

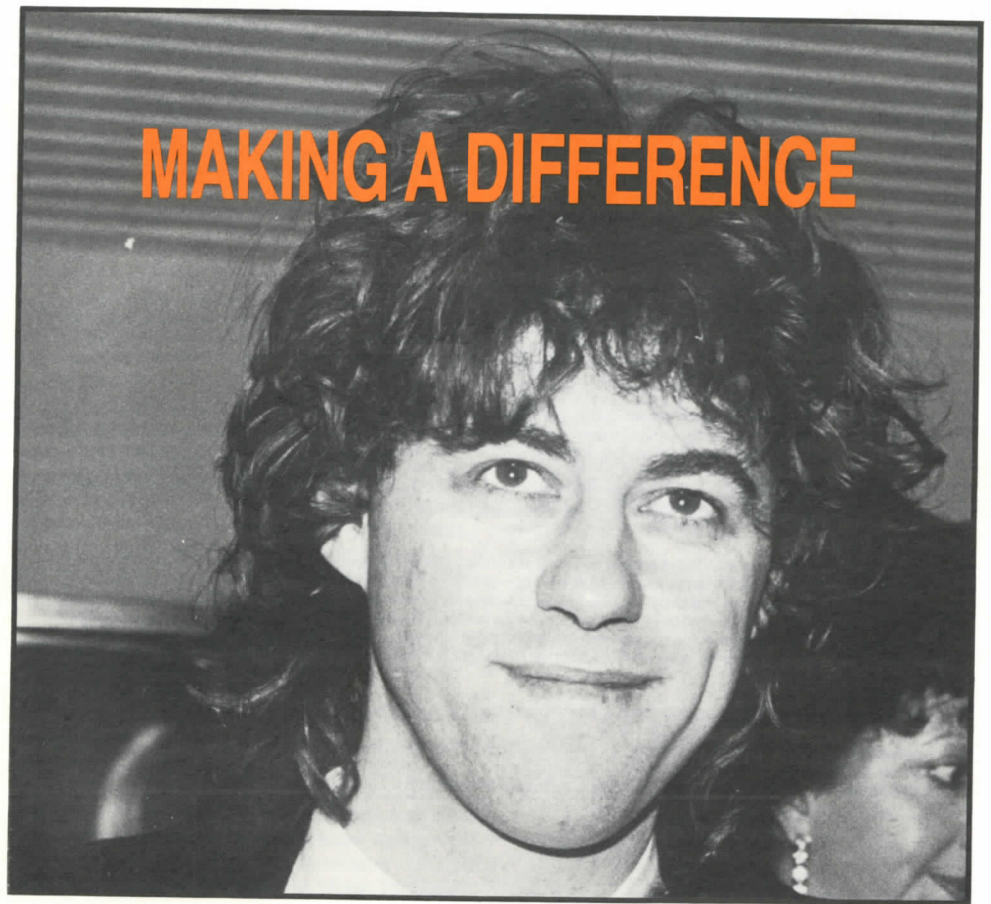
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is not so blind as to feel smug and contented about what we are doing. But at least we've made a start. As Gerald often says, 'we may not be able to change the world, but we can change someone's world somewhere'.

Read what Mike Morris has to say in his article about 'Involvement'. Take note also of the plan to provide Aid to Soviet and South African Christians. Be aware of the opportunities people like Gerald and Sheila have to speak into wide areas of the Church. Then seriously consider what you can do — in your home, your family, your street, your town, your church and your area. Let's be people who are 'making a difference'.

Peter Sanderson



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

If ever one man has 'made a difference' in the last few years it has to be Bob Geldof. Usually scruffy in appearance and often abrasive in character, you either like him or loathe him! But what he has achieved cannot be denied.

\$100 million

In late 1984 Geldof got Band Aid together to record 'Do they know it's Christmas?' and since then the lad from Dublin has been snarling and cursing and bossing people around. He's even been on television more times than Terry Wogan!

Bob has devoted most of his time to raise money for the people of Africa. Live Aid, Sport Aid, Food Aid, Fashion Aid and the rest have clocked up over £100,000,000 — and it's still rising! He has also spent time in Africa overseeing the distribution of the money and supplies. For his efforts he has even been given an honorary knighthood!

Criticism

Yet, despite all he has achieved, some Christians are quick to deride his efforts, emphasising that Geldof is not a Christian and it's all been done 'in his own strength'. But such accusations condemn the very people who make them! How come they have achieved so little by comparison? Anyone who thinks that God will not use, bless and equip people like Bob Geldof has no understanding of the Father's heart. He is concerned with issues of justice, righteousness and mercy. He weeps with those suffering from starvation and abuse. He is looking for men and women to bring his good news into such situations. Geldof may not be a Christian but at least he has 'made a difference'.

You and I

We too can make a difference. People like Danny Smith, Sheila Walsh, Mike Morris and Gerald are making a difference. They may not yet receive the publicity that Geldof has been given but as a result of their lives and ministries changes are taking place. Pioneer

NEXT EDITION

We look at London and seek to face up to some of the issues that affect the capital City. There will also be a review of Noel Richard's new album — *The Dangerline*.



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YOUR LETTERS

FROM ETHIOPIA

My wife and I were so blessed by hearing your ministry on the radio earlier this year. I received your address from the BBC only the day before yesterday though I wrote to them much earlier. Both of us are High School teachers here in Ethiopia — but we are from India. We have a son who's fourteen. We are believers and give teaching here. Unfortunately we have no church to attend and no fellowship. We have no spiritual inspiration except for the scriptures and listening to the preaching on our radio. Unfortunately we don't even have a tape recorder. We look forward to hearing from you.

