



# BUC NEWS

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### CAN YOU HELP MAKE A 100-YEAR RECORD?



For 100 years Adventists in the UK and Ireland have been raising funds to help provide medical services, education, emergency response and poverty alleviation around the world. Your help this year will make the world a better place.

In a special ADRA edition of [MESSENGER](#), Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, is challenging members to raise £1 million. This will be almost double what volunteers raised for the Adventist Development and

Relief Agency last year – but he believes that members are up to the challenge.

To both motivate and inform, this special edition celebrates 100 years of Ingathering and showcases the work of ADRA-UK. It is both a history lesson and an inspiration and is available both [online](#) and from your local church.

Two projects benefiting from the 2013 Annual Appeal are introduced. The magazine also includes an [attached DVD](#) with the latest ADRA-UK videos: watch it and share with your friends! We hope you will enjoy reading more about ADRA and decide to help with the Annual Appeal to make the challenge a reality.



## GLOBAL YOUTH DAY – TWO REPORTS



"Last Sabbath's Global Youth Day was the single largest international mobilization of Seventh-day Adventists through social media", said Gilbert Cangy, the World Church's Youth Ministries director.

As hundreds of thousands of Adventist youth participated in community outreach, the Church's Youth departments worldwide reported their service activities live on Hope Channel in Australia, Germany and the United States during the 16 March celebration.

More than 80,000 youth were connected through the social media – including Facebook and Twitter – and over 4 million people were talking about the initiative on the Internet.

We bring you two reports from the North and South England Conferences and a [combined picture gallery](#). For a global perspective visit the [ANN website](#).

### NEC YOUTH: A PEOPLE PREPARED [Adam Ramdin]



*Pastor Kameron De Vasher*

1,900 young people descended on the Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham on Sabbath, 16 March, the North England Conference Youth Day. Local church Youth leaders had faithfully promoted the Youth Day and hired coaches and minibuses to bring youth from Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester and across the Conference.

The 2013 theme for the NEC Youth department is 'A People Prepared...'. It is based on Luke 1:17. For this event we focused on our personal need of Christ and walking daily with Him.

Pastor Kameron De Vasher, a pastor from Muskegon, Michigan, really connected with all age groups with two messages: 'Die' and 'Live'. In his morning message he focused on our need to 'die if we want to live' – explaining one of the paradoxes of the New Testament. Over a hundred young people responded to an appeal at the end to surrender all to Christ.

The lobby area gave opportunity for several different entities and ministries to set up booths highlighting opportunities for ministry. A prayer room and prayer team also worked throughout the day to provide the youth with a place to pray. Twenty or so volunteers in the prayer team also approached youth throughout the day to offer prayer with them. Tamara Bloom from Leeds said that from the short time she spent in the prayer room it gave her peace and a smile and she could truly say that "I spent time with God this Sabbath."



Even the Sabbath School period, difficult to organise in a large venue, became a time of interactive blessing as Anthony Banton and Horace Radcliff coordinated a mixture of group discussion, facilitated by over 20 teachers in the large auditorium. This was then rounded up by Anthony Banton with a very thorough and succinct presentation.

The day was organized by the whole of the NEC Youth team. One member, Andre Picart said that, "It was an event in which people who left the church felt comfortable coming back to." [Click here](#) for more pictures of the North and South Global Youth days..

### **GLOBAL YOUTH DAY IN THE SOUTH: "BE THE SERMON"** [Katie Ramharacksingh with Zinze Bishop, Racheal Cuffie & Serena Francis]



It is one thing to hear a sermon. It is quite another to 'be the sermon'. That was the challenge taken up by young people from Adventist churches across the world on Global Youth Day, 16 March 2013. Youth embraced the challenge and took to their local communities to be missionaries at home. In the UK, London was especially busy with programmes organised across the city.

In north London, young people from Holloway, Edmonton Central, Wood Green and New Life churches gathered outside the Wood Green local library and shopping centre. They gave out books, fruit and information about healthy living. At the same time, in east London, some young people visited care homes while others sang, gave out literature, gift bags and engaged in conversation with those in Barking Town Centre, Ilford.

"Usually when you give people literature they say 'no, thank you'", commented a shopper, who attends the local City Gates Elim church, in Ilford. "However, this young man approached me and said 'would you like a gift bag?' and I accepted the gift. What these young people are doing is really good. I'm going to tell my pastor about them!"



