

the attitudes in a Giyani high school through honest dealings with the administration.

It was a pleasure to work with a team spanning the generations, students and grandparents, with immense experience in education, health, business and the Church.

Edward Howard, Sam Mxolisi Pono

ROYAL LIBRARY'S PRAISE

In the Netherlands we have launched into a new phase with MRA. Probably for the first time in our existence, by June we had printed a programme for late 1998 and early 1999 – a nice brochure (including an application card) which we sent out with our newsletter *Ander Nieuws*. The programme was planned by five groups, who are taking responsibility for: 1. family conferences; 2. lunches, evenings and days on a specific theme; 3. youth activities; 4. nourishment of friendship and teamwork; 5. public relations.

This initiative came from a good friend, who wrote Johannes and me last year with some criticisms about the way MRA operated in the Netherlands. We spent an interesting evening discussing this with him and his wife. As a result, 25 people gathered for a weekend last March, where we brainstormed about the next season's programme and formed the working groups. Already unexpected applications are coming in. We will start planning the next programme in February!

We are now on the World Wide Web, under the name www.moreleherbewapening.nl. The site was developed by our son Christiaan (nearly 17) and myself. I look after the content, and Christiaan the technical aspects (by far the more difficult). Recently the person responsible for the Royal Library's information database contacted us. He classifies good quality Dutch websites, and chose our page, he said, because of 'its quality, its regular updating, and its interesting links with other countries.'

Hennie de Pous-de Jonge

A DEEP TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE NEEDED

More than 80 people from all parts of the US gathered in Richmond, Virginia, for a national meeting this month. The presence of Dr Thomas Kargbo, former Ambassador from Sierra Leone to Washington, and his wife, Aminata, and the participation of friends from Fiji, Norway, Cambodia and the Philippines, helped us keep a global perspective at a time when our nation is tempted to turn in on itself.

As we reviewed the outreach and fresh opportunities created by the Caux Scholars' Program, Hope in the Cities, the International Communications Forum, the Agenda for Reconciliation and the Caux Round Table we were looking for ways to weave these initiatives together and find the points of common action.

We were reminded that the theme given us for the Richmond conference in 1993 – 'Healing the Heart of America' – still speaks to the need for a deep transforming experience that answers the moral

needs and divisions not only in our leadership but the nation as a whole. We began to look towards the year 2000 and explore ways we could draw the threads together and effectively speak to our nation.

We were challenged by veteran team member Jim Houck, now over 90, who had been alongside Bill W. when he launched the Alcoholics Anonymous movement in the 1930s out of the Oxford Group. Houck is now being invited all over the country to help reintroduce the basic principles of the OG/MRA to AA.

While we take the experience of MRA nationwide we must also seek to deepen our message and meet people at their point of need.

We carefully reviewed the report from the consultation in Jamaica and discussed our response. We gained a heightened sense of our responsibility as we move toward more effectively sharing global leadership for the work of MRA. We are experimenting with new ways to share responsibility; we have created a National Steering Committee to help coordinate our various initiatives, and develop national and regional opportunities for the wider team to gather for regular times of planning, team building and spiritual renewal.

**The US National Steering Committee:
Kathy Beenen, Susan Corcoran, Bryan Hamlin,
Michael Henderson and Catherine Linton.**

DOUBLE THE SCHOOLS; MORE PEOPLE NEEDED

With the new school year under way, the UK Schools Venture has visited seven schools in the Newbury area, speaking to up to 200 students at a time. With me are Danielly Assis (Brazil), Allison Kenny (USA) and Goretti Nguyen (Australia/Vietnam). Their experiences of life complement each other in a deeply challenging way.

We discuss questions such as: Is there a difference between doing things 'because I feel like it' and doing what I feel to be right? Is finding the right career the same as finding a purpose in life? At the end of each session we have a time of silence. The teachers are often amazed at how readily the students sit silently together. At the end of one session, the teacher urged the students to stay and talk with us, even if it meant they would be late for their next lesson. Twelve stayed, talking about families, relationships and the quiet time.

