Walking through the park on a Sabbath afternoon, it is hard to believe that such a tranquil spot could be a murder scene. Surrounded by trees, and with a basketball court on one side, this is the place where, on 9 September, Jessie James was gunned down, an innocent victim in what seems to have been a case of mistaken identity in an inter-gang feud. The shooting shocked the Moss Side community of Manchester and the larger community beyond. How could such a thing happen to a child of the Church? Jessie’s mum, Barbara, is a member of the Manchester Central Adventist church. In a living room filled with sympathy cards and messages from as far afield as Australia and South Africa, she thanked God for the support of church members and friends. She told me, ‘I can only get through this with all the prayers being offered for us and the support of the church family.’ While devastated by the death, she also hopes that it may be the catalyst needed to make a difference in the area.

‘We sense that there is time for a change,’ Pastor Michael Simpson told me as we walked to a flower-covered knoll in the park. On the ground, and on the fence behind, mementos and tributes have been left by friends and well-wishers. Pastor Simpson seems to know everyone in the park. He waves and speaks briefly to two young ladies pushing their baby buggies in the afternoon sunshine. We stop to chat to a 15-year-old boy. He has just written a poem in memory of Jessie and is tying it to the fence. He feels a sense of loss and hopelessness, but is one of the many who are finding their hope restored by the churches working in the area. While the police have announced a gun amnesty, the churches are working to tackle the problem at grass roots level, starting right in the park where the murder happened. Some 150 adults and children met in the park on Friday, 29 September to sing, pray and talk together. Pastor Simpson stated that ‘there was a lot of crying but a good, positive response.’ This was repeated with a candlelit service the following Sunday. Subsequent meetings in the park each Tuesday and Friday evening drew up to forty of the youth who normally ‘hang out’. Manchester Central church has now rented local premises to provide a safer and warmer environment as the winter nights draw in.

The church had already been developing plans to work with teens and families but the recent tragedy has spurred them to action. Along with other churches in the area, the Adventists are seeking to develop a concrete programme. The greatest needs are training for individuals to work with families and for a drop-in centre. The church is currently looking for funding for the centre.

A new church plant, ‘The Way’, is also being developed specifically as a church for unchurched and hurting youth. Until recently, this was meeting at the Manchester Academy but new premises have now been found very close to the park on Princes Road. Pastor Simpson believes that this can become a centre of hope for those teens and families who have been living under the pressures of the gang-land culture that is all too prevalent in the Moss Side area. ‘We hope that Jessie’s death will not be in vain. I can see that the community wants to change and, as Christian churches, we are willing to “get our hands dirty” in the community to organise in a way that we never have before. We want to restore Christian values of family and respect to the hearts of our young people.’

Manchester churches respond to Jessie James Murder

Bringing hope to Moss Side

by Victor Hubert, Communication director, BUC
I have been asked by the British Union Conference Committee to coordinate a newsletter for the retired church workers. As a result, I have decided to speak to a group from the wisdom and experience of their years in service and to focus on some of them who have served in the BUC. Many of these retired workers will have difficulty in the process and may need the encouragement to continue.

In the first chapter, Paul’s knowledge of opinion throughout the whole palate guard and among those who belong to Caesar’s household is referred to. It may suggest that the dungeon in which he was chained was the notorious one which was part of the palace complex. Any day, any time, the executioner might come calling.

Paul’s message to the Philippians from those depressing surroundings was amazingly upbeat—and contained the astonishing intelligence that he had cracked the worry problem and learned the secret of contentment.

Have you? Haven’t. Paul had. Can we spare him a few minutes? Paul has been building up to something and he lets the Philippians have it in a short passage in the final chapter (verses 4-13).

Paul’s opening is, ‘Don’t lose your Christian joy!’ It is possible that, having said that, the executioner’s image looms in Paul’s imagination. Further to that, he thinks of the dark days of persecution inevitably ahead for the Philippians. So, with determination, he says, ‘Let me say again: Don’t lose it!’ After looking at everything that could possibly happen, he reaffirms his message. Paul is entirely serious about his joy.

