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The Great Hope project

by the editor

How much do you know about **The Great Hope** project? Not much yet? Well, let's change all that.

In a letter that she wrote back in 1905, Ellen White penned these words: *'The Great Controversy should be very widely circulated. It contains the story of the past, the present, and the future. In its outline of the closing scenes of this earth's history, it bears a powerful testimony in behalf of the truth. I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in The Great Controversy, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books.'* – Letter 281, 1905.*

'So that's about **The Great Controversy**,' you say, 'but where does **The Great Hope** come into the picture?'

Well, **The Great Hope** is simply an eleven-chapter-long abridgement of **The Great Controversy**. Now that the book's been slimmed down from its original and daunting 719 pages, it is more readable and affordable!

And the plans are to spread it like the proverbial 'leaves of autumn' that we see falling all around us. Each division of the world Church has ordered vast quantities of this book to be distributed during 2012 and 2013.

Here in the UK we have not been left behind by these developments. The Stanborough Press has arranged for a large quantity of these books to be available for distribution here in the British Isles.

It will appear early next year in a compact, four-colour format – ideal for easy distribution to family, friends, neighbours and strangers. It will likely be paired with another outreach booklet to give your witness added impact.

We encourage each member to begin saving for this project, and all our churches to set aside funds for enough copies to use in their outreach activities.

As soon as we know the price (it will be very reasonable) and date of availability it will be announced.

For more information on **The Great Hope** project, please visit the official website: www.thegreathope.org.

PS: Did you know that you can download your own 'high-

The Great Hope

A revealing look at the battle between good and evil – and who wins.

tech' version of **The Great Controversy** from the website, as an app (application) for either the iPad or the iPhone? You can also obtain more information on the project from: <http://greatcontroversyproject.adventist.org>.

*Colporteur Ministry, page 127

Phew! I almost forgot something really crucial . . .

The Great Hope project is not just about all those billions of people who don't know anything about Jesus and his plan for this world, or those multiple millions who don't agree with us about that plan; it is also about you and me!

We need **The Great Hope** in our hearts too – and so our Adventist world leaders want this project to challenge and warm our hearts as well. They want us to experience the **urgency** and **certainly** that this book brings.

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Enhancing Health

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Golden eight — part 1c Air

On 3 October 2011, ITV broadcasted a documentary entitled *Exposure: The Factory*, featuring the ArcelorMittal steel plant in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Indicated as the most polluted city in Europe, Ostrava's poor air quality has been blamed on the emissions from the steel plant. In fact, in 2010 a smog alert was issued when poisonous particles in the air reached concentration levels of 700 or 800 micrograms per cubic metre per hour, far in excess of the norm of 50.

Commenting on these findings, Dr Josef Keder, a specialist at the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, states: 'It is of course very dangerous for people's health, because particles can penetrate into the respiratory tract, into the lungs, and irritate the tract. . . . Sometimes carcinogenic items or micro-organisms which can cause this disease can bind to the particles. That is the threat.'

Air pollution can adversely affect health,

depending on the type of pollutant, its concentration, the time span our lungs have been exposed to it and our general state of health. If you are concerned about excessive exposure to pollutants in your environment or are experiencing poor health, you can consult your physician for advice and request to be tested for blood toxins.

Seeking ways to ensure that we are exposed to good air is key to maintaining wellbeing. Try implementing the following:

Healthy air tips

- Open windows regularly, particularly in the early morning and the late evening, when the air is likely to be cleaner. Keeping doors open also helps increase the flow of air.
- During work breaks, take deep, slow breaths in outdoor air, away from traffic.
- Perform deep breathing exercises daily.
- Do general exercises daily, preferably outdoors.
- Maintain good posture – sitting upright and standing tall enables lung expansion, thereby encouraging better oxygen intake.
- Make your home a tobacco-free zone and avoid second-hand smoke too.
- Avoid breathing in car exhaust fumes, and don't let your car idle near your house windows or in the garage.
- Avoid being in stuffy rooms for lengthy periods.
- Maintain heating and air-conditioning units regularly.
- Ensure that cookers, dryers, fireplaces and heaters are properly vented to the outdoors.
- Ensure that air ducts and fireplaces are regularly cleaned.
- Have plants in your home and work environment to help improve air quality, as plants produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide from the air.
- Avoid using artificial air fresheners and fragrances in your home. Natural alternatives like citrus, essential oils and spices in a pot with water are healthier alternatives.

Good health!

editorial

At 9.21am on 6 October, I received this SMS from Dave Bell, *MESSENGER** designer: 'It's a sad day today!' He was referring to the death of Apple co-founder, Steve Jobs, which was announced by the news channels that morning.

Jobs, 56, who had passed away the previous day after a brave battle against pancreatic cancer, is regarded as one of the leading innovators of the twenty-first century, and Apple's directors chose these words to honour him: 'Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives. The world is immeasurably better because of Steve.'

Wow! What a stunning epitaph: 'The world is immeasurably better because of Steve.' Is that really true, or is it just a bit of sentimental hype?

What did Steve achieve?

One of the men best placed to answer that is his official biographer, Walter Isaacson, whose book, *Steve Jobs*, will appear this month. I found his comments about Jobs insightful. Try this selection:

'He didn't invent many things outright, but he was a master at arranging ideas, art and technology in ways that repeatedly invented the future.'

'He revolutionised six industries: personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing and digital publishing.'

To be more specific, take his influence on the music retail market through the introduction of the iTunes Music Store in 2003. It made it simple to legally download music at a nominal cost, and within the first week sales topped a million songs! Within five years his company had sold five billion of them and become the biggest music retailer in the USA.

Jobs continued to 'invent the future' when he introduced iPhones to the world, those must-have pocket-sized personal assistants that most of us carry. To use his prophetic



'Apple now has more cash to spend than the United States government.'

— <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-14340470>

Who makes the innovators?



Julian Hibbert
Editor

words: 'Every once in a while, a revolutionary product comes along that changes everything.' And it certainly has, with Apple currently selling a staggering 200,000 plus per day!

Then came the iPad range – the benchmark for tablet computers. According to him, his company sold 15 million of these in 2010, their year of introduction.

Back to Isaacson: according to him, Steve Jobs became 'the greatest business executive of our era, the one most certain to be remembered a century from now. History will place him in the pantheon right next to Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.' And the stock markets back that up, because in 2011 'Apple's market capitalisation passed that of ExxonMobil, making it the planet's most valuable company.'

