The Derry/Londonderry congregation in Northern Ireland chose a unique way to participate in the denomination’s Global Youth Day initiative on Sabbath, 21 March. They were among an estimated 8 million youth in 132 countries who responded to the General Conference Youth Department’s challenge to worship differently on the day, and ‘be the sermon’.

At midday, the whole congregation made its way to Ebrington Park at the centre of the city. They selected a pathway that crosses under the city’s Peace Bridge, a key footbridge and tourist attraction that links two sides of the city. There on the pathway the members created a range of chalk-art that immediately attracted the attention of the passers-by.

Derry/Londonderry is a city that has historically been known for its divided communities. The Peace Bridge, which was completed in 2011, has become a symbol of new hope for a united community,” explained Richard Roberts, a youth leader in the local congregation. “We wanted to create something that celebrated this hopeful new reality and brought colour and cheer into people’s lives.”

The weather was beautiful and young and old set about doing their artwork with great enthusiasm. ‘Before long something interesting happened,’ says Simone Coetser, another local youth leader. ‘Two teenage girls who were walking around the park saw the activity and came to investigate. It was not long before they grasped what we were doing, took some chalk and joined in the creative process.

A father was walking with two of his children. As he passed they took in the artwork. He did not realise it immediately, but one of his children stopped, grabbed a piece of chalk and began drawing. A minute or two later the father walked back to collect his child, but he could not persuade the child to walk on, and the whole family ended up joining our project,’ reports Simone.

‘People stopped at the top of the Peace Bridge and took photos,’ Richard reported. ‘A lady who was walking her dog stopped and had a long conversation with our church members. The two teenage girls enjoyed the activity so much that they asked us to let them know when we are doing another fun activity like this. They would like to join in!’

Global Youth Day coincided with a significant weekend of activities in the city. Several thousand visitors and local people came out to watch the ceremonial burning of a balsa wood temple built on the top of one of the city hills. The Temple, an artwork by international artist, David Best, was also created as a tribute to peace in Northern Ireland. During the week before, the crowds who were visiting the temple were informed that they should not try to park close to the artwork on the hillside, but that they should park in the city centre. One of the main routes up to the art installation was over the city’s Peace Bridge and past the church’s chalk-art.
On the evening of 14 April last year, the feared and brutal Islamicist group, Boko Haram, abducted 276 young girls from their school in Chibok, north-eastern Nigeria. Although 57 of them were able to escape shortly afterwards the rest have not been seen since they appeared in a propaganda video a month later.

On the anniversary of this event, Amnesty International reported that at least 2,000 Nigerian girls have suffered this fate in the last 12 months. According to the Boko Haram leader, Abubakar Shekau, the girls taken in the first raid ‘had all converted to Islam and been ‘married off’.’

It beggars belief

To me, the personal and protracted trauma of their parents beggars belief. I cannot begin to imagine how it must feel to have lost a precious daughter under such circumstances. What shape does your life take after such an event? Where do your worst and darkest thoughts lead you – day after day, night after night?

Malala Yousafzai, the seventeen-year-old Nobel peace laureate, has openly criticised the Nigerian government and the international community for not doing enough to rescue these girls. In doing so, she speaks not just for them, but for all children everywhere whose lives have been ruined in this way.

In an open letter to the girls she writes, ‘I look forward to the day I can hug each one of you, pray with you and celebrate your freedom with your families. Until then, stay strong and never lose hope. You are my heroes.’ Touching sentiments, indeed, and she has backed them up with a trust fund that will enable them to ‘continue their education after their release’.

Sadly though, many of the young people kidnapped in this way are already receiving an education – one straight from hell! Daniel Eyre, an Amnesty International researcher,

Missing childhoods

On 13 April UNICEF released an anniversary report entitled Missing Childhoods in which it claims that around 800,000 children have been ‘forced to flee their homes as a result of the conflict in northeast Nigeria. . . .’ It is nothing but tragic that so many children have been forced to exchange the peace and security of normal childhood for the fugitive status of the displaced person.

Adults may think of war as a ‘kill’; but for children it is a ‘theft’. They rob them of childhood – that irreplaceable segment of life during which we should be allowed to enjoy our innocence to the full. Childhood is that rare freedom God gives us to be our self, exuberant, ridiculously curious and quite silly, all without too much embarrassment. It is a time when our mistakes and scrapes may earn us a good scolding, but are usually soon forgotten.

