Falklands ‘invaded’ again

by Julian Hibbert

April 2 marked the thirtieth anniversary of Argentina’s invasion of the Falklands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, which are British dependent territories located in the South Atlantic, east of Argentina.1

“The resulting conflict lasted 74 days and ended with the Argentine surrender on 14 June 1982, which returned the islands to British control: 649 Argentine military personnel, 255 British military personnel and three Falkland Islanders died during the conflict.”

As a result of the fierce battles that were fought to regain this territory, names like Goose Green, Port Stanley, San Carlos Bay and Mt Kent have been written into our military history.

Those who saw the conflict played out on television will remember the horror of HMS Sheffield burning after an Exocet missile strike on 4 May, making her ‘the first Royal Navy vessel sunk in action since World War II’, with the tragic loss of twenty of her crew.3

Many will also remember that the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano was torpedoes with great loss of life just two days earlier.4

Tensions revived

This all happened thirty years ago, but despite the ‘normalisation’ of relations between the two countries in 1989, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, Argentina’s president, has recently been blowing on the embers of this old conflict, sweeping up national and regional support for a ban on vessels flying the Falklands’ flag, and so on.5 As Neil Tweedie of The Telegraph puts it, she ‘is currently taking a warm bath in anti-British rhetoric, recalling the UK of militarisation of the South Atlantic.’

Where is this all heading? Does Fernández de Kirchner have the intestinal fortitude to carry out her threats, or is she just using ‘a well-worn tool for political distraction’, as did General Galtieri three decades ago?7

They’ve landed already!

You’ve been following the news – and you know all of the above anyway. But what the networks don’t know yet is that some ‘insurgents’ have landed already! Yes, they touched down at Port Stanley armed with boxes and boxes of The Great Hope. This time the ‘invasion’ was from Punta Arenas in Chile, and the six-member team had their sights set on every ‘Falklander’ willing to receive a copy of the book – the same one that is available here in the UK from The Stanborough Press.

The distribution started on 21 March and culminated on Sabbath, 24 March, and they hoped to personally hand over 400 books in English and 200 in Spanish, The-insurgent team visited homes, shops and offices – and the streets – smilingly sharing hope with whomever they met among the 3,140 islanders.8

Let’s hope that this ‘invasion’ was a real success!

Editor’s note: Those involved in the ‘invasion’ were Pastor Oscar Gill (Chilean Union Publishing Director); Pastor Christian Alvear (Southern Association of Chile Publishing Directors); Rosita Falle (South American Publishing House); Everton Meneses (community leader) and Luiz and Leonard Westen (day staff at the Adventist University of Chile, who live on the Falklands). Readers can see a brief Spanish video of the event at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCl1wADH0_o.

4 http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/general_belgrano.htm.
6 Ibid.
7 Ibid.
Organ donation support grows – NHS media release

The BUC Health Director, Sharon Platt-McDonald, has been instrumental in developing a new initiative to support organ donation. The project, funded by the NHS, aims to raise awareness and encourage people to register as donors. The initiative is part of a larger campaign to increase organ donation rates, with the goal of saving lives and improving outcomes for patients waiting for transplants. The campaign includes a social media campaign, leaflets, and events to engage the public in the importance of organ donation.

Leaflets in other languages will also be available for download shortly. To order your copy of the NHS Organ Donation Register, please call 0300 123 2323, text REGISTER 64880 or visit: www.organdonation.nhs.uk.

Gerald. He lived that country. It was his home – despite the idiosyncrasies of its ailing economy. His life was predictable. He lived in a quiet Harare suburb; made a comfortable living; took regular fishing trips and doted on his dogs.

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Having no canvas, the Artist painted pictures on the pavement. He painted people – the people who crowded round to get a glimpse – because they saw their likenesses they often beamed with pleasure. The faces looked back at them with a smile and a grace which the originals didn't possess, and they went away feeling clean and whole.

Those who looked closely enough saw the glory of the timeless place shining out of His pictures, and when they looked at Him they saw it in His eyes. As he painted He talked to them about His Father, and they caught an echo of their almost-forgotten past in His words.

