

# National VLB Youth Seminar

24<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Both VLBs and seasoned boosters alike gathered together at Handsworth Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009 for our national youth seminar. The objective for the day was to look in-depth at some of the issues, which face our young people and to provide practical advice on how to please the Lord and overcome our adversary in each area.

The day began with icebreaker games to get everyone warmed up and ready to share. We then split off into male and female discussion groups.

The subject areas explored by the brothers were:

- **'Ambition: - from a Christian Perspective'** co-ordinated by Rikki Prince
- **'The Christian Boy/Man – Roles, Responsibilities and God's Expectations'** co-ordinated by Ray Prince
- **'Relationships, God's Way'** co-ordinated by Ray Prince

The subject areas explored by the sisters were:

- **'Christian Dress and having a Positive Self-Image'** co-ordinated by Karen Richards
- **'The Christian Girl/Woman – Roles, Responsibilities and God's Expectations'** co-ordinated by Pastor Beverley Anderson
- **'Relationships, God's Way'** co-ordinated by Angela Clarke

At the end of the day, the male and female groups joined together for a presentation on **'The Dangers of Secular Music'** by Jason Prince and Stuart Brown.

The day was a productive one. Our young people really opened up; sharing with each other the difficulties they faced and their determination to please the Lord. The session co-ordinators were excellent. They had studied their respective subjects and based all their advice on scripture and experience.

We were able to have a good time of fellowship during lunch, which was provided by the ever faithful, Trevor Prince.

Thank the Lord; the day was a great success. Evaluation sheets were completed and the feedback received was all positive. We hope to have similar events like this in the future and I urge all those who missed out this time, to attend the next one. As we head towards perfection, we need to make every effort to iron out the 'little foxes' that spoil the vines.

*May I take this opportunity to thank all the session co-ordinators, the VLB leaders and my dad, who worked with me to make this day possible. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. I am already looking forward to the next one, God willing!*

By Claudine Brown – National VLB Co-ordinator