South London was just as busy, with churches such as Balham and Brixton sending out youth groups to visit shut-ins and a local nursing home. Through this the young people met an elderly lady who was going through legal struggles and were able to put her in contact with their local church, pointing her in the right direction to find legal aid.



London Youth Federation President, Racheal Cuffie, headed for the north London activities during the morning. "We chose to focus on health ministry and, so far, books are gone, fruits are gone and spirits are high", Racheal enthused. "Homeless people have even come over to us and they didn't want the fruit, they wanted to hear more about our books and health info. It just proves that people are hungry, not just physically, but spiritually."

Two young men, shopping on the Wood Green High Road, were some of the last passers-by to speak with the team in north London. Danny Ward, along with his brother, was intrigued by the fruit and 'gift bags'. They decided to give the organisers their contact details to find out more about what the young people were doing.

"I'm sure being healthy is important for everyone in their life. I'm not a very healthy person myself, I don't go to the gym, but that's my downfall", confessed Danny. "But with these bags of books and fruit, I would probably eat the fruit first then read the books later. I think I know quite a bit about church because my family became Christians a few years back, and I've had a few people round my house studying the Bible, but I'm just waiting for the right time to be baptised. Maybe now I can find out more."

Following such a positive, spirit-filled day, the young people were keen and ready to share their testimonies at an evening programme held at the Advent Centre, in Central London. Over 200 young people met at the venue for an evening of praise, worship and powerful messages. Young preachers,

Asher McKenzie, Warren Gillen, Clarence Jackson and Shereen Rodney, spoke to those gathered about 'standing up for Jesus' and being 'different and peculiar' from their peers.

"Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighbourhoods", commented Steve Thomas, SEC Youth director. "This is what Global Youth Day was all about. We are indeed happy that our young people took up the missionary banner and 'became the sermon'."

[Click here](#) for more pictures of the North and South Global Youth days..

## GO TO HELL: A REPORT OF THE 14 MARCH BUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



*Pastor Ian Sweeney*

'Go to hell!' You don't often hear those words in a sermon – yet they are Biblical. This, according to Pastor Ian Sweeney as he shared New Testament thoughts on 'being handed over to Satan' (1 Timothy 1:18-20), or being accursed or 'anathema' for preaching another Gospel (Galatians 1:8-9).

As President for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Sweeney was raising these controversial texts with the board of trustees for a reason. He stated, "When we tell people to 'go to hell' is this for our internal 'purity' or do we have some concern for the community? Do we see them 'in hell' or to be rescued? Do we have a concern for our perfection or for the salvation of others?"

Pastor Sweeney added, "As a Church we have to see the interest God has in our communities. I passionately believe that God died for the 66 million of the British Isles."

This has become a familiar theme for the President, but it is one that is being backed up by action. The committee noted that 'Mission to the Cities' is taking off not just in London (2013) and Dublin (2014) but that the vision has been caught in other cities as well.

SEC President Pastor Sam Davis noted the enthusiasm for 'Mission to the Cities' not just from the London churches, but also from ministers in the provincial areas. He talks to this more specifically in the [latest edition of MESSENGER](#). Included in this initiative is a church plant in Potters Bar and another one planned over a two year period for Uxbridge.



*Pastor Sam Davis at a recent Mission to the Cities Prayer day.*

Irish Mission President Pastor David Neal noted the very different challenge in Dublin – a young church where most of the 450 members have been there less than 10 years. "This year is a year of preparation", Pastor Neal states, as his team works to double the number of congregations in the city by 2015 and to reach members of the majority religion in Ireland in a way that will touch their lives for Christ.



*Southport evangelism in 2012*

Pastor Sweeney is not scared to deal with the difficult areas of evangelism – even when it can sometimes be a sensitive issue. He noted that only two congregations across the British Isles have more than fifty white, Anglo members. Noting that Revelation 14:6 is a proclamation to all people he emphasised, "We have initiatives to reach Muslims, Ghanaians, Romanians. We need to reach the largest group."

Having talked about this need in general terms since he came to office, and having listened to suggestions from members, Pastor Sweeney stated that this is an area that the committee will focus

on in more detail over the next three months. To help nudge that discussion forward, Pastor Mike Simpson, Personal Ministries director for the North England Conference, shared how Southport and five other church plants in the North are currently reaching indigenous whites. "Southport is an example of how carefully selected people with carefully selected products can reach people", Simpson stated.

