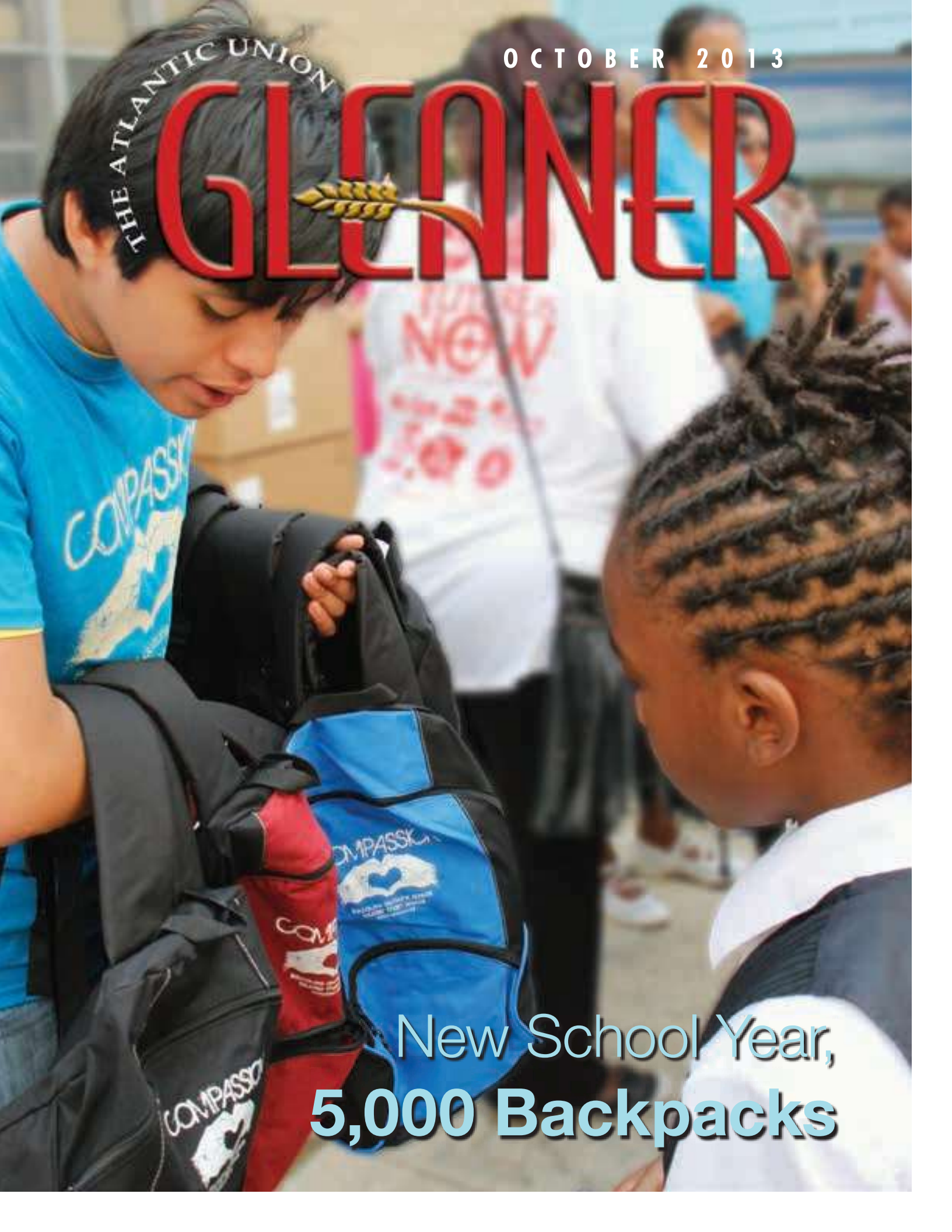


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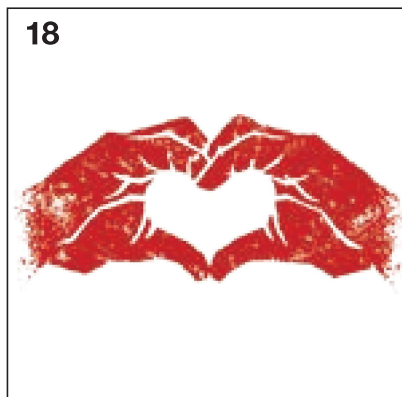
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# Don't Let Prosperity Determine Your Priorities

**W**e had a wonderful and profitable time on the weekend of August 23 and beyond. The General Conference, North American Division, Atlantic Union, and five local conference stewardship directors held meetings on stewardship on Friday night and Sabbath morning and stewardship training seminars at Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, New York, on Sabbath afternoon. The churches were packed and the training seminar on stewardship was well-attended. One of the stewardship concepts that was highlighted can be illustrated in the experience of the rich young ruler and Jesus.

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” . . . Jesus, looking upon him loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me”—Mark 10:17, 21, RSV.

A lot of good things can be said about the rich young ruler. Jesus looked upon him and loved him. Jesus was impressed by this young man and the rich young ruler was impressed by this new Teacher who had a magnetic personality and eyes that gripped you and welcomed you.

I would like to look at some positive aspects of this young man's experience with Jesus. The rich young ruler was very *courageous*. He belonged to the ruling class and he was not supposed to mingle with Jesus and the disciples, but he came during daylight, talked to Jesus, and spent quality time with Him.

He was a very *spontaneous* young man. He came running to Jesus. He knew the consequences, but he, nevertheless, came to Jesus running. He did not want to waste any more time.

He was *humble*. He knelt before Jesus. Thank God, his status in the establishment did not make him arrogant, important, and proud. He fell down on his knees in the middle of the road. He was not concerned about becoming the target of the ruling party.

He was very *sincere*. He was not coming to Jesus with tricky and misleading questions like the Pharisees. He came in genuine sincerity. “Good master, What must I do to inherit eternal life? Tell me the secret of authentic living,” he said.

He was *religious* also. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” The young ruler responded, “I know them and have kept them from my youth up.” He was not trying to be pious and holy, but he told the truth. He made an earnest effort to serve God.

He was *courageous, humble, sincere, and honest*, but he lacked “one thing,” and that “one thing” made him say no to Christ. Jesus told him to “go and sell all you have and give it to the poor” Wow, that was a pretty heavy blow. Jesus did not want the rich young ruler's money or possessions. Jesus wanted the young man's heart. The problem was the money—and the riches were standing in the way. His problem was priority—would it be Jesus or wealth? What is our priority? Is it self and family first and God last, or is it God first and self last? Priorities are very important to God.

We need to be 100 percent stewards, not partial stewards. We need to be faithful stewards, which includes our tithes and offerings. God continues to pour His blessings upon us and requires that we remain faithful to the stewardship principles by putting Him first.

What is that “one thing” in our lives that may be blocking us from committing everything to God? What is it that holds us back from accomplishing His will? It may be surrendering our radical self-reliance or money or wealth or an unforgiving spirit. Whatever it is that blocks and separates us from total commitment to Christ, it needs to be eradicated.

Let us trust, believe, test, and try Jesus. He will not disappoint us. ④

*Leon Thomassian is the Atlantic Union Conference treasurer and trust services director.*



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# New School Year, 5,000 Backpacks



Children leaving Far Rockaway High School with new backpacks and other school supplies.

In the Far Rockaway and Coney Island sections of New York, 5,000 new backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to children in elementary and middle school, courtesy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This was made possible thanks to a collaborative effort by the Atlantic Union, Greater New York, and Northeastern conference's Youth Ministries and Community Services departments and the North American Division (NAD) Adventist Community Services.

