When I started this brief article there were just 25 days, 4 hours and 58 minutes left before the beginning of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Time was running down towards the moment when the Olympic torch would ignite the stadium flame – signal for the Games to begin!

Since 19 May the Olympic Torch Relay has meandered across our island, cheered on its way by countless well-wishers, eventually to pass through 1,019 communities on its way to London.

This torch

The torch ‘is made up of an inner and an outer aluminium alloy skin, held in place by a cast top piece and base, perforated by 8,000 circles’, each representing one of the torch bearers who ‘will carry the Olympic Flame as it journeys across the UK. Nominated by someone they know, it will be their moment to shine, inspiring millions of people watching in their community, in the UK and worldwide.’

Its designers have done something unique in the history of the modern Olympic movement. They have created a symbolism through which we see the spirit of the Games multiplied and magnified over and over again in the lives of ordinary people. People nominated by other ordinary people whose lives they have touched in some special way.

The athletes will shine at the Games as they always do – some brighter than others. But this torch is giving ‘8,000 inspirational people’, an unforgettable moment to do the same – and not one is a loser!

Whether the torchbearers have walked, jogged, staggered on prosthetic legs, or been wheeled along, they are all winners. For their relay is not really about physical prowess, is it? It’s about overcoming immensely personal, painful obstacles.

Do yourself a favour . . .

If you have internet access, do yourself a favour and visit the London Games 2012 website (http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/torchbearers). There you’ll find the torchbearers listed for each day. Take the time to read the copy that pops up when you click on the button labelled ‘Read full story’. It is inspirational.

Let me just share one with you briefly. It describes Charlie Murgatroyd, a 14-year-old, who helped carry the torch through Leicester on 2 July.

At birth Charlotte was expected to live about eight days due to a serious heart defect. ‘Countless operations later – having endured more pain than most would face in a lifetime’ – she has personally raised more than £6,500 for the Heartlink charity, including more than £500 of the cash she received on her tenth birthday! Besides this, she has acted ‘as a spokeswoman’ to campaign against the closure of Glenfield children’s cardiac services.

by Julian Hibbert
Introducing AMEN

Back in 1999 a UK branch of AMEN (Adventist International Medical Evangelism Network) was started to promote fellowship and support for Adventist practitioners and students in medical and allied fields. Initially they held regular meetings, including fellowships Sabbath and week-end conferences, but for the last few years they have only met very occasionally.

Recently, two of the AMEN team, Drs Christina and Larry Mitchell, heard about AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network) also based in America, but differing from AMEN in that it has a very strong emphasis on evangelism – medical mission, health outreach, and the sharing of the Adventist health advantage with friends, neighbours and the public at large. They found that AMEN were keen to see a UK chapter formed.

The first thing Drs Levy and Mitchell did was to arrange a medical fellowship Sabbath for Adventist medical students and to discuss the possibility of forming a UK branch of AMEN.

To their amazement, more than ninety medics, nurses, other health professionals and lay people came to the Newbuildings church on Sabbath 19 May. They all shared a keen desire to see ‘the right arm of the Advent message’ used to open doors for the Gospel message.

The medical mission emphasis began with Sabbath School both in the lesson with Dr Adam Ibrahim and the mission news when dentist Mr Peter Yusvedian told us about his regular overseas dental volunteer trips. The inspiring theme of Dr Levy’s lecture was his involvement with the leprosy patients and 

was The Healing Ministry of Jesus, based on Matthew 9.

In the afternoon, Dr Levy talked about ‘A vision for AMEN’, explaining the benefits of joining AMEN, the resources available, their website, their journal, and their willingness to attend the next conference and welcome their UK chapter. The general view was that although no offer should be accepted and a local chapter of AMEN formed. Jim Cunningham, the chair of ASI UK, challenged the group with the opportunities health evangelism offers in the UK for both problem families. Peter Yusvedian filled in more details about the joys, challenges and practicalities of short-volunteer overseas missionary trips, and Dr Roland Karlman of the E. G. White Research Centre discussed its resources. He also shared interesting information about Ellen White’s role in health reform. Although she was accused of simply copying her ideas from others, the facts show that she was very specific in her choice of what to share from the vast number of health theories current in her day, managing to avoid the many theories subsequently proved to be wrong and choosing those now supported by abundant scientific evidence.

