

Ellel Connect

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A Bridge through Cyberspace!

Ellel Connect is a bridge – not the sort of bridge that you can walk or drive over – but a bridge nevertheless. It's a bridge to and from the heart of the ministry, enabling you to discover what God is doing in and through the work around the world. So come with me across the bridge and discover some of the wonderful things God is doing in the lives of His people.



Many years ago the whole of Ellel Ministries was described as *'A living bridge to a needy world'*. Today the needs are greater than ever and all over the world people are walking across that bridge into the blessing of new life, hope, healing and restoration.

In this issue of **Ellel Connect** you can read how your life could be radically transformed through the NETS training programme; discover what God does for leaders at Blairmore; understand how prayer is at the heart of everything we do; be thrilled by the amazing things God's been doing in East Africa through the South African team; learn how God is bringing reconciliation and healing in France and Germany – and much, much more!

And we'd love to have your feedback about **Ellel Connect**. Tell us what else you would like to read about in the future. 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

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The Foundation of Prayer

Fiona Horrobin, the executive director responsible for prayer and intercession, explains how prayer stands at the very heart of the ministry and shares the history of how prayer has brought Ellel from its humble birth to the international organisation it is now.

A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

Ellel Ministries is essentially a prayer ministry for the nations. It began with God imparting a vision to our founder Peter Horrobin whilst he was re-building a broken down Alvis sports car. God said to Peter, "Which is more important, broken cars or broken lives?" Peter responded with the right answer, "broken lives, Lord" and he knew God had given him the call to begin a ministry of people restoration.

TEN YEARS OF PRAYING AND WAITING

The Lord took Peter into ten years of praying and waiting on Him before the vision was released. Those years were foundational and critical in the preparation of Peter and of the vision to come. Although the name Ellel was not known then, Ellel was grounded and rooted in prayer as the first priority well before its beginning.

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THE BIRTHING

The vision was coming to pass, a building was identified and the first task God gave to Peter was to call together like minded men and women across the denominations to pray. This monthly meeting was named a Prayer Support Group (PSG). This group nurtured the vision in prayer and into its birth at Ellet Grange in 1986. Many miracles were experienced around this time and supernatural answers to prayer. God was confirming His vision, plan and purpose to build a house of prayer for the restoration of people from many nations.

FROM THE UK TO DEBRECEN

As God moved powerfully in people's lives through the Healing Retreats, personal appointments, courses, schools and conferences, so the prayer network grew. Prayer Support Groups rose up all over the UK initially and then further afield into the nations. Twenty seven years later here is a picture of the Debrecen (Hungary) PSG – our wonderful praying supporters!

There are currently over fifty PSGs in the world, not to mention those prayer warriors who commit to pray for the work each day from their homes.



INTERNATIONAL PRAYER UPDATE

For those who want to pray for the ministry, either through a Prayer Support Group or individually, the International Prayer Update is a bi-monthly booklet which is produced for you. The number of centres and spheres of operation means a booklet is needed to cover the prayer requests and thanksgiving for amazing answers to prayer!

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

This booklet is indeed a spiritual warfare missile. The enemy hates it because it puts a tool into the hands of those who

are called to pray. Prayer changes everything. Without prayer, we walk in the flesh and move according to our human ways of thinking and doing. Prayer is a mystery because it is a relationship between the human and the divine. It is in this relationship that God does His most magnificent work and it is through this that heaven comes down to earth. "Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be your Name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven".

Countless numbers of people: our teams, our Associate Prayer Ministers and supporters all over the globe join together to pray for the work of Houses (centres) of Prayer for the Healing of the Nations to receive provision, health, strength and God's anointing and power from on high for all that is done in His name.

Prayer undergirds the ministry. Prayer is at the centre of the ministry day by day – personally, corporately and in the lives of those who come through the doors. Prayer brings about the power of God to usher in the defeat of spiritual forces of darkness, the transformation of people's hearts and the supernatural move of the Holy Spirit to guide and reveal fresh destiny.

It is through the power of prayer within the ministry that God is on the move. It is a privilege to pray and a privilege to be included by our loving Heavenly Father as we experience His plans and purposes unfold.

