

Morality Forum Update

Standing up for family values in society

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“BACK TO BASICS...”

By John O’Neill

Recently I attended a Peace Symposium event organised in West London by the Ahmadiyya Muslims. There were a number of distinguished guests and speakers at the event including the two local Labour MP’s and the Deputy Mayor of London. One of the main speakers, Mr Hayat, addressing the politicians said, “You cannot say anymore that you ‘do not do God.’ What kind of message is that saying to our families and young people? We have got to get back to basics.” The “do not do God” phrase was used by Alistair Campbell, Tony Blair’s former personal assistant when Blair was once asked by a journalist about his faith.

I felt very encouraged and grateful for what Mr Hayat said by challenging the politicians about God. It was exactly what they needed to hear I felt, especially following the recent furore about MP’s expenses.

We obtain our moral and ethical values from our religions. The tenets and virtues contained within all the major religions are the basis for harmony, peace and development within any society. The core message at the heart of all religious teachings is: to live for the sake of others. Godly values should be at the very centre of any society, and in particular at the heart of family
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Family Breakdown

High Court Judge Sir Paul Coleridge has spoken out strongly regarding family breakdown. He has advocated that the reaffirmation of marriage should be used as the gold standard. On one particular day in London recently well over 100 family courts were dealing with family breakdown in one guise or another! When we multiply that across the country it is truly tragic what is happening in our society through family breakdown. Sir Paul spoke of witnessing the endless game of “musical relationships” and “pass the partner.” He also spoke about the children involved in family breakdown. Cases involving damaged, miserable or disturbed children. “Do children relish the endless change of partners, or adapt to a new step-parent?”

Well done Sir Paul for speaking out. Who can put a price on the traumas caused to countless adults and children caught up in family breakdown?

Ian Duncan-Smith’s social policy report has highlighted family breakdown as the root fundamental problem in relation to the major ills afflicting our society. Let us hope and pray that his very sensible recommendations will be implemented as soon as possible

Sex education

Morality Forum supporter Bruno Klotz was very shocked and upset after looking at websites which were listed on a Family Planning Association leaflet called *4 You*. The websites, which contained explicit, highly promiscuous sexual content, were listed on a leaflet brought home by Bruno’s ten-year-old son! Bruno contacted his son’s school Head teacher and it transpired that the Head had not seen the relevant websites. After viewing the websites the Head wrote a letter to all the parents with children at her school warning them about the websites, and also a promiscuous brochure. She also informed teachers nationwide as well as contacting the local council, who then contacted the FPA. The FPA then withdrew the leaflet stating that the listed websites were a “printing error.”!!! The FPA is government funded and probably large quantities of these leaflets were in many schools. Special thanks to Bruno for his vigilance, and also to Norman Wells from Family and Youth Concern. Norman gave great support and help to Bruno regarding this sordid matter. Norman has written an excellent book, *Too Much Too Soon* about the topic of sex education. This book covers all the various angles regarding sex education, and is strongly recommended for any parent with a child attending a school. The cost is £3:50
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life. Studies show conclusively that without a strong moral code no society in history has been able to survive for long. Prior to the nineteen sixties a Christian ethos was prevalent in Britain. This was reflected in many laws and social policies which were implemented by people who made their decisions according to Christian principles. The sexual revolution and the permissive society in the 1960's led to tragic events such as the Law Commission established in 1965, which destroyed censorship, allowed amoral sex education, and also divorce and abortion on demand. Turning away from a religious ethos has meant that there has been a ten-fold increase in crimes and enormous increases in social problems since the 1950's. We reap as we sow!

