Dear reader, to you these might just be random numbers, but to us they are living proof of the work ADRA-UK does.

In 2014 – with your financial assistance – we helped 36,000 people escape poverty; provided disaster relief to over 175,000 people; and improved the health of over 119,000 families.

But our work never stops, because the world as we know it is progressively experiencing more and more turmoil, which includes an increase in the number of natural disasters and of people falling into poverty. We simply cannot turn away from those in need – we must help them.

ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) is an agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the basis for its existence – its reason for being – is to follow Christ’s example by living for, helping and working with those in need.

Christ showed the continued relevance of the messages in Isaiah by quoting the prophet’s words in support of His special ministry: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ (Luke 4:18, 19, NIV-UK.)

Christ had a particular concern for those in the most vulnerable parts of society: the very poor, the deprived, and the disabled. He wanted the believers, the Church, to help those in need. Matthew 25:31-46 outlines what Christ desires of those who follow and believe in Him; simply to feed the hungry, satisfy the thirsty, and clothe the naked. These specific activities also point to a more general, social ministry.

The Bible’s view is that the love God has for humanity should be reflected by the community of believers: ‘But if a man has enough to live on, and yet when he sees his brother in need shuts up his heart against him, how can it be said that the divine love dwells in him?’ (1 John 3:17, NEB.)

Today, in the British Union Conference, ADRA-UK is known primarily for the Gift Box (shoebox) Appeal and the Annual Appeal (or Ingathering). Most of you know that we help when emergencies strike: such as with Haiti, the Philippines and, more recently, the fight against Ebola in West Africa. But did you know that the funds collected during the Annual Appeal and throughout the year have an enormous impact on the lives of many other people? Over and above our emergency relief work we are creating lasting change for tens of thousands of people every year. That is why the numbers at the top are so important to us.

To continue to do our work we need your help again during this year’s Annual Appeal. Only with your help can we help people in need. Here are two examples of what your financial support in 2015 will help us achieve:

- In Laos it will help the women in 10 villages to learn to read and write, and provide them with access to solar power.
- In Cameroon it will help control water-borne diseases in 10 high-risk communities through water and sanitation projects that will benefit over 30,000.

During 2015 we will be working in over 12 of the least developed (or lowest-income) countries around the world, directly helping people through these projects and providing relief assistance when disasters strike.

To do this, however, we need your help! Please set some time aside to collect from door to door this year, organise a fund-raiser for us, or simply donate your own financial gift. Partner with us as we continue to impact people’s lives around the world.

Thank you for being an ADRA supporter.

Annual Appeal 2015
28 March – 12 April, UK
(extends to 19 April in London)

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Christians are by nature footloose having issued calls for people to, ‘Be not lovers of the world and the things in it,’ and it has (ironically) turned out that so-called ‘envy’ is the most common thing to be exorcised! For John 18:14, NIV-UK.)

Some interesting research

Barna Group is located in the US and ‘widely considered to be a leading research organisation focused on the intersection of faith and culture’. During 2013 they did some research that has a direct bearing on our discussion – let me share some of it with you.

The research set out to test one of the ‘common critiques’ levelled at present-day Christianity, namely, ‘that it’s a religion full of hypocritical people’. To achieve their results they formulated 20 ‘agree-or-disagree’ statements, ten of which were designed to measure ‘Christ-likeness’ and ten to measure ‘Pharisee-likeness’. In each category, the statements were further divided into five that would reflect the participants’ actions, and five that would examine their attitudes. Participants were required to rate their agreement with the statements using a four-point scale.

What were the statements like?

Space doesn’t permit us to list them all, but those selected below should give us a feel for the process. Under the ‘attitudes’ section of the ‘Christ-likeness’ statements were the following:

- I see God-given value in every person, regardless of their past or present condition.
- I believe God is for everyone.
- I see God working in people’s lives, even when they are not following Him.
- It’s more important to help people know God is for them than to make sure they know they are sinners.
- I feel compassion for people who are not following God and doing immoral things.

The attitude-measuring statements used to test ‘Pharisee-likeness’ were these:

- I find it hard to be friends with people who seem to constantly do the wrong things.
- It’s not my responsibility to help people who won’t help themselves.
- I feel grateful to be a Christian when I see other people’s failures and flaws.
- I believe we should stand against those who are opposed to Christian values.
- People who follow God’s rules are better than those who do not.

