It’s here . . .

L ast year we made you a promise that we would have *The Great Hope* available to those churches and individuals who might want to use it. This is what we said on the cover of *Messenger*, 28 October, 2011, ‘The Great Hope project’:

“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.”

These books are now available just as we promised, and you can order them from our ABC under the following deal:

- Buy from 1 to 199 copies of *The Great Hope* at 50 pence each, plus postage and packaging.
- Buy a case of 200 copies of *The Great Hope* and we will give you a case (100 books) of *When God said Remember*, by Mark Finley, free of charge – and we will pay your postage and packaging too!

(You can also buy full, unabridged copies of *The Great Controversy* for £1.45 plus p&p.)

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Take time to read it

And finally, *The Great Hope* project is also an opportunity to get every Adventist to read the book too – either in this version, or its unabridged form.

*When God said Remember*, by Mark Finley, is an excellent book to give to those who are interested in the Sabbath. It is a recent Missionary Book of the Year.

To order your books to ‘scatter like leaves of autumn’, please phone 01476 539900 from Mondays to Thursdays, 8am to 5.30pm.
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Getting the balance between work and rest right is more of a challenge than people think. Whenever I run a session on Preventing Burnout, there are always individuals in attendance who state that they are often too busy in the working day to even take a lunch break. Among the list of over-busy individuals are people in the caring professions who often take their work home with them or find it hard to ‘switch off’ outside of work; individuals in ministry, and those in pressurised environments working to daily deadlines.

Under the caption ‘Work-life balance biggest health concern’ The British Psychological Society published an online article on 6 January 2012 which indicated that the work-life balance was the top concern for some employers. It reported on a survey by the Group Risk Development (GRD), which found workers stressed by their working hours, workload and expectations of delivery that interfered with their ability to balance work demands and the demands of home life. This impacted negatively on their health and work attendance.

While attending health retreats and presenting talks on wellbeing I have tried many useful ‘rest tips’. In addition to a good night’s sleep (around eight hours), try the following:

- Plan your working day ahead to include a break;
- When working at your desk or computer, take a short break each hour – stand up and stretch, or walk around the office;
- Get outside daily in the open air for some deep-breathing exercises to rejuvenate mind and body;
- Have a ‘prayer break’. Punctuating my day with brief moments of prayer is restorative;
- Take a power nap (preferable during your break);
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- Holistic activities, like regular exercise, massage, country walks, relaxing music and managing stress, enhance rest.

Good health!

Goldie – part 4b

Rest – do you get enough?

Presently I am experiencing some ‘enforced rest’ due to an injury. Making the transition from a generally overflowing weekly agenda to one of relative ‘stillness’ has been challenging. However, I’m getting a lot of practice at living the balanced lifestyle to which I teach others to aspire. Rest is so important to wellbeing that Jesus gave a directive to His disciples to pause from the busyness of life to be rejuvenated. And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while”. For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat!” Mark 6:31 (NKJV).

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or sinners away from Him. The sinners, Pharisees and priests of His day failed. The inquirers of Veronese’s day were just as unsuccessful. This is, in fact, one of the great theological realities of the New Testament: Christ is, proudly, a ‘Friend of sinners’!

Every human being is a sinner, but not all acknowledge that sinfulness. Technically, theologically, Christ has died for each of us – but practically, unless we are conscious of, and convicted about, our sinfulness, His grace will remain an unclaimed gift.

Pablo Veronese (1528-1588) was a leading painter of the 16th-century Venetian school, renowned for his ‘huge, vastly peopled canvases’ that were usually ‘set in a framework of classicising Renaissance architecture’. Veronese was a gifted artist whose work was much sought after. One of his commissions was to paint the Last Supper for the convent of San Giovanni e Paolo in 1573. This he did, but it wasn’t long before this canvas drew the unwanted attention of the Holy Tribunal of the Inquisition, and he was charged with heresy.

Why? Why would they take offence at a painting of the Lord’s Supper? For the simple reason that ‘certain details in the work were considered irreverent’ because he ‘included dogs, a cat, midgets, Hans, and drunken revelers in the mummish canvas.’ The inquirers were unimpressed with his defence that his was ‘no art of thought’ but one that is ‘joyous and praises God in light and colour.”

