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The purpose for ecounter is to develop youth and youth leadership spiritually and motivationally, in faith and in service.



I met with some young ladies recently who shared their frustration at not being able to get involved in their local church. 'You are not old enough yet' was one of the reported comments. I can't promise things will change, or quickly, or in every church, but we are pleased to announce a new opportunity that I hope your church will engage in.

Youth can be a part of the life of the church, and I don't just mean leading the music or reading the Scripture, valued as these things are. I am looking for churches to give more opportunities for our youth to make a difference in their communities by volunteering. Adventist Community Services is about improving the community, before you presume to impose your biblical righteousness and truth on them.

Volunteering could even help youth get a job, and that seems a benefit in this age of high youth unemployment.

So as you face decisions this summer about subjects to study at school, where to go to university, how you might find a job, about anything you are mapping out for your life: remember that volunteering for God can give you purpose and might even change your life.

Nathan



Boost your career options
 A survey carried out by TimeBank through Reed Executive showed that among 200 of the UK's leading businesses:

- 73% of employers would recruit a candidate with volunteering experience over one without.
- 94% of employers believe that volunteering can add to skills.
- 94% of employees who volunteered to learn new skills had benefited either by getting their first job, improving their salary, or being promoted.

www.worldvolunteerweb.org/resources/how-to-guides/volunteer/doc/benefits-of-volunteering.html



Making friends

Dori is a small town in the Sahel district, up in the north of Burkina Faso. Together with film cameraman Frank Spangler I visited the district in October last year, working on the documentary featured on the 2013 ADRA DVD. With the Mali crisis looming and refugees fleeing the country we were advised to be careful when travelling north. (Editor's note: today, this area is out of bounds for any foreigners.) Having travelled well into the hinterland of Dori we visited sites where ADRA has made a difference in recent years.

Often the children stand together observing 'the circus in town'. When pointing a camera they often scatter and run away, not knowing what to expect. One of the ways I use to ease their fear is to actually sit down, call them over, and show them pictures on my camera. Then I ask, in foot and hand language, if I can take a picture of one of them, usually the 'gang leader'. Once I have shown on the screen the picture I took, they all want to have their picture taken. It is even more fun when shooting video and turning the screen around to face them! Laughter and joy soon replace fear and worry. So it was in a small village we visited near Dori. A bunch of young lads hung around, but we soon became friends. I took tens of pictures of the group and individual faces. When I got home and checked my photographs I remembered our little friends. Their smiles. Their friendliness. Their openness. How they waved us farewell when we left.

But I was also reminded of what ADRA has done for their community: improved cooking stoves, better agricultural methods, access to clean water, more food. Thanks to ADRA these children have a chance of a better life. Your help this year to collect or just give means ADRA will install eight more boreholes in Burkina Faso, providing access to clean water to thousands of people for years to come. ADRA will install the boreholes, set up community water committees to manage the water points, and provide health education. But to do so we need your help. Those of you who went out to collect for the Appeal will have done so with 100 years of experience as a Church behind you. Nothing new. Nothing changed. Simply asking people to help us to help. The funds collected for the 2013 Appeal will also support similar projects in Africa, Asia and the UK. We will also respond to international disasters.



o Bert Smit
CEO ADRA-UK

Mission adventures in Korea

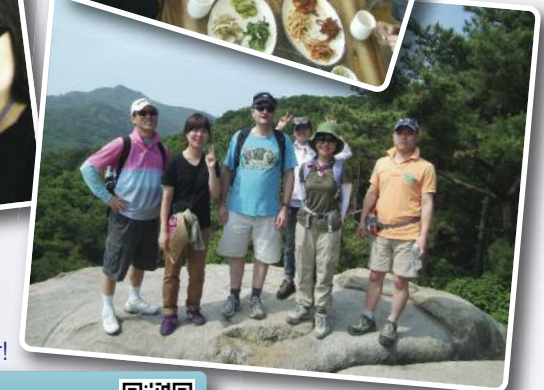
Are you 25 or older and just fresh out of college? The known world hasn't been conquered yet by yourself – hmm, what to do, what to do. What about trying mission work in Korea? You will teach English and a light religion class daily while learning about a new culture and spreading the truth about God. Pay off a few student loans and learn a new alphabet. What more could you want! Well, there is more when working for Seventh-day Adventist Language Institute (SDALI) Korea. It's a very intense working environment which will teach you time management in a work setting. You will work hard but will be rewarded well. The blessings with God are sometimes in disguise. The best part for me was that I had an opportunity to find out whether I liked teaching/preaching or not before delving into an extra teaching degree. One learns really quickly how to lesson-plan, and think on your feet in front of an audience while teaching something that you already know: English! How 'wow' is that! It gets better: you teach different groups – Kinderest, middle school and adult. Yea! It's not actually work when you get to sing along when you know the words.

