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## MISSION STATEMENT

To faithfully chronicle the work and progress of the church in the Atlantic Union territory and inform, instruct, and inspire our church members.

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# “Thanks Be to God!”

**T**hanksgiving is an American tradition—a tradition rooted not just in history, but in deep religious awareness. Of all the holidays, Thanksgiving is the one holiday on which people of all religious persuasions can celebrate together because everyone is a recipient of God’s goodness and His truly amazing grace.

The Bible speaks universally when it says, “Let us come before Him with thanksgiving”—Psalm 95:2, NIV.

The Bible speaks universally when it says, “Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving”—Psalm 147:7, NIV.

The Bible speaks universally when it says, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits”—Psalm 103:2.

Someone said, “Gratitude is the memory of the heart.” Another added, “Gratitude is not only the memory of the heart but the homage of the heart rendered to God for His goodness.” Here we find the heart of worship and the reason to respond to God’s call in our lives. Gratitude to God is the basis of the Christian experience.

The Apostle Paul says it so succinctly in 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV! “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

The Today’s English version renders the verse, “Let us thank God for his priceless gift!”

The New English Bible translates it this way: “Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words.”

The Kings James Version says, “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”

And the New Living Translation cuts to the chase when it paraphrases the text,

“Thank God for his Son—a Gift too wonderful for words.”

Of course, the indescribable, unspeakable, priceless, “too wonderful for words” gift is Jesus Christ and His love for you. True thanksgiving is not about giving thanks for things, but about giving thanks for the Source of all good things. It is giving thanks to God for the greatest of all gifts, His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is both the subject and the object of true thanksgiving.

These words remind us of that: “It is through the gift of Christ that we receive every blessing. Through that gift there comes to us day by day the unfailing flow of Jehovah’s goodness. . . . Everything is supplied to man through the one unspeakable Gift, the only-begotten Son of God. He was nailed to the cross that all these bounties might flow to [us] God’s workmanship”—TESTIMONIES, vol. 8, pp. 287, 288.

Day after day, I am more and more thankful for God’s indescribable gift! The Gift who hears, the Gift who understands, the Gift who loves, the Gift who forgives, the Gift who intervenes, the Gift who heals, the Gift who restores, the Gift who claims you and me as sons and daughters of God! That’s amazing grace! No wonder the Apostle Paul exclaimed, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!”<sup>①</sup>

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*Frank Tochterman is the Southern New England Conference president and communication director.*



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# HOPE *for* HUMANITY

## A Ministry in Action

A group from the Atlantic Union that traveled to South Africa with Hope for Humanity share portions of their journals



Hope for Humanity brings aid to children and adults by helping to provide food and other supplies.



Many of the children are left to take care of themselves after their parents die of AIDS.



Students and teachers stand in front of the new sign placed in front of the school.



Oswald Euell, Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries director, joins the team in praying for the sick.

For 16 days in July 2008 five members from the Atlantic Union were invited by Hope for Humanity to travel to the continent of Africa and witness what is being done to help improve the quality of life of orphaned and hungry children, dying AIDS patients, and students in the education system. We share with you the excitement and thrill we received as we observed God working through His people in Africa. During the trip we kept journals and would like to have you journey along as you read.



A group of five from the Atlantic Union traveled to Africa with Hope for Humanity. Front, Eve Gilkeson and Larita Alford. Back, Oswald Euell, Jerrell Gilkeson, and George Alford.

### The Caregivers

“As I walked into the Nhlengelo complex in South Africa, I had no idea what to expect. Mrs. Martha ‘Mama’ Mawela waited with open arms as the group arrived. Behind her was a semi-circle of approximately 50 caregivers who were waiting to greet us, as well. Their warm handshakes, hugs, and smiles encouraged me and put me at ease. What I experienced is something I will never forget. The caregivers walk miles each day to visit the sick and when asked for their wishes, they mentioned that they want God to provide more strength for them to do more!

“During the visits to the homes of the sick, the child-headed homes, and the Maluti Hospital, I could see Jesus in action. I felt as though I was in the presence of Jesus as I walked about with the caregivers and into the homes of the children. The work that the caregivers, physicians, and nurses are doing is truly what God wants all of us to do as

Christians—bring loving care and hope to the sick and the suffering. This project is an excellent example of how God is using His people to accomplish His purposes on earth.”

—Larita J. Alford, Bermuda Conference member and vice president at Bermuda College



Lorita J. Alford, right, had the opportunity to travel with the caregivers to visit the sick.



## The Dedication

This was written at the dedication of the Khomelela Community Center, built on land donated by the tribal chief, during a celebration for completion of a building where there is a beginning of fulfilling dreams in the midst of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

**A dedication of materials** used for the purposes You, my God, intended

Bricks, cement, wood, glass, tiles, mud, swept dirt, wrought iron, and paint,  
Alone each just a pile of elements for architects, artisans, and builders

Now parts and pieces are together as a whole, a building for service, a place of peace, a painted fence, baptismal waters, a garden of food, tables of plenty, running pouring water, fresh, and free.

**A dedication of the people** for the purposes You, my God, intended

Tribal chief, retinue, council members, ward reps, delegates from countries and states, church members, caregivers, community men, women, children, youth, the aged, pastors, educators, professionals, providers, and receivers of goods.

All in one tent, for one purpose: to dedicate a place and a people for saving lives, binding together persons, families, and community with affirmation of belonging, and knowledge of being God's heart, hands, and feet on earth.

Each a composite of personal memories, dreams, joys, sorrows, desires, and hopes

Now bound by love, they bless each other as individuals, families, and community.

**A dedication for the purpose of events** You, my God, intended

Joyful weddings, sorrowful funerals, weekly reverence, daily prayer, purposeful study, feeding the hungry, serving water to the thirsty, dressing the naked of body or soul, tears of repentance, washing of feet, drowning of sins in waters of new birth.

All bound in a building of man's hopes, and God's creation, encircled by a talking fence a dedication of the future by the presence of the present, commemorating recent miracles of a near and visible past

**A dedication of the here and now**, for the then and will be

Thank You, God, thank You, thank You for all of Your gracious gifts.

—Eve Gilkeson, Southern New England Conference, a Spanish and English teacher



Eve Gilkeson, center, surrounded by some of the children.

## Khomelela

“During my recent visit to South Africa I learned a new word. It's ‘Khomelela.’ When translated, the word means ‘never give up!’ For me, it captures my two-week experience in South Africa, as well as in Lesotho, where I was fortunate to be a part of the Hope for Humanity project.

“It all begins when we drive up to a compound that is rather sparse and Spartan in its appearance but the people line up to greet us with open arms, smiles, and song. This is the first of many opportunities I will have to observe that a correlation between one's joy and happiness does not necessarily correlate to the



George Alford, left, and his wife, Lorita, visit with a caregiver.

amount of one's possessions. The Mawelas, affectionately called Papa and Mama Mawela, with the aid of Hope for Humanity, are living out their dream to carry the gospel to their people by living out Jesus' commands in Matthew 25 to care for the hungry, sick, and poor. They train committed workers to go into their community and seek out the sick, many whom are HIV positive or have tuberculosis (TB). They travel many miles by foot to care for these patients. They provide health education, clean their homes, bathe them, pray for them, and let them know that someone cares. They instill within them the same spirit that they themselves carry with them day by day—Khomelela.

In Lesotho, a country within South Africa, we visited the

Maluti Adventist Hospital, a hospital that is held in highest regard and respect in all of southern Africa for the high standard of medical services it provides and the quality nurses they train. The facility within which they must function leaves much to be desired and the passage of recent government laws has decreased the amount of income to the hospital, making a more difficult situation, but even there the spirit of Khomelela exists as they care for those of their community and country, as well as provide well-trained nurses internationally for southern Africa.”

—George Alford, Bermuda Conference member with a dental practice in Bermuda

### Nhlengelo

“I was impressed by the innocence of the children amidst the devastating chaos of HIV/AIDS. Life for these children seemed constant and normal because Nhlengelo, which means ‘fighting against a common enemy’ is working with their community. This is a place that showed me what love and compassion really could do to help all the children. Caregivers worked very hard helping all the victims. They demonstrated real love for their patients. This mission trip has inspired me to support the work that Hope for Humanity is doing all over the world. Hope for Humanity is a ministry in action.”

—Oswald Euell, Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries director



Oswald Euell travels by foot with the caregivers to their appointments to care for the sick.

Africa. During those days we looked into the faces of children and adults and received inspiration as they talked of hope. They have hope for food. They have hope for education. They have hope because they have not been forgotten. Their brothers and sisters in America care and give to help them.

“Share what you have. Jesus is coming again.”