The attitude responses were then compared to the action responses and each participant was placed into one of the following categories: a) Christ-like in action and attitude; b) Christ-like in action, but not in attitude; c) Christ-like in attitude, but not action; and d) Christ-like in neither. Clearly then, categories b) and c) are the ones that indicate hypocrisy – but how widespread was it? Enough to support the claim that Christianity is ‘a religion full of hypocritical people’?

Take a deep breath . . .

The study concluded ‘that most self-identified Christians in the US are characterised . . . as Pharisaical. Just over half of the nation’s Christians – the broadest definition of those who call themselves Christians – qualify for this category (51%). They tend to have attitudes and actions that are characterised by self-righteousness.’

On the other hand only ‘14% of today’s self-identified Christians – just one out of every seven Christians – seem to represent the actions and attitudes . . . of Jesus.’

Just one in seven!... you think we would fare better?

The tax collector it is all about God’s mercy . . . and nothing less!

Jesus then drives home the dangerous consequences of the hypocritical life:

‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ (Luke 18:14, NIV-UK.)

So there we have it. If ever there is something Jesus wants us to avoid, it is the ‘Pharisee’ label. Have you been successful?

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Devotional is an ongoing feature by Karin Edwards.

Overcoming fear

During my fight against cancer I claimed Psalm 118:17, which says (NLT), ‘I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the Lord has done.’

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fter my diagnosis, and during my treatment, God dealt with the fear that so often overcame me, in the most overwhelmingly. He did it by opening my eyes to what happens when we pray.

Fear stems from Satan’s attempt, not only to destroy us physically, but also to extinguish our love and trust in our Heavenly Father. But God emphatically says ‘perfect love casts out fear’ (1 John 4:18, NKJV). How does that work? How do I let it happen in my life? The Bible says that ‘God is love’ (1 John 4:8, 16), so we could say 1 John 4:18 reads ‘God, casts out fear’. How exactly does He do that?

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) tells us to ‘come boldly to the throne of grace’, in prayer, that we might receive ‘mercy and grace’ to help us in our ‘time of need’. As I meditated on this verse I began thinking about where I was ‘going’ when I prayed. The verse invites us to go to ‘the throne of grace’, where ‘mercy and grace’ reside in our ‘time of need’.

According to Revelation 4 the throne is in heaven, and we are invited to ‘come boldly to the throne of grace in prayer’. But how do we get to ‘heaven’ to where the throne is? On page 93 of Steps to Christ Ellen White says, ‘Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him.’ Think about it. When we pray, somehow, God transports us out of this world up to that throne room in heaven! Wow! As I was meditating on this I understood how prayer takes away fear. In prayer we are transported to the throne of God in heaven – and it’s the only place where we can choose to go where Satan is not allowed! He is not allowed into that throne room or in the presence of God, because he was cast out of heaven! Yes, he was cast out, but the Bible invites us to go there! It’s the only place where we can go to be free of Satan. So to answer the question I posed above – ‘How does God remove the creeping sweater of fear over me?’ – He does it by taking me to His throne room in heaven – placing me in His presence; and therefore removing Satan (the source of fear from me. God removes me from the cause of the problem! So if you want to be constantly protected from the attacks of Satan, Paul has the answer in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, where he tells us (NKJV) to ‘pray without ceasing’!

One other thing to remember is that we are going to the ‘throne of grace’. Not only are we removed from the source of our fears (of whatever might be stressing us), but we are also being engrossed by the grace of God.

The authority of the General Conference in session

In the debate about the ordination of women to the Gospel ministry, and the subject at hand is one which has not received much attention. When the apostles faced the delicate issue about how to include Gentiles in the church, a major decision was made under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a united decision was reached (Acts 15). Many who came to the meeting opposed the Gentiles being included in the church were won over to this position when they heard how God had blessed the Gentiles with the Holy Spirit. The decision was in keeping with the voice of the highest authorities upon the earth (Eph. White, Acts of the Apostles, p. 198).

In a similar way, when the General Conference meets in session, decisions are still searching. I pray that you will find it too. Maybe you would be encouraged by singing the chorus, ‘There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God... a place where silence cannot molest... a place where all is peace and rest, near to the heart of God.’

