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Editor's Note:

Len White painted a beautiful word picture when she wrote, "God's grace stands forth to cooperate with every effort to enlighten the ignorant and those who do not know that the end of all things is at hand.... Divine power is to cooperate with human effort to break the spell of worldly enchantment that the enemy has cast upon souls" (God's Amazing Grace, p. 37).

Cooperative effort in reaching souls for Christ is the unifying thread that runs throughout this issue. May you gain a sense of God's grace standing forth to cooperate with your own outreach efforts, and may you become increasingly inspired to work with others in the spirit of unity to which we are called. — Conna Bond





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Officer's Outlook

What's in a Name?

BY DANNY HOUGHTON

he flight from Chattanooga to Dallas was going to be a strange one. My wife, Sondra, was traveling with me, but we wouldn't be sitting together. Instead, my seatmate would be a sixty-something gentleman who turned out to be a real talker. His name was Ron.

"So what brings you to Chattanooga?" Ron asked. It was the perfect opening. I always appreciate opportunities to exchange information about educational backgrounds with



the school you're talking about. Would you believe that they entered one of those Facebook contests and won \$500,000?"

"Yeah, I know the school," I responded. "They're going to use the money to build a new septic system, right?"

"That's right!" Ron gushed.
"Wish I could remember the
name of the school."

"Mt. Ellis Academy. It's also a Seventh-day Adventist school!"

"That's it! Wasn't that amazing how they won that award?"

"Yes," I replied. "Your friend must be familiar with Seventh-day Adventists. I'm also a Seventh-day Adventist."

"I'll ask him about it once I land," Ron said.

As we parted ways, I thanked God for the conversation with Ron and for the chance to mention the name of the Adventist Church several times in a positive context.

Just like the name of a business, the name of our church denotes who we are. It's a personal brand of sorts, and one we can all be proud of.

Elder Ted Wilson, our new world church president, preached a sermon entitled "Remember Your Name," during the recent Annual Council meetings at the General Conference headquarters. He emphasized the importance of a name.

"That powerful, heaven-sent name, 'Seventh-day Adventist,' is a two-word sermon of hope," Wilson asserted. "It points to God as the Author and Finisher of our Faith. It uplifts Christ in all His beauty. It proclaims the Great Controversy theme from the beginning to the end."

I couldn't agree more. What's in a name? Everything.



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Adventist"

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of hope.

strangers, because it usually opens doors to conversations about spiritual topics.

"I was just out here for some meetings at Southern Adventist University. Are you familiar with Southern?" I asked. He wasn't.

Turns out, however, that Ron and I had a lot in common. He was flying to Seattle to meet a friend with whom he was planning to take a motorcycle trip. Having personally logged over 25,000 miles on my own road bike in the Western United States, I offered a suggestion.

"There's a great biker road that runs right by Lillooet, British Columbia, through

the Frasier Valley as you head east," I said. "Although I've not ridden that road, I travel up there often to visit a school called Fountainview Academy, where my wife went to high school."

He seemed interested in the school, so I talked about their music program and emphasized the fact that Fountainview is a "Seventh-day Adventist school." It was the second time the name "Adventist" came up naturally in conversation.

"You know," he said, "my motorcycle buddy occasionally gives donations to a small school that sounds a lot like

The Bottom Line

Weather the Storm

BY DENE SUE ROSS

any think I'm crazy, but this is my favorite time of year. One reason is that I enjoy winter storms! I anticipate them, eagerly await them, prepare in advance for them, and then completely embrace them. Sure, the temperature plummets, the wind howls, and the snow flies; but I actually look forward to that because, in the end, I know that a good winter

storm leaves behind a blanket of white that is beautiful, pure and magnificent! When I look at a fresh snowfall, I'm blessed with the pleasure it brings today and the benefits it holds for tomorrow. Now, if only I had such peace and contentment when weathering the storms of life!

