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Soldiers of the Cross

Reporting by Karen Ham-Ying

Catterick Garrison, located in North Yorkshire, is the 'largest British Army garrison in the world' and permanent home to around 12,000 people. It also plays host to a large contingent of soldiers undergoing various stages of training.¹

In fact, 'recruits joining any of the Infantry Regiments, including The Footguards, The Parachute Regiment and The Brigade of Gurkhas, undertake all their initial training at ITC Catterick.'²

The base is unusual, seeing that a town has developed around and between its various barracks, complete with large supermarkets, a retail park, McDonalds, and all the other modern amenities one would expect³ – including an Adventist church, where something special has just taken place!

On 8 January this year, the Catterick Adventists celebrated the first anniversary of their establishment in great style, with the baptism of five precious souls – four of whom are actively serving in the British Army. In addition to this, the baptised couples also dedicated their six children to the Lord that day: Hannah, Gloria, Etuate, Aleynah, Estellar and Louisa.

It started like this

It all started with Weisele and Maria Wainiqolo, who were searching for the truth about the Bible Sabbath. Conviction led them to leave their church and begin observing Sabbath at home. Then, at the start of 2011, they invited Pastor Volney Ham-Ying to study and worship with them.

As the studies progressed, friends and family returning from postings abroad also began to attend. One mother, Virginia, travelled with her children every Sabbath from the army base near York, not willing to miss a thing. In a direct answer to prayer, facilities within the nearby Marne Barracks were made available for their weekly Sabbath services.

Now back to 8 January, 2012 – and the five candidates are baptised amid great rejoicing: Weisele and Maria Wainiqolo, Mikalele and Virginia Vakalolowa, and Autiko Domonakibau (1st Battalion Scots Guards) – real soldiers of Christ!

Leading out in the services, with warm encouragement from God's Word, were Pastor Cyril Sweeney (NEC president), Pastor Michael Simpson (NEC Church-Plant and Personal Ministries director), and Pastor Curtis Murphy (NEC Area 1 co-ordinator and minister of Newcastle Church).

An invitation

We invite you to pray for our Adventist men and women in uniform – especially those who are assigned to overseas active duty.

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catterick_Garrison. ²http://www.army.mod.uk/training_education/training/18145.aspx. ³http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catterick_Garrison.



Top photo – back row, left to right: Pastors Michael Simpson & Curtis Murphy, Maria & daughter Aleynah, Pastor Cyril Sweeney, Virginia, Autiko, Pastor Volney Ham-Ying. Front, left to right: Weisele and Mikalele.



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The Big Question . . .

Do you know your eschatology?

A recent broadcast of *The Big Questions* stimulated discussion among church members concerning the end of the world, the nature of 'Anti-Christ', and how such matters should be handled when we are in conversation with those outside our faith community.

Basic to this discussion is a 'Big Question' we need to answer: Do we know our eschatology? Do we understand how the 'last day events' will unfold?

To help, we are suggesting that you might like to read one or two of these titles available from the Adventist Book Centre – telephone 01476 539900 or email: ABCsales@stanboroughpress.com for details.

Armageddon at the Door, by Jon Paulien (£11.50)

Jon Paulien searches the Scriptures to discover what the battle of Armageddon is – and who it will involve. His clear, concise explanation of the many confusing symbols found in John's vision (Revelation) unveils the mystery surrounding this battle and provides answers crucial to our understanding of Earth's final events.

Last Day Events, by Ellen G. White (£2.95)

A new look for an important message. In 1992 the trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate, in co-operation with Pacific Press Publishing Association, released a new compilation of Ellen White statements about the end times entitled, *Last Day Events*. The new work took statements from published books, manuscript collections, and material never before published.

The Crisis Ahead (Ellen White Comments), by Robert W. Olson (£7.25)

What if you could sit down with Ellen White and ask her any question you wished about the end of the world?

Now you can, in a way. Her inspired insights into last-day events have been arranged in a systematic sequence, as answers to simple questions posed by Robert W. Olson. In this book Ellen White explains not only WHAT will happen but HOW to get ready for it.

The Coming Great Calamity, by Marvin Moore (£7.95)

Religion will control the governments of our world just before Jesus comes again. The Bible predicts it. But something drastic will have to happen between now and then to allow spiritual powers to capture not only the attention, but the blind obedience, of the secular masses who today scoff at religion.

Marvin Moore calls our attention to startling biblical predictions about what lies ahead. Everything could change in the twinkling of an eye – as a response to calamities beyond anything humanity has ever experienced.

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Enhancing Health

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Golden eight — part 5

Exercise

'Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power – these are the true remedies. Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them.' – Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, page 127.

How did you get on with the relaxation tips to enhance your rest? I hope they made a difference to your life balance. In this issue we change pace from the comfort of 'rest' to the rejuvenation of 'activity'. Identified as a natural remedy in the quotation above, exercise can make a remarkable difference to our wellbeing. Listen as Jillian shares her experience of outdoor exercise and its rewards:

Jillian's testimony

'Following a GP visit for a medical check I was

told that I was morbidly obese. My weight was 22 stone 9lbs. I was alarmed. I didn't realise I was so huge. I decided to put my life in order and adopt a healthy lifestyle which I began in August 2011. I commenced applying the CHIP programme, renowned for its positive spiritual, physical and social health outcomes.

My exercise programme began immediately. After a failed gym attempt, I began walking for ten minutes a day before going to work until I progressed to forty-five minutes daily. I loved being in the fresh air and appreciating the beauty of nature. The best part of all was being alone with God. It was on these occasions that most of my prayers were answered, including the strength to commit to a healthy lifestyle. Eventually, the weight began falling off. Within six months I lost 1 stone 2lbs. To date I weigh 17 stone 2lbs. I thank God for this progress daily. Not only do I feel better, but friends and family comment on how much better I look. My greatest blessing, however, is the joy of praising God with a healthy mind, soul, spirit and body.'