—Jerrell Gilkeson, Atlantic Union associate director of education and Children’s Ministries

### Hope for Humanity

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not a building. It is a worldwide movement of people who proclaim the Good News of Jesus and His soon return. That belief drives us

to go everywhere in order to obey Christ’s command to feed, heal, cloth, teach, and preach (Matthew 25:34-36). This caring ministry of Jesus Christ is what we do individually and as an organization. As a church we have organizations whose purpose is to assist people with real needs. Hope for Humanity is one such organization. “Hope for Humanity is the new face of one of the longest and most effective humanitarian ministries in the history of Adventism—what used to be called ‘Harvest Ingathering.’”<sup>1</sup>

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has sponsored Ingathering since 1908 as an outreach and fundraising program to encourage members to get involved in their community. One hundred percent of the monetary donations is used to provide resources and program support for humanitarian projects throughout North America and around the world, including literacy, feeding, and clothing programs; school building initiatives in developing countries; maternal education; and job training.<sup>2</sup>

Contributors to this article are George and Larita Alford, Oswald Euell, and Eve and Jerrell Gilkeson. Photos: Matthew Hamel.

### His Hands and Feet

“Jesus said, ‘To whom much is given, much is expected.’ We have been given so much. We have a story to tell—Jesus saves. He saves from sin, hunger, TB, and HIV/Aids. He saves, using us as His hands and feet. We know because we saw Him in action for 16 days in



Jerrell Gilkeson, right, with the children.

Related article about this project: [www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=125](http://www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=125)

<sup>1</sup> [hope4.com](http://hope4.com)  
<sup>2</sup> [news.adventist.org/data/2002/1015353506/index.html.en](http://news.adventist.org/data/2002/1015353506/index.html.en)



Caregivers travel many miles by foot to provide services for the sick and to let them know that someone cares.



# Phase One of Visitor's Center Dedicated

Hiram Edson's loan of \$752 more than 150 years ago to purchase the Washington Hand Press has been a blessing for millions worldwide since the first printing of the ADVENTIST REVIEW in Rochester, New York. The historic Edson Farm site, the theological birthplace of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, now has a visitors' center.

On September 6, visitors from the Adventist Heritage Ministries board; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president; Angel Rodriguez, New York Conference executive secretary; and local church members gathered to dedicate Phase One of the visitors' center at the barn. This special day included a sermon at the Bay Knoll church by King, a dedication and life story of Hiram Edson by Jim Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, with music led by William Fagal, Adventist Heritage Ministry secretary. During the program a special time was set aside to say "thank you" with a gift to each of the 20 or so local volunteers who helped make the visitors' center a reality. King presented a check of \$2,000 from the Atlantic Union Conference for the ongoing construction needs for the barn. After the presentation, all who were present were encouraged to match the amount, and they did.

On this site in 1848 was the first meeting between Joseph Bates (Sabbath, State of Dead, and Spirit of Prophecy) and Hiram Edson (Sanctuary and Investigative Judgment). In a nearby field, the morning of the disappointment of 1844, Edson and a colleague were walking when he received insight into why God did not come back as so many Millerites had anticipated. To publish the article, Edson sold some of his wedding silverware in the spring of 1845.

Today, a little more than 15 years after first reconstructing his father's

barn from the 1840s, the construction of a visitors' center is in progress! It is anticipated that the center will be finished by next spring. This historic barn has welcomed many visitors from around the world. However, until recently, it lacked the basic facilities, such as a bathroom or a place for a caretaker to stay. Now, in the coming months, visitors will be welcomed into a center that will tell the sanctuary story as well as be treated to artifacts from the Edson family and have the opportunity to become acquainted with the little-known pioneer.

Several years ago Adventist Heritage Ministry helped sponsor a half-size scale model of the wilderness sanctuary on the site for two weeks. Three hundred and fifty visitors, Sunday school classes, and groups from all over New York and Pennsylvania came to see Moses and other Old Testament characters give a guided tour of the Tabernacle. With the visitors' center now a reality, the hope of having a "wilderness sanctuary" about Moses that people can walk through is an exciting chance for sanctuary evangelism and a great way to make the Bible come alive!

There is still much work to be done and more funds are still needed for the bathrooms to be operational and the



Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, center, presented a check of \$2,000 for the ongoing construction needs for the barn. He is seen here with Jim Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, left, and Tom Neslund, Adventist Heritage Ministry president, right.



Phase One of the visitors' center at the Hiram Edson barn was dedicated on September 6.

caretakers quarters to be completed. By God's grace and with the generous support and prayers of many individuals, the theological birthplace of Seventh-day Adventist Church will have a completed center where people can learn about the sanctuary and why it is important in their lives.①

*Howard P. Krug, a history teacher, writes from Webster, New York.*

To read an article about Hiram Edson's life story, visit <http://www.adventistreview.org/2002-1543/story1.html>.

# A Tribute — Seven Years Later

Seven years following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference president, and Richard Marker, Greater New York Conference president, were together at the Spanish Delancy Street church in New York City where they appeared as guests on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) program 3ABN Today Live. The two-hour live special was hosted by Jim Gilley, 3ABN president, and C. A. Murray, 3ABN's



Trevor Baker, Richard Marker, and Donald King were together at the Spanish Delancy Street church in New York City where they appeared as guests on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network program 3ABN Today Live hosted by Jim Gilley and C. A. Murray.



Christine Sinclair, an international recording artist, provided special music for this event.

production manager. "The 9-11 special on 3ABN was a nice gesture to remember those who lost their lives in that tragedy. It was good to pause and remember our city and our nation. It was also for

the families of the Northeastern Conference and the Greater New York Conference, to let them know that we have not forgotten those who lost their lives on that day," said Baker.

Individuals on the panel recounted the timeline of events on September 11, and discussed questions such as "Where were you on that day?" "Was 9-11 a wake-up call for us?" and "Have we hit the snooze button and gone back to sleep?" The program was not limited to a dialogue between the leaders, but included special music by Christine Sinclair, an international recording artist, special video segments, and interviews with people in the audience. The video segments were prere-

corded at Ground Zero and at the offices of the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences.

Individuals who tuned into the program could see a black firefighters hat resting in the middle of the table. The hat belongs to retired firefighter Lieutenant Allen Williams, one of the firefighters who responded to the call on 9-11. Seven years later, the hat is still covered with the soot of September 11, 2001, and Allen has indicated that he does not want the hat cleaned. He wants it to be a lasting memorial for his colleagues who lost their lives to save others.

The events of 9-11 changed the world. Perhaps it was a wake-up call. "In many ways we have hit the snooze button, not only in the secular world but also in the church in some way," said Baker. "There must be a constant effort to warn men and women of the Lord's coming. We must restore hope beyond this world. The Bible has forecast tragedies and calamities as we come to the close of time, so the church not only has the task of helping people cope with these misfortunes, but also to prepare them for the second coming of Christ."



Rohann Wellington is the Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM) managing director.

To view additional photos of the event, visit: [www.auam.tv/gallery.php](http://www.auam.tv/gallery.php).

By  
Rohann  
Wellington



## Youth Participate in “Just Do It!” Evangelistic Series



Rafael Vargas

Pastor Plinio Cruz baptized a family of six following the first week of the “Just Do It!” evangelistic meetings at the Mott Haven Spanish church.

With support and encouragement from Jose Cortes, Jr., the Greater New York youth director, the youth in the Bronx Spanish churches initiated a two-week evangelistic series on August 16–30.

The theme for the two weeks was “Just Do It,” a continuation of last year’s Bronx Week of Evangelism, “Just Believe It!” Its purpose was to stimulate individuals to make decision for Christ—a decision that would change their lives.

The first week was held at Mott Haven Spanish church with local pastors, Derrick Cruz and Abraham Henry. The second week was held at the Highbridge Spanish church (they met in the Bronx-Manhattan Adventist school) with Pastor Sheldon Cooper from



Sunilbe Rosario

Pastor Sheldon Cooper, right, from North Carolina, spoke and Herbert Orellana, left, from Miami, Florida, interpreted during the second week of the evangelistic meetings at the Highbridge Spanish church.

North Carolina along with an interpreter, Herbert Orellana, from Miami, Florida.

Many people attended the meetings. By the grace of God and through the Spirit-filled messages, 10 people were baptized at the end of the first week, including a family of six. The second week ended with three more baptisms at two locations and many more have made the decision to be baptized in the near future.

A team of hard-working young people who felt the desire to do something for God made this evangelistic event possible. It is great to know that young people do love Jesus and are working toward hastening the second coming of Christ.

*Sunilbe Rosario, communication director  
Soundview AYS coordinator*

## Ordained to Serve

The Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, New York, was filled with family and friends on Sabbath, August 16, to witness the ordination ceremony of Robert Jackson and Owen Weir.

Robert Jackson became a member of the Emmanuel church in 2002. He has served the church in various capacities. Jackson, a husband, father, and grandfather, was ordained as an elder.

Sharing in this special day was Owen Weir, who was ordained as a deacon. Weir, after attending church with his brother,

was baptized in October 2004. He soon caught the eye of Lorna Burnett, whom he married in December 2006.

Walton Rose, Northeastern Conference ministerial secretary, gave a spirited charge. Rose reminded them that their offices were not about popularity, but of service to God and man. He also admonished them to “grow gracefully, give thanks, stop complaining, and let God give them the attention they need.”

Rohann Wellington, the host pastor, offered the prayer of consecration as

he dedicated Robert Jackson and Owen Weir to the Lord’s service.

As the newly-ordained elder and deacon accepted the charge, Weir led the congregation in singing “Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow.” Their wives joined them in support as they both accepted the challenge to support their husbands in service.