M.V.M.

WOLLEGA, ETHIOPIA.

We've sent this family a pack containing our Bible studies, evangelistic leaflets with a personal letter of encouragement — Ed.

... AND PORTUGAL

I am an American studying in Portugal and I listen regularly to BBC broadcasts. By far the major reason I tune to the BBC is for the World News on the Hour. I am impressed by its excellent quality and breadth. However, I write today to express my appreciation for the programme I heard this morning on your Sunday Service. The reception was good and understandable but wavered a bit. Let me say though that the content was some of the most interesting and helpful I've ever heard on your station. I was deeply moved and stimulated by the entire programme and would very much like to get in contact with the speaker Gerald Coates and the housechurch ministry. If you could pass

on my letter I would be deeply indebted to you. Finally, let me say that I understand that as a World Service you endeavour to represent all forms of religion from Hinduism to Atheism fairly. Nonetheless as a listener I want to cast my vote for programmes that give voice to Evangelical Christianity, particularly such constructive and positive expressions as I heard this morning. I would like to hear more of this kind.

J.H.

LISBON, PORTUGAL.

This letter was sent to the BBC World Service in London and passed on to us — Ed.

DIVIDED WE STAND!

Just a note to express my thanks for your autumn edition of Pioneer Bulletin. I found it quite refreshing. I especially appreciated Gerald Coates' comments from "Divided We Stand". I find his teachings to have a kind of prophetic content that the church so needs to hear in these days. Everywhere I look it seems, there is so much that has the "fingerprints" of man while bearing the name of Jesus. I trust God will continue to patiently speak and adjust his people as he builds us together as a place for his centrality and glory. Also I'd like to order the four tape series by Gerald Coates entitled "Prophets and Prophecy". May the Lord bless the work of your hands.

D.R.

NEW YORK, USA.

BULLETIN TEACHING

We have reproduced your article (Strategy — Extra-local) and have sent it out with our circular prayer letter. We feel that the article was concise and clear in its direction and would be of benefit to those with whom we move in the Lord.

K.H.

All Nations Team, VANCOUVER, CANADA.

LEADERS CONFERENCE

Very many thanks for the ministry at the leaders conference earlier on this year. It was great. I haven't laughed and cried so much for a long time! The content was good and solid too (in case anyone thinks I'm referring to superficial 'mere' emotionalism!) I've ordered all the tapes so as to further consider and reflect on the meetings. Hopefully by next year I will have walked in what I have learned and be ready to receive more.

G.C.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

May I say how much those of us who came to the "Shape of the Church to Come" conference,

from this area, enjoyed the ministry. We greatly appreciated the way the team made themselves available to us. I'm sure their ministry is going to have a long and lasting impact. Already a number of people in our church have heard the tapes and benefited. Please pass on our sincere thanks to the team for all they did in organising the week and providing the input so many of us needed at that time.

D.K.

GRIMSBY, SOUTH HUMBERSIDE.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA...

Greetings from a very "hot" South Africa to those in a "cold" England. In terms of having Gerald back to South Africa next year we think it is a must! We do not wish to finalise anything without chatting it through with one or two colleagues as we do not want his trip to coincide with other activities, detracting from his ministry. We feel the latter part of '88 would be a good time.

We have just had three nights of "New Africa" celebration. "Friends First" performed and then lead us in worship. Robby Rufus ministered on the "New Africa" as seen specifically in the area of establishing the signs and wonders, the anointing and building faith for healing. The significance of the times were the attendance figures — anything between 800 and 1200. There were some notable miracles and then at our own meeting two people were healed of deafness and one girl got out of her wheelchair after several years of paralysis from her neck downward. By the end of the night she was drinking from a cup by herself, and then to crown it all, she started playing the piano — great news!!! The more we operate this way, the more we realise that we are but students in the school of the Spirit. Thank you all for your friendship — we're looking forward to seeing you next year.

S. & M.W.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

It is expected that Gerald will take a team to South Africa in the autumn of next year — some of them will split up and work in different centres — Ed.

FESTIVAL FEED-BACK

A big thank you to all the leaders and organisers of Festival. Up until August I was a "wishy-washy" Christian, and very concerned with myself and my problems — playing little part in our Fellowship. The Lord really spoke to me at Festival. Not only was I free to worship for the first time, but most important, through a Crossfire meeting, I came to know God as Father. That was enough

to make the week for me but the Lord just continued to pour out his blessings. I repented and was healed of an unforgiving heart and that broke down many barriers. Jesus really set my heart on fire (and praise the Lord it keeps getting stronger!). I am now going off confidently to University — looking forward to how God can use me there. Let's go on in battle with our eyes fixed on Jesus!

A.W.

RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS

Thank you very much for your leadership at Festival. The spirit of unity there was great and set me free from doctrinal hang-ups.

J.S.

MERROW, GUILDFORD.

We greatly enjoyed Festival. There was a huge contrast between this year and '84 when we last went as a Fellowship. This year we all realised how much we had grown and how many problems had disappeared. The worship was greatly improved we felt on previous years, although the choice of seminars and evening themes seemed quite heavily weighted toward "Society" when maybe lots of basic things to do with walking with God are still poorly understood.

P.D.

EALING.

Having just returned from Festival '86 I would like to say (amongst many other good things) "Well done" Dave Tom and Co for bringing Jonathan Porritt (Friends of the Earth) to the scene. I believe that many of the problems we face on our planet, are a result of man not replenishing the earth (as highlighted by Jonathan) and as seems to be inherent in God's command to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28. Of all the chat shows at all four Festivals so far I found this one the most profitable and stimulating. I'm now considering what is God's alternative to the "economic" strategy which seems to have infiltrated and penetrated our lifestyles. A way which does not just take from Mother Earth but puts back (and more) into the earth. I did find myself concerned at one or two persons who approached Jonathan afterwards with open Bibles in an attempt to make "statements". Though he seems to take it in his stride I hope this was not too off-putting for him — our aim being to win and not put people off.