Governments should be legislating and making decisions underscored by a religious ethos. This is particularly vitally important in relation to traditional family values, which are the basis for stability and prosperity in any society. Very sadly in recent times governments have gone very far away from thinking from a *higher* viewpoint. Decisions on key moral and family issues are being made based on secular, humanistic, thinking. Religious views are being marginalised and people's consciences trampled upon. There is evidence now that pornography is destroying middle class marriages. There are 57 channels of porn available for viewing in Britain! In a decent civilised society there should be no place for insidious commodities such as pornography. Now, there is also the possibility that parents' will not be able to withdraw their children from sex education lessons, and that freedom of speech concerning contentious religious issues such as the subject of homosexuality will not be allowed. These are very sinister developments which need to be challenged. All the religions should now come together and speak with one voice, to ensure that our basic fundamental rights as religious people are not taken away. Let us all realise the seriousness of the situation, and through our prayers and actions strongly defend our cherished noble beliefs and values.



I will close this article with a very encouraging, poignant quote from St. Augustine. I am sure that if we all do our best to adhere to the following words we will be able to bring about a desperately needed religious revival in our nation. "Pray as though everything depends on God. Act as though everything depends on you!"

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including p&p. Also, highly recommended is *sex education or indoctrination* by Valerie Riches. This book costs £5:00 plus p&p. To order both books contact F&YC: Jubilee House, 19-21, High Street, Whitton, Twickenham, TW2 7LB Tel: 0208942525 email:info@famyouth.org.uk

Television

Sir Michael Parkinson (TV chat show host) has strongly criticised television programmes stating that: "programmes were no longer being made for an audience reckoned to have an IQ larger than the numbers in a bingo bag." He mentioned in particular the foul language used in some of the cookery programmes, as well as the lack of creativity being shown in general, and the reliance on "ratings grabbing entertainment." Teachers from the NASUWT union have also criticised television stating that TV was eroding children's ability to concentrate. There are growing concerns that too much TV was undermining pupils' social skills and encouraging bad behaviour. Programmes such as *Little Britain* and *the Catherine Tate Show* were quoted because of children copying the bad example and behaviour shown in such programmes. There is no doubt at all that standards have dropped alarmingly in recent years on television. The *anything goes* mentality has got to change and one clear sign of this is that the BBC has bowed to PUBLIC OPINION and has banned swearing on their channels before 10pm. This is only a start as swearing should not be necessary at all on television. People who have to use swear words to spice up their acts or programmes only show that, sadly, they are morally and intellectually deficient. Let's keep the momentum going, especially for the sake of our young people!

Crime statistics

George Kinsella (the father of 16 year old Ben Kinsella, who was fatally stabbed to death by 3 men even though he had done nothing wrong) has made the following statement: "How many more families will have to stand on the street outside the Old Bailey to get justice? Knife crime is now sadly embedded in the heart of Great Britain., always running the lives of gangs and feral youths. Parents live in fear until their children are safely home. It could be a wrong word, a wrong look or a wrong post code."

Home Office annual crime statistics show that young muggers have increased by 75% in the past decade. Figures from the European Commission show a 77% increase in murders, robberies, assaults and sexual offences in Britain since 1997.

Britain is rated as the most violent country in Europe.

Two thirds of violent criminals avoid jail in Britain as well as 4 out of 5 knife carriers. 8% of teenage boys carry a knife.

The derisory (and lack of) sentences handed out to many criminals is a major factor for the appalling rises in crimes, but the underlying problem is a lack of proper role models for our young people, as well as a lack of Father figures, and the breakdown of traditional moral and family values. We are all challenged by such horrific crime statistics to do our best to be a good example and to continually strive in working to see proper family and moral values becoming predominant again in our society.

Where will you draw the line?

By Dr. James Dobson

The following article by Dr. James Dobson was first published in 1993. We are publishing this excellent article because it is still very relevant concerning the key spiritual/moral issues facing our nation at the present time. Dr. Dobson still holds the same views as expressed in the article.

In March this year, US pro-family campaigner and child psychologist Dr James Dobson, wrote one of his longest letters ever to supporters of the Focus on the Family movement.