At 25, you haven't climbed a mountain in Korea with students and friends on weekends, you haven't gone skiing on their slopes. I tell you, this is mission in action while adding real faces to your social media network, with whom you can communicate for the rest of your life. Every day is an adventure in Korea, from shopping in a foreign language to expressing your wish for food with no pork or crab, so you become an actor expressing your desires. You will learn how to survive foreign food labels and how to find your way home without getting lost, take a taxi to an unknown destination, and eat delicious food you have never seen in your life.

Short of a high-action bungee jump day, every day in Korea, even if you are shy, you get to experiment and find talents you never knew you had. I learnt more in a year and a half in Korea while doing mission work than I did in a long time.

Now who said life would be boring after university and college? Get real while helping to finish God's work in this final hour. Desk jobs? Naaa!

o Craig Baxter



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From Hong Kong with love

◦ Vanesa Pizzuto

Over 13-26 February a group of students from Stanborough Secondary School visited Hong Kong in the framework of a long-standing annual cultural exchange.

Since 2006, Stanborough Secondary School and Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School (TPSY) have been having a reciprocal exchange that allows students from both schools to explore another culture and experience a different education system. On 3 February Stanborough welcomed a party of students from TPSY for twelve days. And on 13 February it was the turn of Stanborough students to fly to Hong Kong and enjoy a fun-packed programme.

Students had the opportunity to visit some of Hong Kong's most famous and culturally important sites, such as Victoria Harbour, The Peak, The Big Buddha, Tai Po Lin Monastery, Tai O Fishermen Village, Macau Island and Clearwater Bay Beach, among many others. Students also attended lessons at TPSY, where they particularly enjoyed Mathematics and English. Additionally, they experienced China's rich culinary culture and appreciated the opportunity to make new friends.

About her experience, Sarah – a Year-7 student – shares: 'What I liked the most about Hong Kong was Ocean Park and the Big Buddha. Ocean Park is a theme park with lots of fun rides and extremely fast merry-go-rounds. . . . The Big Buddha [a 26m statue on a hilltop in Ngong Pi] was *really* big. It is very important to Buddhist people . . . and we saw them praying when we got to the top.'

'Our students are privileged to have such an opportunity to develop as global citizens,' said one of the accompanying teachers. 'Trips like this provide them with first-hand experience about other cultures and educational systems. Additionally, they teach them tolerance and responsibility towards each other and the wider world.'



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The suitcase God

◦ Vanesa Pizzuto

I was flying to Argentina to visit my family on Monday. The Sunday before that, I left my flat on a last-minute mission to buy a suitcase.

It was drizzling. My hair promptly communicated its opinion on the weather by frizzing up like a frightened cat. I quickened the pace to my usual supermarket. I knew they sold suitcases; I'd seen them before. It was only a matter of walking in and picking one. Or at least, that's what I thought.

I made it to the suitcase aisle only to discover they had vanished like the dinosaurs (except for leaving no fossil records, judging by the blank expressions of the shop assistants). Empty-handed, yet filled with frustration, I started the return journey. It was too late to go to town; shops would be closed. Plus, I needed some time to pack.

I was officially stuck. And by now, it was pouring.

I was walking home at full speed when I heard a clear voice in my head saying: 'Turn here and go to *that* store.' I resisted. 'Why would I go there?' I thought, 'They don't sell suitcases and they are very pricy.' But the voice was more stubborn than me: 'Turn back and go to *that* store.'

So I did turn and walked up to the store, while complaining in my mind at how soaked I was getting. As soon as I got into the store I asked a cashier if they sold suitcases. 'No,' she said. And that was it.

'Why did You make me come here?' I asked God in my mind. 'I am soaked through and they don't even sell suitcases!'

I was half a block away from the store before I realised the cashier girl was running after me. 'Excuse me, we *do* sell suitcases. In fact, they are on sale. I am sorry about earlier; I had forgotten all about them!'

I retraced my steps to the store and found not just a suitcase, but *the* suitcase. Right there, for an incredibly reduced price, was the cutest suitcase-set I had ever laid

eyes on. A three-piece set, with polka dots in white, red and black, that reminded me a little of a ladybird. To top it all, the manufacturer was a reputable company (as if God was trying to say: 'And I'll make sure they last, too.')

I brought my suitcases home with a renewed sense of awe and gratitude. With every squeak of the wheels I could not help thinking: 'God cares about suitcases! My suitcases!' Imagine that! The Lord of the universe has time for my suitcases.

