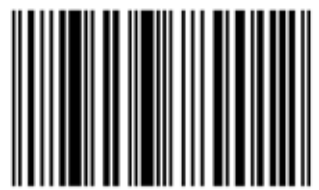


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# welcome back

Hub Magazine is a publication run by the South England (SEC) Youth Department. It's main purpose is to inform, educate, challenge and engage youth from all areas of the globe. To promote intentional living amongst young people.



## EDITORIAL

I know it's been a little while since you last saw Hub but a lot of things have happened since the last issue and we have been extremely busy with the summer activities. So you can expect this Hub to report, inspire, challenge, and edify you.

While the action over the summer turns into memories, the food for thought right now becomes 'Time to Move On'. In this transitional period of life, many will be moving onto higher education, from education to jobs, and even from single life to married life.

This is the perfect time to re-assess your path and re-confirm what you are about to do. Remember, this time of youthful zeal and energy soon moves on to the next stage of life so get the best out of this time. Be the best that you can be and don't forget to volunteer for service...

It can be daunting when you need to keep moving forward without even knowing for certain which direction you are headed but sometimes you need to step out in faith so that God will direct your path. As you do what you do the path becomes clearer and your walk becomes more confident.

Whatever transition you are making whether academic, personal or spiritual, rest assured that you can do it without needing to look back. Life is also about lessons, and as you know, lessons and trials come to make us stronger for the journey that lies ahead.

So we look forward to transition, one that is good for the youth of the South England Conference. We step out in faith and in the knowledge that while we walk with God our steps become more and more firm, we see clearer the footprints that are always ahead of us, leading and guiding us.

As you look through this Hub, take time to see your place in the many messages, stories and reports of the activities of a summer past. Find the gem that will help you serve Him better. Remember that we are constantly looking for reports and acts of service that will inspire our movement to reach higher for Him...

God Bless you.

Colin Stewart  
(SEC Youth Director)

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# O Wretched Man

**Kudzi Kahwa**

O' wretched man that I am who will deliver me from this body of sin. A prisoner to the world or maybe just a prisoner to the flesh. A prisoner of my own doing, sentenced to death through my actions. If only I was chained against my own will I would blame the world for being the wretched man that I am, but through my own actions I have savaged my own soul.

Adultery, lying, greed or even breaking the Sabbath feels so sweet when my soul is lost to the world of sin. My bible once a book of life now sits as an ornament on my shelf, only ever picked up when the pastor knocks on my door, but it is not he who judges me. The Ten Commandments now a thing of the past, for now I live a life based on seven days, six of sins and one of pretence to cover up for the wretched man that I am.

I look in the mirror and look into my eyes only to see the wretched man that I am. A prisoner of my own making, a prisoner to the world or maybe just a prisoner of the ancient words of the bible forgotten in the depths of my soul.

Down on my knees I go only to say a half hearted prayer, but my Lord knows what lays within my heart. With each sin and each lie I feel a piercing pain in my heart, but I wonder how deep the pain in my Lords heart is. But I am a wretched man so surely I know no pain of sin for all I feel is pleasure and satisfaction.

A life of sin is like a life with no air, the soul slowly loses life, but this is the price of the prison I have shackled myself to. How I wish I could turn my life around, how I long to be cast free from these shackles, how I dream of emancipating my soul, but I am a prisoner of mental slavery and none but myself can free up my soul.

When I look up to the sky and see the sun shine down on me I feel the lover of my saviour smile at me and I hear the heavens talk to me, the love overwhelms me and to this I realise that the best things in life are free. To this note I say to myself:

O' wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of sin? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ my Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. A slave of my thoughts, bound to the wrath of my actions. An eternal life forsaken for a moment of pleasure, somehow I know these thoughts but the wretched man I am still continues to sin.

My Lord never asks for too much accept for some time once in a while, just to remind me of his love. There is something about his love and mercy that has touched me deep inside I can pretend that this is not true yet I know that everything I am and ever wanted is in you. O Lord let the baptism pool of life cleanse my soul and make my heart anew.

Let me be a saint of yours who follows your commandments and have faith so deep my words could echo your love across the world. No longer do I want to be bound and cast to a life of sin, no longer do I want to be a prisoner of flesh but let me be a hero of your message.

Let me be free and sing your praises to all nations as I say: O' righteous man that I am the Lord has delivered me from this body of sin and my imperfection has come to pass, for now if judgement were to come on me death is no more a fear for I am ready for the eternal glory of the heavens.

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# Proverbs 24:16

We fall down,  
but we get up.

The hard part in the middle is longer than a comma and space. You fall down...it hurts, you cry, you fight, you gain many bruises and wounds! But, you get up! There are so many times when you feel like you're alone, you ask God why He has forsaken you, you wander around the dark place you're in and stumble into the arms of the enemy. For a while, it's sweet, you get lost in the fast pace of life as Satan would have you know it. But, you get up.

