

Ellel Connect

The Official Newsletter of Ellel Ministries International

A New Day Dawns!

At last - I can hear many of you saying - an electronic Newsletter that can go round the world in seconds, keeping people up to date with news of Ellel Ministries from right round the Globe. But for this first edition we are also printing a hard-copy version as well to send out with the new UK Handbook and introduce people to Ellel Connect so they can subscribe online.



Twenty six years ago we nervously planned our very first Healing Retreat - today God is bringing hope, healing and in-depth training to people on every continent. And wherever you are you'll be able to read all about what God's doing in **Ellel Connect**.

We're sorry it's taken us so long to bridge the gap between mailing news-in-print to putting it on-line. But now we have bridged the gap and a new edition of **Ellel Connect** will be emailed regularly to all on-line subscribers at least once a quarter. So if your name is on one of our e-mailing lists, watch out for it arriving in your mail-box.

And we'd love to have your feedback - tell us what you think about **Ellel Connect** and what else you would like to see in it. We'd love to hear from you - just send an email to Lindsey Hanekom, our Ellel Connect editor, at ellelconnect@ellelministries.org

Peter Horrobin International Director

Sleeping like a Baby!

A Testimony of God's Amazing Grace and Power

Imogen attended our 9 week Flagship programme in 2007 looking for the keys to help her through some serious issues in her life. Alongside tremendous phobias, sleep problems and physical illness, she came with a heavy heart of being unable to have a baby having suffered many miscarriages. Following her attendance on the Flagship programme we were delighted to receive the news that she had not only fallen pregnant, but this time she went on to have a beautiful baby daughter - **God had performed a miracle**.

Yet, this wasn't the end. Many of Imogen's other issues remained and mixed with having a small daughter, the pressure was building and something had to change.

Imogen came back to Ellel Grange for some personal ministry. These are her own words of what happened during that time:

"Since the ministry at Ellel Grange, I have been massively set free from a stronghold of fear. Also my insomnia phobia which plagued me to the point of wishing to die to escape the torment of physical illness has been replaced with the peace, strength and constant companionship of Jesus. I can finally both lie down in peace (in his arms) and sleep! I am off a plethora of sleeping drugs for the first time in years. The things which the ministry addressed and cleared away have made it possible to start to be the person He made me to be and I am so happy! A profound closeness to the Lord has sanctified my life and set me free."

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

– New courses bring healing to many

'Breaking Through to Freedom' at Blairmore House

Hailed as one of our most pioneering events in the recent years of Ellel Ministries, *Breaking Through to Freedom*, ran for the first time this September; although it was booked up long before that!

This was a ground breaking and totally unique event, designed for people who have received much teaching and ministry but are still struggling to live in the abundant life Jesus promised. It was a culmination of the many years of experience and hard lessons learnt through ministering to people and seeing them brought through to real and lasting freedom.

The week, though structured, was not the 'normal' Ellel course, rather a combination of short relevant teaching, practical real-life discipleship keys, personal mentoring and ministry times, focussed creativity, life skills, group work and some time for rest and reflection.

The week was an amazing journey, filled with challenge, but the testimonies at the end said it all and many came to real breakthrough in their lives. Others are now making positive steps on their journey and can see more clearly the issues that have kept them from moving forward in their walk to freedom. Anna Wood, Director of Ellel Scotland and pioneer of Breaking Through to Freedom says, *"It really did feel as though this was an important spiritual moment for the whole work. The new was emerging."*

Breaking Through to Freedom will be held three times next year at Blairmore House. Early booking is advised as places are limited.

'Given Away' at Glyndley Manor

Denise Cross, Director of Glyndley Manor, shares the journey that birthed a new and vital course.

I have found that sometimes the Lord seems to draw my attention to a specific area of healing need. This happened during 2010 when several people came with a desire to find release from various dysfunctions in their life and then mentioned, often in passing, that a very similar thing had happened to them all in their early life.

Basically they had all been 'given away'. Some had been adopted as babies, some had been long term fostered and others had spent many years as "cared for children", in other words in the state social care system. I wondered if this was significant and God seemed to confirm that it was.

Many felt condemned because their adopted parents had been wonderful loving people, and often Christians, but somehow they knew that deep inside there were problems with identity and issues that they felt helpless to change. Lack of ability to trust, feeling isolated and unconnected even to those who loved them, and the need to be in control seemed to figure strongly in most of their current difficulties.

It is out of this background that the course "Given Away" was birthed. In 2011, when it was run at Glyndley Manor for the first time, 27 people attended. Over half who attended had been adopted at birth, or long term fostered in their early years. The others had interest in the topic because they had themselves adopted or fostered children or were involved in ministering to others in this area.

Over the months of formulating the course God brought some clear understanding and revelation about how damaging it is to be abandoned by a birth mother on whom your very existence had totally depended. It was clear that this trauma is not lessened even if she gave her precious baby away for seemingly good and unselfish reasons. During the weekend some delegates allowed Jesus to gently and lovingly touch the deep pain of abandonment. God is so very good and His comfort was able to reach back through the years to restore a deep sense of well being and security into that inner damage. Some left with a new sense of being anchored as a person and with a new confidence and stability to step forward into their destiny. God is a great Healer and Restorer.

