The names of the overwhelming majority of Christians will not appear on the pages of their country’s Who’s Who. In fact, the names of most of the members of the British Union will never appear in the pages of the MESSENGER. Yet in the eyes of Jesus many ordinary church members are great people. They are great not because they have acquired knowledge, public recognition, wealth or power. They are great because in the normal course of their lives they take the time and the opportunity to serve others. Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” (Matthew 20:26.)

It is clear from the New Testament that the most meaningful expression of our faith lies in serving others. Not merely praying for others but giving of one’s time and means to improve the quality of life of others. It is of significance that in Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus presents service to others as a decisive factor in the judgement: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Our Annual ADRA Appeal (formerly known as Ingathering) provides us with a wonderful opportunity to be of service to others. This year the money collected will go towards the funding of a number of projects which will provide fresh water for some, basic education for some, a source of food supply for some, and access to hygiene and sanitation for others. Some of the funds raised this year will also provide seed money for a number of UK inner city projects and, as in the past, help to fund our Special Needs Camp.

ADRA is dependent on the support of church members. Together we can make a difference in our world. Together we can ease the burden of poverty for millions of people, by changing one life at a time and helping one village at a time.

I, along with many of my colleagues in the Union office, will be out on the streets collecting. We will be doing so not because we have to, but because we want to make a difference. We want to have the joy of knowing that an hour each day for two or three weeks has helped to bring a sparkle into someone’s eye, has put flesh on the bones of emaciated children, has provided dignity and a sense of purpose for some downtrodden soul, and has given to many the gift of self determination, which we take for granted.

Let us be great in the sight of Jesus. In the end it is only his approbation that is worth having. And remember these words of his: “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.” (Matthew 10:42.)
On the first weekend in March, a group of young people from the East Midlands were the first to try out Newbold’s newest facility for youth groups.

With their pastor, Dr John Ferguson, and their youth leaders Steve and Rosemary But, the 17 young people between the ages of 13-21 came from Grantham and Skegness to check out the College and ‘christen’ the new accommodation especially set aside for the use of visiting youth groups from schools and churches.

After an early start from Grantham on Sabbath morning, the group arrived at Newbold for the Moor Close worship service where there was a baptism of four young women. Lunch at the College was followed by a visit to Windsor and Eton, where they participated in the Evenings Service at St George’s Chapel in Windsor. In the evening, they came back for Moor Close worship in the College Church Centre. On Sunday morning they enjoyed a leisurely start and a Newbold Brunch, and later on the day made their way home.

The group stayed overnight in the two large dormitory-style rooms which have been made available in Newbold’s Neo-Tudor Mansion, Moor Close. Equipped with the modern bunker beds, the two rooms make it easy for young people on a low budget to stay in the College. Each room sleeps twelve. The charge for an overnight stay is £10 per person. This new facility was a bonus for us,” said Dr Ferguson. “It made it possible for us to come and see Newbold and the surrounding area at our own pace without breaking the bank.”

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Stupid Ideas

by Pastor Robert Hines, Associate Youth director, SEC

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NYC. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, ‘I ask you a question, and if you don’t know the answer, you pay me $5, and vice versa. Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer says, ‘OK, if you don’t know the answer you pay me $5, and if I don’t know the answer, I will pay you $50.’ This catches the blonde’s attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. ‘What’s the distance from the Earth to the Moon?’ The blonde doesn’t say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a $5 bill and hands it to the lawyer. ‘OK,’ says the lawyer, ‘your turn.’ She asks the lawyer, ‘What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?’ The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modern and searches the net and the Library of Congress; no answer. Frustrated, he sends emails to all his friends and co-workers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde, and hands her $50.

‘The blonde says, ‘Thank you,’ and turns back to get some more sleep. The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, ‘Well, what’s the answer?’ Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer $50 and goes back to sleep.

I’m on this internal flight out of Chicago and I’m sitting next to a blonde. I remember my one joke and a stupid idea comes to me. It will never work, I say to myself, trying desperately to justify my cowardice. Anyway, I confess. I don’t have the courage, I’m chicken at heart. So I dismiss the stupid idea and, with a whimper, it skulks away. And the blonde and I read and have occasional small talk.

This stupid idea came on the back of a weekend when we celebrated stupid ideas. Yes, there are some ideas which are so wild, so crazy, so off-the-scale that the only way that stupid idea will ever get airborne is if God picks it up and tosses it into the air to fly. Dannion Chandler preached a sermon about how God-given ‘stupid’ ideas can work only with God. This was at our Prayer & Bible Conference and we went away fired-up and determined to allow those ‘stupid’ ideas to take off and fly.

I have this other stupid idea. This one is more persistent than a car salesman. The stupid idea is of a huge music festival where young people can come together in their thousands and worship God without inhibition. I imagine a fully-kitted-out music stage with all the lights and trappings. I imagine great music, fantastic worship and an atmosphere which is drenched in the Holy Spirit. I imagine our young people sharing their faith, their love and passion for God with a crowd that stretches back into the distance. I imagine teenagers feeling free and confident to invite their school and college friends to this event. I imagine hundreds and hundreds of young people who had no affiliation to the church before choosing to find out what makes our young people so different, what makes them special. I imagine The London Gospel Music Festival — a stupid idea. Like walking on water, a stupid idea; parting the Red Sea, a stupid idea; or raising the dead, another stupid idea. All of these things can work and have worked because God took a stupid idea and turned it into reality. The only way my stupid idea can really work is if God really wants it to happen.

I also need your help. Managing this event is going to be logistical nightmare. We had no classes on running logistical nightmares when I was at Newbold College, so I really have no clue. I need volunteers. I need people who know how to put together an event like this. And what’s worse, I can’t pay you for your expertise, even though I would love to. Yes, I need you to volunteer. I also need volunteers who have no previous experience but who can help to manage the crowds, man stalls, hand out freebies and do countless other jobs. Yes, you’ll be volunteers as well, and what’s worse, I actually need your help to raise the money that we need to put on this event. The staging, LED screens, fencing, marquees, food, T-shirts, advertising, promotion and on and on . . . It all costs money. And we need all our volunteers to raise a minimum of £40. Just ask friends and family to sponsor you. You are, of course, going on a mission trip, albeit to Hackney. All it takes is for eight people who will each sponsor you for £5.

Together we will be a unique team that turns a stupid idea into an event that transforms the way we see youth evangelism.

Would-be volunteers please contact the writer at 01523 235728. Email: chines@secadventist.org.uk. www.gmf.org.