We are helpless before that love, and totally surrendered to a will so perfect that every doubt is banished and we know we are safe for all eternity.

Many others have found this place of perfect peace, and it is not always easy. We read in Acts that the early Christians were not always free from suffering. When White says we should submit our individual ideas to these decisions and regard them as God’s voice speaking through the church (Adventist Review, vol. 3. p. 492, vol. 9, p. 260). The message of David and all his beloved was a call against adversity; however, the statement that abandoning Bathsheba and the child within would cause even greater misery and heartache for all involved, cannot apply to every situation. In David’s case at that point Bathsheba had no husband; he was dead. If he were alive, would he have considered his position for his own? Would he have told a woman ‘to bear witness before the face of all Israel and the priests of the Lord on behalf of David and me’? Let us not advocate cheap grace; it cost Jesus His life. Yet we do not want to give up anything for our relationship with Him.

Prior to all we have gone through and come into such a situation, whether by not considering the teachings of Scripture thoroughly or by presuming on God’s mercy, is that God says ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear’ (Matt. 13:9). We might reveal what He would have them do. That they will be willing to do the work of righteousness is before salvation of their souls. Let God’s word speak and God be the judge, let us run the risk of being found guilty, and not moribund to the wounded or savior of the lost.

Stephanie Ganley

Note: The views expressed above are those of the contributor and not necessarily of the BUC or the editorial staff of devotional.
To vote or not to vote?

by Mark Kellner, former news editor for Adventist Review

The election season was contentious; candidates hurled ugly charges back and forth, a relatively inexperienced member of Congress from the Midwest (USA) was challenging, among others, a veteran politician with military experience. The entire nation was divided over the choices, with heated, partisan media reports boosting one side or another.

Almost from the start of this movement, there have been controversies about whether or not we should vote. One early opinion was that voting signalled an unhealthy alignment, as one unnamed commentator wrote: “If I enter the lists as a voter, I do not in fact endorse this government as worthy of fellowship. If my name is entered upon the poll-book I become a part of the body-politic, and must suffer with the body-politic in all its penalties.”

But soon issues arose that commanded the attention of the early Adventist movement. A spirit of intolerance grew in the nation, while there were noises being made – and action taken – towards implementing a national ‘Sunday law’, mandating a day of rest. On the heels of those measures, the suggestion of a constitutional amendment declaring the US to be a ‘Christian nation’ was being urged by many Protestants.

The greatest of these issues, it appears, was that of temperance. The importation and sale of alcoholic beverages was seen not only as a moral and physical danger during this period, but also as an issue of economic survival. Historian Ronald G. Walters, as they [temperance advocates] saw it, prosperity, godliness, and political freedom were the fruits of sobriety. Poverty, damnation, and tyranny were the consequences of intemperance.

In 1859 Ellen White came to the decision that voting – and voting for or against a given candidate – was an imperative when it came to moral, civil, or political values as tempe...
Regional GAIN conference

A mix of inspirational seminars and equipping workshops transformed the lives and thinking of both the media professionals and the interested lay members who joined them at GAIN, a South England Conference Communication and Internet event held at Newbold College. 26 February – 1 March 2015. The Global Adventist Internet Network, originally developed by our world Church, has now spread to regional and local levels. The emphasis of this second local GAIN conference, organised by SEC Communication and Media director, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, was run on the theme of ‘Stories’, and was cutting-edge from the start. The keynote address, given by Netherlands Union Youth director, Tom de Bruin, focused on ‘Storytelling for the contemporary world’. ‘Stories create meaning without forcing meaning on people,’ de Bruin claimed, making them suitable vehicles to convey meaning to the post-Christian society in which we live.

It is hard to draw a line between expert lectures, workshops and the difference between theory and presenting ideas that make a practical difference in the life of a local church. GAIN succeeded in that,’ commented Victor Hulbert, UK Underground Adventist Communication and Media director. These thoughts were echoed by John Beckett, Global Software and Internet director at the General Conference. He added, ‘It was a very well-organised conference and the presentations were excellent. I really enjoyed meeting with the people who came.’

Celeste Ryan Byden, Strategic Communications and Public Relations vice president for the Columbia Union Conference, USA, left an impression on many attendees by addressing important topics such as ‘branding’ and ‘how to deal with crisis communication’. Her gracious interest, mixed with passion, experience and professionalism, left attendees with much to think about, and with an added skill set.

