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Unknowns?

But thousands of 'lesser lights', unknown and unheralded, are also paying the price as they stand up to be counted. They are breaking through insecurities, fear of what others will think, and the pressures of being inconvenienced. They are all over the country. For some 'standing up' means making themselves available for training in leadership or evangelism. Some will be giving up all their holidays to be in a TIE Team (Training in Evangelism), whilst others will be giving up a whole year of their time for training.

Some will go overseas — Uganda, China, South Africa or Europe. A few will make financial resources available to Christian Ministries. At this point it would not be inappropriate to me to thank those of you who regularly support Pioneer, whether as individuals or as churches. Without your support it is likely that there would be no Jubilee Campaign, no Pioneer for AIDS and no Pioneer Team Ministries — we'd all have to go back to work! That means no evangelistic literature, Bible studies, church planting projects, TIE Teams, training conferences, March for Jesus, AIDS initiatives and overseas projects. This is what your money funds and supports.

Paying the price

We are grateful to those who have decided to short circuit the ever spiralling desire to have a larger home, better and bigger holidays, and more wealth to sit in. God is the rewarder of those who seek Him and serve Him. He, like nobody else, is aware of what it costs to stand up and be counted, to go against the flow, to face the enemy head on and make a difference in this our generation. Let's go for it!



Gerald Coates



STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!

"Blessed is he who knows where we are going" said A.W. Tozer, "but more blessed is he who knows how we are going to get there!"

People who know who they are, and where they are going, are often not liked. Such a person is very threatening to the insecure and the directionless.

God is looking for young people, housewives, career girls, business men and plain hard workers to 'stand up and be counted'. The alternative is to sit or lie down and be safely ignored.

In the public eye

This issue of Pioneer Bulletin is devoted to those among us who have already decided to go for it, whatever the cost. **Danny Smith** and **Valeri Barinov**, with the Jubilee Campaign serving the suffering Church. **Cliff Richard**, who at the age of 47 is not only going strong but becoming increasingly influential.

Patrick Dixon, who set up Pioneer for Aids. We are training a network throughout the country with a hospice in view. **Sheila Walsh**, with her husband Norman Miller, touring the world for the gospel, to encourage believers to reach out to a youth culture which has been largely neglected and untouched by the church. **David Alton** who is the fifteenth M.P. to attempt to amend the 1987 Abortion Act — every other one has either finished his career or suffered some sort of breakdown.

YOUR LETTERS

VALERI

Thank you for bringing Valeri Barinov to the National Evangelists Conference. I found his contribution a very moving and challenging experience. I must confess that the tears rolled down my face as he raised his arms in worship and I saw the scar on his left arm. I immediately thought of the words of Paul in Galatians 6 — "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus". May you be given much wisdom as you seek to protect him and support him in the coming months. I am sure the family will need much encouragement after the early days of euphoria and welcome. It's so good to know that he is going to be part of a large, caring Fellowship.

V.J.

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

"WHAT NEXT?"

Leeds University Christian Union are having a mission called "Who cares?" and would like to use your "What Next?" booklet. In fact we would like a thousand of them!

C.L.

Mission Committee, Leeds University

To date we've sold over 55,000! If you are planning an evangelistic thrust, do write for some samples.

— Ed.

MEDIA CONFERENCE

Thank you so much for the "brilliant" Media weekend. I'm so glad I went and I believe that the strong prophetic and practical spirit of the teaching will have a profound effect on my vision, direction and, indeed, my future life. I feel a clear confirmation of calling with regard to spoken, public ministry. The way Noel Richards and Dougie



NEW HELP FOR NEWCOMERS

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GET THIS BOOK!

We all know about AIDS — at least, we think we do. But are we being told the whole truth?

How easy is it to catch the disease? Is a cure likely to be found soon? Is all that can be done *being* done?

Dr. Patrick Dixon is well qualified to answer these questions as he is actively involved in projects to help AIDS patients. He has collected a wealth of information from world-wide research.

This easy-to-read book gives the facts — all you have to do is face them! Get this book now!

Available from various bookshops or direct from Pioneer (£5.50 including p&p).

Brown work with Gerald is an example to me and in contrast to some of the experiences I have known in the past. I very much want to come to South Africa with the August Team to, in some small way, carry the burden and vision God has given you.

E.P.

Farnham, Surrey

FENCED IN THE FIRE?

Thank you for writing "Divided We Stand". Thank you also for your tribute to the elderly. In many Charismatic circles it seems to assume that nothing happened in the Church before 1960. Your analysis of modern day church life is very pungent and much needed. A reader of Restoration, Renewal or Redemption could be forgiven for thinking that every church in Britain is throbbing with life and bulging at the seams. The reality is far different. Have you ever considered that the end of Anglican, Free or House Churches may be the emergence of yet another move of God surpassing the present order of things?

Your chapter of Victor or Victoria? is strong stuff and so like your booklet "Not Under Law". The compilers of rules were holy men in their day. Their mistake was of course that they sought to fence the fire in instead of adding fuel to it. But today instead of freedom very often there are other rules. I look around at some meetings and can only conclude that there is a competition on to see who can dress the most untidily — and that everyone present is winning it! I long to see the golden promise of what I first saw some fifteen years ago come to full fruition. Such is my constant prayer.

