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Session opening

On Thursday 4 September the South England Conference began its 59th Session at the Guildhall, Portsmouth. Meetings started promptly at 5pm with a short address from SEC president Pastor Don McFarlane followed by a welcome from the Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Tom Blair. Councillor Blair praised Seventh-day Adventists for their work in education. He said, ‘This weekend, in your prayers, please remember the children and young people here in Portsmouth who are in the care of our social services department.’

Delegates to the Session were also welcomed by local pastor David Foster, and by TED president Dr Bertil Wiklander. In his address Dr Wiklander praised the SEC for its evangelistic work, its role in the LIFEdvelopment process, and its programme of church planting. ‘Of the forty conferences we have in the Trans-European Division, the South England Conference is one of the fastest growing,’ he said.

BUC president Pastor Cecil Perry also spoke briefly in the opening stages of the Session. Referring to the demanding task of chairing the nominating committee, which traditionally falls to the Union president at Conference Sessions, he said, ‘I will be locked up in a back room for three days, so please remember me in your prayers!’

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ADRA-UK is launching an appeal to raise funds to support 8,000 persons in Clara Town affected by the recent fighting in Liberia through this intervention. ADRA-UK aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. To improve shelter conditions through the provision of drugs to the community Clinic.
2. To improve health conditions through the provision of drugs to the community Clinic.
3. To improve environmental conditions through a clean-up campaign of drainage and garbage collection.

Assessments carried out by ADRA in the Clara Town Community, situated on the outskirts of the capital Monrovia, revealed that the living conditions of the already impoverished residents of this community have been exacerbated by the recent fighting in Monrovia. The health situation has recently become a major problem in Clara Town. There is one government-owned clinic in the community which receives between 650 to 800 patients daily. Furthermore, the war has worsened the already deplorable sanitary conditions of the community. Drainage and community latrines urgently need repair.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is currently providing wheat, beans and oil to 12,000 newly-displaced persons in other parts of Monrovia. In addition to meeting food needs, ADRA has also distributed 350 bales of clothing to approximately 10,000 internally displaced persons. Over the past months, ADRA-UK has supported disaster interventions in a number of countries including Uganda, Mexico, Malawi, Zambia, Bangladesh, Sudan and Pakistan, bringing relief to thousands of people.

What can we do? We kindly request that your churches and individual members send their donations to ADRA-UK, Stanborough Park, Wethers, Herts, WD2 1QJ. If possible, gift Aid your donation. Please make your cheques payable to ADRA-UK.

Alternatively, you can send your gift through the regular church channels. In all cases, please indicate that the gift is for the ADRA Liberia Appeal.

Thank you for your help. (In keeping with accepted charitable practices in the UK, up to 5% of donations will be retained to help with administrative expenses and to generate further funds.)

Can you guess which speaker was being described here?

He spoke for about twenty minutes on the theme of corruption and rottenness of the old order (words omitted here). He kept warning his audience that it was five minutes to midnight - "Fünf Minuten vor zwölf!" He never explained what was to happen at twelve, he simply repeated the same phrase over and over again, gently at first, quiet and explanatory, then increasingly furious and finally shouting at the top of his voice. He played with his audience. He had patience, tenderness, deceptiveness, frightfulness. I thought, "Wow! Who is this guy?"

A camp meeting speaker, maybe? Or a lay evangelist in a tent campaign?

Alistair Cooke, the world's best known journalist, wrote these words when he was a young man. In 1931, Cooke, with a Jewish friend, was on holiday in Munich. They dilly wandered into the grounds of the Braunhaus at caught a soapbox speech by a politician of whom they had never heard.

You've probably guessed already who the speaker was. If not, you will guess when I fill in the words of the speech that I deliberately omitted: "The corruption and rottenness of the old order in general and the Jews in particular."

If you have guessed who it was, you will have realised that 'the unknown politician' did not remain unknown for long.

Indeed, in the annals of European history, he was to become one of the most well-known personifications of evil.

After Adolf Hitler had become dictator of Germany in 1933, he proclaimed his famous speech at the University of Berlin in 1933: "The Jews have caused all the problems of the world. They will cause the war to end."

