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The festive season is soon upon us and once again we prepare for a new year of service and dedication in youth ministry. This year seems to have drifted by at lightening speed and it’s hard to believe that we are at the end of the first decade of the year 2000!

For us that are involved in youth ministry even more will be expected of us in our churches and communities than ever before. I am sure that we will rise to the challenge that lies ahead. We intend to continue into the new year as we are ending this one, with a blast of evangelism in all eight areas of the conference.

All around the youth are reporting evangelistic efforts and this is very heartening to the movement and gives a sense of purpose and direction. In London the youth federation are gearing up for the “Reach One Project” that will seek to reach out in a new form of evangelism. It will be the first major outreach for a number of years. Right now outreach is taking place that seeks to forms friendships with youth through sports, small groups, and study groups.

We can never sit on our laurels and think that the job is done, we must always strive for better, and more successful ways to reach out to people. The youth movement is traditionally the group that presses the boundaries trying new and innovative ways to catch folks in the net for Christ.

We are committed as never before to target souls for the Kingdom. As we approach 2011 the whole of the UK is challenged to re-double it’s efforts in this time of economic uncertainty. When there is high unemployment in the land we must strive for full employment in the work of Christ. We are soldiers that still look to our leader, the one that leads from the front, and the one who has never lost a battle...

Everyone, anywhere engaged in youth leadership knows that the goal is always to get the majority of soldiers into action and onto the field of battle, the time of talk is over, we are trained up, geared up, and now in need of ground level action. So go onto new and un-entered areas, go with the full force of the Holy Spirit, go knowing that as the familiar songs say, “twill soon be done all our troubles and trials, when we get home on the other side, we’re gonna shake our hands with the elders we gonna tell all the people good morning, we’re gonna sit down beside our Jesus, we’re gonna sit down and rest a little while...”

Keep pressing forward.

Pr. Colin Stewart
Editor Hub Online Magazine

Colin Stewart
LEARN. LIVE. SHARE.
Q & A

JOIN NOW!
SEC YOUTH DEPARTMENT GROUP
Hi my name is Colin and I'm from Loma Linda, California, USA. I am 20 years old and have just recently finished my first year at Walla Walla University studying Business Administration. Five years ago I spent several days in London while on vacation with my family. Since that trip, I have always wanted to return and spend a longer period of time getting to know the English people and their culture. When I first heard about the St. Austell project I was excited and knew right away that it was something that I wanted to be involved in. After praying about it and talking with my parents, I decided to take a year off of school and volunteer with the project. Now, after only two weeks of volunteering, I can tell that it is definitely one of the best decisions I have made in my life.

In the short time that I have been here I have met many wonderful people who have told me how their lives have been positively changed by the project and how thankful they are for it. I look forward to working with the other volunteers to continue to share God’s amazing love with the people of St. Austell through music, sports, bible studies and other social events.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family & friends, mountain biking, playing basketball, reading, listening to music, trying new food, and meeting new people.

Hi I'm Jake Jackson (JJ). I'm 22 and I've been studying in Cornwall for the past 3 years and through attending the local church, I became connected and began attending the St. Austell Project. Over this time I have seen and experienced firsthand, the impact that the Project has had on so many people’s lives and the community in and around St. Austell. Once I had moved back home after my studies, I found it extremely difficult to find a job, and after many failed applications and interviews I began to realise that God may be wanting to lead me along a slightly different path.

That’s when the opportunity to join the Project Team came up, and of course I jumped at the chance to return to St. Austell to be a part of the Project once again. I feel that God is guiding me to help increase the impact that the Project has in St. Austell, whether it be through having a job in the local community, going Surfing, playing Basketball & socialising or just being the handyman at No:19 (the project house).

I'm from a pretty rural area, Wells- (The Smallest City in England) in Somerset.

Find out what else is happening at St Austell!
In a popular TV program here in the UK, a billionaire boss, Alan Sugar gives tasks to the number of largely young people hoping to finally be the one that will be his apprentice and immediately be employed on a six-figure salary.

Each week the young entrepreneurs are split into teams and both groups are given a business task to perform and the team that comes back having made the most money is the winner and the team members of that group are safe from being fired.