It can be fragile

War, crime, human trafficking and grooming – they all threaten childhood. That said, however, childhood can be quite fragile at the best of times. You don’t need Boko Haram, an assault rifle or an abduction to destroy it. All you need is some of this: persistent mental trauma; a humourless attitude towards adolescent mischief; severe, illogical and inconsistent religiosity; an unwillingness to answer questions; too few of those ‘Wow, you are special!’ moments; and a drought of good memory-making events.

The Gospel

The Gospel could have been written without reference to children and childhood, but they weren’t. In fact, we find them interspersed with things relating to childbirth, childhood, adolescence, human development and a warm respect for children. We even find a boy being the hero of the day when Jesus uses his meagre lunch basket to feed a hungry audience of five thousand plus – one of His greatest miracles. We don’t know his name but these words have a profound effect on us: “He blessed the food and said ‘You take this, divide it among yourselves’” (Mark 6:41). But how far will they go among so many? John 6:9 (NIV-UK).

Luke 2:41–52 places Jesus and His parents in Jerusalem during the Passover. He is twelve years old and every year He ‘went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover’. This is significant, for convincing answers to questions He’s bothered by. But the clearest sign of all is the absence of what passionately interests Him (what we call ‘absentmindedness’); and His desire to imagine how it must feel to have lost a child of their parents beggars belief. I cannot begin to imagine how it must feel to have lost a precious daughter under such circumstances.


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How will you be remembered?

by W. E. Petersen

This brief story, attributed to W. E. Petersen, first appeared in the October 1975 issue of the Ensign magazine.

One day, while Mr. Miller was bagging some early potatoes for me, I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn’t help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller and the ragged boy next to me.

‘Hello Barry, how are you today?’

‘Hi, Mr. Miller. Fine, thanks ya. Just admire them peas … sure look good.’

‘They are good, Barry. How’s your Ma?’

‘Fine. Gittin’ stronger alla’ time.’

‘Good. Anything I can help you with?’

‘No, Sir. Just admire them peas.’

‘Would you like to take some home?’

‘No, Sir. Got nuthin’ to pay for ‘em.’

‘Well, what have you to trade with me for some of those peas?’

‘I got my prize marble here.’

‘Is that right? Let me see it.’

‘Here ‘ta, she’s a dandy.’

‘I can see that. Hmnnn, Mrs. Miller only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?’

‘Not zackly … but almost.’

‘Tell you what. Take this sack with ya. I’ll let you have a bag with?’

‘Good. Anything I can help you with?’

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As we can see from Jehoshaphat’s fast when faced with many enemies (2 Chronicles 20:3), and Joel’s fast before the day of the IYOR (Joel 1:14, 15), and Esther’s mandate to fast before the threatened destruction of her people (Esther 4:15-17), however, fasting is not a guaranteed path. As the General Conference has asked for prayer and fasting on the first Sabbath of each quarter, apparently to prepare for the session this year, but we must strive not to have false ideas. When the Jews returned from exile, they asked God whether they should still fast regularly to mourn for Jerusalem’s destruction, in fact, repentance even without fasting is valuable in God’s eyes. In such times of need, fasting is a way of expressing deep sorrow over our sins that had brought destruction to the city and country.

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Modern humanism

Having read William Cavanaugh's highly acclaimed book, The Myth of Religious Violence, I share his perspective. He argues that the violence we see in the world – whether religious, political, or economic – is often the result of a lack of understanding of the true nature of spirituality. This, he argues, is because we have a distorted view of the divine, and we fail to see the interconnectedness of all things.

Unfortunately, this view is widespread in our society, and it often leads to conflict and misunderstanding. As a result, we must work to create a more just and peaceful world, one in which all people can thrive.

The next time you encounter religious violence, I encourage you to reflect on the root causes of this phenomenon. By understanding the true nature of spirituality, we can work towards a more peaceful and just world for all.

Thank you for working with us to empower communities and change lives every day.

Tom Pignon has a programme office, ADRA-UK, for two more years. Here is his take on the work he does.

If you were to ask me what I enjoy most about the work I do, it would be the travel. But not just the mere act of travelling around the world. The enjoyment I experience comes from the knowledge that the work I do helps to improve the lives of others.

For instance, I have had the opportunity to work in many different countries, helping to provide aid to those in need. I have seen firsthand the impact that our work can have, and it is this sense of purpose and fulfillment that keeps me going.

Of course, the work is not without its challenges. The conditions in some areas can be difficult, and the work can be emotionally taxing. However, I am always inspired by the people I work with, and their resilience is a testament to the human spirit.