You may have been given away in the past but God is in the business of bringing each of us back to Himself. From the first moment of our existence right up to today, he wants all of us secure and confident in His never-failing, never-changing, never-abandoning arms of love.

Given Away will run again at Glyndley Manor during August 2013.



Testimonies

'This was the best Christian teaching and course I have ever attended.'

'God brought me here to deal with deep layers of a wounded orphan heart. Found the course very challenging and painful but I met with God in a profound way.'

'It works!'

'I am beginning to feel emotions for the first time and can't wait to get home to my wife.'

'I feel I've carried a heavy weight throughout my life and never really experienced that abundant life Jesus promised, nor His joy. I've had the real me locked away for so long and I've had a cupboard full of pain, rejection, anger etc. into which I've kept stuffing more, and kept the doors tightly closed on it all. This week God enabled me to open the cupboard doors and look into the big black hole. He went in there with me and cleaned it out and brought me out into a bigger place. He's poured into me more love and acceptance and joy than I have ever known. I feel lighter and freer and feel I know in my heart now what I previously only knew in my head, how much I am a precious child to God, His child. My trust, about allowing Him to take control of every part of my life and being has been deepened and now I am looking forward with happy anticipation to all that He has for me in the future. What an awesome God we have!'

'I have cancer and knew there must be a root to this. God revealed self-hatred this week, which I have dealt with and I am now believing for physical healing.'

Sleeping like a Baby! (continued)

I came to Ellel for physical healing and now I know it is not far off!

I am so grateful for the love and wisdom of God which was applied to me with great results, from the bottom of my heart. Transformation has not been a quick work in me but I am walking into a hope and a future beyond all my expectations! Thank you!"

Imogen freely admits that she is not yet through to full healing as she still struggles with some of the fruits of depression. But she continues to live her life enjoying the truth and God given identity discovered during ministry and praising God for what He has done. She has a beautiful daughter who, at the age of four has already given her heart to Jesus, and she knows that Jesus is healing her as she continues to walk with Him.

Goodbye ... Hello!

Leadership changes around the world

We all hate goodbyes but they are inevitable and this year has seen some significant leadership changes around the world.

Martin and Ginny Knapp, having begun their service at Pierrepont, helped pioneer the work in Ontario, subsequently led Ellel Grange and have now moved on into retirement. Peter Horrobin has once again taken the mantle of Director of Ellel Grange with Paul and Anne Lawrence taking on the roles of Deputy and Assistant Director. They continue to run the day to day work effectively.

Having so effectively pioneered the work in Sweden, Göran and Roswitha Andersson have also now retired and have handed over leadership to Stein Westli from Norway.

Our faithful and long-standing Canada West leaders, Al and Linda Fode have stepped down to a well-deserved retirement. Alexander & Marion Morrison are taking over as Centre Directors.

Peter Freeke, who pioneered the work in the Netherlands, has moved on from the ministry to pastures new. Marc and Margaret Schuthof (pictured below) have taken on the role as leaders of the work in the Netherlands. Look out for the next issue for the remarkable story of how God called them from Australia to take on this vital role for Ellel Ministries.



Zimbabwe Calling!

Ellel Africa, operating out of Shere House in Pretoria, are no strangers to reaching the people in Africa who are in desperate need. Having worked for many years in Rwanda and Kenya, the team were delighted to have a door opened for them in politically torn Zimbabwe.

In 2010, two ladies from Zimbabwe attended the 9 day school at Ellel Africa's base, Shere house (South Africa). Having been deeply impacted, these ladies took the teaching back to their home church, where their leadership encouraged them to teach the church all the keys they had learned. However, they soon felt the need to have deeper level training and their pastors invited Ellel Africa to do a 4 day training event with a wider group of churches.

Six of the South African team headed out to Zimbabwe in August this year to run a four day Arise conference. To keep themselves busy on the uncomfortable two day journey, the team knitted scarves to raise money for the 25th Anniversary of Telefriend (Telephone counselling service under Ellel SA) in Durban.

The Zimbabweans displayed their generosity from the outset and the team was very touched by such a warm and hospitable welcome. *"We were spoiled from the moment we arrived,"* reports one of our team members.

Fifty delegates attended the conference and many testified of wonderful healings. On the Sunday morning, Ellel Africa's Director, Derek Puffett, took a healing service in a packed hall. The hosts of the event wrote to us subsequently to say, *"Just to let you know, your team prayed for a little girl with nose bleeds, she has not had another and her sister who has had a familiar spirit removed, is rejoicing in the Lord! The girl's mum was instantly healed of a dry skin condition. One lady was totally healed from a stomach ulcer. We rejoice in God!"*

The relationships built during this time are very precious and the door to this land that has suffered much is being opened more and more for the Gospel to come in and transform the people and the country.

