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- How to reach people of different cultures
- Presenting Christ to a secular mind
- How to organise a total plan of evangelism for the church
- Transition from lecturing to evangelistic preaching
- How to cooperate in the process of leading others to Christ
- How to gain an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit

WORKSHOP

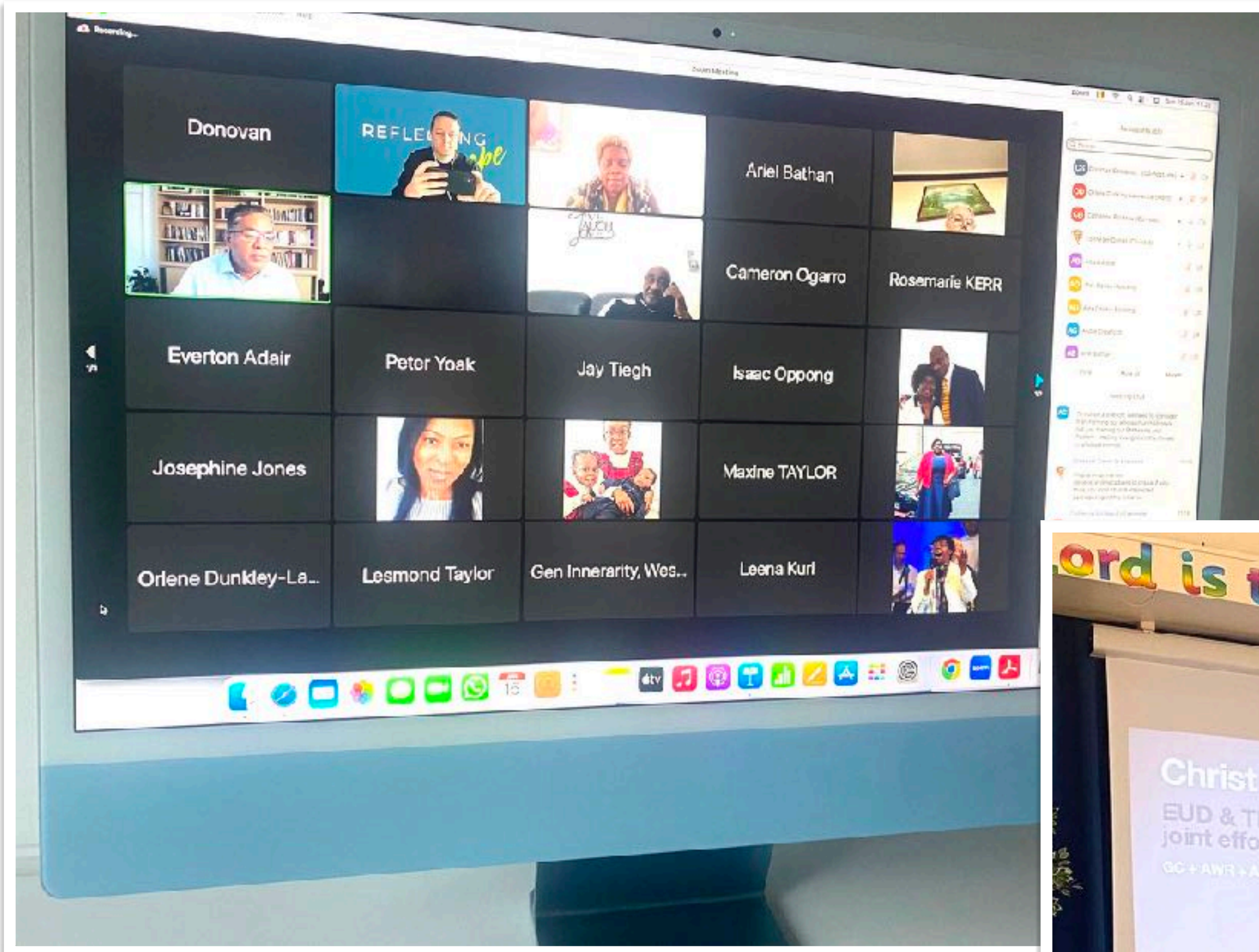
- Digital Evangelism App

SPEAKERS & TRAINERS

Louis Torres and Gideon Pelser (Adventist World Radio), Ganounce Diop (General Conference), Jan Cabungcal (Europe 4 Jesus), Kayle de Waal and Anthony WagnerSmith (Trans-European Division), Eglan Brooks (British Union Conference), Michael Garkov (ASI)







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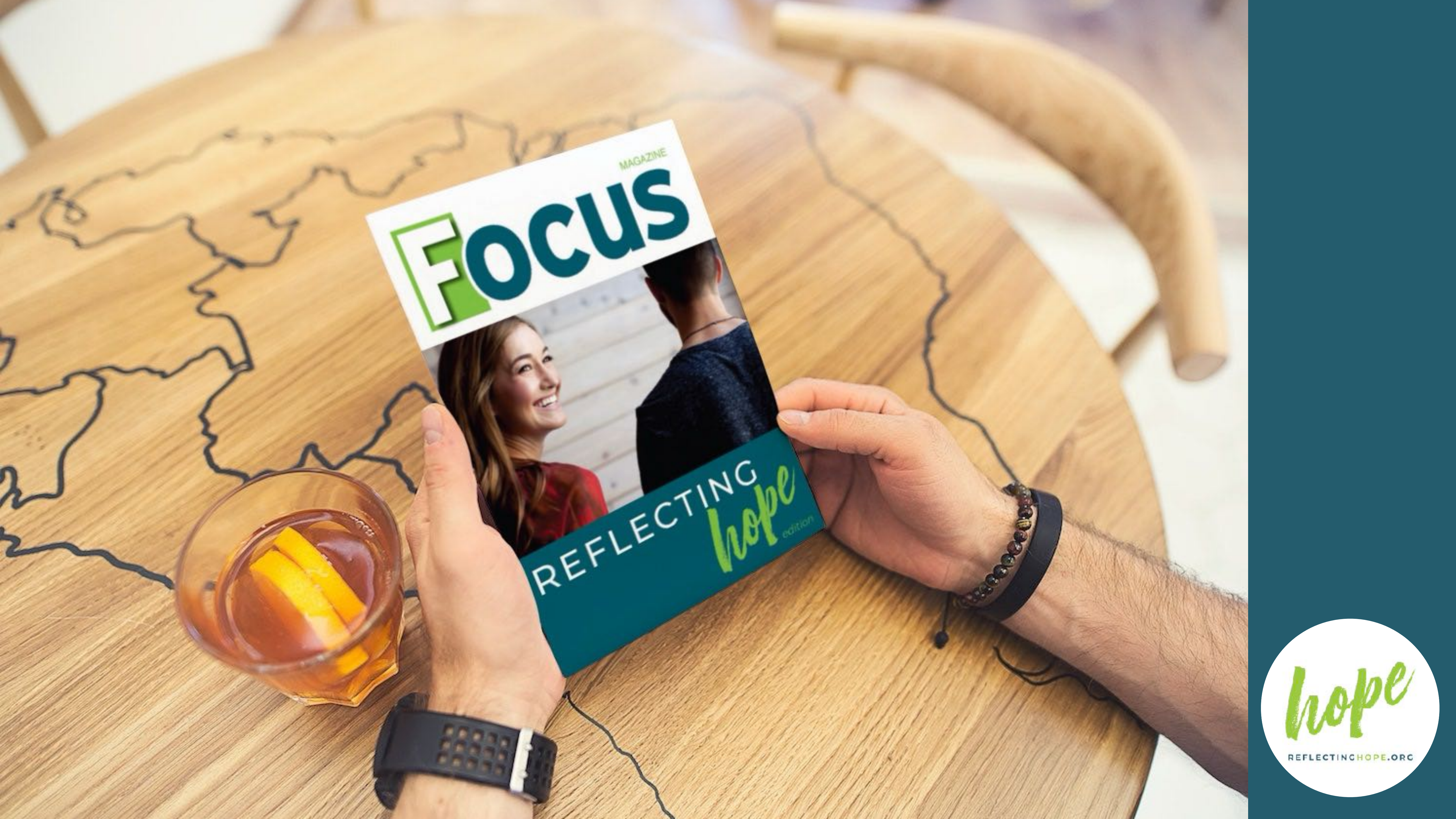
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Special edition

