

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to David Edgington's letter on the subject of 'retired teachers' (*ACT Now*, Summer 2006).

I retired from teaching in 1997 following heart surgery. Prior to that I had been engaged in supply teaching after finishing full-time teaching. As my energy levels preclude me from actual teaching I have been writing Bible-story plays for 7 to 11-year-olds. The plays are for use in school and class assemblies; RE and Literacy lessons; drama groups; and after-school clubs. They can also be used by churches and families. The plays can be performed with or without costume. The object is to bring Bible stories alive for children who may know little about them. The plays are based on the text of the *Good News Bible*.

I have so far written 25 of these plays. From the Old Testament I have plays focusing on the lives of characters like Daniel, David and Naaman, as well as

dealing with topics like Creation. New Testament stories include parables such as *The Prodigal Son*, *The Hidden Treasure*, *The Pearl of Great Price* and *The Good Samaritan*. One of my plays (based on Luke 5:1-11 and entitled *Push Your Boat Out Into Deep Water!*) can be found in the Education Sunday section of the ACT website (just go to Education Sunday 2004 and click on 'extra resources').

I have also written four activity packs for use in small groups. These contain work sheets and mini-dramas. The packs are on Zacchaeus, Naaman, *The Lost Sheep* and *The Good Samaritan*. The plays and the packs draw out moral problems dealt with in the Bible and illustrate how they may be tackled.

Getting my work published has proved very difficult in spite of encouraging words from publishers. I should be delighted to send anyone a sample play (or pack) in exchange for:

- two second class stamps (to cover photocopying costs)

- an A4 stamped addressed envelope.

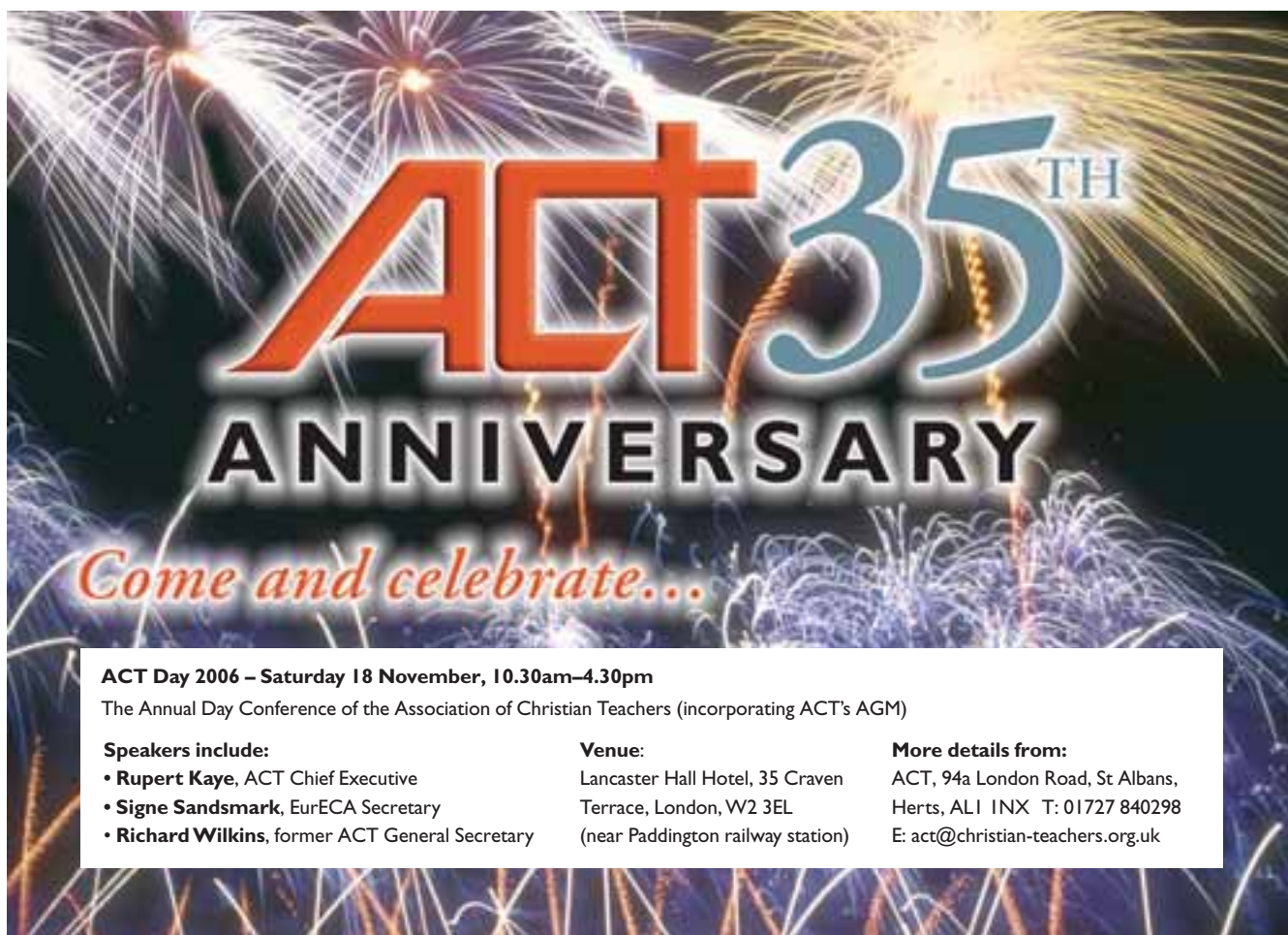
Each play or pack will be accompanied by a word of introduction and full list of other titles available. I am willing to make all other plays available for £1 each with any and all profits going to ACT.

Please send your request to me at:

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Finally, I would like to echo David Edgington's call for retired members of ACT to get more – not less – involved in the Association's ministry.

David Rawlings



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