Over seventy candidates baptised in over two weeks demonstrates that evangelism is alive and well in the South England Conference. Traditionally the months of September to November have always been the favoured time of year for the holding of major revivals and campaigns in our churches. This year is no exception.

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Over the past three weeks the Portuguese churches in London have been conducting separate but concurrent evangelistic campaigns, culminating in bringing all four churches together at the Advent Centre for what is called ‘Harvest Week’. The speaker for this special week is Pastor Nemuel Silva from Brazil. He is a former Voice of Prophecy speaker and now pastors one of the largest churches in Sao Paulo. Four people had already been baptised during the campaign and another large baptism took place on 13 October as the programme closed. On Sabbath 6 October a month-long series of meetings concluded for the Bristol district of churches. Pastor Richard Daly states that seven candidates are ready to be baptised.

The Croydon church has been holding a series of meetings with evangelist Pastor Hainsworth Joseph from the USA. Local church pastor, Dr Brighton Kaukau, is very excited about the 40 candidates he has made for baptism this Sabbath. The Clapton Community church began a two-week evangelistic campaign last Sabbath, with speakers Pastors Robert Williams, Bernard Akapua and Michael Harvey. A baptism took place on 13 October. ‘Finding the Christ in your Crisis!’ is a two-week campaign being run by the Hackney church with evangelist Pastor John Parker from the USA. The church has been full to overflowing every night and their baptism was also on 13 October. This is just the beginning. Starting on 13 October Pastor Sam Neves shared ‘Experience Freedom Beyond Your Senses’ for two weeks at the Newton church and also at the Windlesden International church under the theme ‘Something Missing’. Pastor Roger Morris from Trinidad and Tobago opened London District GIB’s two-week campaign on 13 October at the Britannia church with singing evangelist Delina Roberts. Also starting on that date, Pastor Chiluba from Zambia began a series of meetings at the Beckton Maranatha church.

And finally the Plaistow church begins a series of Prophesy meetings from 12-27 October with Dr Sharath Babu Nakka, a blind evangelist and Theology professor from India. Dr Nakka, blind since the age of 10, is an expert in eschatology as it relates to the books of Daniel and Revelation. He has served at Spicer Memorial College for more than 18 years and has conducted forty evangelistic campaigns all over India and three meetings in the United States. He is a God-fearing man who composes and sings Christian songs in his mother tongue.
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West Bletchley baptisms

Sabbath afternoon 23 June saw the baptism of Precious Enno at the West Bletchley Community church. The baptism was conducted by the minister of the Milton Keynes district, Pastor Alonso Wagner III, who immediately captivated the attention of the congregation by pointing out the parade that we were present to celebrate a death: the death of Precious’s previous life, to be replaced by a new life in Christ. The previous Sabbath was Camp Meeting, when Miss Ncube and her husband Bekithemba, made the public decision to follow Christ. Their testimony revealed that, while at home in Zimbabwe, Mr Ncube was involved in a most horrific incident which had far-reaching effects. Both of them, having had thriving careers, found themselves unemployed overnight, Mrs Ncube having to give up work to care for her husband. While going through their darkest days of fellowship on the first day of September to coincide with a baptism. Naturally enough, being the friendly north-east of England, we invited the churches north of us to participate in the whole event.

Baptism in Preston

It is always special when parents bring their children to be dedicated to the Lord and Sabbath 4 August was no exception. George and Lena Kuri brought baby Melita, and Nanvula Deen brought her baby Liywalii and 10-year-old daughter Sadia, to receive this blessing. Today was a triple celebration for Nanvula because her parents were visiting from Zambia to attend her sister’s wedding. Also, they would witness Nanvula’s baptism that afternoon. Nanvula was born in Glasgow, studied Hotel and Catering Management at Blackpool and Fylde College and lives with her husband and two children in Cleveleys. She works for the Civil Service. Although she was born into the Adventist message, Nanvula said she never really took her faith seriously enough until a few years ago. She used to enjoy going to clubs, smoking, and drinking, but the Holy Spirit was speaking to her. When she came to Cleveleys, she visited the Adventist church (then in Ashton, Preston) a couple of times but did not return. Nanvula began to listen to that still small voice and she started to attend church again. Baptism class was her first port of call to get her spiritual journey back on course. The afternoon programme commenced with a rousing song service and a very harmonious group song, ’Heaven is in my heart’.

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At the end of the session the children re-grouped and discussed the coming events. It was good to hear positive comments from both children and counselors alike.