Next week we go to Cornwall, thanks to the initiative of Joan Dolphin who, in her eighties, is keen to help young people find meaning in their lives.

In October and November we have programmes in 45 schools, more than twice as many as last year. In January we will gear the schools programme into the 'Clean Slate' campaign. Our theme will be 'A chance to rethink'. We hope to have more than one team in action at the same time, but for this we will need more young people working with us from January. If you know any potential candidates for this adventure as a UK co-worker, please let me know.

Howard Grace

CONSULTATION 1999

READY FOR 2000 – GLOBAL FRIENDS IN GLOBAL TASKS

The next International Consultation will be held in South Africa from March 5 to 12, on the invitation of South African colleagues. The venue will be Chapel Hill, a conference centre one hour's drive from both Johannesburg and Pretoria in a beautiful rural setting.

The agenda for this consultation is in a formative stage. We would very much value your feed-back as we look for the questions that most need to be addressed during this consultation.

In recent years many have been led to undertake specific programmes such as Hope in the Cities, Foundations for Freedom, Agenda For Reconciliation, and others throughout the world. What part do these play in carrying out our global calling? How can the core values of MRA be sustained and deepened? How does every last person in our far-flung fellowship feel part of a meaningful whole, whether they participate in a named programme or not?

As we approach a new century, what are the common concerns of the human family which require our attention? Are there core issues such as economic justice and corruption, ethnic and interfaith confrontations, which require all our thought and could draw us into common action? How do we prepare ourselves individually and collectively? What needs to change in ourselves and the ways we work? How do we inspire change in others?

As well as deliberating on these major themes, this consultation will also have the task of confirming the introduction of the International Council and selecting new people to serve on that body.

Following the consultation, there will be an opportunity over the weekend of March 13-14 to meet with people in Pretoria. Our hosts also hope that some may be able to stay longer to visit other parts of the country.

The ideal number for a consultation is 30. As usual, representation should come from across the world work of MRA, and people should attend with the backing of their teams. There will be a particular need to have delegates with experience of MRA's named programmes.

Suggestions about who should attend the consultation, and thoughts on the questions above, should be sent by November 30 to the Consultation Preparation Team, c/o Claire Leggat, Stapleford, Woodhurst Park, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9HA, UK; fax: +44 1883 730 053, tel: +44 1883 720 756; e-mail: l06l34.320@compuserve.com

**John Mills, Claire Leggat and Bryan Hamlin
on behalf of the Preparation Team**

STOP PRESS....YOUR LAST CHANCE!! EXTENDED DEADLINE: 30TH NOVEMBER

Please send your nominations for the International Coordinating Group/International Council. At the consultation in South Africa we will select three new members to join this group in 1999 and three more for 2000. This is a new round of nominations, so please send ALL suggestions, including ones you have sent before, to: The Consultation Support Group, 73 Victoria Road, Oxford OX2 7QG email: csg@oxford.mra.org.uk

Mona Marzouk & Marianne Spreng

If the Jamaica proposals are adopted in March there will be an

EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITY

of global service to MRA

The International Coordination Group is looking for candidates for the new Secretariat of the International Council and the World Consultation. (Please see Jamaica documents enclosed with this World Bulletin)

A good knowledge of MRA activities essential

International communications, computer, secretarial and administrative skills needed.

Re-location may not be essential but periodic travel will be necessary
3-5 years commitment starting March 1999

The team would be facilitating the development of MRA and gain
a unique insight into this world wide network.

If you, or anyone else you know, are interested, please contact the ICG
c/o Suresh Khatri, GPO Box 12418, Suva, Fiji. E-mail: slkhatri@is.com.fj

LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

We are jointly taking on the job of coordinating the service shifts at Caux. Frédéric Chavanne, who has dedicated much time and care to this over the past seven years, will support us.

