also demonstrate how to prepare vegan and raw meals.

This is in addition to established health activities. The city council awarded Gloucester church funding to run Healthy Plate cooking classes. These aim to teach how to prepare healthy, low-cost vegetarian/vegan meals including children's lunch boxes. Seasonal cooking demonstrations take place in partnership with an organization called Vision 21. For the past four years the church has participated in the Gloucester Festival through the provision of a Health Expo. This year they plan to incorporate exercise and vegan/raw food sampling.

The church's community allotment teaches children and adults how to grow their own food. They plan to expand the allotment and hope to make links with various schools in the area. Other initiatives provided by the Centre include the CREATION programme and encouraging children to make healthier lifestyle choices. Emotional and spiritual needs are catered for each Wednesday when Pastor Namuchana provides a pastoral surgery from 10 am – 4 pm. This is open to the public as well as the members of the church. Locals call in to speak to him or just to have a quiet space to pray and contemplate. The church is also open on a Tuesday and Thursday for prayer and contemplation. The church plans to expand this service by working with members of our church who are trained counsellors/therapists to provide interventions and support for people who may be undergoing emotional and mental distress.

In line with our intention to provide good quality information and support, the church will provide a library and quiet area for reading. Literature will include vegetarian, vegan and raw food cookery books, health and lifestyle books and magazines.

Sharon Platt-McDonald states: "The BUC Health Ministries department is thrilled to see the official launch of the first Centre of Hope, Health and Healing as part of its mission outreach strategy. As the caption suggests, the aim of the centre is to instil hope by presenting the gospel of love and grace, bring awareness of health issues to facilitate a wholesome lifestyle and bring healing through a restorative and holistic approach to well-being. Gloucester church is a glowing
example of a church that is relevant, accessible and resourceful, catering to the holistic needs of the community that it serves. I am extremely proud of this milestone and excited about the future and possibilities that lies beyond this launch as we move forward under the guidance of God."

[Vareta Bryan]

ADVENTIST PASTOR LEADS CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RHYL

A Seventh-day Adventist minister, Pastor Malcolm Turner, is to serve as the new president of Cytûn, or Churches Together in Rhyl for the coming year. He was inaugurated at a special ecumenical service held in the Rhyl church on Sunday evening, 5 July. The event attracted visitors and ministers from a number of different denominations including the United Reformed Church, the Church in Wales, the Salvation Army and the Roman Catholic Church.

Pastor Turner has been very active in building relations with other churches and ministers and his selection as president for the coming year is a testament to his gifts of social interaction and bridge-building. The previous president, Rev Paul Robinson, had an important role in the service, singing a solo, reading the charge, and presenting Pastor Turner with a Bible and the Cytûn medallion, which he will need to wear at formal events. In his sermon Pastor Turner spoke of the need for unity in mission. "If there is one thing that can bring us together in Rhyl," he said, "it is working together to proclaim the gospel." Not shy of proclaiming his own faith Pastor Turner made numerous references to the Sabbath and particularly the soon return of Jesus Christ. Perhaps surprisingly for some of the Adventist members present, this was affirmed by the vast majority of the visitors from other churches.

Although Seventh-day Adventists do not join ecumenical organisations as full members, it has always been our policy to play as active a role as possible, from the smallest local groups to the highest levels of the World Council of Churches. We wish Pastor Turner well as he works with the other churches in Rhyl to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the coming year.
RAIN, SUN AND SNOW AT SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP

Sunday, 5 July 2015 saw the start of the thirty-seventh Special Needs Camp at Aberdaron. Unfortunately, the weather was not as conducive as the past couple of years, and very early in the week Les Simpson, site manager, and I were discussing contingency plans to ensure that campers and carers and their belongings remained dry in the teepees. Thankfully, those plans did not have to be put in place.

A close eye was kept on the weather forecasts, and the daily programme adjusted to make the best use of the better weather for outdoor activities. The minibus trip one day focussed on transport, with one group going to Caernarvon Airport, and a couple of cars taking a group to Porthmadoc and the little train. Another day, the activity visited was a pottery and our now regular session at the bowling alley was attended by almost all the campers. The main day out to Foel Farm on Anglesey proved very popular as there were different animals to feed, as well as tractor rides, and the Chocolate Farm to visit.

