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For several reasons recently I have found myself vaguely fascinated by a local building project because nothing seemed to be happening apart from the appearance of a large hole and inconvenience in the form of traffic diversions and noise. Suddenly a building appeared almost, it seems, overnight.

I have since learned that in any building project, the longest phase is spent on preparatory ground works and establishing foundations. It makes sense – a building is only as good as the strength and integrity of its foundations.

Having just completed the September/October Every Day with Jesus issue on worship and having read Phin Hall’s new series Vital on spiritual disciplines (page 4), I am reminded again of the importance of spiritual foundations. They must not be neglected lest we put ourselves in danger of toppling over or collapsing!

I have sometimes wondered about ‘spiritual conscription’ - every once in a while being re-enlisted and put through our paces. This would certainly keep us spiritually fitter and our foundations secure.

I highly recommend these resources to you and your church family, that you might stand firm and be strong.

Grace and peace,
NEWS IN BRIEF

Out and About with CWR

Members of the CWR team are out and about over the summer and would love to meet you. 11 May sees Mick and Lynette Brooks leading a Christ Empowered Living course in Mansfield. Stands introducing you to the publishing, training and conferencing ministry of CWR will be available at the Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Park, Esher (13–17 May), Big Church Day Out in West Sussex (25-26 May) and New Wine, Shepton Mallet (27 Jul – 2 Aug). Do stop by and say hello if you attend any of these events.

CWR Award Nominations

We were delighted to hear from Christian Resources Together that three CWR titles have been nominated for awards this year. In the Book of the Year category, Jeff Lucas’ popular title There Are No Strong People is a contender for an award. Other nominations include Simeon Whiting’s Mettle Guide to Starting University as Youth Book of the Year and Mick Brooks’ Faith, Hope, Love & Everything in Between DVD in the Adult Media and Faith section.

East Sussex Venue Rededicated

Saturday 13 July will see the rededication of Pilgrim Hall, CWR’s East Sussex conference and training centre. During the celebratory open day you can look around the centre, acquaint yourself with the progress of the refurbishment programme, learn more about the future role of Pilgrim Hall in the CWR ministry and join with others to thank God for His provision. Further details about this free ticketed event can be found on page 11.

Congratulations Irene Davies MBACP (Accred.)

Irene, a CWR BA tutor, has achieved accreditation with the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP), an influential professional body for UK counselling and psychotherapy. Irene is excited to receive this accreditation as it is a lengthy process which can only be embarked on after sufficient training and clinical practice hours have been built up. She says, ‘BACP is a secular counselling body, but they accepted my philosophy of practice which involved stating that a Christian worldview underpinned my practice as well as assurances I would treat fairly every client whatever their backgrounds or beliefs.’
Bible teacher Phin Hall is passionate about helping people know and understand the Scriptures. In a new series of books called *Vital*, Phin explores spiritual disciplines and how they encourage deeper love for the God we serve. Each book in the series contains four studies, each including daily readings for the individual, followed by questions to ponder or to discuss in groups. We caught up with Phin to find out more ...

**[CWR Today:] What drew you to write the *Vital* series?**

[Phin Hall:] The roots of this series go back to my days as a youth worker, when the young people jokingly insisted my answer to everything was, ‘Read the Bible and pray’. Behind the joke, however, was a genuine desire to understand why these disciplines were so important and if there were other things they could do to help themselves as young Christians. So I set about investigating what was so vital about these practices and what else might assist our walk with God.

This led, a few years later, to a series of sermons on spiritual discipline, together with spending time discipling individuals with a focus on spiritual discipline. The more I studied and taught them, the more convinced I became that this handful of practices, handed down to us through the centuries, really do help. They can bring us to a place where God charges us to love Him more and so to live more like Jesus.
What was your vision for the series as you began to write?
In life in general, my primary desire is to walk well with God and help others to do so too, so really, this has been my vision. The books are for anyone who wants to grow in their love for God and in their life as one of His children, and I have tried to write them in such a way that they would be beneficial both for group and individual study, together with discipling partnerships.

The most important and unique part of these books is their practical nature. While there is much theory included in each week as I try to answer the questions, ‘What is it? Why engage in it? How does it help our relationship with God? How was this exemplified by Jesus?’ the central question each week is ‘How do we practise this?’

Which disciplines do you cover and how did you select these?
The areas of spiritual discipline I have chosen for this series can be grouped into four areas. Firstly, our focus on God through worship, Bible study, meditation and prayer. Secondly, our focus on others through fellowship, submission, service and witnessing. Thirdly, our focus on ourselves through simplicity, giving, battling temptation and fasting. And finally, our focus on daily life through solitude, silence, thanksgiving, confession and living for today.

These areas of spiritual discipline have been practised for thousands of years by godly men and women, and have been proved of great worth because they bring us to into closer relationship with God - that is ultimately what Christianity is all about.
When writing, which of the disciplines challenged you most personally, and why?
It has been a couple of years since I preached the series on spiritual discipline, so as I have been writing these books the need to commit myself more diligently to these various practices has been a great challenge. This is especially true of areas of spiritual discipline that I have found hard in the past and which have tended to slip over time. While almost everyone I know finds fasting a challenge, I have been especially confronted by the need to practise the similar area of simplicity (abstaining from certain worldly things that may be in danger of becoming idols). It is not because I do not know where to start – I am fully aware of my issue with watching too many films, for example – but my love of them has led to me ignore this area of discipline. It is time to take a break as it just may have got its claws into me!

KEEN TO KNOW MORE?
READ ON FOR AN EXTRACT FROM VITAL: BIBLE STUDY:

‘[Paul] writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.’ (2 Pet. 3:16)

Peter is often portrayed as a bit of a comedy character, quick to blunder in, slow to understand, a simple fisherman caught out of his depth. And while this seems a rather unfair portrayal, he was not afraid to admit that he found some of Paul’s writing hard to understand. Yet he still used that term ‘Scriptures’ to describe them – Peter considered them the very words of God! And while he found them hard to understand there is no doubt he would have taken the time to study what Paul had to say and grapple with its complex concepts.

If you have ever found the Bible hard to understand and interpret, you are in good company. There are very few, if any, who find it simple! Because of this it is important to approach Bible study carefully:
1. Before reaching for your Bible, *choose a time* when you can get away from all the noise and distractions to really concentrate and focus on God’s Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for however long it takes.

2. *Decide what you are going to study.* Try to avoid the temptation to open up your Bible randomly and start reading, and instead take the time to choose a book, a biblical character or a topic to tackle.