In the last few years we have recruited service leaders through advertisements in British universities. This year we would like to widen our scope to the rest of Europe and the world. We are offering those who wish to deepen their experience with MRA the opportunity to lead a service team for two or three weeks in summer 1999. A Moldovan has already taken on this commitment, and we are looking for 15 more volunteers. Who do you know who is interested in gaining a great experience of caring for others? Please send suggestions, comments or ideas to 35 Hyndland Road, Hyndland, Glasgow G12 9UY, UK. Tel: +44 141 334 5608 e-mail: 9500012p@student.gla.ac.uk

Franziska Berdat and Douglas Paine

FACTS ON FAXES, PHONES AND ADDRESSES

United States: George and Berni Lemon's e-mail address is: now 37@juno.com
Mike Olson's address in the World Address List

needs correction: 4626 France Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN, 55410 (not Edina, MN 55435).
Russia: Since he was at Caux, Igor Chegis' e-mail address has changed to: chegis@df.ru
United Kingdom: Ann Rignall now has e-mail: rignalla@aol.com – as has Polestar: Polenews@aol.com David Peters has a new e-mail address: David Peters3@compuserve.com
Claire Leggat's is: 106134.320@compuserve.com
South Africa: All MRA e-mail addresses in South Africa are replaced by the following: Jackie Euvrard: jeuvrard@mra.org.za Pieter Horn: phorn@mra.org.za Vilma Maritz: vmaritz@mra.org.za Samuel Pono: spono@mra.org.za (not functional yet).
MRA South Africa: mra@mra.org.za (only if you don't know whom to write to).
Australia: Barbara and John Williams' e-mail address is now: jbhwill@ozemail.com.au
New Zealand: Garfield and Helen Hayes' PO Box is no longer in use. Their postal address is: 'Normanvale', Hakataramea Valley, RD Kurow, North Otago.
Sweden: new e-mail addresses – Gunnar Wieselgren: gunnarwieselgren@swipnet.se – and Ahmed Hussen Egal: egal.ahmed@jarfalla.mail.telia.com

Calendar of Events

OCT '98	<u>Kreisau Poland</u>	Healing the past: forging the future conference	Oct 1 - 4
NOV '98	<u>Haguenau France</u>	Planning for Caux 1999	Nov 4 - 9
DEC '98	<u>Caux Switzerland</u>	'To venture or not to venture – that is the question' – New Year conference	Dec 26 - Jan 2
DEC '98	<u>Moldova</u>	FFF Regional Meeting	Dec 28 - Jan 3
DEC '98	<u>Asia Plateau India</u>	Asia Pacific Youth Conference	Dec 28 - Jan 4
JAN '99	<u>Batemans Bay Australia</u>	'Launching out – beach camp for young teenagers	Jan 6 - 12
JAN '99	<u>Asia Plateau India</u>	Study Course – 'Daring to Live Effectively'	Jan 8 - Feb 12
FEB '99	<u>Armagh Melbourne</u>	'Life Matters' course for young adults	Feb 12 - 21
MAR '99	<u>Chapel Hill South Africa</u>	MRA Global Consultation	Mar 4 - 11
MAR '99	<u>Tirley Garth UK</u>	Global Club	Mar 26 - 28

The deadline for the next Bulletin is Sunday, November 15, 1998

John Bond 151 Kent Street Hughes ACT 2605 Australia Tel: +61 2 6281 0940	Andrew Lancaster 10 Dooley Place Curtin ACT 2605 Australia Tel: +61 2 6281 2107
Fax: +61 2 6285 3616 e-mail: 100035.3123@compuserve.com	

Those named below distribute the World Bulletin in their area: Asia: South - C Iralu; Malaysia - Santa Maria; Philippines - Calma; Japan, Rest - Nagano; Australia - A Lancaster; Pacific - Annette Porteous; Africa: East - Patel; South - Euvrard; Nigeria, Rest - Agbih; N. America: Canada - Weeks; USA - Ruffin; Latin America: Brazil, Rest - Puig; Caribbean - Richard Wilson; Europe: France - Lasserre; Germany - Bräckle; Denmark - Jørgensen; Finland - Koponen; Norway - Eskeland; Sweden - Söderlund; Switzerland - Spreng; UK - B Cummock; Austria - Vock; Netherlands, Belgium - J de Pous; Central and Eastern Europe - E Peters; Middle East - Christodoulides