This is the first permanent church building for Ghanaian Adventists in Europe. Pastor Matthew Bediako, Executive Secretary of the World Church headquarters in Washington DC, told the 1,000 members, friends and well-wishers of the new £3 million London Ghana Seventh-day Adventist church at their official opening on Sabbath, 30 June. For more than forty years, the Ghanaian Adventist community had wandered about in the city of London, worshiping in members’ living rooms, dining rooms, terraces, classrooms, school halls and eventually in a school gymnasium. The consensus had always been to build a sanctuary for the Lord, so the grand opening climaxed a long-cherished dream.

The genuine expressions of joy of many of the pioneers of the Ghanaian fellowship, including church leaders Jacob Frempong, Yaw Bayim Adomako, Dr Weboah, Seth Obeng, Othebea Kwabena Aman, Madam Rose Boateng, Mary and Alice Mensah and others was also captured in the repertoire of the choir that focused on inviting everyone to come and see what the Lord has done for his people. And come they did to celebrate this great day. With the kind permission of Newham Council, over 3,000 people from other Ghanaian churches, nationalities and religions joined the 500 strong membership of the church, clad in a specially designed cloth ordered from Ghana, to sing praises and thank the Lord for using them for his service.

Preaching the divine service sermon under the theme ‘Remember Not to Forget’, Pastor Bediako reminded the congregation that the opening of this sanctuary was a testament to how the Lord had been with the Ghanaian congregation. He said, “Like Israel passing through the Red Sea, the Lord has led this ‘immigrant’ church through storms of discouragement, lack of finances, lack of commitment, etc. ‘Et the Lord has brought his people this far.’ He then challenged the members not to forget what the Lord has done for them, referring them to the story of Israel crossing the Jordan River. Just as the Lord commanded Israel to pick up stones from the River Jordan and to place them where they would rest that night, the Lord has used you to build this church as a testament to his name.”

Pastor Don McFarlane has been instrumental in making the dream of the church a reality. As president of the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland he conducted the consecration service to open the church formally, urging the members to remember that Adventists all over the world have been called for the same mission. He stated, ‘This church must affect positively the entire community, the entire city and the entire nation.’ Pastor Humphrey Walters, president of the South
There’s nothing like a common misfortune to cause people to forget their differences. At 10am, when the 347 was meant to have arrived, none of the tangled jumble of humankind who made up the queue at the bus stop had even spoken. By 10.15 most were vocal. By 10.30 we were a well-knit, ten-strong army and we were ready to storm the town hall.

Ten former lepers went wild with excitement. Feeling had returned to their body. Arms, legs, went in all directions as they tum- blered their way to the nearby village while the Stranger and his companions looked and laughed with them.

After years of a living death, men ten could resume living life.

When a single leper, on a different occa- sion, knelt before Jesus and begged for heal- ing, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the leper. When the ten men came down the moun- tain they kept their distance from Jesus but were healed as they ran. 40

But, as they ran, one leper, a Samaritan, felt a need welling up inside himself. Perhaps he tried to attract the attention of the other nine. ‘Wait! Wait! Wait!’ Then, when the other nine ran on in search of a physician, the Samaritan hung back. He ran towards Jesus. Reaching him, the former leper flung himself at Jesus' feet. ‘Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!’

The Greek word for grace aorism comes from the root meaning ‘to be joyful’, and the noun has a wide variety of meanings, all associated with joy. Having cried out for mercy and been given grace, thankfulness was priority one for that former leper.

Jesus and his disciples, in a spirit of joy, said, ‘Have you every reason to be thankful? Yes.’

We acknowledge need when it is desper- ate, but how thankful are we of the rest of the time?

‘He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him,’ that one man in ten. We can’t tell you what you owe in thankfulness. I owe everything I am, and have and ever hope to be. Now you go…

There is one thing only better than thanksgiving: thankfulness.