14 articles/authors

32 pages

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FOCUS

- 03 The 'permacrisis' and hope **David Neal** finds a reason to get up in the morning.
- 04 The power of hope **Yanet Guarachi** shows why we must keep hope alive.
- 06 Something more **Jody Bloom** discovers something to fill the void.
- 08 Hope for physical health **Dr Chidi Ngwaba** gives a doctor's advice.
- 11 Twelve years of hope A modern take on a familiar story from **Catherine Anthony Boldeau**.
- 13 Reflections of hope **Eileen Phillip** imagines the shades of hope.
- 14 Hope after death **Dr Kirk Thomas** gives a Christian response to grief.
- 16 The unplugged diaries There's something better to plug into for **Divinia Reynolds**.
- 20 Making hope visible 'What does hope look like?' asks **Sharon Platt-McDonald**.
- 23 It is well with my soul **Omari Norman** points to hope when all hope seems lost.
- 24 The colour of hope **Brenda Nelson** pictures hope in a coffee shop, and in Heaven.
- 25 Hope in an unexpected place **Precious Chitwa** discovers hope via WhatsApp.
- 26 Thinking of making a NEWSTART? **Darell Philip** gives pointers for a healthier future.
- 28 Reflecting on hope **Christian Salcianu** finds a song to inspire.



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THE GIFT OF HEAVEN



Sharon Platt-McDonald
Christian Salcianu

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IS FOR OFFERS

'Heaven offers people hope.'
Louis Torres

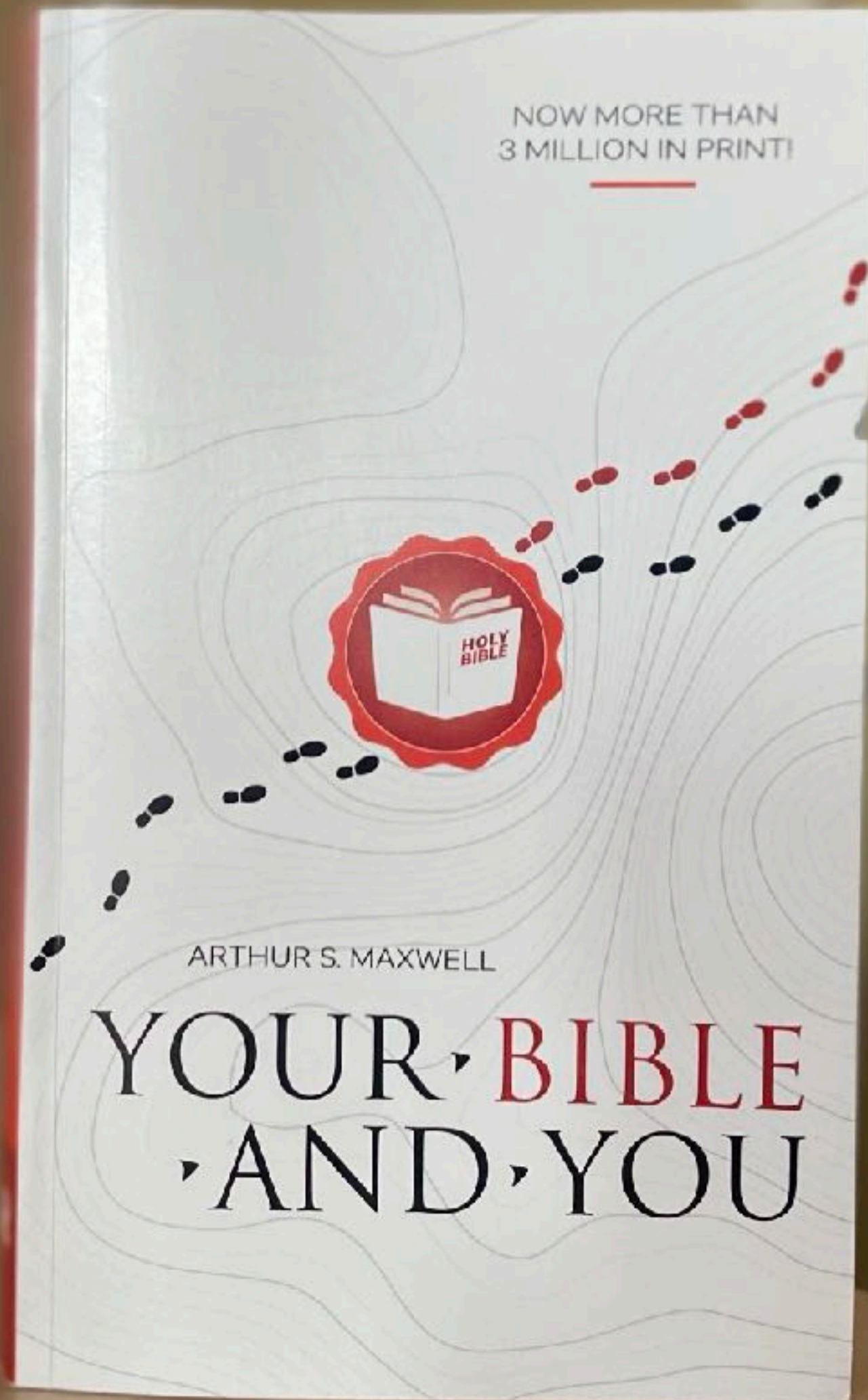
WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Twins, Steve and Sharon loved sales shopping. In fact they studied the internet for 'flash sales' and bargain promotions, diligently following their favourite products until the opportunities arose for a price drop on their 'wish list' items.

