Sixty-eight graduates from over thirty nationalities received their diplomas at two graduation ceremonies at Newbold College on 16 May. But students were encouraged to see these occasions as the beginning not the end of their education.

The speaker at both ceremonies, himself a graduate of the College and now president of the Netherlands Union of Seventh-day Adventists, was Dr Reinder Bruinsma. He challenged the graduates never to stop asking questions, and not to correspond to Bertrand Russell’s description of Christians who ‘would die rather than think’. He encouraged them to have ‘fit’ minds as well as fit bodies and not to be afraid to say the words, ‘I don’t know’ or ‘I have changed my mind’.

The largest groups of graduates were those with degrees in Theology and Biblical and Pastoral Studies validated by the Open University. An international group of fourteen postgraduate students received MAs in Leadership – a professional education qualification for the improvement of those in executive positions in the church and other organisations.

In a break with tradition, Newbold College held an extra graduation ceremony this year. One ceremony in the morning and another in the afternoon allowed over one thousand parents, friends and supporters of graduates to be present in the Newbold Church Centre at these two significant rites of passage for students from Egypt to Estonia and Malawi to Montenegro.

Principal David Penner outlined the College’s task in the days ahead: ‘Our task is to share with others the questions and the answers: What does it mean living in the twenty-first century to love God with all one’s heart and soul and mind? And in that context, how then must we live? – with ourselves, with our neighbours. These are the challenges being addressed by Newbold College. We invite others to join us.’
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**Women of Faith**

April 9 heralded the beginning of the Lewisham’s Women’s Ministries weekend. This began on the Friday evening with a group discussion. Women are known, among other things, for their ability to talk and be in tune with their feelings. These skills were not wasted. Memories were shared and bonds strengthened.

In Sabbath School the congregation was introduced to two women: Hannah, representing women of the past, and Debbie, the woman of the present. The line-up of speakers was interesting and it was a privilege to note how much has changed for the female gender.

The speaker for the divine hour was a poet at heart and an avid member of the local choir. After making a public declaration of his commitment to the Lord when he was baptised in 1977 in Mauritius, Jean-Claude Jean-Baptiste decided to join one of his brother in England in 1984. He knew that his sister would remain faithful to the commitment he made to God. Jean-Claude’s father warned him, before he left home, of the dangers and temptations of large cities. In England he was accepted into the fellowship of the St Albans church, which he attended for several years, before moving on to other churches in the UK. His whole life seemed to fall apart when his brother emigrated to Australia and left him in a fairly new country, but Jean-Claude emerged from what seemed like very own wilderness when he met Helen at an English evening class. He was warmly welcomed into her family.

In 1988, Jean-Claude and Helen were married. They have been blessed with three children, Cassandra (12), Noah (9) and Gabriel (6). A member of the Wood Green church since 1987, Jean-Claude’s continued commitment to the Lord has been demonstrated by his willingness to serve as deacon, Sabbath School Superintendent and assistant in the Community Services department.

Although he felt he needed to devote his time to caring for his children at home, he accepted his first call to serve as an elder in 2003, knowing that the Lord equips us for every task he places before us. He continues to serve Wood Green church in this capacity, including family and friends, witnessed the designation of Jean-Claude on Sabbath 7 February 2004.

**New church plants in West of Ireland**

The number of believers attending Adventist churches along the western seaboard has increased by 300% in recent months. Two new churches have been planted in Limerick and Longford. A Sabbath School took place for the first time in Limerick on Saturday 3 April. Before it was an upstairs room, rented from the local Methodist Church, situated just off O’Connell Street, Limerick’s busiest thoroughfare. Then three weeks later an Adventist church had its first meeting in Longford, in an apartment room near the city centre. In both churches there are multicultural believers and great possibilities to extend the Gospel message to those who dwell in these cities and their hinterlands. On Sabbath 1 May, the Irish Mission president, Pastor Curtis Murphy gave the sermon at a special day of fellowship in the Limerick church.

An account of the Longford church was published in the Longford Leader, accompanied by two photos, one of Pastor Ashley Kongari. He had, prior to this, received considerable publicity in the Galway and Clare areas, including a live radio interview on Clare FM, a profile on the prime time local radio news service on Galway Bay FM, and a photograph and extensive profile in the Galway City Tribune. Galway city’s premier broadcast newspaper.

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The team player

Andy is a cricketing, soul-winning legend.

For 60+ years he has coached a cricket club. ‘Gets me alongside young blokes,’ he says. In a father-hungry society where caring male leadership is rare, Andy is a magnet and mentor to young men. He’s always ready for a fatherly chat about work, girlfriends, current events – or even cricket.

Andy’s outreach method is personally inviting people to small groups, prophecy seminars – whatever outreach his church runs. ‘I’m no preacher – never got an education – but I’m a team player.’

People soon feel that Andy likes them, so no one minds when he is confronting: ’Mate, give up the weed or I’ll kill you.’ Or: ’The world’s in a bad way. You need Jesus.’ Or: ‘You’re coming to my place tomorrow to talk to my minister.’

Andy loves gardening. When anyone is sick, divorcing, unemployed or struggling, Andy hears and arrives with a box of his fresh veges, then works miracles in their garden. So Andy’s personal invitations bring more people to outreaches than all the church’s hand-billing. He has been ‘on the team’ for over fifty baptisms. What a half-century! Won’t the Captain say ‘Well done!’

Evangelistic hobbies. Team outreach. Why not you?

‘Your life is a letter of recommendation for Jesus, written not with pen on paper but with the Spirit on your kind heart . . . and people who read it will know the gospel works.’ (2 Corinthians 3:2, 3, paraphrase.)

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