Be on the lookout for God’s mercies. The more love and forgiveness the more you’ll be able to bear. Better to lose count while naming your blessings, than to lose your blessings by dwelling on your troubles.

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**STRESS Part 2**

**Sights and symptoms**

How does stress manifest itself? In a ‘normal’ stress response, the physical effects of stress can bring us wide awake, or send us to sleep. Physical effects may be a response when expecting fear or threat, when our body releases a rush of adrenaline, or when the body prepares for the fight or flight response when experiencing fear or threat.

**Physiological symptoms**

- Aches and pains, breathlessness, change in metabolism, chest pain and/or palpitations, constipation, diarrhoea, headaches, indigestion, irregular periods, loss of appetite, nausea, skin conditions, sleep problems, tiredness, tightness in chest, weight loss or weight gain.

**Emotional symptoms/feelings**

**Maranatha Spring**

Eight baptisms and an exceptional family week made April and May great months for the Maranatha church family.

Baptisms were carried out on 28 April and 19 May at the two sister churches, Maranatha Hayes, and its church plant, the Oxford Rwandese church. On both occasions the churches were packed, as members came to witness the baptism of seven teenagers. As Angela, Cynthia, Annie, Joy Ruphina, Darlyn, David and Massouk stood in front of the church you could feel the joy that filled the room. Three of the young women baptised were sisters (Angela, Cynthia and Anrie), and the happiness of the occasion was felt most by their parents. The youngest, Annie, had surprised her parents with her decision to join her sisters in the act of baptism, and although they were not all baptised at the same time, they had made the collective choice to commit their lives to God and their parents could not have been more proud. The baptisms brought tears to several eyes, and after their immersion all candidates were passionately and unani-mously welcomed into the Maranatha family.

However, the baptisms were just the first event that took place during the activity-filled months. During the May bank holiday weekend thirty couples attended an exciting retreat led by Drs Alonso and June Smith, who both have qualifications in counselling and who had travelled from America to participate in the programme. Together they held a number of seminars, and the presentations given were both touching and informative.

Although Dr June Smith had to return home after the weekend, her husband remained to hold nightly meetings at Reading Central church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Those who were unable to attend the weekend were blessed, as during the week, Dr Alonso addressed several aspects of family life, such as family finance and parenting. Friday was directed specifically at teenagers. Attendance for the meetings grew over the week, so that by Friday the church was packed, and all who attended left feeling invigorated and with three new rules for life: ‘God first, Respect parents, Aim High.’

After the success of the weekly meetings, the Sabbath programme was anticipated with enthusiasm. Dr Alonso ended his sermon by inviting the singles to ‘Wait on the Lord.’

After Sabbath, and on to a celebratory note, the couples attended an elegant banquet where they received their final presentation from Dr Alonso.

Everybody agreed that the family week had been a success, and attendees had travelled from as far as Rwanda, Africa to be there. Jackie (who travelled with her husband and three other couples from Rwanda) said: ‘Had I realised how wonderful this retreat was going to be, I would have tried harder to persuade more people to come.’

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Sheffield Adventists help flood victims

After the fortnight of torrential rain and severe flooding across the north of England in June, Sheffield Adventists partnered with ADRA-UK to provide basic necessities for the 300 families that Sheffield Council were working to re-home. Pastor Andrew Ratcliffe-Hewitt said that all three Adventist churches in the town were involved in providing parcels of blankets, dry food and other essentials for distribution in conjunction with the local council and South Yorkshire Community Services. The church and individual members have also contributed to the mayor’s appeal for funds for displaced persons.

Good News from Sudan

About half a dozen loudspeakers effectively send the Gospel proclamation out to the more than one hundred and twenty people seated in the open-air auditorium. However, two additional loudspeakers were placed on the main road where hundreds of pedestrians were passing and often stopped to hear the message. It took place in Khartoum, with more than 5 million people. Khartoum is the capital of Sudan with 45 million inhabitants. Seven nights in a row Patrick Boyle, retired pastor from England, in two-hour programmes which included song, music, and answers to the questions of the main points God’s plan to save men and women with positive reference to the Advent message. His messages were translated into Arabic.