For more information about AMEN and to listen to their conference presentations, go to www.amen.org. To contact the UK group, email calvey@gmail.com or clemency@themitchells.eclipse.co.uk.

Golden eight – part 7c

Water – getting the balance right

Several factors influence our requirement for water, including body weight, temperature, dietary practice, exercise, age and gender. Here are the Mayo Clinic recommendations regarding our water consumption needs: (www.mayoclinic.com/health/water/AM00283).

Exercise

• If you are engaging in activities that make you sweat, you need to replace the water you lost. Your doctor may recommend oral rehydration fluids in some cases. With some conditions, like bladder infections or urinary tract stones, practitioners will advise you to increase fluid intake. In other cases, however, health conditions like heart failure and some types of kidney, adrenal or liver disease can reduce water excretion to the extent that fluid intake must be restricted.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

• Expectant mothers or those breastfeeding need more fluids to maintain hydration. The Institute of Medicine’s recommendation for pregnant women is 2.3 litres (about 10 cups) of fluids daily, and for breastfeeding women 3.1 litres (around 13 cups) daily.

Water intoxication occurs when excessive water is ingested (usually very quickly). This dilutes the blood content, leading to a condition called hyponatraemia, where blood salt levels become dangerously low – affecting brain, heart and muscle function.

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Dehydration occurs when there is insufficient water in the body to carry out normal functions. Symptoms include:

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• Severe cases – muscle spasms, racing pulse and seizures.

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Illnesses and health condition

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Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald, RNK, RM, RNH MC

Health Minister director, RHCS

Good health!

During the past weeks disclosures about investment banks and bankers have dominated media’s attention. The manipulation of the inter-bank lending rate (LIBOR) has been touched upon with high seriousness, with many slamming for heavy fines or prison terms for the guilty.

Alas, all this begs the question: what is there that can be done to stem the tide? And what is the source of the problem?

So does God? And the Bible actually provides the basis for this view:

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• “Heal, and they will be healed; bind them up, and they will be bound up.” (Isaiah 53:4, NIV).

• “We USED TO PRAY FOR THE REPENTANCE OF THE WICKED, BUT NOW WE PRAY FOR THE FORTI- TUD OF THE LORD.” (Psalm 34:7, NIV)

• “Lest the heart of the righteous and the true heart of the wise man bealienated from the Lord.” (Proverbs 15:29, NIV).

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Some words have no substitute

by Pastor John Ferguson

‘Like apples of gold set in silver filigree is a word spoken in season’ (Proverbs 25:11, KJV).

I think you will agree with me that words do matter. So does the manner in which we use them. They can be a power for good, or evil. Words can excite, or depress. They can inspire, or discourage. Let us therefore choose our words carefully.

Words can form a beautiful prayer, create a magnificent hymn or communicate a powerful sermon. Sadly, they can also reveal a mean or bitter spirit, tell a dirty joke or start a violent protest!

Choose them carefully

Our words say a lot about us. They also tell those close to us how we feel about each other. It is why we choose to use them very carefully.

One word that has suffered a lot in recent times is the word ‘love’. Today it is used to describe a variety of attitudes and emotions – some crude or trite, others deep and noble. I love pizza, I love curry and chips. I love a walk in the fresh country air, or a good book. But I also love my children and my wife!

I tried something different

Some years ago, I read some of C. S. Lewis’s book called The Screwtape Letters – a devotional that advocated that we use the term ‘value’ as a substitute for ‘love’. The author did this on the basis that Jesus’ love demonstrated the value He placed on people. He valued us so much that He was even prepared to give His own life for us.