While packing, I asked God to forgive me for my impatience and thanked Him for keeping talking to me. Now, whenever I travel, people comment on my cute suitcases. I make sure to tell them that they are a gift from the suitcase God.

The Bible says that even the hairs on our head are numbered (Matthew 10:30). In my case, that's an awful lot! Often, when I comb my hair, I joke with Jesus about it. If I notice that I am losing some hair I tell Him: 'Oops, I guess that alters your numbers!' It is a silly joke, I know. But it helps me remember that nothing is so small in my life that God may not notice it. God notices my suitcases, my hair, my fears, my joys, my dreams: *all*.

The suitcase God is interested in everything about me. A great author once said that *nothing is too great for God to bear, or too small for Him to notice.* What a blessing!

◦ E. White, *The Privilege of Prayer*, p. 100



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YES we can!

◦ Nathan Stickland

'Bob, the builder, can he fix it? Bob, the builder, yes he can!' In the theme song to the show, the answer is YES! Bob the builder can fix the construction problem.

In the communities where our churches are located, there are people in need, people that need things fixing. Not necessarily construction needs, but financial, social, and educational.

If Bob the builder can fix things, I wonder how we can get this same expression indelibly impressed in the habits of service in our youth? Can our churches fix it? YES we can! YES is the answer.

Youth Engaged in Service, YES, is the answer. This year across the UK and Ireland we will see YES Projects starting up in our local churches.

In the 2007 European Valuegenesis survey (British Union figures), only 18.9% of youth sought to get involved in community service outside the church. Positively, though, 22.5% of youth did something in the community as an activity of the church. But only 3% were currently involved in the leadership of

community service in their church. YES Projects aim to help the local churches increase the number of youth involved in church-led community service, and provide youth with the chance to lead and manage these community service projects.

More details about how a church can run a YES Project can be found at www.yesproject.org.uk

This will be an opportunity for Adventist Community Services and Youth Ministries to work together in developing habits of service in our youth.

As you run your YES Project, you may wish to invite others to join you in your activities. Soon you will be able to register your

YES Project on the YES Project website, and invite others to join you. You may even wish to invite people with special skills to join you. If you

can accommodate groups you may wish to import extra help from other Adventist youth.

Whether you run something for three hours, days, weeks, or months, a fixed-term project or for an indefinite term, can you do it? *Yes you can.* Youth Engaged in Service can.



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How to hear from God

◦ Abigail Murphy

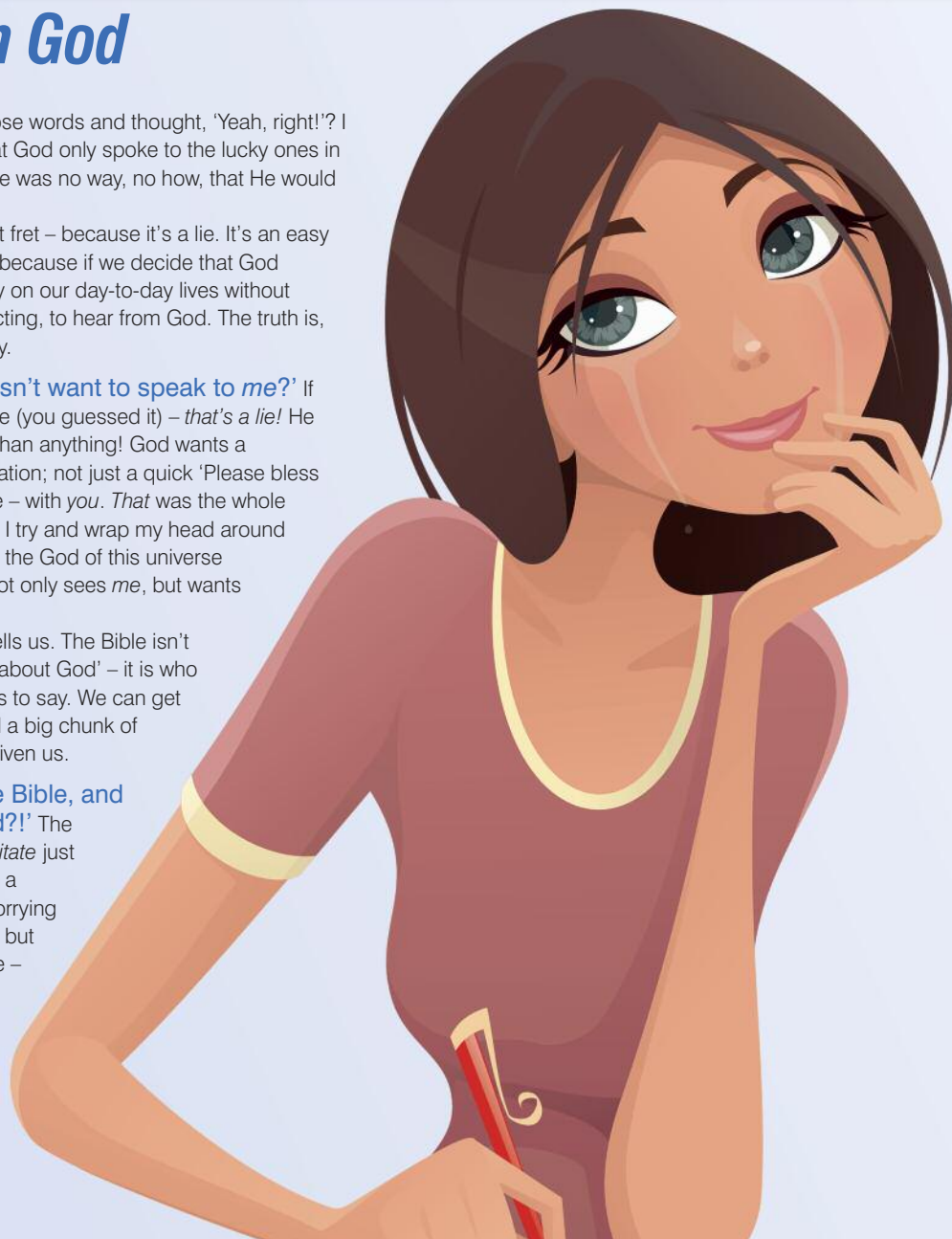
‘God told me. . . .’ Have you ever heard those words and thought, ‘Yeah, right!’? I know I have. For a long time I had decided that God only spoke to the lucky ones in the Bible, or the super-spiritual types, and there was no way, no how, that He would actually speak to *me*.