During the daytime, the Evangelism team, nineteen pastors and workers from the Sudan field, attended a course in World Religions organised by Middle East University and taught by Jorge Schantz. In the evenings they took an active part in the evangelistic campaigns.

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No Worries Mate

The Australian vernacular, CLAUDE ALEXANDER

BORGIE SCHANTZ

multicultural congregation in the impressive Queen’s Park Baptist Church, Glasgow, reflected the day’s theme, United as a Family. Pastor Clive James said, ‘As a woman coming from a traditional and poor Tharu family, she had no option except to stay at home and do housework. She had a very hard time financially and was unable to send her children to school. But things have changed for the better now she has started attending ADRA’s literacy classes and became part of a woman’s group. Jaisari decided to take up vegetable farming as a result of the vocational training from ADRA. There was no water pump in their village, so she and her group’s idea was to donate to the church and individual members have also contributed to the mayor’s appeal for funds for displaced persons.

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Jaisari transformed her dream into reality. Other women have now followed in her footsteps and started doing vegetable farming, too.

This project is funded by the European Commission and ADRA-UK.

Southall baptism

Southall church raised a Reclamation Programme from 6-12 May. The theme was ‘God’s Call to Revival: No Time to Sleep!’ The speakers were Pastor Richard Holder, the pastor of Chiswick, and Pastor, the Reverend Pastov Everet Parric. The programme commenced on the evening of Sunday 5 May with the sermon titled, ‘Carry your cross and follow me!’ The last message, delivered in divine service on May 12, was ‘Home at Last!’ Pastor Parric made use of some wonderful PowerPoint images of Jesus coming in triumph. The revival ended in the afternoon with the second baptism of the year for Southall church, where four precious souls were accepted into the Church of God. (ADRA-UK Youth director)explained Daniel 1.8. The message was well received by Adventists as well as the large number of non-Adventists in attendance. Three of the four candidates were Pathfinders, and the programme incorporated the Pathfinder March. Each candidate was satisfied as he was baptized. At the baptismity appealing Pastor Parric, precious souls raised their hands for baptism.

Luah party in a blizzard

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Pastor Don McFarlane,
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Conference and Vice-Chair of the
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‘May they \[ the graduates \] have unflinching commitment to principle and a keen sense of justice. May they be defenders of the poor, the dispossessed, the disenfranchised. Bless the college as it seeks to impart knowledge that ennobles and values that give meaning to life.’

Star Students
Sung-Gon Kim
and Rebecca
(née Alen) Pedersen
graduated from their
MA programmes with distinction. Sung-Gon (South Korea) specialised in Theological Studies and Rebecca (UK) in Pastoral Theology.

The Gap Year Trio
, three of Newbold’s first Gap Year students were present to receive their awards. South African Lyle Katzen worked for ADRA on new projects in Salvador, Brazil. Scottish Kenyan Charles Drake worked as a teaching assistant in Jaiziki, the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Russia. Irishman Michael Logan spent six months as a work supervisor at Yiddal Manor, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Telford, about ten miles from Newbold. A fourth Gap Year student: Merika Tuononen from Finland is continuing what was planned as a 7-month placement in a language school in Bangkok. She is enjoying her work so much she will stay until Christmas.

Petras Bahadur, who graduated with an MA in Theological Studies, received a joint award for ‘community building’ from the College and the South Asian Seventh-day Adventist Reunion – a group of people, mostly from India and Pakistan, who meet to worship and fellowship in East London. Petras received an award certificate and a gold medalation in recognition of his ministry to them – a ministry performed alongside his studies. ‘Newbold has given me the skills to support and minister to this group,’ he said.