3. Before picking up the book itself, *take the time to pray.* The Holy Spirit’s main work is to guide us into truth – He inspired the Scriptures so it makes sense to ask Him to guide us as we study.

4. At last, it is time to *open your Bible and start reading,* and as you do so, ask questions of the text: ‘What does it mean?’ ‘What message was the writer trying to convey?’ ‘How might it have been understood by the original reader?’ ‘What does it say about God?’ and so on.

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Introducing CWR’s new facility in East Sussex, its history and what’s happening there today

Pilgrim Hall

PILGRIM HALL, CWR’s new additional centre in East Sussex, has a tremendous Christian heritage.
In early 2011 the possible availability of Pilgrim Hall was brought to the attention of CWR. CWR had been, for a number of years, exploring how Waverley Abbey House could be developed to accommodate the growing numbers of people seeking CWR’s counselling training and other courses. With Waverley being a Grade II* listed building, architectural plans met with formidable challenges and costs.

And so it was that on 31 March 2012, with God’s amazing provision of finance, through significant loans and the generosity of CWR supporters, we were able to purchase Pilgrim Hall for the much-needed additional capacity and the two ministries came together.
Right back in 1902, when John and Belinda Campbell-Johnston first built Pilgrim Hall as their family home (then known as ‘New Whyly’), their first thoughts were that it should be a holy house. Each morning everyone assembled in the dining room to read the Bible together and pray. It was also a place of hospitality from the beginning, with the family having a great many visitors to stay.

The house passed through the hands of various owners. During the Second World War, it was requisitioned by the Ministry of Defence as a Headquarters for the Canadian Services prior to the Normandy invasion.

**A DEDICATED CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

In 1969 a new era began with the arrival of Mr Edmund (Eddy) Vince, his wife, Marie, and their eight children. Eddy had seen an advertisement for New Whyly and drove down from his home in Richmond to view the property. It was obvious that much work was needed to make the place a habitable home but as a chartered surveyor, Eddy was able to see the potential for the additional use of the site as a conference centre.

By April 1969, the family had taken up residence and renamed the house ‘Pilgrim Hall’. While attending a speaking engagement at Surrey University Christian Union, Eddy heard of the need for a house party venue and suggested Pilgrim Hall for consideration. One or two people came to look the place over and fell in love with it. So, in November 1969 the first booking was taken. This was a great success and good news of this excellent venue and all it had to offer started to spread.

In time, a Christian Trust was formed. At the inaugural meeting of Pilgrim Hall as a Christian Conference Centre, Eddie Vince read the following:

> And David said to Solomon, his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. (1 Chron. 28:20, AV)

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Subsequently Ben and Eileen Peake took over the directorship of Pilgrim Hall, followed over the years by Robin and Barbara Solly and then Michael and Maggie Lee. Along with the Trust, they have all wonderfully led the ministry forward in God’s purposes.

Some of CWR’s courses have already begun at Pilgrim Hall. We have been delighted by the feedback. As one of our visitors said, ‘Waverley and Pilgrim Hall are very different but each has its own special charm.’

Set in twelve acres of beautiful grounds, Pilgrim Hall offers:

- Accommodation for up to 110 (residential) and 125 (day) guests
- 5 meeting rooms/lounges and conservatory
- Disabled access to bedrooms/meeting rooms
- A heated swimming pool (summer months)
- Tennis court, putting green and croquet lawn
- Games room and children’s play areas

CWR’s vision is to continue to build the existing ministry of Pilgrim Hall – to welcome churches and other Christian groups to run their own programmes, enjoying the peace of this beautiful rural estate and its excellent facilities. A wide range of churches and missionary organisations have already booked weekends/weeks at Pilgrim Hall for 2013.

Pilgrim Hall also offers a programme of Country Breaks throughout the year for people to come and enjoy good teaching, fellowship and relaxation; valued opportunities which CWR will continue to offer. They are ideal both for individuals and those with friends or family. In August, the special Family Holiday week offers a lively programme for children and young people, as well as biblical teaching for adults. Of course the swimming pool and other sports facilities are a great attraction...

... we feel humbled at the way people have given so far
during the summer months. Why not visit www.pilgrimhall.com or call +44 (0)1825 840295 to book your holiday now!

**IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE**

We are now in the process of repairing and refurbishing Pilgrim Hall. Thankfully we have been able to progress this work with very little disruption to everyday activity. Our first priority was to make the main building water-tight and we’re glad to say that it now is! Refurbishment of the conservatory and two of the lounges is also well under way. The next project will be some major roofing repairs on the bedroom extension. We are also about to refurbish the main lounge and redecorate the dining rooms. We are totally dependent on financial gifts for these projects and feel humbled at the way people have given so far.

If you are in the area, do visit us at Pilgrim Hall – we would love to show you around. And we look forward to welcoming many of you on courses, church weekends and other events at Pilgrim Hall in the near future.

**Celebratory Open Day at Pilgrim Hall**

Saturday 13 July, 1–5pm

Join us at this special event to thank God for His gracious provision, to celebrate this additional new centre and to rededicate the site for future ministry within the CWR family.

This event is FREE but tickets need to be booked. **Call +44 (0)1825 840295 or book online at www.cwr.org.uk/phopenday**

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New MA Counselling Programme

SUBJECT TO approval by Roehampton University, CWR is planning to launch a new MA Counselling Programme. The CWR Today Editor spoke to Elizabeth Hodkinson, Director of Training, to discover more about this exciting development.

[CWR Today:] Why is this new programme being launched?
[Elizabeth Hodkinson:] The BA Counselling Programme is now firmly established and very successful. This is the next step in expanding our Higher Education courses towards CWR’s long-held vision of a Christian University.

As with the BA programme, the MA will be thoroughly underpinned by a Christian world-view - that human beings are created in the image of God, designed for relationship with Him and each other. We want our students to be able to integrate their faith into their work in a way that’s in keeping with the high ethical standards of the counselling profession.

Whom do you expect to come on this programme?
We think it will be very attractive to people from a range of professional backgrounds, including church ministry, social work, teaching etc – people who are already graduates, who have had some basic counselling training, and who would prefer their further training to be at postgraduate level.

How/where will the programme be offered?
The MA will be a 2 year part-time programme, taught mainly over weekends. The plan is to offer it from autumn 2013 at Pilgrim Hall, and then - if Roehampton agrees - from January 2014 in Singapore. That is particularly exciting - the programme is specifically tailored to follow on from the certificate-level course that we are currently teaching in Singapore.