With the focus on Evangelism, membership statistics are always significant. The committee noted that membership at the end of 2012 had reached 34,048 but there was still need for more accurate reporting. They also noted that more growth is coming from baptisms than from membership transfer.

Financial statements are now [published online](#) but it is the job of trustees to scrutinise statements, ensure that the budget is on track, and with changing regulations, to ensure that areas like the pension plan are in harmony with current legislation. For this committee that included issues related to the land registry, a selection of building projects, and forward thinking for the Stanborough Press.

The next full committee meets on Thursday, 4 July 2013.

### **STUDENTS TURN TEACHERS AT INDIAN ORPHANAGE [Kish Poddar]**



Five students from Stanborough Secondary School, Watford, spent two weeks teaching at an orphanage in India during their February half-term break, 17 February - 3 March 2013. The trip was organised by Mr Kish Poddar, Assistant Headteacher, as part of the community service ethos of the school.

The students each raised their own airfares and costs to travel to the city of Hosur in Tamil Nadu and teach at the BESSO Children's Home. The freezing 4:00 am start on a cold February morning transformed into a warm and colourful welcome at the gates of the Children's Home!

The BESSO Children's Home, built by STOP International in 2002, houses one hundred orphan children. It also runs a Primary and Nursery School that the orphans attend. The children immediately warmed up to the team of new 'young teachers' from England. While Stanborough students were challenged by the basic facilities at the orphanage, such as using chalk and blackboard, no computers or internet, and the 30 degree temperature; they nevertheless soldiered on teaching English, Maths, Geography, English, Citizenship, History, Science, Spelling and Grammar.

The students used their evenings to prepare their lessons. Their dedication and commitment to teaching the orphans inspired the children to complete their homework assignments and study for class tests. The young teachers were so impressed that they were moved to reward the little children with gifts and sweets for their effort in class.

Daniela, one of the 'young teachers', commented: "I had the time of my life. I will keep memories of this trip in my heart forever. To teach such adorable and sweet children was a touching experience. They are orphans yet there seems to be a special joy and happiness about them. I now want to have an Indian sister."

Elizabeth added, "The children out there use a pencil right down until it is finished, whereas in England if we lose it we are able to buy another. I am personally going to stop complaining about things I do not have and start being thankful about things I do have."

The Principal of the school, Mrs Josephine Ganesh, assessed and rated the student teachers and presented awards. Tanya, Elizabeth and Phoebe received Good Teacher awards; Buya, the Best Teacher award and Daniela received the Excellent Teacher award.

But it was more than teaching. Before the team left for India, Miss Gautran, an accompanying teacher on the trip, organised a collection of new underwear from the Stanborough School students and parents. Several dozen sets of underwear were received, packed and taken to India. When these were distributed to the children of the BESSO and the Way To Life orphanages, the delight on their faces was incredible.



Of course it was not all work because the team took two days off for sightseeing, travelling by train to Mysore to see the world famous Mysore Maharajah's palace, the beautiful bird sanctuary at Ranganathithu and a tour of the city of Mysore, shopping for gifts and souvenirs.

Tanya summed up what a trip like this is all about. In her words: "I will never forget the laughs, the fun, the exploring of nature and what God has created, to bring us to an understanding as to why we were placed on earth, to help others and that's exactly why I will never forget India."

### **THE LARGE PRINT GIVETH, THE SMALL PRINT TAKETH AWAY! [Helen Pearson]**



With 'Toxic Documents and Social Exclusion' as the intriguing title for the March Diversity Lecture at Newbold College on Tuesday, 12 March, Dr Robert Waller, Director of the Simplification Centre, explored the effects of a hidden medium of social exclusion – the 'toxic document'. All sorts of contracts, like credit card agreements, travel insurance and tenancy agreements, can exclude readers simply by being difficult to read. Thoughtless design, dense vocabulary and acres of small print can hinder clear communication.

"What's written and not written recasts people's lives. Violent acts are legally sanctioned through paperwork required by law", said Dr Waller. "The large print giveth, the small print taketh away!"

The lecture was a whistle-stop tour through various types of documents which exclude all kinds of illiterate readers in different ways. People who may be able to read but who are unable to read 'strategically' i.e. to do skimming, searching, following instructions or gathering information are frequently disadvantaged in bureaucratic documents. This has serious consequences. If people don't understand how loan processes work, they commit to financial arrangements which are not entirely clear and the problems of payday loans arise.