But some of the people were too busy, too tied to their way of life to take a closer look at this artist and the images he was creating. They told what they had seen, their paintings, heavily detailed and somber, became the ordinary folk wayaryjust to look at them. They reflected life as it was, and hard and cruel. The experts dismissed the Artist as a dreamer. They pegged His steps from the beginning, and with the passage of time his极大地 had subtly shifted and changed. The most terrible lies were made to sound like truth, and truth itself died when it touched His lips.

He sidled up during the painting of a particularly poignant subject, and sneeringly pointed out the difference between the original and the painting.

“You’ve missed the sensuous gleam in that woman’s eyes. Don’t you know she’s a prostitute?”

The Artist paused, and looked at his creation with a smile and a grace which the prostitute didn’t possess, and she went away feeling clean and whole.

“I see only a child of Yar-way.”

And the prostitute went away knowing she didn’t have to live that way because somehow her picture of themselves and her relationship with Yar-way had been put right.

Incensed at being ignored, River called out the people out of the square for a council of war. The time had come to put that upstart Artist back in His proper place.

Son of Yar-way indeed! Trying to make himself out to be better than they were! After a suitably inflammatory speech he spewed the anger, yelling mob back into the square.

When they had gone, the Artist lay dead across his half-finished picture of the child.

The prostitute sank down beside the only Man who had ever made her feel worth anything, and looked at the child whose body lay still under the Artist’s outstretched arm.

It’s no use, lovely, she said, can’t win. You’re better off dead. At least now you’ll get some peace.”

She woke in the morning, cold and alone in the shaded alley where she had spent the most miserable night of her life. Then she remembered that the square always caught the first warming rays of the sun. As she made her way there, she hoped someone had removed the bodies. She could see the sunlight, dancing in her hair before she rounded the corner – he was way ahead, she thought, before he met her with that red-rimmed gaze.

The Artist was finishing His picture of the child, while she, hair-chestened and laughing, was turned in the corner at a square filled with sparkling sun-dappled pools. She asked the child, “You’re dead, the woman cried. “I saw you – touched you!”

He pointed to a new, larger picture. “He paints too. Do you like His picture?”

“Do not tell that it was of the town – she recognised the square – but instead of the dull business places, the pubs, the litter, the run-down streets and dirty alleys, there were beautiful, sparkling people lined with stately trees. Flowers and birds were everywhere. And so happy, healthy, beautiful people were enjoying it all.

His voice you’ll be again, He said, standing up and wiping the chalk from His fingers. “But not enough to do the same thing with Your Father. My Father.”

You can trust me, she said.

“Must You go?” she pleaded. “We need you. You’re the only hope in the world. What will we do?”

I’ll come back, He promised. And when I do I’ll make everything right.”

Then, taking her hands in His, He led her in a laughing, leaping dance round and round the square among the fluttering doves and cartwheeling child. As they went the flagstones the woman felt His grip slacken until she realised she was keeping up with nothing more substantial than an incredible kaleidoscope of colour. She slowed to a stop and called to the child.

“Child, coming back, lovely. He promised.”

I know, called back the child, half-way through a cartwheel. “He can do anything!”

The inspiration for the above parable was the story of the woman taken in adultery. I love the gentle way Jesus dealt with her, drawing or writing in the dust (which makes her identification as a ‘prostitute’ impossible). A non-Jewish ARTIST, then getting rid of her enemies and giving her the hope that she didn’t have to go on sinning. It reminded me that all the time He was on Earth Jesus was also allowing a picture of what He looks like really is, and He went about showing people what they could be.

**A story intended to teach children should first get a CB check.**
Nothing works and Salvation by works!

by Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC president

I would like to make two bold declarations: first – when it comes to evangelism – nothing works! Second: the Church in the British Isles needs to embrace and believe – salvation by works!

Now that I have your attention – but before you write your letters of objection – permit me to offer some clarification.

There are congregations and leaders who truly believe that if they keep on reaching the majority ethnic population of the British Isles: nothing works! Those to whom I refer have tried everything: tract and magazine distribution, public evangelistic meetings, seminars – and so on – without results, no increase in church attendance or any baptisms. So they have concluded that nothing works.