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- www.2-in-2-1.co.uk
  This is one of the best websites covering many aspects of being married, with mini seminars, helpful ideas, book reviews and research on marriage and couple relationships.
- www.careforthefamily.org.uk/marriage
  This website has articles relating to marriage, as well as other family information. You can also hear snippets of presentations, and order materials such as DVDs about marriage (twenty-first-century marriage).
- www.christiantoday.com/marriage
  This website, for the magazine Marriage Partnership, is full of excellent articles, stories, and ideas for Christian couples. Search for the topics that interest you and find interesting real-life stories to enhance your Sabbath School programmes.
- www.familylife.com/marriage.asp
  This website contains articles on marriage and has the facility for couples to click on links and subscribe to email devotionals and romantic tips.
- www.secadventist.org.uk
  You can also visit the SEC website and search under the Family Ministries Department to find resources, articles and seminars on marriage. You can search our catalogue online to find books, videos and DVDs on marriage that you might like to show this quarter, or you could show a few minutes of a video that illustrates the point of the lesson. If you would like to borrow something, please contact Vivienne Evers at vevers@secadventist.org.uk and let her know at least three weeks before you require the materials. Each book needs a deposit of £5 and each DVD or video needs a £15 deposit (in the form of a cheque made payable to SEC), which is returned to you, or shredded, once your borrowed item is returned. We only have limited supplies of materials in the office, so please order in advance and return them swiftly so that others can benefit.

**Thank you.**

**Useful Books**

- **Maximum Marriage by Roger and Peggy Dudley** – ABC.
- **Chicken Soup for the Couple’s Soul** – various authors – full of inspiring stories of couples’ experiences (ISBN 1558746463).

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**AYA Strollathon gets a head start**

by Dr Jacqueline Halliday-Bell

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If you would like extra material to support your Sabbath School class, or to provide useful background reading, explore the following websites.

- www.2-in-2-1.co.uk
  This is one of the best websites covering many aspects of being married, with mini seminars, helpful ideas, book reviews and research on marriage and couple relationships.
- www.careforthefamily.org.uk/marriage
  This website has articles relating to marriage, as well as other family information. You can also hear snippets of presentations, and order materials such as DVDs about marriage (twenty-first-century marriage).
- www.christiantoday.com/marriage
  This website, for the magazine Marriage Partnership, is full of excellent articles, stories, and ideas for Christian couples. Search for the topics that interest you and find interesting real-life stories to enhance your Sabbath School programmes.
- www.familylife.com/marriage.asp
  This website contains articles on marriage and has the facility for couples to click on links and subscribe to email devotionals and romantic tips.
- www.secadventist.org.uk
  You can also visit the SEC website and search under the Family Ministries Department to find resources, articles and seminars on marriage. You can search our catalogue online to find books, videos and DVDs on marriage that you might like to show this quarter, or you could show a few minutes of a video that illustrates the point of the lesson. If you would like to borrow something, please contact Vivienne Evers at vevers@secadventist.org.uk and let her know at least three weeks before you require the materials. Each book needs a deposit of £5 and each DVD or video needs a £15 deposit (in the form of a cheque made payable to SEC), which is returned to you, or shredded, once your borrowed item is returned. We only have limited supplies of materials in the office, so please order in advance and return them swiftly so that others can benefit.

Thank you.

**Useful Books**

- **Maximum Marriage by Roger and Peggy Dudley** – ABC.
- **Chicken Soup for the Couple’s Soul** – various authors – full of inspiring stories of couples’ experiences (ISBN 1558746463).

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Don Parker loves ingathering!

This year’s Ingathering ended on 14 April. For Don Parker, the Clapton church that was a cause for regret as he took such delight in the event, embracing it with all his soul and all his might in his opinion. Ingathering should continue all the year round. Every year we should fill the church into the community, collecting door-to-door with great zeal and enthusiastis.