Christian love – the highest and best gift

‘If we speak with the eloquence of men and of angels, but have not love, we become no more than sounding brass or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all the secrets of the world, and all the power of God, and if I have all knowledge and all understanding, and if I possess all the gifts of God, if I can perform all good works, yet if I do not have love, I am nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude. It does not seek its own interests, but the interest of others. It does not rejoice in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But we see now only in a mirror, imperfectly, and then only in part. But then we shall see face to face, and we shall know, even as we are known. Love will never fail. In God’s sanctuary, where the church and the sanctuary meet, love is the true and sure foundation. Love is a bond, a support, a comfort, a strength. It is more than knowledge or power; it is more than the most perfect charity. Love is the greatest gift of all. What else is there to say? Love endures forever. Love never ends.

All gifts except love will be superseded one day

For if there are prophecies they will be fulfilled and done with, if there are tongues the need for them will disappear, if there is knowledge it will be swallowed up in truth. For our knowledge is always incomplete and our prophecy is always limited, and when the complete comes, that is the end of the incomplete.

When I was a little child I talked and felt and thought like a little child. Now that I am a man my childish speech and thought have changed and I have no further significance for me.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience – it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not provoked. It is neither to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad with all good people.

Love knows no limits to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

1 Corinthians 13, as translated by J. B. Phillips

Note: This is the last part of the devotional that came out on the 2nd of November 2013.
Olympic Adventism – UK style

Victor Hubbert and Colin Stewart provide us with a glimpse of how our members are celebrating the London 2012 Games.

Although sport is the biggest aspect of the Olympic Games, the festival involves much more. From as early as June, Horley-Gatwick Adventist Church started a programme of community gospel singing and a cultural kitchen to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Following a great response and support from the community, they have been invited back for the torch relay.

Youth community cafes have opened up in Chatham, Kent and Walthamstow, East London. Here neighbours and friends are welcome to watch the Games, engage with church members and enjoy refreshments. The Central London church will host a myriad of programmes and an open café running throughout the Games.

Members will not be short of literature to share during the Games. A special edition of Life into magazine, 30,000 ‘Olympic Edition’ copies of Steps to Christ, and a small book, The Christian Race by Croydon pastor and Olympic chaplain, Richard Daly, are just some of the resources the church has made available. Churches are also getting ready for the Games with sport and fitness programmes. These include a basketball camp in Islington; a bike ride in Edmonton; netball and football in South London; and sports days in Chelsmford, Chatham, Oxford and even down on the beach in Bournemouth!

Wigston being the biggest Adventist connection to the Olympic Games, organisers hope to inspire positive lifestyle changes that encourage healthy and active living. As a result many churches are organising health expos, utilising the skills of their health professionals.

Additional programmes are specifically targeting children. In Peterborough and Cambridge, holiday Bible Schools are being planned during the summer break, while family fun days and festivals are organised for Bletchley, Dagenham, Clapton, and Plaistow.

Evangelistic teams are also in action with programmes running through the Olympic period. Concerts are planned, and some members will be singing in the Olympic choir during the opening celebrations.

Former Australian Youth director, Graeme Frazer-Hedden, an Adventist clown, will spend almost three months in the UK sharing his creative talent, bringing joy and laughter to everyone ‘as he shares the Gospel in his heart Olympics’. Two special days of fellowship on the first two Sabbaths in August will be themed, ‘Ignite the Flame’ and ‘Torch Bearers’.

Olympic drama will not just be on the field. Specially commissioned by the South England Conference of the Adventist Church, Mervyn Weir has developed an inspiring theatre performance that highlights important Gospel themes in ‘Beyond Gold’. This promotes the idea of both being healthy and being visible in our communities. Members have committed to walk at least 1 mile to and from church. Churches have used this opportunity to become more environmentally friendly by making clothes collections, recycling, car sharing, walking to church and much more. The aim is to produce many more ‘Eco-Christians’ as we care for our bodies and our environment while reaching out to our communities.

The aim of the Olympic Outreach team is to make a difference in the spiritual and evangelistic outreach ever in the UK. However, while plans are being made for the summer, churches are committed to the creation of an Olympic ‘legacy’ – that this will be just the beginning of big things for God!

