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Giving is a beautiful act, and a noble aspect of character. We always think highly of generous people, those who can be counted on to help out and expect nothing in return. ASI is made up of people who help out, who give of every resource they have; time, money, know-how, etc.

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—Steve Hamstra



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# What's in Your... Heart?

BY LEASA HODGES

**H**ave you seen the commercial with the tagline that asks, “What’s in your wallet?” It implies that what’s in your wallet can determine how safe you are—the right credit card can save your life.

A better question to a Christian is, “What’s in your heart?” The right answer to that question can determine your eternal safety.

How do we know what’s in our hearts? The Bible says, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21).

Because we live in a money-centric culture, we tend to think of generosity only as a question of reaching into our wallets. But as with all character traits, generosity is a trait of the heart; and so it can find expression in many ways, including how you share your time, your energy, and your possessions. When God guides your heart, it changes your love for others and your response to their needs. And you will always find a way to respond.

If you have money in your pocket, you give money. If you have no money but there’s food in your home, you give food. If there’s no food in your home but ideas in your mind, you give helping words. If there are no words in your mouth but love in your heart, you offer your heart itself.

Everyone is familiar with the saying “it is better to give than receive,” but few understand the meaning behind this powerful principle.

Science has proven this notion. “You give from the heart and... it satisfies your brain,” says Jordan Grafman, chief of the Cognitive Neuroscience Section of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, a division of the National Institute of Health.

“The same regions of the brain that are associated with the reward and the good feeling you have when you get something yourself, like money,

were the same areas that were activated when you give. That surprised us,” says Grafman. “And not only were the same areas involved, but in fact they were more activated when you give than when you receive.”

I found this study fascinating. It tells me that our Lord created in His children something organic to keep us from becoming too selfish, too self-absorbed. Why?

“There can be no growth or fruitfulness in the life that is centered in self. If you have accepted Christ as a personal Savior, you are to forget yourself, and try to help others... As you receive the Spirit of Christ—the Spirit of unselfish love and labor for others—you will grow and bring forth fruit. The graces of the Spirit will ripen in your character. Your faith will increase, your convictions deepen, your love be made perfect” (Christ Object Lessons, p. 69).

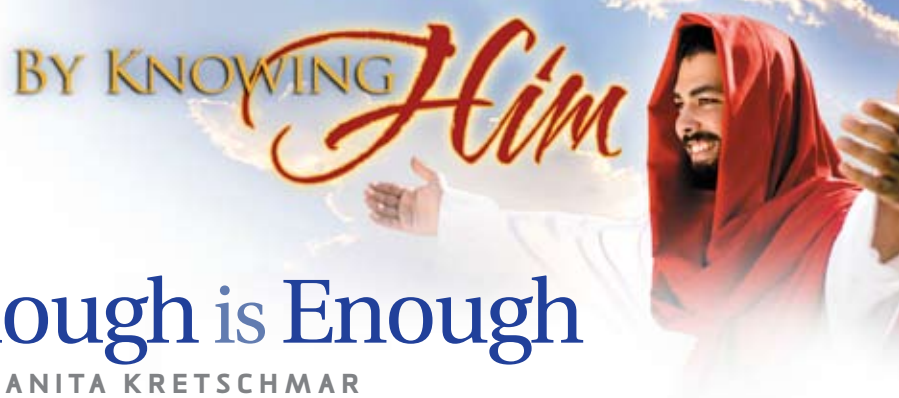
It isn’t enough just to give money or an object; God wants us to give our hearts. Wrapped up in our hearts are the inner qualities that can adorn our generosity. Will your gift be just a thing, or will it be accompanied by empathy, commitment, and love? When you give your heart to God, He changes an element of yourself. With each act of generosity, He makes you into a more giving person. And when God changes your heart, He can use you to change the world around you.

Ultimately, the reward we reap for God-inspired generosity in time, service, money and love is the presence of God dwelling in our hearts. What

could lead to a richer, more abundant life than to have “God with us” throughout eternity?



**Leasa Hodges** is ASI vice president for youth evangelism.



# When Enough is Enough

BY JUANITA KRETSCHMAR

**N**one of us really know ourselves. We can't imagine ourselves as Peter denying Jesus. Nor do we picture ourselves as the disciples who "forsook Him and fled" in Christ's time of trouble, even though He told them it would happen.

But we wouldn't do that, would we?

Would we do better than the rich young ruler whom Christ asked to give all? Haven't we shown how much we love Him by our faithfulness when asked to give time, talents, and money? What about when we volunteered without being asked, started ministries, gave without receiving earthly credit, or gave every cent we had because we believed it would please Him?

When is enough enough with God? What more could He want?

For years I prayed with and counseled many people. I encouraged each of them to consciously make time for God first thing every day. I advised them to do three things during this time: (1) speak to Him before speaking to another human, inviting His Holy Spirit to dwell within; (2) take time to read from His Word before letting their eyes rest on anything else; (3) listen to no other voice until His Word had spoken to their minds and hearts, until they had His peace and direction for the day.

Finally, I advised them that God is enough. Even if you're having trouble in your life, He'll give you strength and blessings to go on. And He'll meet your needs, because you can't out-give God.

I've told persons with unfulfilled dreams that God will be enough for them. My advice was always the same: put God first in your life, your time, your hearing, your thinking, and He will always be enough. You won't have to worry about whether you're "giving enough" or not. A complete life is about trusting Him.

Over the years I'd been told, "You don't understand; you have a good marriage." They were right, I

didn't understand. Then my turn came.

My dear husband, friend, lover, companion in life, my faithful human counselor and more, was snatched from me in death. Suddenly it was just God and I. Jesus knew my struggle, and spoke to my mind several times the day my husband died, saying, "If you don't trust Me now, when are you going to trust Me?"

I didn't break our morning time together, and I stayed with the ministry my husband and I had started with God, because there could be no other option. But intensely at first, and then from time to time, the enemy mocked my thoughts, telling me that God is not enough. I've had to fight that mockery over and over. The only way I have found relief in what has been my deepest time of trouble is to go at any moment to my God for help, because He knows me and yet loves me.

Life has become a choice to believe that He is enough, choosing to give Him the quiet early moments of each day when the future sometimes looks bewildering and my thoughts are hounded and even pounded by the enemy. It's choosing Him as the One with whom you can truly communicate when there seems to be no one else on the planet safe to trust.