Does that feel like you too? Well, if so, don’t fret – because it’s a lie. It’s an easy lie to believe (like most lies the world tells us), because if we decide that God doesn’t speak anymore, then we can just carry on our day-to-day lives without actually trying, and without any sense of expecting, to hear from God. The truth is, though, He does still want to speak to us today.

‘What if it’s true – but God just doesn’t want to speak to *me*?’ If that thought rises up in you, don’t fret, because (you guessed it) – *that’s a lie!* He absolutely does want to speak to you – more than anything! God wants a relationship with you, and that means conversation; not just a quick ‘Please bless this food as I shovel it into my mouth’, but time – with *you*. *That* was the whole plan from the get-go! It amazes me every time I try and wrap my head around it (which of course I shall never be able to do): the God of this universe (which He can hold in the palm of His hand) not only sees *me*, but wants me to talk to *Him!*

How can we be sure? Because His Word tells us. The Bible isn’t just a book of ‘nice things people have to say about God’ – it is who He is in written form, and it’s full of stuff He has to say. We can get to know God by spending time with Him – and a big chunk of that is done by reading what He has already given us.

‘Yeah, I know that I have to read the Bible, and I do that – but how do I hear from God?!’ The Bible tells us to meditate on His Word. To *meditate* just means to think about something all the time in a positive way – it’s like the direct opposite of worrying (where you think about something all the time, but it’s in a negative way). Again, this is about time – but it’s not *just* about time, it’s about **weight**. You read your Bible, then you give it weight on the inside of you. You give it room – you consider what it says, and you choose to believe it. You close off distractions, and you give God your full attention. Then you ask Him to speak to you. You most probably



won’t hear an audible voice, but I can certainly say for myself, I know in my ‘knower’ that what I’ve ‘heard’ on the inside of me was my Friend and Father.

‘Ok, say I do that meditate thingamajig: what do I ask Him?’ As I’m writing this I’m smiling now, because you can ask Him anything you like. The first time I ever specifically sat down to ask God to speak to me, I closed my eyes, and in my spirit asked, ‘Errrr, I don’t really know about this, but, errrr, I’m asking You Jesus, that You will speak to me.’ Then I felt a smile appear, unrequested, on my face, a blossoming sense of peace, and I felt: ‘Abigail. I love you.’ It made me cry. It makes me cry now, remembering it, even though I’ve heard Him say those words to me countless times since then, and even today. I can guarantee you, at some point in your journey – you *will* hear Him tell you that self-same thing (except, you know, He’ll probably call you by your name, not mine!).