You've now heard what the wise men say. What do you think? I think the Apple directors are right: 'The world is immeasurably better because of Steve'.

He was an innovator *par excellence*.

But now help me with this . . .

If brilliant innovators like Steve Jobs are able to think up gadgets and apps that can change the way an entire civilisation communicates; if they are able to conceive, design, refine and successfully market things that so fundamentally alter the way we spend our work and leisure time; if we are able to pay such brilliant people homage with words like these, 'The world is immeasurably better because of Steve' – then why is it so hard for so many to imagine the existence of God?

Don't you find it strange . . .

Don't you find it strange that millions of very rational people are able to recognise the presence of innovation, genius and creatorship in people like Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein, J. S. Bach or Leonardo de Vinci, but unable (or unwilling) to imagine the existence a God who is these things on a much grander scale?

Surely, every nook and cranny of this earth; every intricate system that the sciences have discovered; every sub-atomic particle or burst of energy; every outstanding innovator – everything – is evidence of innovation, genius and creatorship of omnipotent, omniscient dimensions!

Surely, iPods and iPads don't just happen?

Surely then, iPods and iPads don't just happen? Such intricate and highly efficient gadgets can't possibly be the 'handiwork' of a mythical being, can they? Steve Jobs must be more than just a legend! This quirky genius must have been real.

Then who makes the innovators? Surely HE is just as real?

The language of religion . . .

Some who eulogised Steve Jobs used 'religious' language [Editor's emphasis]:

' . . . while Jobs understood us completely, he wasn't like us. He was better.'

' . . . if Steve said he said it, then the Great One said it. Jobs didn't crowdsource. He was the source.'

'History will place him in the pantheon right next to Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.'

'For Jobs, belief in an integrated approach was a matter of righteousness.'

What does this suggest? Possibly nothing – or that man really wants something or someone to admire, adore . . . or even worship! Sadly, so many settle for the 'golden calf' when, with a bit of faith, they could enjoy the 'real McCoy'.

*<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2046397/Steve-Jobs-dead-Apple-boss-left-plans-4-years-new-products.html#ixzz1aOS4INPo>. ¹*TIME* (17 October, 2011), 'American Icon' by Walter Isaacson (page 28). ²*Ibid.* ³*TIME* (17 October, 2011), 'The Inventor of the Future' by Lev Grossman and Harry McCracken (pages 44-46). ⁴*Ibid.* ⁵*TIME* (17 October, 2011), 'American Icon' by Walter Isaacson (page 28). ⁶*TIME* (17 October, 2011), 'The Inventor of the Future' by Lev Grossman and Harry McCracken (page 40). ⁷*Ibid.* ⁸*Ibid.* (page 42). ⁹*TIME* (17 October, 2011), 'American Icon' by Walter Isaacson (page 28). ¹⁰*Ibid.* (page 29).

*Made on a Mac!

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Turning the tables

While scanning through my book on the origins of idioms I came across the phrase 'turning the tables'. The expression alludes to a practice in the seventeenth century of reversing the table or board in games such as chess, thereby switching the opponents' positions. Presumably it was someone who was always losing who thought this would be a good idea. Handy, though! I'm sure we wish our national football team could do that with the score most of the time.

Then it occurred to me that God is in the business of turning the tables, and the Bible's full of examples.

Think of Joseph. After a promising start, one disaster followed another: he was sold into slavery by jealous siblings; propositioned by his boss's wife; falsely accused because he did the *right* thing and thrown into jail!

Here, as in many biblical turning-the-table cases, the reversal of fortune required divine intervention – a miracle. Although the wait had been a long one, there was a sudden and dramatic change in Joseph's circumstances. And what a change – from the prison to the palace, from a nobody to Prime Minister of Egypt!

Things, although *appearing* to go from bad to worse, hadn't been spiralling out of control. A divine hand had been shaping events so that, one day, he was able to turn Joseph's life around, end his suffering and use him to reveal God's greatness and glory to the world.

Another example of the biblical table-turning phenomenon is the dramatic event at the Red Sea. Caught in an impasse, the Israelites had a choice of suicide by drowning or massacre by the Egyptians.

Then came Moses' words of reassurance: 'Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today.' (Exodus 14:13, 14, NLT.)

Divine intervention was the answer again – and on a spectacular scale!

What about Mordecai and Haman? Here was another turning of the tables. Haman had thought his plans were in the bag, but God had other plans. The gallows prepared by Haman for Mordecai became instead the instrument of the former's execution.

Leaping forward to the New Testament, I think of Cleopas and his companion travelling to Emmaus. They had looked to Jesus for deliverance: '... we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.' (Luke 24:21, NIV) they told the stranger who had joined them, and that hope had been dashed by

the event of the previous Friday. When the stranger's identity became apparent, their deep sorrow turned instantaneously to overwhelming joy.

I could mention Naaman, Jairus's daughter, Peter in prison – just a few of the many whose lives were dramatically changed.

Have you ever wished that God would turn the tables around for you? Work a miracle and solve all your problems? Well, I have good news for you. While it might not happen immediately, you can be assured that, as in the biblical stories, he's working behind the scenes in *your* life, preparing you for good times ahead.

Jesus never promised an easy ride, but when times are tough we have the assurance that the One who called us to follow him hasn't abandoned us. Paul's words should reassure us, too: 'And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.' (Romans 8:28, NLT.) Things might *look* a mess, but God can and will bring order out of chaos and fulfil his perfect will for your life.

So this truth can give us real and tangible hope. 'That's why,' says Paul, 'I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times.' (Romans 8:18, Message.) And this hope spurs us on: 'So we're not giving up. How could we! ... These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us.' (2 Corinthians 4:16, Message.)

And those coming good times, that lavish celebration? Well, they're the ultimate table-turning experience for God's people – the time when we'll be transformed into his likeness when Jesus returns to take us home.

And while we wait for that table-turning moment we must 'fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross. ... Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.' (Hebrews 12:2, 3, NIV.)

So don't lose heart. Things may be tough now; you may appear to be in a no-way-out situation; but the moment for the ultimate turning of the tables isn't too far away. The psalmist said: '... Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.' (Psalm 30:5, NLT.) And what a morning that will be!



