



# Earwig O Again!

## Stan Gain's 'news'letter – October 2012



A short retirement urges a sweet return.

John Milton

A sweet return indeed. It has been some three years since I wrote about 'retirement'. After a long and wearying trip to Bulawayo from Johannesburg in 2009 I thought I had had enough and concluded it was time to stop. Now some three years later and having found that retirement is non-existent in the Kingdom of God I have reached a different conclusion.

In fact, to retire from travel only left me free to fill my time at home and although many of you know what has been my life for the last three years, I write another 'news'letter so that those who have prayed and still do pray for me might be encouraged to continue.

### Home Front

Although there have been many areas of involvement in people, places and projects in the last three years or so, there are three that I would particularly highlight there have also been three major events – these being the death of both my father and mother and a secondary diagnosis of prostate cancer. Although none have changed the course of my life they have all had a considerable impact. I am so grateful to God that the knowledge of His presence in my life sees me through. As the song that we sing says, "Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist without the knowledge of your parenthood and your loving care!"

### Healing on the Streets



Following a visit to a conference in Coleraine (referred to by some as Cold Rain), along with others we started a project called Healing on the Streets. (HOTS). This is a movement that has seen teams across the UK and now beyond taking the love of Jesus on to the streets and offering prayer for healing and many other needs. Our small team has been out rain, snow, wind and sunshine every Saturday morning in Blackheath and have seen many answers to prayer. We are looking to move out into Greenwich Town Centre in the near future

### Coffee Stop

I have enjoyed being a part of the team that began on the now demolished Ferrier Estate which is a drop-in outreach to disadvantaged and vulnerable adults each Monday. The team is well led through the Church Army. It is a great Christian witness both spiritually and practically. Although I am not able to attend often on a Sunday, the friendship tea is a great blessing and it is great to see many of the Coffee Stop people at their informal service.



### Christian Peoples Alliance



Those of you who have known me for many years will know of my political involvement with UKIP in the past. I thought that I had finished with politics until I found myself selected to stand in the 2010 general election for the CPA in West Ham constituency. It resulted in another lost deposit! Following on from this I found myself appointed party treasurer and consequently on the Federal Executive of the party. Although a small party it does provide a Christian option in the elections. I am hoping to be

able to stand down by the end of the year, but this is probably dependent on a new treasurer being found. I did have two objectives – to see the party talking to other Christian parties with a view to more co-operation and also to see the party become Euro-sceptic. At the recent AGM I was happy to see both of these objectives realised.

## Working Abroad

### Travel Plans

Having been home for about three years and keeping contact with people from all over the world through my website [www.stangain.me.uk](http://www.stangain.me.uk) I realise through the many invitations to visit that I can still contribute to ministries around the world. I am, therefore, *back on the road again!* I set off, excitedly, to the Philippines in November for a series of open-air meetings. In addition I know there will be many other church meetings too. It will be good to take up this aspect of what has been a great part of my life. I have plans next year to visit Pakistan, India, Kenya and USA and will be writing occasional 'news' letters on this. There are also possible longer term opportunities in Ethiopia, Camerouns, and Guinea – all new areas for me. Watch this space!

### Operation Moses

It has been a very great privilege to know and work with Pastor Moses (not his real name) in Pakistan. Following my visit in 2009 my links with him have strengthened. A man of great vision and courage, he is being used of God mightily to encourage and embolden Christian leaders. Following the assassination of government minister Shahbaz Bhatti last year, Moses called the Christians out on to the streets. As a result the Taliban put a Fatwah (death sentence) on him. We were able to help him flee to USA, but he felt his calling from God was to his people at home and he returned. Preaching the Gospel and standing for Christian minorities he has faced increasing death threats but is adamant that God will protect him.



In addition he is rescuing children from slavery and his latest project is the building of a school for some 800 children who would otherwise miss education – both boys and girls. Through the generosity of many of you we have been able to 'rescue' some 50 children out of slavery. These have been put into the care of Christian

families. I am receiving so much information and good news that I am adding new pages to a new website (see below) to keep people up to date. This will be under the name of **Operation Moses**.

## Woodland Christian Trust

Another change since my last 'news' letter has been a change of church. After many years at CBCF I am now happily settled in at Welling Evangelical Church. I have known the church for many years, having had the privilege to preach there from time to time.



Arising out of this change has come the creation of a new charitable trust. This is a newly registered charity and is designed to cover all aspects of ministry including those aspects that were previously covered by CBCF. Operation Moses will soon be added to the website, as will pages directly related to what will probably be known as 'Project Joshua' in India and other relevant information concerning the work of the trust. The first few months of the trust have been very encouraging.

[www.woodlandchristiantrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandchristiantrust.org.uk).