For more information about the MA programme, visit www.cwr.org.uk/training

REVIVAL NEWS

ALGERIA: ‘We have seen the power of God coming in amazing ways,’ said a pastor excitedly. Official Algerian government recognition of the Church in the North African country in 2011, which gave Christian leaders permission to register their congregations, ‘was one of the biggest miracles in the Arab world’. Since then the Church has been growing at an astonishing rate, helped in its discipleship of believers by such ministries as SAT-7 Arabic TV programmes.

SOURCE: SAT-7

BENIN: Many people came to faith at the end of 2012 through the ministry of Reinhard Bonnke and associate CfaN (Christ for all Nations) evangelists. Many healing miracles accompanied the preaching of the gospel. ‘Do you know who healed you?’ one evangelist asked a joyous 15-year-old girl who, crippled from birth, was walking for the first time. ‘Jesu,’ she said.

SOURCE: CfaN
MAY

‘Blessed are those whose strength is in you...’
Psalm 84:5

Wednesday 1 May

President Yoweri Museveni marked Uganda’s 50th anniversary of independence in 2012 by publicly repenting of his own sins and the sins of his nation. He did this at a prayer gathering organised by the Uganda Jubilee Network, an association of Anglican, Evangelical and Pentecostal churches with the aim of establishing the country as a God-fearing nation. Pray for President Museveni and Uganda.

Thursday 2 May

CWR is holding a Small Group Leaders’ Evening at Waverley Abbey House. Pray that those who attend will be refreshed in their vision for their groups. Also pray for Joint Venture Certificate of Christian Counselling students who are studying at Pilgrim Hall from today until Sunday.

Friday 3 May

This month CWR is publishing The Extra in the Ordinary, a new book of inspirational thoughts and stories written by David McLaughlan. Pray for it to help many readers. Also pray for BA (Hons) in Theology and Counselling Year 3 students at Waverley Abbey House this weekend.

Weekend 4–5 May

The 10/40 Window is a geographic designation that encompasses people groups least reached by the gospel. The area covers North Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Persecution of Christians within it has increased by 400% in the past decade. Not surprising because, says K.P. Yohannan of Gospel for Asia, ‘the gospel is going forth in unfriendly world areas’. Pray for advance of the gospel in the 10/40 Window.

Monday 6 May

India is a large part of the 10/40 Window. Like the rest of the Window, persecution of Christians has increased by 400% since the turn of this century. Pray for India’s Christians and those in the rest of the Window, that they will be strengthened and encouraged to be faithful to Christ in sharing the good news.

Tuesday 7 May

The Pebble Who Became a Rock is a CWR Bible Discovery course about Peter’s journey from big fisherman to founding apostle. Pray for those attending it at Pilgrim Hall from today until Thursday as they are challenged by his amazing story.

Wednesday 8 May

Christians had gathered for worship when seven armed men burst in and yelled for the service to stop immediately. Threatening to kill everyone if the worship of Jesus Christ continued, they wrecked everything in the church and took personal possessions. This was Yemen. Pray for this land.

Thursday 9 May

The Arab world loves television, so Christian TV programmes are vital for the spread of the gospel and building up believers in the Middle East. Pray for broadcasts - and the training of programme writers and producers.

Friday 10 May

A mission organisation states that 50–55% of a person’s world-view is formed before they are five years old and 80% by the time they are 12. ‘So these are important years to internalise biblical truths.’ In Latin America these truths are being taught to children in an exciting way through using finger puppets. Pray for this ministry.

Weekend 11–12 May

A CWR Understanding Yourself, Understanding Others course is being held at Waverley Abbey House this Saturday. Pray for those attending as they are led by Lynn and Andrew Penson. Also pray for Joint Venture Diploma of Christian Counselling students who arrived at Waverley on Thursday for four days of studies.
Monday 13 May
Increasingly, parents are concerned that their children are being prematurely sexualised and forced to grow up too fast – largely through the impact of written and photographic material and even more so through access to the internet. Pray about this.

Tuesday 14 May
CWR is holding an Insight Day into Dementia at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for those attending, led by Rosemary Hurtley, as they explore the nature of the problem and how sufferers can be helped. Also pray for staff manning the CWR stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park this week.

Wednesday 15 May
Mexico is a violent land, fuelled by a massive drug trade and accompanying gang warfare. About a third of Mexicans are 15 or under – a massive challenge to reaching them with the gospel. Pray about this.

Thursday 16 May
Evangelicals in Mexico’s southern states have suffered much for their faith, mainly through refusal to participate in local community events that mingle traditional Roman Catholic practices with paganism. Believers have been gunned down – a five-year-old saw her parents and brother shot while the family was returning from church. Pray for southern Mexican believers.

Friday 17 May
Year 1 BA (Hons) in Theology and Counselling students arrive at Waverley Abbey House today for a weekend of studies, while Year 4 students on this course are spending three days at Pilgrim Hall. Pray for students as they absorb the teaching.

Weekend 18–19 May
So many young people who came to a Belgian Evangelical Mission week of sporting activity in a Flanders town were from broken families. There was a real openness as the team shared on the final night about God’s love for them, their parents and grandparents. Pray for His ongoing work in their hearts.

Monday 20 May
CWR is running Stage 2 of the four-part Certificate in Counselling Supervision at Waverley Abbey House today and tomorrow. Pray for those studying for this certificate – all experienced counsellors seeking to be more effective in their God-given calling.

Tuesday 21 May
While Logos Hope, Operation Mobilisation’s ship, was in dry dock in Subic Bay, Philippines, her teams reached out to the local people and those in other parts of the country in practical ministry, Bible programmes and literature distribution. Pray for the Lord to continue to work in the hearts of those who heard His Word.

Wednesday 22 May
There are many poor people in Manila, capital of the Philippines. Perhaps the most desperate are those who live on Smokey Mountain, a large garbage dump. Pray for their physical and spiritual needs to be met.

Thursday 23 May
One of the poorest communities in the Philippines is the Mangyan tribe of Mindoro. They are nomadic, forced to move around searching for food to survive. An OM team from Logos Hope spent a week with them, providing food as well as spiritual ministry. One young Christian said, ‘Thank you because God used you to bring light to my tribe.’ Pray for the Mangyan.

Friday 24 May
CWR has published two new Pens titles this month. Pray that God will use these attractive, brightly coloured books to help children to know Jesus and His love for them.