Dr Waller showed how readers with 'situated literacies' – those who read the 'languages' of various professional or trade communities – may be excluded when it comes to understanding documents outside of their limited specialist areas.



The lecture demonstrated Dr Waller's own commitment to clear communication as a human right by including many examples of improved secular documents like traffic infringement notices and parking regulations which made clear the 'story' that the content was telling and offered signposts to the reader seeking to make sense of the content.

Of particular interest to his audience was the illustrated section of the lecture on Bible design. Dr Waller has been involved with this over a number of years. He showed the design of 16th Century Bibles – some designed for study and others, like the King James Version, designed to be read from lecterns in churches by the squire to 'you lot down there'. Clearly, not all Bibles are designed to be read. He talked about wedding and christening Bibles with tiny print made not for use but for

ornament. He showed how one of his own major productions – the Contemporary English Version – used design and 'genre markers' to help Christians new and old understand the nature of the text. Each chapter begins with a 'map' to invite the reader in, poetry is set out to look like poetry, laws and punishments in Leviticus and Numbers are set out in three columns of 'small print'.

The Q&A session yielded accounts from members of the audience of their own struggles with toxic documents, and discussions of the effect of globalisation and multiculturalism on simplification. Others wondered whether over-simplification of questions could lead to over-simplified answers and the potential for 'dumbing down'.

The full recording of the lecture is available on the [Newbold College of Higher Education website](#).

### **NEW UNDERSTANDING FOR ADVENTISTS IN LONDONDERRY** [David Neal]



When the children of Oakgrove Integrated School, Derry/Londonderry wanted to find out about the various faith groups in their city, they decided that the best way to find out is to visit the place of worship. That included a visit to the largely unknown Seventh-day Adventist church in this Northern Irish city.

Contacting the local Adventist pastor, a visit was arranged for Wednesday, 6 March. While welcome, this presented a challenge to the local leadership, unfamiliar with a group of 40 children attending church. How do you demonstrate to a class full of eight year olds who and what we are all about?

The biggest concern for the pastor on duty was to ensure that he kept their attention! But when you think about it, there are quite a few visual worship practices that are fairly unique to our faith tradition.

For example, intriguing to children was our practice of baptism by immersion. Eyes opened even wider as Ross McCauley and Kevin Lynn washed each other's feet to demonstrate our practice of serving each other before taking Communion.



How could we explain to our guests that the need of the world is Jesus – and that it's He who gives long lasting satisfaction? The answer – bread! With a variety of loaves fresh from the bakery, buns were passed around to the children as the story of Jesus was told.



Given a tour of the children's Sabbath School room, and a gift of a cake to take home, Derry members ably shared the Good News and why Jesus is at the heart of our faith.

Teachers at Oakgrove School clearly enjoyed the visit, as an invitation has now been passed to the church to become involved in school assembly.

### **DR JOAN ROSEMAN-CHANNER: WOMAN OF THE YEAR** [Petula Peters]

Dr Joan Roseman-Channer, a member of Lewisham Adventist church is now 'Woman of the Year' according to the Stephen Lawrence Trust. Inspirational women of Lewisham, Greenwich and Southwark were honoured at a ceremony held at Goldsmiths University on Friday, 8 March 2013 to celebrate the achievements of local women.



Dr Channer received her commendation in front of an audience including Doreen Lawrence OBE and Joan Ruddock MP as well as local residents and the press. A panel discussion focused on 'How individuals can make all the difference'.

Dr Channer received the award for her outstanding contribution to the local community. She may be a GP with her own busy practice in Southwark, Peckham, but Dr Channer goes far beyond the call of duty. For the past decade Joan has worked tirelessly to bring the Church's unique health message to non-Adventists in the borough. She helps out lots of people, both from her home or others that contact her. In addition she fits in being a great mum and she also works tirelessly for her church.

As head of Lewisham church Health Ministries for many years, she is still heavily involved in all health programmes at church. Church member, Petula Peters states that she is "the most humble woman I know, always helping other people in many different ways, sharing her knowledge and medical expertise, as well as our health message, counselling people, kindest person in church, always available and have never ever heard her get upset or angry, honestly a paragon of Christianity." Petula adds, "We love her, she thoroughly deserves the accolade."