Thousands of children and their parents who heard about the Back2School Compassion Bash lined the sidewalks around Far Rockaway High School on September 8 to pick up their backpacks. More than 600 Adventist youth, youth leaders, and other volunteers were on hand to greet

the crowd and assist with the distribution of 4,000 backpacks as well as long sleeve compassion T-shirts, water bottles, and more.

One of the two areas of focus for this compassion project was Far Rockaway, which was hard hit by Hurricane Sandy about a year ago. "We shared once again with Far Rockaway, a community that we have not left since that horrific day when Superstorm Sandy made its unwelcome and devastating entrance. We were there at the Back2School Compassion Bash to encourage the children as they go back to school and become the next generation of professionals in New York. We love them as Jesus does, and the best way to love is with acts of compassion, because actions speak louder than words," says José Cortés, Jr, Atlantic Union Conference youth ministries director and event organizer.

The NAD Adventist Community Services, under the leadership of Sun Kwon, the executive director, provided \$91,500.00 for the Back2School Compassion Bash project. Once the funds were approved, a steering team made up of Cortés, along with the directors from the New York City area, Andres Peralta from Greater New York Conference, and Roger Wade from the Northeastern Conference, Aurora Sandoval, the project manager, and youth leaders from both conferences, met to work out the logistics of the event. Four conferences were represented at the event: Greater New York,



Children accompanied by their parents or guardians wait in line to pick up their backpacks.

Photos: Rebecca Pellot



Northeastern, Southern New England, and New Jersey.

The Greater New York Conference Adventist Community Services team, under the direction of Rubín Merino, stored boxes of supplies, provided the canopies, and also provided some of the snacks. Hulando Shaw, owner of Real Veggie, a local business, supported the event by donating soup and sandwiches for the people waiting in line. Other activities took place throughout the day, including health screenings and Pathfinder Drum Corps and drill team exhibitions.

Last year, following Hurricane Sandy, Adventist youth, young adults, Adventist Community Services leaders, youth leaders, and the Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps (AYES) went into Far Rockaway to clean streets, playgrounds, the coastline, houses, dig cars out of the sand, distribute food, and to surprise families with new furniture, among other things. They have an ongoing presence assisting residents to get back on their feet, so it was only fitting that they be on hand to help the children and teens to get ready for the start of this new school year.

A few weeks following the event in Far Rockaway, members of the com-



Jeanean Johnson

**Fabiola Jean, GNYC Adventist News reporter, left, interviews José Cortés, Jr, Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director and the Back2School Compassion Bash event organizer; Sun Kwon, North American Division Adventist Community Services executive director, and Rubín Merino, Greater New York Conference Adventist Community Services director.**

passion team went to Coney Island and distributed another 1,000 backpacks to the children in that area.

The Compassion Movement involves Adventist youth, young adults, and their friends, who aim to become the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus—24/7, 365 days a year—in the community where they live, study, and work. The Compassion Movement, launched on January 1, 2013, has made an impact across the Northeast United States with compassion rallies and other events in New York City, Syracuse, Boston, and Hamilton, Bermuda. It is also spreading internationally and has reached such places as

Manila, Philippines; Johannesburg, South Africa; Sydney, Australia; and in the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Venezuela, and Mexico. ☺

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To view photos of the Back2School Compassion Bash, visit [www.facebook.com/AtlanticUnionAdventistYouthMinistries](http://www.facebook.com/AtlanticUnionAdventistYouthMinistries).



Solid Rock Church

**Pathfinder Drum Corps participate in the Back2School Compassion Bash activities.**



Solid Rock Church

**Volunteers join together for prayer before the Back2School Compassion Bash begins.**



## Seeds Planted at R. T. Hudson School Bear Fruit

While I attended Sabbath School at the Victory church in Bronx, New York, on August 24, the superintendent announced that the mission story would come from an exotic place—the Bronx. To the microphone stepped a gentleman and, as he told his story, it turns out that when the story took place, neither he nor his parents were Seventh-day Adventists, but his mother had chosen to send him to R. T. Hudson elementary school. There the seed to love and serve Christ was planted.

After many years and hard knocks, the man, Franklin Julius, returned to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was baptized. He attended the Revelation of Hope York College evangelistic meetings in August, where he rededicated his life. Below he shares his story.

I would like to think my mission in my life started in 1969, which is not the time of my birth. You see, in 1969 a seed was sown, a seed not devoured by fowls, or planted in stony places. A seed planted deep enough to take root and not be scorched by the sun. A seed that was not choked off by the thorns of life, but a seed that was planted in good soil.

This fertile ground of the Lord's is the R. T. Hudson Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School on Forest Avenue in Bronx, New York. There I learned more about who God is and His love, and I was exposed to a peculiar people called Seventh-day Adventists.

I was educated, loved, and nurtured. I learned of God's love, songs of worship, and stories of the Bible. In James 3:17 it says, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then

peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." So I didn't mind, but rather enjoyed hearing and learning about the marvelous stories of the Bible and the magnificence of our Lord and Savior.

After leaving R. T. Hudson, I experienced spiritual gaps and was exposed to false doctrines in high school and throughout my adult life. I found myself and my thoughts distant from God, gravitating away from the Lord. I started believing the lies of the world.

During some stormy periods of my life, I came to the point of needing divine intervention. I couldn't do it alone and no human could assist me. I found a Baptist church with 5,000 members about two years ago (2011). I volunteered, joined the senior ministry, and fed and cared for the less fortunate. The choir was phenomenal, the pastor exquisite and grand. But I still had many unanswered questions. Where was the substance? Where was the Word?

The summer of 2012 was enlightening spiritually. I was visiting my mother's house in St Eustatius, Dutch West Indies. While working at a Seventh-day Adventist school (Lynch Plantation), I made a comment to my uncle, Ishmeal Berkel, about the state of the dead. My uncle wondered where I received this misinformation. He proceeded to tell me the truth, and showed me where I could find it in the Bible. I lacked knowledge and I was ignorant about God's

Word and the promises He has for us.

With some scriptures and such books as THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TWICE REMOVED, and the NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW, I started looking for and seeing things about God differently, or rather,

Williams of Northeastern Academy, who took me to school; Sally Watkins, who picked me up; and teachers Ms. Spears, Ms. Lofton, Ms. Goodine, and my favorite, Ms. Bennett, Ms. Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Nixon (music), Claudette Phipps, Grace Phipps, the kitchen staff,



Franklin Julius, second from right on the back row, with his fifth-grade class in 1973 at R. T. Hudson elementary school.



truthfully. I wanted to honor and serve God better, properly, and wholly. This meant worshipping God on His holy day, the seventh day, the Sabbath.

When I returned to New York, I didn't hesitate to find a place of worship. I found Victory Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Bronx, where I was baptized on October 13, 2012. Although I still struggle, I have the assurance, as it says in Philippians 4:13, that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

I thank God for His love and the people He put in my life—my mother and father, Dr. Ndaine Gartrell and Frank Julius, for sending me to R. T. Hudson school. I thank Bonita

and Mr. Pollinger, who was, by himself, the custodial staff.

Adventist schools are mission fields—five day each week, 180 days a year! Every day Adventist teachers are sowing seeds of Christ's love and Seventh-day Adventist doctrines and values. Satan does everything to distract and thwart the interest of our youth away from Christ.

Help lead a young person to Christ through their attendance at an Adventist school. Your prayers, volunteer help, or financial contributions are always welcome. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your participation in this mission.