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inbox

Common Sense

Dear Editor

An obituary printed in the *London Times*:

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (Don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (Adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. A 6-year-old boy was charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens were suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher was fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

His health declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

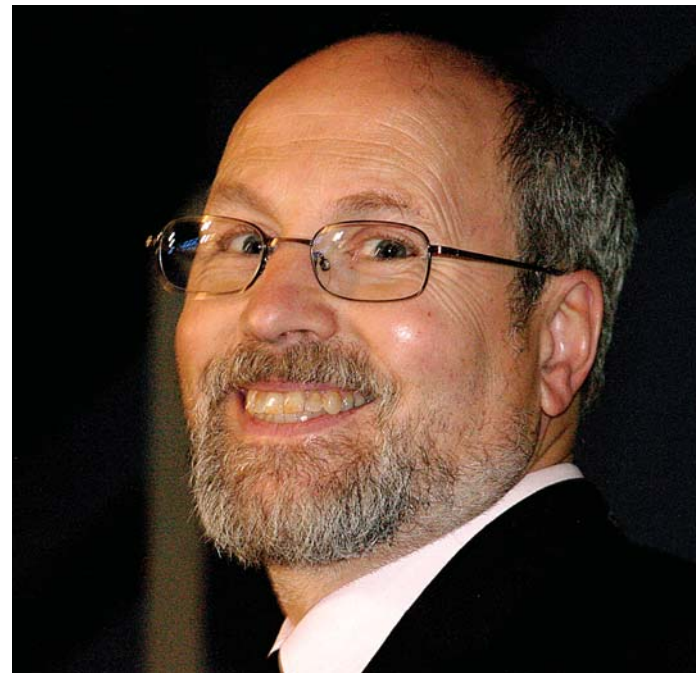
Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his four stepbrothers: I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

GRETA POULTON

feature



Sunday Fancy being a preacher?

For the past eighteen months Colin Woodford, pastor of Middlesbrough Church, has been a regular voice on BBC Radio Tees. On a Sunday morning Pastor Colin has been giving the 'Ten-minute Service' on air, which consists of a short sermon, a prayer, two hymns and a thought for the day. Colin is able to take his own choice of music. Thankfully, we are very blessed to have Paul Lee as the SEC Music director, as he has the most wonderful singing voice and allows us to use his CDs on the radio.

Colin also shares his opinion on what has been the 'hot topic' of discussion during the week. The service is broadcast twice on a Sunday morning and reaches thousands of listeners in the North-East of England.

How did we manage to get Pastor Colin on the radio, you might ask? It's simple! Tune in to your local radio station's religious channel (probably early Sunday morning between 6 and 9am). Listen to what they're discussing each week. Then send in an e-mail telling them what your church is involved in within your community, and make the offer that your pastor is willing to talk about your church on their station. Just remember to work together with your pastor on this, making sure that he is fully supportive. It's really that simple.

Now is a perfect opportunity, especially as we prepare for the shoebox appeal. You should get a reply, with the layout of the programme, asking for the details of your pastor. Send an email of thanks to the presenter after your pastor has been on air, then follow that up with a copy of your church newsletter to the presenter. Keep sending in emails about what your church is doing and planning so that your church stays on their agenda of possible broadcast items.

Invite the presenter to church social and special events (it doesn't matter if s/he can't come; your church keeps getting his or her attention). Send the presenter a calendar from the church at Christmas, and remind him that your pastor is available 'live' on a Sunday morning when the others are all busy preaching in their own churches! When he asks your pastor to preach, remember to pray for him, and with him, on the day! As long as you do your bit, God will do his. No bribes are necessary – this type of harassment works fine!

JUDY HAMILTON-JOHANSSON

the Berean column

with Andrew Puckering



Greedyguts!

'He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,' wrote Solomon, 'But he who hates bribes will live.' (Proverbs 15:27, NKJV.) This is only one of the many Bible teachings against greed – we find them also in Proverbs 1:19; 16:8; 22:22; 25:27; 28:22 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-17; 6:9; 7:7. These are just examples from Solomon's writings alone, and they're by no means an exhaustive list! With such a wealth of admonitions against greed, surely the Israelites should have been the most contented people in the world?

When Jeroboam II was reigning over Israel, Amos began to preach – and, at first, he began preaching against the Syrians, Israel's traditional enemies (2 Kings 13:22; Amos 1:1-5). Jeroboam was probably very happy to hear it! Then Amos began preaching against the other surrounding nations (Amos 1:6-2:3), and then against Judah (Amos 2:4, 5). Then, however, Jeroboam must have received a nasty shock – Amos started preaching against Israel, as well! What was the reason? The rich, greedy Israelites sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals, even panting for the dust on the heads of the poor (Amos 2:6, 7). They oppressed the poor and crushed the needy (Amos 4:1), and, when the LORD tried to reform them, instead of taking it to heart they tried to replace their bricks with finely-cut stonework and their sycamores with cedar trees (Amos 4:6-11; Isaiah 9:8-10).

Soon they became greedy for power, as well – when Jeroboam died, his son Zechariah lasted only six months before Shallum hungrily seized the throne (2 Kings 15:8-10). Shallum himself lasted only one month before Menahem killed him and grabbed the reins of power – and when a city refused to open its gates to him, he ransacked the city (2 Kings 15:13-16). His son Pekahiah was in turn toppled by another officer with designs on the kingship, called Pekah (2 Kings 15:23-25), and can you guess what happened to Pekah? That's right – Hoshea led a conspiracy against him and did away with him (2 Kings 15:30). This was an age in which assassination was the normal mode of succession, not the exception, and in spite of the king's life expectancy it seems every capable man in Israel thirsted for the top spot. Talk about greed for power!

Things came to a head, though, when Israel's army, which the LORD had strengthened under Jeroboam out of pity for the beleaguered nation, in spite of Jeroboam's wickedness (2 Kings 14:23-28), defeated Judah because of Judah's own sins (2 Chronicles 28:5, 6). The Israelites leapt upon all the loot, and started dragging the prisoners away to become their slaves – but a man of God called Oded told them that what they were doing was wrong. They had sinned enough already; they didn't need to compound their sins by making slaves of their brothers! After that the Israelites clothed the prisoners, gave them food and transport, and let them return to their homes (2 Chronicles 28:8-15).

That's the last we hear of the Israelites in 2 Chronicles – from then on the record is silent. Second Kings 17 tells us what happened to them. The Assyrians carried them away captive and resettled the land. All the Israelites' greed came to nothing.

- What sage advice did Jesus give in Matthew 6?
- Can you find another passage where Isaiah talks about greed? (Isaiah 56)
- According to 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, should people greedy for money hold church office?
- What did John the Baptist tell the soldiers in Luke 3?
- Can you find a Bible passage in which Paul speaks about being content? (There are several!)



Tom, how bad is the crisis in the Horn of Africa?