Weekend 25–26 May
Swaziland, the tiny landlocked country in South Africa, has beautiful scenery and a rich culture. But it is a land of oppression. King Mswati rules with an iron fist and anyone who opposes his decrees risks losing job, home and even their life. Under the king’s guidance sedition and subversion laws scare off any form of resistance to his policies. Pray for Swaziland.

Monday 27 May
Under King Mswati’s Suppression of Terrorism Act anyone or anything in Swaziland – organisation, statement or document – can be declared a terrorist threat. Pray that the light of the gospel will reach people’s hearts in Swaziland.

Tuesday 28 May
CWR is running Stage 3 of the four-part Certificate in Counselling Supervision at Waverley Abbey House today and tomorrow. Pray for those studying for this certificate – all experienced counsellors seeking to be more effective in their God-given calling.

Wednesday 29 May
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Many people in the Philippines are in desperate need physically and spiritually. (21–23 May)
PHOTO: Fotosearch
Tuesday 28 May
The Big Story is CWR’s popular Bible Discovery course that takes people through the exciting narrative of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation to gain understanding of its deep underlying structure and God’s redemptive work. Pray for the course that runs from today through to Saturday at Waverley Abbey House, led by Philip Greenslade.

Wednesday 29 May
‘Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!’ So runs John Newton’s famous hymn. God’s grace is the main topic in the May/June issue of Topz, CWR’s popular Bible guide for 7- to 11-year-olds. Pray for readers to be enthralled as they learn about it.

Thursday 30 May
Colombia is one of the most violent countries in the world. Christians, especially church leaders, need ongoing prayer for protection. Pray also for the love of Jesus to reach and transform those who carry out the violence.

Friday 31 May
North Korea remains the worst country for persecuting Christians. The coming to power of Kim Jong-Un brought no improvement. Keep praying for North Korea.

June
‘Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord ...’
1 Corinthians 15:58

Weekend 1–2 June
CWR begins a new month with an Insight Day on Addictions at Waverley Abbey House, led by Andre Radmall. Pray that those attending will be instruments of God in helping to set people free as a result of what they learn today. Also pray for Inspiring Women Every Day readers as they start a month of devotional studies on the beauty of God.

Monday 3 June
Around 66% of Christians in Vietnam are ethnic minority people. They are targets for persecution by the authorities and many have found themselves arrested on trumped-up charges. Pray for the Lord to build His Church in Vietnam.

Tuesday 4 June
CWR is holding a Women’s Summer Day at Waverley Abbey House, led by Lynn Penson. Pray that those who come to this event will be ministered to at their point of need, uplifted by the fellowship and encouraged in their walk with the Lord.

Wednesday 5 June
CWR is holding a two-day seminar geared to Christian leadership at Waverley Abbey House. Led by Andy Peck, Church in Transition includes Bible-based teaching on change and managing it, vision, dealing with conflict and reviewing church life. Pray for it.

Thursday 6 June
Tourists are entranced by Sri Lanka’s beauty while hardly ever seeing the continuing suffering of the people as a result of the bitter civil war which lasted from 1983 until 2009, costing 100,000 lives. Those who lived in displaced camps during the conflict are now struggling to live back in their home towns in bad conditions. Pray for Sri Lanka.

Friday 7 June
The Christian community suffered badly in Sri Lanka’s civil war when many worship places were destroyed. Pray especially for the witness of the 12 congregations of over 600 members who were able to rebuild their places of worship last year.

Weekend 8–9 June
Awakening of Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim fundamentalism is a threat to the Christian minority in Sri Lanka and some churches have been attacked. Yet, despite the many struggles the Church is growing there. Pray for Sri Lanka’s Church.

Monday 10 June
A CWR Introduction to Biblical Care and Counselling course begins at Pilgrim Hall today. Pray for those attending this five-day course and for the teaching by Angie Coombes, Richard Laws and team.
Tuesday 11 June
It is very tough being a Christian in the Maldives – the islands in the Indian Ocean. One person was arrested just for carrying Christian books. Pray for the freedom of the gospel there.

Wednesday 12 June
CWR is holding a Summer Evening for Home groups at Pilgrim Hall tonight, led by Elizabeth Hodkinson, and a similar one at Waverley Abbey House tomorrow led by Andy Peck. Both will focus on Mark’s unique way of looking at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Pray for these gatherings.

Thursday 13 June
The Church in Cambodia has grown significantly in recent years. This growth has come out of the ashes of the Khmer Rouge genocide years of the 1970s which saw the Church decimated. Pray for Cambodia.

Friday 14 June
In the early 1990s there were thought to be about 30 small churches in Cambodia. Today there are believed to be between 5,000 and 7,500 congregations. Pray for the work of the gospel there.

Weekend 15–16 June
Most believers in Cambodia are young in faith and age. The average age of leaders is 38 and they are often new Christians. Most leaders live below the poverty line and few have education above primary level. Pray for Cambodia’s Christian leaders.

Monday 17 June
A CWR Woman to Woman week begins at Pilgrim Hall today. Pray for those attending as they spend five days learning about helping and ministering to other women in various situations, led by Lynn Penson and team.

Tuesday 18 June
Trouble at South Africa’s Marikana platinum mine erupted in terrible violence and tragedy last August and 34 miners were shot and killed during the strike. Local pastors and International Miners Mission (IMM) workers have been ministering to the families of the dead men. Pray they will know the Lord’s comfort.

Wednesday 19 June
There has been much unrest among platinum and gold miners in South Africa before and after the Marikana killings tragedy. In the midst of this IMM-sponsored missionaries have found opportunities to bring the love of Christ to families in the mining areas around Johannesburg and Rustenburg, ministering in the schools, mine hostels and churches. Pray for this ministry.

Thursday 20 June
High in the Andes mountains of South America the Quechua people live a marginalised, basic and often disillusioned existence. WorldShare partners are running literacy classes in villages to help break the chains. The classes help women gain self-worth after years of abuse and struggle with poverty. Pray for this work and the love of Jesus to transform lives.

Friday 21 June
Those attending CWR’s Bible Discovery weekend at Waverley Abbey House are studying the Second Letter to Timothy - the apostle Paul’s ‘last word’ and final testimony. Pray that they will gain deep insights from teaching by Philip Greenslade. Also pray for those attending the Counselling Enquirers’ Afternoon at Waverley today.