*Najat Lawrence  
communication leader  
Emmanuel church*



Pastor Rohann Wellington, right, offered the prayer of consecration as he dedicated Owen Weir to the Lord’s service as a deacon, with his wife, Lorna, by his side.



Robert Jackson was ordained as an elder with his wife, Veronica, by his side, who pledged to support his ministry.

## Health Expo Reaches Out to Community

The Glens Falls Health Expo was held downtown at the Better Living Center, an outreach location of the Kingsbury Seventh-day Adventist Church. The exhibits that featured the eight laws of health also occupied the lobbies on three floors of the building. We ministered to people

by providing blood pressure and body fat readings, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings, the Harvard Step Test, hydrotherapy, peak air flow test, free food samples and recipes, chair massage, and a health-age computer assessment. The event concluded with an explanation of participants' results and offers of health literature and future classes to attend. There were also health lectures and food demonstra-

tions held during the expo.

The New York Conference purchased the NEWSTART

went the extra mile to help our event to be successful.

This is a wonderful way to

*“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”*

—THE MINISTRY OF HEALING, p. 143.

backdrops and materials for our churches to use at health expos. Our church was privileged to be the first to use them.

Two wellness and nutrition interns assisted in the preparation and execution of the health expo. We were also blessed with people from the community who

connect with people, minister to their needs, and invite them to our follow-up programs. We had many exciting contacts, including a man raised in the church who indicated a desire to return. Two attendees volunteered to work with us in the future.

Debbie Cox, coordinator  
Better Living Center



Rick Ballweber operated the Harvard Step Test (Exercise) station and Estella Brosen operated the Hydrotherapy (Water) station. The NEWSTART backdrops were purchased by the New York Conference for their churches to use at health events.

## Tioga County Church Member Celebrates 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Hilda Johnson was born in Port Alleghany, Pennsylvania, on July 20, 1904. Six years later her family moved to a farm in Owego, New York. Years later while sharing a ride to her work in Ithaca, New York, she met the dashing Feral Wisor who was attending Cornell University. During their daily commute, friendship blossomed into love and he also shared his love of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They were married in 1932 and shortly thereafter, Hilda was baptized and joined her husband in becoming a member of the Tioga County church. Hilda and Feral had one son, Bruce, with whom she now lives. Feral died of pneumonia in 1935.

One marvels at the technological advancements Hilda has seen in her



Hilda Johnson has seen many developments in her 104 years: flight, indoor plumbing, cars, TV, just to name a few. Throughout the years Hilda has remained faithful to her Lord and Savior. What an example for us all!

lifetime: flight, telephones, indoor plumbing, cars, TV, just to name a few! Hilda did remark that people are not as friendly as they used to be—something for us to ponder. Maybe we need to slow down and check our priorities!

Hilda has been blessed with good health and is still “sharp as a tack.” Any visit with her leaves one with a huge grin on their face. For those of us who have known her all our lives, it has been a joy and a delight. Throughout the years Hilda has remained faithful to her Lord and Savior. What an example for us all!

Marnie Schrader  
Sabbath School superintendent  
Tioga County church



## Watertown Church Members Embrace Mission at County Fair

“Papers and books are the Lord’s means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone.”—TESTIMONIES, vol. 6, pp. 315, 316.

Watertown church members along with their pastor, Richard Lawson, embraced this mission as they set up a gospel tent at the Jefferson County Fair in Watertown, New York, July 15 to 20.

The WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES boasted more than 50,000 in attendance and the gospel tent was open to fair attendees from 10:00 a.m. until the fair closed each day. The tent was staffed by Lawson and

Watertown church members who offered a nightly drawing for a set of children’s Bible story books. Ninety-three individuals registered and expressed interest in other follow-up ministries. More than 500 free books, including STEPS TO CHRIST,

being by a musical concert extravaganza featuring local church artists including Lenora Blank, violinist and songstress, Doris Palleschi, Sounds of Joy with Sheila Martin, Janice Hibbler, Milton Armstrong, and Karl Blair who sang, played

On Sabbath, July 19, the Watertown church held its morning worship service under the tent as Frantzo Saint-Val, Fort Drum chaplain, who happens to be Adventist, delivered the morning message, “Troubles Won’t Last Always.” The tent was packed with Watertown church members and visiting guests who experienced their first Sabbath service.

A local popular Christian artist visited the gospel tent during the week and came on Sabbath to experience a Seventh-day Adventist worship service. The gentleman indicated that he was looking for a Bible-based church and was impressed to learn more about Seventh-day Adventist teachings. To God be the glory!

*Janice Hibbler, clerk  
Watertown church*

“Papers and books are the Lord’s means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people”

— TESTIMONIES, vol. 6, pp. 315, 316.

were distributed throughout the week.

Each evening featured a 30-minute community hymn sing where fair attendees could rest, receive a bottle of cold water, and sing their favorite hymns. This was followed each eve-

guitar, and provided his professional sound system that rivaled the fair’s blaring sounds. Hundreds of people walked past, stood outside the borders of the tent, and listened. Others came and requested prayer for various needs.

## Attendees Celebrate 54<sup>th</sup> Annual William Miller Camp Meeting

Approximately 350 people attended the 54<sup>th</sup> annual William Miller camp meeting, with many traveling from as far away as Florida. This year’s speaker was Bill Knott, ADVENTIST REVIEW editor. The children’s programs provided by Linda Everhart and Kathy Harris were well attended, making this camp meeting truly a family event.

The community lunch was coordinated by Wendy Wells and her assistant, Janice Close. Local musical talent included the yearly creation of the William Miller choir led by Janet Hurd. Jim Everhart, the site director, and Don Bozarth shared historical nuggets.

*Timothy Hulquist, member  
New York Conference*



Bill Knott, ADVENTIST REVIEW editor, was the speaker at the 54<sup>th</sup> annual William Miller camp meeting.



Stan Rouse, New York Conference president, addresses those who attended the 2008 William Miller camp meeting.



The camp meeting was held at the site of the William Miller Home and Chapel in Whitehead, New York.



## Atlantic Union College and Loma Linda University Explore Working Relationship

Loma Linda University in California and Atlantic Union College (AUC) in Massachusetts announce they have begun exploratory discussions toward a close working relationship between the two Seventh-day Adventist institutions. Academic and financial leadership at both institutions are studying various concerns and possibilities, such as rotating teaching assignments, strengthening existing programs, and consolidating support services. Plans are progressing to develop a proposal for consideration by their respective boards in late October and early November.

Atlantic Union College first approached Loma Linda University because more than half of AUC students are pursuing nursing or the natural sciences and Loma Linda is the premiere Seventh-day Adventist institution in the health sciences. Because both Loma Linda University and Atlantic Union College share similar missions and have a tradition of strong partnerships with other institutions, leadership believes this relationship could offer great benefits to the customers and constituents of both institutions.

*Norman Wendth, president  
Atlantic Union College*

*Richard Hart, president  
Loma Linda University*

*Donald King, chair of Atlantic  
Union College Board of Trustees,  
and  
president of Atlantic Union  
Conference*



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Atlantic Union College students pose with the Nana (third from right). 'A Nana is a chief of the community, like a king, in Ghana,' explained Francy Duran. With Nana are AUC students (from left) Joana Pierre-Louis, Paul Anderson and Leonardo Robinson (right).

## Preaching the gospel

### Atlantic Union College students return from their recent mission to Ghana

By Donna Roberson  
ITEM CORRESPONDENT

LANCASTER — Charles Harris, theology senior at Atlantic Union College, stood under a canopy preaching the gospel in Ghana. It was pouring rain. Yet, the villagers, who had come to hear him at this outdoor site, merely moved under neighboring buildings and continued to listen.

Except for one man. He stood in the rain, holding an umbrella over the projector Harris used as part of his sermon.

"It was tremendous," Harris said.

Students and faculty at Atlantic Union College (AUC) traveled to Ghana from May 21 to June 21 to complete mission work. Nine students participated, staying at a central hotel with faculty, and each was



Women gather water for home use at a water fountain in Ghana.

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## Preaching the gospel

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assigned to a site in a small village in Ghana.

Dr. Francy Duran, professor of theology at the college, said the goal of the mission, which travels each year to a different country, is to sensitize students to the needs of people. In Ghana, for example, although many students spoke on the gospel, they also included health and family messages in their nightly talks to villagers.

Each day, the students would rise and have a group meeting to discuss the day before. Then, they would prepare to speak at their assigned site before heading out that night. Students also visited villagers in their homes and in the hospital.

"That's something we emphasize," Duran said. "We work as a team here."

Paul Anderson, also a senior theology student who went on the mission (which is open to any AUC student) said when he was out in the field, he worked with the local elders and the villagers.

"It was basically you and the people," he said.

Anderson and Duran said the people of Ghana, mostly poor farmers, are happy and welcoming to visitors.

"You can see that the people have nothing," Duran said.

But that doesn't stop the joy they take in life, Anderson said. Most people took a lot of pride in their cleanliness – both of body and environment – and often when music played, they would simply begin to dance.

