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Hello Folks,
I'm back! Yes, the British Union Conference, at its meeting in July, asked me to continue serving the church in the UK as National Youth director. This position embraces Pathfinders, Senior Youth, Adventist Volunteer Services, Chaplaincy, Teens and Editor of ☺ magazine.

This issue of ☺ is almost completely devoted to the recent Trans-European Division Camporee at Stevninghus Scout campsite, near Aabenraa, Denmark. The Brits were about one third of the total number on the campsite, with nearly 1,000 people – 984 to be precise.

The report was written by Sam Wiggins, who accompanied us to the Camporee for the sole purpose of reporting to ☺ and also to report to a daily newsletter produced on the site and distributed to all national groups.

If Sam's article inspires you, I would invite you to consider writing yourself on issues which are of concern to you or to feedback on matters raised in ☺. You can voice your thoughts directly to the youth director via email: dboldeau@adventist.org.uk

If you are a writer, or are interested in becoming part of the editorial team for ☺ please email or ring me on 01923 672251 or my secretary Natalie Davison on the same number or ndavison@adventist.org.uk

Hope you enjoy this issue,

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who's changing the church?
Your mouse can change it! Be our partner, be church.

Valuegenesis is coming!

What is it???

How will it affect you???

Will you be the same after it has come???

Make sure that you are included.


Be included not excluded!

Watch this space and listen-up!

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Coming Soon
Dealing with Worship

The next edition of ☺, due out in December, will be looking at this thought-provoking topic. If you would like to contribute an article or have a question that needs answering on the theme of worship, please email Des Boldeau via: ndavison@adventist.org.uk



Calling ALL Youth aged 14-25!

During the month of December young people aged 14-25 will have the very exciting opportunity to tell the church leaders of the UK what they think of the church and other related issues. Not many of us will have such an opportunity again within our lifetime, so please stop and take note.

Who is conducting the survey?

The Trans-European Division of our world church (of which the UK is part) is joining up with the Euro-Africa division to conduct this much needed survey. It will be conducted in 18 countries throughout Europe.

AIM

The aim of this survey is to understand how European Adventist youth live out their faith, in order to develop a culturally-appropriate strategy for Adventist youth ministry and mission.

Subject matter

We need to know your thoughts and feelings on a range of subjects that will give some indication of the relevance of the SDA church to your everyday needs; that means you, the youth of the church. The survey will look at certain key areas relating to: faith maturity, personal spirituality, relationship with the church, commitment to Adventist doctrines, behavioral standards and social ethics.

Why should you participate in this survey?

1. Because youth are an important part of the church
2. Because this is an opportunity to express your opinion about the church and its relevance to your life
3. To try to find out why youth are leaving the church
4. To make the church more aware of youth issues
5. Because the opinion of every young person is important to us
6. Because the answers will help in setting strategies relevant to young people's needs
7. To help the church make changes to fulfill its mission better

How does it work?

For the first time the survey will be administered through a website designed by a professional survey company.



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All youth either owning or having access to a computer will be simply connected to a very easy series of questions.

The website will provide confidential and anonymous access to the questionnaire by means of a password. Each young person will receive a personal password which will allow him/her to fill out the questionnaire. The password will expire at the completion of the questionnaire.

Each local church which has young people registered with the Conference will receive the allocated number of passwords (one for each person). For those not having direct access to a computer or Internet for completing the questionnaire, a PDF file or hard copy can be obtained from your local Conference/Mission youth department. We have a limited window of opportunity to complete this survey so it is imperative to get the task completed in one sitting and during the month of December. The passwords will be valid from 1st December and become void after the end of December 06. We will be completing the questionnaire at the same time as the Bulgarian Union and the Czech & Slovak Conferences.

When will the results become available for public knowledge?

An analysis of the raw percentage scores for all questions will be available in the March issue of ☺, so watch this space to see what the survey will reveal about British youth church trends.

The benefits?

The benefits will be experienced by all entities of the British Union. It will influence the direction of youth ministry at Union, Conference, Mission and local church level. It will change the way the adult church addresses youth issues, the leadership, and the way youth ministry is done.

I foresee that the results could be an eye opener and somewhat of a revelation for the church. With this in mind, if the results of this survey do not alter the structure of what we presently see as the youth ministries of the church, then the exercise will have been in vain and the expense will be wasted.

So, get ready and tell all within this age range to prepare themselves to engage with the church in this survey.

If you have any questions about the survey now, or want to feedback on the survey after completing it, please feel free to contact me or my secretary on ndavison@adventist.org.uk I'll be in touch again!