—Astrid Thomassian, education director, Atlantic Union Conference



## Issues Bermuda Impacts the Community

**I**ssues Bermuda is a regularly scheduled program that airs on ATV, Bermuda Conference's 24-hour cable station. The program has an interview format, with moderator Richard Smith, a medical social worker and member of Restoration Ministries. The program addresses issues within the community and a variety of people are interviewed on the show, including local politicians and church members. Doreen Williams James, a member of the St. George's church who is a funeral director, shared this letter with Issues Bermuda after being a guest on the show.

*My interview with Issues Bermuda was a great success. I received many compliments and remarks about the show and how impressed the listeners were with the information given.*

*Out of all the comments received, there's one that has stayed with me and is definitely worth sharing. One afternoon I received a phone call from an elderly gentleman who had viewed the show on ATV. He was impressed enough to want to make prearrangements for his funeral. We talked for a while about what his desires were and when would be the best time to meet to put everything on paper.*

*He then shared with me some exciting information. He told me he watches ATV all the time and that he wants to start attending church. This is when I started to get excited. He proceeded to share with me how he was confirmed in the Church of England and because of personal reasons he cannot attend church anymore. I made a couple of suggestions for options that would assist him with this problem.*



**Richard Smith, a member of Restoration Ministries church, is the moderator for Issues Bermuda, a regularly scheduled program that airs on ATV, the Bermuda Conference's 24-hour cable station.**

*He was most grateful and glad for the information.*

*I was then told that he doesn't have transportation and that he would like to*

*attend our church in Warwick. Again, I told him no problem, I'm sure I could arrange to have a church member come and get him every week. This*

*gentleman was simply delighted and most grateful. He stated that he wants to be ready for the second coming of Christ. I say, "Praise the Lord, Amen!"*

*Thank you Richard [Smith] for the invitation to participate in Issues Bermuda. It's evident that people are watching and being impacted by the guests you have on your show. Please continue to pray for this gentleman and his desire to serve Jesus.*

ATV was officially launched at the Hamilton church on March 29, 2005. It offers 24-hour television programming on cable Channel 80. With the objective of "Transforming Lives: One Step at a Time," the Bermuda Conference Communication Department and the Bermuda Conference are aiming to reach each community member with messages and programming of hope and to introduce all to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

— Communication department, Bermuda Conference



**Barry Richard, a media specialist for ATV (Adventist Television), at the controls during the Issues Bermuda program.**

Photos: Sheila Holder



## Huntington Church Creates a Healthy Living “Buzz” in the Community

The Huntington church has embarked upon what is likely to be an annual healthy living event in response to the community’s desire to unlock the keys to healthy living. The health fair in the Huntington Station community of Long Island, New York, was a four-hour event held on July 29. It hosted many vendors from the local area that provided a wide variety of health information with a focus on creating healthy families.

Several booths were set up featuring the eight laws of health using Weimar Institute’s “Newstart” acronym with stands for: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God. The event was an opportunity for members of the public to check on their health status through various tests, such as body mass index (BMI), blood pressure, blood count, glucose, cholesterol levels, and more.

“We want a health-focused community that has key and relevant information that is readily available on such topics as disease prevention and treatment,

smoking cessation, exercise, non-medicinal treatments, therapy, and healthy foods,” says Health Ministries leader Faye Miller.

Those present could also take simple tests to see how physically fit they were, and then were educated on how to better care for their health through lifestyle intervention. Those who felt stressed, or simply needed to relax, could enjoy massage sessions. Located immediately next to the air-cleaning house plants on display, was the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) booth. Some 26 million Americans have chronic kidney disease and the NKF encour-



Natural juices were available for sampling at the Huntington church health fair.

aged all to attend the Healthy Kidney Walk at Foley Square in New York City on November 10.

says that they will continue to share information with participants and refer people with such conditions as diabetes and high blood pressure to the Department of Health, making confidentiality a top priority.

Throughout the entire event, the children jumped around in a bounce castle and had fun with a bubble machine. When some health fair participants were asked to rate their experience, 92 percent, using a three-point scale, gave the health fair a rating of three (remarkable), and 6 percent gave the health fair a 2 (excellent).

The Huntington church’s Health Ministries leaders strongly believe in the importance of physical health, as well as spiritual and mental health. And they continue to demonstrate this belief and create a buzz in their community.

—Chelston Lee, communication department, Huntington church



The bounce castle was one of the activities available for the children attending the Huntington church health fair.

There was no shortage of information on the degenerative diseases that can be controlled or even reversed by what people eat. One exhibit showed various kinds of healthy foods along with the major food groups and their relationship to good health, what comprises a healthy meal, as well as plants that can be used for medicinal purposes.

In response to the enthusiasm of participants, Miller



People from the community take the opportunity to test their glucose and cholesterol levels.



## 45 Baptized During Queens Faith Temple Evangelistic Series

Queens Faith Temple church held “The Power of the Cross,” an NY13 evangelistic series, from July 27 to August 17 at the Holy Unity Baptist Cathedral, in Rochdale, Queens, at the same facility that the church hopes to purchase. In all, 45 people were baptized as a result of the meetings.

In order to meet the purchase price of the building, the church hosted two rallies at which more than \$48,000 was raised. Another rally is scheduled for November. The church organized an aggressive marketing campaign to promote “The Power of the Cross” series. Brochures, fliers, a copy of THE GREAT HOPE, and other items were distributed by members wearing T-shirts promoting the series. Some church members prayed with people they met on the streets and names were collected. Anyone who signed up for prayer was contacted and invited to the meetings. Church members unable to participate in the projects

were encouraged to pray continually for the series.

On the first day of the meetings, the church held a Communion service in the morning and hosted the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. For the next



Several of the candidates baptized during “The Power of the Cross” evangelistic meetings sponsored by Queens Faith Temple church.

three weeks, the meetings were held every day, except Thursdays. Each meeting began with a health talk. The evangelist for the series was Queens Faith Temple church’s pastor, Ricardo Bain, who began his ministry with the church in July 2012. With the support of the church’s Bible workers

and the personal ministries team, most of the meetings were attended by many visitors and non-Adventists, who came because they received an invitation or heard about the series by word of mouth.

Bain led the first week-

people were baptized.

On the final night of the series, a concert was held and new converts shared their testimonies. Greater New York Conference president G. Earl Knight, accompanied by his wife, Yvonne, also attended. The church accepted the newly-baptized candidates into membership and they were given gifts. Then the pastor asked whole church to pray for the new converts while holding hands and surrounding them.

The church moved back to its place of worship the following Sabbath and three more people were baptized. To make the transition easier for the new converts, a class, led by the pastor, will be held over the next few months.

“The Power of the Cross” series might have ended for Queens Faith Temple, but their commission to go forth and spread the gospel message continues.

—Kimi-Roux James, communication assistant, Queens Faith Temple church

## Patchogue Church Hosts Several Events

Patchogue church presented a Bible prophecy seminar from July 13 to July 28 and August 24-25 as part of the NY13 evangelistic initiative. Joe Cirigliano, an evangelist from Georgia, was the speaker. The events were well-attended by people from various denominations. People were interested in the meetings as they progressed and brought their friends and neighbors. They asked questions regarding prophecy and the Bible in general. Two people were baptized at the end of the seminar and others asked for more information in order to continue Bible studies at home.

The church held Men’s Day on

August 17 with Calvin Rock, former General Conference vice president, who spoke for the worship service. The church was packed with visitors and members. Rock preached a timely message entitled, “Ready, Willing, and Able.” He encouraged the men to be ready at all times to serve God. In the afternoon Rock presented a seminar entitled “Christ, Our Model Man.”