The campers were delighted to discover that David and Duska Rancić were accompanied by their new baby, Anastasia. David used his experience as a new father to illustrate some of his worship talks. As in the past several years, Curtis Murphy was our main padre for the week with the worship theme leading the campers and staff to look at how each can serve and reflect the love of Jesus. After a couple of years of planning, we were able to introduce prayer partners, and used the safari tent as a prayer tent. David arranged several prayer activities, and campers and staff who indicated that they would like to be involved in this, were paired and could spend time in prayer each day.
One of the blessings this year was the group of new staff members who joined us after the promotions at Hereford and the BUC Youth Congress. They have all said that they will be happy to join us again next year. They were all able to learn a lot about working with our campers from our experienced staff some of whom have been supporting our ministry for many years.

There was a surprise for the campers during our much anticipated concert when Toby Gilbert was singing a song about making a snowman, because snow began to fall. This was courtesy of a snow machine procured by the site team. Although this meant that the stage had to be mopped between snowfalls, the campers became very excited whenever the machine was activated during the evening with one or two becoming rather wet after 'snowball' throwing!

Kites were made during the art and craft sessions and these were flown by their creators during good weather on Friday morning, following this year's successful sports event with games arranged by Andy Agnew and his team. Throughout the week there was also a nature trail with pictures of animals and birds secreted around the site. Kristina Gilbert provided each person with a sheet of clues to be completed with every successful 'find'.

Camp was full of many blessings, and I am very grateful for the support given to this mission by so many people. Without them camp would not be possible. We are already planning for 2016, to take place 3-10 July.

If you would like more information about becoming part of the team, please contact Joy Bussey for further information: 01923 461 944, js.bussey@ntlworld.com or via our website,
THE VIRTUOUS SCOTTISH WOMAN

'Who can find a virtuous woman?' This was the theme for the Faifley Community church annual Women's Ministries retreat held at the Three Angels Farm, 10-12 July, in the picturesque Scottish village of Sorn.

Mama Joyce Chengeta demonstrated what it truly means to encourage and affirm excellence by her in-depth and interactive delivery from the Women of Virtue manual produced by the BUC Women's Ministries department.

It was not just theory! "Wow! And did all the virtuous women with breath praise their God", enthused Yvonne Blake. Marica gave the most beautiful rendition of 'Trust His heart'. The angelic voices of the Zimbabwean quartet and the Paisley women's group shared song in the Shona and Luganda languages.

Chiedza Maisiri-Gwelo said she was "inspired at the retreat and learnt that God calls me to be a virtuous woman, a woman with moral strength, strength of character, physical abilities and power as I watch over my household and refuse to eat the bread of idleness."

Mama Joyce added, "I've learned more in this series than in all the other years of my womanhood." That was also true for Susan Kanyoka. "I am still meditating that I may allow God to mould me into this virtuous woman, and that these attributes will be rooted in me, not blown away by the strong winds", she said.

Audrey Mutongi had always known that the characteristics of the woman in Proverbs 31 were to be desired but, she said, "to be
honest I didn't completely understand what exactly this woman did or how she did it." The weekend of training changed that and now, she says, "I'm grateful that Mama Joyce took time to teach and share with women young and old in Scotland these lessons that are very necessary requirements in today's world."

"I was astounded by the realization that the heart of the virtuous woman is an altar!", Yvonne added. "On Saturday night the rich symphony of our unified intercessory prayers filled the room like sweet incense."

The amazing love story in the book of Ruth came to modern, 21st century life as the Cockett's testimony revealed how Rossana met her 'Boaz' who was confined to a wheelchair for seven years! Today her husband, Justin, is completely healed and together they own and operate the Three Angels Farm.

SMWM sponsor, Judith Martin, spoke to the women on 'What Women's Ministries means to me'. She shared her passion for the movement and the importance of the retreats telling how she had left the Church and only returned after she accepted an invitation to attend a Women's Ministries retreat. It was at that retreat she understood for the first time in her entire life that God was a merciful God and His love for her was unconditional.

As the ladies sang their theme song together for the last time that weekend they resolved in their hearts to be faithful to the 'God of the women who answered our call, Trusting your promises, giving our all, Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth, Give us their courage to live in our truth'.

[Yvonne Blake]
ACTIVE FOR OTHERS

Summer is the time to get outdoors and it seems Adventist volunteers are taking advantage of the better weather to have some fun, improve their health and to raise funds for good causes. Here are a few fund raising adventures happening over the next few weeks.

**Ben Nevis Climb.** On Thursday, 30 July, a group of Scottish Mission youth will be attempting to climb the UK's highest mountain, raising funds for an ADRA project in Nepal. The eight youth are heading to Nepal this autumn to give practical, hands-on assistance with an ADRA sponsored secondary school project. Since they are heading to the country with the world's highest mountain they felt climbing the UK's highest would be a great fundraiser. They will be accompanied up Ben Nevis by experienced hikers, 76-year-old John Wilby who recently completed another ADRA fundraiser, walking the 96-mile West Highland Way, and by BUC Communication director, Victor Hulbert. For more information or to donate see their Events page.