You involuntarily find yourself in a game of Bulldog, desperately trying to make it to the other side, dodging the obstacles in the middle. You watch as others are ripped to shreds, dragged down and even trampled on by those who they once loved and laughed with. And then there is you, still at the beginning, hesitant to move out of fear of the same fate. But as is your nature, you eventually follow suite; tackling the bigger, the stronger and the downright ruthless.

You fall down. But nevertheless, you get up!

You get up because your portion is not found in the pit where you lay your bed.

You get up because you know who your Daddy is. You know that you were made for great things and victory is already yours.

You get up because you want to stand on the promises of Christ the King! Hold on to them and everything you know of God because in those dark days when you're down and feel out of touch with God, those very promises will be your crutches!

So hold on to God and hold on to His promises because although you will fall down, you will surely get back up.

by Myra Mushabati

# Intentionally Intentional Living

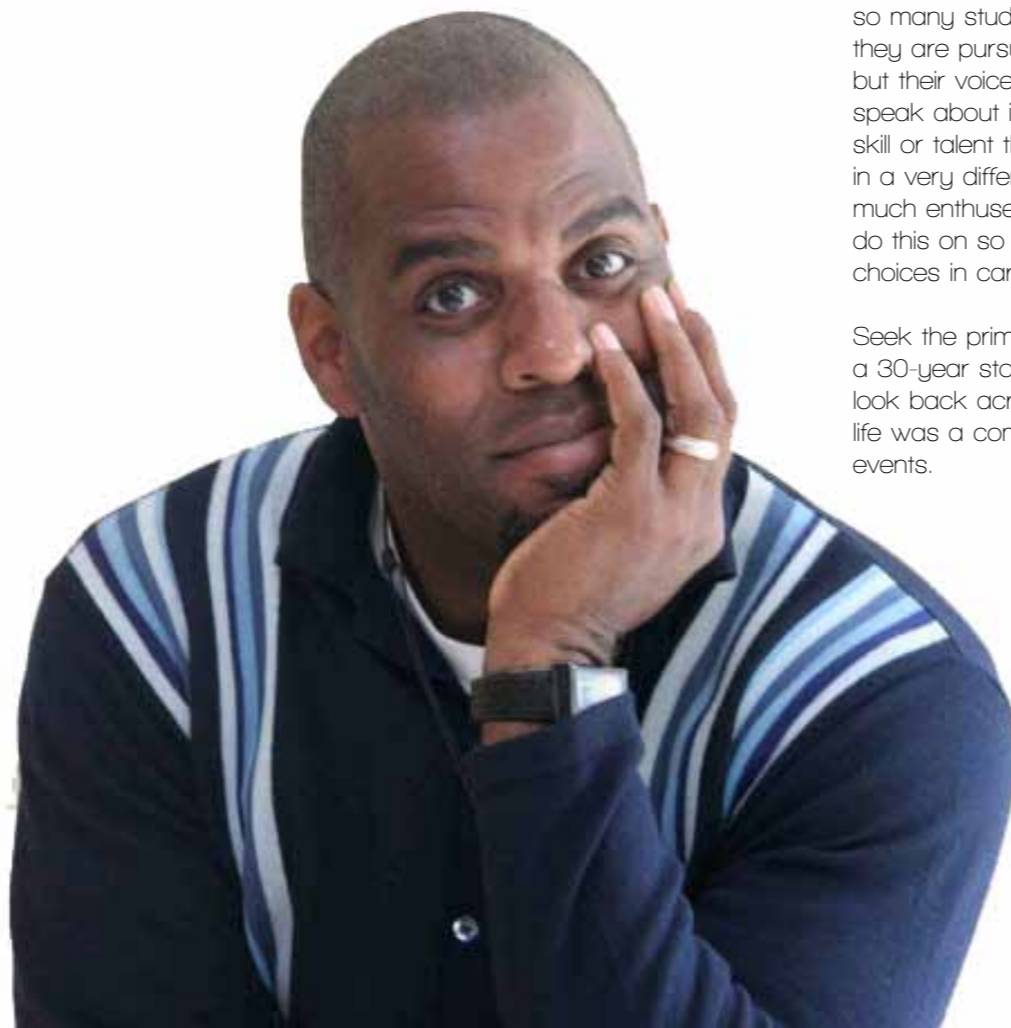
Pr. Eddie Hypolite

I am becoming so much more intentional about the life that I have and the direction it must take. I almost feel like a homing pigeon that's been taken out of its cage and released in the direction of home, and flies with only that intentional aim in mind.