Many are describing this crisis as the worst in sixty years, with more than 12 million people starving in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

What has caused the crisis?

The rains have failed this year in Kenya and Ethiopia. In Somalia they have failed for the past two years. This lack of rain has led to crop failure and the widespread loss of livestock, as high as 60% in some areas.

The difficulty of surviving this drought has been compounded by the increased food prices in the markets and the lack of investment in agriculture and irrigation schemes – as well as conflict and politics. All of these factors combine to create a famine environment. In July, the United Nations declared a famine in parts of Somalia – six regions of the country are now affected.

What is the human impact?

Many hundreds of thousands have had to seek the support of families and friends, who are themselves living under increasing pressure as the cost of commodities at the local markets rises dramatically. Others have fled to refugee camps originally designed to accommodate 90,000, which now house 400,000, with more than 1,300 new refugees arriving daily.

How is all this turmoil affecting the region's children?

As always it is the children who suffer the most; almost 20% of those under the age of 5 years, arriving in these camps, are severely undernourished. One in every ten Somali children will not

Crisis update – the latest

Tom Pignon is the Emergency Response co-ordinator for ADRA-UK. Here he responds to questions about the 'Horn of Africa' crisis and ADRA's role in that region.

celebrate a first birthday!

Primary school enrolment is at 23%, which means that those who survive have poor prospects for education.

Tom, you have been there yourself – so tell us what the biggest needs are.

Short-term emergency relief, in the form of food and water, is needed to save lives, but longer-term solutions will be required to prevent a similar situation in the future.

In a drought we often think the solution is for it to rain. But where there has been under-investment in farming and infrastructure, when the rain comes it often floods and flows away. Normal rains in many parts of the region are expected to come in October and November – but the return of these short rains will not be enough to help the region recover. The desperate situation for millions will continue well into next year – possibly till August – when a longer rainy season is expected.

What is ADRA doing amid all this human need?

Well, let me start with Somalia: ADRA continues to respond to the emergency situation in Somalia, supplementing their existing interventions with additional emergency projects. One particular project directly supported by ADRA-UK is being implemented in the Nugaal region of Puntland and the Galmudug

region of Central Somalia, to help 19,000 people affected by the crisis. The project specifically supports the pastoral communities, with a majority of those helped consisting of women, children and the elderly, who are unable to move with their animals in search of pasture and water. ADRA's support includes the servicing of two existing boreholes; providing 140 truckloads of drinking water to about 10,000 people for three months; and providing 400 families that have been made homeless with basic equipment such as shelters, wash basins, sleeping mats, mosquito nets and a few household utensils. By providing this help ADRA is reducing the risk of dehydration, water-related disease and hygiene problems.

ADRA-UK is supporting a second project, located in the Banadir region of Somalia, which has reported some of the worst humanitarian situations in Somalia. Most of the people there are in need of life-saving food and water, with what food is available in the markets too expensive for them to afford. ADRA will provide life-saving assistance to almost 800 of the most vulnerable drought-affected families. This basic supply of rice, beans, sugar, cooking oil and salt will sustain these families over the next three months.

Is your work limited to Somalia?

No, Julian, another place that ADRA is responding to in Eastern

Kenya is Kasaala. ADRA has a long history of working in this area, but it is also one of the regions that has been most affected by the drought. Many communities are suffering from a severe lack of water, so ADRA has installed large water tanks at a health clinic and two schools. We have also been bringing in water by tanker to fill these and five other water tanks.

In addition to this support, ADRA is providing food parcels to 200 of the most vulnerable families, and support to an extra 200 children who are in need of nutritional soymilk to prevent malnutrition.

We are also at work in Ethiopia. Here ADRA-UK has provided funding to a project aimed at providing water for more than 1,300 families, and protecting the 4,000 livestock of these communities to ensure that these families can once again depend on their livestock after the drought. These 4,000 animals will receive feed for a period of two months, and the health of almost 10,000 animals will be protected through a series of vaccinations. It may seem strange to some that ADRA should be working on the health of so many animals when thousands of people are dying as a result of this drought. But if we don't look after their animals then these people will never be able to stand on their own two feet again.

Sources used: OCHA, UNICEF and UNDP



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It doesn't get much worse than this



The worst drought in sixty years is causing a severe food crisis affecting almost 13 million people, more than half of whom are children, in the Horn of Africa.

Food prices are sky-high, leaving parents unable to feed their children. Wells have gone dry. Herds are dying from lack of grazing and water. Crops are non-existent from lack of rain. There is very little hope that this food and water crisis will let up until 2012. This is not a shock tactic – this is reality. The severe drought in East Africa has created a perfect, deadly 'storm', crippling the lives of millions.

Your support of ADRA-UK's East Africa Drought Appeal can bring life-saving food and water to those who need it most. ADRA is on the ground helping, but we need your help. Please help us save lives now.