If you are called to pray and want to receive our International Prayer Update not for information but as a tool for prayer or want to know if there is a PSG near you, please contact our International Prayer Office at Head Office, Ellet Grange: 01524 751651, prayer.cst@elletministries.org

Pierrepont

Anon

*Alone in darkness sat a beautiful child
Image marred by pain and despair
In no tears or laughter encased
The child knew no other place*

*The child with no identity, no name
Was shocked and mesmerised
When into the despair a voice came
Calling out the soft whisper of a name*

*Searching for its origin
Feeling around in the dark
Darts of light in translucent beauty appear
The enclosed depths the shafts spear*

*The child transfixed reaches out
The presence fills all her senses
Absorbs, envelops and surrounds
Peace, beauty and love compounds*

*The light increases, the child pulls away
Aware of degradation and shame
But a figure from the voice appears
Child you need have no more fears*

*The figure begins to weep for the child
The healing water to wash away shame
Enveloping the child in hands which are
marked*

*He takes away fear and shame from the
dark*

*The child at this begins to cry and both
Tears of pain and joy
Into his hands cascade down
And for the ashes he gives her a crown*

*My sacrifice has set you free
My father I will to you bring and
In his arms of love he will envelop
The child of his creation he longs to
develop*

*In his arms the father holds the child dear
And whispers softly into her ear
My precious beautiful child
Your beauty is not diminished
For this place of despair, it is finished.*





On a Mission with NETS

Towards the end of November last year, nineteen trainees from our 30th NETS programme and three leaders left Pierrepont to join our Central and Eastern Europe Team for a Mission Trip to Romania, Slovakia and Hungary.

The first stop was in Romania where they were met by Jim and Tanya Person, leaders of the Central and Eastern Europe Development Team and David and Michelle Moza, leaders of the work in Romania. After a short orientation and explanation of the cultural differences to expect, the team enjoyed exploring the locality and visited a couple of children's homes

Hugh Hardy (Pierrepont leadership) taught a day on Freemasonry and the NETS team dived into their first experience of ministering in a different language, often without translators. They then took some time to visit Ellel Romania's land where David Moza shared with them the vision for a physical centre as well as some ideas of businesses they would like to establish to help fund the work.

Their experience continued as they worked alongside the Romanian team on a Healing Retreat. Some of the NETS team taught and all ministered. There were several testimonies of physical and emotional healing. One man testified that he had been set free from 'huge garbage in his past life', which he had been ashamed to re-live. He said he had received strength to be set free. He said, *"I weigh 85 kilos, but I feel like I weigh 60!"*

Another lady said that she had been "upset with God" for 20 years. *"God helped me through these issues, and now I can hear in my right ear, which I could not do before the Healing Retreat."* Another lady was anointed for the bleeding in her ear, and she is now able to sleep without pain. Others testified to healing from depression and restoration of relationships. Such testimonies bolstered the faith of the NETS trainees as they set off for their next appointment.

After a quick stop-over at Úr Rétje, our centre in Hungary, six of the trainees undertook the long drive to Slovakia, where they took part in the final course of the Slovakian Modular School through either teaching, ministering or drama.

They then returned to Hungary, where they ran an English Speaking Healing Retreat. It was a very special time as they welcomed delegates from various local nations including Bulgaria and Serbia. Utilising all that they had learned over their time working through NETS, the team found creative ways of expressing the heart of God. Sometimes, language need not be a barrier!

Their final morning was a white one as they awoke to find snow had fallen and covered the land around Úr Rétje and a farewell snowball fight ensued!

The experience was a challenging one for all the NETS trainees, yet it was one that increased their faith as they saw all that they had learned put into action. Despite the huge language barriers and large geographical areas to cover, they learned what may be their most important lesson: God is the same, wherever you go in the world.

The team often found creative ways of expressing the heart of God. Language need not be a barrier, even without translators available

NETS What is it?

The Luke **Nine Eleven** Training School (NETS) was named after the foundational verse of Ellel Ministries (Luke 9:11) and was established as an all encompassing training programme that covers the majority of the teaching of the work. Originally three months long, the NETS programme has grown alongside the teaching of Ellel and is now broken down into four stages spread over a year. As well as the teaching programme, there are times of personal ministry, group discussions and supervised practical experience.

Now also nicknamed *"Never, Ever The Same"*, NETS has seen over 1300 people trained from over 70 nations, many of whom have returned home to a very different and much better life!

Visit www.nevereverthesame.com or contact Ellel Pierrepont for further information.



God at work in Africa

Since our initial visits to South Africa in the 1990s and the subsequent appointment of Derek and Beryl Puffett as leaders, the work in Africa has grown way beyond our expectations. With a huge area to cover, a massively diverse population and long-standing historical complexities, serving Africa is not a challenge for the faint-hearted!

Rwanda

A nation finding healing from genocide

Following the atrocities of the 1994 genocide, Rwandan senior politicians and clergy have turned to God for healing for their nation and Ellel is just one part of a group of Christian organisations bringing a Gospel of Hope to a broken land.

Stirred by a knowledge that only God can do such a miracle, the Christian leaders of the country have steadily walked a deep, humble walk of love and forgiveness and have experienced dramatic results.

Our work in this nation began in 2008 and is extremely precious to us. It is living proof that God is interested not just in individual healing but outworking those healings into bringing restoration to a whole nation. We are now working towards establishing a permanent work in Rwanda to enable us to be a continual support to a nation that is finding true and lasting healing in God.