I love the idea of being intentional about our work as youth leaders and I equally love the notion that our intentionality is born of a desire to live.

So it should come as no surprise that concerning the areas of life and leadership, I've written out my personal LIVE manifesto, (well more like a LIVE mantra) and have been teaching it in its varied and adaptable ways, in leadership programmes, youth culture workshops, government youth offending schemes, schools, churches, my local starbucks while ordering a decaf caramel macchiato with soya milk, (it's the lick, trust me) and just about anywhere I'm given an audience and 5 minutes to talk.

Intentionality begins with the thought that you should, it moves to the belief that you will and ends with the reality that you are; so be as intentional in your reading of this article, as I've been in its writing.



## If you plan on living intentionally:

### don't seek after substitutes to the things you already have

Think about the things you have that are already adding meaning to your life, because when they go bad, it's so easy to look for stop gap substitutes. Be intentional about the life enhancing things such as love, friendships, occupations, beliefs believed, future aspirations, present achievements and don't lessen them by not fighting for them and protecting them. Celebrate their presence and importance to your existence and nurture them. That way, the value that gets lost when indifference sets in is retained and 2nd best copies will not be your first choice.

### care wholeheartedly for the primary things that matter

There are at least 3 or 4 things in the life of every person, which inspire and move him or her far beyond the reach of most things. The irony is that some never take the time to clearly understand what those things are, while others know what they are and spend most of their time giving attention to secondary things. I have so many students who talk to me about career paths they are pursuing that will make them 'loads a money' but their voice is hollow and heart empty while they speak about it, until they begin speaking of the hobby, skill or talent that really fires them up. It may tend to lead in a very different career direction but it fills them with so much enthused satisfaction just speaking about it. We do this on so many different levels in our lives, from our choices in career, to our choices in love.

Seek the primary things, because when life writes out a 30-year story for us, it is a soul-wrenching thing to look back across the pages of our life and see that our life was a combination of 2nd choices and uninspiring events.

### stop expecting people to care because you do

If life teaches us anything in sometimes very harsh ways, it teaches us that people do not care for the things we do in the way we do. People are complex and so are the situations and issues that fill their lives. We may work for them and with them, they may even buy into our dreams and aspirations and have them shape their work and ministry life. And yet, there may come times when your assumptions about the way is which they should have dealt with, reacted to or responded to a given situation jumps up and slaps you hard in the face and you realise that they care for the things you do, in the way you do. It becomes a hard mountain of realisation to climb especially if the thing not cared for is you.

This kind of heart breaking eye opener, can sometimes deaden the intentionality of all you future plans and thinking. So get a grip on the truth that people will not always care because you do, so stop expecting them to. This in no way diminishes the things you work and dream for, it simply means that the person does not have the same type of vested commitment on a given situation that you do. The essential question is whether or not we still burn with the same intentional intentionality and if we will stay the course of our convictions and intentions.

### prioritise around those primary things

If we have the clarity to see the primary things then we must have the determination to plan with those things in mind. God can seem a harsh parent when his voice of warning gives way to the reality of the things he is so desperate to save us from. For many years he had been trying to get me to plan and focus my attention to the primary things in my life, while seeking to get me to love, live and minister out of those primary things. It wasn't until I was ill and off sick for 6 months, that I realised what he was trying to say to me; and that was, in the mind of so many people I had become a much sought after spiritual commodity and my use and importance was based solely on my availability.

Harsh as the lesson was, the father who taught me did so from a heart of love and a intentionality that has brought me around to prioritise in my life, love and ministry, around only the primary things. We cannot have someone do that for us, they must be made clear to us, out of our own experience and journey.

“Our unmet expectations can exact a high cost on us and others if we leave them by the wayside of life like sign posts of foreboding for those who come behind us. The price is a life in which we simply existed but never really lived, intentionally.”

### don't expect people to always hold nor fulfill all the expectations you have of them

People are fickle! That's not a cop out to explain away people and their weaknesses; it's just a sad but true commentary on us as human beings. Not only are we fickle but we're also challenged and made vulnerable by our exposed limitedness in the light of these challenges. It's a truth never to be rejected that life can run rampage through all our best and most determined intentions like a tsunami through low laying ground. Its when this happens that the expectations we have of people fall apart, actually I've seen some people fall apart when a soft breeze hit them, but its all relative really, he/she who feels it knows it.

We plan for and dream for the people we train, mentor, lead and teach and it comes as a blow that the expectations we have of them do not come to fruition. I generally have higher expectations of the people under my charge than they have of themselves, mainly because my eyes have become attune to objectively seeing in them the potential and glory they don't realise nor see in themselves.

The way in which Jesus labored with that mix match group of under-schooled apprentices is testament to the face that people may never completely live up to the expectations you have of them, Judas, or simply take such a long time to get there, the other 11. Did that mean he refused to have high expectations of them? At the end of his ministry Peter writes "humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and in due time he will lift you up" 2Peter 5:6.