And villagers work hard, farming and taking their goods to the market. Farmers often create a bed out of a tire, put their wares in the center and drag it to the market with a long iron pole. Women often set up stands selling their vegetables and fruit.

"It seemed that everybody had something to do," Duran said.

Ghana wasn't the Africa the media portrays, Anderson said. Nowhere did he see chil-



Francy Duran preaches while in Ghana.

dren with swollen bellies and flies buzzing about. Instead he met people who were relaxed, peaceful and thoughtful.

"They're very genuine," Anderson said.

Duran said the people of Ghana are also hungry for knowledge. He said he brought magazines with them and when he offered one to a few teens hanging out in the marketplace, "hundreds of them came running because they wanted at least one."

Anderson added that the people of Ghana also aren't shy about their faith, yet there is no animosity between the different religions that exist in the villages. Many name their businesses with religious references and write things like "Jesus is good" on their car windows.

Duran agreed: "I didn't see a secular society over there as you see over here."

But there were sobering moments to the trip as well. The group toured Elmina Castle, built by the Portuguese in 1482 as a trading post, yet generally recognized as the birthplace of slavery. Slaves were kept at the castle to be transported to the Caribbean and the United States.

"That was really an experi-

ence that you don't forget," Duran said. "I couldn't believe what I heard."

Anderson described dungeons where slaves were packed in from one wall to the other and never let out. Sleeping, eating, bodily functions – the business of life was all carried out in the dungeon. There was also a smaller dungeon where those caught trying to incite the slaves to revolt were kept. They were thrown into the dungeon and left there until they died, refused food and water.

"They'd go in there and they wouldn't come out," Anderson said.

Duran said he couldn't understand why a place with such a tragic history would be kept and toured, but the tour guide said it was so people never forget the tragedy of slavery – and repeat it.

"And, on the top of the second floor (above the dungeons), they had a church," Duran said.

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## Youth Groups Combine for “Unbreakable” Evangelistic Series

There has been a paradigm shift in the evangelistic efforts in the Bronx/Manhattan area. This past spring the Northeastern Conference Manhattan pastors created a dynamic and interactive program entitled “Pentecost New York.” This initiative embraces the notion that “The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers”—*GOSPEL WORKERS*, p. 352. This ongoing effort empowers and mobilizes lay men and women to be active in a lifestyle of evangelism that includes, but is not limited to, preaching the word in public and intimate settings, using sermons with PowerPoint presentations developed by the *ShareHim* ministry ([www.sharehim.org](http://www.sharehim.org)).

The Bronx/Manhattan youth, personal ministries, and Pathfinder federations were so inspired that their members decided to embrace this engaging ministry. For six weeks, from July 7 to

August 16, sermons, music, and technology for the evangelistic series were facilitated entirely by youth. Twenty-four young people (ages 13 to 28) from 10 of the area churches presented powerful messages that engaged both young and old in an intimate, interactive, and immediate way.



At City Tabernacle church the youth gathered to rekindle their bond with Jesus Christ.

The series took place at six different churches—Sharon, City Tabernacle, Ephesus, Bronx, New Hope, and Mount of Blessings—in the Bronx/Manhattan area on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. The

series culminated with a health fair and gospel concert at Marcus Garvey Park in Manhattan, sponsored by Ephesus Responsible Media Outreach. The concert, broadcast live via [praisevision.com](http://praisevision.com), featured powerful ministries from local talent as well as “Adventist Against Aids in Africa,” a not-for-

profit organization dedicated to meeting the quality of life and HIV/Health needs of brothers and sisters of the African Diaspora. Almost 150 screenings for blood pressure and glucose, and 30 for HIV were conducted by the Heritage Health Care

Center of Harlem. These efforts were coordinated by the Bronx/Manhattan youth federation’s health and wellness director and the Ephesus church Health Ministries department. The Northeastern Conference mobile health van and Sophie Davis medical students from City Tabernacle also played an integral role.

The sermons and music were broadcast live on the Bronx/Manhattan youth federation Web site at [www.bmfederation.org](http://www.bmfederation.org) with the help of local youth and [Ihope4all.com](http://Ihope4all.com). Audio replays of the sermons were rebroadcast on [www.wdjjradio.com](http://www.wdjjradio.com) every Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The video archive of the sermons will also be available at [www.bmfederation.org](http://www.bmfederation.org).

The evangelistic series was a great success, contributing to the overall spiritual lifestyle of the youth. Several youth were baptized in the area churches during and after the series.

*Earnest Flowers III, president  
Bronx/Manhattan Youth Federation*

## Cameron Receives Women of Distinction 2008 Award



The Honorable Thomas McKeivitt presents Bethany church communication leader, Mary Cameron, with the 2008 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District’s “Women of Distinction Award” at the second annual ceremony.

Mary Cameron, the Bethany church communication leader, was the proud recipient of the 2008 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District’s “Women of Distinction Award” at the second annual ceremony.

“Mary’s services to the Nassau county community, children, youth, and families represent one of the most courageous and accomplished individuals in [New York] State and the nation,” stated the Honorable Thomas McKeivitt. “Her work and tireless efforts have resulted in the continuous

enjoyment of our community.” These sentiments were echoed by Hempstead town councilwoman Dorothy Goosby.

Included among the various individuals attending the ceremony were her husband, Errol Cameron, Sr., Claudette Edwards, Gregory and Cynthia Perrier, and Neville Mullings, North Hempstead town executive director of economic development.

*Communication Department  
Bethany church*



## Church Members Enhance St. Lucia's Community

As 26 members of Mount Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church arrived in beautiful St. Lucia, we had no idea what our seven-day mission trip would bring. Excitement grew as we were warmly greeted by the assistant pastor and Pathfinders from the Labayee Seventh-day Adventist Church serving us large, fresh, jelly coconuts to quench our thirst in the 90-degree weather.

On our first day of mission work, our team, consisting of medical doctor Max Yawingu, Jennifer Adjodah-Evans, several nurses, and non-medical personnel, including our youngest member, 16-month-old, Cody, traveled through the mountains to the village of Anse-La-Raye with anxious anticipation. Upon arrival to the non-air conditioned community center, we observed a large crowd gathered to be treated for various illnesses.

With many days of clinical services by our team and a cooking class by Theresa Faulkner, our mission project impacted many lives. Soon the news spread from village to village, allowing for media coverage sponsored by St. Lucia's tourism board and the Soufriere Foundation as our team presented charitable gifts to several organizations, including the Soufriere Nursing and Children's Homes, the Transit Home,

and recent Soufriere fire victims.

The Sabbath program was hosted by the Mount Sinai team at the Labayee church. The guest speaker was our missionary team pastor, Charles McDonald, with special music by Cheryl Linton. The team presented eight computers with new software on behalf of Pastor Harris A. Thompson and the Mount Sinai church to Alfred Joseph, senior pastor of the Labayee church, and a fax machine and a cordless microphone to its communication director.

Our mission trip culminated with a health expo, hosted by the Labayee church, servicing 300 people. Tent sta-

tions featured the eight laws of health, the health age analysis, the community blood bank, hydrotherapy, vegetarian meals, blood pressure and glucose screenings, and several other services, as the Mount Sinai team worked alongside the Labayee health team.

Our team distributed eight barrels of clothes, shoes, personal care items, food to various villages, nine computers, more than 3,000 pieces of Christian and health literature, and three boxes of medicine, medical supplies, and eyeglasses.

Thanks to the Anse-La-Raye, Soufriere, and Labayee churches for their generosity and hospitality and for providing us with the island's most beautiful and delicious fruits. We

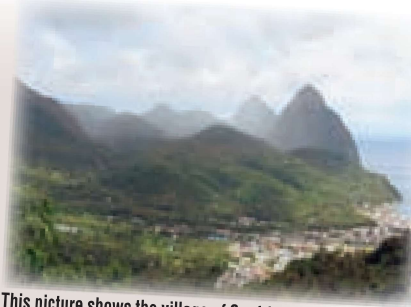
also marveled at the hard work and diligence of the young people on our team, such as Suprena Parchment, who spent most of her time providing glucose screenings, while her younger brother, O'Kime Parchment, and Zion Duckett canvassed the neighborhoods, spreading the gospel by handing out literature.

We are thankful to Don Emanuel, Pastor Alfred Joseph and our most courteous bus driver, Eric James, for their hospitality during our stay in St. Lucia and for making this a memorable trip.

Toracia Williams  
Adventist Community Services director  
Mount Sinai church



The Labayee Adventist Community Services department packed clothes for distribution to the St. Lucia community.



This picture shows the village of Soufriere with the Pitons in the backdrop.



Mount Sinai church members spent seven days in St. Lucia serving the community.



The children posed for a picture during our visit to the Children's Home.



The local fruit is not only beautiful in color, but refreshing to eat.



Donated medication is arranged for distribution.





By Sheila Holder

## Music, the Melody of Heaven

Just as the children of Israel were cheered along the way with sacred songs while traveling from Egypt to Canaan, so today, music, if rightly employed, can inspire our hearts and bring joy to our souls. Ellen White penned the following words in the book *EDUCATION*, p. 168, “The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. . . . Let there be singing in the school, and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another.”