R.I.

COBHAM, SURREY.

FESTIVAL '86

For seven days at the beginning of August the Stoneleigh Park Showground at Warwick became the venue for **Festival '86**. Around 4,500 people, plus hundreds of day visitors, enjoyed a wide variety of seminars, workshops, fun activities and children's ministry. Many were prayed with for salvation, healing and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Two of the speakers even received a standing ovation at the evening celebrations!

Around 30% of the folk attending Festival were from denominational church backgrounds and almost 50% were 'first timers'. Several Anglican churchmen have written in commending the week for its integrity, content and style.

Speakers included Clive Calver, Ian Andrews, Phil Mohabir, Dave Tomlinson, John Noble and **Gerald**. Pioneer's **Ishmael** and **Rodney Kingstone** also took an active part in the weeks programme. People queued for hours to hear the Slagels (American prophetic singers) and the other seminars and workshops were well attended. The late night 'fringe' programme of drama, chat shows and concerts were also very popular.

Central TV came and spent hours filming and interviewing people which resulted in an eleven minute slot on a mid-day religious programme (this is available on Video).

Festival will be on the same site next year between **August 1st-8th**. Organised by Dave Tomlinson and co-hosted with teams belonging to Peter Fenwick, John Noble and Gerald. Speakers next year will include YWAM's Floyd McClung.



There were serious moments too!



Exhibition hall



Main arena



Surbiton's camp site.



Plenty of books!



It was fun for the kids!



An 'unofficial' meeting.

CHICHESTER

I had heard quite a few stories about the **Revelation Christian Fellowship** in Chichester. It was rumoured that they were all punks and that their worship included lengthy sessions of "body popping" (for the uninitiated this is a new type of expressive dance). So I decided to find out for myself...

On the Sunday evening I visited the Fellowship and the guest speaker was Rodney Kingstone (Worthing) who is definitely not a punk! In fact, as I looked around I didn't see any punks among the packed gathering of mainly young people. As for the worship it was one of the most sensitive times that I've ever experienced — with God clearly speaking to a number of individuals. However, I did sense that this enthusiastic and happy group could really explode in praise when the occasion was right!

Later, in the relaxed and friendly home of fellowship leader **Roger Ellis** and his lovely wife Margaret, and over an excellent Chinese take away (standard fare for Bulletin editors), I was able to discover some of the history behind the Fellowship.

Beginnings

Revelation began, like a number of other such fellowships, as a youth group within an Anglican Church. In July 1983 about 20 of the group left the church due to 'various difficulties' and began to meet together on a regular basis. Their ages ranged from 15-23.

Ishmael and David Thatcher (leaders from the Rustington Fellowship just along the coast) baptised the four leaders — Roger Ellis, Murray Jacobs, Malcolm Herrington and Malcolm Garda — in the sea and then these leaders baptised the rest of the group. This was a particularly significant time for Revelation and these four leaders are still with the Fellowship. A remarkable testimony to the bond of friendship that clearly exists between these young men. I know of a

number of emerging fellowships who have 'gone through' two or three leadership teams!

Growing

They worshipped together in a local church hall and grew to about 70 within two months! Roger puts this amazing growth down to a mixture of 'praise, worship, deliverance and enthusiasm'. As a group they had no particular evangelistic strategy at the time but they saw a number



Roger and Margaret Ellis.



Ishmael (far right) and Dave Thatcher (far left) with the Chichester leaders after their baptism in the sea!

become Christians and some 'backsliders' restored. The key to their success was the large number of existing friendships and contacts that they had.

Roger looks back on this time with some amusement. He considers himself to have been a 'religious fanatic' and a 'legalistic zealot'. He still bubbles with enthusiasm and excitement today, but in no way could he be called religious! Roger was quick to point out the tremendous help that he received from Ishmael at that time. He travelled and worked with Ishmael for a while and this taught Roger some invaluable and unforgettable lessons.

Ishmael also gave a lot of prophetic direction to the whole fellowship. This input has continued and Rodney Kingstone's counsel, advice and teaching has also helped to bring about maturity and stability to Revelation. There were some who didn't believe that such a 'young fellowship' could make it and consequently they were not taken seriously. But, 140 members, even more in 12 house groups (including one in a house for ESN children and young people) has to be taken seriously!

Gerald

One person who was prepared to take Roger and the Revelation Fellowship seriously was Gerald. They were introduced by Ishmael in September 1984 and although Gerald had some doubts as to whether Roger, with his gift and ability, could work within a team, the relationship developed. At the beginning of this year Roger became part of Gerald's Team.

Gerald was also a prominent figure at Roger's

wedding to Margaret in September 1985. 'It was the best wedding I've been to' says Gerald. It's obvious that Roger and Margaret love each other and she has, according to Roger, given him an 'intellectual anchor'. Margaret has a number of 'A' levels and spent one year at Cambridge University. Now she is fully involved in the life of the Fellowship, not just supporting Roger, but with a ministry of her own.