A person's in ability to hold or fulfill all your expectations of them should never be a reason to lessen the expectations of them that you have, neither does it always serve as a judgement on you as a person. Take your expectations of them and throw it at the sun, you may not hit the sun but if you hit the moon and two other planets on the way, you'd have still taken them so much further than they would have thought to journey.

### be clear on your personal expectations

Two years ago while on holiday in the US I met a friend of my wife and I from our time at University in Jamaica. I asked her what she was doing occupationally and she stated that she was doing nursing. This came as a total shock because I remember her and her twin sister both of whom were straight A, 4.0 GPA students all the way through our time at Uni. She was going on to do law and her sister medicine. However she went on to tell me the story of the expectations that her parents had of her and their desire for her to do Law and become a big time lawyer.

The testament to her brilliance was that she went on to complete her law degree and practice law for a very short time and then returned back to University and did what it was that she always wanted to do...nursing. She said that she had always wanted to be a nurse but her parents had 'higher' expectations for her future. She however never forgot the expectations and dreams she had for herself. She trained as a pediatric nurse and to see the light that filled her eyes and shone from her face when I asked her how she was enjoying what she did, was to see the truth that being intentional about fulfilling our personal expectations, is one of the great cornerstones in the foundation of every human life.

### pursue and fulfill your personal expectations

Dr Angela Gallimore the Academic Dean of Students at Northern Caribbean University when I was a student was addressing the Freshmen Class of 1993 of which I was one, and said to us, "Nothing in life is free, you get what you pay for". I've never forgot that profound and soul-searching statement, I can't always say that I lived out its creed but it has never left me, some 15 years later. Our Intentionally intentional living begins with the forward momentum that simply having expectations give us, this coupled with the continued excitement that any new journey brings, is what makes life the trip of all trips. It doesn't really matter how long it takes to fulfill our dream, nor in the great scheme of things does it matter when we start. The essential thing is that we begin and finish the things we have within us to do.

In 2000 Dr Gallimore well into her 60's fulfilled a life long ambition to study Law at the Law Courts in Gray's inn London and after 4 yrs she went back to Jamaica to be a Barrister, because as she said, "nothing in life is free, you get what you pay for"

Our unmet expectations can exact a high cost on us and others if we leave them by the wayside of life like sign posts of foreboding for those who come behind us. The price is a life in which we simply existed but never really lived, intentionally.

I've learned over the years that while I may not be an authority on many things, I am an expert on my life journey and experiences, as are we all. Our experience is our expertise! Intentionally intentional living begins and ends in with the choice we make on a every day basis, because we are only given one day at a time to live intentionally, though we may dream a million life times into a day.

So begin with the idea that our being intentional is the first step in the journey of discovering just how far being intentionally intentional about life can take you...



# MY EXODUS

KIA  
CURTIS

We recently caught up with Kia Curtis an inspirational young gospel artist hailing from Birmingham to find out a little about her, her music and her life in general

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INTERVIEW](#)

Hi Kia, how are you doing? How has your week been so far?

Hli Cris God has been blessing me so I'm very thankful, the sun has been a great, so I have had some time to sit outside and discover God's love in nature.

What's a typical day in the life of Kia Curtis like?

A typical day..... that's a good question. Devotion, breakfast, then I get on with things on my to do list. I really like to have lists, because otherwise I would get nothing done. In the evening, I try and spend some quality time with my daddy, (who usually falls asleep on the coach.)

How do you describe yourself as an artist and what has influenced you to be the artist you are today?

It still new and kind of strange to think of myself as an artist, but if I had to describe myself, it think it would be: honest. I can only be me, (flaws and all). Also not trying to please anyone but God is what helps, and remembering that I am no different from anyone else. We all have a message to give; it is just that my message happens to have music to it.

Explain to us the inspiration behind the title "My Exodus"

While I was studying at the ARISE institute 2010 ( A Resource Institute for Soulwinning and Evangelism) I was having some spiritual difficulties, and I attended a 10 week Bible study called 'Breaking Free'. It helped me deal with some strongholds that I had in my life, things that I never knew were issues, and these issues were coming in between my relationship with God. So My Exodus is all about my spiritual journey, realizing that I was captive and allowing God to heal and save me.

When did music become less of a hobby and more as a ministry to change lives?

In September last year, my friend Matt said to me, "you should make an album" from there I started to really think that this was the way God wanted to use me for His glory.

What do you do to help maintain your relationship with God?

I have daily devotions, go to a weekly Bible study with some friends, and give Bible studies, I also try and share my faith whenever and wherever possible. Studying with people is what helps me the most, even though I am giving the study, I feel as though the study is more of a blessing to me.

