Imagine hiding your child from view. Imagine raising a child with no medical treatment or schooling. No imagination is needed if you are the parent of a child in rural Mongolia who suffers from autism, Downs syndrome or cerebral palsy. Discrimination and other negative attitudes towards disabled children, from both adults and children, are common: especially towards children with cognitive disabilities. This means that most parents try to hide their disabled children from others, avoiding family embarrassment. The result is that disabled children often receive limited health care and have little or no access to education.

Such a situation seems unbelievable from a UK perspective. Here children with cognitive disabilities have full access to healthcare and education, and are an integral part of society. The Adventist Special Needs Association (ASNA), supported by ADRA-UK, is among those who advocate for the rights and needs of the disabled, in particular for children.

Recognising this desperate need, ADRA-UK started a three-year project in Mongolia aimed at ensuring access to health and education for children with cognitive disabilities. The project, which began in March 2010, is co-funded by the European Commission and implemented by ADRA Mongolia.

Tserenlham is one Mongolian mother who has discovered the difference that the project is making in the life of her family. She lives in the Zavkhan province and has a child with Downs syndrome. She saw a presentation on a local television station about an organisation called 'ADRA' that was working with children who have cognitive disabilities. ‘In our country the situation is difficult if you have a disabled child. As parents, we have had many questions but we did not know who to speak to about them’, she said.

She decided to find out more about this project, left her child with a family member and went to the local office of ADRA. She was delighted with the result. Tserenlham adds, ‘When I visited ADRA I also learnt many things: for example, that by law I could access quarterly social welfare assistance for caregivers, which I had not known about before. In the project office I was also able to meet with other parents, some people said, “Don’t worry, some people think about your problems and are affected by health and education systems.”’

By Tom Pignon, ADRA-UK Programmes Officer

Hidden in Mongolia

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Editorial

Don’t drop the pole!

I have always been fascinated by the exploits of History’s great ‘daredevils’ – probably because they’ve had the skills and courage to do what I can only dream of.

One of these daredevils was Jean Francois G railroad in a tightrope for the first time on 30 June 1859. Blondin used a 1,100 foot long, three-inch diameter manila rope to cross from the US to Canada.

A quarter of the way out, Blondin stopped, yawned, and stretched before lying down on the rope and placing the 38-foot balancing pole across his chest. He even appeared to snooze for a few minutes. Anxiously watching, not using his hands, Blondin casually amped out to midpoint, passing on the swaying strand to a coil of thin, lead-tipped rope. Then he lowered that rope to a waiting boat, 180 feet below, and pulled up a small bottle full of water from which he proceeded to drink. Then, as he moved off along the rope towards Canada, Blondin stunned the crowd with a backflip somersault!

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How did he do it?

Besides his nerves of steel, impeccable balance, amazing head for heights, superb muscle control and overall fitness, how did Blondin do it? What was his secret?

His secret was to use the balance pole – one of the things that every funambulist (tightrope walker) needs to succeed. Interestingly, these two simple rules are also among the fundamental secrets to successful Christian living: look up and use the balance pole.

Don’t look down!

Paul叮嘱 us in that first rule: ‘Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.’ (Hebrews 12:2, NIV). The risk of falling and failing in the Christian life is heightened when we start reflecting on anything other than Jesus. He is the Source of our salvation, and the inspiration we live obedient and joyful lives.

Finally, avoid preoccupation with the failu- re, propensities, weaknesses or offending behaviour of those around you. Secondly, intentionally keep Christ and his character uppermost in your thoughts – stay focused on him.

The happiest Christians I know are those who live by this rule.

Don’t drop the pole!

Blondin’s only tool was a balancing pole. By deftly using it as a counterweight he walked upright and moved forward – despite buffeting breezes and swirling updrafts.

Jesus spells out the second rule during a sharp verbal engagement with the Pharisees: ‘But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.’ (Luke 11:42, NCV)

The genius of true Bible religion is balance, but the Pharisees had lost theirs. They allowed one end of the pole to droop too low! They spent hours counting out God’s tithe from their herb gardens, but could callously ignore the garbled peal of a strike victim sprawled in the street, because it was Sabbath.

Too many of us drop the pole at one end. For some it is the failure to grasp that the great work of God embraces both justification and sanctification. Others become so fixated with the preservation of order that they resist even the slightest, well-intentioned efforts to revitalise the local worship service.