Time? Money? Talents? Somehow none of that seems to be the issue when you've given everything into His hands already. Do we need to fear what we will do when the future looks uncertain? I don't think so. Just as He is here for us today, He'll steady us tomorrow. He gave everything for us long before we gave Him anything. He knows us, loves us, and wants us with Him eternally.

It's true. God is enough.



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# The Joy of Giving

BY G EDWARD REID

**W**hy do people give their hard-earned money away? How could the Bible say, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)? There are many good reasons actually. The bottom line is that the more we become like Christ, the more we love what He loves and are actually excited about working with Him in support of His kingdom. Let’s look at just three giving motivations.

## Just to Say Thanks

We do not give because we have too much. We give in response to experienced grace and in thanksgiving for God’s blessings.

During our times of reflection and contemplation we must all exclaim, “What an awesome God we serve!” At family reunions, graduations, anniversaries, ASI Conventions, etc., we realize how blessed we really are.

In spite of the troubles and sorrows we all experience we can only say, “Where would I be without God?” And we also realize where we are with God: in the hollow of His hand. We have the blessed hope that whatever may happen to us or to our loved ones, our eternal destiny is secure with God. We are part of His family already. That is good news! Our offerings, then, are an

expression of our gratitude and to recognize where the blessings come from.

## To Advance God’s Cause

When we have charitable desires in our hearts, we know that God puts them there. It comes quite

naturally to the human heart in this sinful world to be selfish and to think only or primarily about our own comforts. But as Christians, in response to the Holy

Spirit’s urging, we are happy in giving to projects we believe will advance the cause of God in the earth and hasten the coming of Christ.

Giving is a source of joy because we can actually see what our funds accomplish in the projects we support. There is also the satisfaction of being involved in a great work

that encompasses the entire earth. With God’s gift of generosity alive in our hearts, we are actually pleased when we hear of good projects and endeavors that we can support and encourage.

“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). That is where His interest is, in the church next door and around the world. When we love Him that becomes our interest too. And it is a truism that we will support what we love, no matter what the cost.

The kingdom parables of Jesus underscore this concept. Matthew 13:44 is a good example: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” We lay everything on the line for the kingdom, but we don’t think of it as a sacrifice because we know that what we have found is worth far more than what we are giving up.

## Thinking Big—Real Big

Sometimes as we go through life our giving can degenerate to the level of wallet roulette—just checking your wallet before the offering plate arrives at your spot in the pew. Some have risen to the level



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of checkbook philanthropy by simply writing out a contribution from the checkbook balance. But two factors can contribute to a commitment that is much better than that.

The first is when we finally realize what a fantastic and timely message we have for the world in these last days of uncertainty. The second is when we realize that we are not going to live forever this side of the Second Coming, and that we must return to God what He has lent to us. As we pass middle age and our children are raised and educated, our homes are paid off and our needs are met, then we can think of making big—real big—gifts to advance God's cause.

This level of giving requires greater thought and planning. It is not necessarily easy to give money away, but it is perhaps one of the most rewarding things any family can do. Under these circumstances we can become channels of blessing for God and, believe it or not, an answer to someone's fervent prayer.

If we wait until we die to make these bigger gifts to God's cause, we cannot experience the joy of seeing the light in the eyes of those helped or the reality of a project completed for the glory of God. In the world today there are many opportunities to make a real difference to relieve suffering or to provide for the advancement of God's work. I invite you to experience the joy of giving.



**G. Edward Reid** is a former secretary/treasurer of ASI and is currently the stewardship director of the North American Division.

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### **Calling 4 Change**

**Bruce Atkins**

**Spouse: Susan**

Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Bruce and Susan run a contract painting business. They are also involved in counseling, Christian catalyst coaching, and have founded Calling 4 Change, a ministry that provides various forms of support to those in need.

### **Clear Voice, Inc.**

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Clear Voice, Inc. is dedicated to preparing people for the soon return of Jesus Christ through television documentaries and seminars that educate the general public about Bible prophecy. The seminars explain in easy to understand language the great events

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Seattle, WA 98119

PRIA Ministries is involved in several outreach projects in India. These include building church schools, lay evangelism training, and providing food, medicine and clothing for widows.

### **The Josiah Ministry**

**Michael Tuazon**

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The Josiah Ministry supports and assists churches and other groups in evangelism and revival campaigns. They join ASI looking to network with other ministries and corporations.

### **Write Way, Inc.**

**Dene Sue Ross**

**Spouse: Dan**

Eagle, ID 83616

Write Way, Inc., a

technical communications firm

based in Eagle, Idaho was founded by Dene Sue Ross in 1985. Write Way's primary business involves creating all types of technical documentation, developing a full spectrum of training materials, and providing effective training specialists for both private business and government agencies. Dene Sue's husband, Dan, is president of the Northwest Chapter of ASI.



## Associate Members

### **Robert Carr**

**Spouse: Linda**

Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Robert owns Robert Carr Interior Design Associates, LLC, which provides design and furnishing for homes, offices, churches, schools, etc. Robert is excited to learn more about effective outreach through ASI.

### **Dan Dowell**

**Spouse: Linda**

Fort Worth, TX 76133

### **Esther Green**

Duluth, GA 30096

Esther has dedicated her life and abilities to God. She operates both GO Ministries, which equips and motivates individuals for outreach, and Breakthru Coaching International, a life and wellness coaching practice.

### **Harold Harris**

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Arlington, TX 76017

### **Delea Herber**

Benbrook, TX 76126

Delea is employed as a psychologist, and also enjoys being involved in evangelism.



**Randy Hess**  
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 CA 96051



**Doreen Liem**  
**Spouse: John**  
 Ooltewah, TN 37363

**Mary Anne Norman**  
**Spouse: Greg**  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85254  
 Mary Anne, a registered nurse, joins ASI seeking to learn new ways of witnessing and also community health-care outreach.

**Georgia Pindell**  
 Ft Worth, TX 76116  
 Georgia has owned two businesses, and now works for a company in the Fort Worth area. She also volunteers giving Bible studies and enjoys visiting nursing homes.



**David Shank**  
 Phoenix, AZ 85064  
 David is a semi-retired social worker. He enjoys involvement in his local church and lay evangelism. David is excited to join in the work of hastening Christ's soon return.

**Gladys Terrell**  
**Spouse: Charles**  
 Murfreesboro, TN 37127  
 Gladys operates Health Unlimited Three, which provides counseling and direction for those wishing to improve their health.

**Joseph Uniat, DDS**  
 Rocklin, CA 95677  
 Joseph is a retired dentist. He is involved with the Adventist Health Center in Ukraine.