Then, ‘Be considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon!’ (4:5, NLT). The message of the Lord’s soon return must impact your life: it is not just a cataclysmic divine event with the prospect of which you can frighten those around you. The Lord is coming for you and that knowledge must affect all that you do. It must make a difference to the way you behave. What difference? It must make you ‘considerate’ (NLT), ‘gentle’ (NIV), ‘reasonable’ (ESV), ‘unselfish, considerate and forbearing’ (Amplified Bible). In a word, it must make you gracious. One version says, ‘That will help them see that the Master is about to arrive!’ (NKE). This is the one occasion where concerns should be clearly voiced.

Paul wrote the letter to his friends in Philippi from a dark, dank corner of ancient Rome. In a word, church people at their times in the first chapter. One of them wrote to me, ‘I know we are not employed any more, but it seems I was suddenly “cut off” from all the events and news.’ Some have described how, after many years of preaching Sabbath by Sabbath, they are now very seldom asked to take part in a service. The said that, the executioner might come calling.

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There are churches throughout the British Isles who value their retired church workers and invite them to preach regularly, to act as elders for the church, and even to give their wisdom and experience on church boards. Could we encourage this? There may be some retirees who will decline an appointment, or a position of responsibility, but as they say, ‘It’s nice to be asked.’ I am told that retirement is a time for self-discovery, and I know a number of people among our group who have developed hobbies and activities that have been involved in sport and further education that they never dream of doing while fully employed. These range from golf to potting gliders and driving heavy lorries for ADRA across Europe, playing in one of the national orchestras, and cooking delicious meals and entertaining guests to make wonderful violins which are played in one of the national orchestras.

In September a group of thirty retired church workers met at Roundelwood in Scotland for a delightful holiday. Colleagues and friends met up, some of whom had not seen each other for thirty or more years. Roundelwood provided wonderful meals and accommodation, and the group had time for worship and praise, catch-up conversation, good fun, shopping and walks in the fresh Scottish air: there were also coach trips to the Fife, the Highlands, and Glen Coe and Oban. Our picture shows the group enjoying the beauty and atmosphere of Glen Coe.

Please include the retired church workers in your thoughts and prayers, and, practically, in your plans and programmes. The ‘do-it-yourself’ company B&G, has found retired people to be a great asset in their shops. Let us encourage and value the retired workers in our churches and communities.

The forgotten workforce?
by G. Martin Bell

At this point I am tempted to calculate enormous facts and figures with a little mental arithmetic. I am thinking about these 250 retired church workers employed on an average of six years, which gives us 15,000 years of experience (I checked with a calculator and I am right). What an enormous wealth of knowledge and experience of skills, advice and perception lies within our retired workforce and largely goes unnoticed. Sadly, some of these retired workers who have worked so hard for the Church over many years feel under-valued once they are retired. One of them wrote to me, ‘I know we are not employed any more, but it seems I was suddenly “cut off” from all the events and news.’ Some have described how, after many years of preaching Sabbath by Sabbath, they are now very seldom asked to take part in a service. There are, of course, exceptions to this, and I know of some retired pastors who in effect never retired and still care for churches, and some preach ten Sabbaths out of thirteen at various churches within the district where they live. Others take on special assignments, like Pastor Doug Sinclair who left home at the beginning of October to co-ordinate the work of ADRA in Pakistan for a period of three months.

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Purpose and importance of the Valuegenesis Europe Study
by Bertil Wiklander, president, Trans-European Division

Our main responsibility as Christians is to transmit our faith in Jesus Christ to ‘every nation, tribe, tongue and people’ (Revelation 14:6). This is the public task of the church, based on the reality that this world belongs to God and that it is his will that all human beings accept God’s redemption in Jesus Christ.