I'm in the midst of a big one right now. I always knew it would come. I thought I would be ready, but now that it's here I struggle with feeling overwhelmed, anxious, and full of self pity and doubt.

Over the past ten years, the Lord has blessed me with a robust marketplace ministry. Inspired in 1999 while attending my first ASI Convention in Orlando, Florida, I returned home with a passion for sharing Christ in my marketplace. I established a reputation as an active Seventh-day Adventist Christian throughout my state government, which was my biggest client. One day, however, a co-worker discovered the online episode of ASI Video Magazine that featured my firm and promoted the idea of sharing Christ in the marketplace. Thirty days later, the state cancelled our contract and I was unemployed.

I confess I was stunned. But why? God's Word forewarns His people of the crisis that lies ahead. In His strength, we must withstand the greatest storms in this life! But if we find ourselves faltering now, how can we have assurance that our anchor will hold in the difficult



trials ahead? One day I felt secure as a faithful believer—daily tithing my time in personal Bible study and devotions, active in my church, giving financially, and striving to lead others to Christ. The next, I was wondering whether I'd weather the storm.

Once again, I found my hope in God's Word. Adventists tend to focus on the signs

of Christ's soon return but often neglect the weighty message of the "preparation" parables: the fig tree, the faithful and evil servants, the wise and foolish virgins, and the talents. Those stories give no-nonsense instruction on what we must be found doing at His second coming.

I found particular inspiration in Matthew 25:34–46, the parable of the sheep and goats. Jesus proclaims in exacting detail how we will inherit the kingdom—by serving others on His behalf. What a powerful promise to those facing the storms of life! Each of us is invited to accept our calling as ministers, to tell the truth in troublesome times, to live out our witness in the workplace, and to faithfully persist under persecution. But, above all, we are called to love and serve our fellowmen—those for whom Christ died. There is no greater balm for the doubts and fears that distract us than to focus on reaching out to others with love and God's grace.

Are you looking for assurance today? The bottom line is this: If we keep our eyes fixed on the Master, trusting in the gift of obedience to His commands, we'll never have to question whether we'll "weather the storm."



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A Safe Place to Grow

BY STEVE DICKMAN

ew ASI members are quickly inspired to share Christ in the marketplace. Many, however, need counsel and guidance as they grow and mature in their ministry vision.

Currently, an organization must be in existence for at least one year before it can join ASI as an organizational member. That initial year of development is crucial when it comes to establishing both a vision and a plan for ministry. It's the time when counsel

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knowledge and experience can make the most difference.

I'm excited about a couple of new developments that may help with the process of incubating new ASI member organizations for future ministry and outreach and connecting people with volunteer mission and ministry opportunities.

The business world has "business incubation" programs designed to support development of new entrepreneur-

ial companies through a variety of resources, services and supportive contacts. According to statistics, new businesses that participate in business incubation programs are more likely to stay in business.

There's an idea in the works to create a similar program called "Incubators for Supporting Ministries," which would apply the business incubation principle to developing ASI member ministries, helping to incubate them for long-term success in business and ministry. I'm convinced that it's possible to help new businesses and ministries face and overcome challenges by giving them special attention



in their formative stages. ASI members should be especially creative entrepreneurs for the cause of building God's Kingdom and supporting the Adventist Church.

Over the coming months, ASI will select a number of young entrepreneurs to participate in a testing phase for the new ministry incubation program. Perhaps you would like to be a mentor for a new and emerging ASI member ministry. You're invited to

participate! Contact Barry Katzer by sending an e-mail to barry@asimentors.com.

Another exciting program designed to connect people with potential volunteer ministry opportunities is a newly developed website called Volunteer7, which will contain up-to-date postings of mission and volunteer openings with denominational and supporting ministry entities around the world. This new tool was launched in time for presentation at the 2010 GYC youth conference in Baltimore, Maryland. If you have volunteer needs, now is the time to post them at www.volunteer7.com.