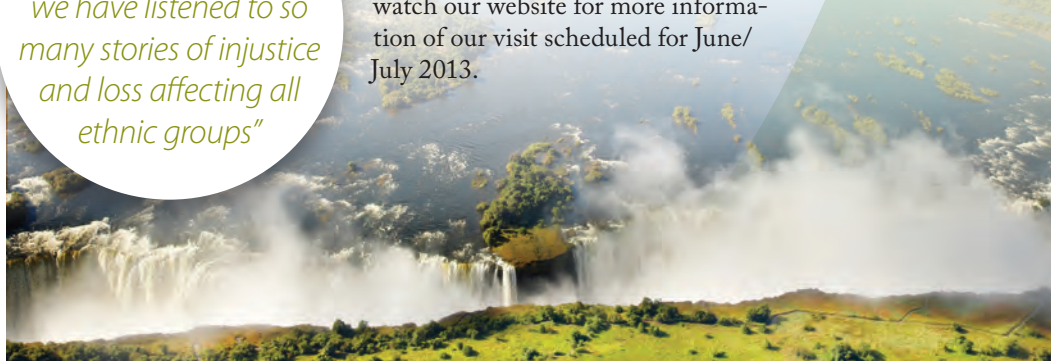
Ronel Geldenhuys, Leadership of Ellel Africa says, *"The journey was worth it and we realised again that Zimbabwe needs our prayers as we have listened to so many stories of injustice and loss affecting all ethnic groups. Praise God for He is able to redeem Zimbabwe from the destruction that the enemy has brought. We are excited as our team will return to Zimbabwe to do follow up training, both in Harare and in Bulawayo. Please continue to pray for the group who continue to teach the foundational teachings and are building up a ministry team who can serve in the churches that attended."*

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If you have family or friends in Zimbabwe, please encourage them to watch our website for more information of our visit scheduled for June/ July 2013.



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Undivided

Ellel USA hold their first national conference

It sounds idyllic; blue skies, eighty degree weather, beautiful local beaches and air conditioned conference facilities. This was the setting for the Undivided Conference in Tampa, Florida hosted by Ellel USA last month. With 23 US States and 10 different countries represented, it truly was a national, and international, conference. Peter and Fiona Horrobin, Lee Grady, Stuart McAlpine, George Otis Jr and Ellel USA's Andy Taylor came together with a perfect blend of messages and teaching **straight from the heart** of God.

With such a rich array of teachers it was hard not to be deeply impacted by the Lord and many responded to the challenges set before them during the time. Alongside the core Ellel teaching, there were challenges on investing in the lives of younger people, the powerful love of Father God and perpetuating community transformation. Not to mention, the important cultural lesson brought from Lee Grady of how to speak with a true American Southern accent!

Andy and Cath Taylor (Directors Ellel USA) said, *"Our first Ellel USA National Conference was great! The whole team are so thrilled with how it went and how the Lord ministered to His people. What a privilege to be involved in quite literally, 'bringing the heart of God to the heart of man'. The testimonies from the whole event have been wonderful and we know people were greatly impacted by all that was shared."*

It was significant that the leader of Ellel's work in Colombia, Beatriz, was at the conference and was able to share about the work she is doing in Colombia and how vital it is that we have a training center established here in Florida to train Pastors and Leaders from South America.



Andy and Cath Share the Vision for a Centre

Ellel USA's vision to establish a residential centre at English Acres, Florida, where Ellel own land, has not faded. Indeed, it has become increasingly vibrant in our hearts as we saw the width and depth of need represented at this conference, both in North and South America.

We extended an invitation for a post conference prayer time at English Acres to share Ellel USA's vision for a residential centre and we sensed a beautiful presence of the Lord reminding us again that this centre was on His heart. The future centre holds so much potential for impacting, not just this generation of Americans but generations to come with the keys that God has given Ellel Ministries to bring healing and freedom to the lives of His people. As we stood and looked out across the piece of land, remembering all the lives that have already been touched

and healed through the work here – remembering the eternal investment of all the seeds that have been sown in the lives of many people – our hearts could only lift in worship and intercession that God would bring the breakthrough needed.

For us here as a team a pivotal few months are coming up as we walk confidently and in trust towards a deadline for repaying the loan on the Ellel USA land in June 2013. With the plans in our hands and with vision in our hearts, we simply lay it before the Lord trusting Him for the impossible. We don't want a centre for a centre's sake, but simply because we believe it is on the Lord's heart for the USA and South America. To have a centre for training but also a place of safety and security for people who are wounded, hurting and broken to come – we believe is very much on the Lord's heart for His people.

More information and artist's impressions of the vision for English Acres is available on our website www.ellelministries.org/usa/building-project



Envisioning the future

Releasing new leaders in the ministry

In July over twenty of our 'up and coming' leaders met together at Ellel Grange for a time of fellowship, sharing, prayer and discussion. Whilst there was an agenda of sorts, God's heart seemed to be focussing the entire time on one main thing: unity.

The event was led by Andy and Cath Taylor (Ellel USA) and it was a very special time where the next generation of leaders were able to freely talk of their hopes, dreams and visions for the future of the work as well as the frustrations, concerns and fears.

Whilst most of the attendees only knew each other by name and via email (such is life in this modern world) there was a beautiful bonding of hearts that took place that can only be attributed to God and was vital to fulfil all that God wanted to achieve in and through the 'younger' leaders.

Each participant was challenged to the core about their role and place within the ministry and the calling on their individual lives as well as their corporate responsibility. The challenges that we face as a ministry are only going to grow as the financial markets continue on their unstable paths and the freedom to practice the fullness of the Christian faith is threatened more and more each day.

