Why run a diesel pump when, with solar power, you can do the same for free? Renewable energy is at the forefront of many discussions as we enter a new decade. While we in the West struggle with carbon footprint reduction, ADRA is helping people in the developing world to have access to new forms of energy.

James Shepley, one of ADRA-UK’s programmes officers, was recently in Somalia to observe progress in one of our projects. To reach the remote village of Salahley in Somaliland, North West Somalia, he had to traverse a vast plain, covered in thin grassland, the food source for herds of goats and even the occasional camel. As many as half of all Somalis are nomadic pastoralists, and in a land that has seen more than its fair share of civil war the risk of land mines is great.

Salahley is the major centre in the area. There is a school with 460 children and ninety boarding students. The school is supported largely by generous members of the Somali Diaspora who are trying to rebuild their country.

ADRA, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, installed solar lighting three years ago at the health centre in the village. People walk as far as 70km to get to the clinic. Before the arrival of solar lighting, the midwife had to assist births at night with a kerosene paraffin lamp or a pocket torch. Sometimes, without electricity, she would have to cut the umbilical cord in the dark. Now, the midwife can work well into the night and operations can be performed at the school. The school is supported by ADRA-UK and the European Commission.

The solar system that ADRA will install here will help provide electricity to the school, and upgrade the existing system in the health clinic. This will power the refrigerator to conserve vaccines for polio or measles, as well as providing light so that operations can be performed at the school. This will allow for earlier treatment of malaria.

Salahley is one of sixty-three locations across Somaliland and Puntland where ADRA Somalia is now installing renewable energy technology over the next twelve months, with the support of ADRA-UK and the European Commission. The solar system that ADRA will install here will help provide electricity to the school, and upgrade the existing system in the health clinic. This will power the refrigerator to conserve vaccines for polio or measles, as well as allowing night use for the microscope, enabling testing for malaria and thus an earlier start to treatment.

Thanks to ADRA, with the new source of power, schoolboys like Ibrahim will have a better chance of realizing their dreams.
The story began three years ago when Leslie of the Croydon church surprised his mother Sally by opting to study Chinese. In 2009 Leslie began to consider a visit to China in order to experience the culture and make use of the language before his GCSE. The cost seemed a problem, but, says Sally, ‘to our surprise money came from all over the place, including the school’.

The visit to China, with a school party, began in late October. Leslie, with his friends, had lodgings with a family. Each Sabbath Leslie stayed behind in the digs and read the Bible Sally had given him for the purpose, while his friends went shopping in Qianmen Square. That attracted the attention of the family with whom he was lodging. The father, through his 17-year-old son, asked Leslie what it was he was studying. As a result the 14-year-old found himself giving a Bible study. Before Leslie and his party left to return to London, the father asked if Leslie would consider leaving his Bible so that he could learn more about Jesus.

Leslie phoned home about that. ‘Leave the Bible,’ said Sally. ‘In fact, leave all the books.’

Since Leslie’s return to Croydon, the 17-year-old son of the family with whom he stayed has been emailing him. The family is fascinated by the Person of Jesus. Arrangements have been made for the 17-year-old to visit London.

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Two questions were over, Sally had a question for David and asked it in a carrying voice: ‘D-a-a-a-…’ she tried. ‘Was all that before God became a Christian?’ I would have paid good money to have heard what Sally’s Dad said by way of answer. What do you think he should have said? ‘That God was in Christ. . . . ’ ‘That in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body?’ At the fullness of God. Not part of it or one aspect of it. All.

For Pentecost, don’t you need ‘a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to see the fullness of God in Jesus. Rather, you can see and hear him clearly.’ There he is – God! – and he is unmistakable.

Let’s hope Sally’s Dad had a stab at explaining that to her. A tall order, I know. At the very least, let’s hope he told her that God has always been a Christian.