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The implication, without justification, was that Bible prophecy made it legitimate to target Roman Catholics in general and Jesus in particular for hatred. That is not the point of prophecy. Part of the point of Christianity is that there is no one licence to hate anyone.

One of the problems of scale caused by the rapid growth of the Church has been a pluralistic approach to theology. There is a lot of life on the fringes these days.

Among the hucksters represented in the 5,000-strong throng who came to hear the Adventist Church on Press Open Day, the commercial arms of most of these groups were represented.

The beliefs promulgated in their products were not those of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Do a parable experiment that, having identified the fringe groups, we can focus our hostility on them? Not if we are Christians, it doesn't. What it does do is lay a heavy responsibility on the shoulders of The Standardbore Press Ltd to screen more carefully those who make use of its premises. It also lays a heavy responsibility on every Sabbath school teacher, preacher, pastor and communicator of the Gospel to express clearly the central truths of the faith. Truth is that the only inoculation we can give against error.

There are tremendous dangers in demonising minorities. Yes, they are irritating, not least because of their upside-down Gospel and shallow hucksterism.

Jesus himself was outspoken against those who 'spun' the Gospel the wrong way in his day (read Matthew 23 on the Pharisees). Paul wrote Galatians against infiltrating legalists (called Jews).

But neither Jesus nor Paul incited to hatred, and neither should we.

Two pieces of counsel from Jesus should be noted.

First, is the message of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds: Let the wheat and the weeds grow together until the harvest (Matthew 13:30). If we tackle the uprooting, we'll end up uprooting both wheat and weeds.

Second, remember the Jesus criterion: 'You will know them by their fruits.' (Matthew 7:16.) There's something for everyone in there. The fruit of an individual's experience is the only guide we have to its genuineness. If the behaviour of the orthodox prove worse than that of the unorthodox, what does that say about the spiritual experience of the orthodox? Orthodoxy on its own is a guarantee of spiritual maturity.

Jesus is the root of your salvation. Christian behaviour is the fruit. Show me a fruitless profession (or a profession characterised by fruit), and I will show you a rootless profession.

One last time: 1 No one has a licence to hate. 2 Christ is the Root, so let's see some fruit!
New churches
The first session was officially open at 6.25pm when SEC Executive secretary Pastor Humphrey Walters announced that 74% of the delegates had already registered — well above the 51% required by the constitution for business to begin.

The first main item of business to be carried out was the acceptance of a number of new congregations into the sisterhood of churches that make up the South England Conference. Altogether twelve new churches were added to the SEC, a number of which are non-national churches such as the Filipino and Ghanaian congregations.

President’s Report
As usual at Conference Sessions the selection of the Recommendation Committee took a considerable amount of time. This was followed by the President’s report which received warm applause. Presented in the form of a 30-minute video, the report clearly showed that over the last four years the SEC had been remarkably successful. Statistics showed that there had been 6,200 accessions over the quinquennium and that the increase was over 225 million. However, Pastor McFarlane was not complacent and reinforced Dr Williamson’s comments about the LDE/Process event which was a focus point of the SEC’s outreach in the year ahead. “I am convinced that there is great merit in the new SEC,” Pastor McFarlane said.

The evening concluded with the delegation breaking up into small groups to discuss specific areas of concern. They were instructed by Pastor Humphrey Walters to come up with clearly defined proposals which would be submitted to the Plans Committee. Some of the groups concluded their work by the suggested time of 10.15pm, others concluded formally and then informally for a while longer.

Friday
On Friday 5 September, the second day of the Conference, Pastor C. Ralph Thompson began the morning with a devotional based on the story of the woman taken in adultery. Expounding on Jesus’ words, ‘Go and sin no more,’ he said, “It’s not what I am but what I can be by the grace of God, that is important.”

Immediately after the devotional, business began in earnest with a report from the Recommending Committee. This presented the names of those people suggested for service on the Nominating Committee, the body which discusses and finally presents for approval by the delegates the names of those people who are to serve as Conference officers, departmental directors, and committee members over the next four years. Once voted, the Nominating Committee left immediately to begin work while various reports were presented to the remaining delegates.