Now more than ever is the time for ASI members to press together with denominational entities to complete the work of spreading the gospel to the entire world. These new programs are designed to help you do just that!



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Becoming a Thoughtful Generation

BY NEIL NEDLEY, MD

le live and serve in what modern pundits call "the thoughtless generation." Objective, welldisciplined, complex thinking is nearly a relic of the past, and emotional intelligence is at an all-time low. This is a matter not only of mental and physical health, but also of spiritual health. We have the problem of trying to present the gospel to an audience that often has trouble comprehending it, even in its clearest simplicity. Sometimes we struggle to comprehend it ourselves. Negative thought patterns interfere with mental and emotional health, and poor mental and emotional health in turn lead to poor spiritual health.

As a physician, my desire to help patients fully recover from their illnesses initially led me to address the clinical depression that many also suffered. Out of my extensive research on depression arose a fascinating byproduct. Follow-up studies on patients who completed our Depression Recovery Program showed not only a reduction in depression levels but also a dramatic increase in emotional intelligence and overall well being-above and beyond that enjoyed by those who have never even experienced depression.

Participants in the program experienced marked improvement in their relationships, grades, work performance, productivity, positive influence on others, and many other factors deemed measures of life success. This led to a new program designed to help physically and mentally healthy people enjoy the same dramatic improvements. I presented some principles from this new program at the recent ASI convention in Orlando, Florida.

Research conclusively reveals that emotional health is dependent on a well functioning frontal lobe. Without it, humans lack empathy and self-restraint. We're unable to set goals and plan well for the future. Our ability to analyze and identify distortions in our own thoughts is compromised.

The frontal lobe is the seat of judgment, reasoning, spirituality, morality and the will. Secular neurology textbooks recognize that the frontal lobe is structurally and functionally the control center of the entire being. As Christians, so should we. And that recognition should shape how we approach everything.

The connection between our mental, emotional and spiritual health is unmistakable. Since the frontal lobe is what makes us spiritual beings, it stands to reason that attending to spirituality enhances frontal lobe function. In fact, research does reveal that people with increased religiosity have better emotional health. I like to point out that, as Christians, we have at our fingertips the very best casebook and source of mental health principles ever published—the Bible. It is filled with information about right thinking. It includes numerous case studies with examples of individuals who exhibited both healthy and unhealthy ways of thinking. It is a rich source of healing principles.

That is, if we take it seriously. When we're told to deliberately think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report, do we regard those words as friendly advice to be taken or left, depending on the circumstances, or do we embrace them as a matter of spiritual life or death? Because that's what they are—quite literally—a matter of life or death. Your daily choice to live your life well, including your mental and emotional life, may be your personal lifeline and your very best witness to others concerning the power of God's Word.



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t's 2 a.m. and you're fast asleep when a loud tone starts blaring from your radio in the other room. Startled awake by a burst of adrenaline, you jump out of bed, race to get dressed, grab your radio and head out the door as quickly as possible. On the way to the scene, you notify the sheriff's dispatcher that you're en route. It's another car accident, house fire, medical emergency, lost person or wildlands fire.

This is the life of a volunteer firefighter. Being a volunteer means you aren't paid for services rendered. It's not for everybody, but one thing's for certain—it's an excellent way to meet your neighbors.

For three years, I've been serving as a volunteer on the Timbo Volunteer Fire Department, which covers much of Stone County, Arkansas. We serve a large territory, much of which is sparsely populated and far away from any fire station. We often travel great distances to handle fire or first responder emergency calls.

My "real job" is to produce Christian media and provide video production products and services to clients across North America. My company, Edgemont Video, Inc., is a long-time organizational member of ASI, which means ministry is my business—and that includes my "business" as a volunteer firefighter in my community.