A lover of 'retail therapy' as Sharon called it, she would find opportunities to include a shopping spree on days out with her friends. In fact, Sharon would tell you that she lived for the sales, as that was when she could afford the items she had been observing all year.


Saving up for bargain purchases when sales were on was a high point of her year, as she carefully planned for potential purchases that she considered essential. She would also look out for what she called 'optional extras'; these she considered a treat if she had the additional funds to procure them.







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Training Resources

Four books by Louis Torres

Louis Torres was the main trainer for *Reflecting Hope* training session (organised by the British Union Conference between 18 and 21 January 2023).



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London

London is possibly the most multi-cultural and diverse city in the world.

The *Reflecting Hope* Experience will run in Brixton, Croydon, Lewisham, Stratford and Wimbledon.



Shetland

Shetland is a Scottish archipelago located between Orkney, the Faroe Isles and Norway. It is the most north-western part of the United Kingdom.

A unique *Reflecting Hope* Experience on bicycles will be delivered here.



Dublin

Situated on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin is the capital city and teems with culture.

The *Reflecting Hope* Experience will be delivered over sites in this beautiful city.



Powys

Powys is the largest county in Wales. It boasts verdant green landscape and the magnificent Mountains of Powys.

A *Reflecting Hope* Experience will be held in this beautiful rural county.



Coventry

Coventry is situated in Central England with the medieval statuesque Coventry Cathedral in the heart of the city.

A *Reflecting Hope* Experience will be held in one of the city suburbs.



Cork

For foodie lovers, Cork is dubbed the culinary capital of Ireland.

Your *Reflecting Hope* Experience will provide you not only with food for thought but will satisfy your spiritual hunger.



Shropshire

Shropshire, in the West Midlands, is an English county that borders Wales.

Newcastle

A 'bridge' city that is home to the historic Bridges and the Gateshead Millennium Bridge.

A *Reflecting Hope* Experience will help to build in the lives of the attendees in this city.



Manchester

Famous for its football clubs and industry, Manchester is also known as an industrialised city in the north.

The *Reflecting Hope* Experience will be held at two sites in the city.





🕒 March 9, 2023

The 'Permacrisis' and Hope

When I see global challenges and my own personal challenges through 'His eyes', I begin to see things in a different context.

[Read more](#)



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Anxiety — Excess Future

Some say that anxiety is excess future, depression is excess past, and stress is excess present. Now imagine someone who has an excess of all of these! Laura was that person.

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🕒 February 23, 2023

Making Hope Visible

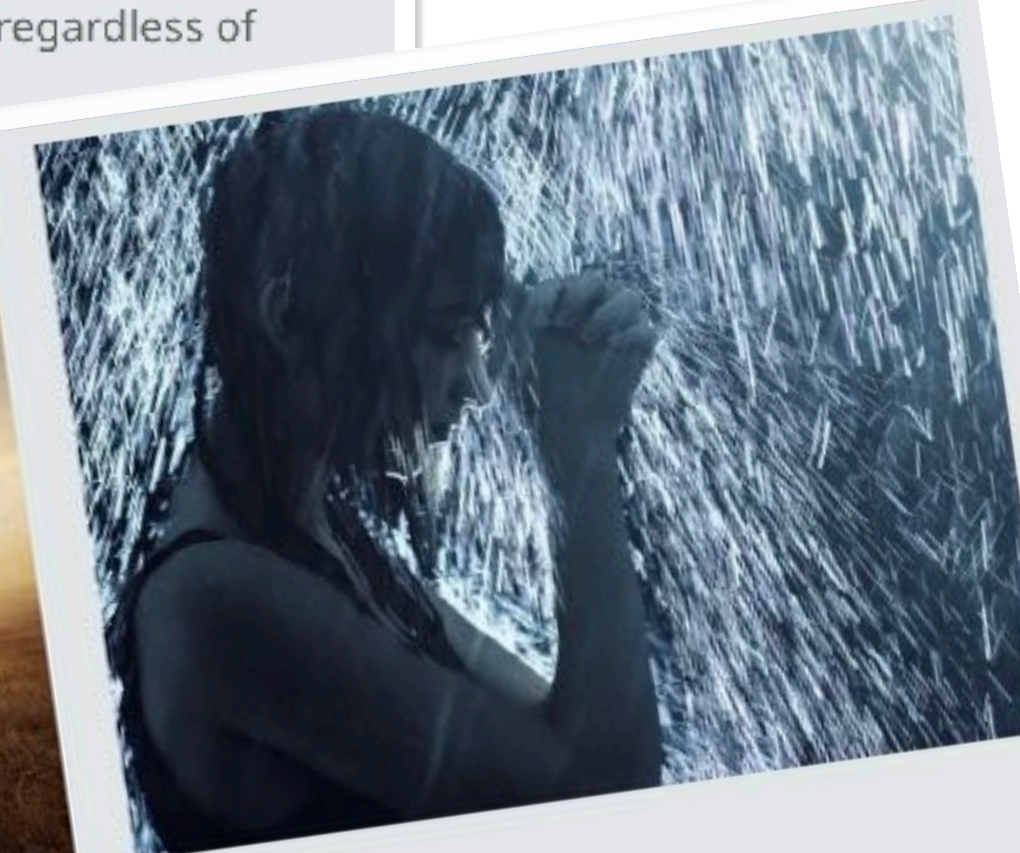
It is hope that enables one to keep going in the face of difficult circumstances; it is having an expectancy of a better tomorrow, regardless of the current outlook.