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TED Pathfinder Camporee 2006

Stevninghus, Denmark

Samantha Wiggins

When you think of camping, what image is conjured up in your mind? Probably the same one that I have: no central heating, tents, rain, mud, bugs, more bugs and scary-creepy-crawly-furry things that attack you when you are most vulnerable.

I was recently invited to take part in what was advertised as a unique and wonderful experience: TED Camporee 2006 – Denmark.

I was told that there would be Pathfinders from all over the world attending. From Poland to Pakistan, Scotland to Thailand. How could I refuse?

I had not been camping since 1996 so was a little hesitant, but it promised to be the event of the year so I was game. I somehow managed to forget the teeny-weeny fact that I would be staying hundreds of miles away from my creature comforts: my bed, my car and my sanity, as I embarked on this exciting adventure.

The Accommodation – Stevninghus

I arrived on Wednesday 26 July 2006 having arisen at 4am to catch my flight from Gatwick airport. The journey was uneventful and I tried to sleep while anticipating what was ahead for the campers.

By the time I got there, about a third of the British Union Conference (BUC) clubs had arrived and these were either in the process of setting up or had set up and were trying very hard to protect themselves from the harsh heat. It was the hottest day of the year and at times I felt like I might melt.

Fearing that I may be required to touch some dirt or break a nail, I sauntered down to the BUC encampment where I would be staying, to see where my tent was and to find out how to put it up (or maybe just find a strong lad to put it up for me). However, I was informed that the advance party had been in Denmark for over a week already, and that I would not have to struggle with such things. My relief, I am sure, was evident.

With over 30 tents for use of the BUC staff alone, including the kitchen, the office and the medical tents, the advance party had had their work cut out!

Mind you, if they thought *they* had worked hard, I cannot imagine the thoughts of the German and Danish camp leaders. Their whole encampments were like works of art, with teepee style tents, swimming pools, hammocks and even rides that they had made from scratch.

With a few moments to spare, I visited a few 'churches' to find out what they thought of camp so far – many of the responses cannot be published: let's just say that most people were hot and bothered! Setting up camp is hard work and takes some getting used to.

Having had a chance to settle in, I prepared for the opening ceremony.

The Opening Ceremony

All attendees had to wear their Pathfinder uniforms for the opening ceremony. The BUC group was led in the march by the drum corps from Holloway. Sister Daley headed up the procession in true military style. They looked like real soldiers – it was an amazing sight to see. To be honest, in my opinion, the participating BUC clubs were by far the best-dressed Pathfinders in the whole of Europe that evening.

As part of the programme, the Danes had prepared an interesting presentation on the capturing of the Pathfinder flag from Pastor Paul Tompkins. The dramatisation depicted the fight and eventual recapture and return of the flag to Pastor Tompkins so that the Camporee could be declared officially opened and the proceedings

commence. An educational (yet quite funny) presentation followed about how the Vikings had invaded Britain but had eventually been converted to Christianity.

It was a great start to what was going to be a great event. The heat was the only complaint that many had, but little did we know what was in store for us. We must have moaned like the children of Israel as they journeyed through the wilderness.

Feeding the 5,000

On the first day, the Danes really worked hard to feed 3,000 starving teens and leaders.

They set up a production line with rows and rows of bread, cheeses, spreads and soup. This was no gourmet meal, but it went down well and did the job. As in the parable of the loaves & fishes, no one went hungry. Thank heavens! There would have been nothing worse than being hungry and hot at the same time.

Over the duration of the camp, there was to be a process called Food Distribution that would happen twice a day. Each camp leader would send for the food allocated for that day. Every camp received the same. The Danish leader, Peter Bo Jensen, made sure that each Union had a supply of food for each club.

It was a brilliant idea but I soon discovered that many would have preferred to have selected and bought their own food so that they could have had more choice and variety.

Far and Wide

With 3,000 people in one place, the campsite had to be a big one. No one place was close and it seemed (literally) that we had to hike to get anywhere. I lost at least half-a-stone during the week so recommend camping for those who are looking for a quick-fix dieting regime.





There were even jokes that, in order for the BUC attendees to reach the main tent, they had to cross 5 countries which, in itself, was not a total fabrication – they had to pass Estonia, Germany, Norway, Slovenia & Croatia and Denmark.

Meeting our Inspiration

The meetings were filled with dramatic presentations, singing, and uplifting messages from our speaker – Pastor Grenville Kent – a pastor from Kellyville SDA Church in Sydney, Australia.

His words were to the point and never borderline. He spoke about dating, sex, marriage and life – every subject a teen needs to hear about!

Maureen from Dublin had this to say:

‘What do I remember about Pastor Kent? He said that God is on my case! I will never forget that. No matter what I do, God is always on my case, he will never leave me or forget about me. That is comforting.’