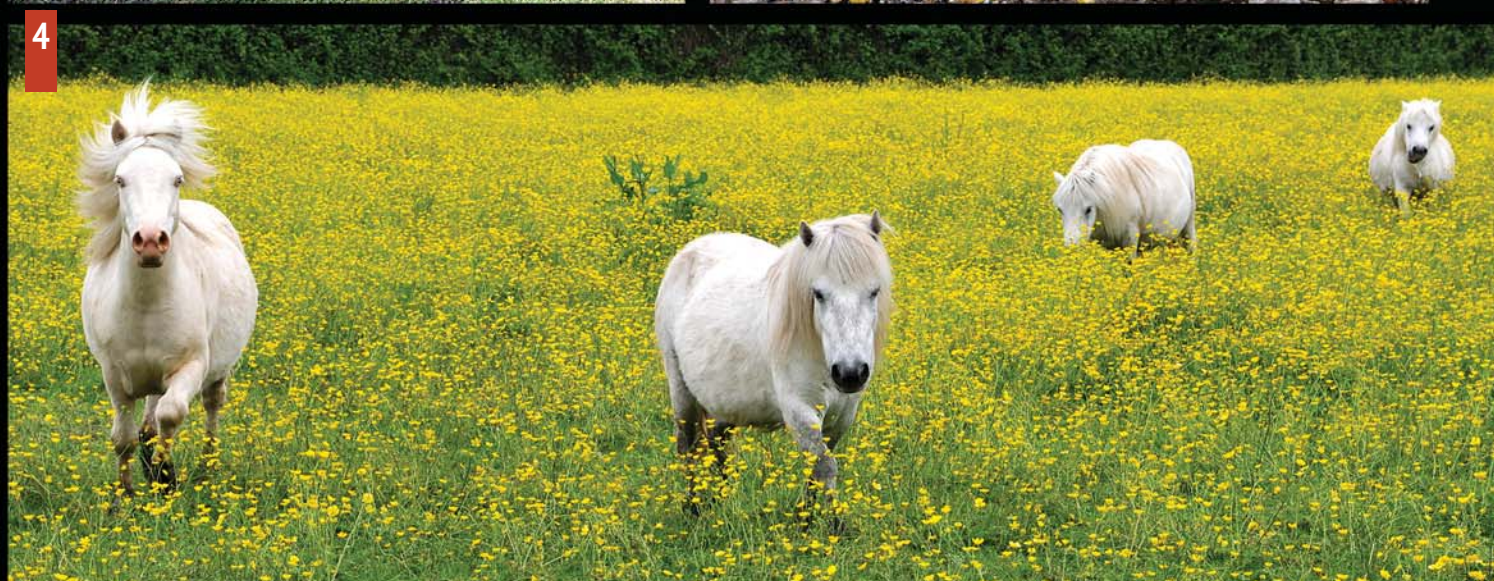
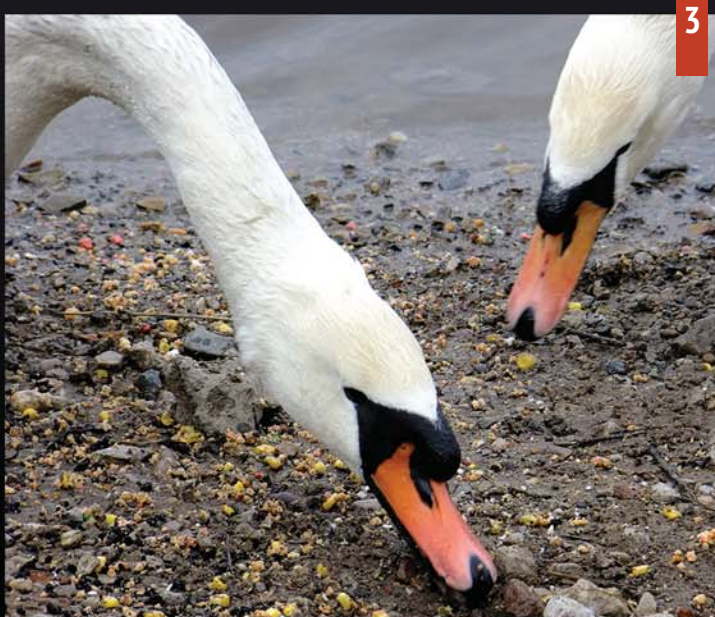
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Readers' gallery

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'The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.'

Psalm 19:1 (NKJV)

Where has the year gone?

Well, that was the summer.

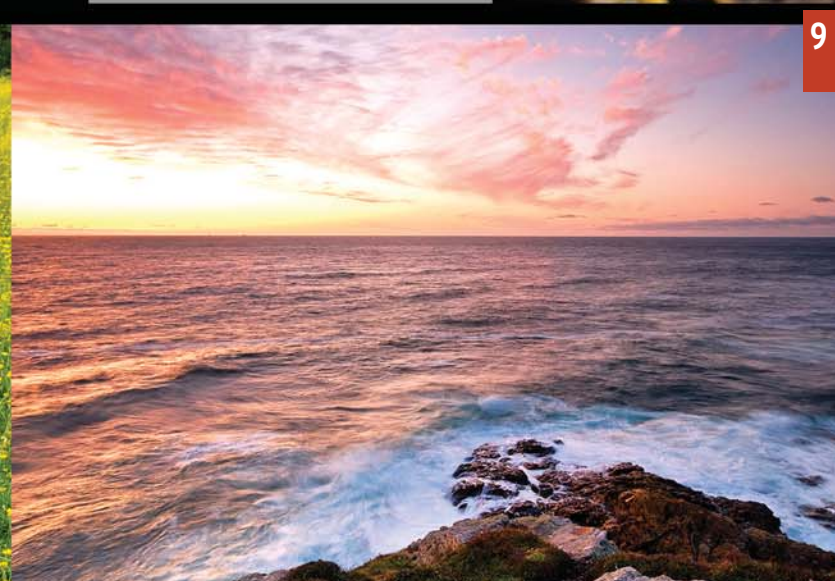
I want to thank all who sent me photos of their summer. Its been great to see such diversity in nature, and the standards have been high.

Next time we see this spread, it will be for autumn, so please keep the photography coming.

If you feel inspired by all these great pictures, send yours to me at: dbell@stanboroughpress.co.uk – just remember to keep them 'hi-res'. Thanks again.

DAVID BELL

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Baptism in Bristol

On Sabbath 10 September Ella, Daniel, Zofia, Violet and Petra gave their lives to God in baptism at the Lodge Causeway church in Bristol.

Ella grew up in an Adventist home; engaged couple, Daniel and Zofia, were both brought up as Adventists, and realised how important God was to them after coming to Britain; Violet is experiencing peace of mind and happiness that she has never felt before, after securing work-free Sabbaths and being able to come to church for the first time; and Petra was introduced to the church through faithful friends.

We can all be encouraged by God's hand in these stories!

STEPHANIE ANDERSON



Left to right: Pastor Vicentiu Dranca, Zofia Kapustoa, Daniel Joachym, Myca Ella De San Jose, Petra Skonicova, Violet Chona, Stephanie Anderson and Elder Des Mills.

Grimsby Church baptisms

On 27 August, the Grimsby church held a baptismal service for Gloria Kinlock and Marie Morgan, in which they gave their lives to the Lord.

Gloria first came to the church during the Net '98 seminar, and has been coming ever since.

Members first met Marie through her granddaughter Courtney, who attends the children's Sabbath School class regularly. Marie has been coming to church faithfully week after week, lending a helping hand in the children's department for two years.

The Grimsby members heartily welcome them both into their church family!

CELINA GOGU



Pathfinders in Paradise

Holloway Pathfinders, led by their drum corps, recently marched through the streets of Holloway to Paradise Park, where they could witness of Jesus' love to many locals, who watched their presentation and asked many questions. The Pathfinders invited some of them to church, and they will be doing more witnessing throughout the year.

DAEDRIA DUNCAN



Left to right: Keletso, Angel and Ted.

Five more for Heaven from Hull!