The apostle John faced a similar problem. John could remember when in the immediate post-Pentecost period the early Church was largely made up of converted Jews. But the Gospel had gone to the Gentiles, and part of what that meant was that the Gospel had to be communicated in terms intelligible to people committed to the Jewish faith. In the Greek speech the Gospel was written in Greek. John, whose centre of evangelistic operations was the Greek city of Ephesus, faced that challenge every day.

When the gospels of Mark, Matthew and (the Gentile) Luke were in circulation they contained many key concepts alien to the culturally Greek. Take the idea of Jesus as ‘the Messiah’, for example. John needed a whole new way to tell the Romans-Greek world about Jesus. John and hit on one that, more than anything else, accounted for the success of his account of Jesus’ life and work. Ephesus forty years after the other three were written.

So, then, the Word who became flesh in Jesus was not created, but was there before Creation. He was not part of the world of time; he was part of the eternal world.

How does that help Sally?

The fact that the Word was part of the eternal scheme of things means that God was always like Jesus. No one can show us what God is like as Jesus can. No one can reveal more of the heart and mind of God than Jesus does.

Michael Ramsey (1904–1998), the one hundredth Archbishop of Canterbury, was known as a great Bible scholar. He was once asked, ‘What is the most profound theological idea you have ever had?’ His face became bright, his smile grew, and his eyes widened. The nervous questioner thought he had asked a clumsy and, perhaps, pointless question. That was not how the Archbish received it, much to his relief. Ramsey’s reply?

‘In God there is no unChristliness at all’ he beamed, with some enthusiasm, before continuing. ‘And you think there is, it’s because you have misunderstood something. Jesus is the perfect revelation of God. Don’t you wish Sally could have heard that?’

‘No one knows the Son except the Father, said Jesus’ … ‘ and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’

In the next breath Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’

One last time, then.

In God there is no unChristliness at all. If you think there is, you’re misunderstood something.

Do you think that is all the fullness of God? Would someone say that to Sally?
Paul, we have a question: What do you mean by ‘speaking in tongues’?

The editor thanks Dr Jean-Claude Verrechia of Newbold College for writing this excellent, authoritative article.

Spiritual gifts are not a problem for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They are acknowledged and valued. Numerous workshops and seminars are organised on a regular basis to facilitate the discovery of every- one’s gifts. But surprisingly, and for different rea- sons, two gifts are a bit problematic in our midst: the gift of prophecy and what is called ‘the gift of tongues’. According to Paul, the first one ranks at the top of the list. Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy.’ (1 Corinthians 14:1). As far as prophecy is concerned, aren’t we, Seventh-day Adventists, the best? We were given a prophet at the very begin- ning of our history. We have the ‘testimony of Jesus’, that ‘is the spirit of prophecy’ (Revelation 19:10). Though I am not sure what sort of reception another prophet would be given in church. The poor guy would be severely scrutinised in order to qualify, the Bible test and the Ellen White test! As for the gift of tongues, we are rather silent. We are scared. We are more comfortable with the interpretation of the texts, according to which the gift of tongues would refer to speaking a foreign human language. The gift of tongues is not comfort- able if anyone started to speak a strange, non- human language in a church setting. But some of us – a minority – do not think that talking in a growing minority – might not feel the same. They would argue that, at least, the latter rain had come upon the faithful early on. They would argue that speaking in tongues and/or languages is not a new one. The believers in Corinth asked it of Paul. His answer is worth considering. Let me pinpoint some leading ideas.

1. This topic is difficult

Hundreds of books and articles have been published on this topic. Not only in the general and on the gift of speaking in tongues especially. Easy and radical answers are probably more appealing. This article does not claim to provide the final answer but aims at giving the reader some tools for further consideration.

2. Paul before Luke

Two tests of the New Testament deal with the gift of tongues: Acts 2:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-14. We will start with Acts 2:1-13 before starting with 1 Corinthians, for at least two reasons. First, this letter was written probably twenty years before the other, and secondly, Joseph Prince, the author of a, was a co-worker of Paul. I assume that he was influenced by Paul’s understanding of the gift of tongues when writing the Pentecost narrative. Accordingly, the first and main idea on the topic is from Paul.