As the ministry looks ahead to the future, we are assured that God is raising up a next generation of leaders who are committed and passionate about the work and vision of Ellel Ministries and, most importantly, are totally unified in heart to fulfil God's plans.

A Pilgrimage of Freedom (Part 1)

Stuart and Jean freely admit that their journey into freedom has been really tough at times. Yet, the transformation in both their personal lives and their married life is awesome. Was the pilgrimage worth it? *"Oh yes indeed and it isn't over!"* they both say. Here is just some of their story of how they embarked on a journey that has sparked a whole new destiny in their lives.

Stuart and Jean met having both suffered failed marriages and were hurting. Jean, on getting to know Stuart, declared, *"Don't ever ask me to marry you; I'm never getting married again."* Stuart was undeterred and their relationship blossomed, despite their differences in religious views.

Having grown up in a household where religion was ignored, Jean had very little knowledge of God, or the Christian faith until she got to know Stuart more and eventually gave her life to the Lord and agreed to get married!

And so their lives together began but the combination of past relationships and difficult childhoods meant that Stuart and Jean carried very real issues around with them and soon found themselves struggling with the baggage that their damaged lives had burdened them with.

Stuart's childhood was one of pain; with his father leaving the family home when he was just a baby and his step-father providing the physical needs but unable to emotionally engage with him. This led to Stuart entering a search for the 'higher being' that he knew existed and yet had no real understanding of.

Eventually, having searched in many wrong places, Stuart found God when he discovered the openness, honesty and good works of the Salvation Army. He had found a spiritual home, where he was spiritually and emotionally loved and cared for. However, his inability to understand and relate to authority led to friction with the Salvation Army Officer (pastor). For many years, Stuart couldn't even say the word God, using the term, 'Big Fella' instead, which was the only way he could relate to a higher authority figure.

Grange. Jean felt uncomfortable on the retreat, struggling to talk about anything religious; feeling very out of her depth as religion was just never discussed when she was growing up. It all seemed a bit foreign to her but God broke through and she knew there was more for her. It was a "fantastic" time (their words), although they now knew how much deeper God needed to go. The Healing Retreat set them on a journey and they signed up for the Modular School, beginning just 2 weeks later.

This began a journey of 2 years that they can hardly believe has taken place. After each month's Modular course, Stuart felt like he took a fresh and better version of his wife home; the Truth had been proclaimed and had transformed her from the very core of her being. Jean talks of how she felt so tired during the weekends as her spirit received more and more of the Truth that she had been denied all of her life. Yet, the Truth was doing an amazing work of bringing healing in subtle but real ways. Having grown up as a shy and introverted person, times of fellowship and chatting were always a struggle for her. As she says herself, *"I would cling onto Stuart's arm in any social setting."* Yet, after four months of modular, she found herself able to chat away with fellow participants without any fear or concern. It was during one of these chats that she mentioned a curse she had placed on herself, *"I wish I was blind."* On hearing this, someone said, *"That could lead to spiritual blindness. You need to get that dealt with."* And so she did and from that day on her view and perception of the world has changed. She sees a depth and beauty that she couldn't see before and her creative talents were awakened.

These fellowship times were vital to Stuart as well, as he sealed some real friendships and there was a definitive bonding of hearts with others. Such love and acceptance was unusual for Stuart who had never really known a male figure who could relate on a heart to heart level and those who did, enraged him. His past pain was being healed through these 'on the stairs' friendships.

After each month's course, Stuart and Jean both knew God had done a remarkable work in their lives but they



were also becoming increasingly aware of the extent of the damage the enemy had wreaked over the years. Living in this conflicted state started to take its toll on them. Stuart began to get impatient and questioned God, wanting it all to be dealt with very soon and very quickly but God had different plans!

Read the rest of Stuart and Jean's story in the next edition of Ellel Connect.

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Did You Know...

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A brief history of...

The Modular School

With an estimated 1000 delegates participating in a Modular School somewhere in the world in any given year, it is by far our most popular school. Yet, how did the Modular School of Healing and Discipleship (to give it its full name) begin and how did it grow to what it is now?

In the mid 1990s, we realised that a number of people were returning to different courses fairly regularly. Naturally, they began asking the team, "Which course should I go on next?" Jim Russell (on leadership at Ellel Grange at the time) recognised that there was a need for a more formalised way for people to obtain all the teaching they wanted, without having to commit to the, then named, 9-Week School (now known as the Flagship Programme).

Not one for ignoring such a need, Jim set about putting together a recommended order to attend various courses. This was then put together as a package, along with group sessions with tutors as well as practical ministry practice under careful supervision and thus the Modular School was born and first ran in 1997.

The school proved more than popular and soon after, Modular B was put into place as people wanted further teaching and training on more specific topics. Over the years the courses on the Modular School have changed slightly as the ministry matured and grew in its understanding of the healing ministry.

Yet, wherever you do the school, the notes are the same – just maybe in a different language! Some centres are now introducing Modular C, which covers niche teaching topics.