In a report from a recent visit to Rwanda, our team wrote, "One young man said he never realised how much he hated Hutus and he

took the first step to forgive the Hutu tribe for the killings in the genocide of 1994. A lady said she sent text messages to all the Hutus who she knew harmed her family to tell them that she forgave them. Thursday's teaching by Lambert on Inner Healing was so anointed and many released their tears of pain which was locked up for many years. A man who lost both parents at age 11, during the genocide, missed his Mom deeply and struggled to grieve. When he received a hug from one of our team, he was able to receive God's love and cry for the first time from his heart."

A surprise invitation

During a recent visit to Rwanda, Ellel Africa received a surprise invitation from the former Archbishop of Rwanda to meet with three senior aides to the President of Malawi, who is a Christian. They were sent to understand the success story of Rwanda – a country who went through such destruction yet now is a stable and peaceful land, growing in business and infrastructure.

Ronel Geldenhuys (Team Leader, Ellel Africa Missions) says, "They were so excited about the vision of Ellel to equip the church in Healing and Discipleship and saw a desperate need for this in Malawi in order to heal the land. We hand this over to God and trust Him to open the doors we need to walk through."

A New Beginning in Kwazulu Natal

With the growth of the work in South Africa, we have now established an office on the east coast in Kwazulu Natal. Ken and Joy Rowat (previously leaders of Telefriend Durban) are pioneering this work and are excited by what God has already accomplished through their small team of nine. Following their first event in February this year, where 42 delegates attended, they are now establishing a programme of healing retreats, healing services and training courses.

“As always we felt warmly welcomed from the moment we arrived at Shere House on Tuesday evening. The Lord's presence is definitely tangible there. I can confirm that it really is a safe environment where one can share from the heart and at the same time receive solid food during the teachings, be edified during ministry times and receive God's complete healing and restoration through prayer and time in the garden.

It is in the small details that a homey feeling is created at Ellel Ministries. Everything from the hugs from the ministry team to the efforts and finishing touches that the hosts made for the love feast on the last day! It was highly appreciated and so enjoyable! It also blessed both me and my husband to receive a welcome letter with a special verse for each of us. It was so profound and

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Did You Know...

Ellel Africa also run a telephone helpline called Telefriend which assists callers of any age, background and culture in any area of need.

Kenya

We have been ministering in Kenya for six years now and are deeply moved by the work that God has achieved through our small teams who have visited over this time. Our most recent trip, in early February, was one that made us realise that God indeed had gone before us and had a divine plan that was beyond our wildest dreams or expectations. At the invitation of the Anglican Church in Kenya, our team spent three long sessions with 40 Kenyan Anglican Bishops and 80 senior clergy in Nakuru.

Ronel writes, *"The 2-3 days we spent with 120 Anglican Church leaders including all the Bishops of regions all over Kenya was definitely a highlight in the history of the development of Ellel in Africa. We felt so small when we entered the Imani Guesthouse hall in Nakuru. We started off in fear and trembling, facing men and women who are seasoned theologians dressed in their purple shirts and white dog collars. But God gave us grace and confidence through His Word and His Spirit. We shared testimonies and illustrated the teaching with dramas as we would do with any other group. Archbishop Eliud Wabukhala said in his closing speech: 'I want to encourage each Bishop to invite them to your diocese. We need healing and I book them first to come to my area in Nairobi.'"*

Growing Seeds in South Africa

Ellel Africa's regional director, Derek Puffett, has always had a heart for the church. With a background as a church pastor, he is very well acquainted with the needs of a church in relation to offering hope and healing to those who need it. Whilst praying into how to meet this need, Derek felt prompted to look at the resources available within Ellel and the vision for Growing Seeds was born.

Growing Seeds is a 'rental' package consisting of the 'Living the Life' series and the 'Truth and Freedom' series (CDs and DVDs), mainly for use in home groups or cell groups as a systematic way of receiving the foundational Ellel teaching. This is all done with the pastor's approval and more often than not, is rolled out through an entire church where each cell group rents a set. The initial pilot programme in November 2010 ran for 6 months in one cell group in Pretoria. The results were outstanding and a hunger for the teaching was birthed. At the launch 60 cell groups rented a set each for 6 months.

Growing Seeds has developed into a major project that is spreading beyond the confines of the church. Over 195 sets have been rented over the past few years, including to a prison ministry, the South African Defence Force, the corporate environment, a radio station, other ministries and several youth programmes.

We are amazed at what God is doing through this simple work and love hearing of the wonderful testimonies of God's healing hand during these sessions. Most excitingly, many of these churches are building on what they have learned and are establishing ministry teams to serve their own congregations.

