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The occasional newsletter of the Southeast London Fellowship of Operation Mobilisation

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What really goes on in the FOREST HILL building?



God has provided a remarkable facility for OM at 39 Honor Oak Road in London. It houses 16 individual offices, in use by OM India, the Missions Mobilisation Network, OM UK Financial Development, Special Projects and other OM admin staff. Add to this the display area, conference rooms, equipped dining room and kitchen. The Book Room provides literature for church meetings and visitor use.

The meeting room is in regular use both for OM and outside functions.

- ✦ Tuesdays - OM Prayer meeting
- ✦ Local church use on Sunday afternoons
- ✦ August 12 - OM ships reunion & Logos Hope update
- ✦ September 22 - Special Projects Dinner

Suzanne Bell is God's provision for Kenny and everyone at Forest Hill. She works as PA and office assistant, serving the whole team with a cheerful spirit.

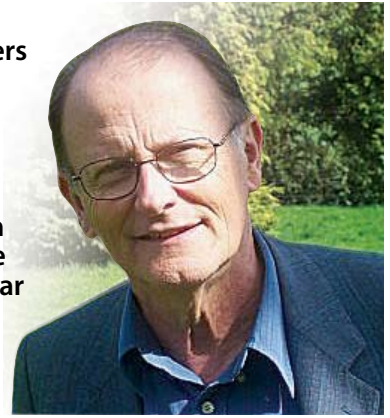


A facility for OM and the church

A multiple-purpose office-cum-meeting centre within a stone's throw of central London surely is a gift from God. We have space for more people/groups to use and are open to discuss terms. Obviously OMers in need of facilities would be our priority, but we are open to other groups with similar aims as ourselves. Please contact **Kenny Gan** for details:

kenny@spj.om.org or (44) 20 8699 6077

About thirty members of the Southeast London OM Fellowship withdrew for two days to Otford Manor in the beautiful Kent countryside. We look back with gratitude to God for the blessings of the past year in our Fellowship. Our three days together were rich, relaxing and refreshing.



Otford Manor May 23 - 25

The Fellowship in retreat

Fred Flack brought us Bible ministry from Nehemiah—but more than that he brought us the inspiration of his life. Fred served God for many years in India and in July he turned 99. In his words: "God is still giving me fresh bread!"



Malou Bolton moved us with her gifts in mime. She and her husband **Gareth** are regular Bible teachers with Oak Hall Travels, who own the Otford Manor centre, where our retreat was held.



Ivan Neira travelled from Oswestry to help keep us informed about—and praying for—the ministry of OM UK.

Dave & Mathilda Armstrong, OM Associates who run STV, a Christian video production company, joined us for the retreat.



Betty Wong from E. Malaysia who stayed in Forest Hill for six months to help in many departments—book room and office—brought her smile and willing spirit. Thank you, Betty!



We prayed for the far-reaching ministry of **Gerry Davey** in Christian publishing in Eastern Europe and further afield—and we were moved by his wife **Jean** sharing her memories of OM in the early days.





George and Drena & Special Projects

Our hearts break as the news comes in from Lebanon and Israel as we have been involved in both countries for over 40 years. Let's not give up praying!

As a Fellowship and Special Projects, we are involved in 100 countries and we need urgent prayer for the financial breakthroughs needed to move forward with many cutting-edge, key projects.

We sometimes hear of large gifts, especially for the ship ministry, but in fact it is the small gifts that keep most of us and our ministries moving forward.

All of us here in SE London are thankful for your love, partnership and generosity.

George Verwer

www.georgeverwer.com

Please note a very special event

Special Projects Dinner

September 22nd
Venue: 39 Honor Oak Road,
Forest Hill, SE23 3SH
at 6:30 (for 7 p.m.)

Anyone who supports, or has supported the ministry and prays for us is welcome

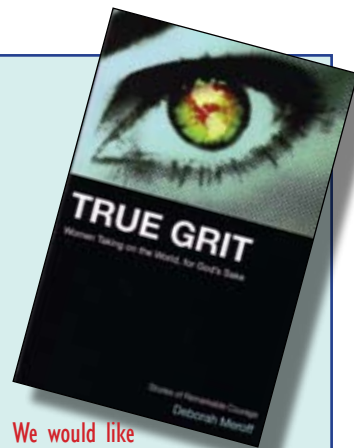
Please RSVP by Sept. 19th
vera@verwer.om.org

Writing with a passion

Debbie Meroff, from the New England state of North America, has over the last 20 years travelled to 99 countries as OM's international writer and photographer. She is a member of the OMNI team (OM News & Information). Debbie has authored six books and hundreds of articles. "My goal is to 'write the vision' with such clarity and passion that readers will get involved in building God's Kingdom worldwide!"



True Grit by Debbie Meroff is a wake-up call to crises facing women around the world, told through the exciting stories of nine courageous people and hard-hitting 'vital statistics' files. George Verwer names this as his book of the decade and is resolved to see a million copies flooded around the world.



We would like to send you a gift copy of Debbie's book — help towards postage costs would be appreciated.

Write to:
Special Projects
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25 years that have changed the world

Vera Zabramski has served for more than 25 years as George's secretary.

When I first started working for George it was only for one year. The journey has been anything but boring! It's hard to believe so much time has gone by. At my desk with a typewriter—and now with a computer—I have touched the world through helping George in his leadership and ministry, writing letters to encourage people to go, give and send.

I have a great love for young people and children, and a burden for people suffering from AIDS. It's a privilege to be a vital part of George's team in helping find supporters for many projects that make the world a better place.



Waiting on God

In May **Mike** and **Ann Hey** moved to London from Adelaide (Australia) to join our Fellowship while they wait for the launch of the *M.V. Logos Hope*. They have served for 30 years with OM including several years in India, Area Co-ordination of OM South Asia and six years in leadership of the *M.V. Doulos*. "Our time in London is an important step to prepare us for our future."



Preparing the next generation

As retired teachers, Dennis and Carole have always had a special concern—coupled with decades of expertise—for the educational needs of the children within OM. They are linked, not only with the world of OM, but also with many Mission Schools across the world and work to help with their constant requests for teachers and resources.

Focus on Prayer

- Jonathan Hall, son of Martin and Jencie, was in Beirut at the Summer Campaign conference when the Israelis began to pound the city in mid-July. Thank God for their safety. Jonathan begins his studies at university in September.
- We have some immediate personnel needs on the Forest Hill team:
 - Operations Manager to look after the maintenance of buildings, vehicles, etc.
 - Long-term caretaker and conference manager
 - OM London assistant rep



Their special responsibility is for the OM Ship Schools. During the year they visit each ship to encourage both staff and parents. Currently they are very focused on the preparation of the new school on *Logos Hope*.

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