Just look around, and you will find that ‘balance disorder’ is more common than you think and assumes many forms.

To all of us Jesus says: ‘These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.’ Bluntly put: ‘Find the balance!’

For the happiest Christians I know are those who live by this rule.
Youth for Jesus. Good Health for Africa, STUP International, and supporting students at Newbold College, but the one for which the BUC is probably the most grateful is its support for ADRA.

Their first ADRA-related projects were in Albania, to which these ASI volunteers delivered truckloads of humanitarian aid. Not only did they load the aid themselves, but they also drove the trucks there and raised the funds to cover the fuel cost! Inspired by what was happening, other church members, students, and various organisations also began to raise funds for humanitarian work in Albania and the former Yugoslavia.

At first the trucks were on loan from Cyril Willmott, one of the members, but after his death ASI members bought a vehicle for ADRA so that the humanitarian work could continue. Then one of ASI’s members stepped forward to fund the first part-time secretarial work with the ADRA director at the BUC head office, and ADRA-UK has not looked back!

Today this respected development and relief agency, building on the foundations laid by ASI-UK and others, carries on a wonderful programme of humanitarian work in different parts of the world – all to the glory of God!

ASI-UK is not just about projects

There are two very important contributions that ASI-UK members make to the Church in this union, other than their personal involvement in various projects:

- The association provides a forum within which business and professional persons can nurture each other: an environment in which they can collectively find ways to deal with the specific challenges that such persons face in the ‘pressure cooker’ of corporate and professional life.
- The association provides a rich ‘bank’ of skill and expertise that the Church can draw on when faced with issues that require technical or professional expertise not found within the Church’s traditional workforce. When one looks at the objectives of ASI-UK one realises just how privileged our Church leaders are to have a group of people willing to ‘be of practical assistance to the Church administration’ and ‘to offer consultancy advice to Church readers’.

New members are needed

Like every voluntary organisation, ASI-UK needs a regular infusion of new members. New members are, of course, relevant ideas, and greater networking potential for both new and existing members. They can also mean greater inclusiveness, especially when new members are drawn in from across the full spectrum of our Church’s people.

ASI-UK recognises that many of our Adventist youth are ‘potential professionals’, eager to serve God and society for tomorrow’s opportunities. With this in mind they have established a Student Membership category, which is free! Yes, I did a double-take on that too, but it’s true.

Testimonies

“During a mission trip to Zimbabwe, David Balderstone and I developed our friendship and went into partnership together. ... I am excited to see ASI-UK attracting younger members from a wide range of backgrounds and skills, and I hope they will also experience the thrill of mission service.”

KEN HALLS (ARCHITECT)

“I have three business partners who are atheists, and I wanted to find other Christians, like myself, who are faced with difficult business decisions each day. The answer was ASI-UK. Here I have found support from fellow members, ranging from employment law to learning how to forgive in business. I am also learning to be more Christ-like in my dealings with others. I now have the confidence to witness about my beliefs – recently I had the thrill of discussing the power of prayer at a board meeting.”

PAUL SHEPPARD (MD AND PART-OWNER OF THE COMPANY THAT RUNS THE BUC HEAD OFFICE)

ASI-UK Convention, 25-27 March

We plan to hold our first convention of the year at the Hunton Park Hotel near Watford in March of this year. As is the normal practice, guests and members who book for the weekend, or for Sabbath only.

The main speaker at the event is Pastor Jache De Oliveira, who is the director of the Centre for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University.

Costs for the weekend are as follows:

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Sabbath application will include lunch and dinner as well as refreshments throughout the day. Weekend applications will include the above with bed and breakfast for Friday and Saturday nights, but also dinner on Friday evening and lunch on Sunday. An outstanding deal!

Deadline: 19 February

For further details contact the secretary of ASI-UK, Christine Manners-Smith: manners-smith@intworld.com
God has always been a Christian!

by Dr David Marshall

Church attendance is less than 3 per cent, between 61 and 85 per cent of people (surveys vary between those two figures) claim to believe ‘in some sort of God’. That begs the question, What sort of God do folks believe in? Inevitably other – rather complicated – surveys have been undertaken to answer that question.

The sort of God most people believe in, disappointingly, turns out to be one who operates from a safe distance, interferes in events by occasional acts to cause the odd tsunami, flood or a lashing of credit crunch.