Volunteer firefighters are of great value to communities across America. Many volunteer fire departments are as well trained and equipped as large metropolitan

fire departments where work is done for hire. Like any city fire department, we experience a mixture of successes and failures. Some homes we simply can't save. But we give every emergency incident our best effort.

Being involved in emergency services can be a lot of fun. In fact, it's often an adrenaline rush. You have to be careful not to get caught up in the moment and lose your professionalism.

Of course, not all the calls we go on are fun. Most, in fact, are not. Sometimes we see people at their worst—people who have suffered drug or alcohol related accidents or who are faking medical emergencies to try to obtain narcotics. We do get many opportunities to save people's lives and homes, however. We responded recently to a work related incident where the victim had sustained extensive injuries and would have died if our first responders and medical personnel hadn't acted as quickly as they did.

We also respond in times of major disaster. In the last few years, our county has suffered four major weather related disasters. Many outside agencies came to help, but the local fire departments were the first to arrive and the last to leave.

My experience as a volunteer firefighter has revealed to me how important it is for Adventist Christians to be involved in their communities. It opens doors to opportunities for sharing our faith. We may wonder why people don't come to our church events such as seminars or

evangelistic series. I'm convinced that many people don't come because they just don't know us.

In rural areas, community roots are

especially important. In our county, it's customary to say that people who weren't born or raised here are from "off." And that's not a compliment. Here in the South, you're especially regarded with suspicion if you're from "up north."

I've learned how important it is to establish bonds of friendship with people before I try to share my faith with them. Some of my best friends are the 30 people I work with on the fire department. I would never have known them unless I'd volunteered.

I know of many ASI member ministries involved in disaster relief work. It's clear that responding to smaller disasters is just as important as working major earthquakes or hurricanes. Regardless of the size of a given disaster, each victim experiences the same sense of desperation and need. As a first responder, you get the best opportunity not only to meet the victims' physical needs, but also their emotional and spiritual needs.

The Bible is full of stories about first responders for instance, the stories of the Good Samaritan and of Abigail caring for the needs of David and his men. Be-



ing a first responder who helps those in need requires time, commitment, personal sacrifice and the willingness to serve when it's least

convenient—often in the dead of night during freezing temperatures and the worst kind of weather.

I've found that being a firefighter is one of the best ways to meet the personal needs of my neighbors. It helps solidify both my personal connection and my church's connection to my community. Never once do I have to wonder whether I'm really needed.

If you're looking for ways to become involved in your community and make connections with your neighbors, I urge you to contact your local fire department and ask how you can help. You may be surprised to find out just how much they really need you. And they might be just as surprised to find out how willing you are to help. In the end, they'll be more likely to trust you and to call you "friend."



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Pulling Together in Las Vegas

BY CONNA BOND

new vision for cooperative effort is about to grab hold of the Adventist Church—especially its ministries and members who faithfully embrace the gospel commission to "Go ye into all the world." On paper, it's happening under the working title, "Saving Las Vegas." In reality, it's a campaign to reach every nation, kindred and tongue. At present, more than twelve ministry groups have stepped forward to place their hands on the rope and start pulling their weight. ASI and various ASI member organizations are on that growing list.

No one can pinpoint when this "movement" began. For some time, a pastor had been driving each week to the top of a mountain overlooking Las Vegas, asking God to bring revival to that place. After It Is Written's successful campaigns in "impossible places" like Portland, Los Angeles and Rome, the IIW team prayed, "Lord, where to next?" and received the answer—Las Vegas. During an ASI Mid-America spring rally, ASI vice president for evangelism Terry Anderson met with a

group of lay ministry leaders and local church pastors in Las Vegas to talk about their shared conviction that an evangelistic series should be held there. Meanwhile, the Nevada-Utah Conference had been praying about holding an evangelistic series in Las Vegas and invited IIW to the table. At some point, they all found each other, and the forward momentum began.