Doreen Lawrence, founder of the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, commented, "As we mark the 20th anniversary of Stephen's death we want to take the opportunity to recognize inspirational women in the local community. Women are the bedrock of the community and the Trust wants to celebrate their hard work and achievement."

Lewisham church congratulated Dr Channer by publically stating, "God bless you Joan, thank you for all you do, for the help, support and hope your hard work and kindness brings to those in our local community who see God's love and light shining so brightly in you."

### **FREE HUGS FOR SOUTH LONDON [Katie Ramharacksingh with Wilson Lagos]**



Members of the South London Hispanic Adventist church emptied their bookshelves of all their Christian books and went out into south London, on Sabbath, 9 March, on a mission to reach their local community.

The church has set itself the challenge to reach the 130,000 Latin Americans and Spanish speakers that live in the London area. As part of the plan for the 2013 'Mission to the Cities' initiative, established by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the church equipped themselves with 'Mission to the Cities' T-shirts and banners, 5,000 copies of the Adventist Review magazine and hit the streets.

"It was amazing seeing our church members sharing Jesus' love in the community", commented Wilson Lagos, pastor of the South London Hispanic church. "As part of our church's strategic plan, we will take to the streets again in three months' time, if not earlier, as our church members are now really motivated to reach others."

Pathfinders, elders, children and friends of church members all joined together, each happy to help impact their neighbourhoods. The group visited areas with large Latin American communities, such as Southwark, Lambeth and Wandsworth, where some of the church members gave out 'free hugs' while others prayed 'minute-prayers' with passers-by. Surprisingly, one individual even asked for a ten-minute prayer!





## PASCHAL MEAL AT CENTRAL LONDON CHURCH [Nancy-Josee Ciakudia]



On Friday, 15 March Central London Adventist church celebrated around the theme of Easter. The celebration took place in a relaxing environment as the church opened its doors with the hope of reaching out to someone who did not know about the love of God.

The evening was set up as a concert with short sermons in between songs. Songs with lyrics such as 'The Lord of all', 'You have been lifted to the highest place', and 'Son of God, Jesus' were sung while visitors and members of the church shared food, laughter and smiles.

The evening included a special Paschal meal. Paschal is from the Greek 'pascha' and means Passover. It is a Jewish traditional meal. Through this meal individuals were asked to reflect upon the ups and downs in life and remind themselves that God is always near even in the low times. Through the Passover meal members and friends were able to share our joys and pains while reflecting on the goodness of God. The whole celebration reminded us all that God is the strength and source of our lives.



## "STEWARDSHIP IS ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF GOD" [Katie Ramharacksingh]



*Jesus did much of his teaching around food. Rejoice Kampengele (left) and Earl Ramharacksingh (right) have found it works equally well for treasurers.*

"Stewardship is the responsibility of every person in this room and also the work of every department in the Church!" charged Erika Puni, Director of Stewardship Ministries at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He was speaking at a joint North & South England Conferences' Treasurers' Retreat, 8-10 March, at Wokefield Park, Reading.

Over 300 treasurers, who serve voluntarily in their local churches, came from across the whole of England. The event was coordinated by Earl Ramharacksingh and Rejoice Kampengele, respective treasurers of the South and North England Conferences.

"It's important for treasurers to realise they're not alone", commented Earl Ramharacksingh. "Treasurers are very much in the background support teams for our local churches but their work is valued and immense. They are also significant leaders and they need these weekends as they provide suitable envisioning, challenges and motivation in the work that they do, not only as treasurers but also as leaders in our local church."

As the main speaker for the weekend, Erika focused on discipleship and emphasised how we need to promote a culture of Stewardship in the church, which includes encouraging faithfulness in the giving of both tithes and offerings.

"It is not our business to make lots of money, our work is to make disciples of all people", said Erika Puni. "It's very easy for those who operate as treasurers to think that they are only dealing with money. It is necessary, in my view, to never lose focus as to why we are here as a Church and I am convinced that when we understand our calling as disciples



everything else will fall in place; it's all about making disciples."

The retreat was interspersed with talks from Victor Pilmoor, British Union Conference Treasurer, Jonathan Valls, Senior Account Executive at Adventist Risk Management, and the SEC Treasury team. To close the weekend, the organisers held an open forum for questions. This allowed attendees to get a better feel for their voluntary roles as well as find out about the latest, helpful developments.