Bermuda Institute has a rich heritage of excellence in music. From its early beginnings until today, music has been an integral part of the curriculum of the school. If one has the privilege of walking in the halls or visiting the classrooms during the worship period one will most likely hear students singing lustily, clapping enthusiastically, passionately foot-tapping, or ardently beating pencils and rulers in response to the rhythm of the songs. Students and teachers alike attest to the positive effect that the singing of religious choruses at the beginning of the school day brings to them.

The school has both a choral and band program. Some students choose to join both organizations, using their talents to glorify God and encourage the hearts of the community. The Bermuda Institute was the first school on the island to have a steel band. The band was created out of a desire to make a unique contribution to the musical festival at Atlantic

Union College back in 1984. It was an instant hit and the steel band has been a favorite among students ever since that time. The students have performed at churches and many civic events on the island. They have even played at the Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida. Under the direction of William Linthwaite, the steel band continues to play to the delight of appreciative audiences. The concert band, a small, elite group of students, continues to round out our musical



Bermuda Institute choir members sing for Bermuda Institute day at a Midland Heights church service.

programs at concerts, church programs, and graduations.

The school choir is a popular choice as an elective for students in grades seven to 12. It is usually comprised of about 70 to 90 youthful voices. Owen Simons, alumnus, who conducts this choir with passion and pride, brings out the best musical talents in our students. The choir has sung for churches across the island, the Premier’s concerts, hotel events, and civic events. Out of the choir have come small groups, trios, duets, and soloists who

continue their musical pursuits, building upon their training in the rudiments of music, and presenting stellar performances to all.

Earlier this year the school choir won the \$3,000 first-place award in the island-wide choir competition. The choir has been asked to join with Christ Church Choir of Oxford, England, to present a joint concert at the Ruth Seaton James auditorium in January 2009 for the prestigious Bermuda Festival of Music. This festival draws not only locals but visitors from the United States and other countries. The joint choir will be directed by Stephen Darlington of England. Our students are ambassadors for Seventh-day Adventist education throughout Bermuda.

Heavenly music, whether in joyful voices, steel pans, or instruments of brass and woodwinds, continues to be a unifying aspect of the school. They have previously performed at the Premier’s concert, which showcases some of Bermuda’s best young musical artists. As E. G. White reminds us in the book *EDUCATION*, p.161, “The melody of praise is the atmosphere of heaven; and when heaven comes in touch with earth, there is music and song—‘thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.’”<sup>10</sup>



Sheila V. Holder is the Bermuda Conference superintendent of schools.





# Youth Talk

Atlantic Union youth and young adults share their opinions and ideas on various topics.



**Q:** What impresses you most about the worship service in your church?

**A:** “I really appreciate the friendly manner of the church members toward one another and to the visitors.

The church values its members and wishes that they would use their talents to serve. It is an active church that hosts various program. The desire is to be an influence to the community and to provide a church home for them and their existing members.”—**Kendra Bisson**, *Sterling, Massachusetts*

**Q:** What impresses you most about the worship service in your church?

**A:** “In the worship service I attend, I enjoy singing and having the music surround me and all of my family and friends. It truly lifts my spirits to sing to my Lord. I believe in my heart that songs have a big impact on your life. Many times in sermons I have heard that we scare away the devil and his evil angels when we lift our voices to the Lord. Another part of worship I enjoy is when the children take part in the service. The children’s story is a great way to get them involved. I sometimes take part and tell the children’s story. To see their faces light up after a story that I told them and to know that God gave it to me is such a blessing. These are just a few things that thrill me at my church. In the Bible it says we should be glad and rejoice always and trust in Him. “I pray to you, O Lord, my rock. Do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you are silent, I might as well give up and die. Listen to my prayer for mercy as I cry out for help, as I lift my hands toward your holy sanctuary”—Psalm 28:1, 2 (NLT).—**Savannah Wilson**, *Woodstock, Maine*



**Q:** What is one of the most important messages you would like to convey to the young people with whom you work?

**A:** “One of the most important messages I would like to convey to young people with whom I work is that they can make a difference in the world. They are citizens of heaven representing Christ in everything they do or think. Therefore, they should know that whether they are in the classroom or outside the classroom, they all need to show God’s character in their lives.”—**Lorenda Kovacs**, *Bronx, New York*



**Q:** What is one of the most important messages you would like to convey to the young people with whom you work?

**A:** “I believe that within everyone lies a unique gift from God. A gift so miraculous that it enables one to overcome the feeling of fear and inspires us all to press on. Your gift is exactly that—yours! Own it by discovering within yourself your truly godly talent and use it whenever you’re faced with feelings of despair. Fear is a [type of] paralysis. Break away . . . and learn how God has given you a one-of-a-kind package of peace and inner bliss wrapped in love, and like all gifts, be sure to share it with others. May you know your gift.”—**Tara Burchall**, *St. David’s, Bermuda*

## Calling Youth and Young Adults

If you are 35 years old or younger, send us your response to the following. “Share your thoughts on what church youth activity you have participated in that has been a blessing to you.” Send your response to the GLEANER editor at [gleaner@atlanticunion.org](mailto:gleaner@atlanticunion.org). Be sure to include your full name, age, church, the town and city where you reside.

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A famous author once said, "These are the best of times and the worst of times!" We all recognize the renowned words once spoken by Charles Dickens during the tough times of the story entitled *A TALE OF TWO CITIES*. Those once famous lines do seem to fit these present times of trouble, followed by the fulfill-

ment of Bible prophecy right before our very eyes!

der, How will we heat our homes this winter? How will we pay for transportation or high-priced groceries? Dare we even wonder how we will pay the private tuition for Christian education?

There always seem to be more questions than answers when times get tough! However, what an opportunity for Christ to

evangelism. Our local radio station has been dedicated to spreading God's message of His loving acceptance and redemption through the ministry of 3ABN 24 hours a day!

This summer our members participated in two annual events called the Barre Homecoming Parade and a musical community day called GodStock! Our radio

In addition, we were pleasantly surprised when a young family from the community (with two elementary girls and their grandmother) walked proudly into the sanctuary one Sabbath morning. The father stated, "We've been listening to your radio station and we now believe in your Sabbath!" Praise God! This precious family worships at the Barre church every Sabbath and they have enrolled their two daughters in our school at Central Vermont Academy! The mother's comment about Christian education could not have been stated more clearly when she said, "What a beautiful plan: home, church, and school . . . you can surround your children with this beautiful message!"

*Sherrie Wall, principal  
Central Vermont Academy*

**In a time when this world begins to deliver uncertainty and fear, we must boldly go forward with the "midnight cry!"**

ment of Bible prophecy right before our very eyes!

Who among us who have studied and comprehended the signs of Jesus' Second Coming does not watch with anticipation these very events unfolding? As we helplessly watch the housing market plunder or gas and oil prices double, maybe even triple, in cost, we won-

be lifted up! In a time when this world begins to deliver uncertainty and fear, we must boldly go forward with the "midnight cry!"

It has been an exciting time this summer and fall at Central Vermont Academy and the Barre Seventh-day Adventist Church as our church has stepped out in faith in local community

station provided a booth for church members to meet with the community, visiting, praying, and distributing Christian literature. They also held a free blood pressure drive and provided opportunities for free Bible studies. Little did we realize that these two events would lead to 48 new requests for Bible studies to begin this fall!

## NNEC Holds Annual Family Camp Weekend

Family Camp Weekend 2008 was attended by more than 100 people of all ages. Many came from different areas of our conference and beyond during the annual event held August 29 to September 1.

Our own David DeRose, M.D., M.P.H., gave presentations that focused on whole-person health (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual). DeRose is a member of Portland's White Memorial church. He also directs CompassHealth, Inc., a health organization

he founded in 2002 that partners with other established instructors, writers, graphic designers, and TV producers to offer a broad range of health education services.

Other weekend activities included volleyball and basketball games, hiking the grounds of Camp Lawroweld and surrounding areas, boating on beautiful Lake Weld and, of course, fellowshiping during excellent meals. Sunday evening was fun with the annual talent show.

One repeat attendee stated, "We would encourage anyone to give this 'gift' to your family and make wonderful memories for your loved ones."

To join the Family Ministries team headed by co-directors Merlin and Cheryl Knowles at next year's family camp, contact the NNEC office at (207) 797-3760 or by e-mail: [mknowles@nnec.org](mailto:mknowles@nnec.org).

*Rita Smith  
administrative office assistant  
Northern New England Conference*

## What's Happening in Your Church?

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We would love to hear from you!



## Searsmont Church Baptisms

The members of the Searsmont Seventh-day Adventist Church in Searsmont, Maine, recently witnessed the baptisms of three individuals, Eugene Milliken, Charles Lamoreau, and Barbara Lamoreau.

Milliken was raised in the Seventh-day Adventist faith as a child, but was never a member of a particular church. As an adult he met and married a Christian woman named Ruth. They were married for 46 years. Approximately two years ago, Ruth died and shortly after that, Eugene indicated he was impressed by the Holy Spirit to be baptized. He began Bible studies with Pastor Enoch Brownell in preparation for his baptism.