**Donna Walton**  
 Burleson, TX 76028  
 Donna enjoys supporting evangelistic efforts. Her husband, Phillip, is operations manager for a company running urgent care clinics in the Dallas metro area. They join ASI after being encouraged to do so by a friend.

**Roger Wardell**  
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 A semi-retired teacher, Roger still is involved in education as a substitute in the public schools. He joins ASI looking to get involved in service and witnessing roles.

**Viola Williams**  
**Spouse: John**  
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# A Cattle Ranch and a Soft Heart

BY DEENA BARTEL-WAGNER

**M**ickey and Verdene (Deenie) Meyer have every excuse not to get involved in witnessing and giving of their time. Their Idaho cattle ranch is twenty miles away from the nearest town, and it's over twenty-two miles to their church. They work 4,000 acres and can go two to three weeks without anyone driving by.

Mickey is involved in the local community as a member of the county weed control board, the local Lion's club and as a volunteer firefighter. He also serves as a member of the Idaho Conference Executive Committee and is on the board of directors of Camp Idahaven. Until December of last year,



The 4,000 acre Granger Butte Ranch.

Deenie was involved in the full-time care of Mickey's elderly parents, who made their home on the ranch. And she makes regular trips to Walla Walla, Washington to look after her parents.

With all these responsibilities, one could forgive Mickey and Deenie for not having time to give Bible studies and prepare people for baptism. But the Meyers know that a life of "busy-

ness" without sharing Jesus is a life without satisfaction.

Mickey has always been a rancher/farmer at heart, but early on he developed a passion for outreach. As a young man, Mickey would mull over what he learned in his academy Bible class while milking cows and feed-





**Mickey out roping cattle.**

ing calves on the farm. “I remember Melvin Brass, our teacher, telling us that we would get extra points for giving Bible studies,” recalls Mickey. “I decided that was something I’d like to try.”

With that decision, Mickey found a way to share the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. He overcame his deer-in-the-headlights fear and went ahead with the first study, even though he had a white-knuckled grip on his Bible the entire time.

Although life seemed complete after he and Deenie married in 1962 and children increased their family circle, Mickey felt a tugging at his heart. “By about 1970, I began to think I needed to do something more than just farm,” says Mickey. So he and Deenie made the decision to attend Walla Walla College where Mickey would study theology.

With a family to support, this was no small decision. It wasn’t long before God provided a peek at the next provision He was making in their lives. “The Upper Columbia Conference leaders contacted me and said that they had a need for a mature theology major to pastor two churches,” says Mickey. “Many of my teachers discouraged me and said that taking on this kind of responsibility would dilute my efforts at being a student.”

Believing his teachers knew best, Mickey declined the invitation. As soon as he hung up the phone he felt sick to his stomach. “Mickey wasn’t happy with the decision,” says Deenie. “He called the president back and said that he knew it might seem strange that he was calling back, but he wanted to take the position after all.”

Mickey pastored those churches until graduation in 1975. Following his graduation, he and Deenie led several congregations. Deenie became heavily involved

in Bible work and enjoyed helping prepare people for baptism. “At first, I was nervous,” she says, “I thought I had to know everything, but that’s not true. As long as you share the love of Jesus and what He has done for you, people will respond.”

Giving of their time was a large part of the Meyers’ pastoral ministry, and Mickey doesn’t know how many people he and Deenie have brought to the Lord. “The most important thing is that we are telling others about Jesus,” says Mickey.

Even though they loved pastoral work, a new situation arose that made them reassess priorities and eventually return to the ranch. Mickey’s dad was having serious health issues; and so in 2000, Mickey and Deenie returned to the ranch to give of their time in a new way. “Our belief is that we have a responsibility to our parents,” says Deenie. “So when they needed us, we were there to provide the support and care that they had once given us.”

“Although we aren’t in formal ministry any longer,



**Mickey & Deenie giving a Bible study by video phone.**

our burden for the people of North America continues to be a passion,” says Mickey. “We have set a goal of leading at least two to three people to Christ each year.”

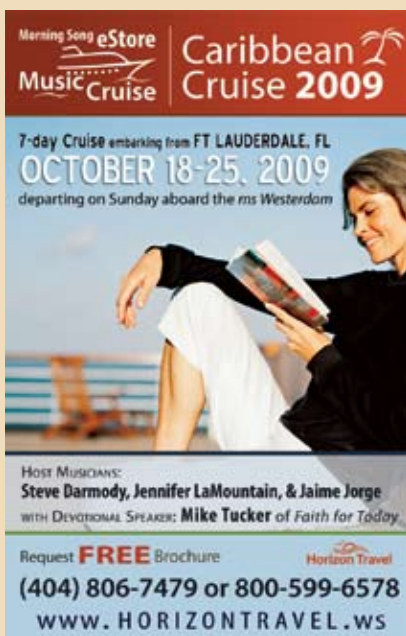
“We pray daily that God will lead us to someone that needs to hear about the love of Jesus,” says Deenie. “God knows we don’t have a lot of time, and so He sends key contacts that are ready to hear.”

Mickey says that if you are going to be a fisher of men you have to have your lines out and ready to catch the opportunities that God gives you to witness to others. One catch occurred when a friend asked the Meyers

if they would study the Bible with her and a group of friends in Boise. Boise is 100 miles away from the Meyer's ranch.

Mickey and Deenie committed to driving 100 miles each way every Sabbath to study with this group of seekers. When the drive became too much, they looked for a solution that would allow them to carry on the Bible study. "We invested in video phones, and the Bible study continues on a weekly basis," reports Deenie.

The Meyers' method of evangelism is to tell the stories of Jesus and develop practical applications for people's lives today. "Our process for soul winning is helping people learn Biblical doctrines through the life and stories of Jesus," says Mickey. "If your neighbor is raising cattle and he's struggling to pay off his loan to the bank, you can't start discussing the 2300-day prophecy with him. He needs to hear the simple gospel that will make a difference in his life at that moment."



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**Mickey & Deenie Meyer**

The Meyers have seen amazing things happen as they have given their days over to God and allowed Him to bring people to them. A young couple came to them and asked if Mickey would marry them. There was just one catch: the wedding would be in Mexico. Mickey agreed and began premarital counseling with the couple. And he had the privilege of baptizing the couple before their marriage. Recently, the Meyers were visiting a church and were thrilled to witness the young man being ordained as a deacon. "This was a ministry that arrived at our front door," says Mickey. "God leads people to you when you are ready and willing to work for Him."