▲ Joe Cirigliano, an evangelist from Georgia, baptizes Catherine Ladevaic-Shaughnessy.

◀ Calvin Rock, former General Conference vice president, delivers the worship service message.

—Mark Armstrong, communication director, Patchogue church



## Volunteers Join This Generation on a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

This Generation, in cooperation with the New York Conference, its members, and other volunteers from the eastern U.S., joined hands to reach out to the people in the Dominican Republic. The mission was to provide Adventists in the village of La Viiija with assistance in their gospel work. A team of 10 members, along with Pam Polanco from Pennsylvania, traveled to the Dominican Republic from July 11 to July 24. The team partnered with the local church in La Viiija to provide them with a new church building. Under the direction of construction manager Ramon Polanco, they completed work up to the installation of the roof.

The La Viiija church is the largest Adventist church outside of the city of Santo Domingo. It will seat more than 100 people and was built with the latest standards to protect against hurricanes. The group provided just over \$10,000 for building supplies, as well as funds to feed workers as they complete the church. The project is expected to be finished by the start of the 2014 and This Generation has been invited to attend the church dedication. The church will be named after This Generation.

While working on the building, This Generation conducted a week-long evangelistic series for both adults and children. Michael Belknap, evangelist, spoke for the adult meetings. On average, 50 to 60 villagers attended each night. During these meetings, the team also shared with the villagers information about caring for their bodies.



Standing in front of the home where the This Generation group stayed while in La Viiija, Dominican Republic, are, from left on the back row, Ramon Polanco, Michael Belknap, Courtney Webber, Cyndi Shook, Sara Thompson, and Christina Webber; front row from left starting with the girl in red shirt, Gabrielle Webber, Jessica Burns, Carlos Polanco, Misael Polanco, and Jennifer Polanco.

Carlos and Misael Polanco assisted the group with translation. As a result of the meetings three people were baptized and two joined by profession of faith. Six more people responded to the call to study for baptism.

In all, 30 to 40 children attended the children's series each night. Cyndi Shook, Courtney Webber, Gabrielle Webber, Sara Thompson, and Jessica Burns all worked with the meetings, either presenting or helping children with their crafts and various activities. During the children's program, 14 young people received Bible studies and eight made decisions for baptism. Since most of the young people who attended are not church members, these meetings are the foundation for a new children's ministry. Classes for baptism have already started.

Health screenings were

provided on several occasions. Cyndi Shook, nurse, along with other team members, talked with people about their health and checked their blood pressure. The team also presented the local church with the materials to conduct blood sugar testing for their next health outreach.

Many people sent items with the group to be shared with those in need and to provide local resources for the church there. Literature was provided for adults and many resources for the children's programs and the teachers. The primary and junior divisions of New York Conference camp meeting sent funds and resources that were a blessing to the young people. They especially loved receiving letters from the children who attended the New York Conference camp meeting.

One of the ministries that has recently been started by some of the Adventists in

the community is a bakery. The team was able to bless that ministry with some needed funds and a grain mill was shipped to them to help with the outreach at the bakery.

This trip was a true testimony of the power of God. The organizers had just under two months to plan the trip, and gather a team and the necessary funds. God is faithful! He brought it all together with everyone's help. They had a full team, raised more than \$17,000, and provided the local people with many more blessings than originally planned. They were happy, blessed by the support, and the team was blessed to serve Jesus and grow in Him.

—Christina Webber, director,  
Dominican Republic mission trip



## Ithaca Member Reconnects With Christ

Lisa June, a member of the Ithaca church, shares her story about reconnecting with Christ and the blessing of having her mother and her stepfather make decisions to be baptized.

*I am so blessed to be part of a wonderful church family. The Ithaca Seventh-day Adventist Church is truly amazing. I am so glad that I walked through those doors over a year ago. My life has changed for the better.*

*I was fortunate enough to grow up with a wonderful grandmother who loved the Lord. She was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist believer. Some of my fondest memories as a child were spending time with her and watching her read her Bible every day. She gave me my first Bible. [We] completed a Bible study together, and she took me to the*

*Cortland Seventh-day Adventist Church many times. But, unfortunately, as I grew older, I lost my way and my grandmother passed away in 2007.*

*As time went by, I became more anxious and struggled daily with severe anxiety. Even though I was surrounded by loved ones, I felt alone. I*

**After many years away from the church, I felt an overwhelming urge to go back.**

*longed for peace of mind and felt like something was missing. I started praying more and reading my Bible more. In fact, for the first time, I read the Bible from beginning to end instead of just pieces of it. I started feeling a sense of relief and joy.*

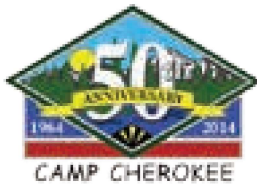
*Finally, after many years away from the church, I felt an overwhelming urge to go back. On December 10, 2012, I went to the Ithaca Seventh-day Adventist Church and brought my mom with me. My mom and I felt such an amazing feeling of love and happiness when we went back to church.*

*able to [receive] Bible studies. I wanted to learn all I could. Carol was such a blessing. She came to my house every Friday and we studied together. Carol is kind and patient [and] she was happy to help answer questions that we had. It was so easy to talk to her. I didn't feel anxious at all. Carol has such a wonderful personality and she made us feel excited to learn. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to study with Carol. It was so beneficial to me and to my mom.*

*When we finished all the Bible studies, Carol talked with my mom about being baptized. I am happy to say that on March 9, 2013, my mom and her husband were baptized. I thank Carol for studying with [us] and for helping my mom come to the wonderful decision of baptism.*

—Archie Brown, member, Ithaca church

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Abba, you know me! You know how I was made. Body and soul, I am marvelously made!



## Pathfinder Clubs Participate in Fourth of July Parade

The Trinity Temple church's Warriors Pathfinder Club and the Ellenville church's Jaguars Pathfinder Club participated in the fourth of July parade in Ellenville, New York. The parade is one of Ellenville's biggest annual public events. This event was flagged with marching bands, floats, and fireworks.

The parade began and ended at the Ellenville High School. The Pathfinders joined many in community spirit and fellowship as they marched proudly in the parade. There were many waves and cheers from onlookers.

The Pathfinders are role models to youth in the community, and they strongly believe in contributing to the community by doing community service. Members of the Trinity Temple church, along with Vernon Jordan, the church's pastor,



Pictured from left are Darlene Brooks, deputy director; Pathfinders: Shahennie Pike, Mark Stephen, Justin Gaga, and Rashawn Grant; Mirlande Jordan, M.D., Master Guide; and Erika Chisholm, director; back row from left, John Brooks, assistant area coordinator; Sir Eric Smith, area coordinator; Nathaniel Jordan, Pathfinder; and Paul Edward, assistant director.

and the Ellenville church, along with Gamal Alexander, the church's pastor, support the efforts of the Pathfinder clubs in the community.

The fourth of July parade was

another opportunity for the community to be exposed to the Pathfinders.

—Mirlande Jordan, Ellenville Jaguars/Trinity Temple Pathfinder clubs

## Kingsboro Temple Welcomes New Associate Pastor

Kingsboro Temple church members and their pastor, Easton Marks, welcomed their new associate pastor, Edsel Cadet, on Sabbath, August 24.

Winston Stephenson, evangelist for the Northeastern Conference, performed the charge and introduced Cadet to the Kingsboro Temple church

family. He encouraged Cadet to remember to preach the Word, comfort others, that his preaching matters, and to surrender everything to the will of God.