Documenting the health benefits of exercise, The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention identified the following as key positive outcomes:

- Weight control
- Reduced risk of cardiovascular disease
- Reduced risk of type-2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome
- Reduced risk of some cancers
- Strengthening of bones and muscles
- Improved mental health and mood
- Improved ability to undertake daily activities
- Prevention of falls, particularly in older adults
- Enhancement of longevity.

See also: www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/health/index.html. In the next issue we explore these claims in more detail.

Good health!



editorial



Julian Hibbert
Editor

'Two kinds of people . . .'

'In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.'

Jesus in Matthew 6:9, 10, NKJV.

There was no elation in His voice. A sense of dread settled over Him. He knew He was a 'dead man walking', and those four words had sealed his fate!

Whether in **acceptance of the past; recognition of the present; or anticipation of the future** – these four words can never be said with insincerity or flippancy, because they mean commitment. They disclose our intention to live by God's rules – irrespective of how inconvenient or painful the outcomes may be.

'All right, then, have it your way.'

There are only two options in life, and C. S. Lewis has them both covered here. You either do it God's way or your way.

And even a patient, long-suffering God must eventually step back and say: *'All right, then, have it your way.'*

There are classic examples of this type of behaviour in both testaments – and a good sprinkling of it around us today – but one of the most interesting is found in Numbers 22-24.

Balaam was what the Andrews Study Bible calls *'an internationally known prophet and diviner'* who *'knew and communicated with the God of Israel.'*³ The Moabites are *'sick with dread'* because they are in the path of Israel's advance to the Promised Land. So their king, Balak, asks Balaam's help in cursing God's people.⁴

The Midianites join forces with Balak and soon a deputation is at Balaam's door *'with the diviner's fee in their hand'*.⁵ Balaam does the right thing; he seeks God's advice, and gets it: *'You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.'*⁶ So that little matter is done and dusted, then.

No! A bigger deputation makes another lucrative appeal and Balaam urges them to stay overnight, hoping God may change His mind!

Balaam passionately wants to go, and God exasperatedly steps back and says: *'All right, then, have it your way.'* And the prophet sets off on his donkey to curse God's people – to oppose God's clearly revealed will – to be disobedient.

His pig-headed persistence to do things his way leads him within a whisker's width of death, to be saved only by the eloquence of his donkey!

A modern example

In the early 1980s I ministered in a district where a bigger church appeared necessary. Then someone donated 10 acres of prime suburbia for the purpose – and gave us a very large donation to boot!

The project soon gathered momentum – rezoning and plans approval, further fundraising, and so on – with lots of congregational support and excitement. But then I was invited to be editor of the South African *Signs of the Times* and duly moved on to this new challenge.

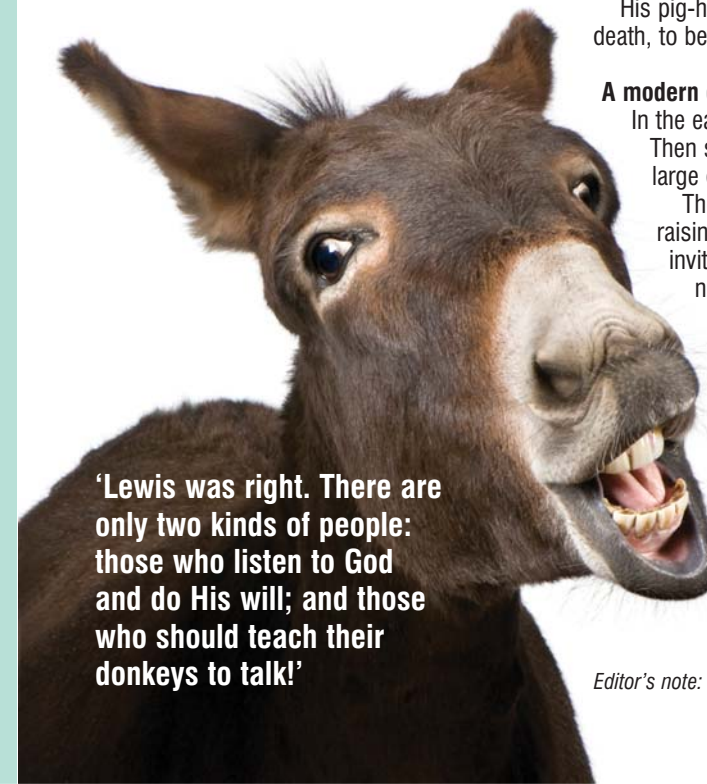
I had hardly unpacked, when news filtered through that some influential members of this church were 'suddenly' opposed to the plans and demanding new ones!

Well, I went back two decades later and found them in their original building, as cramped as ever; while at that prime building site, all I could see of the 'new' plans were unfinished foundations and lots of long grass! A sad but fitting tribute to those who hear God say, *'All right, then, have it your way.'*

Lewis was right. There are only two kinds of people: those who listen to God and do His will; and those who should teach their donkeys to talk!

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C._S._Lewis. ²http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/c/c_s_lewis_3.html#ixzz1kwF78cab. ³Notes on Numbers 22:5 (Balaam), Andrews Study Bible, 2010, NKJV. ⁴Numbers 22:1-12, NKJV. ⁵Ibid. ⁶Ibid.

Editor's note: In our next editorial we will look at some ways to know God's will for your life.