On the other hand the losing team has to identify where they went wrong and who the weakest links in that team were and ultimately one member of that group is finally identified by Alan Sugar, fired, and has to leave the show…

It is very interesting to watch different individuals lead the team and become project manager. It is also interesting to see the different styles of leadership that emerges and how the other members of the team respond to that leadership style.

As Adventists and Christians we believe that the leadership style of the Jesus is the safest style to learn and ultimately be blessed with. The style that was promoted by Him is that of “Servant Leader”. A true leader is one that puts others before themselves. The early leaders led by following the example of servants. Well, who wants to be a servant today! A true leader will also want to get the best out of those he leads.

The bible says, “Whosoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of you all, and if he wants to be the first among you he must be the servant.” (Matt 20:26,27, NIV) In the TV program one of the young potential apprentices felt that the only way that one could lead is to be forceful, rude, and un-sympathetic to the needs of others. Good leadership principles do not go out of the window just because money is involved. Good leadership business models are grounded in the Biblical model of service and servant hood. Doing an honest days work for an honest days pay...

• Leadership is a God given gift.
• Leadership builds up not tear down.
• Leadership is fair-minded and conscious of the needs of others.

Good leaders are clearly seen, are you striving to be one?

Colin Stewart

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Congratulations to the St Austell Youth outreach group in Cornwall who are doing great outreach in the town centre. The team brought their unique worship style to the streets in the city centre (St Austell) and got great responses from the public!

(Pictured fourth from right, top, is project leader, Steve Hulbert, with team members and friends.)
Who's seen the film...

Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton, Hank Azaria

By Serene Allen from Willesden

SPOILER ALERT!
A severely unfit man, Dennis decides he needs to run a marathon. He’s competing with his love rival who is super fit and has been training for ages. He whips himself into shape doing all sorts including the raw egg protein shake (mmm tasty!). When the day comes, he and the love rival go head to head trying to out-do each other until the love rival trips him up and they both end up hurt. The love rival goes to hospital where it turns out that he’s not injured; he’s simply “hit the wall” and given in. For the non-marathon buffs, “hitting the wall” is the point where an athlete is so fatigued, they feel as though they can’t go on. Dennis, however, actually did injure himself but chose to continue the marathon regardless. Just before the finish line, he falls to the ground but seeing his son and true love at the finish line, gives him the strength to carry on the last few steps.

So why did I think telling you this film synopsis would be helpful in any way? Whether we like it or not, whether we are star athletes or not, we find ourselves in a race. 2 Timothy 4:7 says, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”. There’s something different about this race though. It’s not a gold, silver and bronze.
thing rather there’s a prize for everyone who completes the course. That’s right, a race that I could get the same prize as Usain Bolt (obviously I could beat him in the 200m as well)!

This reminds me of my cross-country days! Now don’t get me wrong, I am in no way or have I ever been a long distance runner. In school though, simply because I was a sprinter my teachers thought I could do cross-country! I don’t and never will understand that logical reasoning. It’s always those P.E teachers right, always trying to force you into some sort of activity. To avoid the guilt trips they used to give me, I reluctantly agreed to take part. The only good thing about this race was the fact that for every person who finishes the course, the team gets a point. I figured that this could only work in my favour, as I would get the same points if I walked the course as the person who ran around. The same goes for our spiritual race; whether you run with a steady pace or you plod along, as long as you reach the end, you still get the most beautiful prize you can imagine.

Therefore, even if we’re plodding through the race, it’s still a test of endurance. We, like any good marathon runner, need to be fit enough to make it to the end. This means, like Dennis, we have to train, exercise and get in shape. This is not me telling you to go and physically drink raw eggs. Rather, find out what your spiritual raw egg shake is; something that you need to do (or not do) that you find hard to stomach. For one it could be the need to pray more, for another it might be the need to treat your parents better. You see, even though we are all in this race together, it is an individual journey to the finish line, you can’t just follow someone else, you have to make your own way.