Thinking about our mission, we have to acknowledge that the future of the world and of the Church belongs to the young generation. Remember that over 70% of our members are under the age of 30. It is therefore vital to pause and reflect upon the importance of our youth and how we can invite and challenge them to take an increasingly active role in the Church. Youth ministry is not about programmes; it is the entire Adventist community responding to the needs of its young people. Consequently, we all have a responsibility to help our youth feel connected to the church.

Our present culture is not healthy – especially not for young people. The pressures and struggles they must face are very difficult and require courage and hope. We may be tempted to ignore these struggles and see only the problems with youth today. The challenge is to recognise the potential and goodness that is within each person and to offer understanding and encouragement. The young people are dearly loved by God, regardless of their style and taste. Without them, the Church has no future.

Therefore, we need to equip and train our pastors, and especially the youth leaders, to be able to minister effectively to our young people and to help them grow towards a mature faith, to discover their potential, to develop their relationship with God and to challenge them to be totally involved in the Church and committed to its mission.

The first Valuegenesis study of Adventist youth began in 1989 and was an important landmark study carried out by the Adventist Church in North America. It was the largest and most comprehensive study ever made of church youth. It assessed their faith and values in the context of the most influential institutions: family, church, and school. It enabled the church to identify what it was in those venues that encouraged a mature faith and a development of positive values. The study set in motion a whole series of events – change conferences, vision-to-action focus groups, new concerns, attitudes, training programmes, priorities of the home, school, and church, and new publications – which resulted in more effective ways to help youth to a life of commitment and loyalty to the Adventist Church, its values, identity and mission.

As our church life in Europe differs in many ways from what is being cultivated in North America, the administrators of the two European divisions accepted with enthusiasm the initiative from its youth leaders and from the General Conference to conduct its own study.

We do expect that it will produce new and major revolutionary insights to strengthen our youth ministries everywhere. This will be fruitful to our youth leaders, who are constantly searching for new and creative ideas to reach children, Pathfinders, teens, and young adults at their specific levels of faith and to guide them to grow closer to Jesus and one another and to be fully involved in the mission of their church.

We ask therefore for the cooperation of all of you to make the Valuegenesis Europe Study a success and a blessing for the church and its numerous young members.

[For more details see back page.]

High turn-out for Zimbabwean Day of Fellowship

With an estimated 3,000 recently arrived Zimbabwean members worshiping in British Union Conference churches each week, Sabbath 30 September became a high day as approximately 1,200 members of Zimbabwean extraction packed into the white-canopied auditorium of the Metrópolis in Barnsley.

Guest speakers for the day were Zimbabwean Union president Pastor E. Muvudzi, and Solusi University president Norman Maphosa. In his sermon, ‘Remember Lot’s Wife’, Elder Muvudzi spoke of the many advantages that Adventists have in growing in a relationship with Jesus. He challenged those present not to squander their spiritual advantages but to use them to ensure that they are prepared for the glorious return of our Lord.

Dr Maphosa took time in the afternoon to showcase Solusi University, which has become, in terms of enrolment, one of the largest educational institutions in the Adventist Church. Harmonious a cappella singing provided a fitting background to the day’s proceedings.

Commenting on the day, Pastor D. W. McFarlane, president of the Adventist Church in the British Isles, stated that he was delighted by how many churches in the British Union have been blessed by the increased witness and presence of the Zimbabwean community. He also recognised the commitment that Union and Conference leaders have made to work with recognised leaders to ensure meaningful integration.

Cardiff baptism

The ‘Friend or Foet’ campaign in Cardiff was conducted by the writer in the Wallace Lecture Hall at the Cardiff University. It was well attended each night for two weeks and on one occasion four punk rockers, complete with pins and chains, came in and sat down and listened for twenty minutes. The target audience was the children and close relatives of current church members.

Although new contacts were made there were no baptisms as a direct result of the public campaign. However, we did have a baptism – of Arianne Haran and Eve Sebastyan (now Gisalman). The writer had been having studies with Arianne for some time and Eve had recently started attending the Cardiff Adventist Community Church and had requested baptism.