Do you play any instruments?

I can write songs on the piano..... but I'm not sure that counts as playing, so I will say no to that question.

Apart form music, what else do you get up to? Favourite film? Favourite album of all time? Favourite food? Favourite colour?

I love children, so I tend to spend a lot of time with children. I also love to cook and eat and my favourite thing..... sleep especially if I'm in the sun. favourite film.... That's a hard one, Remember the Titans, and I love Megamind. Teal is my favourite colour. Not sure I can pinpoint a favourite album.

When people listen to your music, what do you hope they gain from it?

I hope that they can relate to it. The devil tells us that we are going through our problems alone. I hope that someone who is going through a similar journey or experience realize that they are not alone. Ultimately my biggest want is for people to either get to know or draw closer to Jesus.

What's next for you? What can people expect from you after this album?

I am waiting to see what doors the Lord will open. I will, God willing, take My Exodus on tour around churches in the UK. In September I will be going on tour with the Women's Healing and Empowerment Network (W.H.E) as a singing evangelist, and will also be ministering at a youth retreat in Dublin, which I am really looking forward to.



TO THE EDGE

Where do you see yourself as an artist in 5 years time or the future?

God-Willing, I will be a traveling singing evangelist, supporting myself on the music that God has given me to give to His people. However, I would prefer the second coming...

Where can people find out more about you? Buy your album?

People can find out more about me on facebook, myspace/kiacurtis, or can email me on info@kiacurtis.com. The album will be available for purchase on www.kiacurtis.com

Last but not least, PC or Mac?

Im not really sure what kind of question that is..... MAC all the way!

Any final words?

We as Seventh-Day Adventists have so much talent within our churches. However we are not supporting our own. We need to encourage each other and support each other so that we can finish the work God has given to us to complete and Jesus can return and take us to our home. Evangelism is NOT a spiritual gift, we each have a testimony, and a responsibility to share what God has done for us to others. When the roll is called up yonder..... let's make sure that we are there!



My Exodus  
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# NeverSayNever

Nancy Menyere

I recall a few years back when I was in high school, after a sermon, saying to a close friend, 'one thing I will never ever do in life is preach, it requires too much energy and uses too much time and yet no one seems to listen, did you see the amount of people that fell asleep today?' As the years went by I stuck to my words. Every time I was asked to preach or present something in a crowd or church I gave every possible excuse not to find myself on any stage or pulpit saying, 'Someone better can do it, it's not my thing, I'm not good enough, I don't have a projected voice for that, I'm too shy and no one will ever listen to me, I get too nervous', and the list went on and on and I easily got away with it.

To be honest, it wasn't a matter of how incompetent I thought I was but I was more afraid of what people will think of me, what people will say about me, 'would I ever be considered boring?', I mean every time someone walks up on that stage the human brain automatic puts me in some form of category, 'boring/interesting' 'ugly/beautiful' 'thin/fat' and the list goes on, and I certainly did not want to be categorised as I wasted all my energy on those wandering brains. 'How on earth can I stand there and talk for at least half an hour and keep people focused to the words that are coming out of my mouth', I frequently asked myself.

What I didn't realise is that every time someone asks me to preach or present something, I was resenting to share the word, share the love He has given me, resenting to put the words of hope in someone's life. Everyday I prayed that God uses me in whatever way He can and yet every time He asked me to do something for Him I simply said, 'NEVER'. I didn't realise that God was talking to me and for years I was pushing Him away. Still He never gave up on me.

"I'm too shy and no one will ever listen to me, I get too nervous", and the list went on and on and I easily got away with it.

Eventually I gave in to doing a few programs in church, and still I never agreed to preach even when given the chance or opportunity. I wasn't going to run away forever. Yes, you can run but you can't hide, especially when it comes to GOD. Jonah tried to run away from God and because of His stubbornness he ended up in the belly of a fish. And like he did with Jonah, He never gave up on me.

A mission trip sounds interesting especially when you don't know what you are putting yourself into. Anything away from the normal work routine sounded fairly good to me and that's exactly what happened. I didn't realise that this mission trip required people to preach everyday for two weeks and by the time I realised what was required, it was too late. I had already registered.

But by the end of the first week of preaching night after night at this mission trip in DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo), I realised that it was the greatest thing that I have ever done as I watched the enthusiasm, joy and happiness, that was written on people's faces; God used me to share His unfailing love to people who have been waiting to receive it.

There is great joy in working for Christ. In spite of our weaknesses or short comings, God still uses us. You are never too young, small, incompetent or insufficient, to do something for God. If he has chosen you for His work, Never say Never to Him.