3. A tension between two cultures

In the Old Testament, the tongue (daraen) is not given a high status. It is often connected to sin. One becomes a sinner through the tongue. It explains why one must exert oneself for the training and the control of the tongue (see Proverbs 10:19-20; 15:4; 18:21; Psalm 34:13). This tradition has pervaded the New Testament. It is obvious in the letter of James: ‘no one can tame the tongue (glossa in Greek), a restless evil, full of deadly poison’ (James 3:8), as well as in the context between speaking and doing as made by Jesus himself (Matthew 7:21), and in the words of John: ‘Let us love not in word or speech (glossa) but in truth and action.’ (1 John 3:18)

But there is also another trend in the New Testament. On the one Paul wasronted with in Corinthians. Plato, the Greek philosopher, had long ago made the point that divination was possible, but not in a rational way. ‘No man achieves true and inspired divination when his mind is biased, but only when the power of his intellect is infiltrated in sleep or dream. It is doubtful by disease or by reason of some divine inspiration.’ (Timaeus 71e.) In the Hellenistic Mediterranean world, ‘prophets’ ‘seers’ and ‘prophetic’ were rather numer- ous. One of the most popular examples of divina- tion through ecstatic language is the ecstatic theurgy of Psyche of Delphi, whose headquarters was less than a hundred miles from Corinth. Seated on a tripod over an opening in the earth, this lady would fall into a trance and start raving. Her oracles exerted an influence far beyond Greece, even though this gift was no doubt a remnant of ancient Greek culture. (1 Corinthians 14:20). The apostle mocks the Corinthians. The gift of tongues is not a problem for the prophetic. For the prophetic, it is the gift of prophecy. For the prophetic, it is the gift of prophecy.
Greetings from Madagascar!

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ed bricks, grey sky . . . looks familiar. Lizards, rice fields . . . now that’s not the UK.
In August 2009 we Ben and Gil Senty, said goodbye to the familiar faces of Newbold for a nine-month experience in Madagascar where we are volunteering with ADRA on a food security project. After months of planning and fundraising, here we are, on the other side of the world, living a very different life.

Work wise, things are not very exotic. We work in an office, we sit in front of a computer for many hours, but as soon as we step out of the premises, a new world unfurls. Chickens walk on the side of the road alongside the stray dogs, zebras (local cows) and pigs walk across the country towards the capital where they will end up on a plate. The people walk barefoot dressed in various aspects of the project. We are still in the strategic planning phase, so there are many things to buy, to set up. Ben has been helping the IT team in renewing their material. He also works with the planning manager and is always looking for ideas to maintain a good team spirit. For instance, he helped organise a two-day team-building event in September and has also set up several social groups. Gil has been using his skills in finalising the project logo, taking pictures at every event, enhancing PowerPoint presentations and other project-related documents. She is also helping the administrative team improve their customs and processes and will soon be implementing a new fleet management software.

We work a minimum of forty hours a week and, fortunately for us, there are no school holidays in Madagascar, so the time there are songs . . . the Malagasy love singing!)

On Sabbath morning, we teach Sabbath School. As everything is done in Malagasy, we decided to start a French class so that we could also participate. It turned out to be a very popular idea. As for the rest of the programme, we rely on our friends to translate. We have been taking visits to Malagasy classes, but although we sometimes recognise a few words (we’re quite excited when that happens), it is not enough to understand a whole sermon.

We also joined the choir . . . and, yes, we sing in Malagasy. Obviously, we don’t understand what we’re singing, but, hey, we’re in a church and we trust that the lyrics are uplifting.

On Sunday afternoons we teach English. There are two classes, one for children where we teach simple words, simple songs and play Simon Says, and a more advanced class where we learn more complex words, more complex songs and more complex games. It’s fun, and people like it. Some weeks there are about fifty people attending.