Outreach

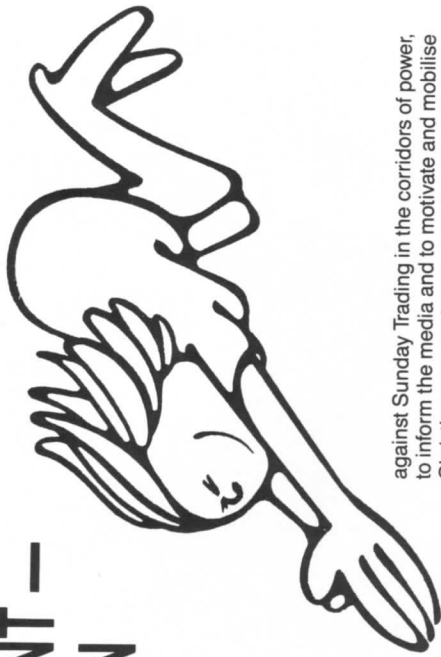
Revelation Fellowship held a week of evangelism this summer and saw about 70 come to know the Lord. As a result youth works have been established and a number of adults are going through a discipleship course and becoming involved in the Church. The outreach stirred up a lot of local interest and visitors are coming to the meetings every week. A new church is being established in nearby Bognor with over 30 people at the first meeting in September.

In conclusion

I noticed a number of things about the Fellowship that impressed me. Although the average age is about 22 there is a maturity that I've not always seen in much older groups. The love and commitment they have for each other is clearly evident, especially at leadership level. Perhaps the most surprising of all is the organised, even detailed way, that the leadership plans its activities and training of others. They are clearly open to the 'leading of the Spirit' but also recognise the value of strategy, vision and planning. The future looks good for the 'Revies'!

Peter Sanderson

INVOLVEMENT — A CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE



by Mike Morris

Tuesday, April 15th, 9:00am is emblazoned upon my memory for three reasons. Foremost amongst these was the luxury of not having to rise early and attend a Spring Harvest Leadership Meeting. Three weeks of frantic activity were past, time to recover and rediscover the benefits of sleep. Next, the disturbing first reports of the American air strike on Libya. Finally, the news item I eagerly awaited, amazingly the British government had suffered defeat in its attempt to deregulate Sunday trading.

At last months of planning and activity, from national to household level, had produced a result which the Evangelical Alliance and the Sunday Trading Coalition had been told by informed governmental sources was impossible. As a point of interest the significance of the Irish vote had proved critical. Fourteen Unionist M.P.'s, breaking their boycott of the Commons for this one vote, providing the exact number of votes by which the government lost. Once more the historical tradition of the Irish defeating government legislation had been repeated.

The story of the Sunday Trading bill is worthy of retelling. From the moment it was introduced Evangelical Christian organisations were incensed, but for a variety of reasons. They ranged from Sabbatarianism through to the recognition of the severe socio-economic consequences such legislation would have upon the community. There was a danger that in arguing over the grounds upon which to fight the proposed legislation effective opposition would not be mounted. Hence the establishing of the Sunday Trading Coalition, a gathering together of a number of organisations who shared a common commitment to defeat the bill. This saw an effective campaign launched to argue the case

against Sunday Trading in the corridors of power, to inform the media and to motivate and mobilise Christian men and women nationwide to both make their views known and to make their views count.

The reward for this monumental effort — and the financial generosity of the Lord's Day Observance Society in underwriting the campaign deserves special note — was a resounding defeat for the government.

Now why recount the Sunday Trading story? To my mind it reveals how effective the Christian voice can be. Seldom has a government enjoyed such a majority, rarely in such circumstances have its wishes been over-turned. Constituency M.P.'s were amazed at the level of concern on this one issue. Their postbags were inundated; their surgeries under virtual siege; and at constituency meetings, arranged that they might present the case for de-regulation, they found they were met with well researched arguments from constituents.

The groundswell of Christian activity provided the focus for all who sought to resist the government's intentions. Christians acted in concert, and won. They did not simply retreat into the familiar confines of the prayer meeting and the pessimistic prognostications of the 'after service social'.

What can we learn?

It is evident that Christian are 'salt and light' in their community. What is the value of defending historic biblical Christianity if it has nothing to say to contemporary society? What is the point of struggling to implement revelations of church growth or personal power ministry if we do not have a clear voice in the decision making process which will affect the nature and quality of society tomorrow?

The social revolution of the sixties led to a proliferation of minority groups in the seventies. Each of these had a clear 'raison d'être' and

produced an agenda of aims. The feminist movement established a unit from which they could educate and lobby. The homosexual came out and sought for a means of encouraging and supporting all who believed they had a homosexual orientation while also attempting to re-educate a nation that had for so long regarded the practice as wrong. The list could run on; pro-abortionists, animal rights groups, conservationists, various religious groups, etc.

In 1986 we are experiencing the flowering of those action agendas. The homosexual lobby invested time and energy to establish supporters in significant positions in the community. The result is the apparent voice of reason arguing for the encouragement of homosexual activity to be introduced to the school curriculum. A book such as 'Jenny lives with Eric and Martin' can find it's way onto the recommended lists of ILEA schools to help young children appreciate that homosexual practice is an acceptable and permissible form of sexual expression. It also communicates that those who argue against such practice are prejudiced, bound by fear and lacking in "understanding".

The actual numerical size of this lobby is small yet by effective planning it is having a significant effect upon the social development of the country.

What can we do?

Historically the Christian response to pressure has been twofold: overreaction often accompanied by unrighteous violence, or pessimistic retreat into the comfortable familiarity of tradition. Unfortunately neither advances the Kingdom. While it is essential to maintain an effective love relationship with God it is equally imperative to express the reality and credibility of that love to the local community in which we live — both individually and corporately.

Hebrews 1:1-2 reminds us that eventually God spoke to us face to face in Jesus. If we want to know what God is like, we can take a look at Jesus. In the same way in a highly sophisticated, technological but lost world people need not only our evangelistic words but our evangelistic lifestyles. In a world weary of words we need action to enable those words to rise above the cacophony and hence be heard.