Marks reminded the congregation to keep Pastor Cadet in prayer, to support him, and to respect his position as leader in the church.

Cadet attended Stonybrook University in New York and studied English and journalism, and then went on to law school. It was there that he accepted the call to ministry and then attended Andrews University, where he received a Master of Divinity degree. He is passionate about social activism and studying new ways of communicating the gospel.

Cadet was joined by his parents, siblings, relatives, friends, and supporters for his installation.

—JeNeen Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Winston Stephenson, evangelist for the Northeastern Conference, gives the charge and introduces the new associate pastor, Edsel Cadet, to the Kingsboro Temple church family while his family, the church's pastor, Easton Marks, and other platform personnel look on.



## 13 Baptized in First Hollis Mission's Revelation of Hope Meetings

The First Hollis Mission, under the leadership of Nigel E. Lewis, New Life church pastor, presented their Revelation of Hope series, "Vibrant Life Health Expo" at the Hollis Presbyterian Church in Hollis, New York. Special features included singing, health lectures, prayer for the sick, medical check-ups, a forum on the family, private counseling, and more. The series began July 13 and ended on August 10. Thirteen people were baptized as a result of the meetings.

—Keicha Gosling, communication and health ministries secretary, Northeastern Conference



Nigel Lewis, New Life church pastor, speaking at the "Vibrant Life Health Expo" Revelation of Hope meetings.



Singing evangelist Arthur Ebanks, a member of Queensboro Temple, praised God in song during the evangelistic meeting.

Photos: Keicha Gosling

## 81 Baptized at Light of the World Evangelistic Meetings

A total of 81 people were baptized as a result of the four-week "Light of the World" evangelistic meetings. The joint effort between the Rogers Avenue, Goshen Temple, and Flatbush churches was held from July 13 to August 10. Winston Stephenson, Northeastern Conference evangelist, was the main speaker.

—Keicha Gosling, communication and health ministries secretary, Northeastern Conference



Harris Thompson, pastor of the Rogers Avenue church, baptizes a candidate.



Winston Stephenson, Northeastern Conference evangelist, preaching at the "Light of the World" evangelistic meetings.



Eldeen King, pastor of the Brooklyn Faith church, baptizes a candidate.



Baptismal candidates, seated, waiting to be baptized under the tent at the "Light of the World" evangelistic meetings.



The Goshen Temple praise team singing for the "Light of the World" evangelistic meetings.

Photos: Keicha Gosling



## Vermont Churches Join Hands in Outreach to Barre Community

More than 50 members of the Barre-Montpelier, Bristol, South Newbury, Morrisville, Randolph, and Williston churches, wearing matching bright green T-shirts, handed out bags of literature at the annual Barre Heritage Festival parade on July 27. The bags contained information on healthy living, an Amazing Facts Bible study card, and a copy of *STEPS TO CHRIST OR THE DESIRE OF AGES*.

The communication team from the Barre-Montpelier church designed two floats that were entered in this year's parade. The floats were led by an antique truck driven by church member Erwin Eckson, accompanied by his wife, Ginny, that was filled with the bags of literature for the walkers to distribute.

One float was decorated to promote WJPL-LP 92.1 FM, the Adventist-owned and operated radio station. The theme for this 45-foot float celebrated more than 40

years of Adventist Christian broadcasting. WJPL reaches the Barre-Montpelier area and several surrounding towns. Its sole purpose is to bring the gospel of Christ to the community. Many people have joined the Barre-Montpelier church as

features laminated pictures of Bible scenes on each side. On the Sabbath after the parade, a couple attended the Barre-Montpelier church for the very first time. After church, the couple said that it was the pictures on the float and the music that

touched their hearts, and they had to see what the church was all about.

There was an unprece-

Every year the radio station booth holds a raffle for books and DVDs. To enter the raffle, people fill out a survey that asks about their interests in Bible studies or other ministries that the church has to offer. A total of 87 surveys were filled out this year and 38 included requests for Bible studies.

The Bible worker and elder, Danny Bellavance and his family, learned about the Barre-Montpelier church and its message from the radio booth a few years ago.

It was his family's trucking business that generously loaned the church the trucks and flatbeds that made the floats possible.

Many people were involved in making this outreach event possible, including Kathy Charlestream, Sue Lancey, Terry

Suckert, Cathy Chartier, and Marti Kowalkowski. God has an amazing way of pulling His people together to spread the gospel.

—Susan Lancey, communication secretary, Barre-Montpelier church



Bob's Camera, Barre, Vt.

Central Vermont Academy parade float.

a direct result of listening to the programs broadcast on WJPL.

The second float, which is 48-foot long, promoted Central Vermont Academy and the Christ-centered learning it offers. It featured the Vermont Sacred Youth Chorus filling the air with their voices. The float's skirt was designed by church member Terry Suckert and



WJPL 92.1 FM parade float. The people in green T-shirts are distributing bags of literature.

dedented response to the booth hosted by the radio station on Main Street in Barre the entire day of the festival. The members overseeing the booth said that they passed out more literature this year than in any other year.

with the current trends in our academic institutions. It's very fulfilling." The conference was delighted to be able to host these courses for its employees, as well as workers from various conferences across the North American Division.

—Bob Cundiff, communication director, Northern New England Conference

## Northern New England Conference Hosts Master's in Pastoral Ministry Course

The Northern New England Conference (NNEC) office hosted three courses last May for the Andrews University Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program. These courses are designed to provide advanced pastoral training for those who are in ministry and are currently working in a church setting.

The field-based program

allows participants to continue their work while simultaneously pursuing a master's degree. The courses generally consist of (1) pre-intensive reading assignments, (2) a one-week intensive classroom experience with a seminary professor, and (3) post-intensive reading assignments and papers.

One pastor from the conference and two office staff

members took advantage of the course offerings. When asked about his experience, Cornel Preda, pastor of Morrisville, Newport, and St. Johnsbury churches, said, "I am taking these courses to keep myself up-to-date with what is going on in Adventist culture and higher education. It's challenging me and helping me to study and be updated



## Cedar Haven Family Campground Serves Travelers from All Over

The Cedar Haven Family Campground, owned by Northern New England Conference, is nestled among the cedars in Freeport, Maine. It's a quiet, friendly stop for adventurous families, groups of friends, and weary travelers who have come from all over the U.S., Canada, and many other countries. Many campers want to know who owns the campground, which presents the opportunity to introduce them to their Seventh-day Adventist friends.

Recent improvements include 50 amp electrical service, Wi-Fi for the whole campground, new fencing, decks around the pond, and a playground.

Last summer the community was blessed by a baptism in the pond that was



In addition to camp sites, the Cedar Haven Family Campground has a playground for the children.

attended by many church members and curious campers. This opened the door to several conversations about Adventist beliefs.

Cedar Haven also employs several students from Pine Tree Academy. This provides skill training to students as well as revenue for Pine Tree Academy. The Cedar Haven staff prays that this ministry will be successful as they represent Jesus in the opportunities

He gives them. Their faith is strengthened when they reach out to tell campers about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and demonstrate those beliefs when keeping the office closed each Sabbath. They have often heard such comments as, "What a good thing for the church to own the campground," and they respond by giving God the glory for what He is doing with and through this work.

This ministry belongs to the Lord and is here to serve all! The camp is equipped to host Pathfinder clubs, Adventurer clubs, and church family retreats, as well as graduation parties, one-day family events, group picnics, retirement parties, and other celebrations. Just recently, three families spent the afternoon enjoying the pond and the boats, after having a picnic in the lawn area.