Dr. Dobson's letter reports the crisis time in the US following the election of professed Baptist President Clinton. On the 'Black Saturday' (23rd January 1993) following his inauguration, Dobson writes, "the president issued five executive orders as follows: (1) he permitted the tiny bodies of aborted babies to be used in medical research; (2) he lifted the restriction on abortion counselling in federally funded clinics; (3) he began the process of importing the abortifacient RU 486, which could ultimately result in many millions of additional deaths; (4) he removed the prohibition (or attempted to) on openly active homosexuals and lesbians in the military; (5) he provided federal funding for abortions in military hospitals overseas.

"That was just his first week in office. There is more to come-much more. The president has expressed enthusiastic support for the 'Freedom of Choice Act.' If passed by Congress, it will permit the killing of babies throughout nine months of pregnancy and pre-empt every state law that would regulate abortion. Other dangerous legislation is working its way through the system." Dr Dobson goes on to give details of President Clinton's support for the homosexual lifestyle. On 18th May 1992, Clinton told a group of gay activists in Los Angeles: "I have a vision, and you are part of it.¹"

Failure to confront evil

"How are Christians reacting to this dramatic shift in governmental policy and its impact on the culture?" Dr. Dobson asks. He acknowledges that many are stepping forward to defend Christian values, but says: "There are Christian leaders, on the other hand, who do not feel it is the role of the church to confront evil in government. They feel we must concern ourselves only with spiritual matters, as though the killing of unborn babies and the support for public morality are beyond that scope. The U.S. and Canada have seen the most rapid deterioration of the Christian ethic in memory, yet these leaders are saying, in good conscience, 'It's not our calling.' Others say, 'When we try to use our influence in society, we expose ourselves and our faith to ridicule and rejection.' How well I know! My colleagues and I are beginning to understand what 'the offence of the Cross' really means. We have taken more abuse from the media in four months than in the past 15 years combined. It is open season on any Christian who has the courage to stick his

head out of the foxhole. Indeed, I believe we are seeing the beginning of an era of serious repression against believers.

Important questions

To those Christians who want to say nothing against evil, Dr. Dobson asks some important questions: "At what point will you rise to defend what you believe? Is there anything worth putting your reputation or your life in jeopardy? Will you object if your children are routinely indoctrinated in homosexual ideology in public schools? Will you object if imperfect babies are killed in our hospitals? Will you object if involuntary euthanasia becomes widespread in our nursing homes? Will you object if the government tells your pastor or your priest what he can say from the pulpit? (In Sweden, an evangelical pastor who preached a sermon on Sodom and Gomorrah was convicted of 'verbal violence' against homosexuals and sentenced to a four week prison term.)² Will you object if the church loses its non-profit status and is heavily taxed? Will you object if the government assumes 'ownership' of children and tells parents how they must raise them-under penalty of losing custody? Will you object if boys and girls are given a wide range of rights that override the wishes of their mothers and fathers? Will you object if each family is permitted only one baby, as is the official policy in China Today? Will you object if Christian business people are required to satisfy a quota of homosexual and lesbian employees? Will you object if churches are not exempt from that quota obligation? Will you object if universities refuse to grant degrees to outspoken Christian students? Will you object if daughters or wives are drafted into the military and required to fight in combat? Will you object if obscenity laws are repealed and child pornography is ignored by the government? Are these changes coming in Western nations? I don't know. Some of them are already well-entrenched. Others appear to be right around the corner. Anything can happen to the losers in a civil war.

Where will you draw the line?

"To rephrase my question to those who oppose Christian political involvement, just where will you draw the line? Is there any freedom or principle you would defend with your life?" Dr. Dobson asks such Christians what they would have taught about slavery if they had pastored a congregation in southern USA in 1855. If as German pastors they had known about Hitler's concentration camps in the late 1930's and the 40's, would they have focused on only their local responsibilities? Or would they, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, have died in prison for refusing to turn a blind eye to the mass slaughter? Dobson says there are many differences between the Nazi regime and the policies of today's Western governments. "But there are striking similarities too. Hitler murdered six million Jews. We in the U.S. have killed nearly 30 million unborn babies. And what have many denominations done in

