EVIDENCE

by Alan Hodges, LDI Executive director, BUC

The Evidence series of programmes presented by Pastor Dwight Nelson, senior pastor at Andrews University church, and Gillian Joseph, BBC London News presenter, commenced at Newbold College on 29 February. The programmes, produced by the Australian Media Centre and transmitted by satellite on the Hope Channel at 7pm and 8pm, 1-5 March and 8-12 March, were attended by approximately 150 people on the first night. The transmission of this series of ten magazine-style programmes is a completely new and fresh approach at reaching the secular, unchurched in Great Britain and Ireland. The series, which is level 2 of the LIFEdevelopment.info process, will be repeated on the Hope Channel each Friday evening at 7pm and 8pm, commencing with programme one on Love from 19 March.

Over 100 people attended the LIFEdevelopment Centre at Stanborough Park for the viewing of the first programme on 1 March. Reports have also been received from members who have invited friends to view the programmes in their homes. Heather Haworth reported that she and her husband Paul had distributed LIFE.info magazines to their neighbours and invited them to view the first programme in their home. After receiving no response they gave another invitation to view the second programme. This time their next door neighbours told them how impressed they had been with the magazine and that they would like to view the Evidence programme.

In this ‘Year of Evangelism’, the Evidence series can be used effectively to show that God is the answer to the major issues that affect men and women in the twenty-first century. For those who do not have access to these programmes, they will be available on DVD and on the Internet at www.hopetv.org. Please watch for further announcements.

The Evidence series will replay Fridays at 7pm and 8pm GMT, Hope Channel, Hotbird Satellite.

dates: 19, 26 March, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April, 7, 14, 21 May 2004.

Annual Appeal 2004

27 March to 11 April (extends to 18 April in London)
greater participation. As a result of this, class goals were set.

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70th Wedding Anniversary

On Boading Day 2013 two of crocsombe’s senior members celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

In that it self would be noteworthy. But Jim and Doris Hardy are, in fact, cousins and were born and lived in the same nud in crocsombe in village in Somerset. Their parents were founder members of the Adventist church through the efforts of brother a. c. Johnson, a colporteur.

Jim and Doris were married in Shepton Mallet Baptist church by Pastor k. W. McCrow, following which they lived in crocsombe, meeting with other members for Sabbath worship and prayer meetings in the rear of the disused Wesleyan Chapel which they rented. Later, this Wesleyan Chapel was to be purchased by the Adventists and is to this day their meeting place.

In 1932 then Phillip, who at that time was eldest, emigrated to Canada where he worked in a lumber mill owned by lamming brothers who were Adventists. He suggested they join him, which they did in 1933. Jim worked in the bush, which was hard work. Later, Philip went to Canadian union College and Walla Walla and London Linda during which time he trained first in physiotherapy and later in dentistry.

In 1960 and Doris moved to Loma Linda where Jim was engaged in landscaping at the hospital. Doris worked as a nurse’s aide in the hospital. Later she studied at San Bernardino College to qualify for a nursing course and return to the hospital where she ran her own retirement home at Mentone, California, for six years.

On their retirement they returned to Canada for a few years and, when Jim moved to Saudi Arabia, they came home to England and settled in the city of Wells, which is about three miles from crocsombe.

Many family members were unable to be with them on the actual wedding anniversary, but a great celebration and family reunion is planned at Easter. Jim, in his 95th year, and Doris, at 89, are wonderful witnesses to their faith and a healthy, careful, happy and lively lifestyle. Later Jim drives them to church every Sabbath where they are faithful and regular worshippers, and few are the times when they are not to be found in the three fellowships where he himself provides: ‘I thank you, men of Britain! You did your part!’

The relevant message

Personal Ministries Day in Birmingham, formerly timed, started with a challenge. ‘Are we satisfied with the church? Do we want to fill the church? Then the message we give must be unique and relevant,’ said Pastor David Cox.

The programme was taken by Pastor Cox and Lavene Byng and focused on the idea of operating in small groups, explaining that God is calling us back to the original church, calling us back to small groups. What was really wonderful is that both proceedings showed how to start a small group, with lots of ideas and resources and advice.

They played worship music, small group worship, and they lead a discussion. The successes they already had in bringing non-Christians into church.

Roseday Scott

The Water is Troubled again in Preston

The icy cold wind on Sabbath 20 December could not prevent the brethren of Blackpool, Lancaster and Preston churches coming together to a baptism at Bluechapel United Church. Alex Chandler, the school’s most able student, is to be a qualified pharmacist, has been attending the Blackpool church for approximately fifteen months with his wife Malamblo and son Lubinga.

Although Malamblo could not be present at her husband’s baptism as she had just recently given birth to a baby daughter, she said ‘nothing must prevent the baptism from taking place!’ A long-suffering Blackpool church member experienced her joy at having Alex join their congregation and said ‘he always wears a smile and is humorous in character and always takes an active part in the Sabbath school lesson.’

Pastor Kevin (the school’s headmaster) chose the school’s hymn: ‘We purpose – what have we been called for!’ The answer: ‘Go, teach and baptise.’ When asked what the next year would bring, Pastor Kevin replied: ‘We are looking forward to a congregation we will grow. We urge each individual to recollect their lives to God so that they would not miss out on Heaven.’
2. The decisions of the TED adjudicating panel will be final.

Selection Process
5. Manuscripts must be submitted in electronic form (ie: email or diskette) to

Guidelines
6-11 age group.

A Thousand Shall Fall
John Arthur

This is an electrifying story of a soldier and his family who were saved through their active Adventist faith in Nazi Germany.