Upbeat
In the Executive secretary’s report Pastor Humphrey Walters gave an upbeat presentation that highlighted the numerical growth that had occurred in the SEC over the last four years. Membership was up by 1.714. In his treasurer’s report Carl Ramcharan Singh also had good news: the church had increased by an average of 12% per year over the quinquennium. However, the growth that has taken place in the Conference has also brought some problems. A number of speakers raised questions about the overcrowding which is limiting growth in some of our churches, and the Office of many new groups are having in finding suitable churches in which to worship.

President re-elected
At 12.55pm a report came back from the Nominating Committee suggesting that Pastor Don McFarlane continue to serve as president of the South England Conference. This was well received and was quickly voted through. In his response Pastor McFarlane assured the delegates that he only had one objective in mind, “to advance the cause of God.” He went on to say, “I realise that I can’t please everyone. That is impossible.” However, he outlined a number of plans for the future of the SEC, and while being encouraged by the growth that had taken place in the Conference, concluded, “We need, most of all, to grow spiritually.”

Church growth
Friday afternoon reports came from the Church Growth department and Ministerial Association. The second of these was interrupted by another report from the Nominating Committee, this time presenting the names of Pastor Darrel Elias for Executive secretary, Pastor Eddie Hypolite as treasurer, and Pastor Humphrey Walters for a new position of Strategic Development director. These three positions were voted two further directors were present: Pastor Aristote Vonta closing as Sabbath School and Personal Ministers director, and Pastor Michael Hamilton as Ministerial Association director. Summarising the comments of many, Pastor McFarlane expressed appreciation for the work that Pastor Walters had done over the last seven years as Conference secretary, and for the ministry of the former Ministerial Association director, Dr Brighton Khalifa, who had requested that he be allowed to return to field ministry. SEC president Pastor Perry also spoke highly of Dr Khalifa. “If I was sick I would want Pastor Khalifa to come and pray for me,” he said.

Evangelism Feature
The evangelist feature began with a short video that highlighted the depiction of the work. Statistics were given with regards to evangelism, drug abuse, prostitution, alcoholism, homelessness and unemployment. This dramatic film aptly portrayed the need of the world for Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dalbert Elias, known as the ‘Small Group Guru’, began his presentation by inviting the delegation with Grace phrasing. Pastor Elias then introduced him from the Muswell Hill church. Doris told of how she attended a small church while visiting from her home in Wythenshawe to Islington. When they moved to Islington for the purpose of becoming child minders they met an estate agent who tried to find them a house. This lady has become a good friend of the couple, and attended the baptism of both of their children. From being a professed non-believer, she has accepted that there is a God and is regularly worshipping with the family.

The Cooper Brothers from Stanborough Park church have left musical relief. Accompanied by Benson Ferron of the St Albans church, the three young men played a stump ton of the piece ‘Wade in the Water’. To Jesus the love track of the congregation was evidential of their appreciation.

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form, which was subsequently filled with capillarity. Following the laying of the hands, Pastor Andrew Leanne gave a response and Mrs Laura Osei gave some words of advice to the wives of those ordinands who were married.

At 7.30pm Mrs Heather Haworth, Women’s Ministries director of the British Union Conference, presented a brief vespers service. Reminiscing about her own childhood, she talked about how she would play with her husband and would often ask, “Where are you? I’m coming to find you.” Of course now where they were together, she said, and when he found them he would pick them up and entertain them in his arms. Mrs Haworth paralleled God’s experience with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and said that Jesus message to us today is basically the same, “Come back into the fold of the family.”

Choral concert

The finale to the whole day was a concert by the London Adventist Chorale, who performed a variety of songs ranging from classical to up-tempo pop. The conductor, Pastor Bentley, led the choir as if with his characteristic charm and flair, effortlessly making the transition from pianist to conductor, and entertaining to the audience as he helped the congregation join in a four-part harmony to “This little light of mine.” A consummate professional in things musical, Ken inspired the twenty-two Chorale members to perform their best. An extra treat was a performance by the group, “Take 4,” a male quartet from within the Chorale.

Pastor Don McFarlane concluded the evening with more thanks to the Chorale and a short speech on the use of music within Adventist churches. “The London Adventist Chorale epitomises the quality of music that we should have in our churches,” he said.