We thank all those who encouraged us and who helped us raise the money to come here. We’re far from home, we miss our family and friends, but nine months is not much in a lifetime and we are glad to use this time to discover new horizons and help the less fortunate.

Enough is enough!

Hundreds took part in the Not Another Drop (NAD) Peace March to demonstrate their stand against gun and knife crime in the borough of Brent, London.

Members from Willesden church, headed by Ben Jackson, Willesden’s Community Services leader and vice chair of NAD, displayed their support by wearing yellow ‘Not Another Drop’ T-shirts and joined the procession from Roundwood park in Willesden to Jubilee clock in Harlesden, where a small solemn memorial service took place.

The seventy-four gun and knife victims in Brent from 1999-2009 were remembered by locals, the mayor and councillors lighting seventy-four candles held by children, with the victims’ names attached. It was a poignant moment as each name was read out, and the candles were placed behind pictures of a 7-year-old girl, Tobi-Ann Byfield, who was the youngest victim of these crimes.

The community response to these murders was to march through the streets of Brent towards Wembley Stadium to act collectively against violent crime.

At Wembley Stadium, a mini event took place which centred around the theme ‘recreating the village’. It was very much a community affair which included food and drink. Many sectors of the public were represented, including the candidates for all three political parties for Brent, the police, Crimestoppers, and the Fire Brigade, all of whom gave some sort of speech or presentation.

The message was that even extended family members of the murdered victims were adversely affected by these tragedies. Patrick Jacobs, chairman of NAD, insisted that the ‘bullet runs faster and hits the family’, breaking up families.

Families picked up the courage to talk about their loss and their distress. Two sisters bravely talking about their cousin’s murder was an emotional moment which highlighted the gravity of the situation and the realisation that something needs to be done.

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Stewardship and Communication graduates

There were also graduates from the Stewardship and Communication courses organised by Dr Richard DeLisser. The Communication course graduates were admonished that there was an important task to seek to make the Gospel relevant in today’s society, and those from the Stewardship course were charged with the task of reminding the church constituency that all we have belongs to God and we are to live with that thought in mind.

It was noted that this year’s class showed much promise. Some of the sermon presentations were outstanding, with a couple of young people performing particularly well, which bodes well for the future in that if these talents are put to use Jesus will soon come!

TERRY MESSENGER

**Swansea youth baptism**

by Lily Kidwell

Sabbath 14 November was a particularly delightful day for members and friends of the Swansea church, because on that day three Welsh Mission young people gave their lives to Jesus through baptism.

The day began with a youth service led by our Afterglow team. During the first half there was a group discussion of certain Bible passages related to baptism. Then our speaker for the day, Filip Bajic from Newbold College, spoke about the parable of the ten virgins, emphasising just how important it is for us all to be prepared and ready to meet our Saviour. Brother Tihi also inspired us with his music.

We were blessed with a full church of people visiting from different parts of the country. These included friends and family of the baptismal candidates and also other visitors from Newbold. The fellowship lunch was very enjoyable and our special thanks go to Hajdi Adamovic, Val Byrd, and everyone who helped out in the kitchen.

The afternoon programme was built around the baptisms of Eiddon, Kandice and Katie.

Eiddon Paul grew up in Swansea church and is committed to serving God through his music – playing drums, his favourite instrument. Speaking before the baptism, Eiddon said that there had been some inspiring spiritual developments in his life recently and he particularly mentioned joining the Street Pastors training and hearing everyone’s testimony there. He also mentioned the Afterglow outreach programme and his Bible studies with Pastor Jovan Adamovic.

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**Winning entry**

by Richard DeLisser

Alcohol Awareness Week (19-23 October) aimed to raise public awareness of the scale and harm of alcohol abuse and what was being done nationally, and in Haringey, to tackle this. One of the activities aimed at raising awareness about the damage caused by alcohol was an art competition for Years 10 and 11, asking young people to design a poster to illustrate the harm that alcohol can cause to young people.