Mickey also uses a personal experience as an opportunity to share with his neighbors. "I had been reading in Ezekiel 36 about how God will take our hearts of stone and give us a soft heart," Mickey recalls. "One afternoon God used this to help me find a missing cow."

The Meyers had 13 heifers that were ready to calve, and late one afternoon Mickey realized that only 11 of the heifers had returned to the corral. He got on his horse and began riding the pasture to find the

two missing cows. He found one, but the other was nowhere in sight. "I rode and rode but couldn't find that last heifer," says Mickey. It was getting dark, and Mickey knew he had to find the right trail or the cow might not be found in time.

"At that moment I recalled the verse in Ezekiel about the soft heart," says Mickey, "and I asked God to soften my heart so I would listen to His nudging of where the right trail was that would lead me to the cow."

Just ten minutes later, Mickey was guiding his horse down a trail and in the distance he saw the white face of the heifer. Just beyond her was a little dot—her new calf.

"I've told this story to many of my friends and neighbors," says Mickey. "When they ask me how to know who to vote for or what to believe, I tell them that all they have to do is pray for a soft heart." Mickey assures them that God will lead wherever they need to go. "The result has been that they are soon asking spiritual questions," says Mickey.

But giving of one's self in ministry is not something limited to just Mickey and Deenie. Anyone can do it. "We don't have anything in our toolbox that others can't be making use of too," says Mickey. "It's just a matter of being willing to give of your time and asking God to lead you."

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Western Adventist Foundation  
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# A Specific Mission to Help

**R**ecently *Inside ASI* spoke with James Brown, president of Western Adventist Foundation (WAF). We wanted to learn more about this unique Seventh-day Adventist entity, and about planned giving and trust services in general.

## ASI: What is Western Adventist Foundation?

**James Brown:** Well, we started in 1997 from the conceptualization of Elders Tom Mostert and Si Bietz of the Pacific Union Conference. They realized there was an opportunity to save monies in the church by creating an organization that specialized in Trust Administration.

Many of the larger conferences had fully staffed trust departments while the smaller conferences were having a difficult time providing adequate resources to participate in gift planning. Also, the higher education institutions were developing planned giving departments and did not have the resources to staff trust services. So Mostert and Bietz worked at creating a model for a foundation with the specific mission to help other organizations.

## Then you work in the Pacific Union territory?

Initially yes. However, once other entities found out what we did they inquired about our assisting them in their trust administration. For instance, Richard Bland from United Prison Ministries (UPM) contacted us and inquired about WAF writing charitable gift annuities for donors who wish to benefit UPM. Also, Don Otis of Light Bearers asked if we could do the same for his organization.

## So what is the criterion for you to assist these organizations?

Actually, the main criterion is simply that the organizations are focused on supporting the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And their non-profit corporate documents must include the appropriate language relating to the church.

## How many organizations do you support?

Almost 50 different organizations in one form or another. These include hospitals, conferences, and supporting ministries that belong to ASI and are in good standing with the church.

## Let's talk a bit about planned gifts. Can you explain the types of planned gifts WAF manages for clients?

WAF is involved with pretty much any planned gift that requires some type of legal document. There are revocable trusts; and we assist in the development and management of those types of documents, mainly for conferences. Irrevocable trusts, however, are the most beneficial for charities and can impact donors in a very positive manner.

The charitable gift annuity (CGA) is the easiest to explain. The donor transfers an asset, usually cash or securities, to the Foundation in exchange for a lifetime income payment.

The other type of irrevocable trust is a charitable remainder trust. This is a little more complex than the



CGA, however it is a great tool for a donor, and a good method for a charity to receive a future gift. This type of trust works best with appreciated assets, such as stock or real property. Similar to a CGA a charitable remainder trust provides income to the donor. The donor transfers to WAF, in trust, the appreciated asset, the rental property or stock. We sell the asset at market value in trust, and the trust pays no capital gains tax. We invest the funds, and the income beneficiary receives income for his or her life.

We usually suggest an interest rate of 6-7% in the document, but we all know the market will go through its cycles. If we manage the trust between 6-7%, there is an opportunity for growth over the life of the trust. This allows the income paid out to the donor to keep up with inflation. When the term of the trust ends, then the selected charity receives the remainder of the trust principal.

Many donors want their children to benefit from their estate as well, which is easily done. A charitable remainder trust allows some flexibility in how an attorney creates the document. So the trust can benefit, for example, you and your spouse and then your children for up to 20 years.

#### **Does the donor receive a tax deduction?**

Yes, there is a calculation we provide where a portion of the gift elicits a charitable deduction from income taxes, which can be carried forward for an additional five years if the donor exceeds the charitable deduction allotment. In some states a charity needs a permit, and in others there is a registration process. We currently can issue gift annuities in most states; however, there are a couple of states where we are still in the registration process.

#### **Does WAF get a percentage of the trust at the end?**

Actually no. We do not get any portion of the trust at the end. We do not want to appear to be competing with our clients. Therefore, no trust document we manage has a remainder gift to WAF.

#### **Then how do you get paid?**

For the revocable trusts, we charge the charity receiving the gift a management fee based on the activity



**James Brown is president of Western Adventist Foundation.**

of the trust, as revocable trusts require the most work. Many bank trust departments charge a minimum of 1% of the trust balance per year, but we do not charge that much.

On the irrevocable trusts, we do charge a management fee, just as a broker charges to invest your monies. For instance, a brokerage will charge around 1% to manage your funds. However, at WAF we charge less than 1% to manage the trust balance and do the account-

ings, pay the income to the income beneficiary, and prepare the tax returns. So actually, the charities we assist are benefiting from the Foundation services for less than many pay their broker to manage their gift monies.

#### **How many people work at WAF? And what is the scope of your work at this point?**

We currently have 18 full-time staff members. There are two attorneys, two trust officers, six accountants, plus support and administration staff. We are managing more than 2,000 different documents benefiting various church ministries, and we have distributed over \$35,000,000 to various ministries since 1997.

#### **One last question, how does WAF fit into the church structure?**

WAF is quite unique in that our board chair is the treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference and our constituents are the executive committee members of the Pacific Union Conference.

Another unique aspect of the Foundation is that our board is comprised of our clients. Some of our board members are not even located in the Pacific Union. Once the amount of monies we manage for a client reaches a certain sum, the client is an invitee or a voting member.

We also have an investment committee that is voted by the board members. This committee is chosen for their expertise in management of monies, or their understanding of the goals a trustee needs to obtain while administering the various types of trusts.