The journey isn’t easy, some may stumble, some drift behind. The love rival in the film “hit the wall”; he couldn’t go on and make it to the end. He gave up his chance to win the prize when he stopped and quit. Nobody likes a quitter; in fact we’re fans of the underdog. The team that keeps losing badly but they put all their effort into their games, never ever quitting. We can falter but we must not quit. We must dig in and keep on striving for the finish line even when we feel like we can’t go on. I’ll let you in on a secret of mine but just don’t tell any of my P.E teachers. When running cross-country in P.E lessons, I often tripped myself up on purpose just so I didn’t have to run the course. I quit before even giving it a real try; I thought it was going to be too hard so I took myself out of the race first. Failure wasn’t going to be an option but really by quitting and not even giving it my all was the real failure. In our spiritual race, let’s not be like me, let’s keep ourselves in the race even if we think it’s going to be too difficult to complete.

In the film, someone else tripped up Dennis and it hurt him but he kept on running. Others may try and bring us down intentionally with them and we may fall and hurt ourselves but we must keep our eyes on the prize and get back up. Dennis fell to the ground right by the finish. Each one of us is going to fall at some point in the race, it is inevitable but how did Dennis make it to the end? He saw the most important things to him urging him to the finish line. This gave him the strength to carry on those last few steps and claim his prize. We are no different; Jesus is waiting for us at the finish line and if he’s the most important thing in our lives we will see that he will give us the strength to carry on. In the words of Take 6, “We only have a few more miles to go” so let’s not give in now, let us look to the one who will guide us to the finish line to receive that prize.

“But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31
Have a voice! Get answers!
Oxford Insight November 2010

A New Area 5 Youth Initiative is beginning this month, the name of this Initiative is Oxford Insight

The Vision

The plan is to involve youth from the SDA Oxford Churches in starting Oxford Insight, which will be a student/Youth-led organization/society that takes seriously the Oxford University motto, "The Lord is My Light." Its aim will be to create a safe atmosphere where the Oxford graduate/postgraduate students can explore the implications of this Christian message - for their relationships, their academic study, and their world. It is hoped that within the context of a vibrant, conversational community, students will learn to appreciate various aspects of Christian worldview and be encouraged to integrate those spiritual insights into their thinking and life.

Insight aims to meet the needs of students in three ways:

(1) Providing intellectual challenge through night meetings/lecture/debates/café discussion groups/seminars/workshops dealing with various facets of a Christian worldview and spirituality. These events, organized in popular cafés/middle common rooms/Conference and community halls in Oxford, will serve as an outreach to graduate/postgraduate students as we invite a diverse roster of speakers from various disciplines and employment.

(2) Organizing different spiritual events, such as: Contemporary worship service, Prayer meetings, Spiritual journey nights, Thematic Art Exhibitions, Forgiveness days and Music concerts.

(3) Cultivating community amongst students from various academic disciplines, colleges, and backgrounds by organizing social events (trips, tea chats, movie marathons, foodyokee contests, sport competitions, and International and talent nights).
As much as some teenagers seem to hate learning and being taught, they are constantly in the process and business of learning. Life is coming at them in all its newness, with more questions than answers and more contradictions than resolutions. Mix that with their struggle to establish their own personal identity and believe in their right and place in society and you’ll see that life for them is nothing but a learning experience.

We much think about the way in which we develop programmes and ministries and the learning experience of teenagers. Adolescence really is the right of passage for teenagers into adulthood, for some the passage is a exit out. They don’t easily come to terms with the level of responsibility and accountability, needed to survive in the adult world. So help them to learn in ways that:

1. Enhance their adolescent experience, socially, morally and spiritually
2. Instills values that are recognisable and life affirming
3. Gives them transferable learning that can be passed on

Facebook is without a doubt, the greatest social revolution in the history of social networking. You cannot be on facebook and survive as a loner, simply because even when you don’t want to you end up sharing something with someone. Your acceptance into the facebook community predisposes you to sharing. Learning and Living in connection with the Life of Christ does the very same thing, it predisposes us to sharing who and what we are as individuals. So think about how you develop ways in which:

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2. Sharing the blessings they have is how they are truly empowered
3. They never appologise for being Christian

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**Live...**

We study to learn but its in the living that we know and life is a lived experience. The same is true of Christ and Christianity. If faith is based on a living saviour, then practice cannot be based on dead traditions, whether they be, cultural, societal or religious. In a rush to raise our kids doctrinally we forget to raise them to be attractors and transmitters of Christ life and love. As a result they struggle with faith, church and spirituality, because all are institutionally enforced instead of relationally experienced.