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Letters and e-mails received

Dear Mr O'Neill, Thanks for your letters and leaflets on moral issues facing us today. I have passed on these to our missionary and Presidents of Southall and Greenford. I can assure you that our community shall be taking up these challenges very seriously and would always cooperate on such serious problems facing us today. Mr G. Rahmani. Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK, Southall Branch. (Signatures were very kindly obtained regarding pro-life issues)

Dear Mr O'Neill, Sir Michael has read your letter of 19th May and attachments. He thanks you very much for your kind words and support. Teresa Rudge, PA to Sir Michael Parkinson. (Mr Parkinson had criticised the BBC for declining standards)

John, Once again a brilliant newsletter and many thanks for your kind words. Dee Pfeiffer

Dear Mr O'Neill,
Thank you so much for taking the trouble to write to me. I am grateful for the illuminating points you make, and I shall reflect carefully on what you have to say. Thanks to for reading the column. It's wonderful to have the wise input of Telegraph readers, and I hope we shall find much more to agree (and disagree) on in the future.

Mary Riddell. Assistant Editor, Daily Telegraph

Dear John,
I am so pleased I met you at the breakfast... I am very interested in the work you are doing. I am more and more sure that we the Ordinary Christians in the land must speak out against the sin of the nation. Here is my pastor's address as she would like to receive the Updates as you put them out...We are very concerned for the UK. God bless you in this important work. We only have to look at the O.T. to see what happens when a nation abandons God; but he is merciful and is calling us back as a nation. Rev. Carol Burstow.

Morality Forum Action

Theresa Quarmby participated in the pro-life Silent Witness peaceful demonstration in Huddersfield on April 25. A good sign was that for the first time Muslim people also participated. Theresa also participated together with around 150 other people from other pro-life groups in a 3 mile "Walk for Life" in York.

Morality Forum activists are continuing to distribute pro-life information on behalf of the Society for The Protection of Unborn Child.

After hearing John O'Neill speak about pro-life issues in his church, a Minister in Tottenham decided to visit other churches in his area to speak about the same issues.

After receiving the SPUC's pro-life leaflets and petition

forms from Kabongo Malumba, one of his neighbours decided to go around their area to collect signatures.

John O'Neill, together with one other person was interviewed for one hour on Iqrauk TV. The subject was sex education. The programme is broadcast all over Europe, to the Middle East and to parts of Africa. The directors of the programme mentioned how they want to form a coalition of people and organisations to defend moral and family values.



John O'Neill was one of the speakers at a meeting in White-chapel organised by Bangladeshi Muslims.

The topic was sex education.

A Speech by Theresa Quarmby

The following speech was given by Mrs Theresa Quarmby recently at a Hindu temple in Huddersfield.

I believe there is a purpose in history related to God's hope of an ideal world in which all people live together in harmony, cooperation, and co-prosperity, which could be called a realm of peace-and surely this is what we should all be moving towards. At the weekend I attended a celebration of International Women's Day 2009, when Huddersfield Interfaith Council presented "heroines of faith," in which 7 women each gave an account of their heroine, some going back many years. All the heroines were women, who had sacrificed themselves for the sake of others, and it occurred to me that both men and women of today stand on this foundation-we have so many opportunities to make a difference. Conflict, poverty, disease, human rights violations, cruelty, corruption and family breakdown abound. People are suffering and we all want the situation to change. We should always seek from being divided and disunited entities into a relationship of harmony, co-creativity and co-prosperity. This principle applies to a husband and a wife, a boss and an employee, a religious leader and his followers, and between one religion and another religion and between religions and governments. I believe we ought to aim for:-

1. Leadership and good governance. 2. Peace building and

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True Family Values
(compiled by Frank van der Stok,
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The Conjugal Realm of Heart

A. The conjugal realm of heart

8. *Husband -wife love can never be broken; there is no concept of divorce.*

- Any competing love pales in comparison to true conjugal love.
- The starting point of conjugal love is God, moving vertically through the conscience to the heart to the holy place.
- Conjugal love endures even though the body grows old.
- True conjugal love deepens and grows forever in the spirit world. Death is not the end.