After a morning communion service, Hull Church celebrated Ted Nakchedi's baptism by Pastor Solon Kyriacou in the afternoon of 17 September. Ted had completed his preparatory studies some time earlier, but needed to be sure in his own mind that he was doing the right thing.

Ted's sister, Angel, as well as Keletso Kesupile, Chukwudifu Mbamali and Dima Fiseha, had been baptised on 25 June. Angel and Keletso had been part of Ted's study group, and 'Chuks' and Dima had also studied together with Pastor Kyriacou, following their decision to commit themselves to Christ. They had been brought to Hull Church by their fellow student and friend, Fabien, who was baptised last year.

Ted, Angel and Keletso are ready to be used by the Lord in Hull, and, although Chuks and Dima have left for home and other places of study, Hull members know that they will share the Gospel wherever they go.

PASTOR SOLON KYRIACOU



The significant three

On Sabbath 20 August, the Paisley company saw three young people take a stand for Jesus by getting baptised. Earlier in the year, Bertha Mukuma had approached the minister for Paisley, Obi Iheoma, and expressed a wish to be baptised before her tertiary education. The other two candidates, Chiyokoma and Chinyanta Kabaso, entered the world together as twins and encouraged one another to love Jesus as they got older. The three young candidates were baptised by Clifford Herman, senior pastor for Glasgow.

ELIZABETH IHEOMA



Loughborough harvest festival

At the harvest festival service at Loughborough Church the children shared many new songs, and members also enjoyed the hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God', which holds special significance for one of the Loughborough families, as it was written by the vicar of the village where they live.

Gifts of non-perishable food were taken to The Carpenter's Arms, a Christian hostel for men struggling with addiction in Loughborough. The organisation also operates Joseph's Storehouse, and gifts will be used both in the hostel and as food parcels for local families in need. Staff were amazed to see so many donations!

VIVIENNE BARRATT-PEACOCK



In the steps of Mary Jones

On Sabbath 3 September, two members of the Rhyl church – Lilleth Davies and Barbara Griffiths – joined twenty walkers to commemorate the courage of 15-year-old Mary Jones, who, in 1800, walked barefoot over the mountains from Llanfihangel-y-Pennant to Bala to receive her copy of the Bible in Welsh. As a result of her commitment, in 1804 William Wilberforce helped to form the first Bible society.

After the last 6 miles, present-day walkers held a thanksgiving service in Capel Tegid, Bala, which holds a painting of Mary Jones receiving her beloved Bible.

£190 of sponsorship money was raised and forwarded by Lilleth to the Bible Society, which translates and distributes Bibles around the world.

BARBARA GRIFFITHS



West Midlands rally day

On Sabbath 9 July, Adventurers and Pathfinders from the West Midlands gathered excitedly at Staveley Road, Wolverhampton, for the march to Dunstall Park Racecourse to begin.

Approximately 800 participated in a well-organised parade, thanks to Anton and Aaron Stewart and the West Midlands Drilling & Marching team, accompanied by marshals and the police. Police officer Matt Walker wrote the following:

'It was a real pleasure to help out from the policing side of the event and all the Adventurers and Pathfinders were immaculately turned out. They are a fine group of well-mannered and considerate persons, and I enjoyed speaking among them during the parade and also meeting some of the senior guides afterwards.'

As a result, he will give support to gain funds to help purchase more equipment for West Midlands Pathfinders. Praise the Lord!

During the march, leaflets were given out and well received, and the parade entered Dunstall Park, the drummers drumming! A beautiful racehorse started galloping outside the main doors, adding an unusual spectacle to the day.

Symon Burgher challenged Pathfinders to fly the flag of faith, and in the afternoon Ladywood Pathfinders presented a well-dramatised story of Joash. Testimonies, songs, and mime were given from Handsworth and Newtown, and a fancy drill display from Birmingham Fellowship.

Pathfinders also said farewell to the NEC Pathfinder director, Pastor Thomas, who has served eight years in the Pathfinder ministry and will be continuing his pastoral duties in the SEC. He has been instrumental in the significant growth of the number of Adventurers and Pathfinders in the NEC.

Len Stewart, Elroy Blake, Ken Burt, Cislyn Davis, John Bishop and Joseph Spencer were also awarded for outstanding service to the West Midlands Pathfinder ministry over the years.

Natalie Simons from the SEC presented Kimberley Grant, Camille Boyce, Anton and Aaron Stewart, Volney Spencer, Joel Pryce and Chad Boyce with certificates as freshly qualified drilling instructors.

The West Midlands Area 5 co-ordinators would like to say a big thank-you to the Pathfinder committee, directors, parents, the drum corps, the first-aid team, and all the pastors who supported on the day. Thanks also go to Ormlia and her team at the racecourse. SHIRLEY PARNELL

Harvest festival with a difference

Tins of soup, beans, desserts, packets of cereals, rice and pasta formed the bulk of the Weston-super-Mare church's harvest festival display – they were sent to a local charity, 'Somewhere to Go', which provides a safe place and a meal for people who are homeless and have drink, drug or mental issues.

The offering, £238, has been sent to ADRA-UK to be used in relief work in the Horn of Africa.

CYNTHIA SOUTHCOTT

Development at Windsor Street South

In September, construction work finally restarted at the Windsor Street South church, having been placed on hold for two years after being redesigned to facilitate a two-storey building.

Pastor Richard Jackson wishes the extended building, which will seat more than 500 and incorporate a youth hall, classrooms, a senior citizens' room, a sick bay and a mothers' room, to serve both the church and the wider community.

Please keep Windsor Street South in your prayers!

JUNE RICHARDS

Scottish Mission day of fellowship

The annual highlight in the Scottish Mission calendar took place this year at the Wallace High School, Stirling, on 10 September. More than 300 members and friends gathered on a day of fellowship to hear guest speaker, Dr John Webster, dean and professor of Theology at the La Sierra University in California, deliver presentations on the Sabbath.

Mission Church-plant sponsor, Pastor Jimmy Botha, introduced Focus on Mission, a topic that was taken up by the newly-appointed BUC president, Pastor Ian Sweeney.

The Mission president, Pastor Bernie Holford, made a presentation to the director of the US Thistle Foundation, Betsy Ross, who was in Scotland to view improvements to the Aberdeen church that were partly funded by the foundation. Her visit also identified other potential projects in which the foundation might participate.

The young people's music was greatly enjoyed!

You can view photos at: <http://scottish.adventistchurch.org.uk>.