**James, thank you so much.**

You're welcome. It is my pleasure.

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## God's Big Givers

BY MADLYN HAMBLIN

A new trend in America giddily defies television convention. Oprah's Big Give has 10 handpicked contestants competing to give rather than receive as they crisscross the country lavishing hundreds of thousands of dollars upon unsuspecting people in need.

ASI members are also known as "big givers," and we're not speaking exclusively about money. The people comprising ASI have diverse ways of giving, including time, talent, and expertise. Take Dr. Phil and Sherry Mills, for example.

Phil and Sherry first met at prayer meeting at Loma Linda University. Phil was a medical student, and Sherry was finishing her master's degree in public health. She attended Phil's Sabbath school class, and a series he presented on courtship and marriage – with the disclaimer that he planned to be single all his life. That drew a very interested crowd!

Sherry had every intention of remaining single also. However, as the couple worked together on com-

mittees and soul-winning projects, they became better acquainted; and it became clear that God was leading them toward marriage. "We happily surrendered our commitment to singleness and have been married for 33 wonderful years," Sherry says.

Together they started My Bible First, a ministry that evolved after attending their first ASI Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 2000. They left inspired by the dynamic testimonies they heard, and with hearts warmed by the unselfish spirit and obvious joy they saw on people's faces. On their way home Sherry told Phil, "We need to pray for a wider ministry."

With three home-schooled children, Sherry's ministry needed to be done from home. Their outreach also needed to be something that would fit into Phil's busy schedule as he ran a full-time medical practice.

At this time they were members of a wonderful church in the Kansas-Nebraska conference. "Evangelism was central to everything our church did," says Sherry.





**Phil and Sherry Mills discuss final details with Jennifer Dietrich before printing.**

As a result, there were always lots of visitors attending, and many church members were new to the faith and still learning biblical truths. One family attending was Buddhist with no prior Bible exposure. Sherry realized that the children in these families had unique needs that were not being met by the limited children's materials available at Sabbath school.

As the children's Sabbath school superintendent, it was priority for Sherry that all families in the church, new members or not, be thoroughly nurtured in the Word of God. The Sabbath school council recommended that primary level lessons be written to meet this need.

"We had no experience in producing Bible lessons and no layout and design expertise. Other than Phil's computer, we had no printing equipment to produce lessons," Sherry explained. "With our busy schedule, we had no time to write lessons, and we had very limited office space in our small home," she added.

Sherry knew that the biggest hurdle would be to find a volunteer willing to help write the lessons. But God had already prepared for this very need. Sherry's parents, Elwood and Amy Sherrard, had spent 20 years in foreign mission.

During that time, Amy assisted in developing a child evangelism program for the local church division, and wrote children's Bible lessons.

Sherry remembers as a child waking up long before sunrise hearing the "clack" of the old manual typewriter. She remembers peeking into the office and seeing her mother at the typewriter with the Bible on one side and the Spirit of Prophecy on the other. It was an example of dedication and communication with the Lord that she has never forgotten. Over time, those materials were used in many countries.

Sherry asked her mother to write new primary-age Bible lessons, and she agreed. At 82 Amy had never used a computer, and no amount of urging, arguing or reasoning could get her to even consider it. Early on Phil had to scan each typewritten lesson and convert it with optical character recognition software. It was a great day when Amy decided it was time to overcome her fear of computers. With delight and enthusiasm her grandkids took on the responsibility of launching Grandma into the computer generation. After Grandma wrote the lessons, Elwood would meticulously copy edit the pages.

As the lessons became ready for printing, Sherry



**Amy & Elwood Sherrard, principle author and principle editor of the Bible lessons.**

looked for ways to illustrate them. Early on she used her childhood collection of old pictures that her grandmother (who had been a missionary in India years before) had given her. Others shared their royalty-free collections, and over the years God has never failed to provide the ministry with beautiful illustrations as they are needed.

Phil and Sherry launched the three-year cycle of Bible lessons for their church with the expectation that they would be done in a couple years. During the last week of 2000 they watched the first lesson print out Friday afternoon, just in time for Sabbath. Phil comments, “We could hardly believe what was happening!

We prayed earnestly over this issue as we carefully hand-folded each paper, ready to hand out at church the next day.” They never could have imagined what was ahead; that this small beginning was the launching of another ASI-spawned ministry.

The entire family soon became absorbed in producing My Bible First. Son Philip helped with the computer work. The oldest daughter,

Rachel, assisted with the bookkeeping and records, and Ruthie, though younger, was a great help in answering phone calls.

In their retirement years, Sherry’s parents were now writing and editing full time. The only reimbursement they desired was to see children and families saved for God’s kingdom.

The My Bible First project became a full-time ministry when a church member asked if she could post the lessons on her website, after which requests began pouring in daily. “We realized this was becoming bigger

than what we were prepared for,” Sherry said. “We didn’t even know how to price the lessons, and were only producing them a week at a time! But with the Lord’s help, we were able to meet the growing requests and complete each lesson deadline.”

The overwhelming response to this ministry

continued. Requests came in for cradle roll and then kindergarten lessons, which were soon added along with Spanish editions. Their biggest project ever began three years ago with junior-age lessons that included posters and charts.

Sherry is quick to point out that, “The Lord put it into the hearts of others to give of their time and expertise in providing supplemental materials.” Additional resources such as memory verse songs, coordinated table activities, teaching helps and devices are now available.

The Mills’ family—along with Sherry’s parents and many others—has given generously of their time, talents and expertise to My Bible First over the years. I asked Sherry what effect that giving has had on their lives, and what inspires them to continue giving.

She said, “It’s the only way to stay alive! It keeps us constantly aware of our dependence on the Lord and of the needs of others. When we contemplate how much Jesus has done for us, an eternity of time won’t be enough to show Him our gratitude. There is no greater joy or satisfaction than working with the Lord. He is a wonderful employer.”



Amy Sherrard prepares illustrations for lessons.



James Dietrich, IT Administrator, assists with part of an outgoing shipment.



Tanya Tessier managing phone calls and order fulfillment.



Phil and Sherry say that this ministry has been life changing for the entire family. "Realizing our great need as the ministry grows keeps us on our knees. We constantly cry out to God for His divine guidance. It is a sobering responsibility to prepare material that represents our awesome God. We know we are living in the end times. We know the devil is seeking to destroy faith and trust in God's Word. We know he is attacking the foundation of our beliefs and is especially aiming to undermine families. Many children are growing up with little or no spiritual training. If they don't receive it in the home and [if they] attend public school, the only avenue left is the Sabbath school. What we feed them during that golden hour will have eternal consequences. This is the passion of our hearts!"