Now it is run on nearly every continent of the planet as centres have taken the Modular School and fitted it into their programme. Some centres follow the original idea of people attending the open weekend courses, other centres have tailored it to what works best for their region. For example, Ellel Scotland ran three one week events, Ellel USA have courses Friday to Saturday evening and Ellel Central and Eastern Europe run video modular schools as the demand for teachers is much higher than the supply!

There are literally thousands of testimonies from people who have attended the Modular School, many saying that their lives have been irrevocably and wonderfully changed through hearing the teaching and taking the time to work it through in their lives. Many have taken what they have learned and have established ministry teams in their local churches.

Much of our current ministry team is made up of those who have completed the Modular School and are now implementing the teaching to bring healing to others.

As so often happens with God, what began as a simple and humble response to an oft-repeated question, has grown into our largest training school – a school which God is continuing to use to transform many lives all over the world.

Did You Know...

The Modular School, the Flagship Programme and NETS Stage 1 all cover the same teaching. They are just different time formats to suit everyone's needs.

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The Modular School of Healing & Discipleship

Equipping the Church to meet the needs of hurting and wounded people

Bringing the heart of God to the heart of man...



Modular School students in India

“Every single time on the Modular School I found out special things that have set me free and have revolutionized my life.”
(Bucharest, Romania)

“At the beginning of Modular, over 2 years ago, I dare not sing in front of anyone. Now however, I lead worship and I feel God releasing me more and more in worship and my destiny.”
(Scottish Modular School)



SNIPPETS...

• Ellel Colombia have begun "Healing Nights" on the first Wednesday of every month. They are mightily encouraged by the great miracles that God is doing in such a short time.

• Ellel Germany and Ellel France have held a reconciliation conference in Germany this October. We hope to bring you a full report on this amazing event in the next edition of Ellel Connect.

• Ellel India are celebrating the completion of their first modular school with 20 graduates. All have been changed as well as making some new friends who they strongly bonded with.

Central & Eastern Europe Region – A Map of Understanding!

The story of how we established a work in Hungary is an amazing one that we may well share another day but since we bought our first piece of land in 1993, the work in Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union has exploded.

The whole territory is now led by Roger and Chris Pook who, with a dedicated team of thirty (plus volunteers and ministry team) cover the largest land area of any of our teams. Running training courses, video schools, Modular Schools, retreats, conferences and any number of other events, this team are flexible and exceptionally busy as some of them spend approximately 50% of their time travelling!

We are ever mindful that the spiritual battle in this region is hard and that the possibility of another rise in Communism is never far away

Elle Russian Language Centre

(Director: Nina Rotkina)

Based in Ukraine and Russia, serving Ukraine, Russian Federation, and Russian speakers in Baltic Nations and Israel

Central and Eastern Europe Development Team

(Directors: Jim and Tanya Person)

Based in Hungary serving Slovakia, Serbia, Croatia, Mongolia and other former communist countries

Elle Hungary Centre

(Directors: Tamás and Angela Kovács)

Serving various cities in the country. The Elle Hungary Centre at Úr Rétje is also the base for CEED and is the regional "hub" for work in other former communist countries.

Elle Romania Centre

(Directors: David and Michelle Moza)

Serves various cities in the country



The physical distances they cover are vast; it has been recently estimated at about a quarter of the world's land-mass, covering at least nine time zones, which poses many challenges in itself. With such a large area to cover, the logistical and financial implications of meeting together means that the team must rely on technical communication rather than face-to-face meetings, which are few and far between.

Úr Rétje, our Hungarian centre, remains the steadfast 'home' to the Regional Directors and the Central and Eastern Europe Development Directors. It is also a centre in its own right, running regular courses, schools and retreats. The stability of having a safe haven of 'normality' is precious to a team who are often travelling, and not always comfortably at that!

Whilst we are excited about what God is doing in these countries, we are ever mindful that the spiritual battle in this region is hard and that the possibility of another rise in Communism is never far away. A prophetic word given to us many years ago warned us that the window of opportunity in these nations is short.

This team are working hard to ensure that they don't just bring teaching and healing to the people but they train up and equip national leaders who can continue the work without our input. We must remain vigilant and know there may well be a time when the curtain falls once more and these lands become inaccessible to us.

“A week has passed since the Healing Retreat at Dezna. I want to thank you for the wise and clear teaching about our emotions and about forgiveness. I have the conviction inside, even today, that what happened last weekend is very real, very precious and irrevocable. I am glad that this door has been closed behind me, and that I will be protected from everything I left behind, because God has promised and He is faithful, He keeps His word. (Healing Retreat, Romania)”

MicroNETS at Pierrepont is an unprecedented success

NETS is our longest programme of training, spanning a couple of months up to a full year of training at Pierrepont, England. However, it is obvious not everyone can commit to such a length of programme and so Pierrepont established MicroNETS, a nine-day 'taster' of the full event.

This year demand for MicroNETS has hit unprecedented levels. Having filled the first course very quickly, another was hastily arranged, only to have to run a third one in September to fulfil the demand!

In the first week alone, 23 nations were represented, requiring simultaneous translation into both Italian and Russian!

The Pierrepont team are delighted,

albeit hard-worked! As one team member says, “We are praying for abundant fruit as these people choose to take 9 days out of their lives to focus on God's plans for them.”