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Hope After Death

When death take what matters most to us, we go through a storm of emotions. Pain, anger, regret, questions, anxiety, and often unbearable trauma. We ache for genuine comfort. In this maze,



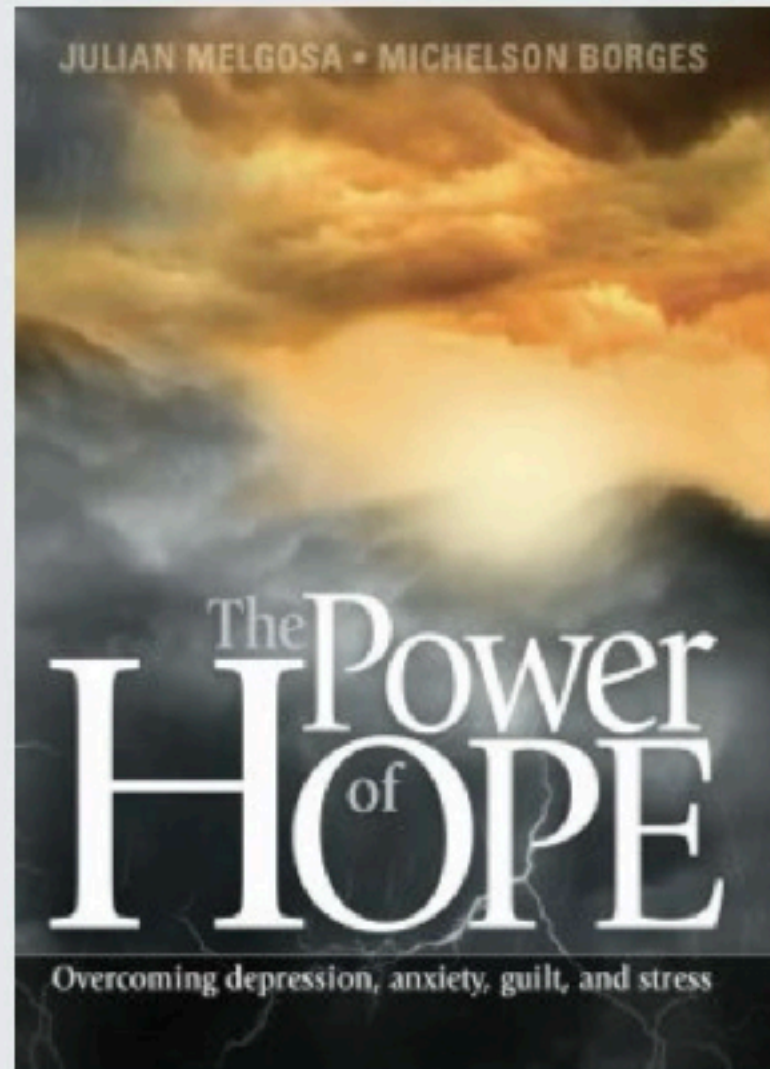
🕒 February 22, 2023

Twelve Years of Hope

I'm sick of being sick. I'm tired of being tired. Will I ever have a social life again? I need to go and find...

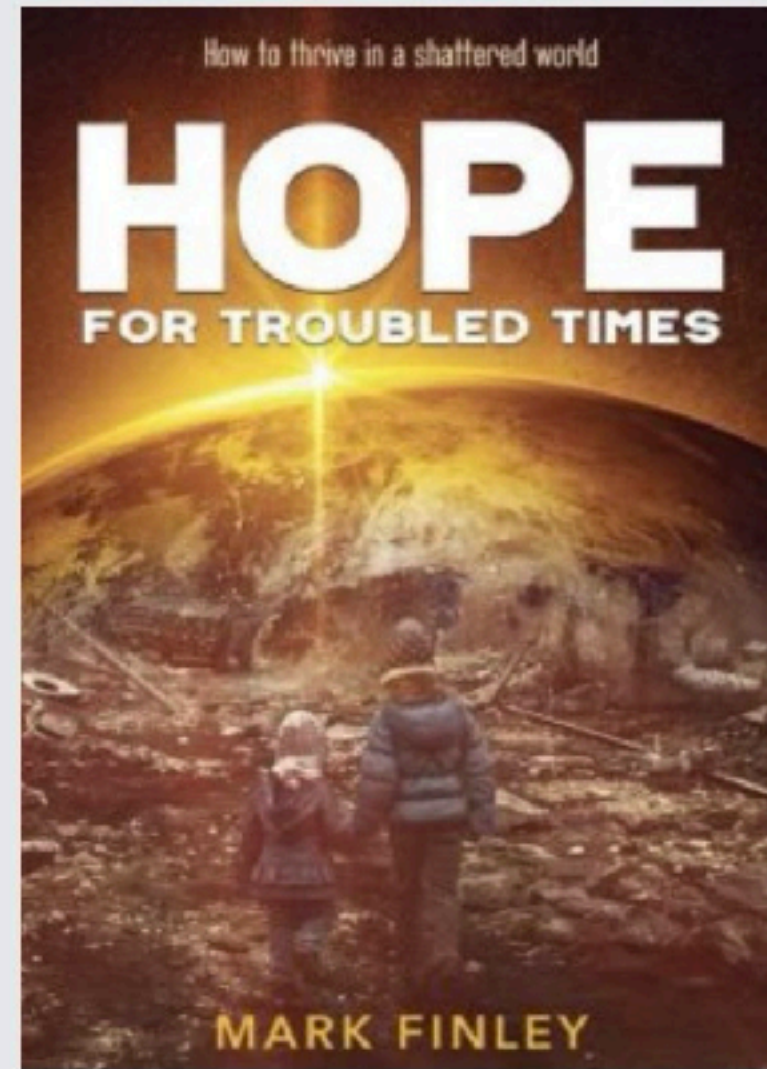
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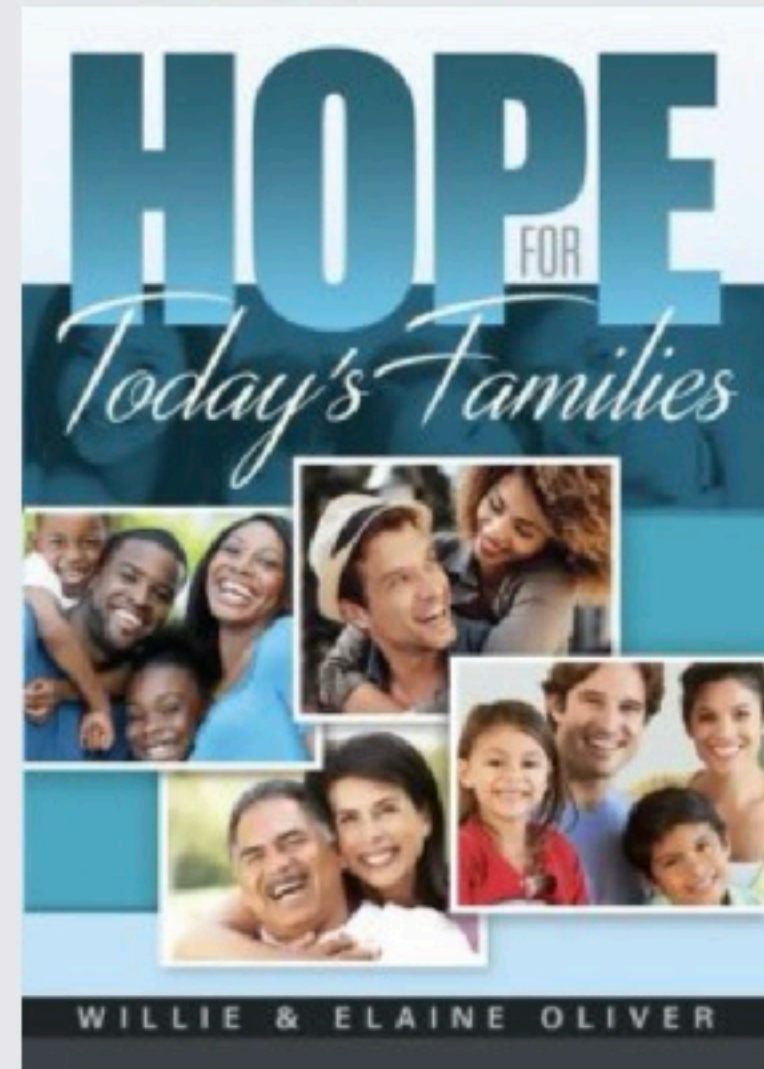
Overcoming depression, anxiety, guilt and stress