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The fight of my life

Genesis 32:21-26

Adapted from a sermon presented by Dr Jeff Brown during the 2011 SEC session

In *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 463 we read: 'The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. . . . This day is just before us. The members of the church will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth. Many will be called to speak before councils and in courts of justice, perhaps separately and alone. The experience which would have helped them in this emergency they have neglected to obtain, and their souls are burdened with remorse for wasted opportunities and neglected privileges.' I want to speak on the subject.

I studied the story of Jacob and one thing stood out: *Jacob was always running*. Firstly, he runs from his brother Esau; he runs from his uncle Laban; and then he runs back home and into

Esau. But there comes a time when you have to stop running and face your enemy. But our real enemy is not of flesh and blood – it is principalities and powers. The devil is pursuing the people of God. First Peter says he goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. But the Bible never says we should flee from the devil. Paul tells us to 'Flee also youthful lusts' (2 Timothy 2:22, KJV); he doesn't tell us to flee from the devil. On the contrary, James says, 'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.' After a while you've got to turn and face the old rascal, but it's '... not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.' (Zechariah 4:6, KJV.)

Like a child constantly tortured by a bully; a wife perpetually abused by a husband; a witness continually threatened by a mob – there comes a time when you say enough is enough, and you declare, like Esther, 'I'm going to go where no one has

ever gone before, and if I perish, I perish.' Desperate times call for desperate prayers. Radical times call for radical prayers, and here is the first, in just two words:

Banish me

Gen 32:22-24 (KJV): 'And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. And Jacob was left alone. . . .'

Jacob placed friends, family, and possessions on one side, and himself and God on the other. In these last days, the choice will not always be between good and bad; the choice may be between good and better. Banishment means going to a solitary place. Turn off the radio. Turn off the computer. Leave your mobile phone behind. Get rid of the television if you have to, but separate yourself, isolate yourself, banish yourself

so that you can hear God's voice saying to you, 'This is the way, walk ye in it.' 'Banish me' means being prepared to leave behind not only possessions, but family and friends as well. Luke 14:26 in The Message paraphrase says, 'Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters – yes, even one's own self! – can't be my disciple.' Hebrews 12:1, KJV, says: 'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us'. What are you prepared to relinquish?

What are you prepared to give up for the Kingdom? Matthew 19:29 (KJV) says: 'And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.' If our greatest need is revival and reformation, then we've got to banish ourselves for Jesus. *Desire of Ages*, p. 83, says, 'It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones.

The first extreme prayer for extreme circumstances is, '**Banish me**'. The second radical prayer for radical times is, '**Break me**'.

Break me

Genesis 32:24, 25 (KJV) says: 'And there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.'

What is your exercise? Treadmill? Weight-lifting? Wrestling? They say that nothing requires more exertion than wrestling. Imagine, then, wrestling all night. Jacob wanted the man to leave, to get off him – but suddenly it dawned on him that he was wrestling with the King of kings. So he stopped singing, 'Please release me, let me go', and he started singing, 'Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant me Jesus is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.'

Jacob was wrestling with the very Person who could solve his problems. Sometimes we fight against the very thing we need the most.

While training at Newbold I was assigned to visit Ishmael at a maximum security hospital in Berkshire that was classed as a mental institution. He was there for murdering his wife with an axe. The visits must have worked because Volney Ham-Ying and I were called in by the prison officials one day and told that 'Ishmael's good behaviour has qualified him for a weekend leave. . . .'

'Oh, good', we exclaimed. 'We're happy for him – where will you be sending him?'

'He can spend the weekend with you', they said! We told them there was very little guest accommodation at our college. 'We were thinking of your dormitory. We were thinking that he would stay in the same room as you.'

Ishmael came. That evening I took him to Friday evening vespers. He was very uncomfortable as we approached the auditorium, and asked to return to the hospital. I said, 'No, give the process a chance.' He stayed in my room and I didn't sleep very well that night. In the morning he repeated, 'I want to go home.' I said, 'Stay for the church service.' After the church service he said, 'I want to go home.' I said, 'Stay for lunch.' After lunch he said, 'I want to go home.' I said, 'OK, I give up, we've tried to be kind to you, we've tried to be nice to you, so why are you obsessed about leaving?'

'Where are the guns?' he said. 'Where are the knives? Where are you hiding your weapons? I've been to a lot of places,' he said, 'and I've always been able to figure things out, but not here; please take me home!' We did. He had been in fights before, but what he didn't know was that on that campus, over that weekend, he was in the fight of his life. He was wrestling against the very thing he needed the most. His fight was not against flesh and blood, it was against principalities, and to gain that victory our prayer should be,

'Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mould me and fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.'

How about this thought from *Conflict and Courage*, p. 68: 'When in his distress Jacob laid hold of the Angel, and made supplication with tears, the heavenly Messenger, in order to try his faith, also reminded him of his sin, and endeavoured to escape from him. But Jacob would not be turned away. He had learned that God is merciful, and he cast himself upon His mercy. He pointed back to his repentance for his sin, and pleaded for deliverance. As he reviewed his life, he was driven almost to despair; but he held fast the Angel, and with earnest, agonising cries urged his petition until he prevailed.

Such will be the experience of God's people in their final struggle with the powers of evil. God will test their faith, their perseverance, their confidence in His power to deliver them. Satan will endeavour to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless; that their sins have been too great to receive pardon. They will have a deep sense of their shortcomings, and as they review their lives their hopes will sink. But remembering the greatness of God's mercy, and their own sincere repentance, they will plead His promises made through Christ to helpless, repenting sinners. Their faith will not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. They will lay hold of the strength of God, as Jacob laid hold of the Angel, and the language of their souls will be, 'I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.'

If the first prayer is **banish me**, and if the second prayer is **break me**, then the final prayer is **bless me**.