As evangelicals we are inheritors of a rich history of positive lifestyles. Men and women who literally transformed the face of the society in which they lived. John Wesley the preacher and prophet of social righteousness who it can be argued prevented a bloody revolution sweeping Britain after the manner of France; William Wilberforce who in partnership with the Clapham sect overturned slavery in the face of mocking opposition; the Booth family, founders of the

Salvation Army, responsible for employing the unemployed and fighting for the most vulnerable sections of society, and in our own day, Jackie Pullinger effectively working with drug addicts in Hong Kong in the midst of organised crime.

It is time for us as Christians to take our place in the field of human history and prove effective for God. We must combine holiness with worldliness and literally be God's good news.

Plan for action

i) Begin to discover what the Bible has to say on important issues; for example the nuclear debate, racism, feminism, sexuality. Be equipped to become a Christian voice within your community. People are constantly looking for real answers to the real questions they are either asking themselves or being asked by the media. What is the Christian mind on "in vitro" fertilisation, South Africa or the occult? How can I communicate it intelligibly?

ii) Take time to build into the local community. Ninety-eight percent of the local population have no idea that Christians worship amongst them. Take the opportunity to become a parent governor at your child's school; offer to hear kids read at the local primary school; seek election as a local councillor; become a hospital visitor; join the local social club. Get out and get known so that people discover what you are like and hence what God is like.

iii) Finally don't be put off! We live in a pessimistic and negative nation in which nothing is achieved because, so often, nothing is attempted. We are of those who do not lose heart but attempt the apparently impossible for the glory of God and establishing of his Kingdom.

During the last war, one man saved the lives of about 100,000 Jews through his personal energy, commitment and involvement. His name was Raoul Wallenberg; the place Budapest; and his story is eloquently, and compellingly told by Danny Smith in his book "Lost Hero". It is the story of what one man can do: we have much we can learn from Wallenberg and what is more we are not alone. God is with each and everyone of us and to my mind that's an invincible majority.

For Further Reading:

'The Mustard Seed Conspiracy' by Tom Sime
'Issues Facing Christians Today' by John Stott
'The General Next to God' (the story of Booth) by Richard Collier
'Lost Hero' by Danny Smith

Also the Evangelical Alliance seeks to provide a corporate Christian voice at national levels. Details are available of church and individual membership from: Whitefield House, 186 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BT.

NEWS

JOHN STOTT AND GERALD TOGETHER

On Tuesday, 13th January, 1987 (from 10am-4.30pm) at the Friends Meeting House, Euston, London the Evangelical Alliance have invited John Stott and Gerald Coates to be the speakers at a "high-profile" Leaders Day. This day is expected to draw over 500 men and women in positions of responsibility in the church. Besides giving a main address, each will have the right and time to comment on each other's ministry and they will also be involved in a question/answer session. The emphasis of teaching will be on the sort of leadership God wants to produce in the church and what sort of leadership we should be using. There is no charge for this day — though an offering will be taken to meet expenses and a ministry gift. However you will need a ticket to gain admission. So if you're a minister, pastor, elder, house group leader, youth leader, evangelist, or heading up a department of ministry in the church, get your free tickets by writing to: Evangelical Alliance, Whitefield House, 186 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BT.

FOR KIDS!

Ishmael has been commissioned to add the fourth booklet to our evangelistic series. This will be for children. There's a great need for easy to read evangelistic literature for older children and as soon as it's ready we'll let you know.

IT'S A RECORD

The Cobham Fellowship recorded 'Songs of Fellowship Volume 1' and to date they have sold 32,819 copies! 'Songs of Fellowship 2' has sold 12,281, and their last recording project 'Songs of Fellowship Volume 8' has sold 7,397. An average artist will sell anything between 7-10,000 copies so 'Songs of Fellowship Volume 1' is quite a landmark. Congratulations. The three albums between them sold well over 1000 in the last 12 months alone with virtually no promotion.



VALERI RELEASED!

Valeri Barinov has been freed from prison. This is a miraculous deliverance as during the last three years a number of Baptist ministers have been re-sentenced. This means a lifetime in prison.

"Offences" for which Christians can be re-tried and re-sentenced include praying, talking with other prisoners about God, possessing a Bible or Scripture portion, writing Bible verses or poems and referring to God in personal letters to family.

Pioneer sent two team members to the Soviet Union in October. They took in aid but the nature of the visit and its details are confidential. Please continue to pray.

LINKLINE

Next time you want a builder, car dealer, artist, investment consultant, a hotelier, or even an aircraft repairer, you can ring Christian Directory Enquiries. LINKLINE enables you to dial straight through for free. 0800-833-331. 9.00am to 6.30pm, six days a week. CDE holds the names, addresses, and phone numbers of hundreds of Christian companies up and down the country supplying an enormous range of different products and services.

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ESCAPE!

We are grateful to God that **Cliff Richard** escaped serious injury when involved in an eight car pile-up on the M4 over the August Bank Holiday weekend. He was on his way to the West End show "TIME" when the car in front of him swerved and braked — involving six other vehicles which aquaplaned. Cliff escaped with minor bruising and a sore back.



The accident was in all the national newspapers, and on the 10.00pm television news-bulletins. "I think if anything ever happened to Cliff, the whole nation would go into mourning," his friend/manager Bill Latham told us. The car was a complete write-off, a vehicle he'd only had for a few weeks, purchased he told us for parking in London after one of his other cars had been vandalised. The show finishes in April '87, and after a short break, he will begin his biggest Gospel tour ever "BEYOND TIME".

ROUND THE WALLS OF LONDON!

