

Answers Update

A welcome letter from Dr Monty White...

Dear friends,

The reaction to our message never fails to amaze me.

The other morning I was reading what the Lord Jesus Christ said in John chapter three about the work of the Holy Spirit - that He blows wherever He pleases. The Spirit of God is always at work and sometimes we are not conscious of it until a few years have passed.



This reminded me of a meeting where AiG staff ministered some years ago and when the reaction of those attending appeared to be muted, to say the least. There was little discussion afterwards and the people who attended did not seem at all interested in the message - it appeared to me that all they wanted to do was to get home. Recently, however, we heard that one couple who attended this meeting were so challenged by the message that it completely transformed their lives. They surrendered completely to the Lord and shortly afterwards began a church which is now thriving.

Seven years ago next March, Ken Ham spoke at a church in Leicester. A pastor from a different church persuaded a couple to attend. This couple never attended church - the only connection they had with church was that they sent their four children to Sunday School and Youth Clubs. After the meeting, the husband started to talk to the pastor who had persuaded him to attend the meeting and within a few weeks he got converted. A few months later his wife also became a Christian. Since that time, the couple's four children have got saved, as well as the wife's mother and father, and the husband's sister and brother-in-law. That's a total of 10. The husband is now training for the ministry and his wife now works for Answers in Genesis here in Leicester. The Holy Spirit is at work!

And yet there is opposition. The words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 5:11 are pertinent: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Jesus then tells us to "Rejoice" - something not always easy to do in such circumstances. I think that you are all aware that certain prominent evolutionists refer to us as "clowns" and "cave men". I have to say that when I hear scientists resort to such name calling, I know that they do not have any arguments to use against our stand for creation!

There are also some rather sad things that happen as well. Recently, we have been having a copy of our Update returned to us anonymously. It is always returned in an unstamped envelope so that we have to pay the postage plus a handling fee - this comes to about £1. The last Update was returned with the following message scrawled across its pages:

"Keep sending this dangerous evil dogmatic rubbish to me so I can just send it back to you! Better it comes to me where it will do no harm than to some poor deluded creature who might actually believe it. From a Genuine Ordained Minister (not that you believe me or care)."

This "genuine ordained minister" actually pointed to the words "God was at work" in the article that was recording how God was indeed at work in Gary Burchnell's life and scrawled the words "Evil Humans Were!" I will leave you to decide whether this "genuine ordained minister" is one or not.

We will keep battling on, taking the word of God to all who invite us to speak at their churches. Do remember that if you want us to take a meeting in your area, contact the Ministry Section on 0116 270 4871 or email iwhite@answersingenesis.org.

Dr Monty White, CEO Answers in Genesis UK/Europe

Northern Ireland Tour Report - October 06

In the middle of October Monty and I left for what has become our annual tour of Northern Ireland. We had a long but good and safe journey to Northern Ireland with a Ferry crossing from Holyhead to Dublin. Monty spoke at 12 meetings in 11 days. It was good to be able to meet up with some old friends and also to make new friends on this tour. Most of the meetings were held in churches of various denominations all over Ulster. However, Monty did address one lunchtime meeting to the students at the University of Ulster, Coleraine.

One of the meetings that was particularly special was held at Raffrey Presbyterian Church as this was a joint venture between that church and the nearby Killyleagh Baptist church - two entirely different denominations! The two meetings held at this venue were also special because both churches had got involved in organising the event and had worked so hard and well together both with the advertising of the meetings and also in the provision of a large buffet tea for anyone who attended.

The first Sunday was particularly exhausting for Monty as he had to speak four times - these were the two Sunday services, an afternoon meeting aimed at the parents and an evening meeting for the Young People. I also gave a PowerPoint talk to the Sunday School children while Monty was speaking in the morning service. Fortunately the rest of the tour was not quite as exhausting as that event.

One of the meetings had been booked as a Men's Fellowship but when the ladies of the church found out we were there the meeting was opened up so that they could also attend. It was also encouraging to see a large number of teenagers turn up for the meeting that was held at a school in Ballysillan, Belfast - there were at least 50 of them there!



