sited in designated areas of our capital city. ‘Hope for the Cities’, or ‘Lights Across London’, is a bold evangelical initiative to touch lives not touched before. There are approximately 200 cities, towns and villages stretching from Ireland to Wales, Scotland to England, that need the light. Why the big city? Statistics show that in our outreaching programmes the teeming millions are more likely to be overlooked in favour of the already-committed Christians or transitional religiously oriented. The nature of big cities with their big institutions, ghettos and impersonal lifestyles find little resonance with the passive nature of Christianity. This is the main reason why the church is planning to confront what could be one of its most challenging outreach initiatives.

We need all the help you can give through your offerings and physical involvement. There may be similar needs where you are, but let’s work together to plant twenty new groups in Greater London, where only 1 in 45,000 people is an Adventist. Listen to the unrequited spiritual needs of millions who will only find inner satisfaction from what Jesus offers.

As Christians moved by a compassion for souls, we can make a difference in the cities by mingling with secular postmoderns and creating the opportunity with our generous giving and witnessing, to enable men, women and children to find the journey to faith in Christ.

Stop! Think about this urgent appeal for the cities! Look! Open your eyes and see the fields that are white and ready for harvest. Listen! To the plea to give generously on 4 December, and help switch on ‘Lights of Hope’ across the big city!

I could not lay off the burden I felt for the souls in England. I was pleading with the Lord to arouse His people that the missionary spirit might burn in the hearts of those who were now at ease in Zion; and that the warning message might be given to these great cities. Letter 22, 1885. Ellen G. White in Europe.
The Bethlehem Miracle

When the Cold War was at its most gaelic, Scottish mis-
sionary Geoffrey Bull found himself in a prison in Red
Star. He had been convicted of possessing shaving cream
and was awaiting his appeal. During his time in pris-
son, Bull was able to minister to the prisoners, sharing his
faith and bringing hope to those who were suffering.

Bull's ministry was not only limited to the prisoners,
but also extended to the prison staff. He used his time
to develop a deep understanding of the challenges that
the staff were facing, and he sought to bring comfort
and meaning to their lives.

Bull's work in Red Star was not just a matter of
practical assistance, but also a spiritual ministry. He
spoke to prisoners about the hope that is found in
Christ, and he encouraged them to find meaning and
purpose in their lives.

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Bull's work in Red Star continued for many years,
and he remained dedicated to ministering to those in
need. His ministry was a reminder of the power of faith
and the importance of reaching out to those who are
suffering.
Day of Fellowship at ‘The Globe’
by Lyn Edwards

future. By the end of the hour, there were over a hundred children spread between the four classes in the hall. Pastor Ian Sleeman from Newbold, who was part of the team who taught the Cradle Roll class, found all the young energy exciting. The Kindergarten class, taught by members of the Sough church, had a very practical lesson in which they learned how to apply band-aids to cuts and be helpful. The Primary class learned the story of Jacob, and the Juniors and Earlham, taught by Noreen Kydi-Sinclar of High Wycombe, learned a practical approach to the story of the woman at the well. Their class included blindfolding one another and then recognising people only by their voices. The lesson was that ‘Jesus knew everything about the Samaritan woman with no clues at all!’ Pastor Patrick Johnson, the new minister at Newbold, had the daunting task of conducting the Youth Sabbath School class in the lounge. Thirty-five plus teens sat together and discussing being real about their faith and standing up to make a difference in their generation. The teens were challenged to do the same.

The church service started a little after 11.15am with a rousing welcome from our Area co-ordinator, Pastor David Spearing. Then Geert Tapp, the woman who helped us to deliver God’s presence, reminding us of Moses’ encounter with God when his face glowed. In one of the opening songs, ‘Shine Jesus Shine’, the massive congregation numbering over 1,300 sang that this would be our experience one day and that we would encounter and experience God and our faces would shine as a result. The praise and worship was led by the Moor Close worship band, Newbold church’s contemporary worship service team. There was a good balance of traditional hymns and modern songs to suit every taste. There was also a series of photos, showing Adventist history and the founders of our faith. After the offering, Kathy Altkin from Newbold led a very interactive children’s story where the children had to complete two jigsaw puzzles of the Bible. The children all congregated on the stage and enjoyed their moment of stardom! This was followed by the Scripture reading and then Dr Daniel Duda, senior lecturer in Theology from Newbold College, stepped up to deliver his sermon, entitled ‘The Gift of Disappointment’. Dr Duda reminded us that it was 156 years since the Great Disappointment of 1844. He challenged us not to give up on our faith, and explained that life was full of disappointments, but that these can remind us that our expectations were often wrong in the first place. When we gathered to eat our packed lunches in the hall, we found it to be a great opportunity to see friends whom we hadn’t seen for a while.