Pastor Kent said:

‘When you have gotten yourself into a sticky situation remember, God loves a sinner, he loves you. Just say, “God, I have gotten myself into the mess, please get me out”. Don’t forget God is on your case!’

His messages were never long and drawn out. He had a point to make and he made it extremely well.

Dave from Scotland said of the speaker:

‘He would start out speaking about something so random, you would be thinking where is he going with this and then, bang, he would just put all the pieces into place with one key point.’

Others expressed concern that Pastor Kent was at a disadvantage because of the time the meetings took with the translation (every other sentence, a translator from the host country would relay what he was saying in the native tongue) but considering this fact, he kept the attention of the Pathfinders as best he could.

Here I Am To Worship

The praise and worship team were members of the Danish SDA Community who were obviously used to entertaining an older crowd like maybe those of Youth Congress age. Having said that, our European counterparts seemed to enjoy the worship service much more than the Brits did.

There were many highlights though. We learnt an array of new songs and the band was simply the best. At times, the keyboardist would launch into random bouts of craziness and run up and down the stage dancing as and when the feeling took him. Great stuff if



you are a teen who doesn’t like traditionalist programmes and services!

Theme song competition

This was a competition to write the theme song for the Camporee and was won by Yvonne Bauwens from the Scottish Mission. Her prize was to have her expenses for Camporee paid by the TED.

Cleansed in the Blood

On Sabbath there was an especially good worship session; better than all the others that took place that week. The day was bright, the marquee was full and so were our bellies. We had a lot to look forward to, as there would be a baptism that morning.

The baptism went without a hitch, as long as you class crying and ruining your mascara hitch-free. As the baptismal candidates were being introduced to us, it seemed that they just kept coming and coming. 18 in total gave their lives to Christ. It was truly inspirational to watch as each candidate was submerged in the custom built pool.

There were brothers and sisters, friends, family – all just wanting to be cleansed by the Blood.

When asked how the baptism made her feel, Saela Mulenga from Chelmsford (aged 7) said:

‘I want to be baptised and give my life to Jesus.’

We had four persons from the BUC who were baptised: Martin Eikum from Scotland was immersed by Scottish Mission youth sponsor Pastor Marcel Ghioalda; Anesh Manilal, Carol and

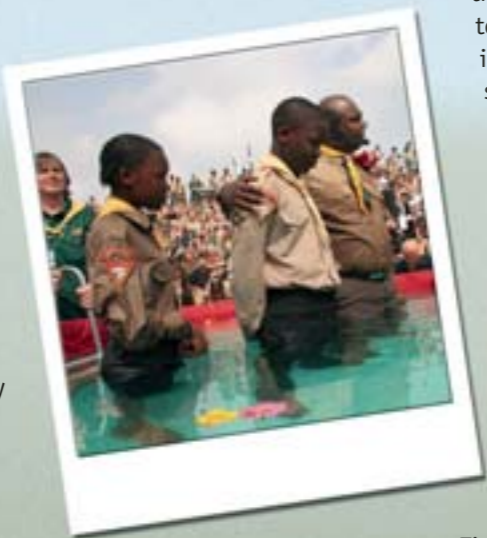
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immersed by NEC Pathfinder director Pastor Trevor Thomas.

Make us One Lord

Throughout the baptism, there were little spits of rain but nothing to encourage us to run for cover. We even quipped that God was happy and gently washing away the sins of the world. But like every good story, there is always a little twist.

At 2.15pm, after all our moans of heat exhaustion, the



heavens literally opened! The rain poured and poured and poured and poured.

Looking out from the shelter of the kitchen tent, I could see pure pandemonium at one point, people running for cover, climbing onto structures, ‘saving’ themselves from what was to be the most amazing storm during our time in Denmark. Was this similar to how people felt when the Ark was closed and the rain came and came and continued to come?! What is it they say: be careful what you wish for, you just might get it. We certainly got it!

Thinking I was safe, I sat in the comfort of the kitchen tent looking out onto a wet world. But it wasn’t long before water started to trickle through the tent and between my toes. The trickling became running and the running became a torrent.

We were soaked! Tents were floating everywhere and at one point I am even convinced I saw the Ark floating by, the water was that deep!

Having realised that I was no dryer inside than I would be outside, I ventured out, in the hope that I could help with the devastation the storm was causing. What I came upon was nothing like I have ever seen before: The German campers were thigh-deep in water and were using buckets (as the rain still fell) to scoop the water out of their encampment and dump it into a nearby field. The floodwaters would have truly helped Britain with its water shortage problem.

All Hands On Deck

Perhaps God smiled as we spoke of his washing away our sins, as not only did God wash us that afternoon, he drenched, rinsed, and spun dried us!