L.H.

Bristol.

MONEY FOR AIDS

Please find enclosed a cheque for £30 for your work with Pioneer for AIDS. This has come from one of our ladies, confined to a wheelchair. She raised it by making and selling soft toys. We hope it will be of use.

S.C.

Barrow Salvation Army

NEXT EDITION:

"Together for the Kingdom"
— with articles from a number
of national church leaders
around the theme of unity.



— THE MARCH FOR JESUS — — May 21st. —

The big day will soon be here! Thousands upon thousands of Christians, with banners, singing, prayer and proclamation, will be marching through London. They will not be protesting but praising — it's a March to honour and exalt Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus is Lord of London — its people, its government and its finance! .

In preparation for this day we decided to look at what happened nearly a year ago . . .

THE CITY MARCH — WHAT HAPPENED?

On a cold day in May 1987, when it was pouring with torrential rain, over 15,000 people turned out to praise God and pray for London. Like the event we are currently planning this year — it was not so much to march *against* issues as *for* issues. We were for the poor, for the marginals, for the oppressed and in that sense, therefore against the oppressors. It has been said that the nightmare of the poor is that the rich get richer and the powerful even more powerful. It follows that the nightmare of the rich and powerful is that the poor and oppressed are released to have their own power, make their own decisions and determine their own futures.

Having assembled, there was plenty to thank

God for in singing and through prayer. There was a positive response to contributions from Roger Forster, Gerald Coates and Floyd McClung. There was also great expectancy amongst the crowd despite the umbrellas and wet feet! Then, through the city they marched, led by Roger and Gerald — with Lynn Green, Floyd McClung and Noel Richards left behind to maintain the praise, prayer and information about the march until everybody was mobile!

So what was it all about? Was it simply a morale booster? Well it certainly was that. Did it "send out a signal" to believers and unbelievers alike? Yes it did that as well, not only to those who were present, but for the millions who watched the national television news bulletins that night. But it was more than that. Did it underline the excellence of the administration skills of Ichthus, YWAM and Pioneer? Yes it did that — and helped us to plan for 30,000 this year. But all of that was secondary.

We prayed for those in power. And in the light of this, that corruption would be exposed. We prayed that people would see the foolishness of putting their trust in wealth, investments and the such. We also prayed for Christians working in the city, in banking, power structures, business houses. Shortly afterwards there was the exposure of the Guinness Affair, insider trading, and a host of other less publicised crimes. The city has not seen anything like it for years. It was followed by the major Stock Exchange crash in October, now known as "Black Monday". Thousands as a result of that day have been, or will be, made unemployed, with many investors literally losing everything. "We've had everything but people jumping out of windows here", we were told by one Christian city businessman.

People began to question the safety of investments, wealth and riches. A small crack was made in the system and shook people up and perhaps may turn them to other values.

Not for a moment do we believe that "the march did it" as some have claimed. God did it! True, it may have been as a result of our prayers and the sacrifices that were made on that day. But there are many Christians living in the city and around it who have been praying for years. We must see our event in the light of that.

However, Christians are very good at praying, forgetting what they have prayed about and then failing to see subsequent events as answers to those prayers. Soon we shall be marching through London again — praising God for his kindness, blessing him that the tide has turned amongst God's people and praying for the Royal Family, Mrs Thatcher, the Government and religious figures based in Westminster. We are asking God to bless or judge. We don't want to

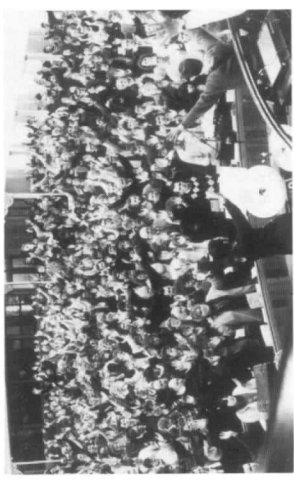


The City March, May 1987

live with this porridge in the middle. Asking God to bless a person in power or a family with influence does not mean an endorsement of all they say and do. Rather, it is through the goodness and kindness of God that they, like we, may have a change of attitude when it comes to the values and the ethos of life, work and ministry. Let's make another crack in the March for Jesus. Don't just make it a day for you and a few interested friends, but a day for your whole church, Christian Union and youth groups. Let's ask and believe God to do wonderful things through that day. Let's make it a Holy Assembly. Your presence could well affect the sort of world we leave our children. So let's not underestimate the power of prayer, of unity amongst believers and the declaration of God's reign and Kingdom out in the open air.

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DAY OF PREPARATION



Spiritual Warfare!

About a thousand people came together on Saturday February 27th, at Westminster Chapel, London for a day of training and preparation for the March for Jesus. Every aspect of the March was considered. Roger Forster (Ichthus) spoke about "Principles of Spiritual Warfare", Laurence Singlehurst (YWAM) taught on "Individual Warfare" and Gerald closed the day with a challenging address, "Things are not what they seem". Dr R. T. Kendall and Lyndon Bowring also made contributions. The praise and worship was led by Noel Richards and Graham Kendrick — Graham also taught the songs from "Make Way 2", which will be used on the March. During the day there was time for fellowship, prayer and spiritual warfare. Coordinators Steve Clifford and Mike Leviton gave clear explanations as to some of the practical details of the March. Tapes of the talks are available from the Pioneer Office at £2.50 each.