The afternoon programme started with a devotional and a skit depicting that we were in prison, but that Jesus came to swap places with us. This was followed by a concert hosted by Adrian from the Reading Whitly church. The items included Reading Central’s ‘Youth choir’, 3D, Pilgrims, inspired Redemption, Whitly Choir and the Royal Quartet. However, the standing ovation for the afternoon was for an item by VAX, three young lads who sang the song ‘there’s something about the Spirit of Jesus that makes me feel good’. The day ended around 6pm with a prayer of benediction and Pastor Spearing wished us a safe journey to their respective homes.

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Meanwhile, in the children’s Sabbath School classes we saw evidence that our church has a healthy well-known song, he told Richard, ‘I’m so glad that you have “found your tribe”’. The candidates were warmly welcomed into the church by the elders of Stoke, including dad Keith, elder Kath Thompson, and previous elder David Hetch. Lyn Edwards

Flashback to summer
To mark the end of school, Pathfinders, their counsellors and leaders at what has become an annual event on the last weekend of June for the past five years is overwhelming. In order to complete require-
A ‘Non-Glowing’ Situation

by Stephen Hilkens

When our old boiler died, its name of ‘Glow’ had become a household word. However, it was not long before we realized that some other members of the winter weather team can also become ‘non-glowing’. The motorised valve is activated, giving access to the expected hot water now being pumped through the core of the boiler. In Glow’s case, a Thermocouple consisted of two dissimilar metal wires, one of which became very sensitive. She also took a few lessons in cooking, although she could afford to do this by buying 9/12 lbs of coal. The British Agricultural college moved from Stanthorpe in New South Wales, so we were unwell. Our pilot light was out, but the old girl was still working, so we were unwell. Our pastors and Marva Jeanville after the retreat was inspired by Peggy. Keith Nightingale and his wife, and their children. At the crematorium, a service of joyful thanksgiving and reading. Always kind both in word and unselfish person with a passion for church in the home of Olive Morgan. A car-
nected in the circuit of which this is part. It is used to determine temperature. It is, in fact, a temperature sensor, which in Glow’s case served a very special purpose. On the UK’s National Measurement Laboratory website a lengthy explanation of the importance of Thermocouples and their use is given. I won’t bore you with all the maths, but a phrase which I found quite thought-provoking made up to turn our payment, said: ‘The function of the junction is connection for detection.’ It has a certain poetic ring to it, don’t you think?

Once I’d acquired a universal replacement part and fitted same, the old girl was able to fire up and stay fired up. Glow was once again ready for service.

Which leaves me with a few thoughts. Could we sometimes be limiting God’s cause because our connection is not being detected by others?

Are we always sensitive to the needs of others around us – are our radiators hot or cold? What effect are we having on those we meet?

Relative minor components in our make-up, if not in union with God and unadorned, could result in a non-glowing’ situation? Does our connection with the junction (between Christ and us) is that our connection together can be detected by others?

How’s your connection?

Are your radiators hot or cold?

Could you be in a ‘non-glowing’ situation?

Are you proactively active or in-active?

Retreat for pastors’ wives

The North England Conference held its first Pastors’ Wives Retreat in years, thanks to the combined efforts of a Lasceter Central-based pastor’s wife. Women’s Ministries retreats and decided to share the blessings gained with other women who lacked the opportunity. The former school department head said, ‘I noticed that many pastors’ wives had a lot in common. They were all feeling the same isolation at Christmas time. It’s been a dream of mine.’

Jeanetta, who now home-tutors her daughter, teamed up with Marva Jeanville after the workers’ retreat and planned the wives’ retreat for 10 September at the Old Mill, Holloway, Derbyshire, which was attended by nine wives.

The event’s theme was: ‘God Answers Prayers, and it gave the ladies time out to reflect away from the normal running of their families. They face wives of full-time workers for God.’

Women identify with one another and share experiences, I decided to focus on one individual experience with its unique challenges of being a minister’s wife, explains Jeanetta. ‘Congregations and the church are often over expectations of (wives) and they have solid ideas that pastors’ wives should sing, play the piano with children. We have to first of all make the workers’ wives see that. It’s what they feel God wants them to do. The moment you start thinking of everybody’s expectations you start to fail.’

Former Muslim Medina Hush gave a powerful testimony of her conversion to Christianity, and BUC ministry. Medina was a member of the church for ten years until her husband Hawtorn joined them on Sabbath for prayer and fellowship, said Hawtorn. Their marriage has been ‘extremely intimate and reasonable in cost’.

