

*One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy  
are those who will have sought and found how to serve.  
-Albert Schweitzer-*

### ***That Young Man.***



I remember Richard Young;

I knew him well.

Every time we met he would mention The Eighty Club and invite me to become

a member; and each time I would decline. This went on, year after year. Richard never gave up. The Eighty Club was his dream, and he devoted his life to making it a reality. Meetings with the first few supporters of Richard's good intentions were held in the home of Ronald and Eileen van Houten, who lived nearby. His good friend Mervyn Schoorman took on the duties of membership secretary. He was keen, and would use every opportunity to sign up a new member or request contributions to get their project off the ground. They all worked hard during those early beginnings, even organizing street stalls to raise funds. When I think of Richard, and his unswerving dedication to help folk living in Sri Lanka, I recall a story I once heard long ago which reads something like this

There was once a man walking through a large city when he came to a building site. He noticed two workmen, each with an identical block of marble in front of him, chipping away at it. The man asked the first workman "What are you doing?" and the workman replied "I have to break this stone." He asked the second man "What are you doing?" And the man replied "I am building a cathedral" Two men, each engaged in the same work, but with two different aims.

Many of the Architects who designed the great cathedrals of the world we admire today in London, Paris, Rome, Cologne and elsewhere never lived to see their work finished. Some of these great buildings took centuries to complete. But their designers never lost faith and today we can admire these achievements, while we can only dream. And that Young Man had a dream too, which he never gave up.

Today, we owe it to Richard to continue his work; to maintain his ideals as best we can and to carry on the work he entrusted to us when he was called away. So the next time you help the Eighty Club, do not just break a stone. Build a cathedral

We can try, but Richard Young created the loveliest cathedral of them all.

George Robertson