

ACT news and reports

Act Overseas Fund

An oft-overlooked but nevertheless significant part of ACT's ministry is its ongoing fellowship with national and pan-national counterparts outside England.

Within the UK, ACT (England) has close ties with NIACT (Northern Ireland), ACTW (Wales) and ACT Scotland. Beyond these isles, ACT keeps in contact with national Christian educator networks in Bulgaria, Italy, Uganda, Liberia, Australia, India, Nepal, Malaysia and Singapore. ACT also has a very positive relationship with the European Educators' Christian Association (EurECA), of which it is a member.

As well as exchanging news, prayer requests, resources and advice, this international family of ACT-like organisations shares one another's financial burdens. It has been ACT's privilege and pleasure in recent years to have been able to give money from its own Overseas Fund to support projects in the two-thirds world and Eastern Europe.

If what you read on this page excites and inspires you please (a) give thanks and praise to God, and (b) prayerfully consider making an extra donation to the ACT Overseas Fund. Please donate online using the 'Give to ACT' section of the ACT website. Alternatively, send cheques (payable to 'ACT') to:

**ACT Overseas Fund
Association of Christian Teachers
94a London Road
St Albans
Herts
AL1 1NX**

Thank you for your support.



Support for Uganda

Charles Kamwesigye, UCTA National Coordinator, writes:

Thanks to generous financial support received from ACT's Overseas Fund in 2006 and 2007 the Uganda Christian Teachers' Association has now opened a Christian Teachers' Resource Centre in Kampala. This is a great blessing and an answer to prayer. The centre gives back-up support to teachers and students in the following ways:

- Providing reading and audio-visual materials to the teachers.
- Conducting short-term training courses on topics like: *The integration of biblical values in the curriculum, Counselling skills, Leadership and management* and *Personal development skills*.
- Offering counselling and other psycho-social support services to teachers and students, especially those with emotional, career, academic and professional challenges.
- Providing a friendly 'quiet reading' environment for the teachers.

Support for Liberia

Isaac Wheigar, ACSOL Executive Director, writes:

ACT's Overseas Fund has been a wonderful blessing and an answer to prayer for the Association of Christian Schools of Liberia. Funds given in 2006 allowed ACSOL to renovate, decorate and equip an office in Monrovia. From this office we are now able to co-ordinate our ministry to Christians working in schools throughout Liberia.

I am delighted to report that money granted to ACSOL from ACT's Overseas Fund in 2007 will be used to establish the Liberian Christian Teacher Training Institute. With the help of volunteers provided



- Networking teachers nationally and internationally through the internet.
- Providing a meeting place for teachers for the purpose of encouraging interaction, mutual support and encouragement.

The centre is comprised of the UCTA administration office and two larger rooms, each with a sitting capacity of about 40. One of these large rooms is our reading room, the other is our training room which is equipped with a television and DVD player.

Future gifts from the ACT Overseas Fund will be used to: buy new materials for the reading room, adding to the 100 books already available; and buy more furniture and equipment for the training room.

For more information about UCTA visit: www.uctauganda.org

by ACT and the Senior Volunteer Network (SVN) in England, ACSOL wants to realise its vision to train and equip a new generation of Christian teacher trainers in Liberia. Our goal will then be to harness their energy and experience to provide high-quality initial teacher training for up to 250 student teachers within the first three years.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank ACT members and *ACT Now* readers for their generous support of ACSOL's ministry.

For more information about ACSOL visit: www.acsoliberia.org

ACT Saturday events

Cost: £15 for all members of ACT, ACT Scotland, ACTW or NIACT. £25 for everyone else. The course fee includes lunch, afternoon tea, other refreshments and all course materials.

Booking: Please photocopy and complete the booking form at the bottom of this page and post it to the ACT office, attaching a cheque payable to 'ACT', by the closing date indicated. Please use a separate form for each event you wish to book a place on.

Time: All of the Saturday events listed here start at 10.30am and finish at 4.30pm.

Saturday 22 September 2007

Hosted by Merseyside ACT Group

Preparing for Advent and Christmas in Key Stages 1 and 2

Led by: Esther Chilvers (*Barnabas*)

At: Queen's Park CE/URC School, Rivington Road, St Helens WA10 4NQ

Closing date for bookings: 12 September 2007

Saturday 22 September 2007

Hosted by Sutton ACT Group

Making a difference: how to be a positive Christian witness in your school/college workplace

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Church of the Good Shepherd, Queen Mary's Avenue, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey SM5 4NP

Closing date for bookings: 12 September 2007

Saturday 6 October 2007

Hosted by NIACT

Christian approaches to classroom management and challenging behaviour

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: High Kirk Presbyterian Church, 65-71 Thomas Street, Ballymena BT42 6AZ

Closing date for bookings: 26 September 2007

Saturday 13 October 2007

Hosted by Yeovil ACT Group

Offering pastoral support that really works

Led by: Scott Fellows

At: The Park School, The Park, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1DH

Closing date for bookings: 3 October 2007

Saturday 3 November 2007

Hosted by Plymouth ACT Group

Take a break: a quiet day for Christians working in education

Led by: Lucy Moore (*Barnabas*)

At: Hope Baptist Church, Peverell Corner, Peverell Park Road, Plymouth PL3 4QG

Closing date for bookings: 24 October 2007

Saturday 10 November 2007

Hosted by Newham/East London ACT Group

Christian approaches to classroom management and challenging behaviour

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: St John's Church, Broadway, Stratford, London E15 1NG

Closing date for bookings: 31 October 2007

Saturday 23 February 2008

Hosted by Plymouth ACT Group

Making a difference: how to be a positive Christian witness in your school/college workplace

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Hope Baptist Church, Peverell Corner, Peverell Park Road, Plymouth PL3 4QG

Closing date for bookings: 13 February 2008

Saturday 1 March 2008

Hosted by Nottingham ACT Group

Speaking the truth in love: Christian approaches to assessment, self-evaluation and target setting

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Trent Vineyard, Easter Park, Lenton Lane, Nottingham NG7 2PX

Closing date for bookings: 20 February 2008

BOOKING FORM

Please complete in full and return this booking form to ACT, 94a London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NX no later than ten days prior to the date of the event. (We need to know by this date in order to confirm catering arrangements.) Bookings cancelled seven days or less prior to the event will not be refunded.

I wish to book a place on the following Saturday event:

Date of event: _____

Hosting ACT Group: _____

I am a member of:

ACT ACT Scotland ACTW NIACT

I enclose a cheque (made payable to 'ACT') for:

£15 £25

Please tick as appropriate

Name: _____
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I work at: _____
School / College name

I am a:

teaching assistant teacher other _____
Please specify

My dietary (or other) requirements:

vegetarian vegan gluten free other _____
Please specify