What should we do when illness is not located in one specific part of the



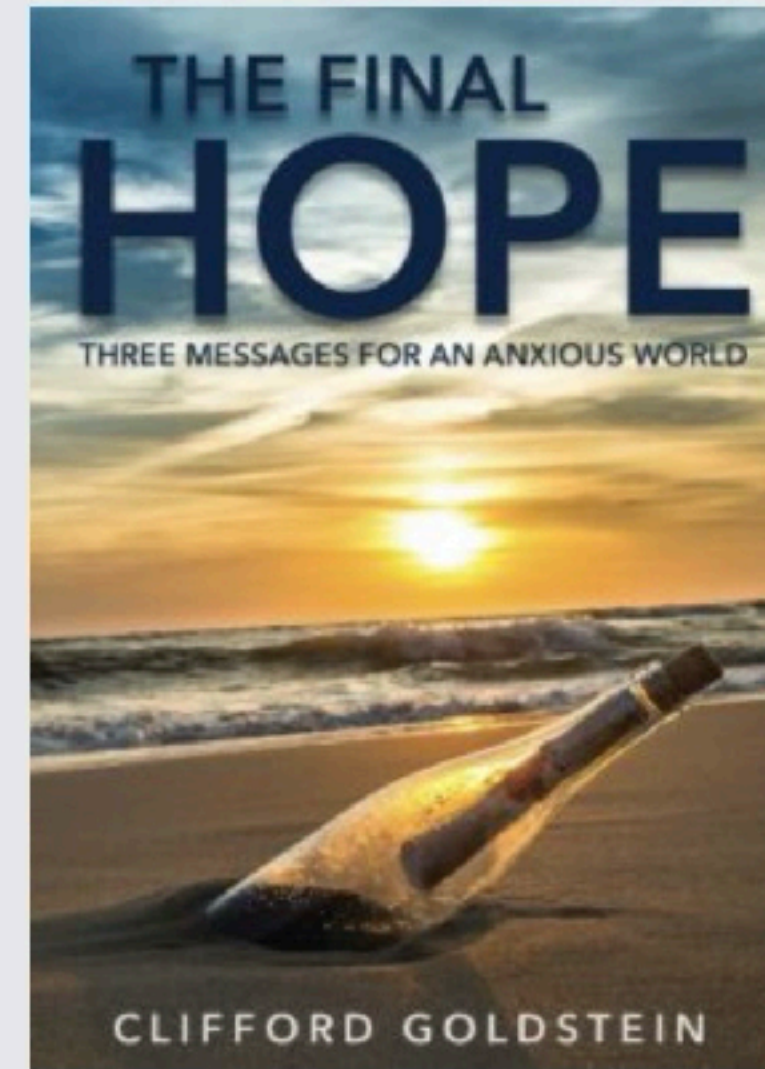
How to thrive in troubled time, in a shattered world

Fear is an emotion. Faith is an attitude, and focus is a choice. Fear must give way



Essential skills for successful family relations

The stresses of modern life are making relationships more d



The cosmic conflict between 'good' and 'evil'



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Sutton Coldfield is on the GO!
Sutton Coldfield Seventh-day Adventist church, starts the first digital evangelism training for the *Reflecting Hope* initiative, from the British Union Conference (BUC)...[Read More](#)





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Strategic Priority (1) – Reflecting Christ

- Aim:**
- Christlike values in all areas and territories of the BUC.
- Objectives:**
- Adapt the GC's 'I Will Go' missional strategy.
 - Ensure that the execution of our charitable purpose is based on Christ-centred principles.
 - Demonstrate Christian values in our institutions, structures, processes, and people management.



Mirror, mirror, on the wall ...

by Pastor Eglan Brooks,
President of the British Union Conference

"A mirror turned away from the sun cannot reflect its rays. And a human being turned away from God's Son cannot reflect His love to others."

It's obvious that the BUC's first strategic priority should be a spiritual one. Indeed, if this is the case, I'm sure that some eyes would be raised. However, I want to emphasise the fact that the concept of reflecting Christ needs to be more than a slogan. It should be a life. Officers, directors, and staff within the territory, as well as pastors and members, should reflect the Person of Jesus Christ in their behaviour and what they do. 'Christlikeness' should be the buzzword in all our institutions; churches should mirror the compassion of our Saviour; and, on an individual level, we should so reflect our Master that friends and family would see Him too. When we reflect Christ, everyone

will notice it. It won't be hidden. It will illuminate our entire being. Christ will be reflected in our purpose, our passion, and our programmes.

The only way in which we can truly reflect the Person of Jesus Christ is through an intimate relationship with Him – not only personally, but also corporately. 'Look to Me, and be saved' (Isaiah 45:22, NKJV). We will be 'looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith' (Hebrews 12:2, KJV), and will 'press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called [us] heavenwards in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:14, NIV). It is my prayer that, as a Union, we will reflect Christ as we make difficult decisions, administer our schools, and manage our institutions; and as we create resources, deliver outreach programmes, and pastor our congregations.