Bless me

Gen 32:26: 'And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.'

What was that lesson? It was very specific: he received a new name – Israel. Effectively this meant that 'the deceiver has become the overcomer' and that is what we all need – to be overcomers in the face of all this life's challenges!

I'm in the fight of my life, but my daily practice is **banish me**, my daily prayer is **break me**, and my daily pleasure is for God to **bless me**.

*See footnote or Genesis 32:28: Andrews Study Bible, NKJV.

with Andrew Puckering



Frail or faithful?

King Hezekiah of Judah must have been a very worried man – the Assyrians were coming! In the fourth year of his reign they besieged the capital of his neighbouring country, Israel, and in his sixth year they took it (2 Kings 18:9, 10). The king of Israel, Hoshea, had reneged on a treaty with the Assyrians, and Hezekiah had done the same (2 Kings 17:3, 4; 18:7). The Assyrians, who were not amused, resettled the entire population of Israel, effectively ending the country's existence (2 Kings 17:6, 23, 24; 18:11) – something the LORD allowed because of Israel's persistent and stubborn refusal to listen to His calls for reform (2 Kings 17:9-20; 18:12). Worse still, in seeking help against Assyria, they turned to Egypt – the very place of slavery from which the LORD had rescued them – rather than relying on the LORD (Exodus 20:2; 2 Kings 17:4, 7)!

The Assyrians, however, had not finished yet. Eight years after the fall of Samaria, they came carving a path through Judah – taking possession of the country's fortified cities, one after another (2 Kings 18:13). The same thing that happened to Hoshea was happening to Hezekiah – and, worryingly, disaster had come upon Hoshea despite the fact that he hadn't been the worst king ever. He 'did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him' (2 Kings 17:1, 2, NKJV). Hezekiah, by contrast, had been very faithful (2 Kings 18:1-3). He'd repaired the Temple, reinstated the sacrifices, destroyed long-cherished idols and restored true worship (2 Chronicles 29:1-29; 31:1). He was the most faithful king Judah had ever had (2 Kings 18:4, 5) – but, even after all these reforms, the Assyrians were coming anyway (2 Chronicles 31:20-32:1).

Hezekiah began to make military preparations, and was outwardly confident (2 Chronicles 32:2-8), but inside he must have been wondering if he'd displeased God somehow – maybe at the Passover feast, when many ate who hadn't prepared themselves – although God seemed to hear his prayer for forgiveness at the time (2 Chronicles 30:17-20). Whatever the reason, Hezekiah panicked, and pleaded with the Assyrians. To meet their demands, Hezekiah, the faithful king, scraped the gold from the very doors and pillars of God's Temple that he had so recently refurbished (2 Kings 18:14-16). He was literally robbing temples to pay protection money to a pagan foreigner.

He was not the first to do this – King Asa, like Hezekiah, had stolen Temple treasures to buy off a foreign army many years before (1 Kings 15:17-19; 2 Chronicles 16:1-3) – and the LORD punished Asa as a result (2 Chronicles 16:7-10). Now along came the Rabshakeh of the Assyrian army, and claimed that he was on a divine mission from God against King Hezekiah, because Hezekiah had taken away His places of worship (2 Kings 18:25; 2 Chronicles 32:11, 12; Isaiah 36:10). What was Hezekiah's response?

He did exactly what he should have done the first time, and cried to the LORD for help. The LORD did help, and removed the Assyrian threat (2 Chronicles 32:20, 21) – not necessarily for Hezekiah's sake, but for the sake of the LORD's name and for the promise He made to King David (1 Kings 2:4; Isaiah 37:23-27, 35). The faithful man's faith had taken a beating, but he put his trust in the LORD in the end – and, in the end, God answered.

- What reason did King Asa in particular have for trusting God? (2 Chronicles 14)
- What religious reforms did King Asa make? (2 Chronicles 15)
- How did the LORD punish Asa for his lack of faith?
- Of what dangers did Jesus warn us if we don't repent? (Luke 13)
- Why might bad things happen to good people sometimes? (John 9)

Photo: Pastor David West

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Evangelism Expo 2012

'Church members are keen on evangelism and ready to serve', enthused Pastor Sam Davis, SEC president, as he watched a record-breaking 1,500 people attend seminars and workshops on that theme during the South England Conference's Evangelism Expo 2012.

There was hardly space to move on a packed Newbold College campus, as the saints turned out in their hundreds on Sunday, 15 January, to listen to a variety of excellent speakers and wander among the displays.

Pastor Michael Anim, one of those who got there early to enjoy Pastor Frederick Russell's morning devotional, found that it 'was spiritually fulfilling' – it 'really hit the spot!' He found the seminars he attended 'truly inspiring' too.

Workshops

Throughout the day there was a variety of workshops to attend – some presented by SEC departmental directors and pastors, and others by competent laypersons. For example, there was Pastor Petras Bahadur's 'Islamic Mission Taking Over Europe' presentation; and Pastor Richard de Lisser's practical guidance on 'Raising Financially Intelligent Kids'.

The SEC Education director, Opal Johnson-Christie, invited pupils from the SEC schools to share their observations and thoughts on Adventist education. The overall sentiments they fed back were positive: that in Adventist schools the pupils learn better values and have a sense of purpose; and that spirituality permeates all aspects of their school experience.

According to the BUC Education director, Anne Pilmoor, 'This is good to hear, . . . we are encouraged by the positive responses our young people have to their learning environments.'



New departments

Two new SEC departments, Disability Ministries and Media, spoke respectively about the Adventist Special Needs Association (ASNA) and online evangelism, giving the attendees practical advice on how to reach minorities through media that are specific to their needs.