In conclusion, I believe that the work we do with ADRA-UK is important and necessary. It helps to bring hope and support to those who are in need, and it is a privilege to be a part of this effort.

Thank you for your support and for enabling us to continue making a difference in the world.
Pastor Arthur Carrslen, known among the Luo people as Bwana Kaskal, arrived at Ogango, now known as Gendia, in 1906. In 1914 he planted a Seventh-day Adventist church at Wikondiek, Karachhuony, Nyanya, Kenya. It was here that the first camp meetings in East Africa were held in 1932. From 21 to 27 December last year, Wikondiek community celebrated the centenary of this historic event.

The local Adventist community used the occasion to express their thankfulness to God for being with them for the 100 years since its first meeting. They also showed their continuing dependence on His provisions for the future. The theme for the event aptly captured the feeling of the members: "To God Be the Glory!"

The proceedings were joyously and enthusiastically supported by all, and a booklet, Wikondiek @100, summarising the history and activities of the church, was presented to mark the occasion. It was well received and proved popular among people of different age groups.

The celebrations started on 21 December, 2014, but were officially opened on Wednesday, 24 December, by the governor of Homa Bay County, Mr Cyprian Awiti, who was welcomed to the venue with great pomp and ceremony by a special Pathfinder guard of honour.

In his speech, the governor expressed his admiration and respect for the spirit of brotherly love and harmony that was evident among the gathered Seventh-day Adventists.

The Pathfinders had set up a camp near the Wikondiek School football field, the venue of the event, one week in advance. These young men and women came from the Wikondiek, Kowuor, Adiedo and Omboga Adventist churches, and they spent long hours during both day and night practising their different drill formations under the keen eyes of their leaders.

There was no easy task, yet they did it all with so much joy and passion. Each morning they would don their uniforms and march to the parade ground and start the formal ceremony of the day by raising the flags. This was accompanied by a series of elaborate parades in step with appropriate music.

The Kenya Lake Field provided much-needed support for the event by sending pastors who preached eloquently and uplifted the sermons on each of the seven days during the event.

The sermons were very uplifting indeed, with each one of them both topical and relevant for the occasion.

Upon invitation, the people responded generously by bringing sundry gifts to be used in the extension of God’s kingdom, including blankets and bedding, as well as prayer beads.

A narrow escape

According to Bennedict, things are tough in some communities that religious fanatics will openly and systematically try to convert Christians back to the Hindu faith by force. They will go on the offensive and put such people aside, using them just as Paul did in Acts 8:3 (NIV): ’But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.’

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is largely behind this persecution. Also known as the Indian People’s Party, this right-wing organisation is well known for its aggressive policies in terms of primary membership. Apparently, in many places it is even influential enough to enforce censorship of news reports about persecution, or worse still, to burn down any publisher or printer who might dare to run them.

Pastor Biswas has fresh first-hand experience of persecution. It took place during the latter half of last year while he was leading a group of young men and women during a distribution of literature. Things went well until he gave a book to a young boy outside one of the homes. Without hesitation the lad ran off and Bennedict knew immediately that they were in for trouble.

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The preaching was done with eloquence, vigour and sincerity, most probably as it was when preached for the first time to the people of Wikondiek 100 years ago. This time, in contrast to then, African people preached to fellow Africans.

Many of the people in attendance had their own copies of the Bible in either English or their own languages. This was impossible 100 years ago. The only book of the Bible available then in Dholuo was the Gospel of St Matthew translated by Pastor Arthur B. Carrslen, the missionary who had planted the Seventh-day Adventist church at Wikondiek.

His course in September 1906. In 1906 he accepted a call to open Seventh-day Adventist work in Kenya, East Africa, with the arrangement that his fiancée, Helen Thomson, be sent out the next year. After his ordination, late in 1906, he sailed for Morocco with Peter Nyambio, an African teacher from Nyasaland who had been attending school in England.

Carrslen spent the next 13 years pioneering in Kenya as superintendent of the British East Africa Mission. Under his direction a string of mission stations was established along the eastern shore of Lake Victoria; Genda, Wire Hill, Rusinga Island, Kanyado; Karungu, Kisii (Nyanchwa), and, last, Kamagamo. Returning from furlough in 1913, he set back up a small press and small printing plant at Genda to publish books, papers, and a small monthly journal. He mastered the Luo language and was among the first to reduce it to writing. The grammar textbook he produced was widely used for many years. He spent more than two years translating the Gospel of Matthew into the Luo language, which was published by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1913. This made him the first Seventh-day Adventist translator to have his work approved and published by this organisation.