Reflecting Hope

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PRESIDENTIAL

Pastoral Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. Please be advised that representatives from the BUC will be with us at the Hyland House School hall **this Sunday** as Dr Ganoune Diop talks with us on Hope. We will then be able to discuss and make strategic plans for our Reflecting Hope campaigns that will take place around the British Union. Several churches have registered their interest in having one of the GC speakers lead this campaign in their local church. Should any other congregations wish to participate, please attend on Sunday so we can make arrangements?

INFORMING

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President's Corner

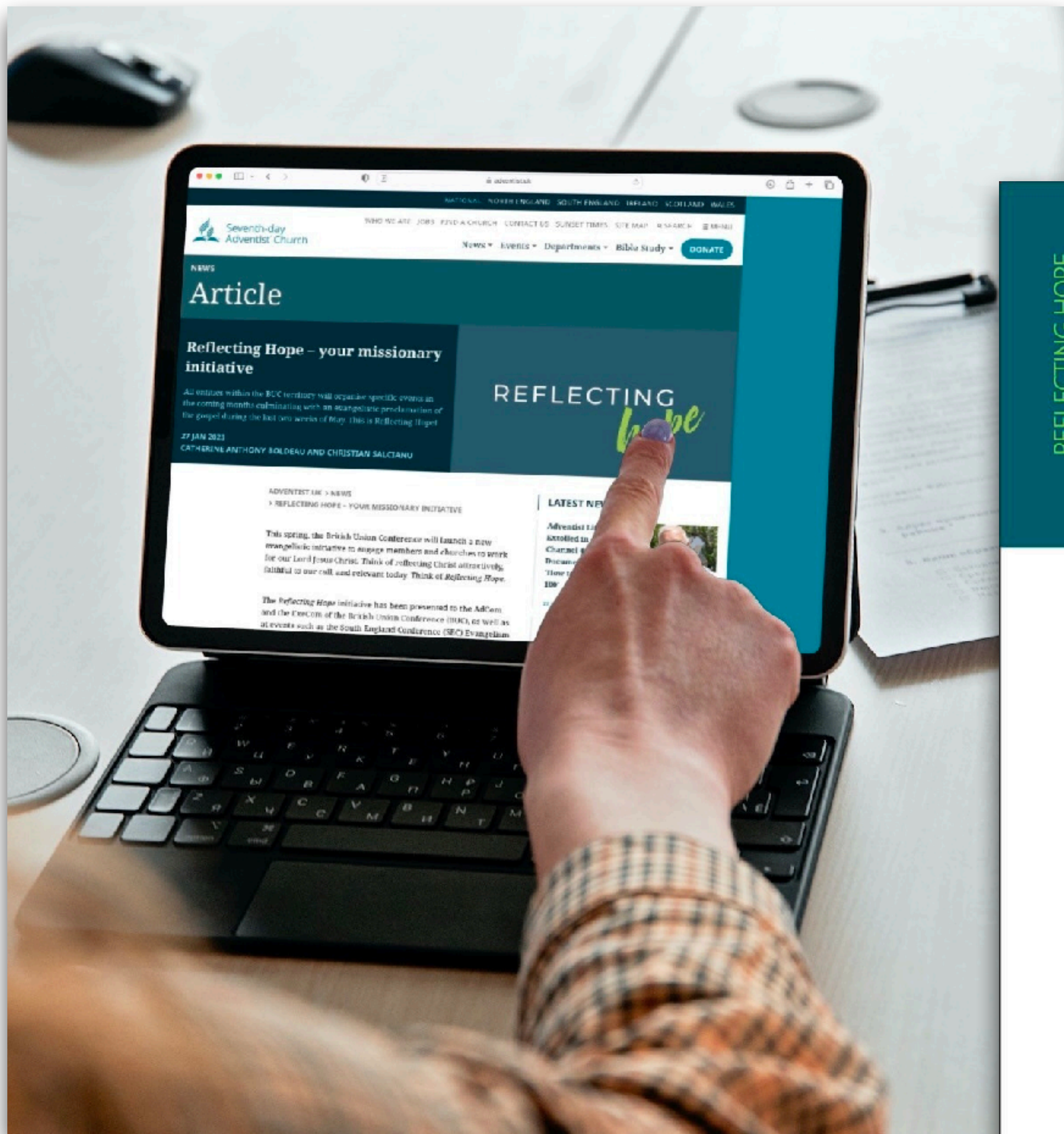


"The work of God in this earth can not be finished until the men and women cooperate with church membership rally to the work of the Holy Spirit, and their efforts with those of ministers and officers." Gospel Workers, p. 352.

"Reflecting Hope" is the BUC's response to the contemporary European mindset with an adaptation to the "Christ for Europe" initiative and is an intentional, innovative and impactful endeavour to connect the contemporary European mindset with the message of Jesus Christ.

Beginning in 2023, the programme will be rolled out across the British Isles in several localities. 2024, pastors and churches across the British Isles will be equipped and prepared for the mission of Jesus Christ in the year 2025.





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Forty Days of Hope and Reflecting Hope one day at a time

by Catherine Anthony
Boldeau & Christian Salcianu

He came up out of the water, dripping from head to toe. The immersion by His cousin John was followed by the affirmation, 'This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life' (Matthew 3:17, *The Message*) as 'the heavens were opened . . . and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove' (Matthew 3:16, KJV).

What an amazing experience! However, there was no party following the baptism. Being led by the Spirit, Jesus retired into the wilderness to fast and commune with His Father.

- Forty days without food;
- Forty days in solitude;
- Forty days living in the desert.

'When Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted, He was led by the Spirit of God. . . . He went to the wilderness to be alone, to contemplate His mission and work. By fasting and prayer He was to brace Himself for the bloodstained path He must travel. . . .'¹

At the end of these forty days, when Jesus was at His weakest physically, three temptations were placed before Him: provision, presumption, and power. But Jesus resisted these temptations and 'was strengthened with food, comforted with the message of His Father's love and the assurance that all heaven triumphed in His victory.'²

- Forty days of nurture;
- Forty days of empowerment;
- Forty days of hope.

We invite you to join us for *Forty Days of Hope*, a spiritual journey of reflection and engagement. Follow us at [Facebook.com/reflectinghopenow](https://facebook.com/reflectinghopenow) and [Instagram.com/reflectinghopenow](https://instagram.com/reflectinghopenow). Each day you will be given a Bible passage, a short reading, a life story, and an inspiring news item from the fields. You're invited to pray, share the word of hope, and participate in activities where appropriate.