The session ended with a vote of thanks from Jenny Stoddart, Erdington Pathfinder club leader, commending both clubs for a successful and productive weekend.

We look forward to the next one!

Jenny Stoddart

High day baptism at Handsworth

Even though the Sabbath in itself is a high day because of the sanctity that God has placed upon it, Sabbath 29 September had an extra special element to it. It was Health Ministries Day and the church was blessed with the ministry of Adrian Roberts who, with his customary adeptness, pointed out a positive correlation between illness and faith as he urged us to try to reclaim the position we once held as exemplars of a healthy lifestyle.

The afternoon continued with the health ministries theme as the expert gardeners of the church were asked to share their knowledge of growing crops and the optimum conditions needed to produce good results.

Then Handsworth went into rejoicing and celebratory mode as Pastor Marshiack and Amelia Macvittie (acting interim) conducted an baptismal service. Albert Hutchinson had decided to begin a forever friendship with Jesus as he claimed his personal Saviour from sin. For Jean Douglas it was the heartfeel business of homeowners and Adventist Spence sang, ‘No More Nights, No More Pain’, which served as the meditational that prepared our hearts, to receive the sermon entitled, ‘The truth about baptism or what is stopping you?’ This was delivered from the doorsteps of church. Baker who had also been one of the keynote speakers in the outreach programme conducted the previous week.

In his address he asked, ‘What hinders baptism?’ He gave three possible reasons. The first was knowledge about the act of baptism itself — it must be done in full submision in water. Secondly, baptism is God-given — it’s not a manmade requirement but a biblical requisite. The third reason that might stop someone from being baptised is fear. Yet Elder Baker challenged us all to ‘arise and be baptised!’ and urged the already baptised to recommen their lives to God.

Both candidates were baptised and accepted into the Handsworth church.

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Tottenham: Walking with Jesus

Sabbath 15 September was a memorable day at Tottenham church. It was Pathfinders’ and Adventurers’ Day, the first for nearly four years. It was also the day when Pastor Tompkins, director of Pathfinders and assistant director of Adventurers respectively, were accepting the Pathfinders’ and Adventurers’ club ministerial services of presentations to Tottenham. A special offering was collected to assist two church building projects in the Caribbean.

The theme for the day was ‘Walking with Jesus’. The Pathfinders and Adventurers regime decided to commence the day’s programme, assisted by Pathfinders and Adventurers from Chingford church. Upstarts the church was full. Members who were seated uprdairs were reminded of our having to be kept busy and our security falls apart. Pastor Roberts urged us not to take another step and just when they thought they were getting near to their destination, Moses died.

Sometimes in our Christian lives, we go through situations where everything seems to be going fine, then something bad happens and our security falls apart. Pastor Roberts urged us not to continue to move forward and leave the past behind.

Sabbath has given us all we need share the Gospel. He told the congregation that we need to pray more, fast more and be like Joshua and Moses, and most of all, be prepared to do something for Christ.

The afternoon programme took on the form of workshops which included Health, Spiritual Gifts, Languages, Bible Studies, Revelation seminars, Prayer and Footsteps. Feedback was given from some of the workshops:

Spiritual Gifts — We learned that spiritual gifts do not guarantee that anything will be done with your individual talents but are really all about what God wants you to do.

Languages — Many members were unaware that at least 15 different languages were spoken in the church. This was highlighted that we are supported by non-Adventists and that we need to get the word out. Also, different translations were available such as Urdu and Punjabi.

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Every two years the members and ministers of the North West churches in the NEC mobilise their forces to put on an area-wide evangelistic campaign. In 2005 the area campaign was held in a tent in Platt Fields Park in the south of the city of Manchester.

This year, for the first time, the campaign effort was focused on the north of the city. Members in the north of Manchester have long waited for such an effort. The Abraham Moss Theatre, in Cheetham Hill, was the venue for the effort, and Pastor Orlando.

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Warmly hosted by Pastor Mike Logan from the Camarthen district, the concert had something for everyone and, despite their very early morning start, most people stayed right to the end.

The finale to the day was a ‘Songs of Praise’ concert which included congregational singing as well as musical performances that drew on a number of different styles.

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**NW evangelistic campaign**

BUC president quizzed at Welsh Mission Big Day by John Surridge, Welsh Mission president

On Saturday 6 October approximately 200 members and friends of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wales gathered for a day of fellowship at the Pavilion Conference Centre in the beautiful mid-Wales spa town of Llandrindod Wells.