After the Quake

Rebuilding Lives after the Christchurch Earthquake



*Christchurch
will never be the
same because of
the scale of the
destruction*



Most of us would be surprised to hear that since September 2010, Christchurch, New Zealand has experienced over 10,000 shakes. Only six have been given the status of 'new event' but many of the so called, 'aftershocks' have been of the intensity of a full blown earthquake. It was the devastation of the February 2011 quake that brought Christchurch to worldwide attention. It caused horrendous structural damage to the city, the deaths of 182 people and left many thousands without homes or possessions, suffering extensive loss of water, electricity, sewage and phone services.

Our New Zealand leaders, Paul and Jillian live and work out of Christchurch. At the time of the quake Jillian was driving through the central city and Paul was at home. Jillian soon found herself turning away from the city and having to take a four hour detour through confused traffic, rivers of liquefaction (soil that has been turned to liquid due to the stress of the quake), broken bridges and roads and an array of traumatised people. For this whole time, Jillian had no idea what had become of Paul, her house or her daughter and their family.

Paul, having experienced the beginning of the shake, took cover under their dining table, not immediately recognising the extent of the damage. However, he soon realised that this was no ordinary earthquake and headed outside as he noticed that large cracks had appeared in the walls of their home. Having discovered the extent of the quake, Paul was very keen to locate Jillian and borrowed a bicycle to head into the city to find her. He made no discovery, but felt at peace, confident she was in God's hands. Needless to say however, he was very pleased to be reunited with her when she finally returned home.

Eventually, after driving, walking and hitch-hiking, Jillian made it home, very relieved to find Paul safe and to hear that her daughter and their family were also safe. Their house was severely damaged but still standing. It was obvious that structurally it wouldn't withstand any further shakes and so they set about saving any belongings that hadn't already been destroyed. They have not been able to return to their home since

and they are awaiting its demolition and the building of a new house. They are thankful that the process has begun, however the restoration of the whole of Christchurch is estimated to take at least ten years.

Paul and Jillian thank God for saving their lives and that of their family and close friends. As they surveyed the devastation, they saw the enormity of the city's challenge before them. As well as the loss of 182 lives, many more were badly injured. More still suffered emotionally and financially as a result of the traumatic and dramatic events. Post traumatic stress disorder accompanied by fear, anxiety and depression has been and still is very prevalent, as is extreme tiredness/exhaustion for many and frustration dealing with rebuilds, repairs and relocations.

It was their utter trust in God that Paul and Jillian say prevented them from being traumatised by the event and they knew that there were answers in God for the people of Christchurch; some of whom had lost everything. They set about organising earthquake recovery seminars conducted by Paul Watson in four different churches in the city, all of which were well attended. God did remarkable things during these events as people came to terms with the depth of fear, grief, loss and trauma that each and every resident experienced.

Ellel New Zealand's ministry has been moulded by the needs of their city, with specialist understanding days being run on quake related issues. Jillian comments on ministering to the quake victims, *"In many cases the earthquakes have been the catalyst for bringing unresolved issues to the surface and people have found that the Lord has revealed and dealt with these emotional fault-lines. However, we are also aware that some people's faith has been shaken by the earthquakes and there was much discussion about where God was in the quakes."*

It is nearly 2 years since the earthquake; many people are exhausted and quite depressed and there has also been an exodus of people from the city (around 15,000 have left permanently). Some areas that were badly affected will be abandoned as the land is too unstable to be rebuilt on, leaving many families displaced and communities destroyed.

Jillian says, *"Christchurch will never be the same because of the scale of the destruction. The challenges are immense and ongoing as we rebuild lives individually, as well as rebuilding communities and the city, not to mention our churches/the Church. We certainly need God's grace and wisdom for the journey ahead so please pray that the unity among churches evidenced post quake will continue."*

Do I have rights?

An exploration of the issue of Human Rights by David Cross, Executive Director for Western Europe

I would like to share some thoughts. There is a topic which has been burning in my heart for a while. In the next few newsletters I would like to express these thoughts and, in so doing, explore a subject which, I believe, addresses one of the most serious issues of our time. I pray that this will stir up discussion and even revelation, hopefully leading, in due course, to more clarity.

The subject of these articles will be the truth about human rights.

This is not intended to make a platform for political comment but an opportunity to investigate the roots of this philosophy and what the Bible says about an increasingly pervasive theme of modern justice. It is my belief that the promotion of natural, inalienable rights in the life of man is contrary to the purposes of God and, if unchallenged, will inevitably lead to more confusion and conflict, even in the Body of Christ.

Exploring this topic of human rights will take us into intriguing historical territory including the Magna Carta, the Age of Enlightenment, the French Revolution, the Divine Right of Kings and the United States Declaration of Independence. We shall see the significant consequences of governmental and ecclesiastical corruption, unbridled despotism and mass insurrection. Injustice has always been part of human existence, but the real problem comes when God's truths are rejected in favour of the precepts of men. I suggest that this is exactly what has happened in the pursuit of justice through the declaration of inherent human rights rather than the confrontation of innate human sin.

I will be suggesting that the most significant Biblical concept in the exploration of human rights is the covenant agreement that God has purposed between Himself and His children. It is something that the world cannot now experience without acknowledging the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. However, for all His followers there is indeed a right of man to become part of the timeless family of God with all the benefits of provision and protection.