Seeing positive results is not new. We should recall that Jesus said we may enter a place with an evangelistic fervour only to receive a hostile reception, Matthew 10:13-15! However, whether we are received with open arms or not, we still have a responsibility to day by day and hour by hour, even to the Gentiles as to the Jews, Acts 13:46-47.

Our evangelistic activity may not lead to a full church on the following Sabbath, but that is only one of two possible results. We may not see a full church in our community every week, but that does not mean that our work will no longer be significant of who we are and what we represent.

During all of the years that Noah committed to sharing the end-time message, there were no accessions to the ark. If judged only by the measure of accessions, it might really appear as though nothing worked in Noah’s day either. On the other hand, however, when the flood came to begin, people were quick to make a connection between them and the preaching of a ‘crazy man’ who was telling of a flood. Noah’s preaching did make an impact in his community. It brought people out of ignorance, even though they did not respond positively by going into the ark.

Congregations that truly believe that nothing works, and then follow up their belief by doing nothing, are guaranteed a success rate of 100% if our congregational goal is to do nothing to support and improve our local community and nothing to share our message, we are guaranteed success and will ‘prove to’ ourselves that nothing works!

If our goal is to do nothing, we are going to be successful in reaching it.

My second declaration is that I believe in salvation by works – but by this I am not referring to my own salvation. If we want to see growth in our communities then it is our responsibility in relationship with Christ, we are going to have to work.

To save others, we are going to have to put in some hard work. Christ’s commission is for us to go so that people might come. (Matthew 28:19, NV): ‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations’ (emphasis supplied).

We often want people to come to our churches without first going out to meet them where they are. Should we honestly expect our community to be interested in coming to join us, when we have not been actively going out to meet and serve them?

Salvation by works is hard work, because it is about facing up to our responsibilities.

The British Union board is calling upon every pastor, church board and congregation to embrace the challenge of how we can reach the people of the British Isles. We want you to prayerfully ask the question in board meetings, members’ meetings and the like: ‘Lord, what do you want our congregation to do to reach our local community and town?’

If we are not asking this question, we may be showing that we have embraced the principle that nothing works!

Salvation by works is hard work, because it will lead to mission/evangelistic intentionally in all that we do. For example: it is because we believe that first impressions count that we will ensure that our church premises are presentable and well signposted, so we will each dedicate a couple of hours to help on the church ‘clean up’ day.

Salvation by works is challenging, because it will lead to mission/evangelistic intentionally in all that we do. For example: we are going to need a re-think about our evangelistic policy. We are going to need to ask how we will engage in ‘salvation by works’, as God leads our congregations in how we will serve and make an impact in our local communities.

The Gospel Commission of Jesus makes evangelism, proclaiming the good news of the Gospel, the primary function of the Church (Matthew 28:18-20). It is, therefore, also the primary function of the board, which chooses as the chief committee of the church. When the board devotes its first interests and highest energies to evangelisation, most problems are alleviated or prevented, and a strong, positive influence is felt in the spiritual life and growth of members.

Our church board meetings should make evangelism their first interest. If you are a member of your church board and you feel theovenant began to fail, people were quick to make a connection between them and the preaching of a ‘crazy man’ who was telling of a flood. Noah’s preaching did make an impact in his community. It brought people out of ignorance, even though they did not respond positively by going into the ark.

The British Union Conference executive committee wants to lead by example by consciously placing mission and evangelism at the top of its agenda, thereby affording them significant time for discussion and prayerful reflection. As simple as this may sound, it is difficult to accomplish, for the Union board meeting, like that of a local church board, has many pressing and competing items to deal with in its limited and precious time. But as the Church Manual wisely counsels, if we concentrated on how we should reach the lost, many of our problems would be alleviated!

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Are you a Seventh-day Adventur e

by Elisabeth Carroll

When I heard about the relatively new indoor market in Grantham, I felt positively impressed that this was an opportunity to have a Christian bookstall in the community.

On receiving the blessing of the church board, I visited the market and spoke to the manager. The reaction was, ‘It’s not too religious!’

‘Oh no,’ I quickly replied, ‘mostly children’s Bible story books and a few books for adults.’

And so it began . . . for the month of December, I could find me on a Wednesday at a local Grantham indoor market. The market is new – not many people know about it yet and it can be very quiet, but even so I think there has only been one day when I neither sold nor gave away a piece of literature – and even on that day, I had a number of conversations about our churches and about belief with fellow stallholders.

