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PEACE POURS OUT 'LIKE A RIVER' [Peter Jeynes]



PEACE. It stands for 'Practical Evangelism and Adventist Christian Education'. It is a training organisation centred in the North England Conference. PEACE held its third annual graduation ceremony at Preston Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, 1 December.

The twenty graduating students from four continents had undertaken practical evangelistic training in connection with the Southport church under the guidance of Adam Ramdin, Beulah Plunkett and Craig Gooden; the PEACE staff team, and a host of visiting specialist educators.



Benvindo Da Luz congratulated by (left to right) Pastors Adam Ramdin, Lorance Johnson, Michael Simpson and John Ferguson.

The course content and impact can be gathered from the combined words of Hebada Dolsenhe, Judith Antwi and Dean Culinane – "One thing we all have in common, we want to reach others for Christ", "We learned ...", "We promise God to be true to Him" and "If you think PEACE is for you...I promise you will not regret it."

Emanuel Baek, an evangelist from Amazing Facts, was the keynote speaker for the graduation. He asked the question, "What do you want?" and suggested that it was worth everything to sacrifice all for what we really want in terms of serving God.

Pastor Adam Ramdin opened the ceremony with the pronouncement that public evangelism works in 2012. Craig Gooden provided facts to support the assertion. The students had completed over 900 surveys, dropped off over 500 Bible study booklets and given 46 in-home studies. Plans have been created to make sure that each of these contacts will be followed up.



Dean Culinane heading for outreach in the Isle of Man

Students from the class of 2012 will be heading in a multiplicity of directions. Hebada wants to teach poetry and confirmed that the course has enabled her to focus on her life and plans. She will return to America. Ekaterina said, "Now I really know what to do...I grew in personal confidence."

Brazilian born, Dorling, who starred in the first of the PEACE promotional videos, was another graduate who has moved on from ideas of doing a hairdressing course to a desire to serve God better while Dean will go on to being a Bible worker on the Isle of Man. Young, bright and bubbly Florence from Wellingborough will return to the north as another Taskforce Bible worker, this time to Southport.

Beulah Plunket stated that this year's PEACE graduates regarded the course as 'character building' and confessed her own enthusiasm for the course in the words, "I can't stop telling people they need to come to PEACE."

PEACE will be back next year – but for now, the 20 graduates will be like a river of light, spreading out over the British Isles – and the four continents from which they came.



Florence to be a Taskforce Bible worker in Southport



Poet Hebada presents an address on behalf of the students.

BACKWARDS BIRTHDAY RAISES £1500 [Joseph & Jackie Lynton]



While some folk stop counting birthdays, Joe and Jackie Lynton decided to use their respective movements into a new decade to do something special for God.

Their thinking was, "God has blessed us with so much that we felt it should be an opportunity to give to a good cause."

Jackie, approaching 50, and Joseph, 60, decided on a joint celebration, inviting close friends and family. However, instead of receiving gifts they decided to 'do their birthday backwards' as a means to give. The result was an 'auction a promise' birthday party, where participants pledged a service that anyone can undertake for another person or donation of an item.

The appropriate 'good cause' was highlighted for them during a weekend break in Oxford where they found themselves reunited with good friends Sophia and Nigel Nicholls. During Sabbath lunch they were inspired by their tireless devotion to their family and especially Matthew, their sixteen-year-old son, who has learning disabilities and other complex needs.

Learning about the Adventist Special Needs Association [ASNA], the charity the Nicholls set up over ten years ago to support people living with special needs, led Jackie and Joseph to recognise that "Here was a charity right under our noses within our church community serving the families of those living with special needs."

Jackie states, "We had no idea what people would pledge on the night, we had a few donations of a holiday in Tenerife and our birthday cake that we started off the auction with, and both items went with a fantastic starting figure of £400!"

Both a presentation by Sophia Nicholls, and the engaging and hilarious skills of auctioneers, Donald Brown and Clive Palmer, made people warm to the whole idea. With between 80 and 90 family and friends present the duo were surprised to raise around £1500 – three times what they expected.