The interesting point was that nobody really



seemed to mind. There must have been at least 500 people helping the Danes, in an attempt to salvage anything that could be saved. Here was a marvellous example of good team spirit and teamwork.

As we scooped, we sang with all our might. We were happy and having fun in a torrential rainstorm that was wreaking

havoc on our camp. This was my idea of camping, but it was more extreme than I could have ever imagined.

I know the angels sang right along with us; a bass, tenor, alto and soprano here and there. There must have been at least a ten-part harmony, which included those who were just off key. But hey, anything can be forgiven. It felt like we had all become one nation, colour and creed. There was one goal and, to achieve that goal, we needed to work together. The most perfect example of the Christian church working in unity and harmony despite language or cultural barriers.

The Show Must Go On

The antics of Sabbath were by far the highlight for campers but we still had other activities to do. Market day had yet to come.

Who Will Buy . . . ?

You just had to applaud the imagination of the market day stallholders.

There were various items and services for sale, such as: Kisses and hugs; Sweets and souvenirs; Hot and cold food being cooked right in front of your eyes (roti, Welsh cakes,

home-made ginger beer);

Massages all took place in the open space;

Hair plaiting – the only people that were not getting their hair done were those without hair;

Kiss and tell booths (I promise not to tell on those I saw enter – don’t worry, it was all done under the watchful eye of the TED staff);

Engraving of keyrings and keepsakes;

Health checks – BUPA eat your heart out;

Games like Soak the Brazilian (don’t ask), and so much more!

The Danes again proved that they were excellent at what they undertook and set up the longest cake table I

have ever seen in my life. There was a

50-metre-long table of cake! Surely there would be a fight, and all I know is that I had to

get mine quickly or miss out.



International night

One of the highlights of an international Camporee is the presentation made by each of the nations present at the event. Every nation that wanted to participate had the opportunity, and the Brits were not to be left out of this significant event.

The BUC youth department commissioned Kay Rodney to write a skit that would depict the journey the Danes had taken to come to England. However, once in England, they pillaged the monasteries but in the process gave up their own gods and accepted the Christian God and faith. The dramatisation, with music and miming, was superb and did a good job of representing the Brits.

We distributed about 3,000 individually- wrapped blocks of Cornish Fudge to all those present for the evening presentation. Well done, Kay and her team of Pathfinders from all entities of the Union.

What a Week

There had been so much drama and excitement over the last week and there was still so much left to do, but the energy levels were not failing. Everyone was still motivated and in high, albeit tired, spirits.

The planned activities were never short of thrill-seeking participants and there was such a range that all were catered for. You could abseil, ride the zip wire or experience the water slide (all built by the BUC advance party), or if you were of a more nervous disposition, you could learn sign language or carve a horse from wood. In all there were 65 activities to choose from. The Pathfinders were in their element.

Never before in the history of Camporee had there been so much choice for so many campers!

Finally

I thought that the opening ceremony had been something to observe, but on Tuesday 1 August, one thousand BUC Pathfinders marched the length of the Stevninghus campsite to attend the closing ceremony.

They looked fantastic. People were using anything they could to film the procession. Mobile phones with low batteries were being found. People were sprinting ahead just to get the best shots. It was a very proud moment for the Britons as other clubs looked on in awe. It appeared that we were the only Union that marched and wore full uniform. Other clubs' uniforms only started from the waist up.

The final night's entertainment was provided by Finns, who gave us an insight into what adventures they were planning for 2010 when Camporee goes to Finland.



We were left in no doubt that we will be entertained in ways we cannot yet envisage. They put on fire shows, pyrotechnics and spoof plays. I got the distinct feeling that they couldn't wait 4 years.

It was nearly time to be heading home. All that was left to do was pack up and catch my short flight home. But what an impression Camporee 2006 left on me.

On my last day on the campsite (while the Pathfinders went on a day trip to Hamburg, Germany), I worked like a pig (why DO we say that?). I broke every nail I had, helping to load and pack up all the BUC trailers in order to facilitate a smooth departure for the staff.