**The Prudential Ride London event.** Pastor Ian Sweeney states that two years ago he would have been unable to cycle one mile. On 2 August, the now healthy BUC President will attempt a 100-mile bike ride in aid of two charities: Orphans of Ghana and ADRA-UK. Spur him on his way by making a donation.

**London to Brussels Cycle Ride.** Over the bank holiday weekend, 27–31 August, intrepid members of Clapton church will be attempting to cycle 300
miles through 3 cities and 3 countries, raising funds for their church restoration project.

In March 2006, Clapton church members took over the lease of the St Paul's Church of England building on Chelmer Road E9. Built in 1891 this local historical and architectural heritage has a Grade II listing status, and holds fond memories for many who were christened or married there. Unfortunately the church was left derelict for a period of 25 years and during this time it fell into a terrible state of disrepair. The bike ride will help raise some of the £1.5 million needed for the full restoration of this historic building. Find out more here.

[Victor Hulbert]

READERS RESPOND TO GC SESSION COVERAGE

With members of the BUC News team supporting tedNEWS during the General Conference Session (2-11 July) as well as keeping members updated via social media it is understandable that both BUC News and tedNEWS received a lot of feedback from readers. While impossible to acknowledge all of it at the time, here is a representative selection.

Simba Muhau was one of many who wrote, "Thanks for all the updates Pastor Victor Hulbert. You and your team are doing a great job." It should be noted however that Pastor Hulbert was just one member of the Trans-European team coordinated by outgoing Communication director, Miroslav Pujic. Each member of the team, working together and often suffering from late nights, made it happen – and gave European readers the news for when they woke up in the morning.

Last week's article comparing the friendliness of Texans with that of Seventh-day Adventists brought quite a response. Hilary Resla
wrote, "Great commentary, Victor. As a Brit who has lived in the US for over 30 years and in Texas for the past 15 years, I would add that Americans are very friendly and Texans are exceptionally friendly. When we leave the US we quickly become aware that elsewhere in the world, it is not the practice to be as open and friendly with strangers." Adam Ramdin noted that he managed to gain two cups of water from the Shepherd's Rod evangelists without being converted, while Daniel Rayne pointed that "we need to find out how to be passionate and focus about mission, but also being aware of other people and their needs."

A large number of correspondents got excited over the TED report, 'Be One Light' on the Thursday evening. Retired North Wales pastor, David Foster, wrote, "Fantastic – well done all! Very inspirational." A Communication leader from another Division shared that he loved every minute of it and that it "knocked the socks off" his own Division's report.

Rather than a traditional video 'punching the numbers' and listing baptisms and success stories, 'Be One Light' used the real stories of five different individuals to represent the five main evangelistic thrusts of the TED over the past five years (Messy Church, Relay [youth], Mission to the Cities, LIFEconnect and Creative Evangelism). Steven Adams wrote, "How something can be so gut-wrenching and beautiful amazes me. Thank you to all my friends and fellow labourers in the TED for this encouragement."

However, there were a considerable number that, while moved, would have preferred a more traditional report. Nigel Buxton felt that it "needed to be more real." He said, "For me, it did not show what the Church is doing and what a difference we are making, but felt more like a theatre production."

Christopher Levy expressed well that "in this setting it's good to paint the full picture. This is not simply a question of 'numbers'. It's showing how the various ways we interact with people... is making a difference in people's lives. To suggest this is merely statistics is an oversimplification. Evaluation and reflection is necessary on an individual and corporate level. In fact after Jesus first sent out His disciples He had a period where He called them aside for feedback and sharing."

These are points that will no doubt be taken on board for next time around. Tidings Chengeta concluded, "The film was a good production but there is lack of content of what we are doing on the ground."

Regardless of those suggested improvements it still made an impact with Ian McCourt from
Ringway Life church messaging to say they showed it in church Sabbath morning. "The curly-headed kid went down well. As a Division we are lucky to have the talent to produce this kind of material. A secular audience used to a high definition surround sound lifestyle would respond better to this than just words and stats from a lectern!"

Amy Foote Minett perhaps summed it up best. "I personally resonated almost more with this report than the others. I feel like each person, while sharing their unique story, was also sharing it on behalf of all others in their similar life experience; the woman searching for love, the man needing healing, the intellectual, the depressed, the child. These stories were very authentic and real and I feel like it showed that this Division is reaching people where they need it most...the heart level… While I would like to see the baptismal numbers and such... maybe it isn't always about the numbers. I left that report ready to shine my light in my community and make a difference in a personal, real level."