Guest speaker for the day was BUC president Pastor Don McFarlane who preached on the theme of ‘hope’. Building on 1 Corinthians 13:13 Pastor McFarlane described ‘love’ as the supreme motive, ‘faith’ as the currency that we use to access the blessings of God, and ‘hope’ as the engine of life.

Pastor Ed Sammons, together with singers and a band, led the contemporary praise and worship which made a significant contribution to the atmosphere of the day. Pastor McFarlane described the music as ‘moving’ in both senses of the word, and expressed his appreciation for the young people who had taken the time to rehearse and bring their instruments and voices to enhance the day of fellowship.

In a special presentation during the morning service Welsh Mission president Pastor John Surridge paid tribute to the work of Pastor Roger Neal and his wife Marilyn. Pastor Neal came out of retirement to minister in the Shrewsbury and Telford churches three years ago but retired again at the end of September. After being presented with a card and a bouquet respectively, Pastor and Mrs Neal stood on the stage as Pastor Brian Phillips prayed for them. In his response Pastor Neal spoke of how much he had enjoyed his ministry in the Welsh Mission and pledged to continue supporting the work of the Church in his retirement.

In an innovative afternoon programme, hosted by BUC Communication director Pastor Victor Hubert and filmed by Wes Patterson, of the Central Jamaican Conference, was the evangelist.

On Friday evening 10 August months of planning suddenly came to life as the venue filled with people and the programme got under way. The first baptism of eleven people was held on Sabbath evening 25 August, and the second baptism of a further nine souls took place in the divine service on 1 September. Of the twenty people baptised, fourteen joined Manchester North church, three Manchester Central, two Liverpool Stoneycroft, and one Wilmslow.

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The lively and energetic Pathfinders of the GBK church worked hard and raised a grand total of £223.32. Their activities ranged from car washing, nail and hair care and a mini workshop with children’s toys and books on display. The elderly put up well with the projects while the tiny tots had fun on the two bouncy castles.

When energy flagged, refreshments were provided. More than one person commented, enjoying the gathering, and were generous with their donations.

One proud Pathfinder showed off the necklaces of which three were purchased from the fund collection. The remaining £100 was donated to the

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Summer investiture at Stanborough Park

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According to club director, Berell Bussue, most of the children live in the local area, with some from slightly farther afield who attend Stanborough School. ‘Currently around 75% of our children are from Stanborough Park,’ he says. ‘Other children come from the local community, some of whom are not from Adventist homes. The remainder come from Adventist and other churches close by e.g. Luton and Harrow and as far as Chiswick, Willesden and the Hendy Church of God. In many cases the connection is because these children are also pupils at Stanborough School.’

Earlier this year the children undertook a ten-mile sponsored walk along the nearby Grand Union Canal towpath from Cassiobury Park, Watford, to Kings Langley. The walk and some activities at Pat Walton’s famed sales raised a total of £1462.80 for HEART (Harmonising & Empowering Africa to Regenerate Together), a charity introduced to the clubs by Pathfinder leader, Anjelitte Muller. The money raised was rounded up by the clubs and a cheque for £1,500 was given to HEART representative Farozia Chineegadoo during the investiture service.

The club has since received reports that the money has been used to complete the building of a walkway and stairs to allow the blind and disabled children in a suburb of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to access the school safely, especially in bad weather.

Local government officials have been so impressed by the help of the Stanborough Park Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs, they have felt moved to assist further by giving funds and a long-term financial commitment to help the school. Mrs Julienne, who established the school and is herself blind, said she is overcome by the generosity of children from a distant country willing to help people they do not know. Representatives of HEART, Paul and Farozia Chineegadoo, intended to do a presentation in Sabbath School and the Adventurer and Pathfinder club so the children can see and hear about the impact of their efforts.

Ice in summer

by Colin Stewart, SEC Youth director

From 22 to 29 July the Youth Leadership Convention was held in Esteppes, Spain. Youth leaders from across the South England Conference and additional delegates from within the TED attended the annual retreat, now in its fourth year.

The principal speaker, Chaplain Roy Ice from Pacific Union College (PUC), set the spiritually inspiring tone of the week at the first evening worship session. The YLC community gathered and were told what living water means in daily discipleship and were challenged to allow God to be in full control of their lives and ministries. The theme, ‘How to prevent burnout in youth ministry’, was followed throughout the week with Pastor ice’s storytelling linked to clear biblical principles.

The daytime schedule included workshops ranging from conflict resolution to puppet ministry. These inspiring sessions form part of an equipping track for level 1 and 2 youth leadership certificates, including Pathfinder ministry and general youth ministry. These youth will certainly return to make significant impact on their churches and communities.