God had taken me as far as DRC to show me that I can do all things through 'Him' who gives me strength. He will go to many lengths to show you his love. Allow God to work in your life. Never say Never to HIM.

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Coming Soon



## The weekend of 23rd and 24th July 2011 marked a year until the London 2012 Olympics commences

The SEC Department, headed by Pastor Colin Stewart, took this opportunity to promote a noteworthy evangelistic event. The weekend commenced with a Day of Fellowship, which took place at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster.

The highlight of the morning programme was a commitment session where hundreds of young people took specially commissioned Oyster Card Wallets and Pledge Cards as a symbol that they would promote peace in the country for the next 365 days and beyond. The hall emptied as the young people

streamed down the aisles to the front to pledge to be peacemakers. As Pastor Eddie Hypolite prayed for the pledges, the room was filled with raised hands clutching the Oyster Card Wallets.

The programme continued with a beautiful special item by Tamara Austin, which prepared our hearts for the message Pastor Juan Carlos Patrick was about to deliver. He spoke with passion, enthusiasm and authenticity around the text Hebrews 12:1-2. A team of young people stepped forward to be a street witnessing team while the march was taking place. They left the Centre ahead of the march and explained the significance of the Pledge Cards to young people in the public around Westminster.

Roads were closed as the group made their way around Westminster, the hub of this country's government, even passing by Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament. This day was definitely a Sabbath to remember with something in the programmes for everyone.

The charge to be peacemakers and spread God's peace to those around was given so that when the thousands of visitors come to our communities next Summer, they will see that there is something different about us; they will see God in each and every one of us!

# GOLD

## Weekend

Serene Allen

Roads were closed as the group made their way around Westminster, the hub of this country's government, even passing by Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament.





The excitement overflowed to the 24th July in abundance as hundreds flooded Lee Valley Athletic Stadium for the fun, fellowship and sports of the day

The summer is not only for witnessing but for sharing fun and excitement which was evident all around the venue. Members had a chance to bring their families and friends to an Adventist Sports Event.

preparation, a foundation for a lasting relationship with Jesus and the church.

Despite a few aches and pains, the day was a huge success, climaxing as two new teams received the trophies for accumulating the most points. Congratulations to the winning teams pictured.

The first event kicked off shortly after 11am.

Sports Day this year promoted health and community outreach, with each church encouraged to reach out to non members and include them in training and



With a large team already dedicated to working on this special youth-lead project, there is still space for anyone who wants to be involved. Over the course of the next year, anyone with a passion for health, exercise, sports, and the sharing of their faith, will be a valuable asset to this program.

We're looking for youth that have a high sense of service and dedication, we need youth that love their community and wish to inspire change. These young leaders have a confidence in sharing the message that God has given them and are comfortable working cross-culturally. God's work is sometimes hard but many times full of fun.