VALERI BARINOV

Valeri Barinov, his wife and two children, have now settled in Cobham, Surrey to be near **Danny Smith** and his family. Your gifts have enabled us to look after them with their many expenses for accommodation, food, clothes and travel. They are deeply grateful for your response. We continue to support them through your kindness and generosity. Valeri has already been involved in a number of public meetings and he will be involved in a number of speaking and music projects throughout 1988.

But how are they coping and what are the future plans for Valeri's ministry and his rock group, "The Trumpet Call"? The Bulletin's roving reporter **Ian Boston** interviewed Valeri.

Valeri, it's nearly four months since you and the family arrived in Britain. How are you managing with the culture shock?

I like Britain. It's very nice. But when we first came it was difficult. It was very difficult for me and the family to understand where we were — in this new world! But my mission, I know, is to come here and sing for Jesus.

Do you feel at home with Christians at Cobham?

Yes, we're happy to be there — we're home. This because firstly, I'm near to Danny Smith and the Jubilee Team and also we have a flat to live in for the moment in Cobham.

Are you keeping in contact with friends in the Soviet Union?

Yes — mainly through phoning up. The friendships are still there.

How's Tanya coping in Britain as a Soviet housewife?

The shopping's O.K. for her and she is happy to be in the flat. But it will be easier for her when we have a home of our own — hopefully big enough for a studio and to receive friends.

What are the plans for your two teenage daughters — Zhanya and Marina?

They want to work together with me in the rock

group, "The Trumpet Call" — but I'll leave this in God's hands. He knows everything! In the meantime they're learning English.

So what are your plans in 1988 for "The Trumpet Call" and your ministry?

We're getting together musicians not solely as a rock group but as a family of God dedicated to missionary work. Rehearsals began at the end of February. We've got some of the best British musicians in it. Our hope is to tour everywhere — all over the world telling people about Jesus's Second Coming and the end of the age. We're not playing to Christians but non-Christians. We must show them our Jesus and preach the gospel.

Do you find Britain materialistic and does this disturb you?

The Apostle Paul said in the bible he came to live with the rich and the poor. So materialism doesn't worry me. God loves this country and there is freedom here because of the government's laws. You can believe in God if you want to.

Do you think there will be a revival in Britain?

I see signs of revival when I visit churches like at Ichthus and Chichester. So if this country blossoms we must praise God — for I believe these are the last times and there will be a great spiritual awakening everywhere in the world. So I'm preparing the rock group ready for this.

What's the situation with your visa and permit to stay in Britain?

At the moment I'm not sure. I want to settle down in Britain with my family and be a citizen. When I go back to the Soviet Union it will only be for touring. But I believe the time is near for much freedom in that country. I would also like to send my greetings to Christians everywhere and thank them for all their prayers. But please continue to pray for me, my people and my family. Our work is not ours — but God's.

If you would like to help the Barinov Family, you can do so by sending a gift to the "Barinov Home Appeal", Christian Family Magazine, 37 Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3HB.

STOP PRESS!

Since the interview, Valeri has been given permission by the Home Office to stay in Britain indefinitely. He can also visit every country in the world via a travel document — except the Soviet Union! Our thanks to David Alton MP for his help in allowing this to happen.



CLIFF RICHARD



Cliff Richard seems to pack more into a year than most people do in a life time. In April 87 he completed a full year in Dave Clark's musical "Time": Working six evenings a week (never on a Sunday!) plus matinees — sometimes twice a week — he never missed a rehearsal or a performance. Unique in the West End.

On top of that he recorded his highly successful album "Always Guaranteed", started a gospel album and with his friend Bill Latham wrote another book in the "You, me and Jesus" series. After a well earned holiday he embarked on a massive European tour, finishing the year with a few days in his new home over Christmas.

Cliff and Valeri

Prior to Christmas, Cliff came to the Cobham Fellowship the Sunday evening Valeri Barinov

said "thank you" to those who prayed for him and helped finance the arrival. We all had supper back in my home afterwards and it seemed very strange that the Barinovs should be face to face with Cliff Richard and Sheila Walsh whose music they had played so often in Leningrad.

An "ordinary year"!

In January, February and March of this year Cliff took part in several major events amidst Australia's never ending celebrations — before embarking on a tour of New Zealand. His album is being launched in the U.S.A. and although he does have a number of overseas engagements throughout '88, most of the year he is "at home". But actually he will rarely see it. Television broadcasts, radio work, writing projects, his involvement with the Arts Centre Group, Tear Fund and a wide range of recording/video/tours and Christian events keep him with a full diary right up until the end of the year.

Supper with Mrs Thatcher, Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales, along with regular awards, nominations and gold discs, are all part of Cliff's "ordinary year". But he takes it all in his stride, enjoying almost every moment of it. He is not lonely and has no plans to get married at present!

His relationship with the Cobham Christian Fellowship is of necessity a very flexible one. He is almost always either on tour, abroad or fulfilling Sunday commitments amongst Christians. He makes a Sunday evening when he can at Cobham. He's met for prayer, fellowship and counsel on several occasions and he has also taken part with Gerald in several projects.