So teach them to live in ways that:

1. Makes sense to them and those who look at their christ journey
2. Affirms their own christ story and its importance
3. Blesses both God and society

**Share...**

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Normality
Normality is an anaesthetic
Normality numbs the pain
Normality is fake
Normality is an escape
Normality is a utopia
Utopias don’t exist
Utopias escape truth
Utopias are fake
Anaesthetics are temporary
Unless put in the wrong place, then
Anaesthetics are deadly, so
Utopias are deadly
Utopias don’t produce tears
Tears are precious
Tears are feeling
Tears are humanity
Tears are character
Tears are salty
Salt is a healer
Salt causes pain
Pain is pain
After pain comes healing
Healing is vital
Healing brings closure
Closure brings understanding
Understanding brings acceptance
Acceptance brings a chance to move on.
Hmmm.
Normality is a word.
What is a word.
HMP: Little Hey Young Offenders Institute

Nathan Southby is a young man who recently found Jesus while attending the SEC Community Camp in 2009 and determined since that time that he was going to get to know this person that so many of talk about...

In September 2010 I went to HMP Little Hey to visit and interview him for the Hub Online... This is his testimony,

Interview:

Question: How long have you been in jail?
Answer: Since October 13th 2009

Question: What effect has being in jail had on you?
Answer: I have so missed my girlfriend and my daughter and those close to me but most of all I was sad to miss the birth of my second child.

Question: Has there been any positive things that have happened to you since you been in prison?
Answer: Yes, I have learnt many lessons since I have been in prison, one of them being I never want to come back here again. Apart from that there is very little that is positive about being in jail apart from the fact that I am able to read more.

Question: Did you believe in Jesus before you came in jail?
Answer: Yes, I believed in Jesus when I was around all the people I met at Student Community Camp in Cornwall, but when I'm not around you lot its harder... Now the Bible helps me keep my faith in Him, I do a lot of praying and reading from the bible.

Question: What effect has being in jail had on your family?
Answer: My partner has to bring up my kids by herself and I feel bad about that, I also have down moments when I think about my mother, brothers and sister and not being able to be with them, and they also miss me.

Question: What plans do you have for the future?
Answer: To go back to college and learn to be a mechanic. I want to be the best that I can be for my kids and my partner.

Crime is not the way forward and I would jump at an opportunity to tell the young kids that there is a better way to live.
**Question:** I’m sure that the days can be quite monotonous, what are the high points of your day?

**Answer:** Going to sleep and looking forward to the next day. I find myself wanting each day to end quickly. So I suppose the nights is the highlight.

**Question:** What’s the food like in this prison?

**Answer:** Lunchtimes are really good because we have pizza in a box and a selection of pies and cakes, chips, rice, the food is OK, not McDonald’s or Nando’s though.

**Question:** Do you play any sports and what do you do for leisure?

**Answer:** I go to the gym three times a week; I play badminton, tennis, and football once a week, in one-hour sessions. Sometimes I play pool.

**Question:** How many hours a day do you spend in your cell?

**Answer:** Well for those lucky ones who have a job, like me, 14 hours a day are spent in my cell for a 24 hours period.

At 7:45 each day we are out of our cell and back in at 12:30. At 1:45 we are out again and back in by 17:00

By 18:00 we are out of our cells again and by 19:00 we are back inside and that’s where we stay for the rest of the night.

If you don’t have a job then you are in your cell for 22 hours a day! Only 28 people out of 480 have jobs so I’m one of the lucky ones.

**Question:** What was the last thing you learnt about Jesus?

**Answer:** That He’s here for everyone no matter what the problem, all you have to do is talk to Him and He will help you and be there for you.