This is important within the church but especially when Adventists unexpectedly find themselves in the news and having to relate to the media.

Lectures, workshops, interaction and lively fellowship flowed throughout the weekend until the final presentation by North American Division Communication director, Dan Weber. He shared his vision of how the Adventist Church is to engage with the world. ‘We need to have a Christology that is so strong it cannot be undermined by the media. That is the agenda of the GAIN conference.’

‘We are blessed with consummate professionals, and still have the drive to share the good news in the most cutting-edge ways.’

Despite the diversity of topics, the common thread was the need to share our faith in the most effective way possible.

Errors and omissions excepted

Since 1966

Hubert Smiley, one of ADRA’s faithful supporters, has been collecting since 1966. He struggles to get around these days but his heart is still in the right place, and he encourages those who can to go out and collect for this worthy cause. These are a few of his memory gems:

- One day a lady answered the door and told him she had no money to give. Quick as a flash her little daughter chipped in with, ‘But Mummy, don’t you remember that your purse upstairs has a lot of money in it!’ The embarrassed woman then fetched the purse and gave a good donation.
- A selection of photos from the weekend can be found on the ADRACONTACT UK

Men’s Ministry report

On 7 March the Middlesborough Men’s Ministry department held their second meeting of 2015 with a film and food evening. The programme involved the men watching the film Firesproot, and afterwards enjoying a plate of vegetarian curry and rice. The film portrayed a couple who were on the verge of getting a divorce and it seemed to touch most of the men who attended. After the film there was an opportunity to order a PDF version of the ‘40 Love Dares’ guide, which was a major feature in the film. Two of those attending also expressed a wish to order the DVD as they have friends and relatives who are at a crossroads in their marriages right now. They feel this film could make a difference in their lives.

Hastings youth achieve

A fierce battle involving Bible knowledge was fought among the young people of Hastings Church on Sabbath afternoon, 21 February. The competition was very intense with questions from the Youth,Arenas, Bible Knowledge and SDA Knowledge categories. All contestants were awarded certificates of achievement by a congregation who are proud of their achievements.

Audrey Rodgers
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40-year anniversary for Loughborough Church

'We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.'

Ellen G. White, Life Sketches, p. 196.

January 31 was a day of celebration and reflection for the members of Loughborough Church, marking 40 years since the church’s official opening.

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Loughborough Church started as a company, before becoming a church in December 1974. Memories and photographs were shared of those early years, when the church experienced steady growth through the efforts of its pastors, Bible workers and members.

Over time, however, the membership dwindled to five, sometimes with only one or two in attendance on a Sabbath morning. Closure was discussed on a number of occasions, but the faithful never gave up. One pastor – and his church – refused to accept defeat.

And He certainly has! Loughborough Church is now a busy place, enjoyed by up to 60 people from the local indigenous community, many of whom have no previous experience of church.

Loughborough Church has always met in rented premises and has had to ‘move house’ a number of times over the years. Our dream is to have a building of our own one day so that our outreach to the community can be even more effective. We are very busy fund-raising through donations, car boot sales, sponsored events, and so on, but we have also found that we can raise funds by recycling. The scheme works by posting items such as biscuit wrappers, baby food pouches and caps/fringe heads for cleaning products to a recycling company which credits us by weight and makes the waste into items such as park benches, watering cans, and so on. We also recycle mobile phones and laser toner/inkjet cartridges. We are able to send freepost labels to anywhere in the country, so if your church would be willing to help us realise our dream of a church building by collecting for us, please get in touch: loughboroughdachurch@gmail.com.

A highlight of the morning was the dedication of Baby Christian. We were delighted to receive many messages and photos from former members and pastors. These were read out on the day and then collected together into a book.

The Fletewood School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the vision of the governors for the school, and to the Seventh-day Adventist ethos of this faith school and the inclusion of its learners. The successful applicant will also need to be an exceptional practitioner, be an educational visionary, and be dedicated to discovering excellence in each child. If you would like to join a committed, professional team; are familiar with the National Curriculum; are keen to keep abreast with current educational practices; and enjoy being part of a learning and faith community – we would like to hear from you.