To learn more about the Cedar Haven Family Campground, check out their Web site at [www.cedarhavenfamilycampground.com](http://www.cedarhavenfamilycampground.com) or "Like" their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CedarHaven](http://www.facebook.com/CedarHaven).

—Edwina Johnson, correspondent, Cedar Haven Family Campground

## Spotlight on Pine Tree Academy Music

### Pine Tree Academy Choir

A select group from the Pine Tree Academy Choir presented several spring concerts, including a performance during the church service in Billerica, Massachusetts, on Sabbath, May 18, and an afternoon concert for the regional chapter Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Convention in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

### Music at Pine Tree Academy, A Community Effort

Pine Tree Coastal Winds (Freeport's Community Band) continues presenting concerts in mid-coast Maine. Pine Tree Academy principal Brendan Krueger conducts the group, which practices weekly at Pine Tree Academy and whose members span in age from 12 years to the mid-80s, and whose musical abilities range from middle school band level to professional. The 45-member group performs year-round in the Freeport area, including at L.L. Bean, hotels, churches, and a local summer concert series. In June the group headlined for the first concert series in the new Harpswell (Maine) Bandstand-by-the-Sea.

—Doris Krueger, music teacher, Pine Tree Academy



Members of the Pine Tree Academy Choir with Doris Krueger, conductor, right.



The Pine Tree Coastal Winds band performs under the direction of Brendan Krueger, conductor.



## Danbury-Bethel Hosts Vacation Bible School After Seven Year Hiatus

From July 29 to August 2 the Danbury-Bethel church hosted Vacation Bible School (VBS). They followed “Investigation Station: The Genesis Factor,” the 2013 Seventh-day Adventist Church VBS program. The meetings were held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., with dinner served each evening. A total of 19 children attended, seven of whom were guests, and approximately 35 staff volunteered their services.

It has been seven years since the Danbury-Bethel church held a VBS. Many children, youth, and even adults who currently attend the church were not familiar with or had ever attended a VBS. The church hopes to continue to make this an annual event so that they can be of better service to their community.

Planning and running a Vacation Bible School may seem like a daunting task in



The Danbury-Bethel church's Vacation Bible School children with Jon Clayburn, pastor, sitting center front, Abby Perrone, 2013 VBS director, back row right, and the group leaders.

this busy world. However, when the task is put in God's hands through prayer, His blessings flow. “This is the highlight of my day,” said Myrta Rosario, who

volunteered as the nurse and registrar for the week. In the end, it was truly a blessing for the Danbury-Bethel church to see how God brings people together

to share their gifts and talents for His purpose.

—Abby Perrone, 2013 VBS director, Danbury-Bethel church

## Gardner Men's Ministries Team Helps Elderly Couple

In late July a call was made to the Gardner Seventh-day Adventist Church Men's Ministries in central Massachusetts about an elderly couple in the church that needed help. They needed assistance moving six tons of wood pellets into the basement of their home for the upcoming winter heating season.

The pellets had to be passed through a small basement window. Four men volunteered to help, and the job was done in an hour. There was



Several men from the Gardner church men's ministries team volunteer to help an elderly couple get ready for the winter season.

great fellowship among the couple, their daughter, and the volunteers,

all of whom are members of the church.

It was a need that the men's ministries team was excited to help with. This small project was a blessing to the family, and maybe even more so to the men who participated.

—Jim Dixon, member, Gardner church



## Southern New England Youth Impact Stamford

About 500 youth, young adults, and Pathfinders from across the Southern New England Conference territory were joined by other volunteers on Sabbath, August 24, at Mill River Park, in Stamford, Connecticut for Impact Stamford. The schedule was filled with activities that allowed the group to interact closely with the people in the community.

The guest speaker for the event was Stanley James, M.D., a Master of Divinity student at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Also attending the event were David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president, and José Cortés, Jr., Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director.

**Back to School Rally—** 960 backpacks filled with back to school supplies were distributed to the children.



Brooklawn church's Creation Health group provide literature.

**Community Health Fair—**The Adventist Church partnered with community health organizations from the City of Stamford including the Department of Health to offer a wide variety of complementary health care services and education. Health experts from the Adventist Church as well as the community presented lectures on such topics as

Cardiovascular Diseases, Diabetes, Nutrition, and more. About 500 people benefitted from the health fair.

**Community Kidz Village—**

More than 500 children came out to be ministered to by the young people through crafts, face painting, creative biblical dramatizations, and recreation that involved learning about places in the Bible, Noah's ark, how different parts

In addition to the activities, more than 300 youth and Pathfinders marched around the city. The event culminated with a gospel concert in the park. This year's event featured only local gospel talent from the Southern New England Conference, including



Backpacks filled with back to school supplies are available to the children.

of their bodies work, and much more.

**Street Impact—**The Adventist youth went to the streets all around the city to bless people through the Drive-by-Prayer, Hugs Campaigns, and to distribute literature of hope, including hundreds of copies of THE GREAT HOPE and STEPS TO CHRIST.

**Bone Marrow Drive—** Impact Stamford welcomed the opportunity to serve the community by becoming the vehicle of a bone marrow drive for Kyle, a young man from the city of Stamford suffering from a rare type of blood cancer. Both of Kyle's parents attended the event and were overwhelmed by the enormous support that they received from the young people, as well as people of the community who volunteered to be tested in an attempt to help save Kyle's life.

Kerosha Huggans, Robert Walker, the group Sinai, saxophonist Benjamin Emanuel from the island of Curacao, Haitian vocalist Evens Gregoire, Eva and Jeff Martella, among others.

A team of workers helped to organize the event, including Alejandro Breja, pastor of the Brooklawn and North Stamford churches, and church members Carol Hanna and Sandra Barrett, who laid the ground work in preparation for the event; and the Impact Stamford team: Yadirys Collado-Gracia, Victor and Camice Acevedo, Guadalupe Montour, Myrna Campbell-Claxton, Leroy and Lavern Smith, Eric Fraticelli, Michael Battle, Ardrianna Howard, and Frankie Vazquez.

—Ryan Simpson, associate youth director, Southern New England Conference



North Stamford church members volunteer to assist with literature distribution.



# Compassion, the Bridge to the Post-Christian

A recent study by the Barna Group revealed that eight of the top 10 post-Christian cities in the United States are in the Atlantic Union territory: Albany, New York (1), Burlington, Vermont (2), Portland, Maine (3), Providence, Rhode Island (4), Hartford, Connecticut (5), Boston, Massachusetts (7), Buffalo, New York (8), and New York, New York (9). According to this study, the area where we have been called to minister and proclaim the good news of Jesus is highly post-Christian.

Who are the post-Christians? Though hard to define, after looking at many definitions, I've come up with one which can sum them all up. Post-Christians are individuals who may not believe in a God, do not wish to be called Christians, and definitely do not want to belong to a particular church or denomination, yet they accept and don't mind following the moral and ethical teachings of Jesus. This puts us in a very difficult situation, because although we have a great message, articulate preachers, and beautiful churches, the post-Christians, if this definition is true, have no interest in coming to our beautiful buildings, or hearing our wonderful message preached by our powerful preachers. Moreover, the post-Christian mentality is not very argumentative about beliefs. They don't mind if you believe something different from them. They will respect you for it. Many of the post-Christians have not read the Bible and do not believe it is accurate, which makes reaching post-Christian cities very difficult, if not impossible.