Eventually, sensing that he would lose the argument – and, potentially, his life – he apoloised and placed himself at the mercy of the Church. Then, after the tribunal’s deliberation, and to his profound surprise, he was told that he was free, but that he must paint out the dog, paint the Magdalene in its place, and blot out the German soldiers, within three months’ time.”

Did he?

No, Paolo Veronese did nothing of the sort. For, as Story goes, ‘once outside the dread inquisition, [he] shrugged his shoulders, breathed a sigh of relief, and never touched the picture again.’ That is, with the exception of one small detail – he immediately changed the name of the canvas from The Last Supper to Feast in the House of Levi!”

The inquirers were happy

This move seemed to keep the Church happy and Veronese was able to paint on unhindered. But what had the inquirers really accomplished? Had they really kept the ‘vile sinners’ away from Christ? No, because by changing the name of the painting, Paolo Veronese had symbolically put ‘sinners’ where they were welcome to be with Jesus – in the home of the notorious tax collector, Levi Matthew.

‘Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to him, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5:29-32, NV.

Proudly, a ‘Friend of sinners’!

No one can keep Jesus away from sinners –

Megapixels of creation has been very successful throughout 2011. I have received many favourable comments from readers, and many contributions, so, once again, thank you very much.

For 2012, Megapixels of creation will take on different themes based around creation and nature, not just Creationism. So please continue to send me your photography, stories, flora and fauna, birds, animals and insects – anything to demonstrate the power of creation.

If you have enjoyed all these great pictures, how about sending mégapix, top at dbe@faitbotoagepress.co.uk – just remember to keep them hi-res. Happy snapping!
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Abner out as more than just a bloodthirsty warrior. First of all, Abner was the one who suggested that the two armies... He just points us to the fundamental principle of the law, justice, mercy and faithfulness. . . . The link to the fundamental principle – ‘love God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbour as you love yourself.’

Let it be understood – Jesus is not saying that we shouldn’t act on conflict with this. According to the New Testament, ‘Fidelity’, I think the girl was right to leave such a dreadful man who did not love her and just used her.

Let us therefore pursue the principle of the law, and that of love. Two great laws are there – the first is ‘love your neighbour as yourself’ and the second is ‘love your enemy.’

Let us be careful not to blunder in our thinking – that we act with love. But God loves us – He is love and He has created us to love each other. And herein we see the principle of love, to love our neighbour as ourselves, and our enemies as our friends.

It is a great principle to bring before the world. It is a great principle to bring before the people of the world – and particularly the people of the East... The great commandment of our Lord is to love God and to love our neighbour. And herein we see the principle of love, to love our neighbour as ourselves, and our enemies as our friends.

We should beware of any secondary principle which seems to be in conflict with this. I need to take this to heart myself – this principle of ‘standing on principle’

A friend, whose opinion I respect, told me recently that I may need to take this to heart myself – this principle of ‘standing on principle’

But we need to remember that this principle of ‘standing on principle’

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Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,” is often sung as the little ones go up to listen to their story on Sabbath. As adults, we fervently believe that Jesus died on the cross so our children can live in Heaven with Him too. In fact, Jesus teaches us that entrance to Heaven is only possible when we have the humble faith of a child (Matthew 18:1-4).

The way Jesus took time out of His busy preaching schedule to bless the children (Luke 18:15-17) is an object lesson for us not to get so engrossed in ‘grown up’ church issues that we forgive the children’s spiritual needs. Our children are ‘blessed’ in some aspects of church life: Sabbath School, Pathfinders, story time, second in the service, and so on. But once a quarter we tend to neglect them during the Communion Service.

How can we include the children?

This is not intended to be a theological discussion on whether or not a child can use the Communion bread and wine. It is meant to uphold what we read in the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy, and to find ways to be child-inclusive during this special service.

When Jesus told the disciples not to forbid the children to come to Him, He was speaking to His followers in all ages — to officers of the Church, to ministers, helpers and all Christians. Jesus is drawing the children, and He bids us, Suffer them to come; as if He would say, They will come if you do not hinder them.’

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**Ways to involve children in Communion in your church**

Each church may have a slightly different culture about Communion and the involvement of children, and each church may be on a different part of the journey towards making Holy Communion a more inclusive service.