9. *The equal value of husband and wife.*

- From the viewpoint of the cosmos, the husband represents heaven, the Creator God, because he contains the seed. The wife represents the earth because she receives and nurtures the seed in her body. Therefore, husband and wife represent the entire cosmos, heaven and earth.
- In fulfilling these responsibilities, one person takes the leading role as the subject partner. The partner supports as the object partner. Usually, the man is the subject partner by virtue of his role in society, and his wife is the supporting object partner. There is a natural order that the man should have a more public role and be the breadwinner. Men are endowed with minds and bodies more fit to hard labour and to the time-space demands of public life (irregular schedule and location).
- But sometimes, the woman has the leading role and her husband is the object partner (e.g. Margaret Thatcher, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir).
- Working out disputes between the partners always honours their relationship over and above the separate interests of each.
- Women's true liberation does not weaken the family bond. Love is true liberation, and true love strengthens the family. Women can move their husbands to their way of thinking with love and service. Betty Fiedman is but one modern feminist who repented of her earlier advocacy of women's "liberation" which impoverished family life.

10. *The lack of conjugal love is the root of the problems of this world.*

- Some couples marry as virgins, but most do not. Some couples are better than others, but there are no couples who have achieved true conjugal love.
- This is a spiritual barrier of all mankind. Because of it, many religions teach that the way to find God is to live a celibate life. The root of this spiritual problem goes back to the fall of man.
- Love between husband and wife grows colder as society

progresses externally, leading to abuse, frustration, infidelity and divorce.

- Children suffer irreparable psychological and spiritual damage as a result of divorce. They lose the capacity to sustain their own male-female relationships, and are likely to divorce as their parents did.
- All manner of sexual perversions arise as people seek to fulfill their longing for conjugal love which is not fulfilled in marriage (adultery, prostitution, pornography, rape and incest).
- The failure to fulfill the children's, brother-sister and conjugal realms of heart is the result of the lack of parental love. We have never had true parents, or known true parental love. Since every child is born with the nature to receive true parental love, to receive anything less is to abuse the child. Abused children grow up into flawed parents. Thus we are a world of flawed parents and abused children.

The Parental Realm of Heart

A. The parental realm of heart

1. *Through the conjugal union, children are given birth.*

- Husband and wife resemble God and share His creative nature. They create their own children.
- God bequeaths His love to them as parents. They, in turn, manifest fully the love of God to their children.
- In one sense, husband and wife are greater than God, because God had only two children, and we can have many more than that.
- God is joyful when true parents have children.

2. *God feels His own creativity as the Creator through human beings in bearing and rearing children.*

- He feels such joy in the smile of an exhausted new mother on her hospital bed holding her newborn baby.
- She resembles God's own experience giving birth to mankind.
- Because of this, mothers have the deepest connection with the Heart of God.

3. *The parents act in the position of God, creating and education their children.*

- Their love is as patient, enduring and compassionate as God's love.
- They invest totally in their children. They give and give and forget what they have given, and give again. They endure any difficulty without ceasing to give.
- They give entirely for the child's sake, centering on God. Parental love is selfless, generous. The more they can give to the children, the happier they are. Parents do not calculate their giving to the children. They do not ask for repayment later. Parents like to be taken advantage of by their children, who exploit their abilities to nurse, feed, embrace, play teach, and support financially.