Let me share some encounters

The Advent Calendars proved to be popular: one man told me his daughter came running to him every morning to read the next story; another man told me how he had to explain to his granddaughter who Zacharias was; another lady told me how much her granddaughter loved the little books in the Advent Calendar too.

One of the stallholders during December was from Community Books. He came to me one day and asked if I was an Adventist. ‘Yes,’ I said, ‘what gave it away?’ He had noticed that the Advent Calendar had ‘Stanborough Press’ printed on the back, and told me they still get Bible story books coming into Community Books. He was happy to share that he bought a whole set of Bible story books for his children in monthly instalments years ago, and still has them.

A young man with a slight learning disability became a regular customer during December. When I offered him a small book, he said: ‘I’ve already got that one.’

‘I know! I’ve already got that one,’ he said. ‘I’ve already got that one.’

Seeing poor results is not new. We should think. Then it clicked. A few years ago, I was one of those students and had now brought a friend with him to the market – a free gift with a purchase, he said: ‘I’ve already got that one.’

A couple who are regular visitors to the market stopped to chat on one day and asked me what church I go to. When I told them they thanked me for a lovely food parcel they had received from the Adventists at their luncheon club.

How interesting to realise that the very mission outside of the past that we may have thought bore no fruit actually had made an impact on the people I am meeting in the market.

One stallholder remembers working with someone who asked for Fridays off work. Two other stallholders requested that we pray for them during our Worship Service. In the new year I was greeted with a big hug from one of the stallholders. I’ve been accepted into the family – the Christian Bookstall is now a part of the market.

I went in on the first Wednesday in January and I asked if I could have a stand that day. The next day, we had the reply, with a beaming smile. What a difference to the first time I asked for a stand! Just before Christmas, two ladies were looking at the books on display when one of them suddenly realised what she was looking at: ‘Oh – you’re a Christian stall.’ ‘Yes,’ I replied. ‘How lovely to have a Christian presence in the market!’ she exclaimed. Yes, it is lovely to have a Christian presence in the market. Please pray that the literature sold and given away will help the recipients have a closer walk with God, and that the children who receive the story books and sticker books will grow up to know and love God.

Finally, I must share with you one outcome which I feel calls us when he heard what Church I belong to.

‘Oh yes, I know, you’re the Seventh-day Adventur e .’ So, can we live up to the name?
I had a complaint the other day, via email, from a reader who was very disappointed that her eagerly awaited Megapixel had no Megapixel spread (you know who you are): so here we go again!

For 2012, Megapixels of creation will take on different themes of creation and nature from around the world – not just seasons, as we did last year. So please continue to send me your photographs – scenes, flora and fauna, birds, animals, insects and close-ups – anything that you feel portrays the wonder of creation.

If you have enjoyed all these great pictures, how about sending in yours, to: dbell@stanboroughpress.co.uk – just remember to keep them ‘hi-res’.

DAVID BELL

‘Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.’

Genesis 2:19 (NIV-UK)

5. Hover fly. Marrick Schoonraad, Canon EOS 40D.
8. Blue tit. Piotr Nikiel, Canon 50d.

Please visit: www.adventistpictures.org.uk/megapixels, for more pictures.
Great start to 2012!

Apart from the ‘80 days of prayer’ programme the church has been immersed in, West Bletchley Community Church has already had two wonderful occasions in 2012 – a baptism and an ordination!

Mulenji (15) and Mzati (12) Zapita, a brother and sister, declared their faith in Jesus on Sabbath 28 January, and Vernon Noel, Patience Mangoro and Sylvia Scott were ordained as elders on Sabbath 11 February. Church members have been praying all year, and anticipate more blessings ahead!

Baptism at Great Brickkiln Church

On 1 January 2012, Davina was baptised at Great Brickkiln Church, after searching for the true Church for years – previously she had been attending a Roman Catholic church. Davina was going through a traumatic time when Jason Patterson, a devoted Adventist engaged in personal ministry evangelism, knocked on her door and witnessed about God’s mercy and great love for His created beings.