‘Right – read, meditate, make time, sit, ask. Fine. But how do I know it’s God, and not just me?’ That’s a good point, and it’s well made, and the answer is surprisingly simple. Does it line up with God’s Word? God will never tell you something that contradicts what He has already given us – His Word cannot lie, so if you hear a voice telling you to harm yourself or someone else, then that wasn’t God, because we know that God wants you healthy and whole, and to love your neighbours. You will always have a sense of peace. It comes from resting in His presence, and it exists outside of natural circumstances. You could be having a right pants day – but when you stop and speak to God, your insides will cool down like a fresh breeze on a hot summer day. And, lastly, if you’re anything like me, you’re likely to end up crying. When God touches me with His hand of love – it leaves me tear-stained and happy about it. It’s a hard one to explain, but inevitably I end up weeping into my sleeve. In a good way! ::grin::

‘OK – I got all that, and I want to give it a go!’
Wahoo!! I’m doing my happy dance for you right now! No, I’m not gonna upload it to YouTube, but instead I’ve got some top tips!

ABIGAIL’S TOP TIPS!

Start small – don’t expect to jump straight in. For me, it took a little while before I could ‘hear’ God say more than ‘I love you – I love you – I love you’ (not that that’s a bad thing!), so start with just quiet meditation – read a verse and sit and let it have weight; give it time, and space, and let it expand on the inside.

Do it often – the more time you spend with God, the easier it will be to hear Him.

Don’t get discouraged – if all you feel at first is weird, know that after the weird comes the comfortable, after the comfortable comes the peace, and after the peace comes God’s Word.

Write it down – this is my favourite. Start by writing God a letter – thank Him for loving you, and then, in your quiet time, write what ‘pops up’ in your spirit in response. You will often find God excited to give you a love letter back.

Expect God more and more – as you walk into hearing from God, you will find yourself wanting to hear from Him more and more, and the crazy cool thing is – He wants that too! Don’t just limit Him to 10 or 20 or 5 or 30 minutes before bed, but let Him have a say in your daily life. For me, while I was still learning to hear from God I would close my eyes and speak to Him every time I went to the loo (I figured He wouldn’t mind!), and you guessed it – quite often I’d end up having to wash my tears away before heading back to my desk.

I’m really excited for you if you have just decided to give it a go, and would so love to hear how you get on – if you would like to, pop a comment on the BUC site and I’ll get to see it – I’m even putting the QR code and web address right here, so you have no excuse! Trust me, it will be a fun and lovely ride. **God has good things in store for you!!**



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Radio SWM

It is Friday evening. People are all beginning to unwind after a busy week, and are looking forward to the weekend. As they unwind, many pull their laptops, iPads, and smartphones closer and begin to touch base with other friends on Facebook. Recently, however, a new 'distraction' has appeared. Notices begin to go up on Facebook early on a Friday evening, inviting everybody to tune in to SWM on Shine FM 102.4 because Simone, William and Marc are there to keep everybody company from 8pm to 10pm. While Shine FM only broadcasts a radio signal in a 10-mile radius around Banbridge in Northern Ireland, people from all over the world tune into the web-feed and begin to talk back to the presenters on Facebook and via text messages.

Shine FM 102.4 began in 1999, with the focus taken from Isaiah 60:1, 2 (NIV): 'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.' It is run by a dedicated team of volunteers from diverse backgrounds. David Clydesdale, a member of the Banbridge Seventh-day Adventist church, has been involved in the background of this project as company secretary from the early days of establishing the radio station.

Our first brush with the station on the presenting side was when the founder, the late Nathan Asiimwe, interviewed Patrinne Irvine about the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) project being run. This was the beginning of a great friendship and the stepping stone to greater involvement.

Last year Simone Coetser was invited to become a presenter and she broadcast several shows, called *Shine with Simone*. The programme highlighted positive programmes and people in the local community during the summer holidays. In this time Simone's job situation changed, and she found it challenging to continue with the show. However, she had received so much positive feedback from the community that she felt she had to continue somehow. After



◦ Simone Coetser

much prayer she approached Marc Neal and William Curtis, two Seventh-day Adventist young people in Banbridge, about possibly working with her on a show. After a trial run on a Friday evening Marc and William caught the radio bug, and there was no stopping them!

Marc and William are now official volunteers, and are receiving ongoing training from Shine FM. Their enthusiasm and dedication have been very commendable. Marc has developed into the sound engineer and William has become the main 'voice' of the show. They are both contemplating doing solo shows in the week.

SWM – *So What Matters?* The show focuses on playing Christian contemporary music, raising relevant youth issues, promoting community events, interviewing people, and, most of all, shining for Jesus.

It is hard to know exactly how many people are listening, but through Facebook page requests and comments we know we are reaching people in the local community and across the world. Here are a few comments:

'I really enjoyed your radio show on Friday. It is a great way to enjoy the beginning of Sabbath. You all did soooo well. It was a pleasure to listen to.'