We hope and trust that this initiative will help to strengthen your faith, inspire you, and help you in your desire to reflect Christ to your neighbours.

¹Ellis G. White, *The Christ of Ages*, p. 114
²*Ibid.*, p. 131



REFLECTINGHOPE.ORG

On 22 February, the British Union Conference (BUC) formally launched its *Reflecting Hope* initiative (see: www.reflectinghope.org). In the January edition of *Messenger*, the BUC President, Pastor Iqbal Brooks, introduced the programme to the membership: 'At the General Conference (GC) Autumn Council, the British Union Conference was presented with the wonderful opportunity to be involved in an evangelistic initiative called 'Christ for Europe'. This initiative will be run throughout the Trans-European Division (TED) and Inter-European Division (EUD), and is spearheaded by the GC, Adventist World Radio (AWR) and Total Member Involvement (TMI).

'Reflecting Hope is the BUC's response to this initiative. This was voted by the Executive Committee in early December as a three-year programme. It is an intentional, innovative, and impactful evangelistic project to connect the contemporary 'European' mindset with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Reflecting Hope will be launched as a pilot this year – 2023 – in several regions across the territory of the BUC, and during 2024/2025 we will endeavour to roll out the full programme to all church congregations.'



NEWS

Article



Try Jesus! (Reflecting Hope)

22 FEB 2023 DIANE LEWIS

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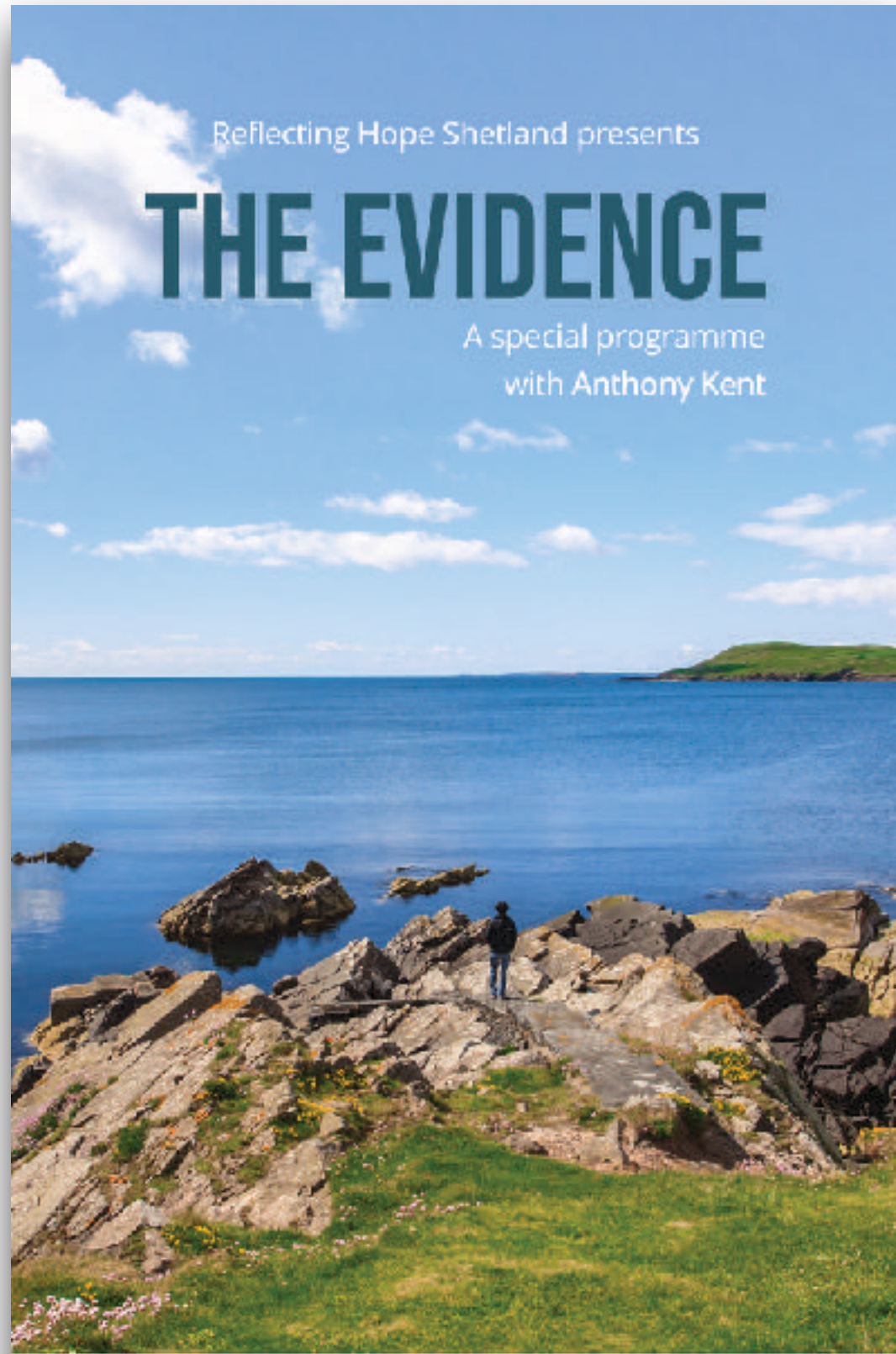
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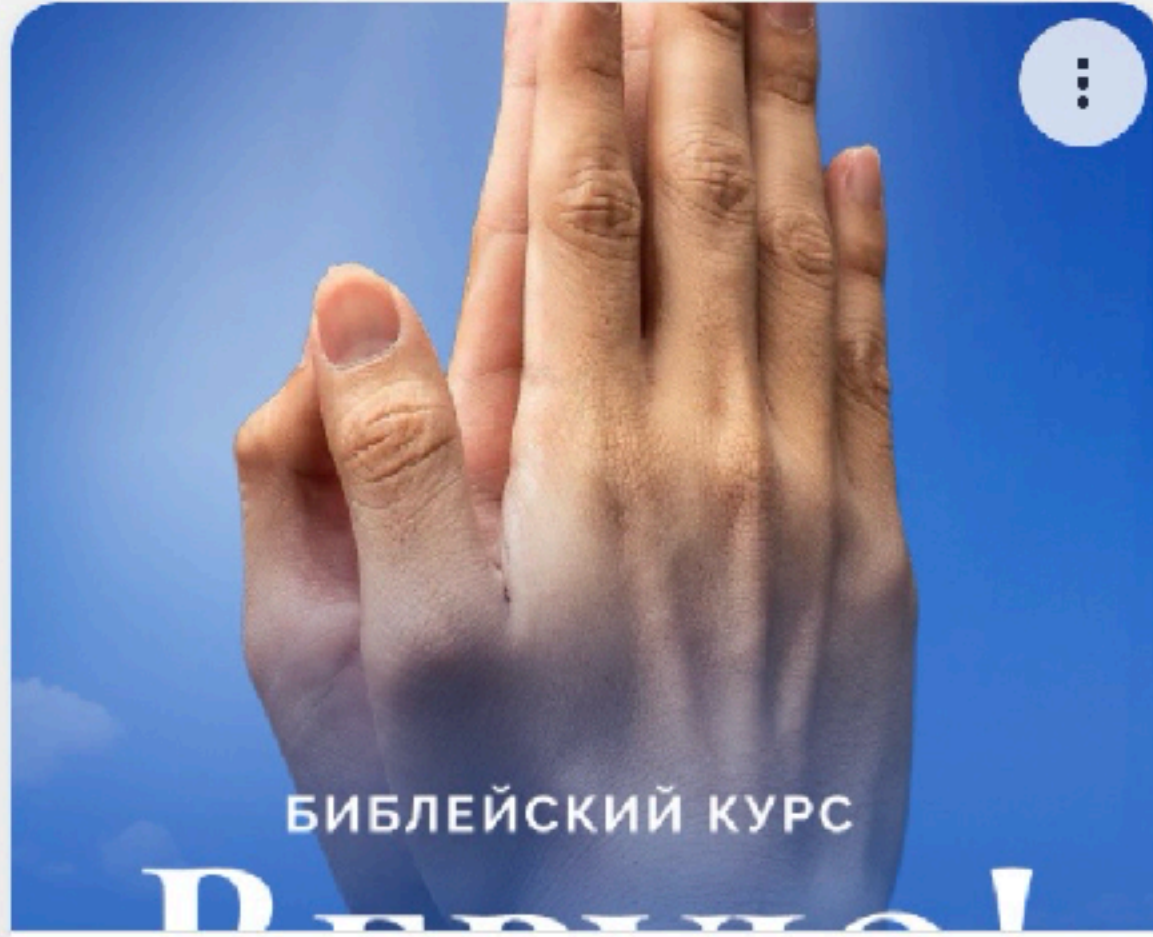