Since Jesus came, God who operated from a safe distance – even changeable – has always been a Christian!

Christianity is not just show us what God is like – the Jesus we know is much more: He is God – the created being; he is God – the existing before Creation and was the agency through which Creation happened. The Word is the revelation of God – his being, his character, his thoughts. The Word is the only route to God’s will, the only guide to behaviour, the only basis for everything we do.

The Israelites mourned, because a hole had been created in Israel (Judges 21:3). They kidnapped wives for the Benjamites: some from Gibeah (Judges 21:22), some from other Israelite tribes (Judges 21:23). They kidnapped wives for the Benjamites: some from Gibeah (Judges 21:22), some from other Israelite tribes (Judges 21:23). They kidnapped wives for the Benjamites: some from Gibeah (Judges 21:22), some from other Israelite tribes (Judges 21:23). They kidnapped wives for the Benjamites: some from Gibeah (Judges 21:22), some from other Israelite tribes (Judges 21:23). They kidnapped wives for the Benjamites: some from Gibeah (Judges 21:22), some from other Israelite tribes (Judges 21:23).

The LORD wanted to lead them, to protect them and guide them, but they rejected him (1 Samuel 8:7) and so he gave them their king (1 Samuel 8:22). But he chose their king from the smallest tribe in Israel, the one which had been shamed and punished. Saul from Gibeah (1 Samuel 10:26) would be their king.

A wrong idea at that. And a wrong idea at that. While the picture of God in some biblical narratives seems blurred, it sharpens up wonderfully in the Gospel prophets and achieves the prophetic clarity of the Jesus of the four Gospels.

The patric’s children set the scene for Jesus. He never had the benefit of their comments about his sermons. Their father had a VIP seat on the front row; the less fortunate of us, the sons who sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12, 2)
Hello Christian Stars!

This month we will think about Jesus, the Son of God, because he has shown us what God is like. If we want to know how God cares for people, we can see how Jesus treated them – anyone who met Jesus soon realised he cared about the sick people. As the Son of God, Jesus wants us to know how much God wants to get rid of the hurtful things that sin brought into this world.

On the blanket write as many names as you can remember of people who Jesus healed. Now write on the pillow the name of someone you know who is sick. Pray that Jesus will help you to know how you can cheer that person up.

Crossword:

Across
3 Unable to hear. (Mark 7:32)
5 Jesus healed a blind man here. (Mark 8:22)
7 At a wedding, Jesus turned water to ___ (John 2:9)
8 A widow lived here and Jesus raised her dead son. (Luke 7:11)
9 A person unable to walk. (Matt. 9:2)

Down
1 A relative of Peter that Jesus healed. (Luke 4:38)
2 Mary and Martha’s brother. Jesus brought him back to life. (John 11:43)
4 When Peter struck off this part of a servant’s body, Jesus restored it again. (Luke 22:51)
5 Unable to see. (Matt. 9:27)
6 Demons cursed by Jesus entered a herd of these animals. (Matt. 8:30, KJV)

Battling through the crowds:

When a paralysed man’s friends heard of Jesus’ miracles, they carried him on a stretcher to the house where Jesus was teaching the people. There were so many people that they could not get near him, so they made a hole in the roof and let their friend down. Help the paralysed man’s friends through the maze:

Printing mix-up:

Cross out all the Xs and Zs in the text in the book. It should now make sense and you can read why Jesus came to our world as a person . . .

Miracle catchphrases:

Did you know that, of the thirty-six miracles of Jesus recorded in the New Testament, twenty-eight involved healing people to full health? See if you can work out some of the miracles from the clues on the cards:

Answers:

Healing a withered hand
Raising a widow’s son
Healing two blind men
Catching a fish with a coin in its mouth

Heather Haworth, Children’s Ministries director, BUC
Exeter Church celebrates seventieth anniversary

On 30 October Exeter Church members celebrated the seventieth anniversary of the present church building, which was dedicated on 23 August 1940. Seventh-day Adventists, however, had been worshipping in the city since 1873, and the first church was officially organised on 11 November 1916, but with no building of its own. Attendance fluctuated and, by 1932, the membership stood at only three. In 1938 Pastor Leslie Harding, Osmond Rosier and Miss Frances Barr-Hamilton came to Exeter to run an evangelistic campaign that nettled thirty-three new members, and the dream of obtaining their own building in which to worship seemed more achievable.