Influence

Stuart Lindsell, one of Cobham's elders, leads a support group dealing with all mail from Cliff's concerts, books, TV appearances and concerts. Hundreds of pieces of literature have been sent to those writing in, enquiring about the Christian faith, wanting help of one sort or another. We have sent out Pioneer Bible Study Courses and our Evangelistic Literature and on occasions, when the need has been acute, we have set up a personal and private interview with individuals. Cliff is always amazed and thrilled when we tell him of folk who have come to Christ through his work. Amazed that he is having such an influence and thrilled that God is still using him. Shortly after his conversion, he was advised to become a school teacher and give up his show business career. There are just a few million who are glad he didn't and a few thousand whose salvation may have hung on that decision.

Gerald Coates



PIONEER FOR AIDS

As we reported in the last issue of the Bulletin, Pioneer is seeking to stand up and be counted in the area of AIDS. Under the leadership of **Gerald and Patrick Dixon** "Pioneer for AIDS" has been set up. Its aim is to educate, train and offer practical help and community care.

Here are profiles on Dr Patrick Dixon and Brian Harris so that you can pray for them as they continue in this vital work.

DR. PATRICK DIXON

Patrick Dixon gave his life to Christ at the age of 12 during his confirmation at the local Anglican church his parents both attended. Although this was a very real experience for him, like so many brought up in a Christian environment there never was a time when he did not believe in God. After his conversion, the Anglican church did little to help him live out his Christian faith and

his teenage years were spent in the company of various Baptist youth groups. At the tender age of 19, whilst studying medicine at Cambridge University, Patrick became a deacon at St. Andrews Street Baptist Church, and recalls with some amusement that he was baptised by full immersion after he had achieved this office. Following his three years at Cambridge he married Sheila, and they moved to London to enable him to finish his medical training. As a couple, their Christian lives did not really grow until they stumbled across the "Renewal Fellowship" in 1980, which is now known as "Ealing Fellowship". This new involvement had an enormous, immediate impact on them both, and Patrick is now an established part of the leadership team.

Three years ago Patrick developed a strong desire to be involved in some form of full time Christian Work. To facilitate this burden, he took a part time job at the University College Hospital, in a team providing pain control for the terminally ill, both in the wards and in the security of their own homes. The remainder of his time was given to supporting the leadership of the fellowship, through administration and teaching and to the development of a speaking role outside of the church, to medical students, C.U.'s and similar groupings.

As the geographical area of his medical work included Soho, it was not long before he was confronted with AIDS patients. The impact of the disease was brought home to him when a

colleague and the "best man" of another both died because of it. And to add insult to injury, those with experience of care for the dying were shying away. After regular visits to the AIDS ward at the Middlesex Hospital, Patrick was both shocked and moved by what he saw. It was far worse than his cancer work. Following much internal wrestling, he decided to phase out this aspect of his responsibility in preference to AIDS work. All this was talked through with his church leader Dr. John Spencer and Gerald Coates, who both realised in a way that he did not, that this decision was going to be very significant. Patrick is now heading up "Pioneer for AIDS".

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BRIAN HARRIS

Brian Harris started work with Pioneer at the beginning of the year. He is married to Susan, and they live in Ealing, West London where they are part of the Ealing Fellowship. Brian's role in the work is the handling of the diary, speaking arrangements and the coordinating of the training days which are being arranged. Part of his job in these coming months will be the setting up of a team and to draw them together to be part of an army ready to do battle.

Before he joined Pioneer he was, for several years, Personal Assistant to evangelist Eric Delve.

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AIDS NEWS

Open invitation

Dr Patrick Dixon and Pioneer for AIDS were asked to go into one of the major counties in Britain for 5 weeks, 5 days a week to teach on AIDS and our perspective on it. They were

promised full remuneration and all hotel expenses. Sadly, because of the time schedule, it was impossible to give 5 whole weeks to it, but it shows the interest there is in Pioneer for AIDS.

"Truth about AIDS" — reprinting

This book by Dr. Patrick Dixon has become rapidly established as a "textbook for laymen" on AIDS. It also is designed as a handbook for volunteers and church leaders. Three months after launch, the Prime Minister has been asked about it in the Commons, it has been widely featured in the National Press — and has sold out. It is being reprinted with slight alterations but you may be able to obtain copies from Smiths or Christian bookshops. Look out for a shorter follow-on book "AIDS and Young People" to be published by Kingsway in the Autumn.

Uganda

Dr. Patrick Dixon, Gerald Coates and Noel Richards will be visiting Uganda in May as part of a National AIDS education programme at the invitation of local church leaders. Dr. Dixon met the Minister for AIDS (Uganda) at a meeting in the House of Lords last month. Dr. Dixon said "we are going to learn, and to help in any way we can to present a clear health message. We will also be looking for ways in which we can channel practical and financial resources from Churches in the UK to projects in Uganda to help care for those with AIDS. This is an important opportunity to show our solidarity with those in Central Africa. AIDS is a truly multi-national problem which calls for unprecedented international co-operation."

Office Volunteers

If you are able to give us a day a week or more in the office as a volunteer, please contact us (write). Especially if you have bookkeeping or accounting experience or can type. This might especially suit a retired person.

Become a "Friend"

You can help us provide care for those dying of AIDS by sending us a donation. Cheques should be made payable to Pioneer for AIDS. By sending us £10 or more you become a "friend" and ensure that you receive a newsletter and other information regularly.