Later, Davina stated that miraculously her prayers had been answered. She began taking Bible studies with Jason, which led to her regular attendance and baptism.

Testimony on substance abuse brings Harlow South to tears

A life spent battling addictions is what Michael Oxley spoke of at the Harlow South church-plant’s youth day on 4 February. The young man told the youths assembled for a programme on substance abuse how he changed from an addict to a powerful speaker and finally accepted Jesus Christ.

Youth day organiser Del Baxter said, ‘Michael’s story truly touched the whole church.’

Young people from neighbouring churches and the community joined Harlow South’s youth for the programme, which also examined the example of the prodigal son.

Michael’s story brought home the power of God in the darkest of hours. An older church member admitted, ‘I cried throughout the presentation; several people were in tears.’

Elder Calvin Mazengwe remarked: ‘Evangelism can be done by youth. We are encouraging our youth to brighten their corner.’

The recreation included socialising, football, basketball and other outdoor games, and a trip to the local swimming facilities; however, the youth also realised that St Augustine’s idea, about filling a ‘God-shaped vacuum’ with only Jesus and His Gospel, is spot on.

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Milton Keynes baptism and farewell

Milton Keynes’s Wolverton Branch Sabbath School was pleased to see a recent attendee, Jessica Hamutanga, unite herself with Christ and 17.5 million other Seventh-day Adventists through baptism.

On that day the church family also said farewell to Michael, Ivy, and Abigail Salim, who return to Botswana. They will be remembered for their faithful service, including their offers of books to passing shoppers.

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Prayer and Bible conference 2012

From 13 to 17 February 2012, the SEC Teen Ministries department held its fourth Prayer and Bible conference, with up to 109 teens and youths from all over the county, at Starborough Secondary School in Watford. Teens director Pastor Dejan Stojkovic and volunteers guided the youth through the week, which included a fun-filled ice-breaker, a lively song service, and an inspirational word from the main speaker, Pastor Ryan Simpson (Youth and Pathfinder director of the Bermuda Conference), on Jeremiah 29:11, plants and grasshoppers, the perplexity of prayer, Arise and Cross the Jordan’, and ‘March Again’.

The services continued with morning worship and Bible study, with an afternoon workshop run by Isha Prince: ‘Sex and the Sanctuary.’ The workshops focused on purity in Christ, and helping teens prepare for their future relationships and marriages.

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Jaw-dropping joy at Middlesbrough

Eight former pastors of Middlesbrough Church were astounded on Sabbath 10 March – remembering the small, vandalised church they had pastored in a deprived part of Middlesbrough, they expressed wonder at the facilities, decoration, and large congregation at the church’s new high-profile property on a leading thoroughfare.

Middlesbrough members welcomed guests from across the country to a commissioning service for their new building, formerly used for worship by the United Reformed Church. Built in 1923, it has been tastefully renovated with additional rooms and a larger hall, useful for Children’s Sabbath School, youth work and community programmes, including a weekly sleep-over for the homeless and asylum seekers.

The service was full of thankfulness to God. The congregation had sold their old church and rented accommodation for four years, while the congregation continued to grow.

Finally a building came up for sale, and Adventists secured this property in competition with people who were willing to offer more! Since then, members and friends have worked to renovate the building. Contractors, who worked on the roof and painting and were very impressed, also assisted in the service of commissioning!

The Reverend Meg Robb and several members of the United Reformed Church also attended, delighted that their church could continue to be used for Christian worship – as did Mayor Ray Mallon, who knows the church does a lot for the socially deprvered and respects the Adventist health message. ‘Pray for each other, and pray for Middlesbrough’, he challenged.

Pastor Cyril Sweeney, NEC president, preached in the morning service, and BUC president, Pastor Ian Sweeney, noted that when Jesus came to church there was always drama! Jesus desires to come into this house through His people’, he challenged, emphasising that our purpose must be to show God’s love to the community.

Photos of the day can be viewed in the BUC picture gallery: http://www.adventistpictures.org.uk/gallery/2012/Middlesbrough/index.php.