For more on Olympic Outreach programmes, download the official Adventist Church Olympic Outreach app for the iPhone or visit www.live-uk.org.

Useful websites which also sell DVDs, tracts and books for children:

- **Guide Magazine**
  - [www.guideamagazine.org](http://www.guideamagazine.org)
  - **Click on Links. Click on the Links site menu list (bottom of screen). Click on Creation/evolution. Here children learn in an interactive way about evidence for Creation and the problems with the theory of evolution.**

- **Creation Ministries International**
  - 15 Station Street, Whetstone, Leicestershire, LE8 6JS
  - Tel: 0845 6800 264
  - [www.creationministriesinternational.com](http://www.creationministriesinternational.com)

- **Creation Resources Trust**
  - PO Box 3237, Yeovil, BA22 7W
  - Tel/Fax: 01935 850569
  - [www.c-r-t.co.uk](http://www.c-r-t.co.uk)
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- **Verite**
  - Tel: 01903 241975
  - Verite sells a number of DVDs and videos, including Life’s Story; which gives evidence against darwinism.
  - [www.veriteshop.co.uk](http://www.veriteshop.co.uk)

- **Adventist Book Centre**
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  - The following resources are found on this website:

**Video/DVD**
- The Kids’ Creation Story (Animated Kids’ Bible – Creation)

**Books**
- Adam & Eve (Creation and Redemption), by Ruth Redding Brand
  - Books from this series include: resource book, students’ textbook, teachers’ textbook

**Holiday Bible School**
- Holiday Bible School – ‘The Amazing Creation’
Hello Special Stars!
The Olympic athletes have learnt to trust their coach because this person has shown them how to become a winner. Even Jesus needed someone special to train Him. Use this code to find out who it is. The first number in this code tells you which number to find in the mobile. The second number tells you what letter to put on the empty line: for example, 4.3 = I.

When this young lady trusted God, many other people came to trust God too.

Today you can thank God that He has given you a mum, or aunt, or grandma, to be your very own coach. If you want to be a winner, then listen to her – so that, like Jesus, your trust in God will grow.
‘Camp meeting 2012 was truly amazing. The messages were awesome, and the Spirit touched my life and reinvigorated my spiritual experience.’ These comments by Toshi of Wolverhampton sum up the feelings of many who recently attended the North England Conference camp meeting at Pwllheli, North Wales.

Brother Z. Campbell, interviewed during one of the camp’s bright sunny afternoons, recounted memories of earlier ‘camp meetings and difficulties with poor weather in Wales – at Pwllheli actually. I can recall camp meetings that were cold and wet all the time – but here we are in Wales enjoying the biggest North England Conference camp meeting ever, basking in glorious sunshine and sharing fellowship, prayer time, praise time and social highlights. What more can we ask for?’

Well, to tell the truth, he could have asked for another three or four days of glorious summer! It really poured for the rest of the camp – but God kept our spirits up, despite the deluge!

There were challenges These started a few days before the event began, when one of the main venues was flooded out, causing great inconvenience and disruption to our youth programme. Then our media team had vehicle problems and – to cap it all – Pastor John Ferguson had his car written off by an articulated truck while on the way to camp. Fortunately, he survived unscathed.

Pastor Williams’ testimony Our challenges, however, seemed a lot smaller after we listened to Pastor Robert Williams’ testimony on Tuesday evening. It wasn’t your average ‘God-did-everything-for-me’ type of tale. This time it really was as he said: ‘God did everything – and you’ll read about it in a book in the future.’ His story includes being stricken with malaria; staying on life support for over two weeks with the doctors in doubt about his recovery; and being unable to walk and talk – with the likelihood of kidney and liver damage. His riveting story held many spellbound and gave courage to all who heard it.

Pastor Williams’ testimony Despite their best efforts, the media team finally gave up trying to ‘stream’ the programme due to various technical difficulties at the site. But that didn’t stop the Holy Spirit working directly on the hearts of holiday-makers who were invited to, or simply followed the crowds into, the meetings. Several of them responded to the call to enter into a relationship of faith in Jesus Christ. One of them, Iren from Southport, said, ‘I have been welcomed so openly, and simply made to feel loved – it has been a really wonderful experience.’