JOHN WILBY



Ministering for Jesus in Bury

The Bury CHIP programme, run locally by the Fishpool Seventh-day Adventist church, ran for the second year running in 2011 in Bury, with more participants and promising results. This year's eighteen participants from different backgrounds hadn't seen anything like CHIP before: Brenda described it as 'an eye-opener' and Amanda said 'I have made some BIG changes in my life.'

By the end of this five-week programme, the group as a whole lost 32kg (72 lbs)!

Bury Fishpool members, supported by their pastor, Jeff Cousins, are now working on sharing the Good News of salvation with the new friends they gained through this community project.

EMERY PACIFIQUE IGIRANEZA
COMMUNITY SERVICES & COMMUNICATION LEADER



Evangelism at the Harringay Food Festival

On 18 September, months of planning culminated in a day of fun, food, fellowship and evangelism. The Harringay Food Festival 2011 was the second of its kind, but the first in which Area 6a Seventh-day Adventists worked to win souls for Christ, co-ordinated by SEC Community and Health Ministries director, Elsie Staple and Area 6a Health co-ordinator, Melvina Kirwan.

A normally vehicular section of Green Lanes from Umfreville Road



Photo by Frank McKenzie-Cook

A sale in the courtyard

The Holloway Education department held a table-top sale in the church courtyard on Sunday 14 August. Various departments raised money for the church building fund by selling various items, including literature and food.

The Health department provided health screenings, and the Personal Ministries department found that Bibles were the most popular!

After five hours of selling, the day came to an end.

If you would like to hold a similar sale at your church, you can purchase Adventist literature, DVDs, music, games and health foods by ringing the ABC on 01476 539900.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



Mission 2 Mend

The twenty-five strong Mission 2 Mend team went to New Orleans on Friday 29 July to repair houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina with the Caffin Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church.

They decorated three houses: one for a blind man, one for a disabled man, and one for an elderly woman who wanted to live out her last days in her home.

The team talked to locals about the impact of the hurricane, and preached at the church on Sabbath. As a result, three young people – Chloe Lemonius, Makala Gillin and Kemari Hypolite – were baptised into the Caffin Avenue church.

The mission work did not stop in New Orleans. The Mission 2 Mend

to St Ann's Road was cordoned off and 'pedestrianised'. Colourful stalls lined both sides of the street as traders, shop-keepers, charities and churches offered their wares to tens of thousands of people from the community and beyond.

God's hand was on the churches' ministry: local organisers acceded to each of their requests, and they were offered one vegan and vegetarian foods stall; one smoothie and juicing station stall; four health stalls for checking BMI, blood pressure and so on; one clothing range stall; and one book stall. The Tottenham Gospel Choir (TGC) thrilled the crowds, and David Lammy, MP, remarked, 'Where is the BBC when you need them? They should be here to see what the youth of our community can do!' He confessed to Pastor David Burnett that he needs prayer, and must pay Tottenham Church a visit. The two Davids were seen singing and dancing before the Lord (2 Sam 6:16) in the rain.

One of the lessons of the day was that people are hungry and thirsting for Christ. *The Great Controversy* and *Ministry of Healing*, both offered for free, were snapped up by passers-by almost immediately, followed closely by *Desire of Ages* and *Steps to Christ*. Winter clothing also sold well, and there was huge demand for health checks.

Many consumers enjoyed the vegan food, which didn't have too much salt and was very delicious. Others asked for recipes. Yet more suggested that members should open a shop, and those were directed to Harringay or Tottenham Seventh-day Adventist churches. The smoothies and juices were an immediate hit, but the tofu vegan cheesecake sold out first!

ANGELA HUNTER

Job vacancy at ADRA-UK

ADRA-UK is looking for an experienced Accountant to join its team.

Gross salary: from £30,758 per annum (inclusive of London weighting)
Location – Watford, Herts.

The position of Accountant has been recently established to support the office growth in line with its strategic objectives. The Accountant position will be divided between two main tasks: General Accounting for ADRA-UK (40%) and Programmes Finance (60%).

Key responsibilities include: preparing all financial statements and reports, accounts payable and receivable, reconciliation of accounts, general ledger and procurement. You will also provide project budget analyses and reporting support to the Programmes Team. We would expect you to have ACCA accreditation (or equivalent).

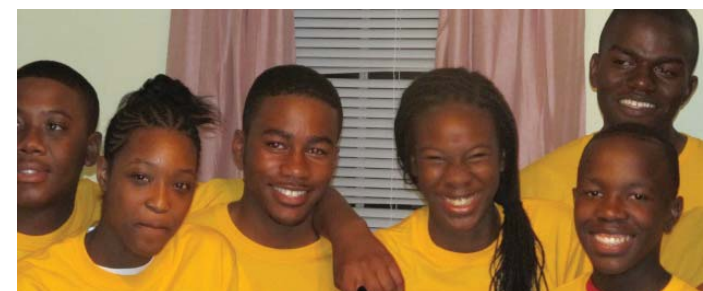
Applicants should have the right to work in the UK prior to submission of the employment application.

A full application pack, including a detailed description and application form, is available on the ADRA-UK website at: www.adra.org.uk. Applications deadline for this post: **1 November 2011**.



team also drove to Atlanta, where they volunteered a couple of days at the City of Refuge (www.cityofrefugeinc.com), a Christian non-profit organisation that provides services for the community, including shelter for women and children, food for the homeless and food parcels for the needy.

NATALIE SIMON



ADRA seeks Trustees

ADRA-UK wishes to recruit new Trustees who would be willing to help steer the charity towards the future.

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Closing date: **1 December 2011**.



Newbold principal begins with campus prayer walk

Newly arrived principal, Dr Philip Brown, concluded his devotional at the first staff meeting for the new academic year at Newbold by inviting staff to accompany him on a prayer walk around campus.

As staff walked through the campus they paused in front of each main building. While in front of Salisbury Hall, Gifford Rhamie (Theology lecturer) prayed for staff members and students and their interactions based in and around this building over the year ahead. A little further into the walk, and while facing towards Moor Close, Annet Johnston (Admissions & Records officer) prayed for staff responsible for estate services, food services, grounds and caretaking. The walk continued onto Murdoch Hall where Abigail Wright (Senior Management accountant) prayed for all staff and student interactions, as well as student recruitment, IT support and related services based in this part of the campus. IT staff concluded the campus walk in the vicinity of the library and residence halls, where Cedric Vine (Theology lecturer) prayed for library staff, as well as for those living on campus and those serving in these locations.