We have given plenty of space in the past few weeks on the issue of women's ordination. We do not intend to linger longer on it here as enough has been said in official reports and across social media. Maybe just one email in response to the balanced reporting that, as a team, we aimed for.

Vanessa Laura wrote, "Thank you for your article 'Response to 'No' vote...'. For the last few weeks I have been thinking and worrying about the female pastors that are already working for the TED. I pray many church members will read your article and be moved to treat them with the respect they deserve."

Finally, very many commented on a style of reporting never before seen at a General Conference Session. In his own inimitable way, SEC Teens director, Dejan Stojkovic pulled out his GoPro action camera and hit the floor running.

Particularly on Facebook, but also on YouTube, the videos went viral, showing youth and teenagers what GC Session is all about – and also garnering a large adult following.

Victor Hulbert was somewhat embarrassed to find himself starring in this more humorous take on the GC Session. However, Susanne Kirlew won him over: "You two make a great double act – move over Ant & Dec, we now have Dej & Vic." As a result Jemina Sebolboro is now planning ahead. "The two of you are giving me an idea for the SEC Session in September."

Alison Burgess added, "Dejan, thank you! For your fun, for your unusual slant on things and for giving us a different story to the GC Session."

Corrie Sanders quipped, "I sit here on my night shifts, waiting for hours on end so as not to miss
the next video." Pavel Denchev thanked Dejan for "sharing his first-hand experience! Good footage!" he said. And for the older generation, Shirley Matthews wrote, "Don't ever change Dejan... you're great! I'm enjoying your coverage of the GC Session."

In a world of social media, the videos complemented the more serious reports. As Bob Lewis concluded, "Good reportage... and a natural double act."

All tedNEWS reports, photos and videos from the GC Session can be seen on the TED website.

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ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Tune into Revelation TV or visit the Hope TV website or Roku for Animal Encounters, back by popular demand. Watch Adventist programming every Thursday night at 8:30 pm or Sunday lunchtime at 1:00 pm. Coming this week:

Thursday 23 July 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 26 July 1:00 pm). Animal Encounters. Part 4: Monkeys.

Thursday 30 July 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 2 August 1:00 pm). Animal Encounters. Part 5: Meerkats.

[Victor Hulbert]

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

Thursday 23 July:
Sitting Disease: Cause, Effect & Cure – Free Health Seminar. Time: 19:30 - 21:00. Venue: The Smith Centre, Newbold College, St Marks Road, Binfield, Berks RG42 4AN. Check link for full details.

Sabbath 25 July:
Trinidad & Tobago: 125 Years of Adventism, A celebration of the goodness of our Lord and
Saviour in our blessed twin island in which we are indeed proud. Come and enjoy an evening of talent! The concert is FREE for all. A donation to support upcoming events is welcome. Theme: 'God Is In Control'. Time: 17:30 - 21:00. Refreshments for sale after sunset. Venue: 381 Holloway Road, London N7 0RN. **Hanwell Summer Concert**. Enjoy a fundraising classical concert, 'Unconditional Praise'. Time: 18:00 - 20:00. Venue: St Mellitus Church, 1 Church Road, Hanwell, London W7 3BA.

**Sabbath 25 - Sunday 26 July:**
**Children's Ministries Emphasis in Isle of Man**. Theme: 'God sent me'. See poster for full details or visit [http://necadventist.org.uk](http://necadventist.org.uk).

**Sunday 26 July:**
**Community Fair Health Expo**. FREE family community fun day packed with health checks, health talk, demo juicing, sample healthy food, arts & craft, bouncy castles, natural health products. Children's activities, Community games, Keep-fit session, Light refreshments. Time: 11:00 - 18:30. Venue: Tooting Bec Common, Dr Johnson Avenue, London SW17 1RT.

**Monday 27 July - Sunday 2 August:**
**SEC Junior Camp 2015**. Venue: Chapel Porth Caravan Site, Goonvrea, St Agnes, Truro, Cornwall TR5 0NS. Cost: £125 per person (includes transport from the SEC office & around Cornwall, entry fees for all activities, three meals each day and accommodation in static caravans). Equipment List: Read. Application Form: Download – all applications and full payment must be received by Monday 20 July 2015. For more information email cm@secadventist.org.uk or phone 01923 232 728.