The Lamoreaus had different religious backgrounds growing up. Charles was raised in the Seventh-day Adventist faith and Barbara attended many differ-

ent Christian denominations. They moved to the Searsmont area about a year ago and started attending a small church in the area, but they felt that something was missing. One Sabbath as they were driving by the Searsmont Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Lamoreaus were inspired by the Holy Spirit to stop by and join the Bible study and service. The couple spoke with Sabbath School leader Gerry Maldovan about having Bible studies. Carl Joy, an elder, and his wife, Lily, conducted Bible studies with them in preparation for their baptisms.

Members of the Searsmont church have expressed how blessed they are that God has brought three new members to the church.

*Debbie Horak  
communication correspondent  
Searsmont church*

## Two Teachers Recognized at NNEC Commissioning Service

Nathan Knowles, a teacher at Central Vermont Academy, was commissioned at the Northern New England Conference Camp Meeting 2008. Nathan is the son of Merlin Knowles, Northern New England Conference secretary, and his wife, Cheryl Knowles, who are also the conference's Family Ministries co-directors. Nathan teaches health, physical education, environmental science, acrosports, outdoor education, and Bible through nature. He also coordinates the Career Exploration Program. He has been married to his wife, Amy, for four years.

The NNEC presented David Knott with the 2008 Teacher of the Year Award.

David has 30 years experience and has taught in three schools. He currently teaches at the St. Johnsbury School in Vermont. David brings a wealth of experience in nature and has multiple certifications. He has encouraged the church community to show their team spirit in support of the school. David and his wife, Mary, have three children, Rachel, David (DJ), and Emily.

Northern New England Conference is blessed to have these two dedicated men on staff.

*Lynn Ortel, communication director  
Northern New England Conference*

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## Ministries **Making a Difference**

The Southern New England Conference Youth Department (YD) is responsible for Adventurers, Family Life, National Service Organization, Pathfinders, Public Campus Ministry, Summer Camp, and Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

**Adventurers** is a family-based ministry that focuses on involving and supporting parents (caregivers) in the physical, social, spiritual, and mental development (Luke 2:52) of children in grades 1-4 that agree to keep the Adventurer pledge and law. There are two main conference events: Fall Fun Day and a Spring Escape family camping weekend.

**Family Ministries** exists to provide resources and support the local church family ministries directors and the families of our conference. We have updated our family Web site to include helpful, practical resources and links. Our goal is to help families disciple and lead their children spiritually (Deuteronomy 6:1-9). There are two main conference events: a marriage retreat in February and a family retreat and training in November.

**National Service Organization** – The YD offers support and counsel to all Adventist youth who are considering joining any branch of the military or who are currently enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces. This service assists young people in fulfilling their desire to serve our country and their God. It also helps them understand the church's position on this topic to guide them as they make decisions.

**Pathfinders** is geared toward helping young people develop age-appropriate leadership skills, provide opportunities for community involvement, enhance camping skills, and foster spiritual growth. Young people of any race, gender, or religious background, ages 10-15, are welcome to

participate. The goal is to create a generation of exemplary young people who are personally prepared for the second coming of Jesus Christ and prepared to help others to be ready (I Timothy 4:12).

**Public Campus Ministry** – Not all of our college-age Adventist youth attend our Adventist colleges. In fact, more of our young people are attending public schools. This creates many challenges for our young adults in terms of choices and conflicts over values. This ministry is geared toward supporting students who find themselves in this often unfriendly environment. Our efforts focus specifically on the Boston area schools as the YD partners with local pastors/churches to reach out to this important sector of our society. It will seek to strengthen our youth as well as evangelize other students.

**Summer Camp** – Since 1950, campers and families have been blessed by the natural beauty of Camp Winnekeag. Summer camp continues to provide all with the opportunity to have fun in activities and learning about God. Campers consistently, year after year, make life-changing decisions to follow Jesus, to prepare for baptism, and to live for God. The camping season includes age-specific week-long camps (for ages 8-17) and family camps.

**Youth and Young Adult** – The YD seeks to assist local church leaders by providing annual training in the fall and an annual retreat in the spring. Throughout the year the department supports and provides resources to local youth leaders. Federations have been created to provide the infrastructure for local church youth leaders to network as leaders and youth groups.®

*Pedro Perez  
Youth and Family Ministries director  
Southern New England Conference*





## Berkshire Mission 2008: Destination Los Alamos, Chile

Berkshire Hills church members fulfilled the gospel commission in Matthew 28 when they joined Berkshire Mission (see sidebar)

under the direction of Robert Young and his son, Eric, co-director, in the town of Los Alamos, Chile, for Mission 2008.

Fifty volunteers prepared to construct a new church, provide dental and medical care, conduct evangelistic meetings, and a Vacation Bible School program for the children.

Los Alamos church members had been praying for two years for a new church, so they were very excited to see their prayers answered. The building they were using was old and held together by long ceiling braces. The floor they were using was rented and the owner wanted it back.

When we arrived in Los Alamos the mayor arranged transportation for us,

including a dental van with three chairs and equipment for the group to use as they traveled around offering free dental service.

Berkshire Mission is sponsored by the Berkshire Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church. It consists of a diverse group unified by the desire to relieve the suffering of humanity. It is open to anyone willing to serve as part of a Christian team striving to care for the whole person. Their efforts consist of medical, dental, evangelistic, and construction work. Even though their mission may seem like a drop in the bucket compared to the magnitude of pain and suffering in the world, their desire is to continue adding drops until the bucket is filled. The Mission 2009 project is planned for Guatemala. If you would like more information about that trip, contact Eric Young at [mail@berkshireremission.org](mailto:mail@berkshireremission.org) or (413) 822-0254; [www.berkshireremission.org](http://www.berkshireremission.org).

A large number of people visited our medical team since they are only used to seeing a doctor once a year. Eye glasses were a "hit." The group dispensed more than a thousand pairs of glasses. Many of the community people had not had glasses in years. One man thought he was going blind until he was given a pair of glasses.

The Vacation Bible School team witnessed to the young people for five nights and the evangelistic team held their meetings at the same time, resulting in several baptisms.

The church members were friendly and helped to facilitate our stay there.

The church was finished on time and we met for worship the last Sabbath we were there. Many smiles and hugs were shared as a result of the hard work.

*Stuart Dixon, assistant communication director  
Berkshire Hills church*



Julio Acevado, Los Alamos, Chile, church pastor, baptizes one of the baptismal candidates.



Church members from the Los Alamos, Chile, church came to say goodbye to us at 6:00 a.m.



Mark Bugbee and Amy Beisiegel, both from the Berkshire Hills, Massachusetts, church, work on the church construction. It took more than two and a half hours to unload the truck of bricks, one brick at a time.

### Southern New England School Feature



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Fifty volunteers prepared to construct a new church, provide dental and medical care, conduct evangelistic meetings, and a Vacation Bible School program for the children in Los Alamos, Chile.

## Adventurers Baptized and Promoted to Pathfinders



St. George's church pastor Stefan Burton-Schnull, St. David's church pastor D. Randolph Wilson, and Richard Carlington, church deacon, baptized Laushan Simmons, Chardor Baker, Sheamar Simmons, Jarrid Simmons, and Toriq Basden. Adventurer Sarai Ben Aviel, not shown, was baptized on August 9.

Pathfinder Day on July 19 was a full day of many momentous events. Three brothers, Jarrid, Laushan, and Sheamar Simmons, along with Toriq Basden, and Chardor Baker, all stood before the congregation at the St. David's church and pledged their baptismal vows before the church. Sarai Ben Aviel, who was off

the island on this day, was baptized on August 9.

These individuals are all part of a joint Adventurer club with the St. George's and St. David's churches. Under the leadership of Dora Baker, St. David's Adventurer and Pathfinder director, these young people indicated a desire to be baptized and continue with

the Pathfinder program. In addition to their Adventurer regimen, Joan Page, the church Bible instructor, studied with them in preparation for their baptism.

Calvin C. C. White presented the sermon and a celebratory cake, complete with their names, was shared after lunch.

Members of the St. David's and St. George's churches watched as their pastors, D. Randolph Wilson (St. David's) and Stefan Burton-Schnull (St. George's) went into the waters off Clearwater Beach for the baptisms. Jarrid, Laushan, and Sheamar were baptized simultaneously by both pastors and supported by Richard Carlington, deacon. Burton-Schnull baptized Toriq Basden while Wilson baptized Chardor Baker.

The Adventurers participated in the service with special music in both French

and English. Additional special music was provided by the Beyond Tomorrow Quartet. Special guests for the Sabbath services included Roy Butler, conference Pathfinder director, Pauline DeShield, area coordinator for the St. David's and St. George's clubs, Cynthia Fishington, area coordinator, and Joann Furbert, area coordinator, supported by her husband, Derek Furbert, conference treasurer.

The Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs conducted an investiture and induction service where the five baptized members were invested and inducted into the Pathfinder club that Sabbath afternoon. The investiture and induction service was well supported by the Pembroke Golden Leopards, a sister Pathfinder club.