Weekend 22–23 June
Another CWR How to Lead a Bible Study seminar is being held at Waverley Abbey House this Saturday. Pray that what Andy Peck shares will result in spiritual growth in the groups that participants lead. Also pray for Every Day with Jesus readers who are coming to the end of two months of studying Revelation. ‘One day Jesus will return. One day we will join with countless others in giving God the glory He is due. One day all that is wrong will be put right,’ reads the back cover. May this issue help to strengthen faith and commitment to mission.

Monday 24 June
Millions of Christians will go to bed hungry tonight for various reasons. Pray for those in Pakistan who do so because they are so desperately poor due to longstanding discrimination.

Tuesday 25 June
Christians in Pakistan face poverty, discrimination, violence and being accused of blasphemy against Islam under the country’s laws. Pray for them.

Wednesday 26 June
CWR is holding a Summer Evening for Home groups at Pilgrim Hall, led by Elizabeth Hodkinson and a similar one at Waverley Abbey House tomorrow led by Andy Peck. Pray for these events to offer much encouragement to those attending and to help the churches they represent.

Thursday 27 June
Many children in Zambia’s Central Province are either seen as embarrassments or not seen at all because of disabilities. A WorldShare partner mission is helping them to reconnect with society and realise their full
potential through education, physiotherapy, wheelchairs, crutches and other equipment. Pray for this work in Jesus’ name.

Friday 28 June
CWR has published two exciting new books for children this month, written by Rebecca Parkinson. One is called Precious Princess Stories - two adventures as Daisy learns things from the life of Jesus. The other is Harry’s Hideout Stories, about a book that transports Harry back to Bible times to see Jesus and learn about family and friendship. Pray for readers of these books.

Weekend 29–30 June
Young people from the community that scavenges the vast Guatemala refuse dump to earn a meagre living are despised by almost everyone. Casa del Alferero (Potter’s House), a WorldShare Partner that ministers to the dump community, is helping these young people to know and grow in the love of God through daily devotional times and weekly Bible classes. Pray for this ministry.

Monday 1 July
The Amazon Basin is the part of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. It covers 40% of the continent - Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Venezuela. In this vast area there are 30,000 villages without a church and 5,000 cities where evangelicals number less than 2%. Dawn (Discipling A Whole Nation) is involved in leadership development and church planting. Pray for this work.

Tuesday 2 July
Seventy per cent of people in Latin America are under the age of 35. Poverty, violence, sexual abuse, discrimination and corruption are just some of the problems plaguing the continent. Massive church planting has taken place over the past ten years. Pray for the ongoing work of the gospel in South America.

Wednesday 3 July
There are many opportunities for Christians to teach English around the world and help spread the gospel. Pray for more English teachers to go into the spiritual harvest fields.

Thursday 4 July
CWR is publishing two new Topz Secret Stories this month. Pray that these books for 7- to 11-year-olds will help many understand more about being a Christian.

Friday 5 July
Andy Peck is leading a CWR Preaching Evangelistically seminar at Waverley Abbey House today. Pray for those attending to gain much benefit in their ministries. Also pray for the Women’s Weekend at Pilgrim Hall at which Lynn Penson will be teaching on ‘In the Palm of His Hand’.

Weekend 6–7 July
Literacy teachers and specialists are much needed in Bible translation. In fact, running literacy courses is a requirement to be able to work in some countries. Pray for the Lord to speak to those He wants to be involved in mission through literacy work.

Monday 8 July
Papua New Guinea has the largest Bible translation needs in the world. More and more people are hearing and reading the Scriptures for the first time. Pray for work underway in 200 languages in the country.

Tuesday 9 July
CWR is holding two courses at Waverley Abbey House today. Pray for the Help! I Want to Understand the Bible course, being led by Andy Peck and Lynette Brooks, and for Hearing God’s Voice, in which Andy gives practical guidelines and safeguards for discerning when He speaks to us.

Wednesday 10 July
More than 30% of Australia’s population were born overseas. One suburb in Sydney is home to people from 184 countries speaking 156 languages. Pray for the gospel among Australia’s people.

The Amazon Basin is a huge challenge to spreading the gospel. (1-2 July)

PHOTO: Fotosearch
Thursday 11 July
CultureConnect, an Interserve ministry, is helping the Church in Australia to engage in cross-cultural ministry within local communities around the country. Pray for this work.

Friday 12 July
Iraqi Kurdistan, an autonomous region, welcomed tens of thousands of Christian refugees from other places in Iraq before increasing insecurity and economic hardship made the situation more precarious. Pray that Christians will continue to find Iraqi Kurdistan a safe haven.

Weekend 13–14 July
This Saturday is a special day for CWR with the holding in the afternoon of a Commissioning Service at Pilgrim Hall to thank God for His provision and to rededicate the centre for future CWR ministry. Pray for this service and all who take part, as well as for the development of courses and training at Pilgrim Hall.

Monday 15 July
Mission Aviation Fellowship flies dental teams to remote villages in Chad, a service that encourages missionaries working in this country on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Dental treatment opens doors to the gospel among people traditionally resistant to the good news. Pray for Chad.

Tuesday 16 July
CWR is holding a Mentoring Others seminar at Waverley Abbey House today, led by Peter Jackson. Pray that those attending will make a significant difference in the lives of those they mentor in the coming days.

Wednesday 17 July
Poor, isolated, treated as an object instead of a person: this is daily life for many women in North India’s remote communities. Despite India’s constitution guaranteeing equality for all people, discrimination exists at many levels, from before birth until death. Pray about this.

Thursday 18 July
Girls in North India’s remote communities grow up with less access than boys to basic healthcare and education. As they grow older they work in and around the home from dawn to dusk. Dowry issues follow, along with sexual harassment, violence and even enforced abortions. Pray for the love of Jesus to reach these girls and women.

Friday 19 July
Community radio is a lifeline to North India women. As they work hard they listen hard. ‘Radio is vital in spreading the gospel here,’ said a Christian worker. ‘This is such a hard-to-reach place. I want to see listeners blessed physically and spiritually. God has given us the tool of radio to penetrate the homes and hearts of people.’ Pray for this ministry.

Weekend 20–21 July
A CWR Insight Day on Forgiveness is being held at Waverley Abbey House this Saturday. Pray for those attending as they receive teaching from Mary Higginson which looks at the causes and effects of unforgiveness and points the way to forgiving God, ourselves and others. Pray for the release of Christians struggling with unforgiveness.

Monday 22 July
Mauritania is one of the toughest places in Africa to be a Christian. The constitution has no provision for religious freedom. Pray for Mauritania.