Here are some ideas that you can adapt:

- **Serve the bread and juice at the front of the church.** Ask people to come forward in lines to receive the emblems. Children and other people who do not want to take the bread and juice can come forward and receive a short prayer or blessing from someone who gently places a hand on their heads.
- **Your junior or teen Sabbath School class or Pathfinder group can research the meaning of the bread and juice used in Communion Services, then invite them to share their ideas during your Communion Service — maybe even act out the Last Supper.**
- **The children can help make the Communion bread and wine for the service.** They can do this in Pathfinders, at home with their parents, or in the home of a deaconess. Their adult helpers can create an atmosphere of awe and worship as they create the emblems.
- **Set aside a room for family foot-washing so that children can wash their parents’ feet and vice versa.** There is no reason why children cannot be part of this service. One pastor washed all the children’s feet during the Service of Humility to show them how much Jesus loved them.
- **Cut some hearts out of stiff white card and give one to each child.** Then give them some black crayons or charcoal and ask them to make their hearts grey and smudgy. Then offer to swap the dirty hearts for pieces of heart-shaped unleavened bread, which illustrate the sins in their lives. Then offer to swap the dirty hearts for pieces of heart-shaped unleavened bread, which illustrate the sins in their lives.
- **Provide pre-cut shapes of feet, bread and glasses of juice that can be stuck onto the pages — or find Bible puzzles that can help them to understand the service.**
- **Buy every child in your church the book, Daniel Asks about Baptism and Communion**

**Communion for all ages**

We desire our children to be saved and experience the joy of knowing Jesus as their Friend and Saviour, now and in eternity. Just as attending the Communion Service helps adults to be reminded of God’s grace, so we encourage pastors and church leaders to make this service one which includes the spiritual growth of children too.

For further study on this topic, see the discussion paper, ‘Everyone’s Invited!’ and Ministry articles on the Children’s Ministries webpage, www.adventist.org.uk.
Lessons from gliding

After visiting John Sutton at his gliding club on that cold winter morning, I realised that gliding is a powerful metaphor for the Christian life.

Although there are some gliders with built-in motors which are able to get aloft under their own steam, most become airborne through either a glider tug, which tows them up to the right altitude, or via a ground winch which pulls them into the air.

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Well, that’s just the way it is in the Christian life. At some point you have to say, ‘This is it, I’m moving on. I’m making a commitment, I’m moving forward.’ You can’t sit on the proverbial fence forever.

That forward movement is critical in order to start the process of flight. But it must be properly oriented forward movement.

Strange enough, gliders (like most aircraft) must move forward directly into the prevailing wind if they want optimum lift-off. And that is usually the way the Christian life begins – you have to face the wind to get going.

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It is simply breathtaking to stand near a glider when that winch begins to pull the aircraft forward into the wind. Suddenly, it just soars upwards as the rising air creates lift under those long, elegantly shaped wings. That rising air is like an unseen, mighty hand that plucks the glider into the sky.

That’s the way grace works too. There is nothing visible; just an awareness of something supporting you; something lifting you above the pettiness of life; something giving you a new and exciting perspective on things – including yourself.

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‘Extreme’ Adventists

In this first feature of Extreme Adventists we meet John Sutton. He was the designer of Messenger for many years, and is a gliding enthusiast. Now, at the age of 72, he is a member of the Buckminster Gliding Club, and flies regularly from their base at the Saltby Airfield, Lincolnshire. Here he chats to our editor.

John, thanks for letting us share one of your gliding days with you. How long have you been gliding, and what got you started?

I started back in 1990 – largely at the instigation of my brother, Peter, who pilots microlights.

Coming out here on a wintry morning is not a church picnic! There must be warmer ways to spend your retirement. So, why do you do it, John?

Julian, I enjoy the teamwork and camaraderie of the club. And there is that thrill of being thrown into the air during the launch stage. I just find the whole flying experience exhilarating!

Having a hobby has obviously added value to your life. Do you have any advice for the over-60s, regarding this?

Yes, join some type of service group or club. It is easy to become a qualified ‘couch surfer’! Having a hobby or an outdoor pastime doesn’t have to cost you a fortune either – regular walking is an example. All you need is a good pair of shoes and your lifestyle can improve!

How long are your flights usually?

In summer, about an hour, depending on the prevailing air conditions, which generate less lift.

How do the ‘thermals’ work, John?

You get your best lift from the thermals – columns of rising air that provide powerful upward movement. But at the edge of the thermals you find cooling, downward-moving air called ‘sinks’, that have the opposite effect. So you need to push through the ‘sinks’ to get to the thermals.