Elsie Staple, Community and Health Ministries director, spoke of how excited she is about the community work happening in Ipswich Church. Then there was the touching testimony of a homeless man who has become part of their community through this ministry.

For the youth

This expo was for the youth too, and Jadanna Jones, a youth worker at Newbold Church, felt that: 'The Teen seminars gave us all great, practical advice and left us with a sense of approachability. They made it clear that there was an open-door policy when it came to joining the Teens' Advisory; young or old can be part of the work they do.' She added, 'One great idea was mentoring; making it possible for older, experienced church members to get to know the young people, personally.'

The Olympics

Special emphasis was placed on the Olympic 2012 programme, detailing how members can evangelise, using different forms of outreach in the lead-up to, and during, this summer. Karen Burnett from Ilford Church 'enjoyed the workshop on the Olympics; it was mind-blowing stuff! It's an interesting and massive project and through it we have the potential to interact and witness to a huge number of people coming to the UK. It was definitely inspiring.'

All 'Fired Up'

Then, to highlight the Book from which all evangelism originates, Mervyn Weir and his cast presented his production, *Fired Up*, during the afternoon programme. The drama tracks how the King James Version of the Bible came about, and how it still influences our lives today.*

This expo was a great launching pad for the SEC's 2012 evangelism initiatives.

KATIE RAMHARACKSINGH

* This powerful drama has recently been filmed for cinema and DVD release, and a trailer for it is now available on the Hope Channel website (click on 'watch the trailer').



Children and Communion

Dear Editor

With due respect to Pastor Rees (*MESSENGER*, 6 January, 2012) I must beg to differ. . . .

The writer of that *Ministry* article was a mite careless with his choice of words. 'Infant baptism' is suggestive of a baby being sprinkled with a few drops of water and having a formula pronounced over it to save its so-called 'immortal soul' from hell. More likely the children wanting to take part in the Communion Service are almost, if not definitely, in double figures; they have seen many a Communion Service, and by then, if asked, would be able to give a good explanation as to its significance.

And there's the rub, as Shakespeare would say. How much about the 28 Fundamental Beliefs do we expect intending members to know before we baptise them? Even children in single figures can have correct ideas as to the fact that they are sinners, that Christ died for their sins, and that He rose from the dead, and will come again; when it comes to some others, it can take a lot longer. . . .

BARRY GOWLAND

New series for Revelation TV – SEC Communications

Searching for a God to Love mixes presentation with discussion, aiming to encourage viewers to reflect on God, faith and other religious realities. Author and professor, Chris Blake, speaks to the 'believing unbelievers': those who believe in God but not in the picture of Him they have been presented. Each episode links to Chris Blake's book of the same title, in which he presents this loving, caring God that so many have forgotten or misinterpreted, in a relaxed yet striking presentation. The thirteen-week series alternates weekly between presentation one week, and discussion the next. Each episode sees Blake's talk followed by a discussion between Blake and Pastor Patrick Johnson, senior pastor of Newbold Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Host for the series, Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, states: 'The series maintains a balance between creative teaching, ingenious comedy, deep soul-searching and resolute faith.'

Searching for a God to Love airs Monday nights on Revelation TV (Sky Channel 581 or Freesat 692) and, if you miss an episode, catch up on the dedicated *Searching for a God to Love* website.

The programmes were filmed by the SEC Media team in a co-operative venture between SEC Media, BUC Media and the Newbold Church media team. Appreciation also goes to the college and church, who both helped to make this series a success.

PASTOR KIRSTEN ØSTER-LUNDOVIST
SEC COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA DIRECTOR



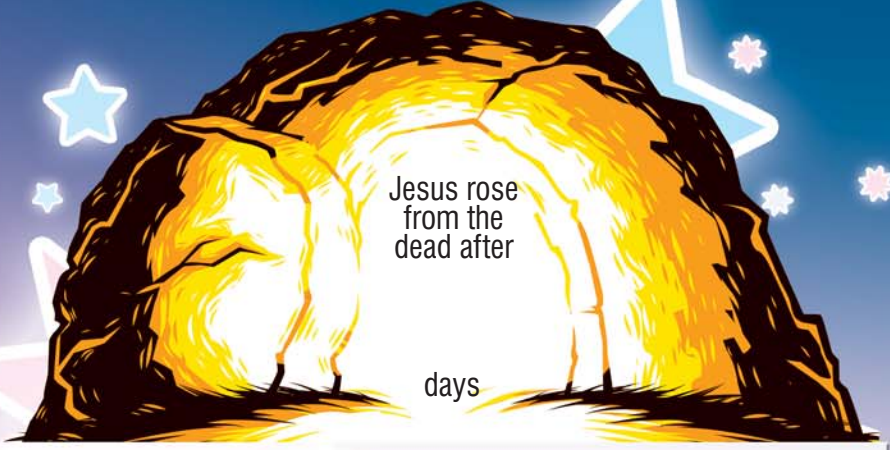
Happy New Year Christian Stars!
 Do you know what special event happens in 2012? Yes, the Olympics. You do not have to take part in these games to be a winner. Let us look at what the Bible says about Jesus being the Number One Winner, and how He can make us winners too. . .



Was it for you Jesus was so willing to look like a loser? Fill in the circles with these letters to find out how much He loves you.

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A A E E E A I E

Jesus died so:



Jesus rose from the dead after _____ days

It seemed Jesus had been beaten when He was put on the cross. Read John 2:18-22 to find out how many days He was to remain dead, and fill in the blank above.