An old warehouse was found in a dingy back street called Church Lane. This is how Moly Hardinge described the start of the building project. ‘Four figures kneeling, hands clasped, heads bowed in prayer. They had not chosen for the scene of their petitions Exeter’s lovely cathedral, nor one of its humble but still lovely daughter churches; not even the clean walls of someone’s friendly home echoed their quiet prayers. Deliberately, they had chosen this, the most dirt-harbouring, cobweb-infested building in the city, as their meeting place for prayer.

This is how they started to build a house of worship. The first bow that was struck came not from a hammer but from quiet voices knocking at the door of Heaven. Through the blistered and peeling paint they saw lovely fresh colours, rotting timber gave way to clean planks of wood, broken panes to windows of clear glass. ’

There were smiles in the 2010 congregation as the writer, in her summary of the history of the church, read out these words in the service – especially when Moly Hardinge later referred to the ‘odd angles’ and ‘coaxing the recalcitrant walls to order’. Today we are still in a similar process, after experiencing a major disaster at the beginning of 2010 with a burst pipe in the loft. Exeter Church has constantly fought a damp problem, and the church had to be vacated for eleven months as it had become unsafe. In 1977 the church was re-dedicated, after it had been totally renovated and extended, under Pastor Lecal Litchfield’s ministry. Brian Jeffery, then church elder, supervised the project and Pastor Don Lowe, then the SEC president, was very supportive.

This past decade, during Pastor B. de Nysschen’s ministry, more improvements were made: providing for disabled people, installing a new kitchen and replacing carpets, heating and lighting. Peter Chapman also made alterations to the roof and replaced the back screen, as well as installing new radiators. In spite of numerous attempts to find another building, God has kept us in a central position in a road which is now the route to one of the main car parks, signposted from around the city. It is no longer insignificant Church Lane, but residential King William Street.

It was good to welcome Pastors K. Clothier and B. de Nysschen, who recounted some of their memories as pastors of the church. The SEC president, Pastor Sam Davis, and previous resident pastors, reminiscing of their time, is to make positive plans for the future. Members were also given time to speak about the importance of the church in their lives, and greetings were passed on of Heaven. Through the blistered glass.

Celebrating twenty years of the mission

Learinning Spa Mission celebrated its twentieth anniversary on 8 January this year. The mission building, which they purchased in George Street, had been in a very run-down state but was lovingly renovated by the members themselves. They gave up much of their spare time to restore it with dedication, enthusiasm and hard work.

To help celebrate this special anniversary, all those who had any connection or association with the church in those past years were invited to attend. Over 160 people were there on Sabbath and it was a joy to see so full. Welsh Mission President John Surridge was the guest speaker for the day. Rob Pearce, worship leader and one of the founding members of the mission, led the band in playing favourite worship songs, and Cathryn Garner sang a touching solo. Slides showing the development of the church over the years were screened, including some old photos of church events like baptisms, weddings and other social activities.

After the service everyone enjoyed lunch together, and had a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and also make some new ones. A special thanks must go to Rob Pearce for initiating and organising this day for all his hard work and dedication to the church over the years.

Accessible Church – accessible gospel

Sharon Platt-McDonald and Sophia Nicholls

The fourth Disability Awareness, hosted by the BUC and the Accessist Special Needs Association, was held during 12- 14 November, 2010. The highlight of the event was a banquet during which the Accessible Church Awards were launched. These awards are given to congregations that have made measurable changes in making our churches environment easily accessible to those with a disability.

The award categories were:

1. Churches working towards an accessible atmosphere of worship:
   • Bath, Barnsley, Brentwood, Bishop Auckland, Bicester, St Albans, Walthamstow, West Bromwich, Wednesfield, Learinning Spa, Iford, Oxford and Penderford.

2. Churches demonstrating measurable outcomes in their ministry to the disabled:
   • Ilford, Aberdeen, Dublin, Bath, Whitby, Oxford and Reading.

3. Churches demonstrating an accepting and welcoming environment for the disabled:
   (The third category was based on nominations submitted by the disabled or their family members)
   • St Albans (Sharon Platt-McDonald), Oxford (Sophia Nicholls)

Guest speakers at this year’s conference included Tim Wood, senior manager from Through the Roof, a Christian Disability charity, and Philippa Woodcraft (born blind) who runs workshops for Through the Roof.