Tuesday 23 July
Expatriate Christians in Mauritania are free to meet together, but it is impossible for the very small number of national believers to register as a church. Pray about this situation.

Wednesday 24 July
Those using YP’s, CWR’s Bible guide for 11- to 15-year-olds, are learning, among other things in the Jul/Aug issue, about getting beyond Christian jargon and ‘church-speak’ to share their faith and living lives that back up what they say about belonging to Jesus. Pray for readers.

Thursday 25 July
The main focus of the May–Aug edition of Mettle, CWR’s daily Bible-reading source for 14-18s, is mission and evangelism. Pray for young Christian people as they get to grips with the challenges.

Friday 26 July
There is much persecution of the Church in Uzbekistan. Congregations are greatly restricted on what they can do and activities are monitored - even internet use. Pray for Uzbekistan.

Weekend 27–28 July
HCJB Global partners in Croatia have a vision for reaching Generation Y - people between 18 and 35 - with the good news by radio. There are only about 4,000 evangelicals among Croatia’s population of four million. Pray for the HCJB initiative.

Monday 29 July
Students on CWR and Joint Venture theology and Christian counselling courses are taking a break from intensive studying. Pray for them, and their tutors, as they prepare to start the new academic year in a few weeks’ time.
**Tuesday 30 July**
CWR’s publications have helped and blessed countless numbers of people. Pray for the Editorial team at Waverley Abbey House as they plan and edit the material.

**Wednesday 31 July**
Many Christians in Nigeria live under the constant threat of terrorist attack. Pray for them - and for those who have lost family members, pastors and friends because of such outrages.

**AUGUST**

‘I urge ... that requests, prayers and intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for ... all those in authority ...’
1 Timothy 2:1–2

**Thursday 1 August**
China has a new hand at the helm. Last November Xi Jinping was sworn in as General Secretary, heading up a seven-member Political Bureau Standing Committee. Pray for him as he leads the world’s most populous nation.

**Friday 2 August**
There are never enough Bibles to satisfy China’s hunger. One report about Bible distribution says that recipients normally read their copy from cover to cover within six weeks - then pass it on to someone else. Pray for more Bibles for hungry Chinese hearts.

**Weekend 3–4 August**
Japanese people prefer to avoid uncertainty, but many have continued to be unsettled since the 2011 earthquake and tsunami which killed some 16,000 people and brought massive chaos. Many are struggling with anxiety. But all this has opened the door for Christians to effectively share about Jesus.

**Tuesday 6 August**
Many in Mongolia find life a huge struggle. Prices have soared, there is widespread corruption, a very high crime rate and a few people have become enormously rich while the rest have sunk deeper into poverty. Pray for Mongolians to open their hearts to Christ.

**Wednesday 7 August**
CWR is publishing *Inspiring Women Every Day One-Year Book 3* this month. Pray that many women will be encouraged in their Christian walk through these readings.

**Thursday 8 August**
For the first time there are Scripture translation projects in more languages than there are languages left to translate. Wycliffe Bible Translators see this as encouraging progress towards their goal of seeing a Scripture translation in every language community needing it by 2025. Pray for the progress of Bible translation.

**Monday 5 August**
A new translation of the Bible in Mongolian is due to be published this year – and may have already appeared. Pray for distribution, and protection on distributors and recipients in a volatile land where there is much opposition to His Word.

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**Tuesday 13 August**
Many Christians have been desperately trying to flee Syria amidst the lawlessness and civil war that has stricken the country. Hundreds of families sold all their possessions to pay people traffickers for dangerous journeys to Europe, uncertain that they would even be welcome at their destination. Pray for these refugees.

**Wednesday 14 August**
Not so long ago the Bible was a forbidden book in Belarus. Now millions of copies of the Scriptures...
Thursday 15 August
CLC's bookshop in Monrovia, capital of Liberia, was twice destroyed during civil war. Now a new shop is up and running. Pray for its ministry in helping Christians grow and supplying the materials that help bring people to faith in Christ.

Friday 16 August
CWR has published an *Every Day with Jesus One-Year Bible* in the NIV 2011 translation, which takes readers right through the Scriptures in 365 daily readings with a devotional comment by Selwyn Hughes. Pray that it will help many in their faith.

Weekend 17–18 August
Asia remains the greatest challenge to world evangelisation - nowhere more so than Tibet. In this high Himalayan land there are just a handful of scattered underground fellowships and barely 1,000 Tibetan Christians around the world. Pray for Tibet, where Buddhism dominates people from life to death.

Monday 19 August
*Bible60* by Andy Peck is a CWR guide which leads readers through the story of the Bible in 60 days - the crucial parts and key turning points in the story of God and His people, giving readers a clear overview of the narrative and the part we can play in it today. Pray for readers.

Tuesday 20 August
CWR has published a series of *Cover to Cover Bible Studies*, including two on the book of Judges and one on the challenge of the life of Barnabas. Pray for readers as they go deeper into God’s Word with the help of these studies.

Wednesday 21 August
Every week hundreds of people visit Departure, London City Mission’s art centre in east London. Not only do they have coffee and art classes but know those who run it genuinely care for them. Pray for this witness to God’s love and grace.

Thursday 22 August
There are many different communities around Departure - ethnic, religious, students, city workers. All Departure’s activities - art and hosting different events - aim to bring these diverse groups together and form new communities and relationships together. Pray for this ministry.

Friday 23 August
London City Mission exists to share the transforming love of God in Jesus patiently, sensitively and individually and to enable people to join His Church. Pray for LCM’s 150 workers in community outreach, workplace chaplaincy, ethnic and compassion ministry and ministry to the marginalised.

Weekend 24–25 August
Every year in the last week in August some 100 student Christian leaders gather for an intensive training conference in the French Alps. Pray for these members of the GBU (Groupes Bibliques Universitaires) to make a real impact for the gospel on students in France.

Monday 26 August
Forty per cent of France’s 65.1 million people are descendants from different waves of migrations. About six million of these people are North Africans. Pray for God to send more labourers for the gospel into the fields of opportunity in this land.

Tuesday 27 August
Burma’s Christian Karen, Kachin and Chin minority groups have endured much persecution. The move of the country towards democracy since the military government handed over power has been slow. Pray for real peace and freedom to come to Burma.

Wednesday 28 August
The Church in Burma has been growing amidst suffering and repression. Many are living dynamic lives of faith. Pray for them and the ministry among some two million refugees, many of them Karen, either inside Burma or over the border in Thailand.