Vacancy: Teacher for years 5 and 6

The Fletewood School seeks to appoint a full-time KS2 Teacher. The successful candidate will be required to commence in September 2015. Depending on the level of experience, annual salary will range between £23,220.29 and £29,174.21.

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For a job application form, person specification and job description, please email Mrs. Jacqueline Crawford on jcrawford@secadventist.org.uk.

A visit to the school will be warmly welcomed. To arrange this please contact Mr. John Martin at Fletewood School on tel: 01752 663782.

ADRA Gift Boxes in Togo

The closing work of ADRA-UK’s annual Gift Box Appeal took place in February as thousands of Togolese children received their little presents. ADRA-UK were unable to attend the distribution this year, but this did not affect the work at all.

ADRA Togo took the helm in the distribution, visiting a variety of impoverished schools across the country in order to share the lovingly packed gifts from our church members throughout the UK. ADRA Togo hoped these gifts would also make a lasting impact by encouraging and emphasising the continuing need for education programmes across the country.

Not only were the gift boxes shared with Togo, but the day-to-day humanitarian work of ADRA was also highlighted, as a variety of newspapers and television networks attended the opening ceremony for the distribution. At the opening ceremony were parents, government officials, the Togo Mission president, community chiefs – and, of course, hundreds of grateful and expectant children. Pastor Komlavi Semenu Amegn, Togo Mission president, remarked on the variety of gifts that were in each box, and how children’s physical, social and educational needs were met by each present.

The distribution of the gift boxes is just another way in which ADRA-UK’s supporters are making life-changing changes around the world. The distribution is the official end of the Togo Gift Box Appeal, and the staff at ADRA never cease to be amazed by the tireless effort, dedication and sacrifice made by those who fill boxes each year – not only with necessities, but also with those gifts that will really make children smile.

So, with another year’s distribution done and dusted, we say a big thank-you to everyone who packed, paid for and checked a box! ADRA-UK again look forward to this year’s Gift Box Appeal, when, by working with the local churches once again, we will be able to benefit thousands of children living on the edge of existence.

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Fijian farewell at Belfast

The Belfast church recently bade a fond farewell to Oripa and Asaeli Tams, whose exuberant, warm personalities and beautiful singing have blessed the congregation for the past three years.

But what caused this couple to move from their island home of Fiji to the other side of the world – to live in Belfast? Like many other Fijians, Asaeli (known as Tams) was born into a family that lived near an active volcano on the island of Taveuni. She and her family had to leave their home temporarily when the Mount Tavurvur suddenly erupted, spewing ash and dust across the island. This event had a profound impact on her childhood and helped shape her decision to leave Fiji at the age of 19 to study at a Bible college in New Zealand.

After completing her studies, Tams returned to Fiji to work with students and youth. It was during this time that she met Oripa, a young woman from the same town. Oripa was a member of the Pathfinders, a youth group that focuses on leadership and character development.

Their friendship began when Oripa sang in a school assembly, and Tams was struck by her voice. The two girls became fast friends, and their relationship deepened as they spent time together, sharing their faith and learning from each other.

Asaeli and Oripa eventually moved to Belfast, where they continued to work with young people and share their faith. They were involved in various church activities and were known for their enthusiasm and dedication.

The Belfast church recently held a farewell service for Tams and Oripa, featuring a special service, refreshments, and a small memento card that reminded them of how special they are to God.

Their story is a testament to the power of faith and love in overcoming challenges and finding a new home in a different culture.
Valentine’s Day special
February 14 is Valentine’s Day – when we focus on romance! Several young people in our Great Yarmouth church are nearing the age when young people usually become attracted to one another. Each month we have a young adults meeting on Sabbath afternoon that is specially geared for their benefit. As Valentine’s Day coincided with the Sabbath this year Pastor Rio Espulgar orientated the programme to the subject of ‘falling in love’.

During the presentation there were opportunities for group discussions, which focused on such questions as: ‘How do you define the difference between infatuation and love?’ ‘How do you know when you are truly in love?’ ‘How do we guard against someone taking sexual advantage of us?’ ‘What Christian values do we need to apply with regard to sex?’ These were good questions and the groups came up with some quality answers.