What makes a winner? Put a circle around the phrases that describe how you can become a good athlete:

- Eat properly** (gold medal)
- Be lazy** (silver medal)
- Not sleep enough** (gold medal)
- Practise regularly** (gold medal)
- Fool around** (silver medal)
- Remember to pray** (gold medal)
- Ignore your trainer** (gold medal)

EVERY ONE WHO BELLOVES ON HOM MOY

LOVE FROM JOHN

John 3:14-16



Winning athletes listen to their trainers. Who did Jesus listen to so He could win? Unscramble these words:

S H I T H A F E R

N I E A V H E N

Do this dot-to-dot to find a clue to what Jesus experienced so that we can be winners in God's eyes.

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●5	●6	●15

When you have joined them all up draw a double line from 2 to 12 and 10 to 6.

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3	4

Think of four things Olympic champions may give up doing so they can train.

We can be winners like Jesus when we copy the way He spent time talking with and obeying our Heavenly Father. Do the wordsearch, and know how and when you will be a winner. Find the **bold** words in this message from 2 Timothy 4:7, 8:

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 D R O C C T K K

I have finished the **race**. I have **kept** the **faith**. Now there is for me a **crown** of righteousness which **Jesus** will **award** me and **all** those who long for Him to come again.



New beginning in Jesus

On Sabbath 31 December 2011, the Walsall church was joined by its Bourneville brethren for the dedication of Sibusisiwe Talisha Manungo to the Lord, and the baptism of five young people by Pastor R. Brooks: Marta Szmyt, Marquez Sinclair, Simon Brooks, and Kemion Senior from the Walsall church, and Michelle from the Bourneville church.

MARK TAYLOR



Campaign and baptism

Pastor Marshall, the minister at Burngreave Church, Sheffield, held a ten-day campaign during the month of October 2011, at the end of which a soul was baptised – Stephanie Edwards. The impact of that campaign is still being felt, as baptisms are continuing!

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Baptism in Tamworth

It was a happy occasion in Tamworth on Sabbath 19 November 2011, because three souls gave their lives to Jesus Christ: Paulette Bennett and Dennis Byron were baptised by Pastor Milan Gugleta, assisted by Elders Danny Reid and Sunny Mullings; Veta Irving, Paulette's mum, was given the right hand of fellowship.

Home-grown group 'So Real', Tiarna (5) and D'Laynah (6) blessed the congregation with special items.

We would like to ask God's blessing for Veta, Paulette and Dennis as they begin their new walk with Jesus Christ.

PAULINE NEWTON
 COMMUNICATION SECRETARY



Left to right: Pastor Milan Gugleta, Elder Sunny Mullings, Veta Irving and her spiritual guardian Annette Lawrence, Paulette Bennett and her spiritual guardian Elson Newton, Dennis Byron and his spiritual guardian Jeff Hall, Elder Danny Reid.

Know your health numbers!

The Tottenham church hosted the Area 6a health fair on 27 November 2011, co-ordinated by Health Ministries leader Janette Joseph and advertised in two London papers and in flyers.

Elsie Staple, SEC Health Ministries director, was there to support this community outreach with twelve experienced health professionals from across the area.

A representative from Haringey's NHS Consortium saw the advertisement and came to forge links with the Adventists, and many local health-conscious people attended for free blood-pressure, blood-sugar, BMI, cholesterol, height, weight and peak-flow tests. Fitness instructor Kenroy Malcolm led a group of all ages through a series of keep-fit exercises, after which freshly squeezed juices were available to quench the thirst.

As a community outreach programme, the health fair was deemed a huge success!

DOREEN I. FRAY



Stoke Newington drop-in centre celebrates ten years

For the last ten years, Hackney's homeless have looked forward to a weekly Wednesday lunch, courtesy of the Stoke Newington Church Community Ministries department's outreach programme – The Open Door Drop-in Centre. This ten-year anniversary was recognised on Sabbath 16 July 2011. The speaker for the day was Dr Richard de Lisser, under whose ministry the centre was opened. The service was also attended by the local councillor, Daniel Stevens, and some of the users of the Centre.

Prior to the opening of the centre the Community Ministries department was part of the feeding programme run by Area 6c, in which food, clothing and other necessities were taken out to the homeless on the streets of London each week. Eileen Lenton suggested opening a centre at the church, and the centre was opened on 1 August 2011 by a former mayor of Hackney, Councillor Siddique Khan.

On opening day five users turned up, but as the project proceeded an average of sixty people used the centre each week – and at one session seventy turned up.

The church provided initial funding, but for the last six years funding has been provided by the local council.

FLO SUTHERLAND



Baptism inspired by a song

Ranelagh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dublin witnessed the baptism of Brenda Kachidza by Pastor Ben Pontanar on 21 January 2012. Inspired by a song titled 'Four days late', she made a commitment to Jesus Christ for the rest of her life, come what may: doubts and challenges notwithstanding!

IPHITHULE MHLANGA



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New group in Swindon

A Portuguese-speaking group now meets every Sabbath at Swindon Seventh-day Adventist Church, Whitby Grove, off Cheney Manor Road, Rodbourne, SN2 1NA. All are welcome.

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EMERSON FERREIRA



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May your best present be Jesus!

The children's Christmas play at Loughborough Church, held on Sabbath 17 December, had a very clear message – the young actors and singers challenged their audience to really engage with the story of Jesus' birth on a personal level. The children had all worked very hard to prepare and put on an excellent performance.

Twenty-four non-Adventist visitors from the community and elsewhere joined the congregation, and some returned for the church's carol service the following Sabbath. Jesus is the best present they could possibly have!