Two of the children featured in the book, Kurt and Susi, later attended Newbold College.

A former literature evangelist and publishing leader, Franz Havel was drafted into the German army in 1933. The alternative was death.

In the midst of much ridicule, he openly read his Bible, prayed, and observed the Sabbath during six years of military service, which took him to France, Poland, Russia and the Caucasus. Harshships were phenomen-
al. Only 400,000 young men out of 1,000,000 who reported for military service, survived and only three of those were not wounded.

Kurt Havel was one of them, even though he had shot his pistol for an imitation gun fight at the beginning of the war. His wife Helen and their chil-
dren also experienced some amazing answers to prayer in connection with physical sickness and provisions of food during Germany’s darkest days.

A Thousand Shall Fall will certainly strengthen your trust in God’s all-powerful ability to protect and bless you.

Newbold Reunion Class of 1954

All class members and friends are invited to meet on Sabbath May 15 at 3 p.m., at Newbold College (Graduation weekend). Bring photos. Let’s hear from our memorial class of 50 years ago and rekindle the faces behind the wrinkles and under the grey hair! For more details if you wish to attend please contact J. van Hardy-Baerg.

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Newbold Choir International tour

On 26 February the Newbold Choir left for a ten-day tour of Southern Europe. Forty-three students, staff and alumni from nineteen nations had raised much of their own funding for the trip and taken their mid-term holiday to sing at Adventist churches and colleges in France, Spain and Portugal. As always, the choir has made a particular effort to learn songs in the languages of the countries they are visiting - not an easy task for some who are learning English at the same time!

“We have had a lot of help from the choir members who are native speakers of French, Spanish and Portuguese,” says Sandra Rigg-Barrett, who has lost count of the number of choir trips she has led but thinks this is about the thirteenth!

This year the choir will sing only in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese but also in Latin, with a Hebrew folk song thrown in for good measure. The concerts offer a variety of music from Schubert to spirituals and in some numbers a flute, guitar and bongo drums will accompany the choir. Some of the music we are singing is quite different from the contemporary music which students are used to, “says Sandra. “But they have really risen to the challenge of Bach and Schubert.”

Students looked forward to the ten-day tour. “Having someone else organise accommodation in three different countries and arranging a trip where you can ride with friends and get a chance to sightsee and meet the local people is a great way to travel,” said one. And it’s a lot cheaper than flying!”

Ellen Who?
The job of promoting the writing of Ellen White among contemporary young people was Ellen White! As a former youth leader in the United States, Mrs Tutsch is no stranger to students, their interests and needs. Her sermon recognised the sort of leadership that many young people want to see in the Church. She talked about Ellen White as a social activist and a family woman as well as a church founder and leader. During her stay at Newbold Mrs Tutsch preached on several occasions, lectured in some classes and got involved in many conversations with students. Her presentations ranged far and wide on topics like the Church’s understanding of Ellen G. White’s authority, the relationship of Ellen G. White writings to the Bible, the role of laymen and the plagiarism charge.

In all her presentations Mrs Tutsch encouraged listeners, theology students and ministers to study the Word of God more eagerly. She emphasised the importance of a balanced approach to the writings of Ellen White, and stressed the importance of the biblical revelation as central in the development of doctrine and practice among Adventists. Nevertheless, she pointed out: “The miracle of the Adventist Church would not have happened if God had not intervened and provided a ‘weak link’. A ‘weakest of the weak’.”

Weakest of the weak. Ellen G. White’s writings, especially the writings of Ellen G. White, have been used in the service of the Church to bring the weak, the helpless, the weakest of the weak, to the feet of Jesus. In the light of this, Mrs Tutsch turned to the passage of Proverbs 31:8-9, which read: “It is a blessing to society when the mother is tenderhearted and pitiful, and to refuse to let the world corrupt us.”

Ellen G. White, Testimonies, volume 9, page 189.

Mission boat

Most Christians’ idea of a mission boat would be a floating clinic on the Amazon. Graham’s is a red speedboat with a loud V8. Most Sundays in the summer Graham and his wife Jenny round up two car-loads of teenagers and take them to the lake to water-ski. They think it’s great because lots of them don’t play much sport – unless you count PlayStation. And often they don’t have much fun. Interaction with adults, especially men. Their parents are stressed out at work and wasted on weekends, and about 40% of them don’t live with their dads.

In winter they play basketball in the church hall, Graham and Jenny build quality, mentoring friendships with the teens. Parents appreciate their interest, and the positive alternatives to drug and crime. They really open up and Graham and Jenny get opportunities for ministry. They don’t outright preach, but they get a lot of chances to discuss values. They’ve had dozens of people to church for community-friendly visitors’ days. And this year they’ve started a ‘Life Wisdom Discussion Group’ in their home, where a dozen teens are reading Solomon’s Proverbs.

Your mission field is in your street. How are you trying to reach it? “Pure... religion in the sight of God our Father is to care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and to refuse to let the world corrupt us.” (James 1:27.)

If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies, volume 9, page 189.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT WHEN WHERE WHO HOW


ASC Newbould Training weekend 20-24 April Fradon Centre, Northampton ASC Training and Support. Tel: 01446 833995; email: smallgroup@asc.co.uk, www.asc.co.uk.

BIG Now LETS Day of Fellowship 24 April R. Morgan, NBR. Contact: R. Morgan, NBR, 0115 960 6312.

Lone Parents’ Family Day Sunday 16 May 10am-1pm Advent Centre Bernie and Karen Ireland Tel: 0115 237375; email: graham@asc.co.uk.