“After many years of feeling a continuous ‘shut out’ and ‘alone’ feeling, this is gone! The despair left with it too! And my husband no longer has the claustrophobic feeling he had; neither does he feel overwhelming abandonment anymore. These ‘feelings’ were very real and present even though our head ‘spoke’ differently to us. There is wonderful peace in thinking, believing and feeling the same thing at the same time! This must be the definition of wholeness then?”

“I always thought knowing the truth would be enough to set me free but then through attending these sessions together, the togetherness of the brethren, the intimacy we shared as God was at work in each of us – this was balm to my soul. I no longer feel like I’m surrounded by barbed wire.”

“After suffering for a few years with extreme lower back pain, I was healed immediately during a prayer session with some other leaders after being released from the spirit of fear, especially the fear of man. Not only has the pain and fear gone but I am also more confident and assured of my Father’s love for me.”



Top: Associate Team members, Javan Nandwa (Kenya) and Lambert Bariho (Rwanda)

Above: All the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Kenya sharing in a press release

spot-on to both of us! There were always enough tissues available when needed and even footstools for comfort while sitting on the chairs. We even received name tags so that we could all get to know one another better. I can go on mentioning everything we appreciated, but I guess you get the idea. I want to thank everyone involved for the efforts (no matter how big or small), they put in to serving their fellow believers. You guys truly are examples to the world of what Jesus' hands and feet look like.

The heart of Ellel is to welcome the church, to teach them and to heal the needy and that certainly is being put into action! In doing so God re-

ceives all the glory for it! I guess that's exactly what makes Ellel Ministries such a pure blessing to the church; the fact that God always gets the glory and that in everything the team strives to keep Jesus on the throne where He belongs. In the process God's grace is especially evident because I didn't for one moment feel judged by anyone of the staff members or unaccepted. I honour God for transforming you, and me, into His image daily!”



Reconciliation in France & Germany

In October last year an exceptionally special event took place in St. Laurent du Pont where David Cross (executive director, Ellet Western Europe), five members of our German team and our French team joined each other for a Franco-German convention. As Patrick Chambon (director of Ellet Ministries France) says, *"The aim of this special event is the continued healing of our nations."*

Over 70 delegates attended the weekend and all were impacted by the niche teaching on God's covenants, blessings and curses, generational iniquity, principalities over nations and regions, humanism and human rights, reclaiming the ground as well as vital teaching on repentance and forgiveness. However, it wasn't just the past that the weekend focused on as the team investigated the role of the 'church' today and how healing the past can lead to freedom for the future.

Andreas Hefti (director, Ellet Germany) reports a highlight of the weekend, *"During the Sunday morning service there was a major breakthrough as we were sharing communion together and singing a couple of German worship songs. Several people testified later on that during those German songs, something of the German occupation over the region had broken and that God's peace descended over the hills around the area. In the afternoon we had a very precious time of sharing and praying about the calling of the two nations and closed the day with a time of thanksgiving and deep gratitude in our hearts."*

After an incredible weekend both teams went to pray in the Vercors Mountains where much bitterness and resentment resulting from wartime atrocities still exists. The evocative visit culminated with communion at a remembrance cemetery where the team felt that something of God's work had been accomplished, confirmed through the appearance of a dramatic double rainbow as they travelled back.

This event and the subsequent prayer visits to the historically significant sites were acts of faith. The teams know it was the right thing to do, at the right time and in the right place; yet they do not know what fruits will be borne from their obedience.

During the weekend, as Andreas shared his thoughts with David, it seemed to them that Germany can play a key role in God's plans for restoration and reconciliation in Europe as it has itself experienced a miracle of God's grace and mercy. Luke 7:47 explains that the one who is forgiven much can love much. God can powerfully use a country like Germany when it extends a hand in humility to the surrounding nations and even further afield to the nation of Israel.

Several prophetic words were shared over the weekend, encouraging us to persevere with the work of His Spirit, which will not be stopped by man but will be strengthened by the unity of nations where there once was immense discord. This is emerging as a vital part of the vision for Ellet Ministries in Europe and there is a sense of a quickening to continue a work of healing for nations that God has begun. Andreas concludes, *"We were so blessed through this event in France and are curious how God is going to develop our experience."*



The dramatic double rainbow

Healing the past can lead to freedom for the future



A reconciliatory embrace between a German team member and a French delegate



The Ellet Germany team

Testimonies from Ellet France

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'Following the death of my husband people had forbidden me to cry saying that it is only for the weak. So my emotions remained bottled up and I was unable to mourn for my husband. Having listened to the teachings on emotional wholeness I realised that I was allowed to cry. Out came floods of tears and at last I could mourn my husband's death. It was like a new life beginning within me.'