VIVIENNE BARRATT-PEACOCK



Adventists participate in Cardiff's Christian community

Llandaff Cathedral, near Cardiff, hosted a Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 20 January for the success of *Christmas – The Story*, a play that had run in the city centre throughout December. Leslie Wood from the Ystrad Mynach church read one of the prayers at this service, and, along with Miriam Wood, had taken part in the play at the Tabernacl, a large Welsh chapel in the centre of Cardiff's shopping area. From Monday to Saturday the presentation began with prayer and a performance at 10am.

The huge undertaking involved eight sets of players and Christians from many denominations, and was advertised by leaflets and radio interviews.

People were invited off the street to come and watch – parents, carers, children and the homeless.

'What a wonderful way to praise the Lord', says Leslie. 'Now we know why we were impressed to move to Wales!'

MIRIAM WOOD



SEC teens' end-of-year social

On the night of 31 December 2011, more than 100 teens from across the SEC celebrated the arrival of 2012 with games, shows, and food at the Advent Centre, organised by the Holloway Youth department in conjunction with the SEC Teens department.

The evening was opened with prayer and continued with fun and fellowship – our young people also brought their unchurched friends to see how the Church socialises together. Thoughts and prayers were uttered by Newbold Theology student Julian Young, trainee pastors Matthew Herel and Andrew Davis and the SEC Teens director Dejan Stojkovic in the countdown to midnight.

The SEC Teens director plans a similar event to end 2012.

DELROSE DALEY
 SEC TEENS ADVISORY



Surprise party for church treasurer

Treasurer Pearl Walker was happily surprised by her son Steve and husband Pastor Mike Walker recently, when Mike organised a surprise party at the Great Yarmouth church to celebrate her 70th birthday!

COMMUNICATIONS



Joseph, king of dreams

Several residents from the Preston community came to the church on 5 and 6 November 2011, to watch the youth give a modern adaptation of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. They blended drama with youthful comedy to portray a witty yet accurate biblical account of the life of Joseph, serving as a spiritual reminder to church members, and a powerful testimony to the Preston community that trust in the Lord really is rewarding.

ALTHEA BONNER-MCKENZIE



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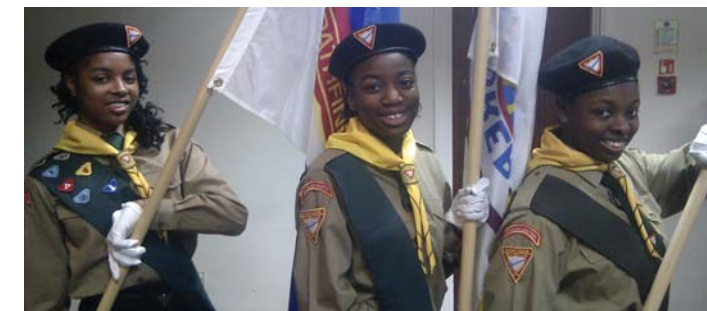
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A first for Manchester Central

On 17 December the Manchester Central Pathfinder Club hosted its first investiture programme – Pathfinders led Sabbath School with a pre-recorded video and lively discussion, and in Divine Service the drumming of the North West Drum Corp and a message on forgiveness from Clive Palmer preceded an award of honours to all members of the club. In addition, three young girls – Safiya McKenzie, Shantonia Lewis and Tryphena Rowe – were invested as Voyagers.

SAFIYA MCKENZIE, TRYPHENA ROWE AND SHANTONIA LEWIS



Oxford Church health expo

In summer 2011, the Oxford Adventist church ran its second health expo in the town hall, using the theme of WELLNESS – Water, Exercise, Love, Lifestyle, Nutrition, Environment, Sleep, Sunshine. More than 100 local people attended, giving very positive feedback – a number of the visitors could not believe the event was free! Church members were encouraged by the attendance, and by interest in the literature stands. For further pictures, please visit the Oxford Church website, www.oxfordadventist.org, or visit the facebook page.

SOPHIA NICHOLLS

Photo by Don Galloway



Great Brickkiln Pathfinder investiture

On 19 November 2011, members of a packed Great Brickkiln church celebrated their Pathfinders' investiture. Badges and presentations were given to young Pathfinders and Adventurers before three youths each presented a mini sermon and the Pathfinders gave a drilling and drumming display for the local community.

DELVA CAMPBELL



What's Christmas all about?

Is Christmas about parties, carol-singing, decorations, shopping, gifts and having fun – or is it about doing what Jesus did as an example . . . giving, and helping the less fortunate ones? The Sathe family were in India for Christmas, and decided to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas, with CHRIST at the centre. So they took them to a very poor village, where they distributed food to all the children and poor people. The Sathe kids realised how blessed we are, and also saw people who need our love and help. These Hindu villagers said they will always remember this Christmas – for the Sathe family, it has been the best Christmas ever: to give to unknown people without expecting, to share God's love and reach out.

MRS DIAMOND SATHE



Tireless workers recognised

Three Seventh-day Adventists have been publicly recognised for their work in their local communities recently – Anthony Saunders and Javinia Harris from Gloucester, who have been working with young people, and Sylvia Bernard, who serves mostly in Balham as a volunteer with Wordsworth Care Alliance. Sister Bernard has been doing volunteer work for forty years, including feeding the homeless in Lincoln's Inn fields and Brixton; collecting money for Macmillan Nurses, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Kidney Research UK, Cancer Research, and Age Concern; singing in care homes; visiting prisoners; and collecting funds and clothes for Sierra Leone, Ghana, India and Malawi – a true example to us all!

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Sylvia Bernard, who serves mostly in Balham.



Anthony Saunders and Javinia Harris from Gloucester.

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Birthday celebrations at Leicester Central

Congratulations to Sister Olga Clarke, who celebrated her birthday at Leicester Central on 19 November 2011 – blessed with a fertile mind and a witty sense of humour, she has made many friends over the years. As a nurse she has been a rock of support to many, and a gracious host as well. May God continue to bless her – still sharp and alert at 91.