Eve Sebastyan was taken ill at the beginning of the week and spent three days in hospital. When I visited her in hospital and suggested that she wait until the next baptism, she insisted that she wanted to be baptised on Sabbath. So preparations were made.

By Sabbath lunchtime, the water of baptism was ready and a small threadbare carpet made the perfect altar. The service was small, but the service was conducted by one of the local ministers and it was a fitting moment for two young people to take their first steps in a personal relationship with Jesus.

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Friends Haven Weekend Retreat

Doreen Clement has been a part of the Creation Science Movement (founded in Portsmouth in 1931) for fifty years, so when retired Anglican vicar, Dr Robert Law, advertised for people interested in starting a creation society in Torbay, she was the first to respond, which resulted in the group meeting every month in her flat at Coniston House.

Over the past few years many letters have been written on the creation/evolution debate in the local paper. The church and creation society members felt it would be an ideal opportunity to invite a prominent speaker and invite the public. Dr de Groot accepted Pastor Bertie de Nyschens’ invitation to present his five seminars entitled ‘Back to the beginning’ on the evenings of 4-8 September, covering the Big Bang, Evolution In and Out, Science and Religion, Beyond the Stars and Another view of Origins.

The event was held in the ballroom of the Belgrave Hotel, in a prominent position on the Torquay seafront. Advertisements had been placed in the local paper over the preceding two weeks and an interview by a reporter with Pastor de Nyschens resulted in an editorial being written. Leaflets were printed and distributed by church members, and also inserted into Torbay’s smallest newspaper, Life and Times – produced monthly by Dr [ojen de Freitas of the Torquay church. Pastor Bertie was also invited by Palm FM, a local radio station, to be interviewed, and spoke on creation and postmodernism for twenty minutes.

Thirty-five personal invitations were sent to local ministers to attend a dinner buffet an hour before the first seminar. Although only a few responded, all who came for the evening were invited to join the relaxed and informal gathering. An average of forty-three attended each evening. The vicar of Paignton, Father Tubbs, well-known in the area for his controversial ideas on creation, because of other commitments attended only the first evening, but his colleague, Father Mike, kept coming and eventually met informally with Dr de Groot for an indepth discussion, and stated that he had never before heard the biblical message put in such a way, and would keep in touch.

An open invitation was given to all to come to the Sabbath morning service at church when Dr de Groot spoke on ‘The New Creation’.

A set of three DVDs of the week’s seminars was produced by a photographer, and many have been sold to those who attended.

In March 2007 Dr de Groot will be lecturing in Exeter, while in Torbay it is hoped that we can continue to hold an annual event with international speakers.

From this event, several have expressed interest in having further Bible studies and we pray that this is just the beginning of being able to share the many Bible truths with those who are still searching.

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FaithShapers Inspiring Children’s Ministries by Karen Holford

Church can be like a huge banquet for grown-ups, with gourmet food, adult conversation, and very little space for children to be fed and involved. But they are, after all, a huge evangelistic potential right in the heart of our congregation. Children under 13 are more likely to make a commitment for God than people of any other age. But often what happens on Sabbath gives them the message that the church does not care about their needs for an interactive, interesting, colourful, and lively programme. Some children are looking around, outside the church, to find the food they need. It is vital that our church understands the potential of child evangelism if they are to grow effectively, and ‘Tell the World.’

The day was co-ordinated by Karen and Bernie Holford of the SRC, who presented some of the seminars. Inspiring Children’s Ministries is a network of local children’s ministry teams and projects, place at the table of God. The day was filled with activities at the Advent Centre, London, on 1 October, and it is vital that our church strives to introduce God to children, without making them feel that they are to grow effectively, and ‘Tell the World.’

Karen Holford

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The IB, preparation for University, and Life
by Ray Dallas

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• To make the church more aware of youth issues.
• Because the opinion of every young person is important to us.
• Because the answers will help in setting strategies relevant to young people’s needs.
• To help the church make changes to fulfil its mission.

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