'For 30 years I bore a burden of guilt for my wife's death. She had fallen ill and in fact never recovered. A pastor said to me "You didn't take enough care of her." Right from conception I had suffered from rejection and it followed me all through my life. Now I have become aware of the problem and have forgiven many. I feel set free from all the guilt. Glory to God.'

'Many years ago, as I was driving my car, I witnessed a car accident on the road. I was shocked to the point that since that time I have been unable to drive in the countryside on my own for fear of having an accident myself. Thank you Lord for this weekend and for the release from fear because now by the grace of God I'm now able to drive on my own in the countryside!'

'In spending time here I found the space and the opportunity to get free from the sin which had been gnawing at me for years deep in my heart and spirit. It took me three visits to build up my courage and believe that God could do it but now I am free! Glory to God and thank you for everything.'

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That's not right!

David Cross continues to explore the truth of human rights.

This journey of exploration started for me in February 2009, while visiting a museum at a chateau in the town of Vizille, near Grenoble. In the eighteenth century, the chateau was instrumental in the preparations for what was soon to become the French Revolution, and the museum is filled with pictures and paraphernalia from that period of French history.

I was visiting the chateau with colleagues from Ellel Ministries on a free day following a nearby conference. Walking down the grand staircase with Patrick, who is director of the work of Ellel in France, we noticed large stone plaques on the wall showing the seventeen articles of the *Declaration of the Rights of Man*, compiled in 1789 shortly after the start of the Revolution, with a desire to establish a completely new basis for a national constitution.

While reading the stone plaques, with the help of translation from Patrick, two sentences from the declaration seemed to shout out from the mass of words covering the wall. The first was in the preamble and it stated, "The National Assembly recognizes and declares, in the presence and under the auspices of the *Supreme Being*, the following rights of man and citizen."

I found myself asking out loud, "Who is that? Who is this Supreme Being giving patronage to these declared rights?" It was not a name I recognized for the God of the Bible. (In fact I have since discovered that the title was commonly associated with various beliefs founded in the eighteenth century *Age of Enlightenment* and adopted by organizations such as *Freemasonry*). My curiosity was getting stirred as I read on and got to the third article: "The source of all sovereignty resides essentially in the nation; no body, no individual can exercise authority that does not proceed from it in plain terms."

Patrick and I almost responded together, "That's not right!" We knew that Jesus says in Matthew 28:18... "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus alone is the source of all sovereignty, however this authority might be distributed by God to mankind.

It seemed that, as I looked at those plaques on the wall, modern stone tablets clearly challenging the commandments of God, He was powerfully stirring my heart. I began to understand that when mankind claims innate rights outside of a covenant with God, significant spiritual authority can be given to the enemy over the life of individuals and even nations. The experience of that day started a personal exploration into the roots and consequences of the philosophy of natural and inalienable rights, a belief which declares that rights to life and liberty, for example, are self-evident and indeed the entitlement of every human being from the conception of our lives. But this is not consistent with biblical truth, which tells us that we have innate value but not innate rights.

Next time I will look further at this pivotal moment in French history which was to deeply affect not just that nation but many countries around the world.



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SNIPPETS...

- Some students travelled over 5,000 km to attend a recent school near Kiev in Ukraine.
- Following the Flagship programme at Gilbulla, 6 of the delegates are establishing a work in Papua New Guinea.
- Ellel Malaysia (Penang) celebrated the official opening of its centre in November last year. We look forward to seeing what God is going to accomplish through the work there.
- Ellel Canada (Ontario) is rejoicing at the donation of an entire commercial kitchen! After years of battling with extremely limited facilities, this is a much needed addition to the work.
- Ellel Central and Eastern Europe are making headway in their pioneering work in Croatia. After a successful visit to three cities, with a course attended by 66 pastors, there are now plans to hold a 6-day ministry school in the spring.
- Praise God for His amazing works... our work in South America has taken a vital leap forward and we are now legally registered as Ellel Ministries Colombia!
- A HUGE well done to Ellel Germany who celebrated 10 years of running Modular Schools and its 5th anniversary as a registered association.
- Ellel Pierrepont and the work of Ellel in Asia are working together strategically with the aim of holding a Chinese language NETS programme in October.
- An amazing 560 delegates attended our 7-day school in Hong Kong, hosted by Ellel Singapore. We continue to pray for all those who attended.
- Our work in Sweden is growing as this year they prepare to host the Modular School in three areas of the country.
- Congratulations to Ellel Scotland who celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special weekend. Joined by some of their supporters, they had a wonderful time looking back at the faithfulness of God over the past ten years, praying into the vision for the future and enjoying some yummy cake!