**Tuesday 28 July:**
**How to become a vegan**. How do you become a vegan and what are the benefits of it? Why are some people so passionate about it? Where do you start if you want to go vegan? Come along to this seminar to get the basics that will start you on the road to a lifestyle that makes such a huge difference to everyone! Time: 19:00 - 20:30. To book tickets click here [http://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-become-a-vegan-tickets-17822207703](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-become-a-vegan-tickets-17822207703). Venue: Diorama, 201 Drummond St, London NW1 3FE.

**Thursday 30 July:**
**Ben Nevis charity climb**. Five young people from Scotland are aiming to raise £5,250 to assist with projects in Nepal. Since Nepal is the country that boasts the world's highest mountain they are seeking sponsorship to climb the UK's highest mountain. They write: We've joined together to raise money for Nepal through the ADRA-UK charity. Your donation can really help us smash this goal.

**Friday 31 July - Sunday 2 August:**
**The Journey to Wholeness workshop** will cover four areas: Biblical and Spiritual Concepts of Recovery and Healing; Understanding Addiction and Preventative Interventions; Adventist Recovery Ministries and the 12-steps as a Tool for Wholeness; Journey to Wholeness Effective Use. Registration packages are available from £75 (registration and all course materials) to £155 (registration, all course materials, meals, and accommodation). To register, or for more information, visit: [www.newbold.ac.uk/centre-christian-leadership](http://www.newbold.ac.uk/centre-christian-leadership).

**Saturday 1 - Sunday 2 August:**
**All Night Prayer Meeting at Peckham SDA Church**. The Peckham Prayer Ministries department would like to welcome everyone to share with us an evening of prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Starting at 9:00 pm the meeting will include powerful testimonies, earnest prayer and words of
meditation by Pastor Steve McKenzie. Please plan to be there with your family and friends.
Venue: Peckham SDA Church, Iyvalde Road, London SE15 3DX.

Sunday 2 August:
New Life Family Day Trip to Skegness. Check link for full details.
London Youth Federation Sports Day 2015. Our annual sports day returns and promises to be better than ever! Join us as we see which church team will emerge victorious as they battle it out of the cup and shield. Check link for full details. Venue: Lea Valley Sports Centre, 61 Meridian Way, Edmonton, London N9 0AR.

Sunday 2 August - Sunday 9 August:
SEC Family Camp 2015. This event is now fully booked. If you would like to be added to a waiting list, in case of cancellations, please complete and return the application form. We will contact you straight away if a place becomes available for you.

Monday 3 - Friday 7 August:
Hanwell Holiday Bible School 2015. This is a community programme for children aged 5 - 12 years not to be missed! Interested? Please bring a packed lunch and come along and learn how you can conquer your mountains through songs, games, inventions and fun snacks. Places are limited, so please register by sending your request to HanwellHBS@gmail.com. Time: daily from 09:00 - 15:00.

Friday 7 - Sabbath 8 August:
SEC Stewardship Summit. Speakers: Dr Roland Hill & Dr Susie Hill. To book for this life changing stewardship event, please contact Mavis Bramble on: (t) 01923 232 728 or (e) mbramble@secadventist.org.uk. Venue: Holloway SDA Church, 381 Holloway Road, London N7 0RN.

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 August:
SEC Prayer Conference. Prayer plays a significant part of the Spiritual Ambassador programme. We will be spending quality time in prayer and there will be resources available to assist you in this ministry. Application Form | Invitation Letter. Check link for full details. Venue: DeVere Venues Latimer Place, Latimer, Chesham HP5 1UG.

SMALL ADS

ADRA CONNECTIONS. Why not travel to a different country with ADRA-UK? Ever thought about going abroad to help make a difference in the lives of others? If you answered yes, then look no further! In 2016 ADRA-UK will be travelling to Jamaica (Feb), Peru (July) and Rwanda.
If you are interested in getting your hands dirty, actively working with developing communities around the world to create small changes that will last a lifetime then contact volunteering@adra.org.uk to prepare for the trip of a lifetime! To find out more about our ADRA Connections trips visit us online at: www.adra.org.uk/get-involved.

AU PAIR OPPORTUNITY. A top-grade student from Spain is taking a year before university to improve her English and expand her horizons. Dafne has a 4-year-old brother and so is experienced with children. Her hobbies include reading, singing and guitar playing. She would love to work with an English-speaking family as an au pair and is available immediately for up to 12 months. A pastoral reference can be supplied on request. For more information email
JOB VACANCY. **Human Resources assistant required**, South England Conference office. Application deadline, 31 August 2015. For more information about this and other jobs, please visit the Job vacancies page.

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