'Hey, thank you so much for playing my song and mentioning my comments – the show was lovely tonight!'



God made me sexy

◦ Heather Haworth

Family, Children and Prayer Ministries Director

Let's face it, 'You are sexy!' You do not need to look in the mirror to get this confirmed. Rather, rejoice that God made you sexy. As the Inventor and Creator of sex, you will find He has the best guidelines. You do not go to the *Playboy* magazine to learn how to be a writer. You join an appropriate study course. To learn about the joy of sex it's also important to do some study. Where do you go and what resources are there?

Recently we put together a 'Sexuality Toolbox' for you. This includes the most up-to-date information for you to do your own research. It is online at www.adventist.org.uk, under the **Family Ministries Department – Resources**.

When you open up the Toolbox you will see the first section is an 'Introduction to Human Sexuality'. It includes items for parents too. You may be surprised that, in a survey done earlier this year to guide our Division Family Ministries Directors on what topics to present, 'Sexuality in Marriage' was the topic with the highest score. Sometimes the sex side of married life is a challenge because of your parents' misunderstanding or abuse of their sexuality when they were your age.

One church invited me to spend time with parents as they were finding it difficult to talk with their children about sexuality. If you come from a culture where this topic is not discussed, you will find it useful that DVDs, CDs and films are listed in the Toolbox with an explanation of their content. Whatever your background, you will find the DVDs on *Sex, Love & Relationships* and *Teen Relationships & Sexual Pressure* by Pam, Jason and Ellen worth watching. Most educational films on sex only look at the physical and emotional consequences of your sexual lifestyle, but these look at the character and spiritual impacts too.

If you are 'into' books read *Smart Love* by Nancy Van Pelt. She includes how to handle the emotional aspect of dating and its sexual pressures. Most girls who are raped are 'date raped', so it's vital that you know how to deal with this issue and how to prevent it.

Not into reading books? Good news! There are good leaflets available for a few pence from The Family

Education Trust, www.famyouth.org.uk, 0208 894 2525: *What Is Love?; Why Save Sex?* You may also be interested in finding out information by going onto the internet sites such as www.pureinheart.net and www.truelovewaits.org

Nowadays, couples getting married in our Church are to have pre-marriage preparation, but really it is good to do some 'pre' pre-marriage preparation yourself. Under the 'Marriage Preparation and Being Married' heading in the Toolbox, there are helpful resources.

'Hindrances to a Good Sex Life', 'Addiction Disorders' and the section on 'Internet Safety' introduce articles, DVDs, CDs, films, websites and books that help you 'wise up' to the deceptive ways you can be lured into experiencing a poor sex life.

Whatever the state of your sex life, one thing is certain; when you follow Jesus He will keep His promise found in John 10:10 (NIV): ***'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'***

For more information, and the disc of items mentioned in the 'God Made Me Sexy' Toolbox, contact your Conference, Mission and BUC Family/Women's or Children's Ministries Director.



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Bike Week 2013 15-23 June

Calling Adventurers, Pathfinders and those with health at heart! Ever considered attempting to free-mount, ride 50 metres/150 feet, turn right and left, and gracefully dismount a unicycle, all without falling off? This is one of the requirements of the unicycling honour, and this June presents a perfect opportunity to try it – it's Bike Week!

Apart from the unicycling honour, Adventurers and Pathfinders can also attain the Cyclist award or Cycling honour while keeping fit.

About Bike Week

Bike Week is an annual opportunity to promote cycling, and show how cycling can easily be part of everyday life by encouraging 'everyday cycling for everyone'. Demonstrating the social, health and environmental benefits of cycling, the week aims to get people to give cycling a go all over the UK, whether this be for fun, as a means of getting around to the local shops or school, or just to visit friends.

As the biggest nationwide cycling event in the UK, in 2012 Bike Week encouraged over half a million people to join in events, rethink their everyday journeys and switch to cycling as the most convenient way to get around.



o Audrey Mutongi

What can Pathfinder leaders do to get involved? Become event organisers

Register your interest in becoming an organiser in 2013, take advantage of free support and advice to help you make your event a success, and be part of a nationwide event. As an organiser you will receive FREE:

- Event registration
- Public liability insurance
- Promotional material
- National publicity, and
- Website tools.



To get involved in Bike Week you can also use cycling as a fundraising activity. Some Pathfinder clubs choose to use sport as a fundraiser. Below is a link to an article in *Encounter Extra* online on one such club. Pathfinders at Stanborough School played badminton for 24 hours to fundraise for their club.

Cycling can easily be part of everyday life, and Bike Week is designed to make this happen. Cycling has become increasingly popular, and this year we challenged Adventurers, Pathfinders, parents and members of the community to rethink their everyday journeys, and switch to cycling as the most convenient way to get around. Make 'everyday cycling for everyone'!