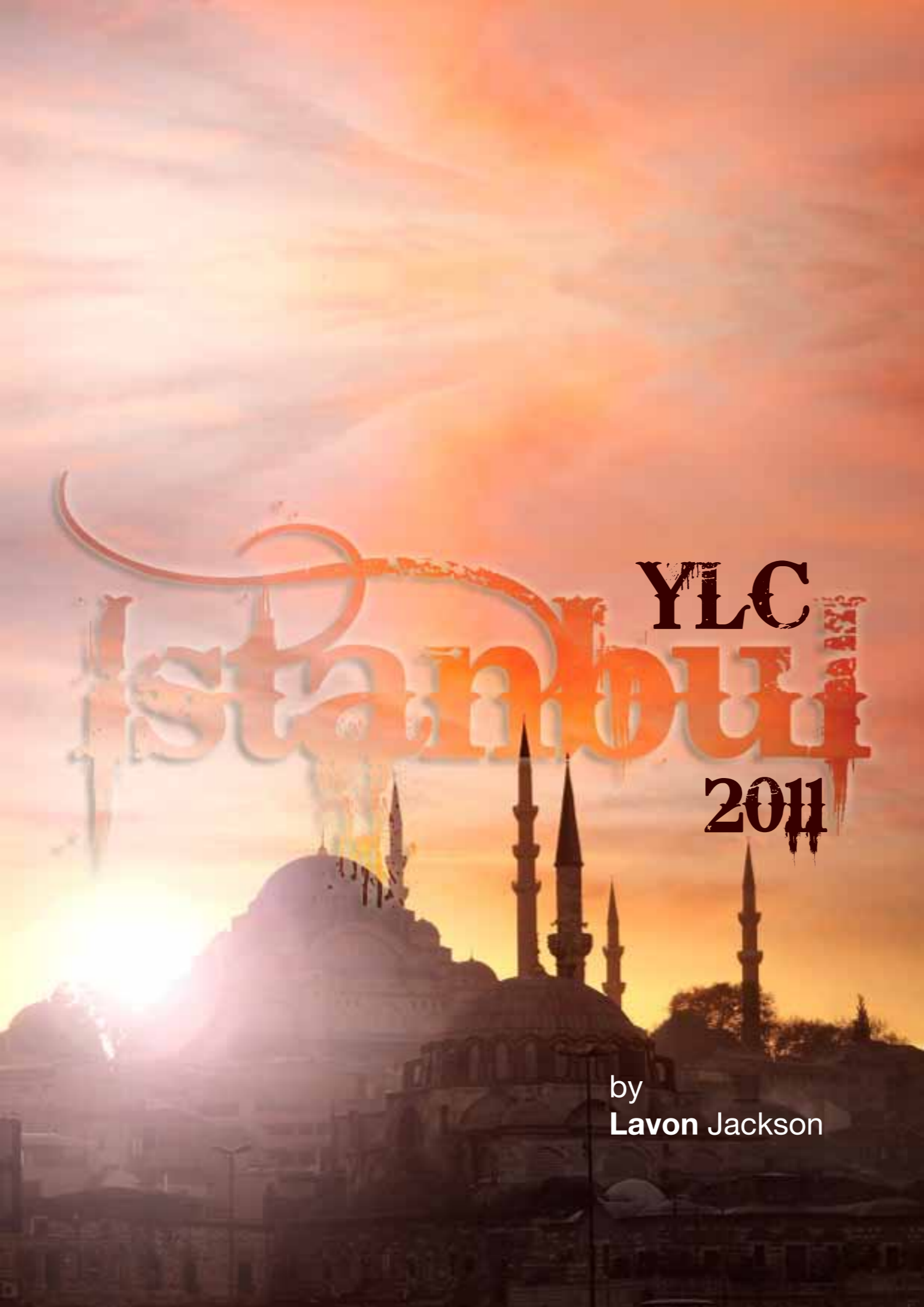
2012 offers this church a unique opportunity to engage with the public as never before. Thinking outside the box is critical but also remember that some things never change, so all your efforts must be blessed by the Word of God and applied to the modern times. Prayer is still and always will be the key.

Do you think you have what it takes?  
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- Sports Scientists, Fitness Specialists
- Web Technicians, Designers
- Admin Assistants
- Workforce Volunteers
- Street Witnesses



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# Istanbul

**2011**

by  
**Lavon Jackson**



Pr. Ian Sweeney  
(BUC President)



Matt Oliver  
(Director - More Than Gold)

Those who came will be able to tell you what an amazing experience it was being able to fellowship and be revived in Istanbul. The weather, the speakers, the hosts, the youth leaders all played a huge part in making the trip a success and a blessing for all.

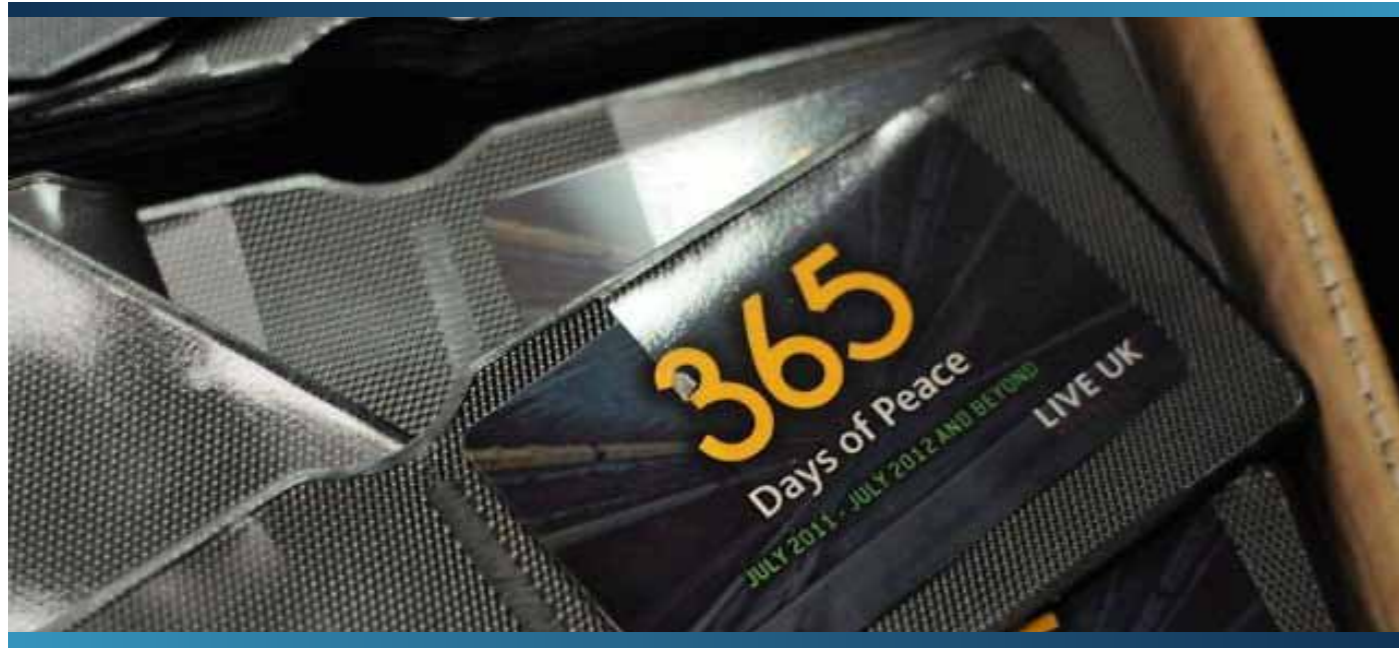
Reflecting on this trip draws out one of the many great messages from the devotions, delivered by Pastor Ian Sweeney, the new BUC president. We can be reminded that everyone has a thirst in life and the water that we use to quench it differs among us.