As Dr Brown reminded those present, prayer is less about using God *per se* and more often about getting us in a position where God can use us. His devotional was based on Romans 8:26 (The Clear Word) which reads: 'We don't even know how we should pray or what we need, and when we think we do, we don't know how to say it right. The Holy Spirit takes our deepest emotions and longings and puts them into the beautiful language of heaven, pleading with God for us as if we were right there.'

PHILIP BROWN



Rekindling the flame

During the August bank holiday weekend, the Family Life department of Holloway Church organised a retreat at the De Veres Hotel called 'Rekindling the Flame', during which Pastor Keith Boldeau and his wife examined ways of strengthening family relationships with love.

COMMUNICATION DEPT



'Fearfully and wonderfully made'

'If all your DNA were stretched out into a line it would reach to the moon and back 8,000 times' was one of the fascinating facts with which Dr Alastair Noble peppered his lecture in the Moor Close Chapel on Sabbath afternoon.

Dr Noble, a former research chemist, who is also a lay preacher and church elder in the Evangelical Brethren Church, is the director of the recently formed Centre for Intelligent Design based in Glasgow. He conveyed how the complexity of DNA, with its 'information-rich system', thrills and excites him, and gives him an insight into the mind of God. He contends that living systems look designed – because they are designed.

His conclusions were backed up by the evidence presented by Professor John Walton, which shows that DNA sequencing has uprooted Darwin's 'Tree of Life', and proved that homology* is not evidence of common descent. 'Life,' he said, 'could not have originated by random chemical combinations.' Professor Walton agreed that there have been mutations in animal life, but that in 150 years of intense experimentation not one species has changed into another.

Professor Walton, an Adventist, is research professor of Chemistry at St Andrews University in Scotland, and has published over 270 research articles in academic journals, as well as writing three books. Both men were invited by ASI-UK (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries) to conduct this Creation seminar, and those who filled Moor Close Chapel to overflowing were given solid grounds for questioning the trustworthiness of the darwinian explanation of the origins of life.

In thanking Professor Walton and Dr Noble for their excellent presentations, ASI-UK president, Jim Cunningham, said that all had been informed and inspired, and the knowledge gained should challenge us to renew our efforts to 'Share Christ in the market place.'

Those interested in knowing more about ASI-UK should visit the website: www.asi-uk.org or contact the secretary, Christine Manners-Smith, by e-mail: manners_smith@yahoo.com.

AUDREY BALDERSTONE

*Homology is the biological theory, put forward by Richard Owen in 1843, which holds that 'Organs as different as a bat's wing, a seal's flipper, a cat's paw and a human hand have a common underlying structure of bones and muscles.' ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homology-\(biology\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homology-(biology)))



Micklefield Community Gospel concert

'Raise the Roof 3' Gospel concert, an evening of singing and praising God with pure Gospel music.

Artists: Faith Vocal, Jeharna South, Promises, Mahali Selepe, Kenton Noel, plus local groups.

Date: Saturday 12 November. Time: 6.45pm.

Venue: The Hub Union Baptist Church, Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1NJ.

Entry price: £5 per person, or £16 for family of four.

Refreshments on sale. Car park next to church.

A fundraising event organised by Micklefield Community Seventh-day Adventist Church.

London Ghana salutes McFarlane

Preaching at a farewell service in his honour at the London Ghana church, Pastor Don McFarlane acknowledged the contribution of Ghanaians to God's work in the UK.

His wife, Mary, their children, in-laws and grandchildren accompanied him to the service, attended by a large congregation, and Pastor and Mrs McFarlane were presented with rich Kente clothes.

Pastor and Mrs McFarlane will be moving to the USA, where Mary's mother and siblings live, to pastor a Washington DC Adventist church.

NANA SIFA TWUM
PICTURES: TOMMY AGYEMAN



NEC Family Ministries dept & Singles Ministries presents:

A workshop for single adults

'My Lord and I: the single life – what next?'

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DATE – Sunday 27 November 2011

VENUE – Northampton SDA church, 74 Highland Avenue, Spinney Hill, Northampton, NN3 6BQ

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To reserve your place at the event and the delicious meal (£4) please contact:

Julie Crossfield on crossfield12@btinternet.com or 07903223272, or Ursula Jeffers on ujeffers2000@yahoo.co.uk or 07984390120.

New pastor for Bournemouth



10 September 2011 – Bournemouth Church welcomes its new pastor – Pastor Daniel Thompson, and his wife Hilary.

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A current CV will be required.

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Application deadline – 7 November 2011.

Youth outreach in Stoke-on-Trent

On Sabbath 17 September the Stoke Youth department decided to have a special outreach event in its community, and went to Brindley Court Care Centre for the Elderly (ten minutes drive away from the church).

After praying in the car park, youth were directed to the (rather full!) garden room, where all the residents sat ready for the programme. The theme was Creation/Celebration; the programme lasted an hour, and consisted of traditional congregational hymns like 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'How Great Thou Art' (a favourite song of Brother Kowarin, a faithful and hard-working church member, who is currently residing in the centre. There were also Scripture readings, instrumental clarinet and violin pieces, mime displays and songs.

At the end of the programme, Stoke youth presented the centre with a CD of religious music, and gave each resident a bookmark.

All were blessed as a result of the experience, and the Stoke youth are certain this is just the beginning of their friendship in this part of their community.

HANNAH GAYNOR

Youth programme without walls

On Sabbath 13 August, the Birmingham Fellowship church held a youth programme in the nearby Hamstead Park. Families play on the vast green, and youth use the multi-purpose court, so it was a fitting venue to meet people who would not normally walk through

the church doors.

The youth secured a generator from the local tool hire company, which they used to power their sound system, enabling them to project their messages around the park. It was a blessing to see the young people sing and speak with boldness in public. The programme was designed to use different presentation methods, so that younger members of the church could reach out and share their faith. The young people performed Pathfinder drills in

uniform, the youth choir sang, and Naledi Ncube presented a sermonette on the importance of God in one's life.

The programme culminated with a door-to-door distribution of leaflets in the neighbourhood, advertising a forthcoming tent campaign. The value of such activities is the aspect of making our church programmes portable. If our neighbours won't come to our meetings, why not take our meetings to them?

SIHLANGU TSHUMA

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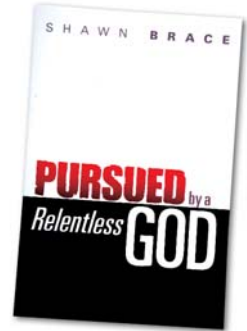
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