Other speakers included Nigel Nicholls (chairman and co-founder of ASNA), Sophia Nicholls (co-founder and trustee of ASNA), Grace Walsh (NEC Health, Community Services and Disability Ministries) and Sharon Platt-McDonald (BUC Health and Disability Ministries director).

As a result of the conference, both the BUC and ASNA will continue to support co-ordinators and churches as we seek to encourage churches to make accessible, achievable and measurable changes. We welcome your prayers and support as we continue the development of the Disability Awareness strategy across our churches in the British Isles.

Joseph’s Amazing Colourcap Dreamcoat.

October 30 – Cultural Diversity Day

A special day of thanksgiving at St Mary’s, the town’s parish church, for the Luton Central, Luton North and Dunstable churches, with Pastor Cecil Perry as speaker.

Led by the Lewisham drum corps, Pathfinders from Luton Central, Luton North and Croydon marched from the town hall to the parish church and solemnly handed over their flags. In response, Councillor Farouk, the deputy mayor, thanked the church for its contribution to the community and gave an assurance of his support to our future endeavours.

October 9 – Communion and the Ordinance of Humility were observed at 1 North Street, followed by an Agape feast and a presentation by Sharon Platt-McDonald, the BUC Health Ministries director.

October 16 – Music Emphasis day, when praise and worship were taken to the town’s indoor markets, young people from Luton Central took part in the ‘Big Gospel Sing Along’. Funds raised during this outreach were donated to the Luton & Dunstable hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Sabbath, 23 October – Children’s Church was the culmination of months of hard work as the children performed
**Baptism welcomes new pastor**

On 4 December 2010, a packed Stanborough Park church witnessed the baptism of two young people, Daniel Davis and Carlos Cave, as a fitting welcome to our newly appointed Pastor Paul Clee.

**Growth in Glasgow**

The Paisley congregation in Glasgow numbers over sixty, almost fifty per cent of whom are children and youth. So when brothers Winston and Mual Dube, and Rosisse Enkeko, entered the waters of baptism on 18 December last year there was great rejoicing. The officiating minister, Obi Okeome, was assisted by the Mission president, Bernie Hofford. But the blessings don’t end there, as another eight young people are currently attending baptismal classes.

**Global Village Ministries in Kenya**

In the middle of October 2010, two members of the Swindon church, Anke Lehmkuhl, a GP, and Peter Yesudian, a dentist, went on a two-week mission trip to Kenya with Global Village Ministries. This is an independent Adventist ministry that carries out medical work in Kenya, Nepal and the Philippines. In March 2006, the violent aftermath of the presidential election in Kenya led to many people being displaced in their own country. Even those seeking refuge in churches were sometimes locked in and incinerated. Those that could pack their few miserable belongings and marched back to their ancestral tribal lands where, after a long while and much wretchedness, UNICEF finally provided tents and some food. Many died during the upheaval; still others lost their loved ones or were orphaned.

An affluent and very generous lady, Mrs Lanara of the Adventist church in Nairobi, had donated two large tracts of land to be divided into plots for these poor refugees. Our group of ten volunteers were there to bring free medical and dental care to the impoverished people in these refugee camps, as well as to a sizable orphanage and the Masai on the Masai Mara. Over one thousand patients were treated by the team and countless scripts written, including a vast quantity of parasite-clearing pills. Dental care mostly consisted of oral health advice and dental extractions, as most people had not had access to dental care for over three years. It was also a privilege to treat an entire orphanage and their staff for their medical and dental needs. More information can be found at www.globalvillageinstitutes.com. The volunteers carry out about five mission trips a year and, apart from volunteer doctors and nurses, they have a special need for dentists. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please e-mail peter@onewoodstreet.net.

**Colchester Church**

Colchester Church had a joyful baptismal service on 30 October 2010, during which Valentin Tusicsi (pictured above) and the twins Anaeua and Shamia, daughters of Dr and Mrs O’Mard (no photo submitted), were added to the family of God.

Sylia Evers of the Colchester church celebrated her ninetieth birthday with her church family.

**New location for Loughborough Church**

Mountsorrel Methodist Church Centre, Church Hill Road, Mountsorrel, Leics., LE12 7JB

Services: 10am (Sabbath School) and 11.30am (Worship Service)

For more details, visit: http://loughborough.adventistchurch.org.uk

**Writing Messenger news**

Our editor shares important rules for our reporters to follow.