I'm hoping you will find time to follow these thoughts over the months ahead. I pray that we will together find a little more of God's truth and grace as Jesus is given His rightful place. Next time I will explain how this journey of investigation into human rights unexpectedly started on the grand staircase of a French chateau in the town of Vizille, near Grenoble!



Access for All

A lift is installed to allow full access for all people

It has been a project many years in the making but Glyndley Manor is now celebrating the installation of the lift that will open its doors to people previously hindered by the physical set-up of the house.

With the bedrooms and conference facilities all on higher levels of the building, Glyndley has previously been pretty inaccessible to those who struggle with physical disabilities. This was something that the team wanted to address.

When looking at the viability of installing suitable solutions back in 2009, Glyndley could easily have shied away from the enormity of the task ahead, not to mention the finances needed to make it happen. However, purely from donations, £90,000 has been raised to accomplish what could have been seen as the impossible.

As of July this year, the lift was serviceable for usage for day visitors, with the final internal work planned to be completed by Christmas. Additional work will be accomplished next year to finalise the project with suitable toilet facilities and fire escapes, thus making it possible for those with physical disabilities to stay overnight and be further blessed by the work of Glyndley.

John Berry, Project Manager and Leadership at Glyndley says, "The response from users has been very positive, and some significant ministry has taken place for folk who otherwise would not have been able to attend."



SNIPPETS...

- *Ellel Malaysia are hoping to expand their operations as the two office lets next to their current one have become vacant. The extra room would give them more office space, a lounge and a teaching hall that would seat 50 people. We continue to pray for the resources for this to come to fruition.*
- *Congratulations to Ellel Australia (Springhill) who have recently celebrated their 7th birthday and to Ellel Singapore who are just about to do the same!*
- *The Ellel Ministries International Head Office has now been established on one location by joining the former International Director's Office and the Corporate Support Team, which used to be based at Pierrepont. Three staff members have relocated to make this a reality. The team will continue the development of the international work under the watchful eye of Peter Horrobin and will support the work and teams around the globe. Among other things the Head Office is responsible for Seeds of the Kingdom, Ellel 365, development of courses, Prayer Administration, Human Resources, Marketing and much more ... not to mention this newsletter!*
- *The whole of our bookshop and media operations have been taken into Sovereign World Ltd – our publishing company, headed up by Paul Stanier. It is a major job to bring these two vital parts of the ministry together and there is a tiny team of people who are working hard to make it effective. Our heart is to see the Truth published and readily accessible to all who need it.*
- *The significant task of translating Ellel 365 into Spanish is being undertaken by Salome Gonzalez, a young Ecuadorian who joined Ellel Grange as a member of our Young Peoples Team and is now part of the Head Office team. With over 420 million native Spanish speakers in the world, this represents a highly significant work that will be launched next year.*

Read All About It!

Books that can change the world

Reaching the Unreachable

When Sovereign World published Darrell Tunningley's book, both publisher and author saw the potential far reaching effect that it would eventually have on Christians and non-Christians alike.

This is a true story of Darrell; a man who lived in a world of drugs and violence and eventually landed in prison. It was there that he met God and when released, he dedicated his life to social action and community mission.

Having found himself continuously sharing his testimony, Darrell figured the time had come to chronicle this transformation and to use it as a way to challenge Christians in their approach to reaching those who live on the edge of society; those living in deprivation, battling addictions, lost in a cycle of poverty, lack of education and so on.

Having discovered Sovereign World Publishing, Darrell found a home for his book, a home where the heart and vision was shared. Thus, *Unreachable* was born.

Since its publication, the response to *Unreachable* has been phenomenal. Regardless of age, agenda, belief or background, it is universally impacting. There is something endearing and attractive about its brutal honesty and something deeply challenging about its call to Christians to take note of what is happening outside of church buildings.

Darrell is becoming increasingly busy as a speaker. Travelling regularly all over the country, both sharing his testimony and stirring up a desire for Christians to rise up in their communities and make a difference, Darrell has spoken at events from local church meetings to national gatherings (including the Holy Trinity Brompton Leadership Conference at the Royal Albert Hall and the Ellet Ministries conference, God of the Breakthrough).

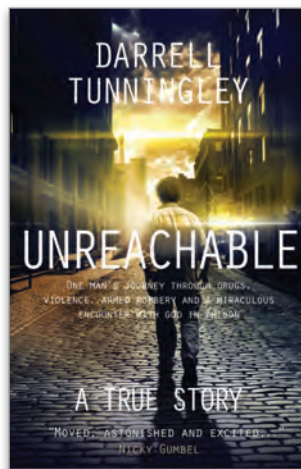
Aside from his long and ever growing list of speaking engagements, Darrell has not forgotten his first passion for social action. Now in Senior Leadership with Hope Corner Community Church, Runcorn, he has been heavily involved in the development and building of their new church which incorporates a school for children with additional educational needs.

Darrell has received the most amazing responses from his book and his speaking engagements. Many have given their lives to Jesus and begun their own journeys of transformation; others have taken up the challenge of social change in their communities.