At ASI conventions and rallies, a diverse variety of ministry leaders and teams commonly interact with one another, gathering at tables or in corners for friendly discussion. There's a comfortable congeniality among them. They understand one another's vision and challenges, as well as the personal sacrifices inherent in working in the trenches of evangelism. As time passes, their desire for Christ's return increases. You can see it in their eyes.

It's not uncommon for them to work together on large-scale outreach events. In fact, cooperative effort is becoming more and more a hallmark of what ASI stands

Winter 2011: ASI will present the New Beginnings DVD training series. IIW and local pastors will set up a Bible school and begin coordinating Bible workers drawn from various ministries, including AFCOE, ARISE, and Souls West. ASI leaders presented the campaign to young people at GYC in Baltimore, challenging them to participate.

Spring/Summer 2011: IIW will present the four-night Babylon Rising event in Las Vegas from May 25–29 to draw Bible study interests. Bible workers will distribute Bible study cards door-to-door to generate leads.

"WE'RE ALL PART OF THE ADVENTIST CHURCH. IF WE'RE NOT WORKING TOGETHER ... WE'RE NOT HELPING ANYBODY." -Don Mackintosh, AFCOE

for as an organization. As time goes by, it's less "To each his own" and more "Let's pull together and make this happen."

There is Biblical precedent for this development. The Apostle Paul urged Christ's followers "to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:1-6, NKJV).

With so many ministries—all with their own leaders, teams, websites, literature and mission statements—it's hard sometimes to envision what genuine cooperative effort might actually look like. Certainly it's something more than warm handshakes and encouraging back pats. It must go beyond "I'll pray for you" and "I know what you mean; our giving is down, too."

"There's been a definite paradigm shift in how we're doing evangelism," says Yves Monnier, a California pastor who helped organize IIW's Rome campaign. "We've started going to places where no one else wants to go." Monnier is transitioning to serve as IIW's fulltime coordinator for the "Saving Las Vegas" effort.

"This campaign is unique," Monnier says. "For one thing, Las Vegas is known for being a very immoral and sinful city. For another, we're seeing unprecedented cooperation between the North American Division, the

local conference, ASI, and its lay ministries. There's a synergy that's never before been experienced."

Although ministries generally work independently in their occasionally overlapping spheres, many are starting to sense God calling them to collaborate and to achieve exponentially more by pooling their efforts and resources. Beyond expectations in terms of outcome, the IIW team sees the real goal as restoring belief among church members that public evangelism is still one of the best ways to proclaim the everlasting gospel. After all, if it can be done in Las Vegas, it can be done anywhere, says

In a November teleconference, then IIW speaker/ director Shawn Boonstra laid out the roster and general plan, asking each ministry to share what it envisioned doing in Las Vegas, and when. With the campaign still in its seminal stages, participants are busy trying to figure out where they fit into the big picture. Boonstra has since passed the IIW leadership torch to John Bradshaw, another seasoned media evangelist who is equally excited about joining forces with the many Las Vegas project team members.

Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism director Don Mackintosh says, "We're used to working as part of a team. The trick is to make sure we're in step with each other's methods and goals. We're all part of the Adventist Church. If we're not working together to bring people to Christ, we're not helping anybody."

For instance, some evangelists use the prophecies of Daniel as a warm-up, while others use Daniel



For regular updates on the Saving Las Vegas campaign, visit www.ASIministries.org/saving-las-vegas.

Fall 2011: Karen Houghton will present Naturally Gourmet community cooking classes. Eden Valley Institute will hold a health expo and train local church members in health education outreach. IIW will coordinate a Bible worker blitz to distribute handbills and literature, and will present the "Why I Quit Church" program designed to reach former Adventists. Faith For Today's Mike Tucker will give a marriage seminar in the local community.

Winter 2012: Ron Halvorsen Sr. will lead a local prayer campaign leading into the main evangelistic series. Tony Moore of The Biblical World will present an archaeology seminar to generate local interest immediately prior to the month-long main event, which will be held at the Cashman Convention Center in Las Vegas from January 2-February 18, 2012.