Our young people were able to benefit from the exercise and the counsellors they received. We trust that this will help prepare them for the future. Love is a wonderful and beautiful thing and God specifically designed certain expressions of it for our marital happiness, but that happiness can be so easily ruined when those expressions of love are taken out of context.

The challenge of poverty
On Sabbath, 7 March, some inquirers were fact on the challenges of poverty in the world we were shared with the church by Godwin Benjamin. The Q&A session that he conducted showed that, by 2016, half of the world’s wealth was owned by just one percent of its population. Godwin is currently the manager of the Advent Centre in London as well as the co-ordinator for the ADRA Annual Appeal in the UK and Ireland. He challenged church members to support ADRA, and to see the Annual Appeal as an opportunity to do something about the position of those less fortunate than ourselves.

He was ably assisted by two of the local church’s young people, David and Roma, who confidently read the Scripture readings for him during the worship service.

Valentine’s Day obituary
John Robert James Drew (1930–2014) d. 24 October. John Drew was better known to the Plymouth church as ‘Tom’, and following his National Service in post-war Germany he became a staunch and loyal supporter of the church’s activities in that city. Following his marriage and the birth of twin sons, Orm and Edgar, Tom enlisted in the RAF. He was posted to London while the family stayed settled in Plymouth. He was himself a local lad and the surviving member of a set of non-identical twins. He also had two brothers and a sister. Upon his return to civilian life Tom worked first as a printer; then for Remington Rand; and finally, following a recessional period, he acquired a position in the Mental Health Department of the NHS, where he continued until his retirement.

Tom was1953 to Mavis Webster, who was also from a local family. Sadly, Mavis is now in a nursing home due to her progressive Alzheimer’s, where Tom was a frequent and caring visitor. Sadly, this came to an end when he fell at home and a subsequent infarction led to his death in Derriford Hospital after a brief sickbed.

A subsequent cremation service was held at Weston Mill Crematorium by the writer and Pastor Clifford Herman. Tom is survived by his sister and brother as well as Mavis, Orm and Edgar. The church members in Plymouth unite with the family as we await the advent of ‘The Blessed Hope, and His making of all things new. Jude 1:8-9.’

Don Sindiil (1932–2013) d. 30 January. Don was born to Reg and Ivy Sindiil in Elly Camberblack, where, as often recourented, he spent a miscellaneous childhood growing up in the Feni. Don met Beryl Graham in 1953 and they subsequently married at Norswood in 1955, Sadly, he just missed out on his 60th wedding anniversary.

A service of thanksgiving for Don’s life was held at the High Street Methodist church in Steventon, attended by a packed congregation of family, friends, church members and former work colleagues, who listened intently to a memorable collection of hymns, poems, readings, singing and life pictures set to music. Pastor David Neal led out with assistance from Pastor Jonathan Barnham by the writer and Pastor Clifford Herman. Tom is survived by a poignant tribute from his eldest daughter, Beryl. The communal service followed at a subsequent Cremation service in Steventon.

Although originally trained in carpentry, following his National Service in the Army Medical Corps, Don began his career in Norfolk caring for adults and young people with learning disabilities. He opened a training centre in Norwich for Menzies in 1955, and another in Lakenham in 1963. He and a further two premises in 1965, eventually moving to Steventon with his family to manage a new training centre at Ledyeh House, where he worked for 27 years until his retirement in 1994.

Don loved gardening and was also a keen birdwatcher and sports enthusiast. He loved travelling and regarded his trip in the footsteps of Paul with friend Pastor David Currie as a personal highlight. He served the church faithfully after his baptism by Pastor George Rooper at Norwich in 1953, holding positions of youth leader, deacon and elder during his attendance at the Stanborough Park, Hemel Hempstead and St Albans churches – later becoming a founding member at Welwyn Garden City church. As Don’s health deteriorated he was given constant care and moved into Pine Lodge Care Home in 2012. Here he was often visited by family and church members, all the while being faithfully cared for by his dear wife, Beryl.

Don will be lovingly remembered by his three children – Bev, Julie and Carrie – and sadly missed by his seven grand-children – Justin, Danny, James, Benjamin, Jason, Natasha and Gabby – and two great-grand-children, Libby and Annabelle.

Beryl and the family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, support, cards and flowers, together with all those who donated in Don’s memory to ADRA-UK and Garden House Hospice.

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