The response was good, with over sixty entries received from secondary schools. Different media were used, including computer-generated images, collage, photography, hand drawings and paintings. Messages were clear and often hard-hitting. The judges chose the winning entry from John Lothorough School. The winner’s painting was contemporary, colourful and contained a striking image. Nicoda Mitchell received the first prize of a laptop at her school assembly on Monday 14 December. The two runners up, Akuru Ragan Dancs and Anishka Lawley, both from Fortismere, received a digital camera each.

The winning poster was made into the poster that was displayed at bus stops and in phone booths in the borough over the Christmas period. The poster informed young people about In-volve, the local drug and alcohol service for 13 to 21-year-olds, and HAGA, the local alcohol treatment and advice agency.
In omnia paratus (prepared for all things) was the theme for Stanborough School’s 68th Speech Night. The vice president of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lowell Cooper, provided an insightful reflection that encouraged the pupils to continue to aim high. Travelling especially from Washington DC, USA, to be the guest speaker, Pastor Cooper marvelled at the school’s academic, sporting and cultural successes.

Stanborough students have continued the trend of high GCSE results, with 81% achieving five or more grades at A* to C. In his Annual Report, the school’s head teacher, Mr Roger Murphy, highlighted that more than half of Stanborough’s students obtained grades A* to B in public exams. Mr Murphy also commended the academic results achieved by Year 9 students who took the SAT exams. These students obtained excellent pass rates of 89% in Science, 94% in English, and 95% in Mathematics.

Stanborough’s athletic team took first place in the Independent Schools Association Regional Championships for the 100m junior and senior girls’ races, the 100m senior boys’ race and boys’ discus throwing. At national level the senior boys’ 4 x 100m relay team took second place. Tribute was also given to Stanborough’s under 15 football team, who competed for the Rensburg Shepherds National Cup for 2009.

The international programmes at Stanborough School continue to thrive. Over 400 students from abroad attended the school’s study course during the academic year and summer camp in July and August. Mr Murphy reflected on the importance of hosting students from such a wide variety of countries, thus providing an opportunity for both British and international students to develop bonds of peace and mutual understanding.

The voice of the students closed the annual Speech Night celebrations. Head Stanborough School Dare to dream boy, Guillherme, and head girl, Tieri, pointed out the highs of the year and expressed their gratitude towards current and former teachers and staff members. Stanborough’s primary school choir, secondary choir and string ensemble performed impeccably and gave Speech Night an air of colour and dignity, which was appreciated by all.

For more information on Stanborough School, please visit our website at www.spsch.org.

Dr Uchenna Okoye, celebrity dentist of Channel 4’s ‘10 Years Younger’ was the guest speaker at the John Loughborough School Speech Day on Sunday 6 December. This annual event, which took place in the school’s gymnasium, celebrated the achievements of the students during the 2008/09 academic year.

‘You need to have the courage to dream and make your dreams a reality,’ said Dr Okoye, encouraging the students. Drawing on her own experiences as a teenager, she recalled her dream to become a doctor and concluded that ‘everything worth having comes by hard work and perseverance’. She urged them to study hard and not to ‘be influenced by friends who are not interested in achieving’.

As part of the Speech Day, the graduating class of 2009 were awarded their GCSEs, along with several outstanding cups. Two young people whose names were heard on a number of occasions and who graced the stage with their presence several times were Asher McKenzie and Victoria Soyam, previous head boy and girl respectively. They were among a selection of high achievers at the school who gained 10 or more GCSEs with A*, A and B grades.