Thursday 29 August
CWR is holding a leadership seminar, *Handling the Pressure*, especially geared to teachers, at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for participants as they learn from Beverley Shepherd.

Friday 30 August
A CWR programme at Waverley Abbey House called DICAC - *Developing an Integrative Christian Approach to Counselling* - is in its third of four days. Pray for those attending as they absorb teaching from Mary Higginson.

Saturday 31 August
Through Faith Missions has held evangelistic walks throughout the UK for a number of years. Final preparations are being made for the latest of these, Walk Cornwall 2, from 21 September until 13 October. Pray for walkers, members of local churches along the route and for the people in the various communities who will hear the good news.
Prepare For Revival
Michael Marcel (UK Wells, 2012)

This judiciously priced book is an important and welcome contribution to the increasingly vast corpus of materials on revival. Important because it is wide-ranging, thorough and scrupulously researched. Welcome because its author writes out of a ‘heart’ that is, in his own words, ‘for the United Kingdom’. His concern is brought into sharp focus when it is recalled that there is hardly anyone here under 70 years of age who has experienced revival.

The conceptual framework of revival is scrutinised carefully, the author viewing it as a ‘general move of God that touches the back-slidden’. He also sees it as a refreshing which affects active and committed Christians in the Church; as an awakening when non-Christians come alive to the existence and love of God; as a reformation when society at large is deeply affected; and as a transformation when ‘80–100% of the people in an area are saved and Christianity pervades every area of society’.

The author then surveys examples of revivals in the United Kingdom from 800 AD onwards, together with a review of the effects and results of revival, with an appropriate emphasis on ‘The Presence of God’. In addition, he is absolutely convinced that when revival ‘comes in its fullness’, the manifest presence of God will fill churches, houses and even the streets.

Prepare For Revival is an exciting and encouraging book. Why? There are at least two reasons. First because it is written out of the Holy Spirit-inspired confidence that: ‘God wants to bring revival to our land. Not only is the spiritual atmosphere changing, but the worldly conditions are changing as well. The financial crisis we are in means that people are more lost and more desperate than they have been for generations. This should be the perfect time for the Church to rise up and take its place.’ Second it goes into comprehensive detail on ‘how’ to prepare for revival, including passion for God, repentance, holiness, intercession and prayer and, significantly, what he describes as ‘Fire Igniters’, by which he means men and women who not only have a passion for God but who move in the power of God.

Permeating this whole book is the robustly-held conviction that, in the words of one CWR supporter who wrote to me recently, ‘Nothing is too difficult for God. Whenever [revival] comes God’s timing is always right’. Exactly.

John Peters
For many years now, the training programme pioneered at Waverley has been energised by a vision of ‘training and equipping men and women of conviction and character to help to change the face of contemporary society’. Our counselling courses have had a real impact on the counselling profession. It’s now time to extend our impact to other professions - and we believe God is prompting us towards the teaching profession as the next priority.

We have already introduced a programme of short seminars for teachers. We’ve been offering some of CWR’s well-established Insight Days, but with specific application to the school context. For example, Chris Ledger recently led a seminar on Depression and Anxiety -

I feel more confident in my teaching role and I’m looking forward to putting it into practice.
Resourcing Our Teachers

Director, Canon Derek Holbird, has already led one seminar and will lead another in autumn 2013, and a Diocesan expert on Religious Education, Lorraine Abbott, recently offered a very well-received seminar for RE teachers.

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Helping Teenagers with Hidden Problems, with great feedback: ‘The course validated the importance of listening to students and their feelings’ wrote one person, whilst another said, ‘I feel more confident in my teaching role and I’m looking forward to putting it into practice’.

Similarly, in August 2013 Beverley Shepherd will be offering Handling the Pressure in Schools, based on her Insight Day on Stress.

We have also developed new courses, drawing on the education expertise of CWR Board member Coleen Jackson and two of our BA counselling graduates, Liz Mole and Hilary Turner.

In addition, we’re aiming to build partnerships. Our first is with the Guildford Diocesan Board of Education; the Diocesan Director, Canon Derek Holbird, has already led one seminar and will lead another in autumn 2013, and a Diocesan expert on Religious Education, Lorraine Abbott, recently offered a very well-received seminar for RE teachers.

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Becoming a Partner

If you share the same values as CWR – the supremacy of Christ, the authority of Scripture and a commitment to excellence in everything, to name just a few – and you would like to play a significant part both prayerfully and financially in helping Christians around the world to grow in Christ, you might like to become a CWR Partner, receiving a regular letter. If so, please do get in touch with our Partnership Coordinator, Robin Pickford.

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REVIVAL NOW

‘Book of Acts’ Miracles

God is moving in powerful ways in Rajasthan, India’s largest state. Sometimes what is happening resembles the Book of Acts.

A GROWING CHURCH
Christians in Rajasthan number less than one per cent but ‘through miracles people are flocking to Christ,’ says Pastor Patel. ‘The Church is growing here day by day.’ Pastor Patel is the grandson of one of the first Indian believers in Rajasthan. His life is like one of the Early Church fathers – he plants churches, travels and encourages believers, sometimes risking his own safety.

AMAZING HEALINGS
In one region he met a couple who were both sick. He prayed for them in Jesus’ name and they were healed. They started a church and in visiting people came across a man who had been bedridden for two years suffering from throat cancer. After prayer he was healed. His neck has a long stretch mark where God touched him and ‘surgically removed the large tumour,’ explained Pastor Patel. Today this man rides around selling ice-cream on a bicycle – and sharing the gospel. His ministry is particularly reaching children.

In a neighbouring town Pastor Patel met a demon-possessed girl. She had been suffering for two months through the oppression, and her family were desperate for her to be set free. Pastor Patel reports that ‘after prayer and fasting she was delivered in Jesus’ name and is growing is His Word’.

A 12-year-old mute boy in another town was healed at a prayer meeting. His first words were ‘Alleluia!’ and ‘Praise the Lord!’ After this miracle he started attending school for the first time.
ENCOUNTERING OPPOSITION
But as the gospel is preached and miracles happen, Pastor Patel and co-workers encounter opposition. New converts themselves have been persecuted by fellow villagers.

Pastor Patel works with Living Water International to bring clean water to villages. This helps to cause opposition to melt away because the love of God is being demonstrated through the gift of actual clean water along with the offer of experiencing ‘living water’ – the gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone satisfies the thirstiest of hearts.