Sounds a bit like the Christian life, John – nothing is ever plain sailing, is it? Speaking of which: do you feel that gliding has influenced your faith in any way?

Yes, I have had to pray myself out of tight situations. When you are hundreds of feet up in the air without a propeller to pull you out of trouble, God is your only alternative. I have also experienced an unbelievable appreciation of His creation.

Because our flight is silent we sometimes fly close to kites and buzzards, and they make complex course corrections with a gentle spread of their feathers, or the flap of a wing. Only God could have so perfectly designed those birds!

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John now has to take personal control of the glider. You have to make choices again, about speed, altitude and direction. You have forward motion, and the forces of lift, but you will have to fly this thing yourself. There is no autopilot button on a glider!

After that awesome surge of initial spiritual momentum – many new Christians sense that they have reached a new level of faith and responsibility. They have to take control of their lives and make difficult daily decisions for God. They have to do regular Bible ‘readings’ to keep on track. God’s grace provides the lift, but they have to set and steer the course!

I watched John Sutton go slowly through his six-minute circuit, then bring the glider round for a gentle touchdown.

‘John, are you going up again?’ called one of his fellow club members.

‘I would like to – if that’s OK with the rest of you.’ And John went up again, and again, while David and I drank our frozen feet off to the car park.

The Christian life is like that too. You get airborne, but sooner or later you lose that vital lift and you are back on the ground. Do you stay there, looking glum and feeling sorry for yourself? No! Like John Sutton, you have another go . . . and another.

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Gloucester: Twenty-one baptised in autumn campaign

‘Preparation for the Final Crisis’ was the theme of the evangelistic campaign held at Gloucester Church from 9 to 24 September by Pastor Lawrence Dorsey and singing evangelists Marie Jones and Mandy Fishley. Pastor Dorsey urged members to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and twenty-one precious souls committed their lives to Christ. The candidates covered every spectrum of the... the baptismal service) and Pastor Numushi Namuchana also welcomed the members into the fellowship of the church.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Two baptisms for Russian-speakers

In June 2011 the London Russian-speaking community headed to Cornwall, where young Andris Melder requested baptism in the ocean. Maris Spalins, a young Glaswegian professional footballer, was so moved by the occasion that he too requested baptism – and was duly baptised on 17 December in Lake Windermere! Many copies of Steps to Christ and the magazine were distributed to locals, and three more candidates from Glasgow have requested baptism for May of this year!

ANDREI M. BALAN

Revival in Area 5

At the SEC Area 5 day of fellowship on Sabbath, 17 September, Dr Emmanuel Osei and BUC president, Pastor Ian Sweeney, spoke at The Globe and The Abbey School in Reading on the theme of ‘Revival’. Area co-ordinator, Pastor Patrick Johnson, reminded the congregations that 200 people have joined our Church through evangelistic outreach across the twenty-two churches! Pastor Geert Tap conducted the lesson study, and Pastor Osei, SEC Ministerial Association director, preached on bringing dry bones to life in Ezekiel 37.

Children enjoyed the Reading Church Special Needs Ministry children’s story, and the Thames Valley Youth Federation brought 500 youth together in The Abbey School for worship and praise and a sermon presented by Pastor Ian Sweeney, who encouraged them that ‘Christ can raise the dead’. A selection of photos from the day can be seen in the BUC Picture Gallery at http://www.adventistspictures.org.uk/gallery/2011/A5of/index.php.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Hanwell Community Services on the march!

On Saturday 27 August 2011, from 2pm, Ealing and Hanwell witnessed young and old members of the Hanwell church marching for peace, with the aid of the Stratford Church Pathfinder Drum Corp, led by Sister Charmaine. The sound of the band beckoned locals from their homes, shops, and cafés and turned heads in cars and buses. The marchers stopped to chat and hand out literature to a very interested public. These soldiers for God were well received!

The event was led by the Community Services leader, Sarah Lubanga, and the head elder, Albert Fletcher, assisted by many helpers. Much appreciation goes to the British Red Cross and the Ealing Police Force.

May the Lord shine upon all those who reach out to share the Gospel.

MISS SIOBHAN WILLIAMS

Open all hours!