UK Adventist Evangelism Conference

‘The right arm, the right approach, right now’ – saving lives, saving souls

Sabbath 19 May, 10am-6pm
Newbold College, Bracknell

For all doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals, students and retirees

Contact Dr Christopher Levy at: calevy@gmail.com or on 07947280335, or Dr Clemency Mitchell at: clemency@themitchells.eclipse.co.uk or on 07791969778.

Calling all Construction Professionals

Architects, construction managers, surveyors, project managers, town planners, health/safety professionals, estate agents, surveyors, engineers, civil engineers, mechanical/electrical engineers, skylights, structural engineers, developers.

We are trying to establish if it is feasible to develop a Forum of Adventist Construction Professionals to serve the church. This concept is that we provide a discussion forum to our churches at least in the first instance when they are making decisions with regard to the built environment and their church facility.

Let’s meet to discuss and hopefully make plans to move forward

Meeting Time 15.00

Advent Centre
12 Crawford Place
WE3 6AN

13th May 2012

Please contact Hewitt (Grant on 07907 679555 or fay@hewitt@adventist.org.uk) to register your interest.

Your Church Needs You

Stanborough School humanitarian trip to India

Following a chance encounter with a former student, Dr Jacob Prabhakhar (medical director of the Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital in Jalandhar, India), Kish Poddar organised a team of eight students and two teachers for the 2012 Stanborough School IB CAS humanitarian trip to India.

Funds had been raised with a twenty-four-hour sponsored badminton session and bag-packing at ASDA and Sainsbury’s, and on Sunday 12 February the team met up at Heathrow with several cardboard boxes of clothes, toys, shoes and other items to give away.

Once in Jalandhar, they travelled by minibus into rural Punjab to a gurudwar (Sikh temple) where about fifty elderly men and women were waiting to be screened for cataract operations. At each of the stations, Stanborough students assisted the technicians. At first a little apprehensive, they quickly responded to the crash training course and fitted in with enthusiasm and interest! The successful patients were then transported to the hospital for the cataract operation.

Some students were to be with the patients in the waiting room, while others would receive the patients into the anaesthetic room while anaesthetic was injected into the eye socket. The patients were then escorted to the ambulance by another group, and in the theatre a fourth group of students ushered them to a seat and applied antiseptic over their eyes and surrounding tissue. Then the patient was assisted on to the operating table for the two-minute procedure, and assisted to leave the theatre. Another team of students escorted them out, and other volunteers escorted the patients to their beds. The patients and

Student health

The Paisley Company Health Ministries team and several volunteers, promoted a healthy lifestyle to students of the University of the West of Scotland in Paisley on Thursday, 29 September 2011.

Pastor Obi Iheoma was offered a space at the university’s fresher’s fayre – ironically, between the NHS stand and the Domino’s pizza booth! The expo was designed to reveal to participants their day-to-day habits. Students received many helpful resources and personal advice from our pastors and counsellors.

Pastor Filip Bajc and the team, smiling and professionally dressed, received 127 students in four and a half hours, fifty-one went on to give their contact details, requesting more information on upcoming courses.

Scottish Mission Health Ministries sponsor, Pastor David Hatch, said the contacts were most important.

Lifestyle centre development

Two years ago, student Pawan Laha put out an advert via the BUC Health Ministries department inviting Adventist health professionals to contact him in regards to setting up a lifestyle centre. Adventist osteopaths, chiropodists, podiatrists, physiotherapists, doctors, nurses, nutritionists, Christian counsellors, massage therapists, clinical staff, administra-

Stanborough students returned to the gurudwar for the post-operative assessment and final discharge.

The second eye camp was held in a different village near the Indo-Pakistan border – some patients were totally blind, and all needed hands-on assistance. The screening went on for hours, and more than 500 were screened, 400 of whom were eligible for surgery. The following morning surgery began, and the same routine was followed.

The students continued their roles as volunteers, helping to feed the patients and assist with personal care. However, they also got to see the Taj Mahal, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the Wagah border flag-lowering ceremony and the capital city of India, New Delhi.

This trip was organised as part of the community service ethos of Stanborough School, inspired by Jesus; He knew that there is a double blessing in serving others. If you would like to be a volunteer on a humanitarian trip, come and join Stanborough School for a truly wholesome education experience.
Cheltenham appreciates its children

The Cheltenham congregation is blessed with more than twenty children in the age range of 3 and 15, and at Sabbath School members showed them just how much they are appreciated.