Cooperation and Unity Essential: "Let not one man feel that his gift alone is sufficient for the work of God; that he alone can carry through a series of meetings, and give perfection to the work. His methods may be good, and yet varied gifts are essential; one man's mind is not to mold and fashion the work according to his special ideas. In order for the work to be built up strong and symmetrical, there is need of varied gifts and different agencies, all under the Lord's direction; He will instruct the workers according to their several ability. Cooperation and unity are essential to a harmonious whole, each laborer doing his God-given work, filling his appropriate position, and supplying the deficiency of another. One worker left to labor alone is in danger of thinking that his talent is sufficient to make a complete whole" (Evangelism, p. 104).

as the main fare, says Mackintosh. Such differences in approach can raise challenges—or present opportunities for the body of Christ to exhibit loving, cooperative behavior that represents the mind of Christ.

Maybe that's the challenge Ellen White was referring to when she wrote, "There are always a few who think, when their brethren are pulling forward, that it is their duty to pull back. They object to everything that is proposed, and make war on every plan that they have not themselves originated.... They have never learned in the school of Christ the precious and all-important lesson of becoming meek and lowly. There is nothing harder for those who possess a strong will than to give up their own way, and submit to the judgment of others" (Gospel Workers, pp. 446, 447).

So far, each of the various teams are expressing humble and enthusiastic readiness to collaborate. "This level of cooperation between these ministries has not existed in recent memory," says Mike Tucker of Faith For Today.

Team leaders are standing by, awaiting their marching orders. Ty Gibson of Light Bearers Ministry says, "We've had various meetings about the event, and we're waiting for word on exactly what part we're to play. I know it will have to do with literature distribution."

"This is a great concept," says ARISE director David Asscherick. "We're totally supportive. If it's training they

need, we just need to know the dates. If they want Bible workers, we need to know the expectations and to make sure any Bible workers we provide will be actively supported by and involved in the local churches."

Technology also sets this effort apart from every other. With the world of traditional broadcast television in steady decline, the technology team will take full advantage of the power of the Internet, designing virtually every aspect of the campaign to reach a generation accustomed to getting its information on laptops and smart phones. Meetings will be webcast with interactive elements for small groups meeting in homes, businesses, and churches around the world. An online resource and training center will provide support for church members wanting courses in personal evangelism and needing answers to difficult questions. The goal is not only to reach Las Vegas, but also to interact simultaneously with 1 million people worldwide.

Accomplishing this goal is simply a matter of getting enough hands firmly on the rope, ready to pull with choreographed rhythm and momentum. It's the kind of effort that only the Lord can sustain as His people hum-



bly die to self and yield to His will. "Without Me," says Christ, "ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Conna Bond is communication director for ASI and editor of Inside ASI magazine.



It Is Written's New Speaker/Director: Many were saddened to hear that Pastor Shawn Boonstra is relinquishing his post as It Is Written's speaker/director, due to health challenges. Thankfully, Pastor John Bradshaw is standing by to follow ably in Pastor Boonstra's footsteps. Originally from New Zealand, Pastor Bradshaw spent 12 years in full-time public evangelism with Amazing Facts. Most recently, he pastored the 1700-member Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in College Place, Washington. The youngest of 7 children, Bradshaw was raised a Catholic. While working as a radio broadcaster in London, England, he decided to follow Christ after reading The Great Controversy by Ellen White.

"The team approach is going to yield incredible results in more ways than we can imagine," says Bradshaw. "I'm surprised we've never done anything like this before in Las Vegas. Any place known as 'Sin City' is obviously a place where Jesus is desperately needed."