For the second year Bike Week also hosted 'Britain's Biggest Bike Fix' – an ambitious attempt to fix as many bikes as possible during one week. The aim of the Bike Fix was to liberate thousands of unused bikes from sheds across the country, by encouraging people to dig them out and get punctures fixed, brakes adjusted and gears tuned, to get bikes (and the UK) fit for the summer.

I have my bike ready to cycle, not only during Bike Week, but all through the summer. Join me. Happy cycling!

TED Camporee in Holland 29 July–5 August 2014

Just a few hours' drive after the English Channel crossing is the location for the TED Pathfinder Camporee 2014. At a beautiful, flat site in Holland, not far from the Amsterdam airport, Pathfinders from northern Europe, and some from southeast Europe, will be joining for this quadrennial event. Keep watching the BUC YM website for updated information.

UK & Ireland Youth Ministries publications

In about 2007 the British Union Youth Ministries Department published an updated version of the *Pathfinder Record Book*. In 1992 the *BUC Adventurer Handbook* was published. In 2013 both will be revised and published, in both PDF and hard copy. Other publications will follow. If you would like to help proof-read a draft copy of any of the editions, please contact bucyouth@adventist.org.uk

CYE International Camporee in Oshkosh, 12-16 August 2014

Just a few days after the TED Camporee there will be the Centre for Youth Evangelism's International Camporee. It is expected that about 40,000 Pathfinders will converge on the site.

The BUC YM Department is organising a BUC group to attend this inspiring event. It is one of those life memorial events: worth the effort, even if only once in your lifetime. The BUC trip will have two options: 1. Pick up from Chicago Airport, hosting, return to Chicago Airport, or 2. Airport pickup, hosting, Adventist Heritage extended tour, return to Chicago Airport. Information will be available online from June, so come and check out this amazing opportunity at www.adventistyouth.org.uk



www.bikeweek.org.uk



youth.adventistchurch.org.uk/encounter-extra



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What's happening over the summer in your area?

Irish Mission Summer Camp

Date: **13-21 August**
 Ages:
 Junior Camp, 9-13 years
 Senior Camp, 13-17 years
 Theme:
 Junior Camp, **Daniel**
 Senior Camp, **Revelation**
 Speakers:
 Junior Camp, **Pastor Douglas McCormac**
 Senior Camp, **Pastor Stephen Eastwood**
 Venue: Portlick Scout Campsite, Glassan, near Athlone, Co. Westmeath
 Visit: www.imyd.ie

Aberdaron Summer Camps

Dates:
 Senior Camp: **15-22 July**
 Junior Camp: **4-11 August**
 Earliteen Camp: **11-18 August**
 Venue: Aberdaron Advent Campsite, Glan-yr-Afon, Aberdaron, LL53 8BT
 Price:
 Senior Camp: **£155**
 Junior & Earliteens Camp: **£145**
For those who don't know, Aberdaron is a village in the countryside of North Wales, and every year the NEC runs summer camps there for the youth of the Conference (and further afield too!). The Aberdaron season will be the success it has always been, with lots of exciting activities, fun and adventure within a spiritual and safe setting for your youth.

Student Day

Date: **13 July**
 Speaker: **Justin Kim**
 Venue: Leicester Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, Corner of London/University Road, Leicester, LE2 1EF
Justin Kim will be the speaker for the day and lunch will be provided. Come and be blessed.

STUDENT DAY
13 JULY 2013

Guest Speaker
 Pr Justin Kim

THE NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE YOUTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
STUDENT DAY
 13 JULY 2013
 VENUE: LEICESTER CENTRAL CHURCH, CORNER OF LONDON/UNIVERSITY ROAD, LEICESTER, LE2 1EF
 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.NECYOUTH.ORG.UK

Welsh Mission

Teen Camp
 Date: **22-26 August**
 Venue: TBC

Youth Trip
 Date: **4-12 August**
 Venue: Montenegro
 Youth from Wales will visit Montenegro after the Pan-European Adventist Youth Congress in Serbia.