Joe enthused, "The response was great, our guests were delighted to give to a good cause and some have pledged to continue to give through monthly standing orders. We would definitely like to do this again!"

For more information about the work ASNA do visit <www.asna.info> or email <info@asna.info>.

MOVEMBER CREW SMARTEN UP



Movember lads at Hemel church

Certain gentlemen around the Adventist Church head office in Watford are looking somewhat smarter and tidier since the start of December. Four staff from the British Union Conference supported a much larger group from the Hemel Hempstead Adventist church to grow moustaches for Movember, raising awareness and funds for men's health charities.

There was quipping and hilarity in the office as, for some, facial hair became more pronounced than for others, but the serious point was that they helped the Hemel Hempstead church reach a

target of over £1,000.

Phillip Platjes, a Hemel Hempstead church member, is delighted. "We are hoping that more awareness is raised and that more men and their families will benefit from this!"

Valerie, wife of the late Pastor Roland Fidelia, cheerfully donated with the comment, "As my husband died of prostate cancer I think this is a brilliant idea to raise awareness. Long may the hair grow!"



Solidarity from the ladies & some hopeful young lads

Before the men got busy with their razors, a group photo at Hemel Hempstead church on Sabbath, 1 December demonstrated that a solid group of men – supported by the ladies, wished to support research into prostate cancer (that kills 10,000 British men each year), and raise awareness of other men's health issues. So far the team has raised £1,179 with a few last minute donations still to be counted.

To find out more about Movember and men's health visit <www.movember.com> and whilst you're there why not support the [Hemel Hempstead church team](#) with a donation!

**Some of the
BRITISH MISSIONARIES
YOU ARE SUPPORTING**

1. Pastor and Mrs. B. E. Spence, 1946 (Haitenberg Memorial College, S. Africa).	2. Miss G. Clarke, 1921 (Kenya Colony).	3. Pastor and Mrs. G. D. Rough, 1938 (South Africa).	4. Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Lefebvre, 1939 (South Africa).	5. Nurse Pheila Standen, 1939 (Belgian Congo).	6. Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Pitzer, 1946 (Gold Coast).	7. Pastor C. T. J. Hijk, 1939 (Uganda).	8. Mrs. E. Pinner, 1946 (Ethiopia).	9. Pastor W. H. Hudson, 1911 (S. Africa).	10. Pastor W. C.	11. Pastor S. G. Maxwell, 1920 (S. Africa).	12. Pastor and Mrs. W. S. Newman, 1937 (W. Africa).	13. Pastor and Mrs. S. Bull, 1928 (Zanzibar).	14. Pastor and Mrs. W. G. T. T. 1928 (W. Africa).	15. Nurses Doris and Sylvia Tunell, 1949 and 1950 (W. Africa).	16. Mr. R. A. Carey, 1952 (Kenya Colony).	17. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hyde, 1945 (W. Africa).	18. Mrs. A. H. Brown, 1947 (Tanzania).	19. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bamette, 1948 (Kenya).	20. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Winters, 1946 (Tanzania).	21. Mrs. J. R. Brown, 1913 (Dorset County, W. Africa).	22. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Halliday, 1914 (C. I. T. Co. Ltd., West Africa).
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MISSIONARY ZEAL – 58 YEARS ON

A [well preserved leaflet](#) discovered among the valued treasures of Agnes Poulton has brought delight to a generation of Adventists who remembered their parents, friends, aunts and uncles in mission service.

Stanborough Park church member, June Coombs, came across the 1954 Missionary leaflet, whilst sorting through Agnes' possessions following

her death in September. Pictured are 24 British missionaries serving in Africa, South America, India and the West Indies. Recognising that in 1954 the Adventist Church in the UK numbered only a 7,500 members this represents an astonishing commitment to mission. According to [Adventist archives](#) British missionaries accounted for over 12 percent of all missionary activity, worldwide.

Their influence lives on – as posting the leaflet on Facebook brought memories from friends across the world. Tisha Smit, a pastor's wife in Portugal wrote, "Thanks for posting this because it brings back lots of memories as many of these workers were friends with my parents: the Hurlows, the Sparrows, the Raitts, the Maxwells and Newmans." Originally from South Africa, Tisha identifies with fellow countryman, Penny Brink who wrote, "Now I know how the Hurlows, Sparrows and Raitts got to become the well-known Adventist names in South Africa. Evidently the children and grandchildren continued there, some of them are our good friends today."