“I've learned a new language – one I never used before. I called my son and told him I loved him. I called my young daughters and told them I loved them. I spoke to my wife and told her that I loved her. I've never been able to speak the language of love before. Now things are going to be so different.”

FLAGSHIP, SPRINGHILL



Quiver: Reaching the Next Generation

Lisette Endacott shares the origin, vision and future of Quiver – a specialist programme for young people. Having served part-time for two years at Gilbulla, Lisette is now participating in Stage 3 of NETS at Pierrepont.

"Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children are a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies at the gate."
Psalm 127:3-5

The heart of Quiver is to equip the next generation to live a no-compromise life, with a more relaxed, relevant and contemporary teaching approach. There is no watering down of the truth; it's about adapting those powerful truths that Ellet teaches, to attract and impact a younger generation. Prevention is better than cure is a major theme... giving young adults, our future leaders, a firm foundation in Jesus and bringing to them the freedom of Christ's healing that will help them navigate the world they live in.

Their world with ever-increasing technology, huge shifts in moral beliefs, exponential rise in humanism, secularism, hedonism, apathy and narcissism, is crying out for the sons of God to be raised and revealed who can counter such forces. Quiver aims to equip, heal, transform and disciple young people so that they can grow in Christian maturity and stand unashamed as kingdom warriors on the frontline for the next generation.

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Quiver has had a powerful impact since its inception at Ellet Gilbulla Australia in 2005. Initially running free one-day events, it quickly developed into teaching weekends and into a near week long school. The fruit of this ministry has been seen around the world with quite a few Quiver delegates attending longer term Ellet Schools; or joining our Year of Discipleship & Training (YDT); associate ministry team, some even going on to become Ellet teachers and full-time team members.

Our most recent Quiver event here at Ellet Gilbulla was a 6 day school called "Stand" based on Ephesians 6:10-20 and delegates were challenged about what it is to be in a battle. The opening session borrowed a quote from A.W. Tozer, asking the students 'have you boarded a cruise ship or a battle-ship?'. The Christian walk is not meant to resemble life aboard a cruise liner where every need is met, but rather we are called to become 'combat ready'. That school's theme was designed to raise awareness for the Quiver age bracket of the increasing pressures of the last days, awareness of a very real enemy of our souls, and a Holy God who wants us healed for a purpose – restored for a destiny. The heart was to equip through Ellet teaching and reinforce the teaching through activities – whilst having as much fun as possible. It meant that the programmed activities and structure was a teaching tool in itself.



Testimonies from Quiver "Stand" 2013

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"From team challenges to pancakes for breakfast, worship to brilliant teachings, from meeting new people to dining with them at a banquet, I can honestly say Quiver has been one of the highlights of my time on the YDT here at Ellel Gilbulla. The teachings were perfect for our age group, and really touched upon issues that every young person should hear. I would recommend this course to anyone. Your walk with God will be a lot more real by the end of the week." RUTH (19)

"Since I turned 18yrs I have eagerly attended all the Quiver events possible. Not only is it awesome fun every time, but I always learn so much. The atmosphere of having so many young people eagerly listening and learning is amazing, and the activities mean no-one is too energetic to sit and listen (more likely they are grateful to be sitting down). Quiver is always a high point of my year and has absolutely changed my life. I never want to leave after it, so much so that this year I joined the Year of Discipleship and Training to get more!" JOSH (18)

"My personal highlight probably was the night challenge where all the teaching was put into practice. It has been a great visual example of the world we live in and even as a host it really spoke to me. I can't wait for next year's Quiver school!" MICHAEL (21)

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These and other testimonies speak of the impact the kingdom truths can have on the next generation. It is not an easy audience to reach; but God intends to raise leaders from within this generation, to reach this generation.

To quote from the original vision taken from the Quiver Manual: *"As the arrow of an archer is designed to hit the mark and the arrow of a warrior designed to thwart and destroy the enemy, so may our generation be such arrows. Arrows in the hand of the 'Great Warrior', Jesus Christ, may they be provided and equipped with the 'arrows of truth' found in God's word. May Ellel be one of the Lord's quivers to hold close and conceal his arrows as he polishes, refines, sharpens and prepares them".*



A Move of Faith

Relocating the work in Western Australia

Seven years ago Ellel Australia spread its wings from its original home at Gilbulla, near Sydney and established a new centre near Perth, Australia. Springhill was to become a new home to the work of Ellel Ministries, serving Western Australia without the huge travel costs and times it takes to traverse the width of the country to Gilbulla.

The work progressed well but Springhill is a very large site, with many acres of land and a sizeable number of buildings, all of which needed attention and maintenance but weren't being used to anywhere near their full capacity.

Set in a stunningly beautiful location, Springhill has been a haven to many and a place where lasting healing has been found. However, such beauty and peace is a result of being some distance from the centre of Perth, thus making transportation for delegates a very real issue.