Meanwhile the youth were growing in skill and in maturity as they learned to operate equipment that appeared to need the odd touch of Divine Intervention. Well, how else do you explain a telephone call about equipment repairs made from a phone with no apparent signal?

Wednesday afternoon activity time featured the Newbold College-sponsored annual cricket match between clergy and members. During the last match the ministers thrashed the members, and there was a great desire for revenge this time round! The members duly delivered – beating a much-depleted ministerial team.

Standing room only For Wednesday night’s meeting the hall filled to capacity, and there was standing room only! Camp security and other staff were also listening in at the back of the hall – and they invited any curious passersby to join them. ‘If you’re happy and you know it, your face will surely show it’, said Doctor Byrd. That evening he shrugged off the label of ‘showman’ that some had given him and delivered a powerful sermon under the title, ‘Prison Breaks’. It was an examination of the convict stories in Acts – a simple message about the fact that God delivers – but not always as we expect.

The messages of Andrea Trusty King, the midday speaker in the adult hall, had a profound effect on the negative talk that one too often hears from our members. ‘The words we use decide and reflect our daily decisions . . . there is power in the words of our tongue. Too often we speak death and destruction upon ourselves. If you can’t speak a good word then speak a silent word. . . . We bring doom on ourselves by the atmosphere we surround ourselves with and by the words we use to define ourselves.’ It was gratifying throughout the week to hear campers stopping their conversations in full flow and saying, ‘I can’t say that because I amfasting from criticizing and complaining!’ Long may that fast last!

More positive comments There were some complaints about the lighting in the main hall, but people soon realized that some things were beyond the NEC’s control. Fortunately, the positive comments kept flowing from the hearts of those who were blessed: ‘Very good meetings; nicely organised, with good speakers’; ‘Best speakers I have ever heard’; and ‘a real spiritual atmosphere’. Speakers The camp meeting programme was very pleasing and featured a well-rounded group of speakers and presenters, who met the needs of most campers in the context they covered. Along with Dr Carlton Byrd and Dr Andrea Trusty King, the adult programme also featured Tony Moore (Hope Channel and...
This site gave our youth access to new facilities and activities. These included a large indoor pool, beaches, water sports, football and basketball, adventure golf and a gym. The relationship workshops for the young men and women encouraged healthy discussion about the roles and expectations of both genders, while the teens studied Sex and the Sanctuary and discovered ways in which they can live sexually pure lives. Last but not least, the youth programme speakers, Peter Gregory, Charissa Fong and Ian Sweeney, did a fantastic job too.

All in all, challenges aside, camp meeting 2012 had a powerful spiritual impact on the lives of the attendees. Our hope and prayer is that it will be a lasting impact.

To see more pictures from the NEC camp meeting, go to: http://www.adventistpictures.org.uk/gallery/2012/NECCampmeeting/

****FOCUS on the Jubilee****

After years of circulating our small close of ten houses with a copy of FOCUS magazine each Easter and Christmas (when I also include an Autumn House calendar), I was able to use the FOCUS in our Queen’s Diamond Jubilee when we held a street party.

Well, we’d organised the party in the street, but the rain was so bad that, rather than cancel the event, our next door neighbours invited us all into their recently-built large extension! There were fourteen of us, and we started off by singing ‘God Save the Queen’, plus a loyal toast to Her Majesty, and then I said grace. Our neighbours knew us well enough to know that as Christians that’s what we wanted, and I will never forget the thrill of hearing the four children of the close say ‘Amen’ when I’d finished the brief prayer. It has become my sweetest memory of the day.

Before the ‘non’-street party, only a few of the fourteen neighbours knew anything about the others (though we knew and had made friends with most of them). Now we all know each other, even the two rather recluse older folk who really needed to have caring neighbours. They came ‘for a bit’, but stayed all afternoon. Everyone naturally received the Jubilee FOCUS, and nearly all said how much they appreciated the magazine, and the yearly calendar.