If you live in the greater London area — set aside Saturday the 23rd May 1987. It is expected that Christians with a burden for the city living in it and around it, will march the city walls in a praise procession led by Graham Kendrick and others with prophetic and musical ministries. It is also expected that there will be a central point at which some 3/4000 people will gather celebrating God's Kingdom rule in London and for the church to declare her intentions, of seeing ground taken from Satan and given back to God. Roger Forster and Gerald Coates will be leading and speaking at the event but many leaders from across London are also expected to take part. We will of course be carrying more details in our next issue with entire churches, youth groups and Christian unions needing to set aside this day to march through London, celebrate together and hear what God has to say to this city. It is still reckoned to be the most strategic city in the world, for banking, artistic creativity, and a city that influences the decision makers. That's why we want you to be there. All churches related to Pioneer will be there along with all the churches relating to the Icthus team.

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PROPHETIC WORSHIP

WAYNE DRAIN was the speaker at a special event arranged by Noel Richards — which drew 50 musicians and worship leaders together last summer. Wayne majored on 'The cost of being a worshipper' and 'The cost of being prophetic'.

There was a lot of personal ministry and prophecies before the evening was out and Wayne encouraged Noel to gather this group together for ongoing involvement to create a more prophetic environment in worship for churches relating to the Pioneer Team. If you would like a copy of Wayne's ministry, ask for the Wayne Drain tape. Cost £2.50 including P&P. If you are a worship leader and would like information of this next small gathering, write to Noel Richards at our office address.

NOEL'S RECORD

"THE DANGERLINE" — by **Noel Richards** is now available. Songs include: "Broken Promises", "One of Our Brothers is Missing", "Why Didn't We Apologise?", "Heroes", "You Laid Aside Your Majesty", "Father's Love" and the title track "Dangerline". You can buy it in the shops or send a cheque for £6.50 made out to Pioneer Recordings including P&P. Your order will be dealt with within fourteen days. Please tell us whether you want an album or cassette.

ON TV

JOHN SPENCER, one of the main leaders of the Ealing Fellowship has recently recorded a series of 'Night Thoughts' for Thames Television. We did ask him to see if he could get the music changed — so that if folk were not asleep by the time Night Thoughts came on, they wouldn't be asleep by the time the music had finished! Although there was no hope of getting the music changed — it did give John the opportunity of sharing thoughts related to authentic Christianity.



SHEILA

Sheila Walsh's album "SHADOWLANDS" sold an amazing 60,000 copies in the first month of its release in the USA. Both the album and her book "GOD PUT A FIGHTER IN ME" have been heavily promoted in the States and the book in particular is expected to help a lot of young people struggling to maintain their faith. The album, cassette, and book are available from Pioneer Mail-order department.

PIRATE TAPING BATTLE



Churches could find themselves out of pocket because of government plans to combat pirate home taping. The bill is aimed at recouping millions of pounds of lost copyright each year and it's due to be introduced in the next session of parliament. 10% will be added to the price of a blank cassette putting an extra £12 million a year for major record companies. All tape ministries, including Pioneer, will have to pass this charge on to the purchaser, which could be anything from 10p/20p per cassette. A set may well cost an extra pound or two. If you share our concern, you should write to Mr. John Butcher M.P., Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Industry, 1-19 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EP or Mr. D. R. Irving, Industrial Property and Copyright Department, Department of Trade and Industry, State House, 66-71 High Holborn, London WC1R 4QP. Your constituency M.P. should also be informed. The tape manufacturers' group opposes the bill and you can write to them at 17-19 Foley Street, London W1P 7LH.

CHRISTMAS PANTO!

Bill Angel has written a Christmas pantomime called **'The King's Kids'**. This is designed to reach out with the good news of Jesus. Bill and his professional cast will bring their own set, sound and lighting and are available in December and January. Full details of how to book — 01-878 8563.

SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest is going on from strength to strength despite news that there will be no Dales Bible Week in '87 or Southwest Bible Week and that even the Royal Week in Cornwall had a low turnout in '86. An estimated 40,000 are expected at Spring Harvest in Skegness and Minehead. Pioneer Teams members and associates including Ishamel, Roger Eillis, Mike Morris, Steve Clifford, Straight Talk Theatre Co., Pete Birch and the Sincere Brothers, plus Gerald will all be taking part.



ON THE MARCH!

Recently, the Elim Church at Surbiton (part of

the Pioneer Team) took to the streets. They marched around a local council estate, with banners, fancy dress, drama and worship. Leader **Peter Sanderson** planned the march as part of a programme designed to bring a 'Revival of Happiness' to the Surbiton area.



SOLD OUT!

'GERALD QUOTES' — is now virtually out of print. 9,000 copies have been sold in Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and elsewhere. As Gerald's next book 'Divided We Stand?' is to be launched soon, Kingsway do not intend to reprint. If you have not got your copy of 'Gerald Quotes', Pioneer have purchased the remaining stock for those who may have missed out on this less publicised but important publication. £2.25 including P&P.

POLAND VISIT

Dr. Patrick Dixon from the Ealing Christian Fellowship was in Poland for a week in October lecturing about 'Care of the Dying'. He was staying with another Polish doctor who found fresh faith at a Pioneer celebration event. In January Dr. Dixon is at Swanwick speaking to some 500 students on Faith Healing — and in February addresses around 40 managers of metropolitan YMCA's on 'The Housechurch Movement — how it will affect your YMCA'. He's also giving a doctor's eye view of supernatural healing. We thank God for these opportunities of sharing the Christian ethos and faith within the medical caring profession. John Spencer spent some time in the Middle East lecturing and had several remarkable opportunities of communicating the Christian faith in places where preaching the Gospel is not allowed. All of us need to see our careers/professions/trades as opportunities for communicating our faith and expecting others to be influenced by our lives and words.