Needed

Office equipment of all kinds, ranging from typewriters, dictating machines, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, computers (IBM compatible), video recorder/slide projectors (training) etc. If you have access to these things or would like to fund purchase of various items, please write to the office. Items must be in good condition.



HEARTBEAT



With the release of the single 'Tears From Heaven', Heartbeat came to the attention of many people for the first time. As the song climbed to No. 32 in the BBC/Gallup charts and No. 21 in the Network charts, they found themselves appearing on television programmes like 'Top of the Pops', 'The Roxby', 'Daytime Live', and 'No. 73'. There was also a multitude of radio and press interviews, the pop magazines ran features and an estimated audience of some 20 million were exposed to the fact that God is a Father who cares. For Heartbeat, all this was a fulfilment of a vision God had given — to be a voice to the nation — through the media. A vision which continues with the release of a second single — a praise song called 'The Winner'.

Behind the Scenes

It was great to hear 'Tears From Heaven' being played and talked about in all the various areas of the media. We heard stories and received letters about people becoming Christians as a direct result of the song. We also sent a copy of the single and a letter to over 70 national leaders such as the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, Chief of Police and the Royal Family — because we felt that as leaders responsible for this country, they should hear what we believe God is saying to our nation. Some of the replies have been most illuminating!

The Roxby

Our appearance on 'The Roxby' was totally an answer to prayer. Their initial reaction, knowing

we were Christians, was not to invite us on because they only screened "young and trendy bands" (I must add — at this point they hadn't seen us!) We quickly took to prayer along with countless others around the country, and about 4 hours later they phoned back asking us on the show!! We had a great time, and with some of the press reports about us, there was certainly an air of curiosity as we took the stage. The presenters introduction summed it all up "Heartbeat might not be your usual rock 'n' roll animals — but here they are in the charts".

Top of the Pops

Bearing in mind the single stayed at No. 32 for a second week in the B.B.C. charts, it was literally a miracle that we were asked to appear on 'Top of the Pops'. Whilst we were there, one of the technical crew came up to us and said that she was a Christian along with a few others in the crew, and that they were praying for us and supporting us. What an encouragement. For me, 'Top of the Pops' was a really special time, having dreamt of being on there since the age of 10! It was exciting to sing about God's love to over 7 million people.

Music to burst people's bubbles

An interesting comment from the music world was that Heartbeat's music is the kind that will "burst people's bubbles" — and we were advised against releasing such music because the only lyrics that are successful are those promoting love, romance and leisure. It's sad that people fail to realise that for many in our land, the bubble has already burst and thousands have hit rock bottom with no illusions left. Scratch the surface and the hurts cry out.

I can honestly say that I don't think we've been through a more exhausting time than the last 6 months. As well as being exciting, it's been hard work and coping with pressure, criticism and discouragement has been difficult. But God has constantly been in the centre of everything — and prayer has constantly been our weapon. What a privilege to be part of what God is doing in our nation.

"The Winner"

The release of our second single 'The Winner' is particularly exciting because it is a praise song. What an effect it will have as the song gets played on radio and TV, proclaiming Jesus as the winner — Lord of Heaven Above! We're trusting God for even more opportunities to speak out about his love — so please continue to pray for us and the nation.

Sue Rinaldi (Heartbeat)

'The Winner' was released on April 3rd — so do go out to your shops and buy it!



SHEILA WALSH

Sheila Walsh, and her husband Norman, spent a month spread between their home in Esher and their parents in Scotland for a private Christmas. This followed their successful 22 centre tour throughout Britain where virtually all the response has been extremely positive. In January they embarked on a tour with YWAM to Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and several other countries. They returned to the USA for month of solo concerts. Sheila has sent a letter to the readers of Pioneer Bulletin.

Dear Friends,

Norman and I would like to take this opportunity of sharing with you some of the things that have been happening to us in recent months.

I've heard all sorts of stories about what we are supposed to be doing, anything from becoming American citizens to running away with a Russian Ballet Troupe — unfortunately neither would have us!

However, for a while now we have felt that more and more of our time should be spent in the U.S.A. The Lord has opened so many doors for us and we've seen hundreds of young people giving their lives to Jesus each evening at our concerts. We recently obtained our Green Cards to take up residence for a while. Our friends in the Cobham Christian Fellowship, Gerald Coates and Martin Scott in particular, have expressed a desire to continue to be involved with us in a pastoral, caring role. One of the greatest strengths to Norman and myself as we travel has been the pastoral team in Cobham. Even though we are not able to meet as often as we would like they have given us such a sense of security, accountability and belonging.

We have no desire to desert the U.K. We believe the Lord has begun something quite remarkable in this country. We want so much to be a part of it. In the U.S.A. there have been many prophecies concerning revival coming from what God is doing in England. It will be exciting to see

what the Lord does with each one of us in the next few months and years. I value your prayers more than I can say and thank you for your friendship.