Sunday

Attendance on Sunday morning was initially fairly low as delegates recovered from late the night and the process of checking out of their hotels. In his devotionalPastor Thompson concluded his series or grace with a call to obedience. “We can be lost if we do not obey. This is not a legalistic duty; it is loyalty to God. … When we love Jesus Christ we serve him. The grace of God leads us to obedience.”

Graciously Pastor Thompson stayed on for the rest of the day, giving very helpful advice on matters of policy and constitution drawn from his many years at the General Conference.

Lively debate

Discussion and questions from the floor increased as the day wore on, by the dismay of those who realised the volume of work that had to be concluded before they could go. A concise report from ADRA UK director Rafael Kamal was presented but the subsequent report from the Nominating Committee did not fare quite as well. The report on establishment of a commission as a 50% department was well received, and Mrs Cathy Bailey was called on to the floor. However, the suggestion that Pastor Delbert Elias, already voted in as Executive secretary, could also carry Stewardship duties caused some consternation. “How can one person do one and a half jobs?” was a question repeated by more than one delegate. Despite numerous reassurances that this wasn’t the way things worked in practice, and a testimony from BUC president Pastor Cecil Perry who also serves as Religious Liberty director, the matter was referred back to the Nominating Committee and wasn’t finally voted until two hours later.

The only other reports to be presented during the morning session were Children’s Ministries, Family Ministries, and Youth. The last of these generated lively discussion but was repeatedly interrupted by reports back from various committees. Again the Nominating Committee authorised its recommendations and Pastor Bernie and Mrs Karen Hofstad were voted in as Family and Children’s Ministries directors.

Youth: Three full-time budgets

In the afternoon session, which was the final session scheduled for the conference, Pastor Eglan Brooks presented the Teens report. Again, as is usual the case for reports presented towards the end of the conference, the Teens report was interrupted by reports from various committees, including the Credentials and Liaisons Committee and the Constitution Committee. When these matters had been approved discussion on Teens issues resumed in earnest, with some delegates commenting on the dress and behaviour of teenagers in the church and others calling for more resources to be put into supporting young people.

Pastor McFarlane praised the work that Pastor Brooks has done with the Teens and highlighted the marked improvement in their behaviour at Camp Meeting since a Programme had been organised for them. He also pointed out that for the first time ever...
At their own pace, in co-operation with the Holy Spirit, will be richly rewarded. Pastor Oscar Osindo then expertly applied his vast depth of knowledge and experience of Islam to the challenging issue of how Christians can witness to Muslims.

We rehearsed the musical equivalent of the three angels’ message when the three Cooper brothers lifted up their trumpets, and let them ring out in some lovely variations on a hymn tune. It is also worth noting the stirring virtual accompaniment for the congregational hymns provided by Pastor Malcolm Taylor on the Steinway grand in collaboration with Pastor Gifford Rhamie on the organ.

The worship service began with a time of introductions and prayer led by Pastor Cecil Perry, chair of the Nominating Committee. He presented the men who had been elected so far. Pastor McFarlane responded with a note of reverence from his youth when, in the North Street church in Kingston, Jamaica, he first decided to work for God. He affirmed that he is still willing to serve ‘for as long as the Lord shall decide’. Dr Brighton Kavaliho, the outgoing Ministerial and Stewardship secretary, was invited to pray for those chosen for office. Having opened our worship with a moving introit, The London Adventist Chorale prefaced Pastor G. Ralph Thompson’s sermon with a sublime, silky-smooth meditational piece.

The sermon revolved around God’s radical response to the problem of sin. Having explained that the meaning of the word ‘radical’ (like ‘radish’) is ‘root’, he went on to show that we need to understand the roots of both the problem and the solution. He wisely delineated the difference between ‘sin’ and ‘sins’, using aphorisms like ‘Sin is the centre and sins are the circumference’ and ‘Sin is a producer and sins are the product’. We smiled as he told of the person who told him, ‘I never committed a single sin in the past seven years’. Such a response to sin is patently self-defeating. Aware of the way we in Britain use the word ‘bloody’ he still emphasised that ‘sin is a bloody business. It is a mess’. He threaded in the Great Controversy theme and shared his response to the question, ‘Why did God make the devil?’ by relaying, ‘God made Lucifer an angel of light and Lucifer made a devil of himself.’