BERT BELGRAVE



National Seventh-day Adventist Home Education Association

The need for an Adventist Home Education Association was recognised in the BUC Strategic Plan of 2006-2010. The main purposes of such an association include:

- Encouraging and facilitating Adventist education principles and focus in home education
- Facilitating networking and mutual support between families
- Fostering a sense of belonging to a larger body of Adventist home educators
- Putting on events to promote Adventist home education.

The association is based on nine regional divisions across the BUC, with co-ordinator families for each region.

To find out more about the association, how to join and who the regional co-ordinators are, please contact Neal Lawrence (BUC Home Education advisor) on 01686 651067 or at: homeschooling@adventist.org.uk.

obituary

Elsie May Phillips (1920-2011) d. 13 September.

Elsie was born in Bermondsey, London, and was the eldest of three sisters and two brothers. When she was 20 she went to work on the farms in the Rickmansworth area and soon joined the Women's Land Army. She was very proud when in 2008 she received her Land Army Medal and Certificate, signed by the then-Prime Minister Gordon Brown. During her time on the farms she came into contact with Seventh-day Adventists and was baptised in 1950, joining the

Edgware church. That same year she joined the staff of the Stanborough Press in Watford, working as an engraver and later in the bindery. Following the disastrous fire which destroyed the Press, she moved with other Press staff in 1966 to Grantham, where she lived for the rest of her life.



Deaconesses ordained at Hope Community

On Sabbath 21 January, four ladies were ordained as deaconesses in the packed Beckenham Hope Community Seventh-day Adventist church by Pastor S. Matthias Esson: Coreen Williams (who heads the department), Elizabeth Wilkinson, Pheobe Kyeyune and Diana St Hill.

Pastor Esson was assisted by Elders Yeboah, Henry, Demercardo, Roberts and Stephenson.

PASTOR S. MATTHIAS ESSON

Choir raises money for riot victims

On Saturday 17 December 2011 the Tottenham Gospel Choir were in concert at the John Loughborough School in Tottenham to bring the local community together after a difficult year (bearing in mind the devastation of the August riots).

Also singing were Testify, Ray Patrick Junior and Justified. Although the event was free, the 200-strong crowd raised £247 in a goodwill collection to help Tottenham victims of the riots.

Choir leader Diane Apeah-Kubi said, 'We were overwhelmed by the number of people who gave generously. This has been a fantastic opportunity for us to spread a little positivity.'

For clips of the choir in action, please visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/TGCworship>.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



Elsie enjoyed travelling to visit friends in Europe and North America, reading, listening to classical music and the companionship of her dogs. She studied her Sabbath School lesson every day, and was cheerful, kind and generous; a stalwart of the Grantham church as Community Services leader, committed to charity work, including the annual toy service. She often used her own home to store bulky charity donations, and often gave many of her own. For several years she volunteered at the Special Needs Camp at Aberdaron.

Her home was near a local park, and, when she met with people who were living rough there, she took them hot meals, and blankets or clothing, and talked to them about God.

It was in this park about twelve years ago that she broke her hip. She never fully recovered from this, and was

forced to accept a little more help than she would want, but she rarely complained, and continued to live in her own home until she had a fall just six months before her death.

Elsie's love for and faith in God was unshakeable, and she often spoke of Christ's return. She remained the only Adventist in her family, but prayed ceaselessly for each family member, as well as her friends and church members, especially the pastor. Her funeral was conducted by Pastor John Ferguson at Grantham Seventh-day Adventist Church on 28 September when about 100 people attended, including a number from the local community, followed by burial at Grantham Cemetery. Those of us who knew Elsie expect to see her on that wonderful morning when Jesus returns in glory.

KAREN SHELBOURN



Etta Smith presents Olivia with a £50 donation towards the Loughborough Church building fund.

Every little helps

Clutching her well-preserved article from *MESSENGER* (21 August 2009) telling of how Olivia Middleditch (then just 7 years old) had kick-started Loughborough Seventh-day Adventist Church into regular fund-raising for a church building, Etta Smith, of the Grantham church, presented Olivia with a £50 donation.

Etta told of how she was inspired by Olivia's enthusiasm and had immediately begun collecting 5-pence coins for the Loughborough Church building fund. By October Etta was ready to pass on all she had collected to Olivia. Etta excitedly took her weighty tin of 5-pence coins to the Grantham church where Stephen Holden counted them for her.

Thank you so much Etta – for your help, but more especially for encouraging our young ones to believe in the work of the Church. Our thanks also go to other members of the Grantham church who pushed further donations into little hands on the day.

GUDRUN MIDDLEDITCH

Prepared to serve

On 18 December 2011, David Amore, a dedicated member of the Great Brickkiln church in Wolverhampton, flew out to South Korea to teach English and Bible classes to a variety of age groups for two years. Sharing Christ as a missionary has been his lifelong ambition. The church prays for God to give spiritual guidance to David during his stay in Korea.

DELVA CAMPBELL



Poetry and prose at library dedication

On 3 December, Tottenham Church dedicated its new Children and Youth Sabbath School Division library.

Ninety-nine percent of the age-specific books were ordered from the ABC, and bought with donations from church members.

Aurora York-McKay from the Hampstead church and the children themselves read out loud for the dedication.

The church thanks God for this library, which is being used enthusiastically every week.

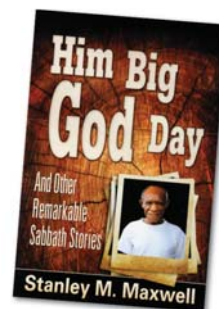
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