Unreachable is a message of God's redeeming power, working in the real world where God's love seems so far from the reality of life. Yet it is the only thing that breaks the cycles and brings hope and destiny to those who have lived without either.

If you haven't read *Unreachable* or think you know just the person who would like it, it is available from the Sovereign World website and the Ellet Ministries Shop in either paperback or e-book version.

Unreachable retails at £5.99 as a paperback, £4.99 as an e-book.



Neighbours, Transform Your Street!

This newly published book is the official legacy book for The National Day of Prayer, which was held at Wembley Stadium in September this year. It was a massive event where over 30,000 people, from all denominations, came together to pray for the UK. Not wanting the day to be the totality of intercession for the UK, the organisers set a legacy of this book to encourage people to continue with the transformation of the nation; street by street, community by community.

Written by Rebekah Brett, the pages are bursting with stories from different prayer and community initiatives around the United Kingdom. Full of fascinating facts and testimonies, it encourages you and your church to engage with your local streets and draw closer to Jesus in the process.

Neighbours, Transform your Street! retails at £10 as a large-format paperback book.

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The Ingathering of Israel

An inspiring book chronicling the courageous true story of how the author helped bring Jewish people back to Israel.

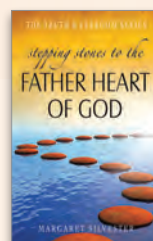
Esther Levy, £8.99



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A startling account of how the truth of the nativity story exceeds the myths – a perfect meditation for Advent or any other time of the year!

Arthur Francis Green £6.50



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Peter Horrobin talks about Ellel's online training programme, Ellel 365

When God gave me the vision for **Ellel 365**, I had no idea how He would use our online training programme to change so many lives – not just in the UK but all round the world.

I recently arrived in Tampa, Florida, for a conference, and as I walked towards the hall, a man came up to me, held out his hand, and said "Thank you!" He obviously knew who I was, but I'd never met him before. His next words were, "I'm on day 328 – and it has totally transformed my life!" He went on to share how important the early weeks and months of **Ellel 365** had been for him.

At first, he wanted to get on to the bits which seemed more directly relevant to him. But then he realised how important it was to fill in some significant gaps in his understanding of God's Word. Like many other people, he was finding out how the gaps in his understanding had left him vulnerable at strategic moments in his life. He needed to have those gaps filled in order to have a proper foundation for healing and living a godly life.

Ellel 365 takes you one day at a time on an exciting journey of revelation and understanding. Now is the ideal time of year to sign up as we approach a New Year. I pray that as you come with me on a personal pilgrimage you will, like my new friend in Florida, also find it life transforming.

Why not take a look now and enjoy a **Free Trial** – go to www.em365.org for the ride of your life!



ing it easier for you to find the perfect course for your needs. You will be able to access all the latest news from various centres around the world, not to mention the latest edition of Ellel Connect!

We have also upgraded our online booking facilities to make it simpler for you to book securely online for any of our events. You will be able to pay online with any major credit/debit card or Paypal.



Our New Website

We are delighted to announce that our brand new website will be launched early next year. It is a great place to find out more about us and is bursting with course information, galleries of pictures, testimonies, and much more!

With a much clearer layout, it is navigationally easier and more intuitive to use, making it easier for you to find the perfect course for your needs. You will be able to access all the latest news from various centres around the world, not to mention the latest edition of Ellel Connect!



Above: **Easy to use and intuitive menus**

Left: **Online introductory videos**

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“My relationship with God is going from strength to strength – I just love it.”

“It all makes perfect sense. I'm amazed at the things I am learning – I wish I'd had this when I first became a Christian.”

Diary Highlights 2012/3

Here are some diary highlights for the upcoming quarter.
For full diary listings, please visit our website or contact your nearest centre.

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11 November	-	13 November	Women Arise Conference	Ellel Australia (Gilbulla)
13 November	-	14 November	ARISE! Be Transformed Conference	Kensington, South Africa
14 November			Healing Service	Ellel Aotearoa/New Zealand
14 November	-	21 November	Restoration Week: Rescue from Rejection	Glyndley Manor, UK
14 November	-	21 November	Leading from the Front	Ellel Scotland
16 November	-	18 November	Healing for Abused People	Republic of Ireland
17 November			Acceptance and Belonging 1	Ellel Hungary (Pécs)
17 November			Jesus Heals - Free Event	Ellel Pierrepont
18 November			Intimacy and Rest in Jesus	Shere House, South Africa
23 November	-	25 November	Transformed by the Renewing of the Mind	Switzerland
23 November	-	25 November	Getting Behind the Mask	Ellel Grange, UK
23 November	-	24 November	Keys to Freedom Course 6	Ålesund, Western Norway
24 November	-	27 November	Initiated Men's Event	Ellel Australia (Gilbulla)
26 November	-	1 December	Prayer Ministry Training School 2	Ellel Canada (Ontario)
14 December	-	16 December	Love's Healing Power	Ellel Grange, UK

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11 January	-	12 January	Healing through Creativity	Ellel Canada (Ontario)
16 January	-	23 January	Restoration Week - Regaining Freedom (with French translation)	Glyndley Manor, UK
25 January	-	27 January	God's Plan for Successful Living with Jim Graham	Ellel Grange, UK

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