The children were invited to read Bible texts, say prayers, sing, and do activities during the children’s story, they were reminded how special they are to the church family and to God, and during the sermonette Pastor Rudi Puskas reminded the adults to show their appreciation, and led in a prayer of blessing.

The children talked about some of the activities, were encouraged to listen out for God, and received certificates recognising their individual contributions.

We pray that God will continue to make our children a blessing.

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London Ghana turns 20

London Ghana Seventh-day Adventist Church is set to celebrate the anniversary of its foundation this April.

The church, which formed in the early 1960s as a prayer group and a fellowship, officially attained church status in April 1992.

The church leadership explained that this anniversary is not all that easy. Time, money and other valuable resources have been contributed to make the church what it is today: a fellowship of more than 500 Seventh-day Adventists.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the church is holding a series of events to mark the church’s anniversary.

The 20th anniversary will therefore coincide with the opening of the church’s new building, located in Plaistow, East London.

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Seventy-two years as church organizer

Colin Robson was given a certificate of appreciation by the Carlisle church recently, for his contribution to their worship services of organ playing.

Colin first picked out a tune on the organ at Park Wesley Methodist Church in Middlesbrough as a schoolboy. He joined the evangelical team and played in campaigns in Newcastle,Carlisle and Barnsley. In 1943 Colin went to Newbold College in Leicestershire where he studied theology and was ordained a pastor. He was called to church in Carlisle, and since 1949 has been the church’s organist and conductor of the choir.

After attending meetings conducted by the late Pastor Bernard Kirman, the family were baptised in 1940, and Colin was voted in as church organist. He joined the evangelical team and played in campaigns in Newcastle, Carlisle and Barnsley.

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International women's day of prayer

On 15 March, the international women’s day of prayer at Harleston Road Church was attended by women from eighteen countries, all praying to have the compassion and ability to help others.

The women distributed 568 flyers in their community on 18 February, and 512 Someone Carers diary during their prayer walk, letting the community know that they really care, and that their homes were being prayed for on 25 February. Invitations to trust God and contact details for the church were supplied in the flyers.

During the Divine Service, Peace Sibanda from Manchester North prayed on ‘Father’s Love’, and in the afternoon programme, taken by Seryn Lawrence, Josephine Vine led the women through ‘Family Father’s’ services.

The well-attended day was concluded with a prayer chain.

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Bournville youth banquet

On the evening of Saturday 11 February, Bournville members held their first ever youth banquet, dressed up in dresses, suits and bow ties. Singing, dances, a skit and food were enjoyed by a backdrop of the Adventist logo. Bournville members are already looking forward to the Bournville youth banquet 2012!

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Whatever you do, do it for ADRA!

Whether you work, run, cycle or– or, if you live in London, whether you’re still collecting from door to door, like champion ingatherer Hubert Smiley – whatever you do, do something for ADRA-UK. For you can choose whatever you do – because your sacrifice will help someone somewhere to say “Yes” as they experience that profound sense of achievement and personal Service. Pastor Andrew is joining the children of the Pathfinder and Adventure club of Carlekerown to support ADRA-UK. Pastor Andrew Puskas-Heathcoother

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London Ghana Seventh-day Adventist Church is set to celebrate the anniversary of its foundation this April.
Abderaron Advent Campsite 2012 activity weekends

27-29 April: Surf’s Up
4-7 May: Walk of History
11-13 May: Challenge the World
18-20 May: Boulders for Christ
25-27 May: Walk the Llyn

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Vocalists needed: Carl Ferguson is seeking singers to help him record Sabbath songs in every possible language. This is part of a project to raise awareness of Sabbath hymns and spread the Gospel of the Sabbath to all the world. Carl currently has more than 100 Sabbath songs. To find out more, or to help through musical ability or financial donations, email: CSCSFerguson@hotmail.co.uk

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Session announcement: North England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the sixty-first session of the North England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13-14 September 2012 at the Cheltenham Racecourse Conference Centre, Prestbury Park, Cheltenham. Sabbath, 15 September 2012 will be a day of fellowship. Registration on Thursday begins at 7.30am and the opening of session at 9.45am.

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