**Rule 1** – **Messenger** is an official church publication, and we expect items for publication to be submitted by people who have some official capacity in the local congregation, mission, conference or other church entity. Ideally, we would like to receive news from the Communication secretary, who has been appointed for this task.

**Rule 2** – The news must be about a significant and interesting activity, event or achievement – something that others would like to know. Unfortunately, some churches submit items that are not interesting or noteworthy and, because we always have a surplus of news, such submissions are at risk of being left out.

**Rule 3** – The best news items are usually those high in human interest. For example, when you report on a baptism, don’t tell us about the content of the sermon and how it made the congregation feel, or about the fine solo by so-and-so that sent shivers down your spine, and the excellent meal afterwards that consisted of forty-nine different dishes! None of that is of any real ‘human interest’ and doesn’t do a thing for your readers. What may touch them, though, is a brief story of how one of the new members came to Christ and the church. Just a few brief sentences quoted from someone like that could make your report memorable.

**Rule 4** – Ensure that your first paragraph or two can stand alone, containing the basic news report (not more than 100 words). Make sure that it answers the questions: Who? Where? When? Why? How? In your subsequent paragraph or two (not to exceed 100 words) you can provide us with additional information that may amplify the facts already given, especially if it contains something of strong human interest. In the case of something major such as camp meetings, special trainings sessions, and so on, it is better for you to invite the Messenger to report on the event – that way it could be featured in the first part of the magazine and awarded more copy space.

**Rule 5** – Unless your photos are of a high quality and properly posed, we will have to keep them small to preserve the reading space for the text of the articles. Our magazine designer, David Bell, will be featured in a forthcoming issue, leading you step-by-step through the process of taking a good photograph. We appreciate receiving a variety of photos for each event because that gives David a choice, and increases the odds that one of them will be a ‘winner’. More instructions can be found at http://loughborough.adventistchurch.org.uk.

**Rule 6** – Submit your reports and photos together to edditor.loughborough@adventist.org.uk. Please don’t send us reports and photos in separate e-mails. It is no advantage to you, and a headache for us! We will only consider a report that is supposed to be accompanied by photos once the photos have arrived.

**Rule 7** – Keep the news coming! The Messenger team values the fantastic job our volunteer reporters are doing, and we will do our best to make your copy and photos look like breaking news!
Eastham elder ‘honoured’

Dr Herbert Griffiths, an elder of the Eastham church, is one of 828 international scholars chosen to submit contributions to the latest Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity. He wrote the entry on African Caribbean Christianity in the United Kingdom and is a leading authority on local black religiosity. His PhD dissertation is entitled The Impact of African Caribbean Settlers on the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Britain, 1952-2001.

Dr Griffiths was very surprised yet humble to have been asked to write the entry and deems it an honour to represent the Church in such a scholarly way on the theological world stage.

JENNIFER NANCY LECORRE (1939-2010) d. 22 May.

Jenny passed away for Jenny’s husband Terence, and for Jenny’s only child, Kirsten. Jenny had beenillness forced her to give up her airport work. Being an ex-military man, he was principled, kind, generous, spiritual, considerate, generous and peace-loving.

What a Christmas gift!

The Bussue family of the Stanborough Park church wish to thank all who prayed for Mrs Muriel Bussue last year. She has had a remarkable recovery from a liver tumour. The good news was broken to her by her consultant liver surgeon, Mr Ali Majeed, as follows on 22 December last year: ‘Mrs Bussue, I have a Christmas present for you. Your scan is completely clear . . . this is as close to a miracle as you can get.’

BERNELL BUSSUE

London Youth Reach

One report

The ‘Reach one’ project was held across London during 4-18 December 2010, with numerous youth speakers conducting services at the following venues: the Leytonstone church, the Tottenham High Road church, the Willesden church and the Emmanuel Centre in Central London.

On the last weekend the various teams were gathered at the Emmanuel Centre, and the speaker was Olsen Roberts, an Andrews University graduate.

The project was driven by the London Youth Federation, which worked closely with the SEC Youth department. Shaun Picart, LYF president for 2010, and his team were very active in making things happen smoothly.

Three precious young souls were baptised as a result of the outreach: two of them on the last Sabbath at the Emmanuel Centre, and the third one on the last Sunday at the Chiswick church by the local pastor a week later. Twenty-five Bible studies have been started because of the outreach and the things happen smoothly.

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