Whether it be a relationship with a man or woman; 60,000 people shouting your name after scoring a goal; accumulating degree after degree – they are just water. Not even marriage can quench the thirst for satisfaction, for a successful marriage will end in "ashes to ashes and dust to dust" – "til death to us part. In the grand scheme of things, they do not last forever but there is One who is from everlasting to everlasting, His name is Jesus.

There is no training like being away and learning about Jesus and it is our hope that many of you will join us next year by God's grace,

when we will embark on a new journey through Jerusalem! It is our hope now that the youth leaders will continue to 'Meet Jesus' every day and will inspire all youth to do so too. Look out for the photos and materials/hand-outs to be made available soon!

A special thanks goes to all our guest speakers including, Matt Oliver who gave a series of special presentations about sports ministry. This was particularly useful as we look towards our Outreach for the Olympic Games and many were challenged to think of dynamic ways to use anything and everything God provides to share His message.



# Pledge Campaign

**365** days of peace continues to roll through London and the home counties, taking us to under 340 days to go until the Summer Olympics in London 2012. It's been exactly one month since its launch on the 23rd July and since that time youth have been challenged and have been taking pledge cards into their communities.

Over **8,000** cards have already been distributed among the youth all across Southern England and have specifically targeted areas including Tottenham and Clapham, two areas heavily affected by the riots.

As West London buzzed with families and friends all over coming to celebrate Caribbean culture at Europe's biggest street carnival, a small team of dedicated young people took to the streets to meet them at Notting Hill Carnival, sharing the message of peace and offering the opportunity to **LIVE**.

Just short of **1,000** people actively joined the LIVE movement for peace by taking and signing the pledge cards that were shared out to the visitors, with many older adults also requesting more to share with their sons and daughters. It became apparent that 'Peace' was a word everyone was interested in knowing more about, with more than a handful engaging in lengthy conversation about how they can contribute to spreading peace among the country.

Considering that if a very small team can reach almost **1,000** people in 90 minutes how many more could be reached and have seeds for positive change planted. If there were hundreds of young committed Adventists leading the way for an intentional generation think what could be done! So the campaign continues to encourage **365 days of peace** counting down until the Opening ceremony of the Olympic Games where we hope peace will continue long after.

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# SUMMER CAMPS

Over 120 youth both teenagers and young adults camped in Cornwall over a two week period in August developing their faith and working in teams.



The theme for Teen Camp was, "We are One" and all the youngsters were split into tribes.

During this camp many teenagers gave their hearts to Jesus, and had life changing experiences with just as many young adults renewing their commitment for Jesus during the Community Student Camp called Survivor.

The days were filled with laughter and excitement - not to mention a few aches and pains along the way! Some of the activities included over the two camps were paint balling, go-karting, horse riding, orienteering, and segway which brought out the fun side in all.

Community Camp intentionally opened the door for youth to bring their non Adventist friends to enjoy the surroundings, activities, and engage with the theme: "Survivor."

Congratulations to the 'Victorious Nirjas' who did indeed become victorious by their team efforts.

Already looking forward to next year!

# Sports Ministry

"Sports Ministry could be the newest and most effective outreach for these times.

With no walls the church is free to practice sports outreach while keeping fit, improving health, and building lasting friendships.

If you have a strong interest in health or sport we encourage you to use this intentionally, especially as we look towards 2012 and the London Olympics.

With this in mind the SEC Youth Department have put together an Outreach Pack containing ideas and helpful hints to begin a Sports/Health Ministry in your church, community, or neighborhood."

**If you would like a pack for yourselves please contact the Youth Department**

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