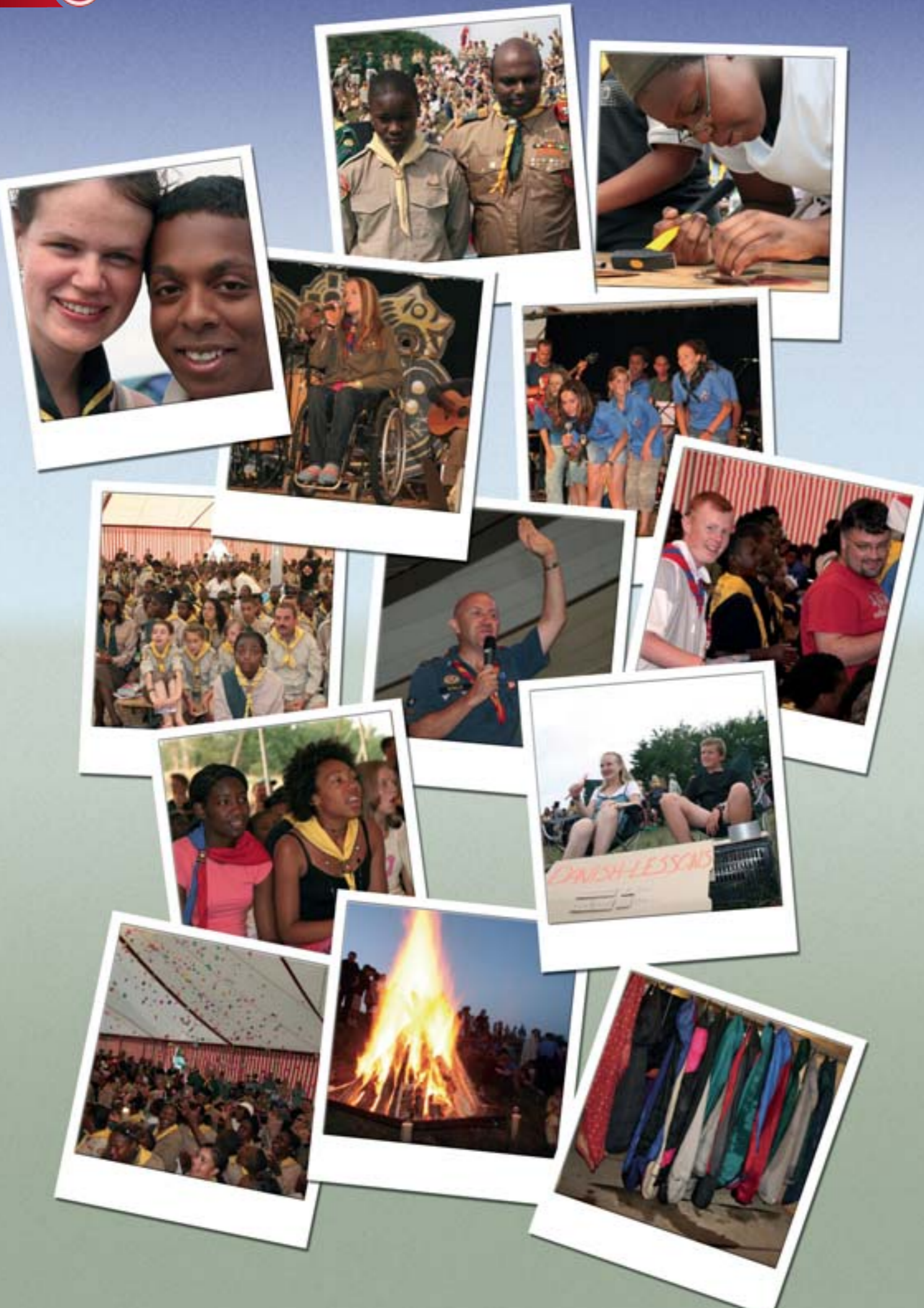
Home

As my plane hit the tarmac at Gatwick, a small part of me was moved. I was so glad to be home but I was impressed with God's planning for us as, even though the entertainment list had been as long as my arm, it had been the unplanned events that had left a lasting impression on my mind. I was inspired by the hundreds of new people that I met and by the resilience of God's people when faced with adversity.

I had learnt lessons about my own coping abilities and could see clearly what God requires from each of us when it comes to uniting and coming together in his name.

A week later, I am still reminiscing on the precious memories that I have brought back. Memories that will serve me well when I am old and grey (silver), and encouraging my own grandchildren (I wish) to attend Camporee.

Camporee equips children and young people to become useful members of their society and to see how God moves in awesome ways. Camporee 2006 was brilliant! Bring on Finland!



AYA Strollathon

by Hayley Chisholm, Cislyn Morgan and Trevor Davis



The second Advent Youth Aid (AYA) fund-raising event took place on Sunday 27th August at the West Midlands Pavilion of Hope Evangelistic campaign in Lewisham Park, Smethwick. The ingredients for the day could not have been better, a spoonful of good weather, a dash of enthusiasm and heaps of fun.

The main event, the AYA Strollathon (formally Run4Fun), attracted a number of participants from various churches and community organisations within and without the West Midlands, including Manchester and Rugby. This year was no different from the previous where we had a varied range of ages, sizes and abilities taking to their trainers to raise funds for Sickle Cell and Harper Bell SDA School.