The day was such a success that we plan to have more get-togethers in the future, and one couple have been asking about our faith. Improving Bible studies are going to be getting a bit of a regular feature! We will continue to work and pray for all our neighbours, as we firmly believe that there’s no better way to introduce people to Jesus than by being their friends – and there’s no better Friend than Jesus to help them find a place in God’s Kingdom.

****Great Yarmouth street party****

Great Yarmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church put on a spectacular Jubilee street party on Monday 4 June, which brought together strangers and neighbours alike.

‘It’s seen as a method of evangelism: it’s not to push the church on people, but just to let the people in the community know that we’re ready to build bridges and break down any barriers. People we’ve invited to things at the church previously have come out today too!’ enthused Pastor Michael Walker.

The church had been granted funding for the street party by their local council and had officially cordoned off their street, Burnt Oak: a large portion of which was filled with endless tables of party, picnic and posh foods while church members managed the stalls.

To make the atmosphere even more special, John Sampson, from Lowestoft Church, had brought his accordion to perform songs such as ‘God Save Our Gracious Queen’ as he walked tirelessly up and down the street.

James Leggett, a neighbour living on Burnt Oak, brought his daughters to the street party. They enjoyed the bouncy castle, face-painting and crafts throughout the day. James later made this comment: ‘It’s been an absolutely fantastic day.’

Bertie Nysschen, pastor of Great Yarmouth Church and hardworking ‘barbecutionist’ for the day, found the day a success. ‘I think it’s gone great. We really didn’t expect so many people to come out. I think it’s been fantastic and it’s really done something for the church in this area.’

****Hyland House Jubilee party****

The children of Hyland House Seventh-day Adventist School, in Waltham Forest, had their very own street party on Friday 1 June. Having been invited to the beginning of the Queen’s Jubilee Tour around the country, the whole school was excited to further celebrate the special occasion in their own style.

The children made every effort to co-ordinate their outfits with the Jubilee party, only a few of the fourteen neighbours knew anything about the others (though we knew and had made friends with most of them). We all know each other, even the two rather recluse older folk who really needed to have caring neighbours. They came ‘for a bit’, but stayed all afternoon. Everyone naturally received the Jubilee FOCUS, and nearly all said how much they appreciated the magazine, and the yearly calendar.

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****Messy Church Jubilee at Stanborough Park****

The Queen’s Jubilee was celebrated at the June ‘Messy Church’ meeting at Stanborough Park Church with an ‘indoor street party’. Every ‘Messy Church’ session ends with a meal, but this time the hall was decorated with Union Jacks and decorations galore! Messy Church has now entered its fourth year at the church. Intended as an outreach activity for children aged 0-13 and their carers, it regularly hosts around 200 children and their carers, mostly from the local community. The current leaders are Estelle Elias, Emma Stickland, and Judy McKie, with an army of helpers to ensure that the children find Christianity exciting!
**Adventist programmes hitting new audiences**

It is now almost one year since Seventh-day Adventist programmes first started being aired on the Christian TV channel, Revelation TV. The variety of programmes aired on the Monday and Thursday night slots has successfully increased the awareness of the Adventist message and lifestyle within the larger Christian community.

A lady at the NEC camp meeting shared how her Christian neighbour loves Adventists in Conversation as she records every episode to share with others. The Adventist Media Centre UK (BUC) and SECmedia have worked hard to give viewers outside our faith community a greater understanding of Adventist faith. This has clearly worked. Leslie Conoly, co-founder of the channel, told us that the programmes are well received, and when occasionally viewed an Adventist presence on the channel, she tells them to watch the programme, and then write back if they have any complaints. So far that has not happened!

The schedule changed from the beginning of July: programmes will continue on Thursday evenings at 9.30pm on Sundays, in order to increase the audience reach. Revelation airs on Sky 581 and in the UK and across Europe. With the recent addition of the Roku box in the USA, the channel is expanding again.