The big question asked in Christian circles in general, and the Adventist Church in particular, is "Where can we find common ground which provides attraction, and perhaps an entry point to reach the post-Christians?" Good news! There is common ground! Post-Christians accept and don't mind following the moral and ethical teaching of Jesus. They enjoy feeding the hungry, helping the poor, advocating against sexual slavery and abuse, and volunteering to improve communities and cities. Post-Christians are generally compassionate. Though they may

not know it or acknowledge it, they accept the Christian values of being the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus on this earth.

As a Christian who lives in the most post-Christian region of the United States, I would like to humbly suggest compassion is the bridge that, under the influence of the Holy Spirit and with the blessing of God, will allow post-Christians to view Christianity and Adventism positively. Perhaps a good place to start would be to show the post-Christian world the practical love of Christ in our communities and cities before we tell them of future events. We may never get them interested in last-day events unless they see our works of compassion in the present.

I would like to challenge all youth leaders, adults, and Adventist church members across the Atlantic Union to incorporate a compassionate approach into everything we do. After all, that's what Jesus did throughout His ministry. His preaching was usually preceded and followed by genuine acts of compassion. Begin by studying the needs of your community and intentionally seek to meet those needs. It would be most effective to make it a lifestyle for the church, not just a strategy employed before an evangelistic series calculated to hook the people and then abandon them after the meetings.

Acts of compassion will attract post-Christian young adults, college and university students, and adults who may not be interested in the state of the dead, the investigative judgement, or the second coming of Jesus, but they love feeding the hungry, loving the poor, and protecting the weak and marginalized. They will join us in compassionate activities, and perhaps one day they will worship the Creator, rest on the Sabbath, and hope for Christ's return. Let compassion be the bridge that never ends! ☺



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## Ne Laissez Pas Votre Prospérité Déterminer Votre Priorité

**N**ous avons eu un temps merveilleux et profitable durant le week-end du 23 août et au-delà. La Conférence générale, la Division Nord-Américaine, l'Union Atlantique et les cinq directeurs de l'économat Chrétien des conférences locales ont tenu des réunions sur l'économat Chrétien vendredi soir et sabbat matin. Des séminaires de formation sur l'économat Chrétien ont été dispensés à l'Église de Mount Vernon à New York, Sabbat après-midi. Les églises étaient bondées et beaucoup de gens ont assisté au séminaire de formation. L'un des concepts de l'économat qui a été mis en valeur se trouve dans l'illustration de l'expérience du jeune homme riche et Jésus.

“Bon maître, lui demanda-t-il, que dois-je faire pour hériter la vie éternelle? Jésus, l'ayant regardé, l'aima, et lui dit: Il te manque une chose; va, vends tout ce que tu as, donne-le aux pauvres, et tu auras un trésor dans le ciel. Puis viens, et suis-moi.” (Marc 10:17-21)

Tant de bonnes choses à dire au sujet du jeune homme riche. Jésus le regarda et l'aima. Jésus a été impressionné par ce jeune homme et le jeune homme riche a été impressionné par ce nouveau professeur qui avait une personnalité magnétique et des yeux qui peuvent vous saisir et vous accueillir.

Je voudrais examiner quelques aspects positifs de l'expérience de ce jeune homme avec Jésus. Le jeune homme riche était très courageux. Il appartenait à la classe dirigeante et il n'était pas censé se mêler avec Jésus et ses disciples, mais il est venu pendant la journée, a parlé à Jésus, et a passé du temps de qualité avec lui.

C'était un jeune homme très spontané. Il courut vers Jésus. Il connaissait les conséquences, mais, néanmoins, il est venu à Jésus. Il ne voulait pas perdre plus de temps.

Il était humble. Il s'agenouilla devant Jésus. Dieu merci, son statut dans l'établissement n'a pas été une raison pour lui d'être arrogant, important, et fier. Il est tombé à genoux au milieu

de son cœur. Le problème, c'était l'argent—les richesses obstruaient le chemin. Son problème était prioritaire—ce devrait être Jésus ou la richesse? Quelle est notre priorité?

Est-ce nous et notre famille en premier et Dieu en dernier, ou est-ce Dieu en premier et nous en dernier? Les priorités sont très importantes pour Dieu.

Nous devons être des économes à

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**Dieu continue à verser ses bénédictions sur nous et exige que nous restions fidèles aux principes de gérance en le mettant en premier.**

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de la route. Il n'était pas préoccupé par la moindre possibilité de devenir une cible du parti au pouvoir.

Il était très sincère. Il ne venait pas à Jésus avec des questions difficiles et trompeuses, comme les Pharisiens. Il est venu dans une véritable sincérité.

“Bon maître, que dois-je faire pour hériter la vie éternelle? Dis-moi le secret de la vie authentique,” a-t-il dit.

Il était aussi religieux. Jésus a dit: “Tu connais les commandements.” Le jeune souverain lui répondit: “Maître, j'ai observé toutes ces choses dès ma jeunesse.” Il n'essayait pas d'être pieux et saint, mais il a dit la vérité. Il a fait un effort sérieux pour servir Dieu.

Il était courageux, humble, sincère et honnête, mais il lui manquait “une chose,” “cette chose” lui fit dire non à Christ. Jésus lui dit “va, vends tout ce que tu as, donne-le aux pauvres.” Wow, c'était un coup assez dur. Jésus ne voulait ni l'argent ou les biens du jeune homme riche. Il ne voulait

cent pour cent, non pas des économes partielles. Nous devons être fidèles, ce qui inclut nos dîmes et offrandes. Dieu continue à verser ses bénédictions sur nous et exige que nous restions fidèles aux principes de gérance en le mettant en premier.

Quelle est cette “chose” dans nos vies qui pourrait être un obstacle pour nous de nous engager entièrement à Dieu? Qu'est-ce qui nous retient d'accomplir Sa volonté? C'est peut-être l'abandon de notre autonomie radicale ou de l'argent, la richesse ou l'esprit impitoyable. Quoi qu'il en soit qui peut constituer des blocs et nous séparer de l'engagement total au Christ, doit être éradiqué.

Ayons donc confiance, croyons, testons, et essayons Jésus. Il ne nous décevra pas.

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# ¿Qué Está Pasando?

En la Unión del Atlántico

## No Deje Que La Prosperidad Determine Sus Prioridades

**T**uvimos un tiempo productivo y maravilloso el fin de semana del 23 de agosto en adelante. La Conferencia General, la División Norteamericana, la Unión del Atlántico junto a los directores de mayordomía de cinco asociaciones locales estuvimos asistiendo a varias reuniones de mayordomía el viernes en la noche y el sábado en la mañana y de un entrenamiento de mayordomía el sábado en la tarde en la iglesia de Mount Vernon en Mount Vernon, Nueva York. La iglesia estuvo repleta y los seminarios de adiestramiento en mayordomía

venida. Quisiera que veamos los aspectos positivos de la experiencia de este joven rico con Jesús. El joven rico fue muy valiente. El pertenecía a la clase gobernante y no se suponía que estuviera relacionándose con Jesús y sus discípulos, pero él decidió ir a hablar con Jesús y pasar tiempo de calidad con él durante las horas del día.

El joven rico fue muy espontáneo. Él fue corriendo a Jesús. Él conocía las consecuencias, pero de todas maneras, fue a Jesús corriendo. Él no quería perder ningún tiempo.

El joven rico fue humilde. Se arrodia-

santo, él solo dijo la verdad. Él estaba tratando de hacer un verdadero esfuerzo de servir a Dios.

