The Bishop of Sherborne, Graham Kings, recently described REFRESH ON THE BEACH 24-27 August, as "Greenbelt comes to Weymouth", and this is going to be the biggest event that the churches here will have organised in a long time, if ever! It is going to be a real celebration of Christian performing arts and primarily an opportunity for the gospel to be heard through a variety of ways - with much for all ages! There will be bands playing from 4pm following a huge programme for families, and also those quiet spaces in the Bedouin tent and a creative prayer tent. Interspersed in all this, will be our speaker, Andrew Palau who will be bringing a powerful and inspiring testimony, living out the powerful work of God through his life, sharing that with others.

The core team and others planning for this are excited and hope you are too, and signed up to be a part of all that is happening at REFRESH ON THE BEACH.

Anni Douglas
REFRESH 2012 coordinator
ANDREW PALAU  International evangelist Andrew Palau is passionate about the life-changing power of Jesus Christ and is determined to share the Good News wherever God may call him. But it hasn’t always been this way. Andrew grew up in a strong Christian home, one of four sons of world evangelist and author Luis Palau. Andrew, however, would choose his own way and did not make an early commitment to Jesus Christ. He attended the University of Oregon where the party life was a large part of his studies. After graduating with a degree in English literature, Andrew moved to Boston where he worked in retail for five years.

In 1993, Andrew took vacation time to join his parents for Luis’ evangelistic outreach in Kingston, Jamaica. His father preached the same Gospel message he had heard him share hundreds of times, but this time it was different. Having witnessed God’s presence in the lives of some Jamaicans he met, including Wendy Levy whom he later married, Andrew gave his heart to the Lord after 27 years living apart from Him.

Now Andrew preaches at his own festivals around the world from the United States to Rwanda, Romania, Egypt, Mexico, India, Poland, and Jamaica. He has shared the Gospel with millions of people, and at every opportunity he demonstrates his father’s same passion and love for Christ and for evangelism. In 2009, he joined Luis on his radio feature, Reaching Your World with Luis Palau. Andrew’s two-minute messages are broadcast on 855 radio outlets.

“There is power for change in Jesus Christ, the cross, His blood, His burial, and His resurrection,” says Andrew. “I long to see all people embracing His gifts of forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit to empower life, and the assurance of heaven for eternity.”

Extract from bio on http://andrew.palau.org

**IMPORTANT TRAINING DATES**

**GENERAL BRIEFING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Sun. 8th July, 3.00pm-5.00pm Weymouth Bay Methodist Church  
Wed. 18th July, 10.00am-12.00pm Easton Methodist Church, Portland

**COUNSELLORS/FISHERS FOR ANDREW PALAU EVENTS**

Mon. 9th July, 2.30-4.00pm; Wed. 11th July, 7.30-9.00pm, Emmanuel

**BEDOUIN TENT VOLUNTEERS**

Fri. 20th July, 6.30 - 9.00pm, Prayer House