The Mills family are truly Christian "big givers." A hearty "thank you" from those blessed by their work is always encouraging. But their greatest reward comes from God, who promises in Proverbs 11:24, 25, "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

**Madlyn Hamblin** writes from Tecumseh, Michigan. She was ASI first lady from 1989-1995.



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# Living a Life of Ministry

BY PATRICIA HUMPHREY

It's amazing what you can accomplish when you dedicate yourself to God and simply allow Him to use you. That's exactly what Al and Jane Sines of Benton, Tennessee have done—and the results are phenomenal. This dedicated couple's desire to simply share God's love with His children has mushroomed into a multifaceted ministry that touches lives for Christ on a daily basis.

In 1998, God opened the door for the Sines to purchase airtime on a local radio station in Polk County, where Benton (population 1,200) is located. It's one of the poorest counties in Tennessee. Four Adventist programs—It is Written, The Voice of Prophecy, Your Story Hour and Got a Minute for Your Health?—aired daily. In September 1999, Al and Jane were surprised with an offer to buy the radio station at the cost of \$180,000. "We'll offer you \$70,000," they responded, knowing the offer would be refused. And it was.

But a month later, the Sines got another call. "We really want to sell the station to you," the owners said. After some discussion, the Sines came back with their original offer. "\$70,000 and that's it," they said firmly. This time they weren't prepared for the response. "OK. Sign right here," the owners said, handing Al and Jane a contract. Writing a check for \$20,000 as a down payment, it was a done deal, they now owned WBIN 1540 AM. A



Al & Jane Sines inside the Benton Lifestyle Center.

little stunned after the whole experience, Jane turned to Al and said, "Do you know what we've just done?" Perhaps they didn't at the time, but God knew, and there's no doubt that He was leading them. Now relocated onto the church's campus, WBIN airs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in five counties, broadcasting the good news of salvation via a 3ABN downlink. In 1999, when Al and Jane were helping to build a church in Benton, two women showed up at the construction site after seeing an advertisement about upcoming evangelistic meetings. "Where's Doug Batchelor?" they inquired. Living way out in the country, they had seen Doug Batchelor's program on the one channel they could receive. Liking what they heard, they wanted to see him in person. Though disappointed that Doug would only be appearing on screen, Jane was able to convince them to attend the meetings, and eventually they began



Craig Harding is the station manager of WBIN 1540 AM.



attending church.

One of the women, Margaret Green, had a terrible smoking habit, but broke her addiction after Al and Jane prayed for her. She never smoked again. Margaret was eventually baptized and is a faithful church member today, serving the Benton

church as head deaconess. She has also been instrumental in leading her husband and son to Christ.

By February of 2000, the church was completed; and a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the church's debt-free status. But now that the church was completed, Al felt impressed that there was still more to do. And there was.

The following year, as a result of God's guidance and blessings, the Sines and the Benton church members rejoiced at the grand opening of The Lifestyle Center of Benton, which shares a campus with the church and radio station. A state-of-the-art facility, the lifestyle center affords many opportunities for the entire church family to be involved in ministry. The lifestyle center includes The Vine, a vegan restaurant that seats 50 people, a large conference room, a

sauna, a Russian steam bath, medical and dental offices, and a counseling room. It is a center for ministry where people's physical and spiritual needs are met every day.

"I pray every day that God will send us the right people whom He will touch through us," Jane says. And He does. "Every day someone comes to the restaurant, and we know we are there just for them," she adds.

Jane continues, "In the restaurant, the guests [often] ask specific questions on health and spiritual matters. We routinely have prayer with the restaurant guests. Free literature in the restaurant and the foyer is taken readily. One local minister of another denomina-



**"The Vine" vegan restaurant offers healthy food in an attractive atmosphere.**

tion told us he is now keeping the Sabbath and is beginning to teach it to his congregation. He asked for more literature about the Sabbath."

Even the dental office is a place for ministry. Jane explains, "People often call the office and say, 'I was praying for a Christian dentist, and I

opened the Yellow Pages and was impressed to come here.'" One day a teenager came into the dental office for services. As she sat in the waiting room, Jane noticed that the young lady's eyes seemed fixed on the large photo of Jesus with outstretched arms. "I noticed that you seem drawn to that picture," Jane said to her gently. "Yes," the girl responded, "When I saw that picture I felt

like Jesus was looking at me and calling me to change my life." That encounter created a wonderful sharing opportunity for the Sines, and a life-changing experience for a young person in need of Jesus.

The Sines refer to Al's dental chair as his "week-time pulpit." He prays with all his surgical patients and with others he feels impressed to pray for. He asks his surgical patients not to smoke for five days, and, if possible, starts them immediately on a plan to break free. And he teaches all of his patients about good nutrition, exercise, pure water, fresh air, and trust in God.

Because the center is located in an economically depressed area, the Sines have many opportunities to help people who are less fortunate. "In the dental office we pray every day for God to impress on our minds whom to help and how best

to help them. Our main desire is to teach people how to fish; not just to give them a fish," Jane says.

Ultimately, the Sines' mission is to win souls. "We visualize every person who comes in as a candidate for heaven," Jane says. Al concurs, "It is a privilege to work for Him. We're not in it for the dollars and cents. We're in it for Him."



**Debbie Ramos before and after coming to the Benton Lifestyle Center.**

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# Freely You Have Received, Freely Give

BY SVETLANA TAYLOR

I've always had a desire for overseas mission, to share the good news of Jesus' love. During the 2006 Generation of Youth for Christ conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, I heard about the Mission Extreme program organized by Outpost Centers International. As the call was given to dedicate a year for missions, I promised God I would take part.

In July 2006 I began six months of training with two other Mission Extreme participants, Lindsay Robinson and Eric Rose, at the College of Health Evangelism at Wildwood Lifestyle Center in Georgia. After completing our training, we were joined by two others, Amy Burr and Kylee Gum, who had taken the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism course. Together we headed for Africa.

We went to live among the Tonga people of Zambia. Our mission was to reach these wonderful people for Jesus. We would conduct two evangelistic series, Bible studies, bush clinics, health classes and children's programs. For the next six months we would sleep, work, eat and worship with the Tonga.

It was humbling living in the bush, and so primitive compared to what I'd been accustomed to. We stayed in cement block homes—much more advanced than the grass huts most people lived in—but we had no electricity or running water, took bucket showers and used an outhouse.