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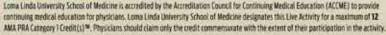
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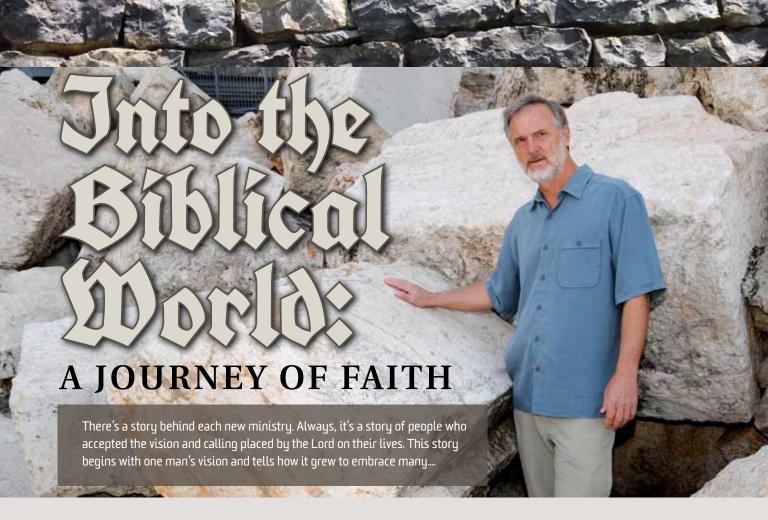
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BY TONY MOORE

hen I became a Christian in 1972, I developed a desire to visit the Holy Land. The following passage from *Desire of Ages* resonated in my heart:

"Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ's life on earth. to walk where He trod, to look upon the lake beside which He loved to teach, and the hills and valleys on which His eyes so often rested. But we need not go to Nazareth, to Capernaum, or to Bethany, in order to walk in the steps of Jesus. We shall find His footprints beside the sickbed, in the hovels of poverty, in the

crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing

as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in His steps" (p. 640).

While pastoring in Southern New England, I took a university extension class on Biblical archaeology that

> captured my imagination. In 1986, I had the privilege of spending a week in Egypt and a week in Jordan before taking a five-week course in archaeology from William Shea of the Biblical Research Institute. As I traveled, I discovered that it was not the "Holy Land" but rather the "Bible Land"— where the stories contained in the Bible actually transpired.

I will never forget visiting Banias for the

first time. Today, Banias is a beautiful national park in Israel and one of three primary sources of the Jordan



Danny Chan films Tony Moore in Lystra.



River. Anciently, the water flowed from a cave before tumbling over a waterfall and uniting with two other streams.

Because it was the source of the Jordan, the Canaanites worshiped Baal there. Later, the Greeks dedicated the site to Pan, their god of nature. Herod received the area as a gift from Augustus Caesar and built a temple for his worship. Herod's son Philip made it his capital and called it Caesarea



Tony Moore, Pecos Frasier, Danny Chan and Simon Liversidge on location in Greece for the first tapings of the Paul series.

Philippi. Of the hundreds of villages in the land, Jesus brought His disciples there to ask the question, "Who do men say that I am?"

Peter responded, "You are the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the living God." It was the first time Jesus revealed His Messiahship to them—and the first time He accepted their worship. And all this occurred in an ancient Canaanite high place where Baal, Pan, and Caesar were worshipped. In effect, Jesus was saying that He was above all of those gods!

This stirred my imagination, and I began to explore the connections between the geography, local lore and the Biblical text. Eventually, my passion grew into a pre-evangelistic slide series called In Search of Meaning from the Sands of the Past, developed in the 1990s to share these fascinating stories and connections with the world.

The series proved effective at attracting guests to our meetings. The fifth night, "Patmos and the Seven Churches," was the perfect transition into a public series on prophecy. That five-part series required eight slide projectors and a 21-foot seamless screen. Today it fits conveniently on a computer thumb drive and continues to be an excellent outreach tool attracting people with little interest in prophecy.