Touching on the nature of Christ, another troublesome issue for some, he affirmed categorically that ‘Christ came with the possibility of sinning, but he lived and died without sinning.’ Having reminded us that ‘Sin is what we are, sins are what we do,’ he then spent time celebrating the radical solution to ‘lackness’ by bringing out telling details from Christ’s well-known story of the Lost Son. When the son returned home dirty and smelly, the loving father didn’t just give him a peck on the cheek to welcome him home. Pastor Thompson showed that the Greek indicates that ‘he kept on kissing him’. With such a response, grace clearly means that ‘we can come home. It knocks on our door’. Pastor Thompson shared how much he valued the verse, ‘The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: “God is willing to take us back for the umpteenth time. Thus if we are willing, grace will ultimately triumph over sin. No wonder everyone stood with Pastor Thompson in an act of commitment as he prayed that we might accept God’s grace anew.’

Church Planters’ Exchange in Finland

Sixty-five ‘well satisfied’ pastors and church members attended the week-long Church Planters’ Exchange which was held in Finland from 3-10 August. The British group was part of a total delegation of over 350 believers from Germany, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Latvia. They met at the Adventist College at Tavoinninna to share experiences and receive further training in the planting of new churches in order to reach new people groups in their territories. The best Adventist experience of my life was how one delegate summed up the week at Tavoinninna. But the best is still to come.

Already plans are being laid for next year’s exchange event, which promises to be larger and better still as more believers become involved, and more unchurched people are led to faith in Jesus. For more information on church planting in the UK and Ireland, email David Cox at dcox@adventist.org.uk.

Scottish Women’s Retreat

This year our retreat was held at a new venue – an ecumenical centre, the Scottish Churches House, in the Royal Burgh of Dunblane, near Stirling, ideally placed for access from all parts of Scotland. We were very glad that some of the sisters who had been with us in previous years from South of the Border were also able to come, indicating that the event was indeed ‘cross-border’!

This year’s theme was ‘Focusing on the Lord’ and we were very grateful for the presence of Pastor Jonathan Barrett from Teddington, London, who led an excellent programme of worship and teaching. A whole session was devoted to the building of relationships and friendships throughout the weekend. We were also blessed to have heard a talk on ‘Women’s Ministries in the World’.

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Worships were taken by Heather Peacock, in a workshop on quilling by Carole Gharsha Haslam and Floretta Williams’ previous baptism four months ago, then Michelle Harrison and Natasha Uttley’s on 12 July both made public their declaration of friendship with Jesus. We wished them and God’s richest blessing on their walk with the Lord.

Pastor L. Johnson, former pastor, carried out the immersion of the candidates.

Central London baptism

Heaven was reaching as people gave their lives to the Lord on Sabbath afternoon 10 May at the Central London church. Twelve people of different cultural, religious and personal backgrounds from Latvia, South Africa, Brazil, Philippines and England, to name just a few countries, united in the same Lord. Pictured from the front row left side are Anjeta, Medj, Sabaio, Nadia, Seraga, Terena, Naam, Christa, Juliana, Bryan and Janita. Sandili not pictured.

Pastor Jonathan Barrett conducted the baptism, which was accompanied by an equally varied and rich programme of music and favourite scripture verses.

LD Goodie Bags

On 28 June Darlington church had a stall at the annual Carnival in the Park. This is the fourth time there has been an Adventist presence at the event and this year we were the only church to have a stall, with help from former member Dave Selvage and his wife Fiona who gave out 200 LD Development info goodie bags and courtesy of Lee Galloway.

It was a wonderful day, with lots of opportunities to talk to people. It is good to know that so many people are now reading the LIFE info magazine.

On 12 July the members were in another local park to have a picnic and afterwards distributed 50 more LD Development info goodie bags to people out enjoying the good weather.

Interested in learning to teach English?

Each summer Newbold College runs an intensive English Language Teacher Training programme. On Sunday 16 November there will be a taster day to see if this is the right course for you. The cost is £55 for the day, including lunch. If you are interested in the taster day or the summer course contact: Maggie James on mjamies@newbold.ac.uk or 01344 401764.