Svetlana, (far left) leads a Tonga village in Bible study.

Simplicity brings you closer to God.

As I look back on my time in Zambia, I can't help but remember the smiling faces and bloated tummies



of the children, the AIDS victims, the orphans, the crippled and the blind. We were among them everyday. We would walk into villages and meet the destitute and the hurting. I didn't speak Tonga, but these dear people didn't need words as much as they needed a kind touch and an act of love.

The days were filled with visits to one village after another; we would travel on foot, carrying basic medical supplies and our Bibles. The children would see us first. "Mazungu!" ("mazungu" meaning "white") they would shout. Immediately a crowd of people would form, curious to see what we were doing so far out in the bush.

We'd gather everyone together and sit under the shade of the mango trees, and through the interpreter we would tell them of Jesus and his love. Jesus was familiar to many in this area. Years before, Seventh-day Adventist missionaries had established a small mission compound with a school and a church. Some of the villagers were already members of the Lushomo Adventist Church, and they welcomed us with open arms.

Education is scarce in areas like this, and it's difficult to win people for Christ when they can't read the Bible for themselves. Other religious groups in the area were opposed to us; so new barriers would often arise as we got to know the people. We spent so much time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reach the villagers inwardly, where we could not. Slowly but surely, God was moving on their hearts. Men were giving up smoking and drinking, women were bringing their children to church, small steps were being taken for God. As the weeks went by we became friends with the villagers. They stopped calling us "mazungus" and instead referred to us by name.

"Live what you preach" became real to me, and I would look for opportunities to reach out and help. When we were holding our second evangelistic series, there was a major project going on in the same village. The locals



**Svetlana with a Tonga child. Bloated stomachs were common among the children.**

were making mud bricks for a new school building, so Kylee and I joined the ladies who were carrying wet mud for the men to form into bricks. It was a bonding experience for us. The villagers were impressed to see we foreigners do hard work and get our hands dirty.

When we weren't preaching and giving Bible studies, our focus was on the sick and the hurting. Each night during the evangelistic series, new health topics were presented. Diseases such as tuberculosis, diphtheria and malaria are a huge problem in this area of Zambia. Many die because they lack medicine and

knowledge. We made sure to visit every family in each village, showing them practical natural remedies, such as the use of charcoal for bites and infections.

During my time in the bush some of my Tonga friends died from disease, and it broke my heart. Young bodies were laid to rest; there was weeping, there was sorrow. Imagine how much more tragic spiritual death is, when a precious life is gone without the knowledge of Jesus and His gift of salvation. I'm so thankful that I know

Jesus, that I have a promise of life beyond the dark grave.

Jesus says in Matthew 10:8, "Freely ye have received, freely ye give." Giving a year of my life was such an incredible blessing to me. It brought me closer to God and opened my eyes to what truly matters in life. At the end of our meetings, 52 amazing people gave their lives to Jesus.

They now have hope, can face the challenges of life with a new Friend, and they don't have to fear anymore. Now they can give of themselves to reach still others, to touch more lives and bring a piece of heaven to those in spiritual darkness.

Please give of yourself; reach out to a world in need.



**Evangelistic meetings were a core part of the Mission Extreme program.**

the challenges of life with a new Friend, and they don't have to fear anymore. Now they can give of themselves to reach still others, to touch more lives and bring a piece of heaven to those in spiritual darkness.

**Svetlana Taylor** is now a student at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

# ASI Abroad

## Inter-American Division

ASI organizations in Jamaica and Barbados have been very active. **ASI Jamaica** is running the Good Samaritan Inn in Kingston. This facility provides two hot meals, a warm bath and a change of clothes on Sundays and Wednesdays for 150 homeless persons. The individuals also hear short presentations on how to reintegrate themselves into society, and some have begun attending church. ASI Jamaica donated over \$4,000 to repair the building used for the Good Samaritan Inn.

ASI Jamaica is also making progress on their Children's Village with help from the West Indies Union. The first children will be accepted at the Children's Village this summer.

**ASI Barbados** is operating a nursing home in Cave Hill, Barbados. The facility is functioning at full capacity and is very profitable.

## Africa

**ASI Zimbabwe** will hold their annual convention at Victoria Falls—on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia—during the last weekend of November. You are invited to attend, and can call +263 23-852-404 or email [asihre@zol.co.zw](mailto:asihre@zol.co.zw) for more information.

## Europe

A lot has been happening at the ASI organizations in Europe. Members of **ASI Austria** are sponsoring a training center for medical missionaries in Central Europe. And in Central Asia the clinic sponsored by ASI Austria has seen a number of baptisms as a result of the good treatments and Bible studies offered there.

One year after its opening, the vegetarian restaurant in Prague—a **Czech-Slovak ASI** project—is hosting 350 visitors a day. An Urban Community Center project in Prague is meeting basic community needs and is also nurturing a church plant.

Dr. Gerhard Padderatz of **ASI Germany** recently visited Hungary, where he helped re-form **ASI Hungary**. He also visited Sweden where he was interviewed on Lifestyle TV and encouraged a Scandinavian ASI chapter



The Country Life Marseille Health Expo in France drew 700 visitors.

to form. LifeStyle TV has been making a positive impact in secular Sweden.

Audrey Balderstone, president of **ASI United Kingdom**, recently visited Portugal with representatives from ASI North America to help form **ASI Portugal**. And **ASI Italy** has been very busy with their Health Expos.

In **France**, Country Life Marseille hosted their first Health Expo, which drew more than 700 visitors in just one and a half days.

**ASI Romania** hosted the ASI Europe Convention in the town of Tirgu Mures, June 18-21. The theme was "Work, Witness, Win" with guest speaker Jose Rojas from the North American Division. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, worship and encouragement.

ASI Europe is online at [www.asi-europe.org](http://www.asi-europe.org)

## ASIA

**ASI Singapore** organized a series of events last year featuring the Golden Angels singing ministry from Korea. While in Singapore the Golden Angels led the week of prayer at San-Yu Adventist School. The Golden Angels also sang for a private dinner organized by ASI Singapore. The event helped raise funds for ASI Singapore's work with microcredit in the Philippines.

ASI Singapore also just completed a natural health seminar, "Winning in Health Naturally," featuring Dr. An Pang Chieng from Loma Linda University. Dr. Chieng shared information on healthy diets, aging and longevity, organic gardening and low-heat cooking to preserve the nutrients in food.