Prophecies of Hope 




UNLOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES
with CAMI OETMAN

Unlocking Bible Prophecies 



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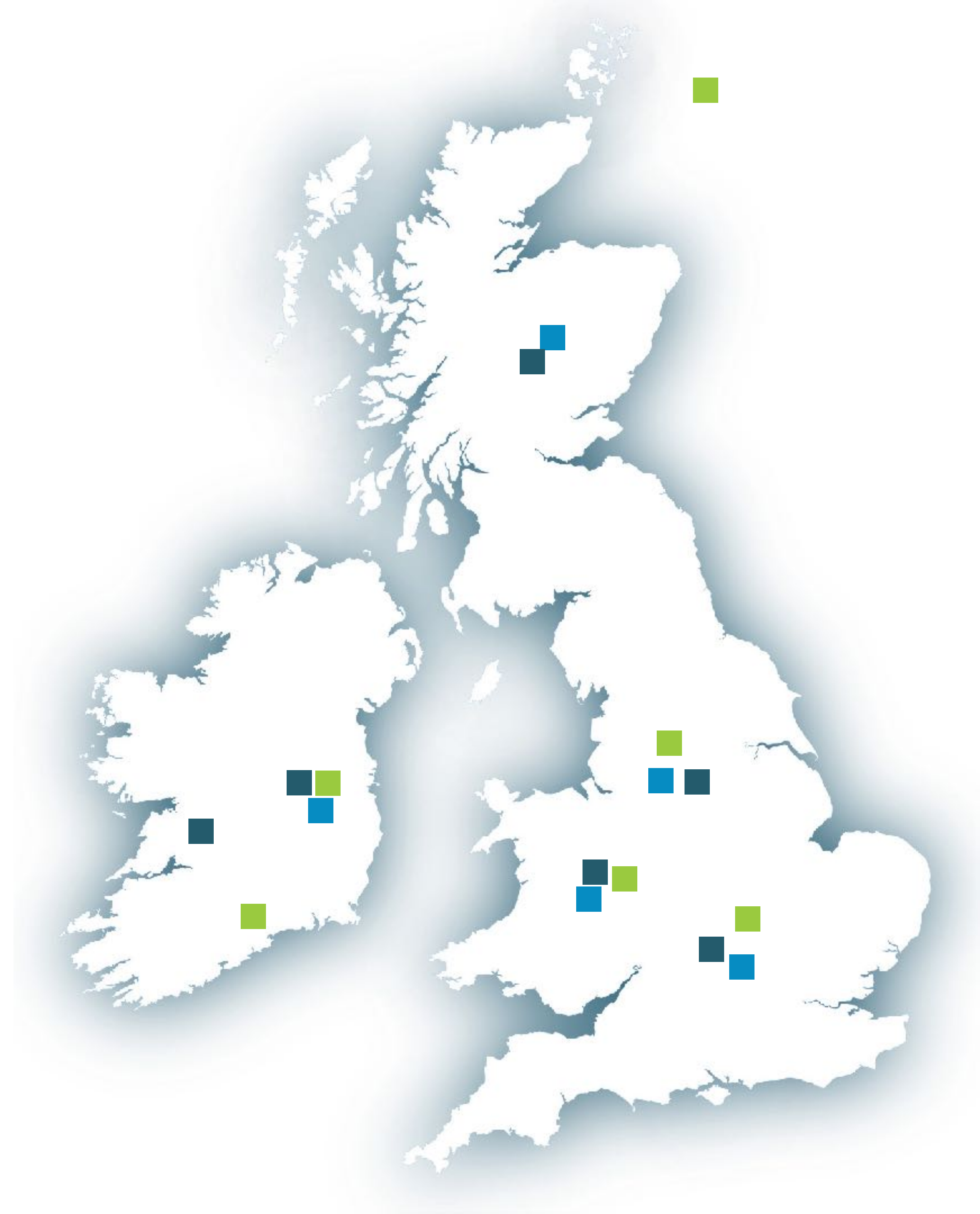


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- 62 churches / 31 clusters
- Mission/Conference projects
- Supportive projects



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