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Fifteen coaches, thirty minibuses and five hundred cars brought 5,000 people to Press Open Day on Sunday 31 August 2003.

Asked why last year’s turnout had doubled, Press manager Paul Hammond repaid, ‘The London Adventist Chorale gave two hour-long concerts. Open Day PA man Dave Bell said, ‘The Chorale, the seminars and Jeff Brown’s afternoon presentation. How can we follow that?’ Graphic designer Abigail Murphy, a twinkle in her eye, felt that the large numbers could be accounted for by saxophonist Mark Bunney’s appearance alone (he performed in each concert).

The morning seminars – live, interactive and presided over by Press treasurer Graham Barham – certainly drew crowds. They were presented by Dr Clemency Mitchell (Health Matters) whose book Vibrant Health was being launched; Dr Jeff and Mrs Pattiejean Brown (Family Matters) co-authors of A Guide to Parenting, Total Marriage, and Single and Gifted; and Chorale member Debbie Harris (Money Matters) who is currently working on a manuscript for launch at next year’s Open Day. Dr Mitchell’s brand of Vibrant Health was so popular that she had to present an additional, unscheduled workshop over the lunch hour!

Ken Burton’s London Adventist Chorale, currently celebrating its twenty-first birthday, was undoubtedly at the top of the bill. Anyone who arrived late for their concerts was obliged to stand outside the marquee (and so glorious was the weather that they were happy with this).

Every lady visitor was given a copy of Mary Barrett’s Little Book of Praise for Women. Every child received a free snack bar.

Paul Hammond said that the two things that struck him about this year’s Open Day were ‘the excellence of the Chorale and the patience of the saints’. The saints were obliged to exercise their patience as they queued at the ten checkouts. But the saints interviewed by this reporter felt that their patience had been more than rewarded by the bargains, fun, frolics, food and fellowship.

David Rees of The House of Natural Food, and Granovita’s Edward Johnson were more than gratified by the interest shown in nutrition and healthy living.

BUC Publishing director Pastor Vernon Nambo said, ‘The most encouraging aspect of the whole day for me was seeing so many people carrying boxes of books and magazines away for sharing.’

As ever, the crowds of children took it out on the bouncy castles – and Steve Holden.
PROMINENT CARDIOLOGIST IN ULSTER

Do you know women have a greater risk of developing heart disease than men? The part of house dust that causes allergic reactions is a protein in the faces of dust mites. These are just a couple of fascinating items that were revealed in a seminar given on Sunday night at the Tower Hotel in the Lisburn Road. The Belfast Connection, a USA-based non-profit organization that supplies health education materials to schools and public health organizations, held this series of five seminars, which took place 22-26 June. The Health Connection brought the seminar to help the people of Northern Ireland reduce the risk of several major diseases prevalent in this country.

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Ilona comes home
On Sabbath 19 July Ilona Samu was baptised in the Stanborough Park church by Pastor Larry Laredo from Australia. Ilona had spent several years away from the Lord, but was encouraged by her mother to go to church when she started a working holiday in Perth, Western Australia. She started attending the north Perth congregation and was made to feel welcome. After several months Pastor Geoff Youlden ran a campaign and Ilona attended. Into the second week she went to Geoff and Larry and indicated her desire to be baptised. She wanted to come to the UK, to start attending her old church and asked that Larry baptise her. She wanted that to happen in England, Providentially Larry and Geoff were negotiating to run a campaign in England a year later.

Ilona, while in Australia, was a long way from home, but the Lord found her. Almost one year to the day she experienced her new birth and is glad to be again part of God’s family.

Pastor McPherson in the presence of members and visitors were there to support them.

The resident minister, Pastor F. F. McPherson, gave a sermon in which he made them aware that the lives they should resemble Christ-like fragrance. They were baptised by Pastor McPherson in the presence of elders and congregation.

Baptism in Russian-speaking church
And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47. It was our deepest desire that the word of God would be fulfilled in full power and that our congregation, too, would witness that experience. In our prayers we asked the Lord to increase our faith so that the experience of the early church would be ours. Our prayers are not being left unanswered. On 21st May, along with our members, celebrated with great joy as three young people made a covenant with the Lord.

PASTOR MICHEL LUTSO

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