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ULTRA Teen Choice Promotes Abstinence for Youth

By Richard Urban, co-founder of ULTRA Teen Choice

Six years after they started a small non-profit to promote abstinence education in Washington DC, long-overdue credit will be granted to Richard and Stacey Urban, whose non-profit, ULTRA Teen Choice, will lead the fourth celebration of Abstinence Awareness Week in Washington DC, from March 8th to March 14th, 2009. Washington youth including Howard University students, will speak out at a forum on March 9th at the Howard University School of Business Auditorium, Washington DC. The topic of the youth forum is "Marriage and Family Matter: Abstinence is a Core Strength of the Community." Recording artist Angelia Robinson will perform "It Ain't Goin' Down" at the forum. Additionally, Diane Sims-Moore of Families First DC and Kenny Barnes of Root Inc., will speak, and a parent panel will voice the support and concerns of parents regarding sexual abstinence. Community service organisations will display information and provide educational information. ULTRA Teen choice is working to provide a voice for about half of the youth in Washington, DC, who have never had sexual intercourse, as well as for those who decide to make a fresh start. With its lopsided emphasis on promoting condoms and so called "safer sex," Washington DC, still has the highest rates of both new HIV infections in the nation. Richard and Stacey have worked diligently to show a better way forward for the youth of Washington DC. ULTRA (Urban Life Training and Reality Assessment) Teen Choice was founded in 2002 by the Urban couple, who always have had a heart for community service, and especially for helping young people to be successful in abstaining from sex before marriage, and from drugs and alcohol. Richard and his colleagues have reached out to some 3,000 Washington DC youth in the past six years with programmes on HIV/AIDS-prevention, youth lead peer-counselling, and the benefits of forming "accountability relationships" with college mentors and adults. Most recently ULTRA Teen Choice teamed up with Pilgrim Baptist Church in NE Washington to serve 50 youth with the Healthy-Intimate-Personal-Relationship-Educational Program. The program was funded by a grant from the National Centre for Fathering and the DC Healthy Marriage and Relationships Coalition (now Families First DC); it ran from July 2008, with accountability still ongoing. The average weekly attendance was about 15 youth. In total, 24 weekly sessions were provided. Fourteen youth were matched with adult accountability partners, and that relationship is ongoing. Topics included HIV prevention, counselling on resisting peer pressure and learning assertive skills, relationship skills, financial literacy and a theological perspective on the human fall. Lectures on "true family values" helped youth understand the real meaning of the Fall of Adam and Eve. Youth from the program who volunteered received training in order to provide peer-counselling sessions. Additionally Richard Urban and some youth counsellors also appeared on the "Spiritually Speaking" radio pro-

gram three times on Heaven 1580 AM. A highlight of the program was a so-called partner-matching dinner to promote the idea of accountability. Youth staff from Pilgrim Baptist Church and parents volunteered to be paired with young adults seeking mentors. The mentors meet regularly to help youth keep themselves accountable for their abstinence pledges as well as to provide support and encouragement in many other ways. Many parents are enthusiastic supporters of ULTRA Teen Choice. Michelle Hinnant-Spencer thanked ULTRA Teen Choice for involving her daughter and said that she wished there had been something like it when she was growing up. She said that her daughter has an opportunity to make things right for an adult. "I'm proud of her for making the choice to be part of this group," she added. Regina Wells, a grandmother, spoke of receiving mentoring and support from her grandmother, and as a result she remained abstinent until she was married. She added that she will now stand behind her granddaughter Daryn's decision to stay abstinent before marriage. Said one youth: "I walked into this program thinking it could teach me nothing I didn't already know. This program has taught me things beyond my grasp of knowledge when it comes to relationships and abstinence. Coming into my teenage years, I feel I've been taught what to watch out for and the important 'do's and don'ts.'" "Another commented: "I feel as though this program has taught me to be a better person and better prepared for pressures on sex. It has helped me to understand why you should wait." ULTRA Teen Choice has developed a training manual and DVD's to help individuals, schools, churches and organisations to replicate the program in other states. Mrs. Ella Byrne of Seattle, Washington, is the new director of the Northwest Chapter of ULTRA Teen Choice. Mrs Byrne has initiated a "Pure Love" essay contest that will be administered in Seattle and other cities throughout the country. To find out more about ULTRA Teen Choice visit www.ultrateenchoice.org

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response? They have passed resolutions defending and even encouraging the killings. They have assigned 'study groups' to produce sophisticated reports that whitewash perverted sexual behaviour the Bible calls 'an abomination.' And millions of believers have sat passively in their pews and uttered no protest. God help us!" Dr. Dobson is calling Christians to prayer and action. Reminding his readers of times of national emergency in the past, he states again the calls for appeasement heard so often before World War II: 'We can't win in that arena.' "That's irrelevant!" says Dr. Dobson. "It is not our duty to win. It is our duty to be faithful!" Excerpts from Family News from Dr. James Dobson (March 1993 edition) used by permission of Focus on the Family. Copyright 1993, Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. All rights reserved.