In November, Middlesbrough Church was approached by a local organisation, Open Door North East, and asked to help out asylum seekers and refugees who have nowhere to go. The opportunity to help was seized, and members opted to open up the church on Thursday evenings. The refugees arrive at 8.30pm, are given a hot, freshly prepared meal and sleep overnight in the church with sleeping bags provided by ODNE. A breakfast is provided the next morning, and after getting a wash and shave, the refugees leave the church around 8.30am on Friday. Two volunteers from the church stay overnight to attend any needs that might arise, and also to do the cooking.

The first night, Thursday 15 December, was covered by the BBC on the local news channel Look North, which showed Elder Jill Geldart greeting the arrivals at the church hall entrance, the food being served and preparations for the overnight stay. You can watch the report at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-OGViYsK4M&context=C3497620ADOEgsToPDskloTs0HVp-mzAbhlADfoKFW.

JUDY H.
Gloucester: a fanfare for Christmas

“Testify” Gospel Ensemble, a group from the Gloucester church, were invited to sing at the church’s charity Christmas concert at Cheltenham College Chapel in December 2011, alongside the internationally celebrated mezzo-soprano, Sarah Connolly, CBE. The Flowers Brass Band and The Cheltenham Youth Choir. The musical programme also included Christmas readings and congregational carols. More than £7,000 was raised for Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres. Maggie’s provides support for people with cancer and their families.

Communications Department

Hemel Hempstead Christmas Service

Hemel’s Christmas programme took place on Christmas Eve Sabbath, comprised of musical items, readings, carols and the children’s nativity play. The offering was taken by the wise men! The leaders of the Children’s department made a part for every one of the twenty-two children between 2 and 14 years old – a lovely Sabbath treat.

John Butters

First investiture at Manchester Southern Asia

The first-ever AYS investiture service for the Manchester Southern Asia church was held on 26 November 2011, almost a year after AYS was launched in January 2011. The entire programme was taken by Adventurers and Pathfinders, with the exception of the sermon, delivered by Pastor F. Mapp.

Twenty-three children were invested into various classes, from Little Lambs to Companions. Area co-ordinator Kathleen Lopuszansky expressed her delight at the team of dedicated teachers, and the young children responded with great enthusiasm!

Sureen Rayavarapu

Wedgesbury Adventists share Advent message in Catholic church

The members and parish priest of St Gerard’s Roman Catholic Church in Castle Vale were delighted when Adventists from Wednesbury shared with them the First Advent message through a musical production at the turn of the year.

“It touched us a lot. . . . I will now book you to perform again during the next Christmas in my other parish,” said the thankful priest to the Adventist group, led by Pastor Dan Majaducon.

A week before Christmas, they performed at their place of worship and invited the community; and on 24 December they also presented at Camp Hill. The group is now aiming to produce an Easter musical production.

Dan Majaducon (Pastor)

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Bert Smits, CEO, ADRA-UK

Lamech’s dedication

On Sabbath 10 December Lamech Oppong was dedicated at Hemel Hempstead Church by Pastor Jacques Venter. Mum and Dad, Daniel and Comfort, promised to raise Lamech to serve the Lord. Daniel serves faithfully as a deacon in the church, and Comfort assists in the children’s Sabbath School.

John Butters

Children’s Sabbath School annual award ceremony

On 10 December 2011 the Grimsby children’s Sabbath School, consisting of both Seventh-day Adventist and community children, had their annual awards presentation. The children were each awarded a medal for their hard work and effort throughout the year, and also received badges for doing very well in each category. Five children got the highest number of badges, and thus shared the trophy.

Mrs Celina Gogu

Bonfire Night church outing

On 5 November 2011, the children from Grimsby Sabbath School and the community enjoyed craft activities and songs followed by a Christian movie and lunch at church. After sunset, they went to Louth to enjoy the bonfire, fireworks and delicious food.

Mrs Celina Gogu

The Real Nativity

‘Twas the night before Christmas and Holloway was packed with more than 300 people for ‘The Real Nativity’ – a free musical production created with the intention of witnessing to non-Adventist friends and family at a time when people are receptive to both Jesus and Christianity. The cast consisted of people of all ages, kitted out in full biblical costumes.

The musical focused not only on the birth of Jesus, but also on the death and resurrection of Christ. The message was that Jesus was born to die and will return one day soon.

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The hunt for the oldest Bible

In celebration of the 400-year anniversary of the King James Bible, the North Manchester church (supported by Alpha Douglas and a message from Danny Wilson on the history of the English Bible), Pastor Acquah Karbahn referred to the plans with regards to poverty by establishing a community food bank. The BBC enjoyed the Bible hunt idea so much that they encouraged members to continue the search in 2012, offering to make intermittent announcements and host a dedicated talk programme regarding their findings!