• Victoria Soyam: 12 subjects including 2 A*, 6 A, 2 B grades
• Asher McKenzie: 10 subjects including 4 A, 6 B grades
• Ayodele Green: 12 subjects including 5 A, 5 B grades
• Rumbidzai Sithole: 12 subjects including 4 A, 8 B grades
• Sheree Barnes: 10 subjects including 2 A*, 2 A, 5 B grades
• Jason Julien: 11 subjects including 1 A*, 5 A, 2 B grades
• Rumbidzai Sithole: 12 subjects including 3 A, 5 B grades
• Nola Hopkins: 11 subjects including 3 A, 5 B grades

Commenting on the achievements of the students during the past year, Opal Johnson-Christie, Education director, SEC Vice president Lowell Cooper presents the head teacher’s Cup, and guest speaker Dr Uchenna Okoye, celebrity dentist of Channel 4 TV’s ‘10 Years Younger’

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students in the school, especially the graduates. We are also grateful for the dedication of the teachers who work tirelessly on behalf of the school, and the parents for their continued support.

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Swindon miracle by Peter Yesudian

Readers may remember the baptism of Justin Cockett into Swindon church in May 2009. Justin relates his testimony as to his Baptism. When I was 26 (in 2001) I became ill with a condition that severely affected the functioning of my muscles. It left me unable to walk, use my arms much, read, write or eat normally. I tried all of the suggestions of the medical profession but nothing beneficial resulted. I also then tried a wide range of alternative therapies to see whether they might lead to an improvement, but none came.

Towards the end of 2008, having spent my life not knowing if God existed or not, my main carer who had become a close friend invited me to a series of talks on Bible prophecy being held by members of the local Adventist church which she attended. I went and afterwards started going to the local church myself. Justin was baptised in May 2009, and Pastor Rudi Puska was asked his thoughts about the baptism at the time.

Q: Pastor Puska, did you ever baptise somebody in a wheelchair?
A: No, this was the first time.

Q: So how did it go?
A: It was a little bit stressful. The idea was to baptise Justin on a normal chair with Ransom, my elder, helping me. However, on the day of baptism Justin requested to be baptised in his wheelchair. I guess he felt safer that way. We didn't have time to practise the baptism. My idea was for my elder and me to lean the wheelchair backward. We were in the baptism and Justin had told me that there was a safety mechanism so we could not do it that way. The most stressful part was pulling Justin out of the water. It took two or three seconds longer; however, for me it was like ten to fifteen seconds longer than it should have been. Justin says that he didn't notice it. Regardless of this little stress, it was beautiful. Justin continues:

A few months later in the summer, I came to a point where I felt that I had tried every medical intervention worth trying and, having still found no improvement, began to try and accept that I would probably have to spend the rest of my life in a wheelchair.

But in September I turned to the power of Jesus. Knowing that walking in my own strength was completely impossible, I asked instead to accept the power that God gives to those who want to follow him. There were times when I struggled to come to terms with what happened. I was immediately able to walk and in less than two weeks I was walking mostly non-stop for well over an hour, having not stood for many years. My arms also completely regained strength and I can now read and write once again.

I'm not sure what else I can really say except to convey that I know I did nothing different that time from the thousand times before that all failed. The ONLY difference was made by our loving, kind and merciful God to whom all praise is due.'

Spiritual mentors were assigned to each candidate. We wish them well in the Christian walk.

Fleteshow School

On 3 December the seniors of the Plymouth church were dined and entertained in royal fashion by the pupils of Fleteshow School. We were met in the foyer by smartly dressed pupils from Class 4. Our coats, scarves and umbrellas were whisked away before we were led into Sir's office and given goblets of mulled wine. Promptly at 3 o'clock we took our places at the table which was beautifully adorned with festive tableware, candles and crackers, also made by the children. The waiters, again girls and boys from Class 4, expertly attended to our every need. All that was missing were the coats and the tableware which were whisked away before we were led into Sir's office.

Entertainment by Class 4 followed, the pupils singing a variety of Christmas songs and carols accompanied by the Ocarina group and Sir (John Martin – head teacher) on the piano. For the finale he took his guitar.

Know-your-church baptism

Stoke Newington has gained two more members after a ‘Know your church’ teach-in week. From 29 August through to 5 September nightly our minister Pastor Wilf Blake outlined our church heritage before we went into the Scriptures with such topics as ‘Four marks of the true church’, ‘Peculiar case in court’ and ‘Who changed the Sabbath?’