Pathfinder Expedition Croatia

Date: **31 July-9 August**
 Venue: Camp Kovacine, Croatia
 Price:
 Adult (13+) with transport: **£260** – without transport: **£160**
 Child (4-12) with transport: **£190** – without transport: **£90**
 Infant (0-3) with transport: **£120** – without transport: **£20**

ABERDARON CAMPS
JULY & AUGUST 2013

THE NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE YOUTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
JUNIOR CAMP | SUNDAY 4 - 11 AUGUST
EARLYTEEN CAMP | SUNDAY 11 - 18 AUGUST
SENIOR CAMP | SUNDAY 15 - 22 JULY
 VENUE: ABERDARON ADVENT CAMPSITE, GLAN-YR-AFON, ANELOG, ABERDARON, PINLHELL, GWYNEDD, LL53 8BT
 COSTS: **JUNIOR & EARLYTEEN CAMP £145 / SENIOR CAMP £155**
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Scottish Mission

Pathfinder Community Service Week
 Date: **29 June-5 July**
 Venue: Galloway Activity Centre, Loch Ken, Scotland

Pathfinder & Adventurer Camporee
 Date: **30 August-1 September**
 Speaker: **Pastor Bobby Bovell**
 Venue: Galloway Activity Centre, Loch Ken, Scotland

North England Conference

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SEC STUDENT CAMP

Hosted By The Adventist Student Network

22-25th JULY

SPEAKER: PASTOR SAM NEVES

TRIP TO BEACH EXCURSIONS BIKE RIDING WORSHIP

AT CHAPEL PORT CARAVAN SITE, GOONVREA, ST AGNES, TRURO, CORNWALL, TR5 0RN

Students are encouraged to bring roommates, flatmates, and Christian union friends. University students only. Places are limited please book early at www.secyouth.co.uk - Online registration only

Price: £40

FOOD + ACCOMMODATION

Contact: Dejan Stojkovic: dstojkovic@secadventist.org.uk - 07919172178
Roberto Samuel-Ouadjo: RSamuel-Ouadjo@secadventist.org.uk - 01923666633

Camporee

Date: 11-18 August
Venue: Beaudesert Park, Staffordshire

SEC TEENS MINISTRY PRESENTS

Prayer & Faith CONFERENCE

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV 2013

STANBOROUGH PARK SCHOOL, WATFORD, WD25 9JT

£75 PER PERSON
PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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IN COLLABORATION WITH: [Logos: Church of England, Methodist Church, Baptist Union, ministry]

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Junior Camp

Date: 29 July - 4 August
Venue: Chapel Porth Caravan Site, Cornwall, TR5 0RN

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BIBLE AND EVANGELISM Youth Conference

8-11 AUG 2013
KENT HILL, MILTON KEYNES

£85 per person (inclusive of Accommodation, Room and Evangelism Materials)
Early registration before April 30th - £75

DR RUPERT BUSHNER
Regional speaker and former presenter on "How to witness to youth in big cities."

DR ALANZO SMITH
Family Discipleship leader New York Conference

PASTOR ROGER BERNARDEZ
Youth, Bible, International speaker

Registration line: 01923 232728- Youth

www.be-sda.com

Special offer for those delegates £125.00

In order to facilitate the development of youth ministry within the local churches, we are asking for churches to select at least two young people to be delegates (financial help available).

Bible and Evangelism Youth Conference

Date: 8-11 August
Venue: Kent Hill, Milton Keynes

BE is an amalgamation of the Festival of the Word and the Prayer and Bible Conference. The objective of a Bible conference is to get youth to study their Bibles regularly. It is a time when, through Bible study, we can help give answers to our young people.

A prayer conference's objective is to teach, spend time in prayer and mentor a devotional life bathed in prayer. It is said that in order to learn to love to pray, as opposed to loving the idea of praying, one must experience the feeling while praying that you are at the centre of reality. Serious prayer is not a special gift, nor even primarily a responsibility. It is a practical privilege – a privilege because it is an invitation to speak with the Creator of the universe; practical because nothing is more useful for giving our everyday lives weight and direction. We have not because we ask not. The prayer conference is about deepening your conversation with God: the life-changing power of prayer.

Festival of the Word is a Conference-wide assembly of youth in a youth congress atmosphere. The plan calls for involvement of the youth in saturation evangelism of many kinds in that given area. Delegates to the conference receive training in the various types of witnessing in which we hope they will then get involved when they return to their churches.

South England Conference

PAN-EUROPEAN ADVENTIST YOUTH CONGRESS

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30 JULY - 04 AUGUST

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Pan-European Adventist Youth Congress

The Pan-European Adventist Youth Congress is a large gathering of Adventist youth throughout Europe. It is a memory event, the purpose of which is to share and celebrate our common faith, to strengthen our Adventist identity and to make a positive impact in the host city and surrounding area. The theme for AYC 2013, *Power of One*, signifies that all we do and are comes from the *One* who is Jesus Christ.

The deadline for application forms is past; as such we are no longer able to guarantee accommodation. There is, however, an opportunity to register if spaces are still available. For more info visit:

<http://youth.adventistchurch.org.uk/european-youth-congress-2013-novi-sad>



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