Sheila



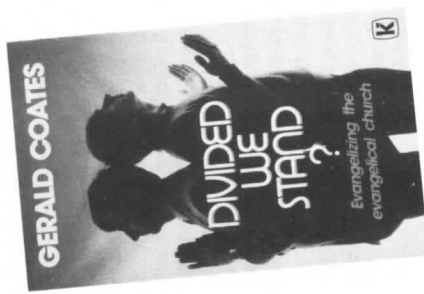
Norman and Sheila leaving Heathrow in January

If you would like to join with Sheila as a prayer partner and receive quarterly bulletins, news and reports, why not join the Sheila Walsh International Club? Perhaps we cannot all visit China, Singapore or India at the moment, but together we can see our prayers change things. Send for more details to: Sheila Walsh International Club, PO Box 79C, Esher, Surrey KT10 9LP.



IS THIS BOOK DANGEROUS?

Nick Cuthbert went into a CLC bookshop and asked for "Divided We Stand?" by Gerald Coates. He was told, "We haven't got it." As he was leaving the shop, somewhat bemused and mildly annoyed, the Manager rushed out and asked him to come back. Whereupon he went into a side room and brought out "Divided We Stand?" in a brown paper bag! Nick said, "I thought I was buying pornography!" You can get your copy in most Christian bookshops or direct from the Pioneer office.



TIE TEAMS

It's still not too late to apply for a TIE Team application form. 150 are expected to give up 2 weeks of their holiday time to work in Wandsworth, Clapham, Battersea, Ealing, Cobham and Marlow. Teams will also be working in Chichester, Worthing and Bognor. Around 15 will be spending 2 weeks in Stockholm, fully involved in evangelism and based in a local church. There has been an excellent response to long term TIE Teams with people giving up to 1 year of their time in leadership training and evangelism. Send in a s.a.e. to Steve Clifford, Pioneer TIE Teams, PO Box 79C, ESHER, Surrey KT10 9LP.

RESOURCE FILE

Yes, it's finally arrived! The Pioneer Resource File is a folder, to replace the Pioneer Team Magazines that were issued in 1985 & 86. The advantage of a File is its flexibility. It can be tailored to suit your own particular needs. There are certain inserts which would be common to all, for example a "Pioneer Merchandise" sheet and a "Pioneer Trust" sheet, highlighting a few of those involved with Pioneer and describing the flavour of the work. Also included could be details of events, celebrations and conferences in your area, as well as T.I.E. team literature, Pioneer for AIDS, Jubilee Campaign, Pioneer Bulletin, etc. If you would like a copy, just send £1 (which includes p&p to the Pioneer office).

AROUND THE CHURCHES

CHICHESTER — Revelation Christain Fellowship Leader **Roger Ellis** has written a book 'Young People and the Occult'. It will soon be published by Kingsway. 'I experienced a lot of hassle in writing it, with some remarkable things happening in my home and to some of our church members. It was eerie at times', Roger told us.

LINCOLN — 5/600 people a week are reached by the ministry of the New Life Fellowship led by **Stuart Bell**. They meet in the second largest building in the city with 50 leaders from across the area meeting monthly. Some 22 churches are relating in to Stuart's vision from the Humber to the Wash. Speakers for this year's Grape Vine Celebration event include Barney Coombes and David Matthews.

RUSTINGTON — **David Thatcher**, one of the leaders of the Rustington Christian Fellowship, (home of Ishmael and the Glorie Company) has compiled a picture book for children up to the age of 10 years. Entitled "Instant Art for Bible Worksheets" — the pictures (by Arthur Baker) depict Bible stories and characters to be coloured in, along with games, quizzes and Bible verses. Published by Palm Tree, they are available in Christian bookshops.

OOPS!

Apologies to **Mo Smith**. In the last issue we extolled the virtues of selling a mere 2,000 copies of Teddy Bear Knits. It has in fact sold well over 20,000 in the UK alone!! But to update you, the book is now on sale in the USA, Canada, Holland and Belgium. It is anticipated that Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will also take the publication. Robinsons Baby Foods have asked Mo (who is part of the Cobham Christain Fellowship) to design a special pattern which they are going to give away free in their baby packs and she is also working on a design for Great Ormond Street Hospital as a national campaign. Mo is also currently writing a book entitled "A Heart of Compassion" which we'll tell you about when it is about to surface. Her work

SHIRLEY — Southampton. **Kevin Allan** is seeing the fellowship grow and says in his own words, 'It has never been healthier'. They are regularly seeing people converted, many with no church background whatever. He's also overseeing the Hayling Island Christian Fellowship.

WANDSWORTH/TOOTING — South West London. The Cobham Christian Fellowship, having already planted out in two locations in Molesey and Farnham in Surrey — are now in the course of planting another church led by **Roger** and **Angela Stephenson** in the Wandsworth/Tooting area. The main core will come from Cobham but others will be invited to share in the project which is a part of Gerald's burden of South and West London.

FINSBURY PARK, North London. **Adrian Hawkes**, having purchased the Rainbow Theatre, now has his four congregations in Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Finsbury Park and Palmers Green meeting there. So if you want to see the Rainbow Theatre in a spirit of praise and worship, contact them on 01 263 3385.

BOGNOR — Last August, Chichester planted out a new Fellowship in Bognor Regis headed up by **Pete Gilbert**. They now number around 100 people. Those interested in sharing in this church planting project should contact Pete Gilbert at 99 Amberley Drive, West Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5PX.

and faith, despite her illness, have been covered to some degree or another by Woman Magazine, Annabel (front cover pattern), My Weekly (another front cover pattern) and in the USA, News Flash, Piedmont, OK Gazette and several others. Mo has a very rare illness and would very much appreciate your prayers and support so that she can continue in her work as a testament to God's grace, but also in his powerful abilities to heal and restore.