Last year the decision was made to relocate the work of Ellel Western Australia nearer to the centre of Perth. Springhill held its last event in December 2012.

We continue to search for the perfect property to re-establish the work in Western Australia. We aim to be running events in this area from mid-2013. In the mean time, in the east, Gilbulla continues to run its programme of events as usual.



A Pilgrimage of Freedom (Part 2)

For Stuart, the first 4 months of the Modular School was a waiting game; waiting to see when God was going to 'do it all'. Expecting God to come and just power-wash his whole life so he could get on with whatever God wanted him to do, Stuart was challenged when, during ministry, the ministry team stopped and said that he needed to wait until it was the right time to deal with the issues. Soon after, God gave Stuart a picture of a red brick wall that had a hose pipe washing it, starting in the left corner, slowly dissolving the brick to reveal a bright white light. Stuart knew from this moment that his healing was not going to be a power-wash miracle in one day but a gentle and deep journey that would take time. The relief was tangible... he knew that this was God's grace bringing him through his past and into his destiny in a gentle and loving way. And once again, Stuart's perception of God was challenged at the very core.

There were two significant courses for Stuart and Jean on the Modular course. Interestingly, they were the two courses that they thought weren't relevant to them! The anger course stirred something very deep in Jean's life and she left emotionally strung out. Stuart was not impressed with the version of his wife that he had that month! It was a hard time as Jean got to grips with the reality of the pain of her past and the raw emotions were never far away. God gave Stuart the grace and wisdom to handle the days whilst also dealing with the shock

of seeing his usually "all together" wife struggle so much. Later, the Creativity course had a major impact on both of their lives. It also opened both their perceptions of how they could worship God through dance/flags etc. God spoke to Stuart and said, "I want you outside with the flags." Believing that such activities were not for men, Stuart's response was simple, "No way!" Eventually, he gave in and before the end of the course he was outside with flag, revelling in the promise of God, "His banner over me is love."

Many, many aspects of the Modular School have impacted Stuart and Jean's lives. The teaching, the ministry, the fellowship times, the practical times of ministering to others have all mingled together to form an amazing healing experience. Yet, one thing stands out as their most treasured aspect of the time: As Stuart himself says, "It is the honesty of the team. They say, 'We are not perfect, you are not perfect, let's get on and help others.'" This is what appeals

to both Stuart and Jean, a real and honest ministry that is always focusing on how we are doing in our own walk as well as saying, "How can I help others?"

Now, they are helping others! Having completed Modular A&B, they are now working through Modular C and are joining in more and more with ministering to others. Having been "thrown in the deep end" on some courses and having ministered on their own to other delegates, they are



now living fruits of God's mercy, grace and unimaginable love and faithfulness.

Was it worth the pain, the finances, the time? Yes... they live their lives free of rejection, free of fear of others, living in faith and the knowledge that God is in control. When Jean was asked to leave a ministry session

by the course delegate, Jean felt no rejection but just asked God to show her who to pray for next and ended up being mightily blessed – a far cry from how she would have reacted two years ago! Stuart, having lost his job, knows that this is God's answer to his prayer, "Lord, give me more time to work for you."

Stuart and Jean are living a new life of freedom; there is no fear of the future just excitement for what God has for them in the rest of their pilgrimage. Assured that God has a pilgrimage plan for each one of us, they want to encourage us all to walk that pilgrimage path and can wholly testify that no matter how difficult it may be at times, it is well worth it.

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Wanted:

Web Developer / Programmer

Ellel Ministries International is in need of an enthusiastic, well motivated and creative person to take on the development of Ellel Ministries Online. This will include the main Ellel websites in regions around the world as well as the development of Ellel 365 – Ellel's online training and discipleship program. As a minimum this person will need to be skilled in programming in PHP, HTML and CSS as well as having a good working knowledge of online databases.

Interested? In the first instance please send a brief summary of your experience, abilities and Christian testimony to our human resources department at

robert.bay@ellelministries.org



Testimony from a Healing Retreat in Colombia

In my childhood I suffered rejection and deep emotional and physical abuse which resulted in a deep sense of insecurity and failure. During the Healing Retreat the Lord healed me and restored me. He gave me a new identity and healed me from a persistent cough, pain in my knees and removed the hump on my back. Now I walk straight and the future is promising in the Lord's hands.





Operation Blairmore: Caring for the Shepherds

Blairmore House in Scotland hosts the specialist Operation Blairmore Retreats, specifically designed for pastors and leaders who are struggling in difficult personal situations, or have become exhausted in the battle and are desperately in need of rest and recuperation. With no fixed programme, these 10-14 day retreats offer peace, privacy, rest and personal ministry for those who hold key leadership roles in a church, organisation or business.