On Sabbath afternoon two new members, Ramal Smith and Tanya Simpson, were baptised in front of family, friends and church members. Ramal is a son of the church and joins his parents and brother in membership.

Tanya was introduced to our members, Evol Corea. They met at university, and he invited her to the dedication of his baby nephew.

The immersion was performed by Pastor Blake, and in his pre-baptismal sermon he told them that God calls them to be true representatives of him and baptism is to walk the Christian walk and to talk the Christian talk.

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Family service at Brighton and Hove

The youth and children of the Brighton and Hove congregation used their talents to enrich the adult congregation in a special family service. The service began with the youth choir singing – accompanied by pianist and violinist. This was followed by a sketch demonstrating what sin can do to a life and that hope is to be found in God. The younger members were animal masks while singing ‘If I were a butterfly’. Our two speakers were 12 and 13 respectively. Their talks, accompanied by PowerPoint presentations, were about ‘Temptation’ and ‘Christian Friends and Fellowship’.

Pastor Leslie Hill gave a closing blessing and prayer.

Charisma, one of our children and a former Pathfinder, attended the University of Arts in London and graduated in Surface Designing. The ceremony took place at Centre Hall, Westminster. At her graduation Charisma had an exhibition of her works on display which produced freelance jobs for her. She is now listed in the London Business Young Designers Directory.
Darlington baptism

In June I reported the very first baptiz

ing service at Darlington College. In October we revisited yet another baptism of four people who publicly showed their commitment to our Lord.

Firstly we have Dorothy who accepted the Advent truth after a young people’s conference. She is a became an adventist after a wonderful evangelistic campaign (Jame

y) when she underwent the truth she surrendered her life to Jesus.

Kimberley Ham-Ying, a young lady, also surrendered her life to Jesus. In order to do so Kimberley had to have a sacrificial job.

Lastly we have a couple, Dee and Waiga, who both accepted Jesus. Dee and Waiga believe these are last days and want to dedicate their lives to the Lord.

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• Public evangelism

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• The right to work in the UK

Initially the contract will be for one year. A full job description can be supplied on request.

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The North England Conference is seeking to establish a Centre of Evangelism which will begin operating in July 2010.

Therefore we are seeking two full-time evangelists to serve in these positions:

1. Outreach co-ordinator
2. Assistant director/Academic affairs/Bursar

The successful candidate will have excellent

people skills and an aptitude for:

• Bible teaching
• Flexibility/adaptability
• Good organisation
• Team work
• Personal witnessing
• Public evangelism

Barbara Smith

The sermon was delivered by TED president Dr Wiklander who talked about the constant growth, confirmation and a new life in Christ.

Attendees will be required to have a

full driving licence and the right to work in the UK.
CHIP, summit at Loma Linda

We were delighted to welcome the contingent of 400 people from eleven different countries shared testimonies of the many different churches and organizations that have been inspired to start their own CHIP programmes. It was a joy to see the enthusiasm and passion that these people had for seeing a healthier functioning of body, mind and soul.

The CHIP programme is a great example of how research and education can work together to improve health outcomes. The CHIP programme has been shown to be effective in reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

The CHIP programme is unique in that it takes a holistic approach to health, focusing on lifestyle changes that can improve overall health. This includes dietary changes, exercise, and stress management.

We were thrilled to have the opportunity to hear from some of the leading experts in the field of nutrition and lifestyle modification. These experts included Dr. Jacqueline Chan, a researcher at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, who presented the results of her study on the health benefits of water intake and prevention of cardiovascular deaths.

Dr. HansDiehl, the founder of the CHIP programme, was a frequent contributor to the conference, sharing his insights and experience in leading the programme. He was honored by his colleagues who presented some interesting and challenging research papers.

The Chip summit was a great success, and we look forward to hosting another one in the future. In the meantime, we encourage you to learn more about the CHIP programme and its benefits by visiting their website at www.chiponline.org/chipvideo.