The funds will be appreciated as much as the concert – children in Africa will benefit. If you have any questions, please contact Hubert Smiley on 01384 213803, 07868 288310, or email hubert.smiley@revelation-tv.com.

Adventist programmes hitting new audiences

Robert Joseph McIntyre (1918-2012) d. 18 April. Robert was the fifth child of George and Elizabeth McIntyre. He was born in Ireland, County Donegal. He also had two brothers: Herbert and Joe. Robert was known for his bicycle, which he rode everywhere he went. He was a keen gardenener; he was very tidy with the flowers he told. He had a sharp sense of humour; he was a practical jokester and a faithful father, a faithful elder and a faithful brother. He was a great friend to all of us, and he was always willing to help others in need. He was an active church member until 2011, when health problems started to play a part in his life. He continued to serve until his death on 18 April 2012. He had received excellent care from his loving wife, Clare McIntyre, and from the St Joseph residential home in Coleshill, Warwickshire.

On 15 May the family and friends came to see that last goodbye. The service took place at the Camp Hill church, and the officiating ministers were Pastor B. Hickin, J. Vickovic, E. Bright, and a Lay elder. Elstra Oliver McIntyre and R. McWhaf led the service with the tributes.

Pastor A. Layland delivered the sermon, and reminded all to ‘fight the good fight and finish the course’. And, if we are faithful, we will meet Bob on that great day when Christ returns.

Bob was laid to rest in Bev Boyd Cemetery. He now awaits the Saviour’s call. Dorothy Olive Heath, affectionately known as Dot, was a simple, unassuming woman, with a gentle smile and a heart full of love and service. She was a member of the church for many years, and she loved being a part of the family.

She fought for her family’s health, and for her own. She was always willing to help others in need. She was always ready to serve, and she always gave her best. She was a great friend to all of us, and she will be greatly missed.

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‘Give and it will come back to you’
When Gloria Davis of the West Bletchley Community church needed care, Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes was outstanding. Following a stay there, Gloria actively shared her faith with the chaplain and medical staff, one of whom was moved to tears by her faith and optimism. Their interest grew with her Bible-based replies, and they requested additional literature and a website address!

A collection was made at Gloria’s funeral, and the chaplain of the hospice, Steve Barnes, was thrilled to attend the morning service at West Bletchley Church on Sabbath 23 June to receive a cheque for £812.

We thank God for Gloria’s witness during her illness, and for the generosity of so many.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Chaplain Steve Barnes presented with a cheque by Sylvonie Noel (Gloria’s daughter).

Sanctuary Day at Newark
The Newark church held a ‘Sanctuary Day’ recently, inspired by interest from Joan Kirkland, who became a member a year ago after seeing a Messenger article. Joan’s interest led to a very meaningful evangelistic event in the church on a Sabbath morning, as guests walked in to find a large rectangle and other shapes marked on the floor, representing the sanctuary floor plan. Pastor Jaynies and Andrew Palmer literally walked the congregation around the sanctuary furniture, as guests and members sat in rapt attention.

During Divine Service, ‘David Ben Hosia’ was introduced to the congregation: really Andrew Palmer, dressed in a replica of Hebrew clothes, complete with prayer shawl and the correct undergarments! He drew attention to God through the experience of a man from the time of Moses as the Day of Atonement approached.

The whole service, acted out, helped the congregation realise that the sanctuary still has real meaning today. Visitors were both impressed and drawn into conversation about God and His work.

The next task is to follow up the interests and draw them into the life of the congregation!

PETER JAYNIES

SEC camp meeting videos available
Good news for those who were unable to attend the SEC camp meeting, and for those who were there and wish to experience it again – videos are now online and available for viewing! Check out: www.secmedia.org to see them.

New book of the week
The Great Controversy
Ellen G. White
This new book is a tried and tested classic – arguably Ellen White’s most important work, now colourfully illustrated in a high-quality paperback edition. Have you got a friend or family member who needs to hear the loud cry? This volume would be ideal for gifts and personal evangelism.

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