Alexis Reid-Hamilton, the Community Development Officer from the Wolverhampton Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Support project, was on site with an informative stall. He stated:

'The day was very refreshing and light-hearted and it was nice to see our community working together towards a positive goal.'

According to Cislyn Morgan, one of the events organisers, 'Many of the participants seized the opportunity to take advantage of the name change from Run4Fun to Strollathon to do just that i.e. stroll the 10km course,' including herself. 'However, it was good to see some familiar faces from last year and new ones collectively doing their bit to help others and themselves in the process.'

Among those participating was the campaign's evangelist Pastor Selburn Fray (Oxford Street) who set himself a target of 5km but managed to run (non-stop) most of the 10km. Unfortunately, no

other ministers were up to the challenge to push him to complete the 10km.

Pastor Fray was supportive of the event and commented:

'The activities and programme for the day were well organised, and beneficial, especially for those like me who have not exercised in a long while. It has rejuvenated me, and also seemed to be rewarding to those who I spoke to. The only regret I have was that there weren't as many participants as I would have liked to see. Sickle Cell Anaemia is widespread throughout our communities, therefore whatever we can do as a church we should support it wholeheartedly. It was a very good gesture and I look forward to participating in future events of this nature.'

A new addition to this year's event was the AYA Singathon. This provided an opportunity for the less energetic to exercise their vocal cords, in support of our chosen charities. Over 15 acts of various ages from around the West Midlands provided a wonderful afternoon of singing and scripture reading to lift the spirits of the crowd.

Singathon organiser Lorna Harris (Camp Hill) commented:

'Many thanks for giving me this opportunity to undertake such a challenging role. It was good character building for me and a bonus for the AYA team. I enjoyed [the work] and the sleepless nights were worth it. Although Pastor Fray declined to give us a song, nevertheless, there was a wonderful atmosphere. We had over 19 performers, rather than the allotted 15 as planned in a busy 2-hour slot. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all, and an event not to be missed next year.'

The day wasn't just about Strollathon and Singathon; there were loads of activities for the whole family, including Rodeo, Sumo wrestling, gladiators, bungee slide, bouncy castle, human table footballs, football and basketball shoot-outs, face painting, and numerous stalls selling a variety of food, books and other educational and health products. And, of course, not forgetting the Health MOT checks that many members of the community took advantage of.

Pastor Garry Gordon said:

'The day was a tremendous success and, as co-sponsors, the Breath of Life church members were collectively impressed at the commitment of all the participants, especially the youth and Pathfinders. The success of this event clearly shows what the youth can do with good leadership and innovative ideas.'

It is worth pointing out that the majority of the monies used by the Breath of Life church came from a grant received from the Community Development fund. There are many organisations out there that are committed to supporting community adhesion and we would do well to utilise such funding bodies.'

Organisers Trevor Davis and Cislyn Morgan said:

'The day went exceptionally well, there was lots more to do and see compared to last year, and we were again blessed with good weather. Nevertheless, the fact that we had to change the date a couple of times meant that we were competing with other events such as the Notting Hill and Leeds carnivals, the Sandwell show and Malcolm Marshall memorial cricket event locally, which

impacted on the attendance. However, all those who attended had a whale of a time with plenty to keep them happily occupied.

'We have already started planning for next year's event, which promises to be bigger and better. Changes we envisage include the Singathon becoming a stand alone event, and more outside sponsorship.'

'We are not yet in a position to say exactly how much was raised for our chosen charities but we hope that it will be in excess of the £2,000 raised last year.'

In his support of the event, Pastor Haworth said: 'As evangelism is very much at the heart of what we do, this event bridges the gap between the overt religious content of Pavilion of Hope meetings and secular and church community. Besides making friends, the people who came will have discovered that Seventh-day Adventists are not cranks, heretics or dangerous fanatics, but a people who, because of their love of God, want to share his love in as many ways as possible. Recognition and appreciation should be given to those who had the vision.'

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with the planning and the execution of the event, in particular Oscar Sandwell, Wolverhampton Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Project, Breath of Life SDA church, especially Pastor Garry Gordon for the sponsorship of the activities, Pastor Paul Haworth (Erdington) for his support and guidance, but most of all, thanks to God for giving us the inspiration.





People Make a Difference

Serving others abroad or at home through AVS

The idea of serving others under the umbrella of volunteerism is an ever increasing and attractive way of expressing the principles of Christianity for young people.

Over the past couple of decades, young people from North America and now in Europe are finding fulfilment and meaning to their lives by volunteering themselves for a project for a year of their lives either at home or abroad.