SUE RINALDI

Sue Rinaldi has joined "HEARTBEAT" — a contemporary/worship band from Malmesbury in Wiltshire. Sue sings three tracks on their album "Voice to the Nation" which is now available from Pioneer mail-order. It was a high budget album from Kingsway which comes with a booklet with teaching about spiritual warfare, praise, and the work of the Holy Spirit. Tell us whether you want an album or cassette — and how many — and we'll invoice you.



ISHMAEL ON TV

ISHMAEL did a 15 minute pilot programme for STV (Southern Television) with an outside broadcast unit. The intention is to create a series on Sunday mornings which will be immediately networked across Great Britain. Pray with us that God will grant Ishmael favour with the Independent Broadcasting Association and those he's working with — let's see him, his friends and their children on the box soon.

ELECTRIC PRAISE 2

Hot on the heels of Cliff Richard and Graham Kendrick is our own Chris Rolinson with "ELECTRIC PRAISE VOLUME II". It was the third best selling Christian album during late spring and throughout the summer and you can get your copy of recently written songs set to piano and synthesizer simply by letting us know whether you want — an album or cassette. We'll invoice you and get to you a copy within fourteen days.

EVANGELISM TRAINING

If you want to give a week, a month, 3 months or even longer to Training in Evangelism, why not consider joining one of our "TIE" Teams. You will be expected to look to God for food and general expenses but we will provide accommodation. On top of that you'll be trained in the 'classroom' through tapes and videos and out on the street in the front line. We hope to send you back to your church better equipped to serve them. Next summer a party will be coming from South Africa to join our TIE teams to gain a wider perspective, receive training and to take back to their nation what they've learned here. If you want a leaflet, drop our office a line.

BACK TO BELFAST

David Matthews has now left the English shores and has returned to his native Northern Ireland. He's taken up residence in east Belfast, and is now linked into a fellowship which only two years ago he did not enjoy a good relationship with. Since then there's been a great deal of reconciliation, friendship, and developing relationship. People like John Noble, Dave Tomlinson, and Gerald will be seeing David frequently in England at various leadership meetings. We wish him well in his endeavours in Northern Ireland.

AROUND THE WORLD

Our evangelistic booklets **FIRST CLASS, YOUR MOVE** and **WHAT NEXT**, are quite literally getting all round the world these days. Almost 25,000 copies have been sold with BYFC, YWAM, London Community Gospel Choir, various 'housechurch' streams and denominational churches taking them. We've just had a letter asking for a quantity which will 'be useful on the QE2', the writer continued, 'I could always put one on the Captain's table!' They are available at £15 per 100 including P&P.

TEACHING STUDIES

The long awaited Pioneer Teaching Studies have been selling well with many asking for single and small quantities and one church requesting 500. There are 86 passages of commentary with scriptures and room for notes in what we hope is a smart, clean, publishing production. They cost £1.50 plus P&P for single copies with discounts for larger quantities. Tell us how many you need, we'll send them with an invoice — or you can request a price list. All orders will be dispatched within fourteen days.

AN APOLOGY!

The Southbank Fellowship in Richmond is neither breaking up nor breaking down as implied in our last Bulletin. Southbank Fellowship meets once a month and at other convenient times in Kew, Sheen, and Richmond. They are all still collectively the "Southbank Fellowship". They are not three separate churches. Only Chiswick under the leadership of Terry Page is a separate church overseen and monitored by Errol O'Brien. For any confusion to Southbank members and those further afield we gladly and wholeheartedly apologise.

VIDEOS

"We See A New Africa" features Terry Virgo, Tony Morton, and **Gerald Coates** encouraging Christians to visit South Africa and for international links and friendships to be nurtured. As Gerald is returning to South Africa in the autumn of 1987 with a large team, this video is a must for all who are interested in sharing in the project. It is free on a loan basis and small donation to cover post and packaging is required.

Festival '86 — was screened by central television on a special eleven minute feature earlier on this year. If you would like to show your Christian Union, youth group, house group or leadership team what Festival was about, this is an ideal and brief glimpse into the week. 1987 dates are August the 1st to the 8th and you can get booking forms and full colour brochures from: FESTIVAL, P.O. Box 475, London SW4 7NQ. The video is on a free loan basis — a small donation to cover postage and packaging is required.

We have been able to obtain a video of the last message Gerald gave whilst in South Africa in the spring of '86. Speaking before a capacity crowd in Johannesburg on "We Can Make A Difference" there was laughter and tears on stage and off during this important evening. To order this tape on a fourteen day hire basis, send a cheque for £5.75 including P&P.

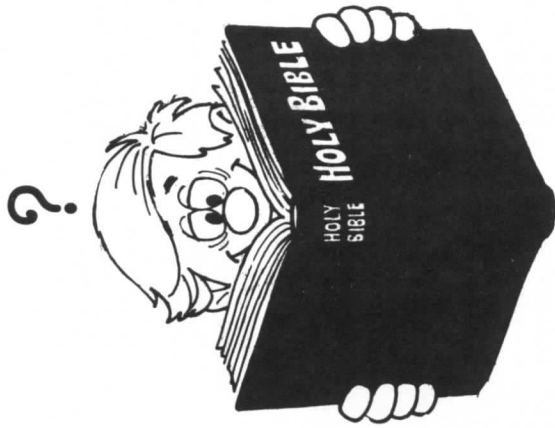
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tell us what you think was happening in three sentences and the best will get a prize. All entries must be received at the Pioneer office by November 30th — we'll publish the winners.