One of the highlights of the week was the special Communion service. Worshippers were invited to get their feet dirty in mud and dust and then wash each other’s feet. This gave new meaning to the ordinance of humility and many of those taking part were visibly moved. They were instructed by Pastor Ice not to eat the bread until they had considered what Jesus’ death meant and could do so with insight. The service continued with a moving partaking of the emblems of bread and wine and a praise and worship session.

The theme ‘Unity’ was truly realised around the camp as a spirit of love and fellowship was seen among the convention attendees. ‘How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!’ (Psalm 133.1).

Thanks for your time

Kish Poddar reports back on his successful appeal following his recent trip to India

I was overwhelmed by the response of the STOP International watch appeal earlier this year. We received over one hundred watches which came, not only from the generous Watford community, but from as far as Colchester, Scotland and Devon. They were carried in the luggage of the thirteen volunteers who went out to India this summer to begin work on STOP International’s Vocational Training Village.

While in India the volunteers visited the lovely children of the Love Home, BESSO and Captain Ariah Children’s Home. I personally visited the children of the Blessing Home and STOP International treated the children of The Way To Life home to a trip to a wildlife sanctuary.

The children who needed the watches were not expecting them at the time of our visit, so the sight of these gifts caused great excitement. As we put the straps around their wrists they patiently waited, trying to contain the thrill that was about to explode.

Once on their wrists, the pride of owning their personal watch was a sight to behold. Thank you to all who kindly made a generous donation of a watch to bless the life of an orphan child. May God richly bless you.

Ipswich choir sing in festival

The Ipswich Adventist Gospel Choir, led by Tricia Evelyn, together with choirs from parish churches throughout Suffolk, sang at the annual choir festival at Long Melford.

Over the last four years our Gospel Choir has gained a position of great respect in our community and in the region as a whole.
Golden Years

Who said that marriage is obsolete? In a world in which marriage and family are looked upon as dispensable, it is the duty of all to maintain and defend the institution of marriage. The sorry state marriage is in today is due to the fact that there is no one left to defend it. The Family is the building block of society and the lack of respect for the institution of marriage is due to the lack of respect for the family. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world. The family is the place where love, respect, and understanding are taught. It is the place where children are taught how to be good citizens of the world.
ADRA-UK starts new project in Somalia
by Bert Smit, Executive director

Watford, England – The Adventist Development and Relief Agency in the United Kingdom has secured its largest project co-funded with the European Commission to date. The ‘Somalia Energy and Livelihood project’ will start in Somalia on 1 November and will last for three years. Valued at €2,000,000 (£1,370,000), 75% of the funding is furnished by the European Commission.

Somalia is classified as a ‘least developed country’. It is one of the poorest countries in the world with per capita income of less than £100 a year. Fifty-three percent of the population live below the poverty line. The situation has been exacerbated by the effects of war and lack of state authorities. This has led to the total collapse of social services.

ADRA’s main objective is to contribute to overall poverty reduction in Puntland and Somaliland. The two states are self-administering entities committed to ... they have enjoyed relative peace and stability for some time. Between them they have a population of close to 5.3 million.

The role of energy in reducing poverty is recognised by the two states, and energy ministries have been established to coordinate related activities aimed at increasing access to energy services by the rural population.

The project, implemented by network partner ADRA Somalia, will strengthen livelihood strategies of the Somali people through promoting the use of alternative energy options to meet growing energy needs. ADRA will install windmills, solar-powered water systems and facilitate the production and marketing of 10,000 cooking stoves as part of the project.

The installation of energy equipment will result in increased access to clean water. Health and education services will also be provided. This will be done by creating an awareness of the effects of bad natural resource management and promoting the use of renewable energy options, such as wind, solar and modern biomass. The intervention will be conducted in line with the global trend of seeking renewable energy to spur economic growth.

Alma Jackson celebrates her 90th birthday

On Sabbath 28 July the Riverway church celebrated the 90th birthday of one of our founder members, Alma Jackson. After the morning service a fellowship lunch was enjoyed, during which Elder Creer paid tribute to Alma, and a celebratory cake was cut.

Alma was always an active member of the Bromley and Riverway churches, holding various positions and providing beautiful flower arrangements, until in recent years her sight began to fail, preventing her from keeping up with events. When asked if she felt 90 years old, Alma replied, ‘No.’

Alma is truly a fine Christian lady. The church is still benefiting from her presence and we are delighted to see her reaching this milestone in her life.