1 "Let Us Rise to The Challenge" (Speech by Gov. Bill Clinton, Palace Theatre, Los Angeles, California, May 18th 1992) 2 "Hate Literature Laws Sweep the US and other Western Democracies," Christian World Report. (April 1989, page 1)

WAIT UK

By Marshall De Souza

WAIT team perform at TCS College Graduation on 18th July

14 WAIT members, accompanied by four parents, participated at this graduation ceremony held at the Ealing Christian Centre in West London. This ceremony was held in the presence of various ambassadors as TCS College is connected to various countries.

During the evening, there was a variety of performances from the school children, sandwiched by two WAIT appearances: the Rose Dance and Red and White. TCS College is noted for changing young people - from disruptive individuals to well-behaved ones! The Principal of the College, Dr. Roselle Antoine, wrote the following in her thank you email to Uncle Marshall: "I am writing to say what a fantastic team you have. The youths were absolutely brilliant. I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart. I will call you on Tuesday 21st. We must collaborate and work with them. I will do whatever I can to help and support them."

The Ambassador for Ivory Coast in Africa who was the MC, spoke very highly of the group, even going so far as to say that they would go far in what they did!

At the end, one of the ushers of the Ealing Christian Centre commended the group on their exemplary behaviour while waiting for others to arrive and during the event.

A good job was done by all. (This was our final performance for the 2008/9 academic year!)

WAIT perform and run workshop at Westminster Academy

7th July 2009 was Westminster Academy Day - a day when the students showcased their achievements to the general public! The WAIT team were invited to perform during the lunch break and early afternoon in the "Market Place", and then run two workshops for students before the close of school.

Following the school's invitation to a quick lunch, the boys kicked off with the Break Dance; then the girls performed the Rose Dance. Uncle Marshall took the opportunity to introduce WAIT to the school, after which the team did the Red & White dance to a large audience! Due to a clash of events, we could not continue our performance while the students went to other activities. But all was not lost...

Suzanne Carmichael, the school's Community Manager suggested we move to the Music Room where the workshops were going to be held. There, in the midst of a smaller group, the WAIT team were able to finish their performance (doing the Sketch and Respect Song), but also conduct a dance workshop for the few, shy students who stayed with the team for the whole day! Three students asked for membership forms as they sounded keen to join WAIT!

WAIT team perform at Birmingham and Harrow (26th - 28th June 2009)

Birmingham was a trip that many WAIT members looked forward to. It was also a great opportunity for many to improve their skills and to gain confidence. But as well as enjoying ourselves, the WAIT Team was there to serve, so we began Saturday early. First, we met up with the Birmingham WAIT members for training, starting by welcoming everyone. The aim of that day was to get the Birmingham team involved so we commenced the training by teaching them a section of the Red and White Dance. In total there were five Birmingham members who trained with us (Grace, Victor, Soogun, Rebecca and Samuel). Despite the short time, we all accomplished a lot.