"Teddy Bear Knits" is a Best seller for Winter 1987/88 — not only with the Publishers, but also with the Distributors. If you want to get the book, you can get it from Pioneer Mail Order, or from bookshops.



LOGOS TO BE REPLACED

Only days after the Operation Mobilisation ship LOGOS was declared a total loss after running aground off the Chile-Argentine coast, leaders of the mission announced their conviction that God was leading them to plan and pray for a bigger and better ship to replace her.

'The remarkable media coverage and resulting widespread expressions of sympathy and support from Christians' worldwide encourage us to believe that through this seeming disaster, God is opening up a door that we need to step through our faith,' said Peter Maiden, OM's associate director. Peter himself was pulled out of bed at 1.00am the morning after the news broke for TV and radio interviews.

'From the moment the story hit the morning headlines our offices were inundated with phone calls both from the media and from anxious supporters of the LOGOS ministry.

Gifts large and small also began to arrive almost immediately, including one of £20,000. God has touched people's hearts in a special way, and many have reminded us that almost from the beginning of LOGOS' 17 years' service we have been saying that she was too small.'

In response to these gifts, Operation Mobilisation have opened a special LOGOS AID fund. When all the immediate needs relating to the initial loss of the ship and her contents have been met, further donations will go towards the cost of a new ship. It is estimated that a minimum of one million pounds will be needed to purchase a suitable vessel.

ON TAPE

"Shrimps, Wimps & those with Limps" by Gerald Coates

This challenging, humorous, but also absorbing message was given to a packed Durban City Hall in South Africa and in Britain at a celebration in Exeter. We are now making this tape available to Pioneer Bulletin readers, as it is considered to be an important talk which has already benefitted many thousands. £2.50 (including p&p) from the Pioneer office. A Video is also available for hire.

BOOK IT IN!

Why not ask for Christian books at your library? They will get them for you (if you know the publisher and address) and then they are in the "Religious Section" for good. It is often sad to see liberal, modernistic and frankly irrelevant stuff in libraries. What on Earth is this Kingdom? Gerald Coates, *He Gives us Signs, The Truth about AIDS and Divided We Stand?* are already in several libraries throughout Britain. Why not make it many?

ISHMAEL'S PARTY

Christmas got off to a great start for over 500 children, plus mums and dads at Tolworth Recreation Centre on 19th December.

Ishmael's Praise Party demands lots of clapping, singing and energy to praise the Lord, celebrate Jesus' birth into the world, as well as his presence today. Many of the children made a personal response to Jesus and the Gospel — which thrilled lots of Mums and Dads. In the evening over 1,000 adults met in the same centre as part of a regular series of worship/celebration/prayer meetings drawing from SW London and beyond. Ishmael led in high praise and prayer, giving people an opportunity to make a personal commitment to Christ and commit themselves to Jesus in the coming year. Many responded.

Ishmael has a full programme of children's meetings, family events and celebration evenings throughout 1988. Plans are still going ahead for a nationally networked television programme. Stay in prayer.

TOLWORTH SUCCESS!

930 people attended the first Prayer and Praise Meeting at Tolworth Recreation Centre on the first Sunday of January. Only 600 were expected! The morning consisted of praise led by Noel Richards and Dougie Brown, news from various church leaders, a time of spiritual warfare, an update on Pioneer for AIDS. The speaker was Valeri Barinov.

Over 1,000 came together in March for a programme of international news — Uganda, Soviet Union and South Africa. The special guest was George Otis (USA) who was one of the pioneers of the charismatic movement and founder of Christian radio stations around the world.

Literature for monthly prayer, praise and celebration events is available. If you would like some for yourself, your Christian Union, Youth Group or Church, send a s.a.e. to Pioneer, PO Box 79C, ESHER, Surrey KT10 9LF.



At the other end of the spectrum, there will be street evangelism, workshops on Evangelism for Christians across the City and a large Celebration event for Youth.

This is a part of the ongoing work of the Pioneer Team into South Africa and the Family Care Programme.

SOUTH COAST CONFERENCE

A few of the fellowships in the South, in conjunction with Pioneer, have organised a conference entitled "Towards an Effective Church". It is to be held between the 10th and 13th November at the Mill Rythe Holiday Centre on Hayling Island. The prime

initiators in the venture are **Kevin Allan**, **Roger Ellis** and **Dave Clarke**, and among the speakers are Gerald and Anona Coates. If you would like further information, then write to: "Towards an Effective Church", 70 Charlton Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO1 5FN.

ABORTION

Liberal MP David Alton and **Gerald Coates** shared supper and fellowship at the House of Commons just a few days before the second reading of the Abortion Act Amendment. At David's invitation they discussed a wide range of issues related to Christian faith, ethics and projects. On Friday 22nd January the date of the second reading in the House of Commons, Gerald received a personal call from David to tell him of the victory and to express how much he appreciated both the prayers and support of our ministry and those we work with. It is worth noting that every MP who has sought to bring an amendment to the Act since 1967 has ended up sick or has finished their parliamentary career. David needs our ongoing support and prayers. Write to him at the House of Commons and express your support.