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# Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus

BY TONY MOORE

**W**hile researching and preparing scripts during the past two years, I prayed, “Lord, how can I tell the story of Jesus in a way that will capture the imagination of viewers?”

During our first film trip to Israel in July 2007, we sensed God’s leading and protection as we related the baptism of Jesus at an “authentic” site—in a military zone. After a tense encounter with the Israeli army, we were permitted to finish. Then the story of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness provided an opportunity to explore the origin of evil.



**Tony (left) with Basaam, a young Palestinian who gave his life to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee after listening to Tony’s appeal while filming.**

told him to fish, he said “Okay, Boss.” When he snagged the huge shoal of fish, he fell before Jesus, calling Him “Lord!”

We tried to film at this location on two occasions, but it was occupied. On our third attempt the cove was quiet, so we quickly set up and began to tell this story. From the corner of my eye I noticed a Palestinian man sitting on some rocks,

looking at the lake. We were forced to pause when a group of people visited the waterfall, so I walked down the shore. Imagine my surprise when the man said, “I want Jesus to be my Lord.” He had listened to my appeal while filming and had invited Jesus into his heart. As we prayed together, he committed his life to Jesus.

We were privileged to film on a Herodian Street excavated next to the Temple Mount. Walking on the same street Jesus had walked, I recount His prophecy of the destruction of the Temple. Stopping at a pile of huge stones recently unearthed, I point out how they were pushed from the Temple above in direct fulfillment of Jesus’ prophecy.

Tracing The Footsteps Of Jesus brings Christ’s world and ministry to life, and Christian doctrines develop in a natural, organic setting. Salvation, baptism, the origin of evil, the Sabbath, the blessed hope, the state of the dead and many other doctrines are creatively presented in the historical context of Jesus life.

Part of the 2005 ASI Convention offering went to support the production of Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus. We will complete filming this fall and hope to release the series in the winter of 2009. Thank you very much to everyone to supported our work through the ASI offering.

Stop by our booth at ASI convention for a DVD overview or visit us at [www.biblicalworld.org](http://www.biblicalworld.org) for more information.

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**Tony Moore** is Speaker and President of The Biblical World.



**Tony stands beside stones from the Temple, which were toppled in direct fulfillment of the words of Jesus.**

When we returned in November 2007 for a second month of filming, God opened doors in the West Bank where we told the story of the Samaritan woman at Nablus. We were able to complete seven episodes during this trip.

In April of this year we returned for the third time, filming ten episodes in Jerusalem and Galilee. On location filming is very challenging; we have to contend with traffic noise, with prayer calls from mosques, with airplanes, and with tourists. To

find picturesque, quiet locations that are accurate for the story we have driven an average of 2,500 miles per trip.

While editing episode 8, tears moistened my eyes as I watched the call of the fishermen at a waterfall flowing into the Sea of Galilee. Jesus taught the crowds from Peter’s boat that day, and then told Peter to push out into deep water and let down his net. Throughout the previous night Peter had fished and caught nothing, and he knew better than to fish in the daylight. But when Jesus



# For Hearts, Minds & Viewing Habits

*New studio for 3ABN children's programming completed*

**A**s Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) began airing in 1986, the programs broadcast were mostly produced by the Adventist Media Center, but it wasn't long before the little 3ABN studio began taping interviews, music and sermons. As the small staff grew in confidence, so did the variety of programs. Health, evangelism and even a few on-location shoots were exciting additions to the meager lineup.

But the prospect of producing quality children's programming seemed difficult at best. How could 3ABN capture kids' attention without using the gimmicks of secular television? Car-

toons and silliness were out of the question. The Lord had given 3ABN the challenge to counteract the counterfeit, and programming needed to be both relevant and reverent.

Through much prayer, the Lord brought some incredibly dedicated people to 3ABN. Janice Smith produced her first series, Janice's Attic, in the 3ABN studio. Brenda Walsh—who had grown up not far from 3ABN's studios—had prayed for God to use her in a bigger way. She became producer of the successful and long-running Kids' Time

series on 3ABN. Brenda also joined with her two sisters, Cinda and Linda, to produce Tiny Tots for Jesus. More recently, Joyce Neal's Grandma's House joined the 3ABN lineup. But with each step forward viewers begged for more.

Children's programming is by far the most difficult and expensive to produce, and though the ideas were there, constant demands for more programming on 3ABN English and 3ABN Latino networks, as well as the International Channel, meant there was a continual shortage of studio time. As sets were put up and taken



**"Kids' Time" host Brenda Walsh and director Brad Walker prepare to film in the newly completed studio.**



**Before set construction could begin, the floor had to be specially prepared to make it perfectly smooth for the camera wheels.**

down, the wear and tear and occasional lost set prop became a frustrating problem. The need for a new studio exclusively for children's programming was obvious. And as He has always done, the Lord opened the way.

What a blessing ASI has been to 3ABN over the years, and last year's gift of \$150,000 from the ASI Convention offering made the dream of a dedicated studio for children's programming a reality. In June of this year 3ABN began taping episodes of Kids' Time in the brand new studio. And plans are underway for other children's series as well.

Dozens of children are spending this summer vacation working on new 3ABN programs. Their families have sacrificed and traveled thousands of miles at their own expense to allow these wonderful kids to participate in programs airing on both 3ABN English and 3ABN Latino television networks.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16). God's precious little ones are constantly in harm's way. Satan will battle for their hearts and minds—and viewing habits. Thank you, ASI, for making it possible for 3ABN to reach out to them, telling them about Jesus, and winning them for eternity.

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**It is now easier than ever to join the ASI family.** If you would like to be a part of Sharing Christ in the Marketplace, visit [www.asiministries.org](http://www.asiministries.org) for more information or to apply online. And feel free to call ASI at **301-680-6450**.

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# 3ABN: GIVING *Hope* AMONG THE FLAMES



## Kisii-FM Kenya

Kenya grabbed headlines around the world in the wake of recent post-election violence. Fires and looters destroyed billions of dollars of property, driving hundreds of thousands from their homes and jobs. But in the midst of the smoke and despair, God was there as Kisii-FM, 3ABN's first radio station on the African continent, began broadcasting hope and salvation through Jesus Christ!

After extensive testing, an excited e-mail read, "We are delighted to report that millions of people are receiving 3ABN Radio as far away as 200 kilometers [125 miles]. Praises! Praises! Praises!" Hundreds of calls come in each day from as far away as the northern part of Tanzania, as God's children hear the good news.

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