A New Season in Life

Doug and Linda Abner had highly successful careers as well as serving in ministry in the USA for over 30 years. When they retired Doug and Linda believed they were entering a new season in their lives and came to Ellel Scotland for Leading from the Front and an Operation Blairmore retreat to help prepare them for this transition in their lives. Here they share their personal story.

We have served as pastors for over 25 years. Doug stepped down as Senior Pastor in January 2012. We believe we are in a new 'season' of our lives. We were part of the leadership in praying for our city, Manchester, Kentucky to be delivered and transformed. We saw what the Lord can do when God's people come together in one accord and earnestly pray. In 2004, 63 churches and 3500 people marched through our small town in Eastern Kentucky saying ENOUGH! We were finally desperate for the Lord's presence to come. Political corruption and drugs had taken over our city. The story of Manchester was made into a two hour documentary by the Sentinel Group called "Appalachian Dawn". Since 2010 God has allowed us to take the message of hope throughout America using Manchester "City of Hope" as the example.

We attended *Leading from the Front* at Blairmore House in Scotland this past November with leaders from around the world. The teaching was life changing. God's peace and love surrounded us. Words cannot express how well we were treated by all the staff at Blairmore House. We know we will never be the same and hope to visit again soon.

Operation Blairmore was a much needed healing time for both of us. We knew this had to happen for what the Lord was preparing us to do. We both had prayer times with some of the ministry team and were amazed at how we both had fears, but reacted so differently.

Linda said "I realized I had the 'Martha' spirit. I felt I didn't deserve to just sit at the feet of Jesus like 'Mary' without serving

SNIPPETS...

- Further to our article in the last edition of *Ellel Connect*, we are delighted to say that our New Zealand directors, Paul and Jillian, have signed a contract for the rebuilding of their earthquake destroyed home, which should be completed by October. Other team members are also now in more permanent accommodation.
- Ellel Ontario are rejoicing in an answer to prayer for a very practical problem. Having been given a quote of \$30,000 to fix their failing boiler, it was all resolved for an actual cost of under \$1,000!
- Ellel Sweden are moving forward at a pace and are holding teaching days in the major cities of Gothenburg on May 1st and Stockholm on May 4th.

Him. I had to prove myself and serve Him first. I always wondered, 'Did Jesus make a misfit?' I could never try to win, or be first for anything, and never felt like I deserved something new. I felt guilty when the Lord was so good to me because I needed healing from my past. Important lesson for me, I had been delivered but not totally healed."

Doug said "I learned why I was afraid to step out into the next 'season' of ministry. The Lord showed me I was afraid of being alone. As I grew up I learned to act strong – never admitting I felt alone and afraid. This is why when making a stand (and I have had to make many) it was so hard and exhausting for me at times. I asked Jesus to forgive me for trying to take care of my own life. I dropped my defence mechanism and invited the Lord to take over. As I let the Lord lead and control my life, I told the Lord I trusted Him and I would follow Him and obey Him."

We have a saying here in the hills of Eastern Kentucky: "If the horse you have been riding has died – for God's sake, dismount!" We believe many people have been riding dead horses. This is a new season for all of us. We *must* hear His voice clearly and *obey Him* as He speaks.

Thank you Ellel for your love.





The Unsung Heroes of Ellet Ministries

We are immensely grateful for those who join us in the task of making things happen. All of our teams are stretched and it is the unstinting support of volunteers that is integral to the smooth running of our centres.

The most obvious addition to our full-time team members is that of our amazing Ministry Team; a group of trained prayer ministers who give freely an incredible amount of time to pray for others during healing retreats, courses and personal appointments. Many of these people have jobs of their own and give much of their spare time to praying for others at our centres.

A less visible group of unsung heroes is our intercessors who have committed to pray for Ellet regularly in their own homes as well as attending regular Prayer Support Groups if they can. This is tremendously heartening to the full-time team and very influential in the working of the ministry as a whole.

Our volunteer workers offer different skills and assistance to our centres either for a set period of time, a certain time each week or just come at busy times when a centre needs them most. Each one has a vital role to play.

All of these people give freely of their time and often at their own personal expense. A huge **THANK YOU** to each and every volunteer – you really do make it happen!



Inspired to partner with us?

If you have been inspired by what you have read in this edition of *Ellet Connect*, would you consider partnering with us and committing to support the work financially? We are a faith-based ministry which needs regular income to continue the work that you have read about in this newsletter. If you can commit to donating even a small amount regularly or a one-off donation, it will make a huge difference to what we can achieve in the future.

You can donate securely online at www.elletministries.org/donate, contact our Head Office +44 (0) 1524 753 840, or post a cheque to **Head Office, Ellet Grange, Ellet, Lancaster, LA2 0HN.**

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