We were also able to meet up with the SAiGE (Supporters of Answers in Genesis Europe) who meet on a monthly basis to pray for us and who are a real help and encouragement to this ministry. It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to share things with them that will enable them to pray for us more effectively. We even stayed with one of the couples for at least half of our tour - this was a real help as we were able to leave some of our luggage with them.

Monty also conducted one newspaper interview and recorded a radio interview which will be broadcast on BBC Radio's Sunday Sequence on 16th December 2006 (Ulster only).

During the tour we heard of people who had become Christians as a result of their attending Ken Ham's meeting at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast in March 2005. While we were in Northern Ireland we made arrangements for Ken to speak for two days at the Waterfront in May 2008 when he will be joined by Dr David Menton, Professor Stuart Burgess and Monty.

All in all it was an encouraging tour and good to meet up with so many people who are able to make a stand for the truth of our Creator and Saviour because of the help they get from the ministry of Answers in Genesis. We trust that the messages they heard on this visit will have helped to spur them on in service for the Lord.

Irene White, Head of Ministry

An Exciting Talk from a Dynamic Speaker

One of my favourite Answers in Genesis DVDs has to be *Genesis: The "Bottom Strip" of the Christian Faith*, featuring Carl Kerby. This intensely personal and autobiographical talk will introduce Carl to you, ahead of his first major speaking tour of the UK next Spring.



Carl will be touring from 2nd to 11th March 2007. The full details of where he is speaking are on our website.

In the "Bottom Strip" DVD, Carl tells us about his 24 years as an air traffic controller. This included many years working at Chicago's O'Hare Airport—the world's busiest airport, in terms of actual aeroplanes. Legally, 117 aircraft could land per hour. Frequently, during Carl's time, they handled the maximum 117 planes an hour from 11:30am to 9:00pm every day! With such a frantic workload, it was possible sometimes to begin to lose the picture. When that happened, it was important to work one's way back from the "bottom strip" - the details of the closest aeroplane on a controller's screen.

Carl shows how Genesis is the "bottom strip" of the Christian faith. It is the book that is the foundation for all the rest of our theology. It is the foundation that helps prevent us being "carried about with every wind of doctrine", as warned about in Ephesians 4:14. *Genesis: The "Bottom Strip"* can be bought from us for £9. Get your copy today, and be encouraged to build your faith on the Bible's foundation.

Genesis and...

Have you thought about attending an Answers in Genesis House Party? Next Spring, there will be a House Party with the title "Genesis and..." at Brockley Hall, Glenside, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, North Yorks, TS12 1JS. The dates will be Friday 30th March to Sunday 1st April 2007, and will feature speakers Paul Taylor, Dr Robin Greer and Professor Andy McIntosh. Robin is our new speaker, joining us in mid January 2007. There will be more about him in our February newsletter! The programme will include talks such as "Genesis and the Gospel", "Genesis and Education", and "Genesis and Intelligent Design".

Information can be obtained from our office, (iwhite@answersingenesis.org), but we cannot take bookings. Bookings can be made only by contacting Brockley Hall direct at the above address, tel. 01287 622329, info@brockleyhall.co.uk, www.brockleyhall.co.uk.

CEO receives an honour

In October 2006 Dr Monty White, CEO of AiG(UK/Europe) had the privilege of being given an Honorary DLitt (Doctor of Literature) by the European Theological Seminary.

While the degree was being awarded the proceedings were interrupted by the President, Professor Gordon Beck who is Professor of New Testament Theology at ETS. He said that he wanted to inform everyone of the importance the contribution made by both Monty and AiG to the Christian Church.

He went on to say that AiG's teaching helps their Bible College to teach the truths of a literal six day creation and how foundationally important this teaching is to the rest of Scripture.

It is encouraging to know of a Bible College in this country that holds the creation message so dear that they would bestow such an honour on Monty.



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Meet the New Finance Manager

Answers in Genesis (UK/Europe) has a new Finance Manager. His name is John Chivhenge.