In the Adventist church, we also have our own programme offering opportunities to our young people to serve the church and its peoples both here in the UK and abroad. In the last 2 years we have had 18 young people going out to various parts of the world and 25 coming into the UK, all serving in a voluntary capacity.

Volunteerism in not a new thing in the Adventist church.

The purpose of the Adventist Volunteer Service (AVS) is encapsulated by the following statement:

The Adventist Volunteer Service plan is designed to assist the Seventh-day Adventist Church in proclaiming the gospel to people everywhere through the ministry of Adventist Volunteers, matching their talents, skills, resources and professional expertise with defined needs.

What is volunteering about?

'Taking time out of your ordinary daily life to do something extraordinary for the benefit of other people without expecting any remuneration'.

Can You?

Des G Boldeau, BUC Youth director and AVS co-ordinator

Who can participate as a volunteer in the AVS programme?

- Seventh-day Adventists who are at least 18 years of age.
- Baptised church members in regular standing for at least one year.
- Singles or Couples, preferably when both spouses can work. (Married volunteers may not serve without their spouse beyond three months.)
- Those financially able to serve without expectation of reward or compensation.
- Church employees who do not usually receive employee benefits such as service credit or retirement benefits.

What skills do I need?

Most openings require individuals with specific qualifications because of the expertise needed and immigration requirements. However, some positions allow for limited qualifications. Please check the listings on the website in the country of your choice for the required qualifications.

Length of projects:

The length of volunteered service ranges from a few weeks to two years. The average is one year, which can be renewable according to your experience and desire and availability of the position.

Why should I go as a volunteer?

- To experience a new cultural environment.
- To experience the working of God away from your comfort zone.
- To experience and be impacted by a different world-view.
- To assist the Church in the proclamation of the Gospel.
- Because someone out there is depending on you.
- Because you can make a difference to the lives of others.
- Because God wants to take you on an adventure in faith with him.
- Because there are many life-changing experiences awaiting you.
- Because each of us needs to look beyond ourselves and our safe Western life-style to see how the Gospel can impact the lives of others as Christ works and ministers through us.

Prerequisite for service: you must

- Have a passion to serve God by helping others.
- Be at least 18 years old and a baptised SDA in good membership.
- Be in good health, body and mind.
- Be willing to serve for the term required by the calling institution shown on the web page.
- Be willing to volunteer yourself without expectation of remuneration or compensation.

Characteristics of applicants

- Emotional stability
- Spiritual maturity
- Willing and able to teach the Word
- Interpersonal communication skills
- Adaptability: especially to new cultural surroundings

Do I need a health exam?

Yes! You should be in good health and will need to visit a doctor or GP with a prescribed list of checks to secure your health clearance.

What about insurance?

International volunteers approved by the General Conference Appointees Committee are covered by the 'Accident and Sickness Protection for Volunteers' insurance policy for the period of service. Coverage includes accident and sickness (pre-existing conditions are not covered) with death coverage and repatriation, personal effects floater policy for \$3,000 and worker's compensation coverage. An insurance ID card should be provided to you by your home division prior to departure. The Home Division Volunteer Co-ordinator is responsible to enrol volunteers effective the day of departure.

Do I need a Visa?

Every country has specific requirements for citizens from all countries. Check the position listings for requirements and counsel with your division volunteer co-ordinator.

Mission Post Magazine

Check out the *Mission Post* magazine, published by the AVS department of the General Conference, to read up on the experiences of others. Available to download from the AVS website.

Interested?

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Tell the UK

The General Conference motto which summarises its objectives of the next five years is 'Tell the World'.

I began thinking about how, and if, this slogan could be practically applicable to you guys within the BUC territory. The SEC has adapted this slogan to reflect its own territory – 'Tell Southern England'.