By the end of our training, we managed to get the Birmingham WAIT members involved in a Break dance, the Red and White Dance and the Sketch. After that, we went for an early dinner at Uncle Tom Pritty's house, and then headed straight for the Bourneville Festival which was only 10 minutes down the road! The festival was really crowded and was somewhat like a fun fair. Seeing as we got to the festival early, Uncle Marshall managed to get us on some rides for free; we really enjoyed that. Following that, some of the WAIT members decided to use the spare time to hand out WAIT leaflets in order to let people know what WAIT is really about. Then, we got straight into the performance. The WAIT team performed the Break dance, the Rose Dance, the Sketch, and finished off with the Red and White dance. Overall, we believe the performance went really well as we got a good response from the crowd. During our training and performance, Uncle George and Auntie Imogene, supported by Patrick Pritty, took time to raise funds for WAIT. But the fun wasn't over! After the events of the day, the Bourneville Festival held a firework display. It was spectacular. As it was getting late, we all sadly said our goodbyes to the Birmingham WAIT team, and headed back to the Earle's house
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where we'd been staying. At the end of the day, Miwa, Priya, Elizabeth and Victoria counted the money we had raised. It was just under £135.00. We then all went to bed. The next day, we headed back to London early for a church service.

In the afternoon, we travelled to Harrow to attend the "Under One Sky" event. There, we were joined by Aunty Naomi, Soon Hee and Hitoe. We performed in Dance Zone along other acts, such as Bollywood Dances. Unfortunately, we were not able to perform the Red and White dance on time due to some technical difficulties. But who knew that it could be a good thing because we were put in for the finale. It went very well as many people came to the Dance Zone to watch us perform. After a hectic day, we decided to have ice-cream before we headed home. While we were at the ice-cream truck, a reporter representing the Harrow Observer, took a picture of four of us (Danielle, Victoria, Irene and Priya). We were named 'Crowd Pullers' in the newspaper as recognition to our successful performances. After a long weekend, we finally returned to Lancaster Gate, where we started the weekend, and dispersed homeward from 8pm.

WAIT perform at Church Street - Paddington



On Sunday July 12th, WAIT performed at Church Street with 6 girls and 5 boys. We arrived around 11 and practiced for about an

hour. During this time we also set up a stall which was run by Aunty Keiko, Uncle George and Aunt Naomi. We first performed the rose dance in front of a small audience and then through the red and white dance we got the energy flowing and attracted a bigger crowd.

The next performers invited us to dance with them; they taught us some popping and locking routines. It was a very enjoyable experience. Then we all had a delicious lunch of chicken curry and a few of us tried fundraising around the area.



After watching some performances on the main stage it was our turn. This time there was a much larger crowd. We started off with the breakers then the girls did the rose dance and



finally the red and white dance. We got a great response from the audience and even inspired some young people to join WAIT. Again we attempted to fund raise and after everyone

saw our performance they were much more willing to give us some donation.

In the end we inspired a lot of people and raised a good amount of money and everyone had a great experience and enjoyed each others' company.

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- Therefore, we must be people of absolute love in order to be true parents.
- Parents will sacrifice for the child, placing their child's value as greater than their own.
 - The mother who runs without thinking in front of an oncoming car to save her child who wanders onto the street.
 - The father who rushes back into a burning house to rescue his baby.
 - Parents who deny themselves in order to put their children through school
 - No one criticizes such actions as irrational.
- Their love is in the likeness of the love of God, The Father. The heart of a parent feels the child's pain, but disciplines for his own good. The parent should pray in tears all night for their child, not just punish. When the child becomes too old to receive physical punishment, the parent must ask the child to punish him for not being a good enough parent.
(from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak)
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human security. 3. Education and human development. 4. Finance and development. 5. International Law, human rights and reconciliation. We should not forget that each of us is on a frontline of peace as individuals and that we cannot simply look to large institutions or superpowers to bring peace. We can get on with this ourselves.

I like to think world healing is in process now. I believe each one of us constantly contributes to world chaos or world peace. Every unkind, unloving, negative, fearful, judgemental thought contributes to the atmosphere that produces earthquakes, floods, drought, wars and other disasters. On the other hand, every loving kind, peaceful, supportive, helpful thought contributes to the atmosphere that produces wellness and healing for all. We decide what we want to contribute to! Finally, I believe the traditional family is the building block of a healthy stable society and that much more should be done to support marriage- that between a man and a woman.