Leamington Spa member, Robert Pearce was delighted to find the photo of his parents serving in what was then called the 'Gold Coast' – now Ghana. Belfast pastor, Adam Keough discovered his great grandfather in photo number 3.

Mervyn Hulbert, born to missionary parents serving in Nigeria reminisced, "It really emphasizes the differences between the times in which our parents and ourselves lived doesn't it? Goodness! It makes me feel my place – and theirs – in history. Strangely humbling."

It is easy to look at the past and be nostalgic. With the Adventist Church in the British Isles now numbering around 34,000 we could ask if we hold the same kind of commitment and passion as our forebears?

That might not be a fair question. The world of 2012 is vastly different to that of the post-war 1950s. Missionaries succeeded in their tasks and strong national churches developed in what back then was called 'the mission field'. Those national churches have continued to grow and develop while in the secularised West the Christian Church, at large, has been in decline.

In 2012 the mission field is close to home. Were it not for immigration from these former 'mission fields', the Adventist Church in the British Isles would be listed amongst those struggling churches.

Yet it may be that 'immigration' helps provide the solution. Just as British missionaries went to 'far flung lands', could it be that those of us who have come to the UK in recent years, perhaps for economic or educational reasons, can be filled with the same compassion and desire for mission as those missionaries of old? Can we look at the larger communities around us?

At the recent National Lay Bible Workers' Convention, up to 200 people made a commitment to win just one person to Jesus in 2013. Just imagine if that 200 leapt upwards to nearer 34,000? Just imagine if that number included you! Whether 'Hope for the Big Cities', ShareHim, Life Connect, Messy Church, door-to-door, street witnessing, social networking, or friendship evangelism, how can you be part of the 'Missionary Hall of Fame' for 2013?

DRUMS AND CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON [BUC News]



Singing Gospel with Serena Maurice-Nwokoye, Godwin Ogbeide, and Catherine James. [Photo, courtesy Islington tribune]

As Christmas lights get switched on across the British Isles, endeavouring to bring some cheer to shoppers, and encourage them to dig deeper into their pockets, the Holloway Adventist church drum corp and choir, both took the opportunity to bring Christian cheer into the carnival atmosphere of the Nag's Head area of Holloway on Sunday, 25 November.

The [Islington Tribune](#) reports that around 10,000 people enjoyed the day. Holloway Adventists made sure that some of that number had an opportunity to hear about Jesus.



LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

Lorry loads of 'happiness'!, Educating for eternity, and part two of 'False teachers unmasked'. All part of the 'Education Special' MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. The 7 December double edition highlights all our Adventist schools and some moving student testimonies from Newbold College. We also learn how 'Two to a manger' gives a touching twist to a timeless story. Read it [online](#) or pick up a copy at a church near you.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On [Revelation TV](#) (Sky 581 or Freesat 692):



The Journey: [Of Giants and Dragons](#) – tales from Cornwall: Thursday, 6 December, 8:30 pm repeated Sunday lunchtime 9 December, 1 pm. Next week: Hope in Hiroshima. How can forgiveness come to an A-bomb survivor?

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 including seasonal programming:

Friday 7 December: 8:00 pm: The Journey: [Hiking in the Highlands](#),

8:30 pm: FaithTalks: [Why can't I believe anything I want?](#),

Midnight: Hiking in the Highlands

Sabbath 8 December: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Hiking in the Highlands,

7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Why can't I believe anything I want?

Monday 10 December: 9:30 pm: Viewpoint: [What is truth?](#)

Wednesday 12 December: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: What is truth?

Friday 14 December: 8:00 pm: The Journey: [Lost in the Lake District](#),

8:30 pm: FaithTalks: [Does faith make a difference in a marriage?](#),

Midnight: Lost in the Lake District

Sabbath 15 December: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Lost in the Lake District,

7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Does faith make a difference in a marriage?

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