John was born and brought up in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. He grew up with Christian parents, who took him to church. At school, he got involved with the Scripture Union group. He enjoyed meeting with fellow pupils who were Christian, and enjoyed singing. The Scripture Union group helped him to open up and he realised that he did not have a personal relationship with God, but needed to be saved. John was 12 years old when he became a Christian.

John married Rufaro in 1985. Rufaro means Joy. Rufaro works as a Learning Support Assistant. In Zimbabwe, she lectured at a Teacher Training College, but cannot get Qualified Teacher Status until she is employed as a teacher. Please pray for this difficult dilemma. For 11 years they prayed for children, yet without that blessing. However, in 1996, their prayers were answered and their first child was born. They now have three children—a boy and two girls. Chishamiso, whose name means Miracle, is 10 years, Chiedza (Light) 7 years and Vongai (Give Thanks) 3 years.

John and his family moved to Britain in October 2002. He took up a job as assistant accountant at the UCCF (Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship). When he went to work for the UCCF, he felt he knew nothing about working for Christian charities. He had to ask himself "Is this the right job for me?" In Harare, he had worked in a commercial setup, for a very large car dealership. Now he had to ask himself whether he would enjoy working in a setup with which he was not familiar. In fact, he found the UCCF a good environment to be in, working with friendly supportive Christians. Unfortunately, that job came to an end after two years, and John now sees it as a wonderful training course for his new position with Answers in Genesis.



John felt right about working for us, right from the time he arrived on the day of his interview. He says he was greeted in a friendly way. He says of the staff at AiG-UK/Europe "This family is a friendly family, that I will enjoy working with for a very long time." We will all enjoy working with John for a very long time too.

Ministry Calendar

(MW – Dr Monty White / PT – Paul Taylor / RG – Dr Robin Greer)

Wednesday 6 December, 7.30pm, Bethany Christian Fellowship, The County Hotel, Birmingham Road, Walsall, West Midlands. MW 01922 642 736

Saturday 13 January, 2.00pm + 4.00pm, Greenford Gospel Church, 439 Oldfield Lane North, Greenford, Grt London. PT

Saturday 13 January, 7.30pm, Sunday 14 January, 10.30am, 2.30pm, Creation Weekend, Christ Church Swanley, High Street, Swanley, Kent. MW 01322 668 372

Sunday 14 January, 10.30am, Greenford Gospel Church, 439 Oldfield Lane North, Greenford, Grt London. PT

Friday 19 January, 7.00pm, School of Evangelism, The Beacon Centre, Heol Maes Eirwg, St Mellons, Cardiff, MW, 0797 651 5627

Saturday 27 January, 6.30pm, Chapel Break Community Centre, Thurlby Road, Chapel Break, Bowthorpe, Norwich. PT 01263 861902

Sunday 28 January, 10.30am, 6.30pm, Independent Baptist Church, Britten Grove Community Centre, Old Farm Park, Milton Keynes. PT 01908 365095

Friday 2 February, 7.30pm, Bethel Evangelical Church, 9/11 Delaware Street, Preston, Lancashire, RG 01772 735167

Saturday 3 February, 7.00pm, Jireh Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Orrell, Wigan. MW 01942 205 843

Friday 9 February, 7.30pm, Brandon Baptist Church, High Street, Brandon, Suffolk. RG 01842 811643

Friday 9 February, 7.30pm, Saturday 10 February, 2.00pm + 3.30pm River Dee Community Church, Castle Street, Flint, Flintshire. MW 01352 710 091

Saturday 24 February, 3.00pm, 4.30pm + 6.00pm, Empire Street Pentecostal Church, Empire Street, Mansfield, Nottingham. PT 01623 403565

Sunday 25 February, 6.00pm, Wednesfield Christian Centre, Broad Lane South, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton. RG 01902 689957

Carl Kerby's Itinerary

Carl will be speaking in the UK from Friday 2nd March to Sunday 11th March 2007. The meetings he addresses will be in Leicester, Halifax (Yorkshire), Usk (South Wales), Oxford, Keynsham (Bristol), Bridgend (South Wales), Barry (South Wales), Congleton (Cheshire), Staines and London. Full details are available on our website.