I learnt that you are not limited to praying to Him but you can have a conversation with Him anytime.

**Question:** What message do you want to send to the youth of the SEC?

**Answer:** Don’t hang out with the wrong people, fix up and be a good influence to those around you. Don’t end up in here!!
INTRODUCTION
From the 1st to the 5th of September the TVYF (Thames Valley Youth Federation) held its evangelism empowerment Conference at Alton Castle in Staffordshire. The Speaker was Pastor Louis Torres President of Guam Mission and founder of the Mission College of Evangelism. The purpose of this report is to briefly outline what took place and to evaluate its success.

AIM
The aim of the conference was to hold an Evangelism Empowerment conference for the older youth of Area 5

Objectives
The Objectives of the Conference were as follows:
1. To train the Older Youth in area 5 in order that they will be able to empower the other youth in their local churches.
2. Give our Youth Confidence to do evangelism.
3. Make our Youth Evangelism more effective.
4. Create stronger ties amongst the Young Adults of area 5
5. Stream the conference thereby making it available to the rest of our area

CONFERENCE SUMMARY
When we arrived at Alton Castle on the 1st of September we were immediately impressed by the grandeur of the castle, the beauty of the countryside and the rolling hills. Alton Castle is indeed a beautiful location enhanced by period features such as a moat, bridge, stained glass windows and a colorfully tiled roof. With, outdoor facilities such as a gymnasium, outdoor sports, hiking as well as the ability to comfortably cater for and house over 100 people Alton Castle indeed proved to be an ideal location. Our speaker Pastor Louis Torres having travelled for over 32 hours to join us, immediately broke the ice with a powerful personal testimony of his life and how God brought him from being the lead bass player for Bill Haley and the Comets (The group that wrote the hit “Rock around the Clock”) to becoming an Evangelist and Seventh-day Adventist Minister.

He spoke of the emptiness of his existence in the world and how it was only when he found Christ that he found the meaning and completeness that fame and money could not give (Col. 2:10). Each day began with a Morning Devotion and then Breakfast at 0830. Pastor Torres delivered a set of powerful and inspiring workshops on the following subjects:
1. The Mindset of Evangelism
2. Misconceptions in Evangelism
3. The Evangelism Cycle
4. Motivating the Laity
5. Gaining Decisions
7. Practical: Leading People to Christ
8. Sermon: It Does not matter!
9. The Manhattan (New York) Strategy
10. Counsel to Europe
11. Christ’s Method
12. The Open Space in Orion
13. The Heart of God

In addition to this we also went on a Sabbath walk and held a workshop in the old castle ruins, By the close of Sabbath the effects of pastor Torres’ Ministry could be clearly seen as the Youth from the different corners of Area 5 of their own accord gathered together in different parts of the castle, to discuss how they could implement what they had learnt in their own churches. Pastor Torres challenged us to go and win England for Jesus Christ and by God’s Grace that is what we are going to do. All in all we had an excellent speaker, excellent food, an excellent location, an excellent experience that has led to each one of the attendees leaving feeling spiritually strengthened, and empowered to go out and win souls for Christ. During the week three of the conference attendees made the decision to get baptised, and we are laying plans to begin a community evangelism effort which will involve door to door work this month. We wish to thank our TVYF President, the Area 5 Executive the SEC and BUC for their support in making this event possible. But most of all we want to thank the Lord for what he has done and is doing in Area 5.

EVALUATION
Although the numbers for the conference were not as high as was expected it still appears to be the case that our overall objectives have been met, as you will see from the testimonial video at http://TVYF.blip.tv/ Those who attended have expressed that they now feel:

• empowered to equip those who were unable to attend
• more confident to go out and do evangelism
• that they will now be more effective in their evangelism
• they they have gotten to know other youths in their area better

In addition, The conference was successfully streamed online and was watched from as far abroad as the Bahamas and Kenya. All of the presentations have been archived and are available online as a TVYF Training resource at http://www.livestream.com/tvyf and are being edited and uploaded to http://TVYF.blip.tv/ in a downloadable format.
“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. HE WHO COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.”

- JOHN 6:35 (NIV)