Determined to be wise

On Sabbath 19 November, Mr Alison De Moraes, the Brazilian founder of De Moraes Global Leadership, visited Glasgow, Paisley and_Falley_Chamber_of_Commerce_later to the Glasgow church to encourage the youth to take charge of their own lives, to seek God first in everything and to use their full potential for His purposes. Alison quoted Proverbs 16:3, and also counts among his favourite verses Matthew 6:31-33 and Ecclesiastes 7:23. He presented an exciting afternoon workshop to thirty-five youth and young adults, especially emphasizing the importance of Bible study and the ‘harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers’.

For more information, contact Alison at: alisonnomaras@yahoo.co.uk or visit: www.alisonnomaras.com.

Hampstead Adventist Choral Society

Hampstead Adventist Choral Society presented a rendition of Handel’s Messiah on 10 December 2011, and the performance was well received by Pastor Humphrey Walters, Mr Victor Pilmoor and many others. Pastor Egan Brooks called it ‘a fantastic event’; it was one of the church’s best-attended events ever!

Alma Jackson (1917-2011)

Alma was a lifelong member of the Jermyn day Adventist Church and a long-time member of Lewisham Church. In her town she attended public meetings at Carden Town Hall. She and her late husband Roy were members of the Lewisham church in 1937. Themselves her only siblings were born to three children and the Lewisham church. The early believers in Lewisham did not have a church building; it was the old church building in the church. After Alma was invited, as the only member of the original group, to commence the work early 1942. June’s move in the 1950s invited her to worship at the ‘First Church’ and what it moved to Bexley to form the Bexley church, she moved with it.

A one-week evangelistic campaign lasted from 26 September to 7 October 2011 at the Great Brickkiln church. The main objective of the campaign, however, Pastor Steve Palmer wasburgled – then, two days into the campaign, an urgent phone message informed Pastor Palmer that his dear sister overseas only had a few days to live. Bravely, the pastor continued with the campaign, despite his disturbing predicament.

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During her final illness, her concern to pray for her husband, Graham, and boys, Chris and Martin. She will be sorely missed by them all, and by the members of the church.

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Prizes were awarded at the Moston church-plant, after a presentation on God’s sovereign authority from Alex Douglas, and a message from Danny Wilson on the history of the English Bible. Pastor Acquah Karbahn referred to the plans with regards to poverty by establishing a community food bank. The BBC enjoyed the Bible hunt idea so much that they encouraged members to continue the search in 2012, offering to make intermittent announcements and host a dedicated talk programme regarding their findings!
**South Cumbria’s 2011**

At the beginning of 2011 Dalton-in-Furness gained first a new minister (Ian Philpott) and then two Task-Force workers (Joseph Philpott and Aaron McKenize), who have been diligently knocking on the doors for the salvation of souls.

During the summer they were joined by three equally keen young volunteers – Cheri White, Yan Taylor, and Troy Smith – who, within three weeks, had called at more than one thousand doors and handed out 101 Discover and Focus on Prophecy Bible study guides.

Joseph and Aaron planned a concert to raise community awareness of the church. Nineteen members of the community came, and £354 was raised for St Mary’s Hospice.

The Impact Dalton programme in September was an initiative of both Ian and Joe Philpott. Pastors Ian Sweeney and Mike Simpson gave the go-ahead and funded it. Pastors Mike Simpson and newly appointed NEC president Cyril Sweeney are interested in new volunteers for the programme in the summer of 2012 – should you be interested, please contact Pastor Simpson at the NEC office.

After the Impact Dalton programme, Neil Blest (BUSC Health co-ordinator) trained church members and regular visitors to co-ordinate a health expo, in which between twenty and thirty people were advised. A campaign, ‘Certain in Uncertain Times’, was conducted by 16-year-old Joseph Philpott from the first week in November until the first week in December, for four nights a week. Ten people from the community attended; three have requested baptism, with one more on the brink of decision. Presently Ian and Joe are giving them baptismal classes.

Finally, on Sabbath 3 December the Dalton church saw the dedication of Isabelle Kok, the baby of Daren and Marta. Daren’s mother and sister had flown over from South Africa to be there for the happy event. Pastor Ian Philpott took the service.

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