COMPETITION

It's guessing time folks! What was Gerald saying — or was it Errol O'Brien (seated)? You



NEW HELP FOR NEWCOMERS

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PRICE £7.00, including P&P.

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'THE SHAPE OF THE CHURCH TO COME'

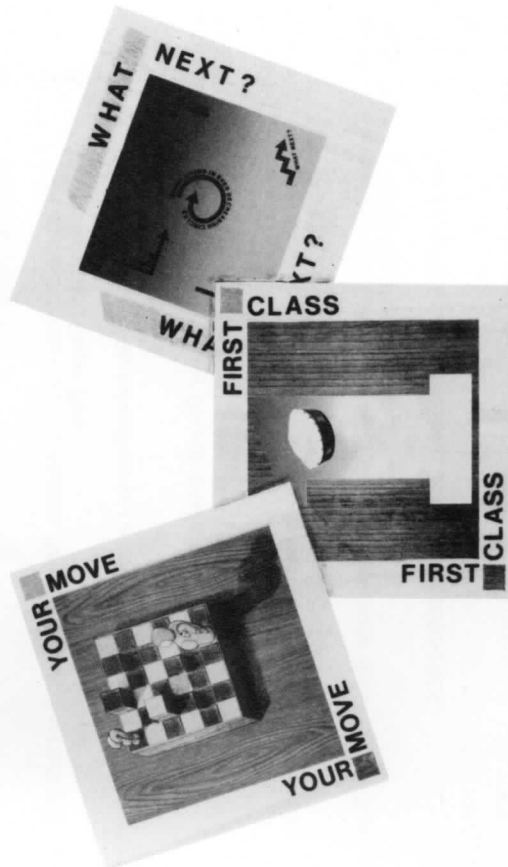
A conference for those in leadership roles including ministers, elders, local team leaders and itinerant ministries.

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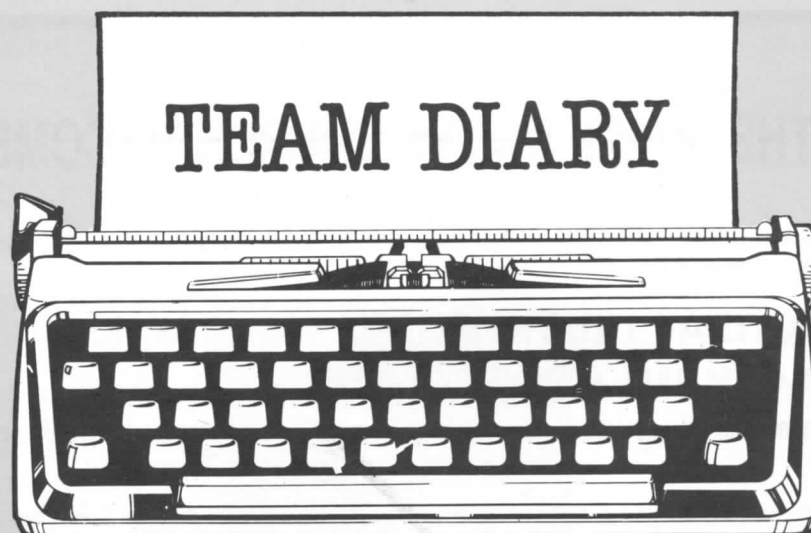
Early booking is strongly advised due both to the success and oversubscription of the last Spring Leadership conference. For booking forms and other relevant information, write to the Pioneer Team, P.O. Box 79C, Esher, Surrey KT10 9LP.



THREE GREAT BOOKLETS!

Three short, sharp and punchy evangelistic booklets are available from Pioneer. Written and designed by Chris Bourne they are produced to a very high quality, yet at a low cost.

'WHAT NEXT' — for a youth readership. 'YOUR MOVE' — for adults and 'FIRST CLASS' for those who feel they have 'made it' and don't see where God fits in. Over 25,000 copies have been sold to date! They cost 15p each (bulk on application) and for £1 (including P & P) samples are available.



NOVEMBER

Saturday 15th

Gerald and Noel at Dunamis Renewal Fellowship, Islington Methodist Church. Info: 01-883 7571.

**Friday 21st-
Sunday 23rd**

Noel at the Gate Fellowship, Dundee.
Info: 0382-21222.

**Friday 28th-
Sunday 30th**

"Setting the Captives Free" Conference, Herne Bay Court, Kent with **John Barr, Martin Scott** and **Roger Ellis**.

Saturday 29th

Gerald and Noel at Burton-on-Trent for Leader's Meeting and Celebration Event.
Info: 0372-63051.

**Saturday 29th-
Sunday 30th**

Ishmael at 'Pip and Jays' Church, Bristol. Info: 0272-43169.

DECEMBER

Saturday 6th

Ian Andrews and the **Pioneer Team** at Tolworth Recreation Centre, Surrey.
Afternoon 3.00pm Leaders, 7.00pm Celebration. Info: 0372-63051.

**Monday 8th-
Wednesday 10th**

National Evangelists Conference — Speakers include: David Parson, Clive Calver, John Blanchard and **Gerald**. Info: 01-582 0228.

**Friday 12th-
Sunday 14th**

John Barr at the Gate Fellowship, Dundee. Info: 0382-21222.

Saturday 13th

Rodney Kingstone at Shirley Fellowship, Southampton. Info: 0703-774013.

JANUARY 1987
Tuesday 13th

Leaders Day with John Stott and **Gerald**. Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London. From 10.00am to 4.30pm. Info: 01-582 0228.

MAY 11th-14th

'Shape of the Church to come. Conference for Leaders at Pilgrim Hall, Sussex with the **Pioneer Team**.