PEC Adventurer and Pathfinder Camporees 2007 were our best yet. Not just because we had 330 campers for Adventurer Camporee and 230 for Pathfinder Camporee, but because both camps were deeply spiritual. Our evangelist for the Adventurers was Elder Flurry Griffiths, from the Reading Central church, who spoke on the theme of ‘Hearts Touching Hearts’. Our evangelist for the Pathfinders was Pastor Jonatan Iguel, Global Pathfinder director, who spoke on the theme of ‘Eagles Wings’. Both speakers made short presentations with illustrations that cut straight to the spiritual point, leaving our children and young people to think about their relationship with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit’s presence with us throughout the week was evident, as on the Sabbath afternoon six young people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and were baptised by Pastor Iguel, for which we thank and praise God.

The venue for both camporees was at the School of Ministry Centre at Stourbridge. When Blessing this site turned out to be. The grass was flat and the site was well drained. There was enough room for us to spread out and everyone was very comfortable. The Pathfinder activities during the week included canoeing, wall-climbing and abseiling, archery, first aid, pioneering, camp cooking, and everyone’s favourite, go-karting. For this year, for the first time, we had a paramedic team to cover medical care at Adventurer Camporee. Rick and John were not Adventists but they were soon lived and accepted by everyone on site. They attended all of the worship services and by the end of Adventurer Camporee were moved to tears. Both said they had never met a group of people who loved Jesus so much.

One aspect of camporee that I was personally pleased about was the rise in camping standards. Working with the national guidance for fire safety, medical first aid, food hygiene, and child protection, we have adapted our campsite inspection forms, which are now very strict. This strict standard was appreciated by all clubs when we saw the results on the camping field.

I would like to thank all of the club staff and NEC staff for sacrificially involving themselves over the camporees. In particular, I would like to thank Kathleen Lupusczynski and Cheryl Bury as camp leaders for Pathfinder Camporee. Finally, I would like to thank God for his presence with us and for the six precious souls won to his Kingdom.

Birmingham getting ready for Ingathering 2007

News Digest
Weymouth celebrates Isaac Watts

The hundred years ago Isaac Watts published his first English Hymnbook, yet his many hymns continue to encourage, comfort and provide the means of worship today. This fact was noted and celebrated during the day of the church, which was enjoyed by all, and described by more than one as 'splendid!'

The small membership of Weymouth hosted this event, inviting the community and members from neighbouring churches to attend and participate. Although only a few people were present, the church was full, and the programme was well attended. The meeting was led by the writer at the Norwich church, was laid to rest with her late husband in the Swaffham Cemetery on Thursday 3 May.

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England Conference, then led in special prayers for the congregation. In a keynote address, the special guest of honour, Ghana’s High Commissioner to the UK and Ireland, His Excellency Mr Annan Cato, spoke of the essential need to recognise the spiritual nature of each person in order to restore vitality and purpose to both individuals and society. For the Ghanaian community here in the UK, this represents a new beginning. We want you to know who you are, what we believe, and what we stand for,” he stated, praising the Adventist Church for the role it has played over the years in the promotion of health, education and assisting the government of Ghana to raise the living standards of the people. “That is practical Christianity,” he said. Acknowledging the contribution of all the former leaders of the church such as Dr E. O. Sackey, Pastors Esson, Kuvahul, Dadey and the late Pastor Bikala, the current church pastor, Dr Emmanuel Due, said, ‘Our doors are open seven days a week,’ telling the community, ‘No matter what your social standing, your race, or your creed, and even if you want simply to find out the answers to your questions, or to be helped for whatever the need, you are welcome.’ It was a commitment echoed by associate pastor, Fergus Owusu-Boateng. Included among those honoured for working towards the completion of the project were building committee members: Samuel Adjei Owusu, Armstrong Opoku-Ayearnating, George Adai and Yaw Bayim Ademak. Also the architect of the project, Mr Paul Henry, who could not help but shed tears of joy, Mrs Esther Obeng and Madam Cecelia Nima.

London Ghana is one of seven Ghanaian Adventist churches in the UK. A selection of photos from the opening is available on the BUC picture gallery: www.adventistpictures.org.uk