He went on to plant evangelistic work in these areas of the Adventist mission field but needs to be remembered as the first missionary sent out by the British Adventist church to the continent of Africa.

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The trainers were Dr Thomas Jackson and was organised for health teams in Manchester, people travelled from as far away as Birmingham, Grantham, London and to go back to their churches and train members. A total of 70 members, Bible workers and pastors completed the training.

Safeguarding: a shared responsibility for the church

The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults* in our churches is often called about or is overlooked. The church community is viewed as an extension of the home, a familiar place where we are responsible for the welfare of our children and vulnerable adults. It is a shared responsibility that the church has to safeguard its members.

The beauty about this health training programme was that it was very balanced and well presented. The church is responsible for the welfare of our children and vulnerable adults – is called to be in the world but not of the world (see John 17:15, 16) and should, therefore, be a safe haven.

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MTTC Bristol

The Bristol Central church, guided by the BJEC (Bristol Joint Evangelism Committee), had mission on their mind when they celebrated International Women’s Day on Sunday, 8 March 2015.

The previous day the church had hosted a special Women’s Day programme at the water’s edge in collaboration with the BJEC and other organisations.

During the afternoon programme Lady Mayersus Sarah Watson was the special guest. After a short speech about the impact that some women in the community, she was presented with a lovely basket of flowers and a selection of literature such as the Great Controversy and Steps to Christ, which she received gladly.

The events were hosted in collaboration with a group of seven women who gathered in Mary Philip’s room to prepare for the event. After prayer, the group assembled over 400 lovely carnation mini-bouquets, after which they proceeded to ASDA Living in Exequate to distribute them, equipped with a roller banner with the slogan, ‘TIME FOR BRISTOL’ (the theme for Mission to the Cities 2015).

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Dundee Church was overflowing with grieving family and friends from all over Scotland, England and Zimbabwe on Tuesday, 3 February for the funeral of Munyaradzi Memory. This vibrant young wife and mother died peacefully in Ninewells Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Munyaradzi was born on 6 May 1979 in Mutare, Zimbabwe, where she attended primary, secondary and high schools before completing a secretarial course at Mutare Technical College. She started working in Mutare before moving to Dundee in 2002, where she did her nursing course and worked until she married Justin Chinyama in April 2007.

Munyaradzi was a very active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, right from her early childhood and throughout her adult life. She energetically participated in the Pathfinder and youth groups. She was blessed with a beautiful voice and started singing from a very young age. She became a member of the Dangamvura church choir and sang with Harmonic Waves. She was the friend of a large family and was exemplary in her care for her sisters and brothers. She was a hardworking daughter who was always thinking of her mother, her dad and her siblings and was always willing to support them in every way possible.

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Cost and Subsidies
This cooking school is subsidised by the BUC Health Ministry department. Cost of cooking course is £375 per person (including cooking course and accommodation). Closing dates for payment and application are 4 May 2015. Only 14 places available. Place confirmed on payment.

Contact Angelette: More info on BUC events. createnutrition@gmail.com or 07548 736 592

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John Wilby

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ADRA-UK trainee programme

ADRA-UK is offering the opportunity for someone to work with our office for a one-year period (starting summer 2015). The ADRA-UK trainee programme will offer the successful candidate the opportunity to work within a high-profile NGO in programme development. The programme is designed to give individuals practical experience in different locations around the world in preparation for a possible career in international development.

The trainee will be involved with supporting ADRA-UK’s implementing partners on proposal development for DFID and the EC, donor compliance, monitoring and evaluation and donor reporting.

During the year the trainee will be based primarily at our Watford office with short-term placements overseas with our partner offices in developing countries.

ADRA-UK will provide access to professional training at various levels in international development during the year.

Requirements:

• A Bachelor’s degree or NVQ in a relevant subject;
• A strong interest in relief and development issues;
• Excellent analytical, verbal and written communication skills;
• Fluency in English;
• The right to work in the UK prior to submission of the trainee application;
• Being able and willing to travel to challenging areas of the world;
• A passion for serving hurting humanity;
• Being an enthusiastic motivator;
• Sympathy with the aims and ethos of ADRA-UK.

ADRA-UK is offering this position as a one-year contract. Possibilities to extend the trainee programme to a career path may be available upon successful completion of the trainee period.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 June 2015.