Medina spoke about the self-catering experience of being a minister’s wife. ‘My husband and I live in a small flat. We have a Sunday school, a children’s group and a young adult ministry. We have a lot of social events and activities that we do together. It’s not just about retreat’, said Medina, who hopes for a future ‘proactive organisation for ministers’ wives, this is the beginning of something bigger’. Felsoner’s new career

Margaret Olive (nee Jones) (1904–2004) d. 6 Sept. 2004, was born in Hay St Edmonds, SF, the 4th child of Frederick and Mary Jones. Margaret had showed that the family were learning the Adventist faith from a group of pioneer workers and had given full time to them. School for. Seeking further work-opportunities, they moved, ‘(by the Lord’s grace)’ moved to Leuchars, the Leuchars Adventist Church was established, but as ‘in London City Road Baptist church the now the main adventist church that Peggy and her young family attended for the first time. J. E. Bell in 1926 from previous peggy faives. Peggy was offered a job as a secretary and she accepted, had she become very knowledgeable. She also took a few lessons in cooking, although she could afford to do this by buying 9/12 lbs of coal. The British Agricultural college moved from Stanthorpe in New South Wales, so we were unwell. Our pilot light was out, but the old girl was still working, so we were unwell. Our pastors and Marva Jeanville after the retreat was inspired by Peggy. Keith Nightingale and his wife, and their children. At the crematorium, a service of joyful thanksgiving and reading. Always kind both in word and unselfish person with a passion for church in the home of Olive Morgan. A car-

Ivy was ever grateful to the Lord for his guidance and support. She was a regular worshipper at the home of Albert Harris and his wife Emma, and also at their home, and the two girls enrolled in the British Adventist college moved from Stanthorpe to Newbold School. After a few years their money ran out and they returned to jobs in a hobby farm near home. Yet, as they equipped, they worked as a self-made woman for five days as a written in our demand (Gingrich) and I have the same result in our house, I think. Girard and his family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people. Peggy had to follow the guidance of her younger sister younger sister in law. Peggy and William and their family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people. Peggy had to follow the guidance of her younger sister younger sister in law. Peggy and William and their family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people. Peggy had to follow the guidance of her younger sister younger sister in law. Peggy and William and their family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people. Peggy had to follow the guidance of her younger sister younger sister in law. Peggy and William and their family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people. Peggy had to follow the guidance of her younger sister younger sister in law. Peggy and William and their family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people. Peggy had to follow the guidance of her younger sister younger sister in law. Peggy and William and their family, who were border Harry, who were self-made people.
Coleraine anniversary

Coleraine members celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their church building. The celebration took place after year-long renovation work. The walls, windows, frames and doors all needed attention, as did the gutters, fascia boards and roof. This expense was funded by the Irish Mission, and Coleraine church members are very grateful for their financial support. The guest speaker on the day of the celebration was Pastor Michael Taylor (Associate treasurer of the BUC). Pastor Taylor was the minister in Coleraine when the church was built thirty years ago. It was our privilege to have him return to the church and the Coleraine area and take part in this special event with his wife Joan. Also in attendance was the Irish Mission president Pastor Anton Kapusi.

Newbold’s newest doctor

Newbold choir-conductor and music lecturer, Sandra Rigby-Barrett, has been awarded a PhD degree by the University of Reading. For the past seven years, mostly during her summer breaks, Sandra has been writing her 80,000-word dissertation on the sacred works of the British composer Judith Weir. Some of Weir’s compositions were written for organ and some for full orchestra and chairs. Dr Rigby-Barrett joined Newbold staff in 1987 as piano teacher. She still teaches individuals as well as her popular music appreciation classes. She is a Licentiate and Fellow of the Trinity College of Music in London.

Pastor Curtis Murphy with his wife Vickie.

Pastor Taylor’s sermon was entitled ‘The Guarantee of Success’. After praise time the church elder talked of his memories of thirty years ago and the celebration of today. After the service it was time to take some pictures and to have a chat over lunch with visitors as well as friends, some new, some old. Present for the afternoon services were friends and relatives of the local church members together with neighbours. Some five other churches within the Irish Mission were represented, and the celebration finished with a retrospective look at the past. Using a PowerPoint presentation, numerous photos went on display showing some of the pastors who have served in the Coleraine church, and children of a few years back who have now grown up and have children of their own.

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All this, despite a nasty accident last year while on holiday with the church, when Maria fell across the gangway on the ferry, hitting her head on an iron bar. ‘It was so bad I had to shave my head,’ she says, ‘but there’s no way I’d let them get away from me!’ Maria’s health is now back who have now grown up and have children of their own.

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