Él joven rico fue valiente, humilde, sincero, honesto y religioso, pero le faltaba “una cosa” y esa “cosa” le hizo decir no a Cristo. Jesús le dijo “anda, vende todo lo que tienes y dáselo a los pobres.” Este fue un golpe fuerte. Jesús no quería el dinero ni las riquezas de este joven. Jesús realmente quería su corazón. El problema era que el dinero y las riquezas eran un impedimento. El problema del joven rico eran sus prioridades—¿Escogería a Jesús o a sus riquezas? ¿Cuáles son tus prioridades? Son el yo y tu familia y Dios en último lugar o es Dios lo primordial y el yo en último lugar? Las prioridades son muy importantes para Dios.

Debemos ser mayordomos al 100 por ciento, no mayordomos parciales. Debemos ser fieles mayordomos, lo que incluye nuestros diezmos y ofrendas. Dios continua derramando sus bendiciones sobre nosotros y requiere que nos mantengamos fieles a los principios de mayordomía poniéndolo a Él siempre en primer lugar.

¿Qué es esa “cosa” en nuestras vidas que puede estar bloqueando nuestro compromiso con Dios? ¿Qué será lo que nos impide cumplir la voluntad de Dios? Quizás sea el rendir nuestra dependencia propia, el dinero, las riquezas o un espíritu no perdonador. Sea lo que sea que nos impide o nos separa de un compromiso total de Cristo debe ser erradicado. Vamos a confiar, a creer, a probar a Jesús. Estoy seguro de que Él no nos defraudará.

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tuvieron muy buena asistencia. Uno de los conceptos de mayordomía que fue destacado puede ser ilustrado por la experiencia del joven rico y Jesús.

“Maestro bueno, ¿Qué debo hacer para heredar la vida eterna?” Jesús lo miro con amor y añadió: “Una sola cosa te falta: anda, vende todo lo que tienes, y dáselo a los pobres, y tendrás tesoro en el cielo. Luego ven y sígueme.” Marcos 10:17-21 (NVI)

Muchas cosas buenas pueden decirse acerca del joven rico. Jesús lo miró con amor. Jesús estaba impresionado con este joven y el joven rico estaba impresionado con este nuevo Maestro quien poseía una personalidad magnética y cuyos ojos al mirarle le daban la bien-

lló a los pies de Jesús. Gracias a Dios, su estatus en la sociedad no lo hizo ser arrogante y orgulloso. Él se arrojó en el medio del camino. Él no se preocupó si llegaba a ser el objeto de blanco de la clase gobernante.

El joven rico fue sincero. El no vino a Jesús con preguntas complicadas o engañosas como los fariseos. El vino con una sinceridad genuina. “Maestro bueno, ¿Qué debo hacer para heredar la vida eterna? Dime el secreto de una vida auténtica,” le dijo.

El joven rico era religioso. Jesús le dijo, “Ya sabes los mandamientos.” El joven rico le respondió “Todo eso lo he cumplido desde que era joven.” Él no estaba tratando de ser piadoso y



## Sunset Table

November 2013	1	8	15	22	29
Bangor, ME	5:21	4:13	4:05	3:59	3:55
Portland, ME	5:30	4:21	4:14	4:09	4:05
Boston, MA	5:36	4:28	4:21	4:16	4:13
South Lancaster, MA	5:38	4:30	4:23	4:18	4:15
Pittsfield, MA	5:44	4:36	4:29	4:24	4:21
Hartford, CT	5:43	4:35	4:29	4:24	4:21
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**FROOME, Hugh Anglin**—90, b. Feb. 23, 1923, Mount Airy, Westmoreland, Jamaica, West Indies; d. Jul. 13, 2013, in Boston, Mass. He was a member of the Hyde Park church in Hyde Park, Mass. He is survived by his five children, Thadeen Jones, Hyacinth Clarke, Novlette Francis, Llewinn Froome, and Liesa Clarke; 12 grandchildren, Garth, Keisha, Judith, Christopher, Jessica, Kimberly, Phillip, Mycheal, Llewinn Jr., Jada, Dwight, and Meshel; five great-grandchildren, Alexandria, Brian, Jonathan, Le'ah Rose, and Christopher Jr.; two sons-in-law, Paul Clarke and Seymour Clarke; a daughter-in-law, Darlene Froome; a granddaughter-in-law, Kimberly Clarke; a brother, Fred; three sisters, Blanche, Monica, and Clare; and many nieces and nephews.

**HORSLEY, Margaret Elizabeth (Youngberg) M.D., M.P.H.**—90; b. Nov. 4, 1922, in Calcutta, India; d. Jul. 2, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas. She attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md., and Loma Linda University in Calif. She was active in her church. She was one of the first board-certified women in ophthalmology. Her glaucoma research showed that it was worthwhile to screen everyone over 40 for glaucoma, especially African Americans. She spent most of her adult life living and practicing alongside her husband of 62 years, the late Earnest Horsley, in the Stoneham area. In 2003, after serving about 27 years at the New England Memorial Hospital, as well as other hospitals in the area, they retired to Fort Worth, Texas. She is survived by a sister, Olive

(Ari) Hoogenboom; a brother, John Youngberg (Millie); seven children (six of whom are doctors), Will of Mass., Brooks of Ky., Ross (Diane) of N.Y., Sterling of Texas, Joshua of Calif., Sheila (Carl) Hubbell and Heidi of Texas; 20 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and a sister-in-law, Kay Horsley.

**KENNEDY, James Edward**—79; b. Jul. 15, 1934, in Providence, R.I.; d. Aug. 9, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Fla. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1952 and was assigned to the 147th AAA Detachment Operations. In 1967, he moved with his family from Rhode Island to Stoneham, Mass. to be near a church school for his children. He was employed for 24 years by the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham. He retired in 1989 while serving as director of Environmental Services and moved to Crystal River, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Clarine (Kenaston) Kennedy of Beverly Hills, Fla; his siblings, Diane Jencks, George Kennedy, Francis L. Kennedy, Rita Jencks, Ruth Sequin, Rachel Mallette; his children, Cherie Ada Milliron of Collegedale, Tenn., Cynthia Leona Silver of Westborough, Mass., James Edward Kennedy, Jr. (Nancy) of Brandon, Fla., and Thomas Eugene Kennedy (Thomasine) of Beverly Hills, Fla.; grandchildren, Daniel Milliron, Kristyn Parker, Dr. Kimberly Silver-Dunker, Jonathan Milliron, Michael Silver, Jr., Cherie-Lynn Milliron, Christopher Kennedy, Logan Milliron, Ethan Kennedy, and Genevieve Kennedy; and nine great-grandchildren.

**REED, Carol Janice**—53; b. Dec. 11, 1959, in Troy, N.Y.; d. Jun. 19, 2013, in Troy, N.Y. She was a member of Seventh-day Adventist churches in

Bennington, Vt., and Buskirk, N.Y. She taught children's Sabbath School for many years. She is survived by her husband, Lance Reed; mother Beverly Smith; sons, Philip, Jeff, and Will of Pittsfield, N.Y., a sister, Karen Smith of Pittsfield, N.Y.; a brother, Rick Smith of Troy, N.Y.; several aunts, an uncle, a niece, and a nephew.

**SUCKERT, Dorothy G. (Ketzner)**—86; b. Jul. 18, 1927, in Woodside, N.Y.; d. Aug. 22, 2013, in Fitchburg, Mass.

She was a member of the College Church in South Lancaster, Mass. She taught at Browning elementary school in South Lancaster until she retired. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Lothar Suckert; a son, Robert E. Suckert (Terry) of Waterbury, Vt.; a daughter Kathy A. Suckert of Lancaster, Mass.; a brother, Walter Suckert (Jean) of Riddle, Ore.; and three grandchildren, Maxwell, Madison, and Jackson.



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