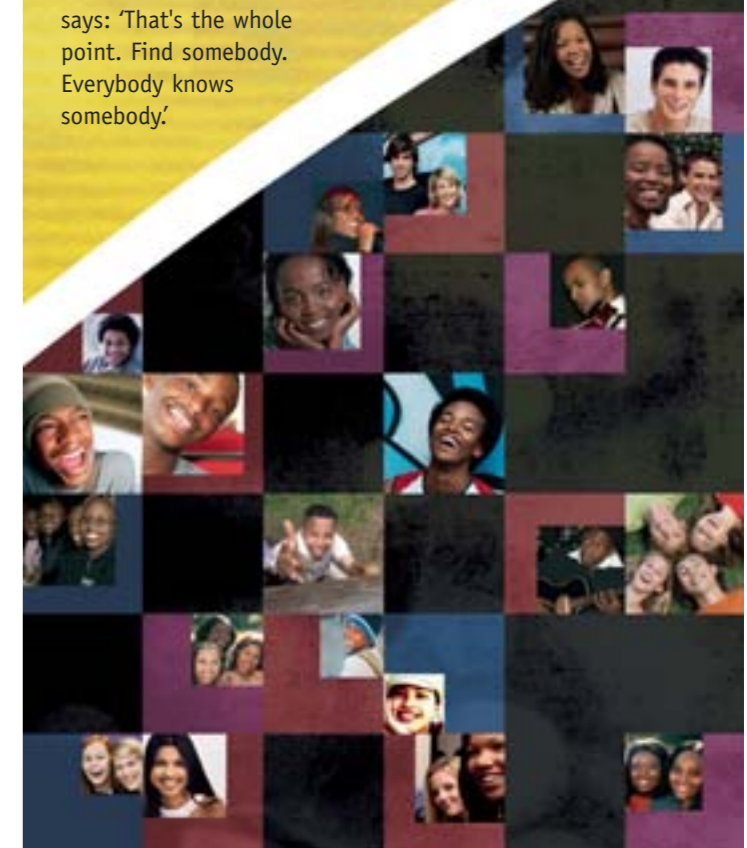
Does your faith development equip you to 'tell your peers' about the Saviour who has made a difference in your life, or are you still waiting for him to *make* a difference? This is not about you telling the UK or all of your town or city. It is about you doing your part just where you are.

For example, gifted and celebrated individuals from the world of entertainment and the music industry are not ashamed to identify themselves with projects that impact the people of the world; these people have urgent social and financial needs but help from the celebrities will mean they can now live a meaningful and productive life. Could you 'tell' someone by getting involved in a local humanitarian or welfare project?

Youth – yes, that means you guys – who have a living, dynamic something going with Jesus, are under a divine imperative to 'tell others' all you know about your Jesus. You don't need training or seminars, you don't need retreats or conferences. Just 'tell'. The 'telling' will take the form of verbalising, lifestyle, emailing and texting, etc. It can take place in schools, uni, college, clubs, on the street and just hanging out, etc.

Think about it, pray about it. Then ask yourself, who am I going to tell today?

Mike Ryan, a general vice-president of the world church and one of the architects of Tell the World, says: 'That's the whole point. Find somebody. Everybody knows somebody.'





What was, in your opinion, the best thing about the Camporee?

Representing Scotland as part of the Pathfinder Group.
Andy Logan

Meeting youth from other countries; their stories and opinions made reaching outside of the BUC more than appealing.
Charles Oroko

What is the one thing you will choose to forget about the Camporee?

Sleeping on the hard ground next to someone who snores loudly.
Andy Logan

Leaving all the good friends I made!
Kenan Habwangabwanga

Name one lasting memory of the camp

[People] brought together through helping each other in the flood.
Yvonne Bauwens

If you were to sum up your experience in one sentence, what would that be?

It was wonderful to see God's hand working so many times looking after us.
Josephine

An excellent fun filled week with great worships, speaker, songs and music.
Yvonne Bauwens

To see so many Pathfinders from around the world all there for one purpose.
Andy Logan

from the Welsh Mission

'Camporee was wicked! I can't wait 'til Finland', was a recurring comment that came from the Welsh Pathfinders. A group of 26 youth made their way from Cardiff to

Denmark. For the majority of campers it was their first experience of being woken at dawn by the trumpet or Scottish pipes, to be placed on a washing-up rota, and to experience the scent of Dettol on their hands for a week. These are some of the memories of camp they

Pathfinder Camporee in Denmark – What did you think?

If you go to the Youth section of the BUC website you'll find a Pathfinder Camporee appraisal form. This is your opportunity to let us know what you thought of the recent Camporee in Denmark. Was it fun? Was it well organised? Think you can do better? We'd love to know what you thought of it all! www.adventist.org.uk and use the menu on the left to link to the Youth Department page.

will treasure. Add to the experience, new friends from far-flung countries and relevant worship. The praise team and camp speaker Grenville Kent were a real blessing to our group. The fruit of the whole experience was a new and renewed commitment to Jesus. Some of the youth expressed interest in baptism. And the icing on the cake: the possibility of being flooded out at any time made for a memorable camp.

Ed Sammons, Welsh Mission Youth Sponsor



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Want to do something worthwhile next summer?

Kenya Mission Project Summer 2007

The BUC Youth Department in partnership with ADRA UK is organising for a group to travel to Kisii, Kenya to build a 100-bed dormitory for orphans of AIDS and children who have contracted the HIV virus from their parents. The 14-day trip will take place in June/July next year and is open to all aged 18 or over.



Want to participate? Call Des Boldeau on 01923 672251 or email dboldeau@adventist.org.uk for more details or to register your interest.