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HONG KONG UPDATE

Rodney Kingstone will be returning to Hong Kong this November, to visit Jacke Pullinger, and serve in the work she is leading, and also to travel into mainland China. He will again be taking a small team with him.

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TEAMS MEET

John Noble, Dave Tomlinson, **Gerald Coates**, Dave Day, Peter Fenwick & Graham Perrins — along with around 70 members of their teams met for a most helpful and productive conference earlier on this year. In a warm friendly atmosphere of worship and fellowship, God spoke prophetically about a new phase of development in what has been known as the "House Church Movement". This was confirmed in teaching that John Noble, Dave Tomlinson and others brought and 'set the scene' for the September Conference at Sheffield University, where some 1,150 leaders from all over Britain are expected. It was accepted that each of the Teams had developed, found their own identity and had their specific ministries, but also that there was till a great need of coming together, standing together and working together at various levels as, in the words of Dave Tomlinson, "our success lies in our togetherness".

BITS AND PIECES

Ishmael has just come out of the studio having recorded "Training up the Troops". The cassette has 15 tracks on it — all new. "This is an ideal album for teenagers and adults. The theme is spiritual warfare — something we are all getting into in our local churches. That's why I've done it", Ishmael said. The cassette is available in Christian bookshops or from Pioneer for \$6.50 including p&p.

Gerald did a 30 minute interview for BBC Radio Northampton launching a series of programmes to go on the air at peak listening time. The programme was about the issue of people knowing their identity, the curse of caricaturing and how to build relationships in a world that is falling apart.

Errol O'Brien made a trip in the Spring to South Africa (Stellenbosch) where we have growing links with a Fellowship led by Peter Twycross. This is a multi-racial church with some 400 members.

"Divided We Stand?" by **Gerald Coates**, published by Kingsway last Summer, was in the Top 10 best sellers in the North of England's sales list at the close of 1987.

Roger Ellis led an evening at the Beach Hotel in Littlehampton towards the end of last year under the umbrella of "Pioneer South". Over 50 leaders met to hear Gerald Coates speak on "Learning from our mistakes". A network of relationships is forming along the South Coast and these frequent evenings give an opportunity for fellowship, worship, teaching and the sharing of news.

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EVANGELISTS' CONFERENCE

All those in full time Evangelism and those aspiring to work in this sphere, should know of the National Evangelists' Conference hosted by the Evangelical Alliance. **Gerald Coates** is one of the Planning Committee for this annual event, now drawing around 300 Evangelists from around Britain. Dates are: December 5th-7th. Noel Richards will be leading worship and speakers include Josh McDowell, Clive Calver and Gerald.

"INTO THE NINETIES"

A conference on evangelism

The Church in this country needs to be equipped if it is to make the nineties a period of significant growth. In a small way this conference will contribute to that end. There will be specific seminars on subjects including personal evangelism, optional seminars on youth evangelism and discipling new converts as well as seminars geared for leaders who want to see their whole Church develop a fruitful evangelistic emphasis.

The weekend will be hosted by **Roger Ellis**, the leader of Revelation Christian Fellowship, **Steve Clifford** who oversees the Pioneer T.I.E. Teams and **Pete Gilbert**, who has worked in frontline evangelism for over 10 years.

Friday December 2nd-Sunday December 4th Pilgrim Hall, Uckfield, East Sussex.

TOGETHER — FOR THE KINGDOM

A leadership conference with a difference!

The most remarkable phenomenon on the church scene in the last 20 years, has been the "House Church Movement". Now called the "Newer Churches" by the sociologists. Their influence far exceeds their authority. Many leaders within the movement have pioneered in the realms of Kingdom theology, a further understanding on the nature of the church, areas of worship, relationships, law and grace, and of late social concerns.

"Together — for the Kingdom" is the title of a conference drawing together leaders and their teams and others who want to benefit from this event. It will be the first time these teams and their leaders will have shared a platform. We see this as a further step toward relationships of honour and respect, and Jesus' prayer for unity amongst the leaders.

Those present include teams belonging to: **Gerald Coates**, John Noble, Dave Tomlinson, Pete Fenwick, Peter Lyne, Graham Perrins, Derek Brown, Roger Forster, Tony Morton, Terry Virgo and Barney Coombes.

Friday September 9th-Sunday September 11th at Sheffield University.



DIARY DATES

MAY

Saturday 21st

London — March for Jesus with **Gerald Coates**, Roger Forster, Lynn Green, Graham Kendrick and **Noel Richards**. — Details and literature from (0372) 63546.

JUNE

Saturday 4th

Tolworth — Celebration with Ed Cole (USA) and the **Noel Richards' Band**. 7 pm
— Free tickets and info from (0932) 65229.

JULY

Friday 1st-

Tuesday 5th

Leeds — Leaders' seminars, celebration events and training in evangelism. Info: (0532) 873211.

Saturday 9th

Stroud — Celebration with **Gerald Coates** and Heartbeat. Info: 04536 71509.

Gerald, Noel, Martin Scott and Dr Patrick Dixon are visiting **UGANDA** during the month of May. They will meet with government ministers and hold seminars for medics and church meetings under the title, "The truth about AIDS".
Please pray!