"This has been an opportunity for us to understand what the Conference expects of us as Treasurers and especially to reduce the amount of errors we make", enthused Abigail Wright from Reading West church. "I believe there is a lot we can share from the weekend with our churches, in terms of encouraging offerings as well as tithe, because they are very faithful in giving tithe but when it comes to offerings it's sometimes a different story!"

Audio and PDF presentations from the weekend are available via [the Adventist Church website](#).



## LONDON: FOCUS FOR 22 MARCH MESSENGER

How much do you know about London? Statistics focus on the ethnic diversity of the city – but what about the religious diversity? What kind of mission field do Adventists in the city really face? Those are the questions posed in the 22 March edition of MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as members focus on the needs of 'Mission to the Cities'. Also in this edition: Rome on the ropes?, What is the 2520 prophecy all about?, and six pages of the best news from across the British Isles. Pick up a copy from your local church or [read it online](#).



## BUC NEWS NEXT WEEK

Due to the Easter break BUC News will be produced one day earlier than normal. Please ensure that we receive all your articles by 6:00 pm on Tuesday, 26 March at the very latest. Please note that you can now also submit articles directly via our website: <<http://adventist.org.uk>>.

## PROGRAMME CHOICES FOR THE WEEK

Programme highlights for the coming week:



On [Revelation TV](#) (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): **Faith Talks** returns with discussion and debate surrounding issues central to the Christian faith. Join the debate Thursdays 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday lunchtime, 1:00 pm.

For Internet Radio listeners: Fridays at 8:00 pm, **'My Song'** with Mike Johnson, online at [www.lightfm.net](http://www.lightfm.net). Two hours of your favourite songs from across the decades. Send your requests/dedications to [radio@lightfm.net](mailto:radio@lightfm.net).

**On Hope TV** you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and [website](#). Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 22 March: 8:00 pm: The Journey: [Iona & Worship](#),  
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: [Is God a moral monster?](#),  
Midnight: The Journey: Iona & Worship  
Sabbath 23 March: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Journey: [Iona & Worship](#),  
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Is God a moral monster?

Monday 25 March: 12:30 pm: In Conversation: [Burnell Bussue](#) – A desire to care,  
 9:30 pm: Viewpoint: [Is technology good or bad?](#)  
 Wednesday 27 March: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: [The many faces of Christmas](#),  
 11:00 pm: In Conversation: [Garth Anthony](#) – Consummate storyteller  
 Friday 29 March: 8:00 pm: The Journey: [Seeking the Lost](#),  
 Midnight: The Journey: Seeking the Lost  
 Sabbath 30 March: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Journey: [Seeking the Lost](#),  
 7:30 pm: FaithTalks: [Does faith make a difference in a marriage?](#)

**COMING EVENTS** For a full listing of Coming Events please visit <http://adventist.org.uk/events>

Due to changing formats on our website, the possible inclusion of posters, and the increase in the numbers of Coming Events, this section of the newsletter will now be fully updated online and is the best source of events either in your own area or in another part of the country. Select your region for events nearest to you.

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### SMALL ADS

**ROOM REQUIRED:** Adventist male seeks single room in London/South Hertfordshire area near public transport. Contact: Joe by email at <[molina4567@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:molina4567@yahoo.co.uk)>.

**SPEND A HOLIDAY IN CROATIA** at an old Istrian House near Pula, Croatia. Ryanair flies to Pula twice a week. For details contact Pastor Godina: [godinav@gmail.com](mailto:godinav@gmail.com) or 01628 603100; 07977423502 in UK or 00385 52544213 in Croatia from 15 May onward.

**AU PAIR LOOKING FOR AN ADVENTIST FAMILY:** Priscille Drula, a 20-year-old Adventist student in Nice, France is looking for an Adventist family with kids that could and would like to welcome her to serve an au pair year, starting preferably from the end of August. This will also help her improve her English. References from the local church are available. For more details email: [priscille.drula@hotmail.fr](mailto:priscille.drula@hotmail.fr).

**TEACHER NEEDED:** Stanborough Secondary School. **Modern Foreign Language (French) and Female Games Teacher Key Stage 3 and 4** needed for September 2013. The closing date for applications: 16 April 2013. See our job vacancies website for more details on this and other vacancies.

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