*D. Randolph Wilson, pastor  
St. David's church*

## Spanish Fellowship Ministries Provide Witnessing Opportunities

El Ministerio Hermandad, which, in Spanish, means Fellowship Ministry, was created by a group of ladies to support other Spanish-speaking individuals in Bermuda. It creates an avenue to practice the language and at the same time allow an opportunity to share the same love of the Spanish culture. Since its conception, the group has provided several community outreach projects, including free English classes for the community. The classes are presented by qualified teachers and held at Bermuda Institute.

Ecuadorian native Gabriela Pozo saw the advertisement for free English classes online. She

went to class the following Sunday and met with teachers Sandra Stowe and Erika Hinds. She noticed something different about the teachers—they would pray before and after class. Pozo started to form a friendship with the teachers.

The class was invited to a special Easter program held in Spanish at the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church. Part of the Easter program was a dramatization of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Teacher Donovan Durrant and Bermuda Institute students performed the emotional narration of that day at Calvary.

The Holy Spirit moved Pozo and she continued to visit the church to study the



Ariel Manzueta, Warwick church pastor, baptized Gabriela Pozo on May 10. She learned about Christ through free English classes offered by the church.

Bible with other Spanish members. Ministerio Hermandad members offered Pozo friendship and started to pray for her. Soon she announced her decision to follow Christ.

Today there is joy in heaven because of the decision Gabriela has made.

She was baptized by Ariel Manzueta, Warwick church pastor, on May 10. She is now spreading the "good news of the gospel" to her friends in Bermuda.

*Loida Ratteray  
marketing director  
Ministerio Hermandad*



## Les laïcs adventistes donnent quatre fois plus que l'an dernier lors de la convention annuelle

Les officiels d'ASI pensent que c'est en grande partie grâce au projet 'une église en un jour' que 8 millions de dollars ont été collectés.

Du 6 au 9 août, lors de la convention des Services et Industries des Laïcs Adventistes (ASI), les membres de l'ASI ont donné 8 millions de dollars, multipliant ainsi par quatre les dons collectés l'an dernier. Les officiels d'ASI expliquent que cette nette augmentation des dons est en grande partie due à l'intérêt suscité par le projet 'une église en un jour'.

Le projet 'une église en un jour' a été présenté pour la première fois en avril dernier lors de l'assemblée administrative de l'église adventiste du printemps. Il s'agit d'un projet commun d'ASI et de Maranatha Volunteers International. Ce programme soutenu par l'Eglise a pour but de s'occuper des besoins importants en édifices dans des régions où le nombre de membres augmente en flèche.

Les édifices, qui peuvent être construits en six heures à peine, comprennent la structure et le toit. Aux membres

locaux de bâtir les murs avec des matériaux abordables et à disposition comme la brique ou le bambou. Au mois de juillet, les adventistes en Equateur ont été les premiers à se réunir dans une église construite en un jour.

Les dons des membres d'ASI reflètent leur enthousiasme pour des projets tels que celui de 'une église en un jour', a affirmé Steve Hamstra, directeur des communications pour ASI. Pour récolter des fonds pour les projets, l'organisation dépend davantage de membres « motivés et inspirés » que

d'un marketing important. S. Hamstra ajoute : "Les gens sont enthousiasmés par le projet."

Créé en 1947, ASI constitue un réseau de 800 hommes et femmes d'affaires adventistes qui parlent du Christ sur le marché du travail.

Pour plus d'informations sur le projet 'une église en un jour', connectez-vous sur [onedaychurch.org](http://onedaychurch.org).

*Adventist News Network Staff  
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## Les adventistes d'Atlanta préparent la session administrative de l'Eglise

Une évangélisation de proximité est planifiée dans le cadre de l'initiative "Bonne Nouvelle Atlanta"

Selon un communiqué de presse du 10 septembre, les préparatifs pour la session administrative mondiale de l'église adventiste en 2010, qui se déroulera à Atlanta en Géorgie, sont en cours.

La session administrative, qui a lieu tous les cinq ans, est organisée par la Conférence Générale, entité dirigeante de l'Eglise. Ce qui marquera la 59ème session de cette dénomination protestante mondiale, c'est qu'elle va attirer quelques 35000 délégués internationaux (membres et invités) du 23 juin au 3 juillet. Ce nombre devrait même doubler pendant les week-ends.

"Lorsque je parle aux membres et visite les églises de la région, je ressens une grande émotion" a déclaré Gordon Retzer, président de l'Union des fédérations adventistes du Sud, région qui compte la ville d'Atlanta. "C'est un grand privilège de pouvoir accueillir

cet événement et nous sommes avides de montrer aux gens de la région que les adventistes veulent être impliqués dans leur communauté."

Atlanta a été en partie choisie pour sa diversité culturelle, expliquent les organisateurs. Quelques 430 personnes se déplacent chaque jour vers la métropole d'Atlanta. Les 5,5 millions d'habitants de la région représentent des myriades de groupes ethniques, a affirmé Bill Levine, responsable de l'implantation d'églises dans la fédération de Géorgie-Cumberland.

"Jusqu'à présent, les adventistes représentent moins de 2 % des membres d'église de la communauté, ce qui constitue un formidable défi pour notre Eglise" a ajouté B. Levine. Dans la dernière ligne droite avant la session, les représentants de l'église locale oeuvrent ensemble pour améliorer la présence de l'église adventiste dans la ville.

Les initiatives portent à la fois sur l'évangélisation et l'entraide en faveur des habi-

tants de la région. En 2005, les fédérations de Georgie-Cumberland et d'Atlantique Sud, toutes deux à la direction des églises et ministères de l'agglomération d'Atlanta, ont fondé "Good News Atlanta" (en français "Bonne Nouvelle Atlanta"). Ce projet est une initiative qui permet de promouvoir l'évangélisation "relationnelle." Des études réalisées par l'Eglise indiquent que les nouveaux adventistes viennent plus à l'église si leurs amis y viennent également.

Grâce à ce projet, c'est la première fois que tous les pasteurs adventistes de la région "se sont rassemblés pour réfléchir, prier ensemble et établir des stratégies pour évangéliser toute la ville," a expliqué G. Retzer. "Nous voulons que cette démarche de cohésion soit permanente. Et cela va se poursuivre jusqu'au retour du Seigneur" a-t-il ajouté, répondant aux inquiétudes sur le fait que la présence de l'Eglise à Atlanta puisse se réduire lorsque la session administrative sera terminée.

La session administrative de 2010, qui a pour thème "Proclamer la grâce de Dieu," représentera les 25 millions de familles adventistes du monde entier. Bien que la session soit en grande partie une réunion de travail (des délégués élisent les responsables de l'Eglise et prennent des décisions en matière de politique de l'Eglise), le président de l'église adventiste mondiale, Jan Paulsen, a indiqué que c'est le thème de la grâce qui guidera le travail de l'Eglise.

"Quand la grâce de Dieu entre dans nos vies . . . il est impossible de continuer à travailler comme avant," a déclaré J. Paulsen. "En mettant l'accent sur ce thème, nous reconnaissons que l'expérience de la grâce est primordiale dans la vie de chaque croyant."

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## Laicos adventistas cuadruplican ofrendas en convención anual

Los miembros de Servicios Leos Industriales de Laicos Adventistas (ASI) donaron ocho millones de dólares durante la convención de la organización llevada a cabo del 6 al 9 de agosto, lo que cuadruplicó las ofrendas del año pasado. Este incremento se debe en gran parte al interés por el proyecto "Iglesia de un día," dijeron los directivos de la organización.

Anunciado por primera vez en abril durante el concilio de primavera de la iglesia, el proyecto es un emprendimiento conjunto de ASI y de Maranatha Volunteers International que busca suplir la necesidad de estructuras para templos que

resulten firmes pero fáciles de armar para las regiones donde la feligresía se está multiplicando.

Las estructuras, que pueden ser completadas en solo seis horas, proveen la estructura exterior y el techo, y entonces los miembros locales se ocupan de terminar las paredes con los materiales que tengan a mano y puedan adquirir, como por ejemplo ladrillos o bambú. En julio,



La "Iglesia de un día" presentada en la convención de ASI en Tampa, Florida, la semana pasada. [fotografía: Ron Quick]

un grupo de adventistas del Ecuador comenzó a reunirse en la primera de estas iglesias.

"Las donaciones de los miembros de ASI reflejan su entusiasmo por proyectos tales como el de 'Iglesia de un día,'" dijo Steve Hamstra, director de

comunicaciones de ASI. "En su tarea de recolectar fondos, la organización," dijo, "depende de miembros 'motivados e inspirados' y no tanto de grandes gastos publicitarios. La gente está entusiasmada," dijo.

Establecida en 1947, ASI conecta a unos ochocientos hombres de negocios adventistas que comparten a Cristo en sus actividades diarias.

Si desea más información del proyecto "Iglesia de un día," visite el sitio [onedaychurch.org](http://onedaychurch.org).

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## Los adventistas de Atlanta se preparan para el próximo Congreso Mundial de la Iglesia Adventista

Ya se realizan preparativos para el Congreso Mundial de la Iglesia Adventista en Atlanta, Georgia, Estados Unidos, según una declaración de prensa dada a conocer el 10 de septiembre en la sede central de la iglesia.