Rajasthan is just one state in India where revival is coming through the preaching of the gospel with miraculous healings and other signs and wonders - and fierce persecution. An evangelistic ministry called New India Church of God, for instance, says signs and wonders have triggered thousands of conversions since it started in the southern state of Kerala in the late 1960s. Despite waves of persecution from Hindus and traditional Orthodox Christians, the ministry has planted over 2,000 churches in Kerala and other states.

In Punjab, in the far north, hundreds of churches have been planted, often after a healing. In one town about 50 curious Hindus came to a church service after an 18-year-old girl had been healed of an incurable heart condition.

Sources: Living Water International; Charisma News

... we feel humbled at the way people have given so far

REVIVAL NEWS

CHINA: ‘When the miracles take place there’s a chance that people will go to superstition unless they have a Bible to ground their faith. It was really a great blessing to hand a Bible to everyone in a church at the same time that they’re in the midst of revival based on miracles,’ said a Bibles for China worker. Healing sparked revival in one remote area where distribution took place. Government officials accompanying the distribution became interested in learning more about Jesus.

SOURCE: OpenHeaven.com

ALBANIA: Just over two decades after the fall of communist and state-imposed atheism in Albania, more than 20,000 people gathered in Tirana square to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. During the two action-packed days of TiranaFest with Luis Palau, over 2,300 people made public decisions to receive Christ and follow Him. The event, involving the largest number of churches Albania has seen, drew people from different generations and areas of society.

SOURCE: LPEA/Assist News Service
Three Go to Israel!

In December 2012, a small yet intrepid team set off in the freezing cold from Waverley Abbey House, bound for Tel Aviv, Israel. Three days later they returned through airport security, clutching invaluable video footage on tape – mission accomplished.

The purpose? To gather material for a new four-session DVD resource on the life of Samson, entitled There Are No Strong People, presented by Jeff Lucas. Jeff’s book of the same name was released in March 2012, and has proved such a popular read that he and CWR decided to make a DVD to help individuals and groups easily apply the teaching to their lives.

ON LOCATION

As we began to plan the project and the creative juices started to flow, we were very excited to be offered a subsidised trip to Israel to film at the actual locations in Samson’s story! Chris Norton (CWR’s Media Assistant), Lynette Brooks (Director of Publishing) and Jeff Lucas – the three team members – began arranging and scripting. After avidly watching the news and Foreign Office website in the weeks preceding the trip, all were extremely relieved to hear by the time they were due to depart that it was deemed safe to travel.

And so began a whirlwind tour: the Western Wall, the Damascus Gate, the Mount of Olives, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the ancient Philistine city of Ashkelon, Samson’s grave and Galilee. Armed with camera, tripod, script, hire car (and Sat Nav), the team sallied forth! Many obstacles were overcome: rain, equipment glitches, gaining permission to film, traffic jams, and finding before sunset the extremely well-hidden and poorly-signposted grave of Samson. However, the four sessions were successfully filmed and the team was grateful to God for all that was accomplished in such a short space of time.
JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY
The DVD is now available to buy either direct from CWR or from Christian bookshops. Jeff tackles the story of Samson in a unique way, presenting it in the amazing settings mentioned above. He will inspire you on topics such as: staying awake spiritually; learning from our mistakes; the benefits of building solid friendships; the consequences of our actions; dealing with disappointment; avoiding acting out of vengeance, and many more. At the end of each 12- to 15-minute session on-screen questions are guaranteed to provoke lively debate and help you grow in your faith.

Join Jeff on this incredible journey and gain fresh insight into the life and times of one of the Bible’s most intriguing characters.

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From 3–10 November 2013, Jeff will be leading a tour of the Holy Land with Travelink. For further details/to book email chris@travelinkuk.com or call 01938 561604.

REVIVAL NEWS

LAOS: Despite much persecution and restrictions in this, the poorest country in South-East Asia, the Church is growing among a lot of people. Tongsin was one touched and transformed by Jesus. Tormented by spirits which he blamed for the death of his precious three-year-old daughter, he became an outcast and so bad that fellow villagers made a cage in which to keep him. A friend had heard ‘a bit about Jesus’ and begged Him to do something about Tongsin - and it worked! Tongsin came back into his right mind and the change that came over him finally persuaded the villagers to release him. In the last two years or so he and his family have led about 40 people to the Lord.

SOURCE: Billions, OMF magazine

INDONESIA: HCJB Global has partnered a local church planter by starting 50 community radio stations. The broadcasts from these stations are well received because, as well as talking about Jesus, they talk about health, nutrition, how to have a better marriage, culture, news and agriculture. The church planter has started 1,600 house churches of about 30-35 people - significant growth in the largest Muslim country in the world.

SOURCE: OpenHeaven.com
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Regular contributor to the well-known D.C. Thomson publication *The Friendship Book*, David McLaughlan has a rare eye for the providence and presence of God in unremarkable, everyday life. In his new book published by CWR – *The Extra in the Ordinary* – David gathers together more stories to build faith in the God who can be found everywhere.

**[CWR Today:] What is your vision for *The Extra in the Ordinary*?**

[David:] As a ‘seeker’ after faith I once stood in a wildflower meadow and said out loud, ‘God, if you are there, show me a sign’. And nothing happened! Gradually, however, I came to realise that it had all been a sign.

That field, the flowers, the blue sky above, were all miracles. I hope that in showing God, not as Someone confined to church, or as some dense theology, but as the extra in the ordinary, believers and non-believers will see Him as much more accessible, much more a part of everyday life!

**What are some of the topics you touch upon in the book?**

‘Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made’. (John 1:3) In other words, it is *all* the Lord! So, I find inspiration in chandeliers, abandoned teddies, a walk along a dark lane, butterflies, children dancing, gifts from strangers, unexpected kindnesses, childhood enemies, classic works of art, an old stray dog, prayers answered in wonderful ways, shepherds, second-hand books and finding lost relatives.

**Is there one story in the book which stands out for you personally?**

In ‘*Have You Ever Met An Angel?’* you will read about a man who made a big impact; who probably saved lots of lives. Les had pretty much lost his faith, and I was struggling towards finding mine. I have no doubt God was at work there and then – and whether we were believers or not, His will was being done!
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Summer Evening for Homegroups
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21–23 Jun
Summer Evening for Homegroups
26 Jun (at Pilgrim Hall)
Summer Evening for Homegroups
27 Jun

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14 May
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20–21 May

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10–14 Jun (at Pilgrim Hall)
Insight into Forgiveness
20 Jul
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21 Jul
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10 Aug
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27 Aug
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