Los congresos mundiales, que se llevan a cabo cada cinco años, son organizados por la Asociación General, el máximo organismo administrativo de la iglesia. En lo que será el 59º Congreso de esta denominación protestante mundial, se espera que el evento, que se llevará a cabo del 23 de junio al 3 de julio de 2010, atraiga a unos 35,000 delegados, miembros y visitas internacionales, y que asistencia se duplique durante los fines de semana.

"Al hablar con los feligreses y visitar las iglesias de allí, noto gran entusiasmo," dijo Gordon Retzer, presidente de la Southern Union Conference, que incluye el área metropolitana de Atlanta. "Es un gran

privilegio poder ser anfitrión de este evento, y estamos ansiosos de mostrar a las personas que los adventistas quieren participar activamente en sus comunidades."

La ciudad de Atlanta fue elegida en parte por su diversidad cultural, dijeron los planificadores del congreso. Unas 430 personas se mudan diariamente al área metropolitana de Atlanta. Los casi 5,5 millones de residentes de la zona representan a una infinidad de grupos étnicos, dijo Bill Levine, director de establecimiento de iglesias de la Asociación de Georgia-Cumberland, en una entrevista con la revista *Adventist World* el mes pasado.

"Y sin embargo, los adventistas representan menos del dos por ciento de la feligresía de la región, lo que significa un desafío formidable para nuestra iglesia," añadió Levine. Como parte de los preparativos para el congreso, los directivos locales de la iglesia están colaborando para mejorar la

presencia de la iglesia en la ciudad.

Entre los proyectos, se halla realizar actividades de evangelismo y comunitarias. En 2005, las asociaciones de Georgia-Cumberland y del Atlántico Sur (las cuales administran los ministerios y las iglesias de la región metropolitana de Atlanta), fundaron "Good News Atlanta," un esfuerzo que busca el trabajo conjunto entre ministerios y la promoción del evangelismo "relacional." Los estudios muestran que es más probable que los nuevos adventistas sigan viniendo a la iglesia si sus amigos también asisten a ella.

Es la primera vez en que cada pastor adventista de la región "se reúne a pensar y orar y planificar estrategias relacionadas con la obra misionera en toda la ciudad," dijo Retzer. "Queremos que este enfoque sea permanente. Que continúe hasta que el Señor venga."

Bajo el lema "Proclamemos la gracia divina," el congreso 2010 representará a la familia adventista compuesta por más de 25 millones de personas en todo el mundo. Si bien el congreso es en gran medida un encuentro administrativo (donde los delegados eligen a los líderes y toman decisiones reglamentarias), Jan Paulsen, presidente de la iglesia mundial dijo que el tema de la gracia orientaría las acciones administrativas de la iglesia.

"Cuando la gracia divina llega a nuestras vidas, es imposible que sigamos como siempre," dijo Paulsen. "Al centrarnos en este tema, estamos reconociendo que la experiencia de la gracia es absolutamente central en la vida de cada creyente."

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# A Statement of Consensus on Care for the Dying (Part Two)

(This official Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is continued from page 17 of the October 2008 issue of the *GLEANER*.)

Because of their commitment to care for the whole person, Seventh-day Adventists are concerned about the physical, emotional, and spiritual care of the dying. To this end, they offer the following biblically-based principles:

- 1) A person who is approaching the end of life, and is capable of understanding, deserves to know the truth about his or her condition, the treatment choices, and the possible outcomes. The truth should not be withheld but shared with Christian love and with sensitivity to the patient's personal and cultural circumstances (Ephesians 4:15).
- 2) God has given human beings freedom of choice and asks them to use their freedom responsibly. Seventh-day Adventists believe that this freedom extends to decisions about medical care. After seeking divine guidance and considering the interests of those affected by the decision (Romans 14:7) as well as medical advice, a person who is capable of deciding should determine whether to accept or reject life-extending medical interventions. Such persons should not be forced to submit to medical treatment that they find unacceptable.
- 3) God's plan is for people to be nourished within a family and a faith community. Decisions about human life are best made within the context of healthy family relationships after considering medical advice (Genesis 2:18; Mark 10:6-9; Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 5-6). When a dying person is unable to give consent or express preferences regarding medical intervention, such decisions should be made by someone chosen by the dying person. If no one has been chosen, someone close to the dying person should make the determination. Except in extraordinary circumstances, medical or legal professionals should defer decisions about medical interventions for a dying person to those closest to that individual. Wishes or decisions of the individual are best made in writing and should be in agreement with existing legal requirements.
- 4) Christian love is practical and responsible (Romans 13:8-10; 1 Corinthians 13; James 1:27; 2:14-17). Such love does not deny faith nor obligate us to offer or to accept medical interventions whose burdens outweigh the probable benefits. For example, when medical care merely preserves bodily functions, without hope

of returning a patient to mental awareness, it is futile and may, in good conscience, be withheld or withdrawn. Similarly, life-extending medical treatments may be omitted or stopped if they only add to the patient's suffering or needlessly prolong the process of dying. Any action taken should be in harmony with legal mandates.

- 5) While Christian love may lead to the withholding or withdrawing of medical interventions that only increase suffering or prolong dying, Seventh-day Adventists do not practice "mercy killing" or assist in suicide (Genesis 9:5-6; Exodus 20:13; 23:7). They are opposed to active euthanasia, the intentional taking of the life of a suffering or dying person.
- 6) Christian compassion calls for the alleviation of suffering (Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 10:29-37). In caring for the dying, it is a Christian responsibility to relieve pain and suffering, to the fullest extent possible, not to include active euthanasia. When it is clear that medical intervention will not cure a patient, the primary goal of care should shift to relief from suffering.
- 7) The biblical principle of justice prescribes that added care be given the needs of those who are defenseless and dependent (Psalm 82:3-4; Proverbs 24:11-12; Isaiah 1:1-18; Micah 6:8; Luke 1:52-54). Because of their vulnerable condition, special care should be taken to ensure that dying persons are treated with respect for their dignity and without unfair discrimination. Care for the dying should be based on their spiritual and medical needs and their expressed choices rather than on perceptions of their social worthiness (James 2:1-9).

As Seventh-day Adventists seek to apply these principles, they take hope and courage from the fact that God answers the prayers of His children and is able to work miraculously for their well-being (Psalm 103:1-5; James 5:13-16). Following Jesus' example, they also pray to accept the will of God in all things (Matthew 26:39). They are confident that they can call on God's power to aid them in caring for the physical and spiritual needs of suffering and dying individuals. They know that the grace of God is sufficient to enable them to endure adversity (Psalm 50:14-15). They believe that eternal life for all who have faith in Jesus is secure in the triumph of God's love.®

*This consensus statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council session in Silver Spring, Maryland, October 9, 1992.*



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Portland, ME	4:04	4:04	4:06	4:10
Boston, MA	4:11	4:12	4:14	4:18
South Lancaster, MA	4:13	4:14	4:16	4:20
Pittsfield, MA	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:27
Hartford, CT	4:19	4:20	4:22	4:27
New York, NY	4:28	4:29	4:31	4:35
Albany, NY	4:19	4:20	4:22	4:26
Utica, NY	4:25	4:26	4:28	4:32
Syracuse, NY	4:29	4:30	4:32	4:36
Rochester, NY	4:35	4:35	4:37	4:42
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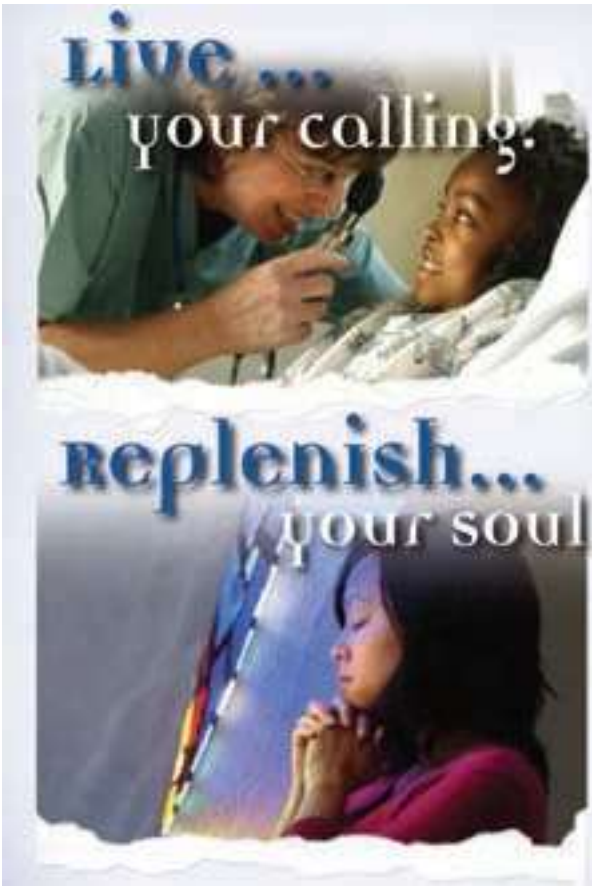
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