In 1999, I hosted a tour for Southern California pastors that traced the footsteps of Paul through Greece, Turkey and Syria. With me came Danny Chan, the youth

pastor at the Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church where I was the senior pastor. Danny brought his video camera and filmed me teaching at various locations. At one point, he said, "Tony, you don't have to use slides any more in your evangelistic meetings. We can make movies of you teaching!"

My initial thought was, That's why I'm the senior pastor and you're the youth pastor. We

can't make movies. We don't know how to do that, and we certainly don't have a budget for it.

After we returned home, Danny made a two-minute demo that featured epic music, maps, and footage of me teaching in Tarsus. I thought, Wow! Maybe we really can make movies! Since then, I've continually thanked the Lord for the enthusiasm of youth.

I began writing scripts and eventually received permission from the church and local conference to film an on-location evangelistic series. In April 2001, we set out to produce the story of the Apostle Paul. My "crew" included Danny Chan and Simon Liversidge, who both served on my pastoral staff at Norwalk. A member of Danny's youth class, Pecos Frasier, also joined us.

We were all novices in the world of film, but we had desire and passion and were asking for God's guidance. We researched and purchased equipment before catching our plane to Thessaloniki, Greece. I'll never forget unpacking and assembling our gear for the first time after landing and securing our rental vehicle. That 30day whirlwind trip led us through Greece, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

We would return to Greece and Italy in the fall of 2001 to complete the series, In the Footsteps of Paul. I arrived a week early to research and write, with plans for my crew to come later. On September 11, I drove from Athens to Thessaloniki. It was a spectacular day, bright and sunny, and a delightful eight-hour drive along the coast.

Upon arriving, I went to an Internet café to check my e-mail and make sure everyone else was safely on their way. I was shocked to see what I thought was an Internet hoax featuring planes flying into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. When I realized it was no hoax, I felt completely isolated and alone. Fortunately, my crew was already over the Atlantic and didn't have to return to the United States. Once again, God richly

blessed our efforts and opened doors for us to weave Biblical teachings into Paul's life journey.

Right before our first film trip in May 2001, It Is Written invited me to join their staff. I wanted to complete the evangelistic project we'd started for the Norwalk Church, so I continued as Norwalk's senior pastor until the end of the year.

We set up an editing bay in the back room of the church and began to

tell the story through film. That's why the series on Paul is called "A Norwalk Production." It was completed in time for a fall evangelism project, and I continued working on it after starting with It Is Written.

I often worked on the project on my laptop while flying from place to place. On one trip to Montreal, my seatmate was a computer programmer from San Francisco who was traveling to a jazz festival. He kept watching my computer screen, so I asked if he wanted to view an episode. After he'd watched two, he said, "Wow, this is fascinating! How can I get the entire series?"

On another flight from Los Angeles to Boston, a young woman who worked for the California State University system sat in my row. She was scheduled to make a presentation at Harvard the following morning. She asked about my work and then informed me she was not religious. I just kept working, and she kept watching my computer screen. Finally, I asked her if she would like to watch an episode. She agreed and said, "In college, I took a class on the Bible from a feminist perspective, but this is fascinating. How can I get the series when it's finished?"

After making an emergency landing in Las Vegas,

I ended up sitting at the gate by a gentleman who was charging his iPod while we waited for a connecting flight. He was an MD, PhD and chief medical officer for the Red Cross in New England. When he discovered that I produced Biblical documentaries, he said, "I'm not very religious." I was quickly getting used to that response.

But, like the others, he kept watching my screen,

and I eventually asked, "Would you like to see an episode?"

When it was over.

In the fall of 2003, I sensed God leading me to launch The Biblical World as a full

he declared, "This is fascinating! How can I get the series to share with my wife?" Experiences like that were repeated so many times that I began wondering whether I was destined to minister at 35,000 feet!

time, nonprofit supporting ministry, so I submitted my resignation to It Is Written. From that point, I continued working with a growing team to develop more materials like the series on Paul. Specifically, God impressed me to prepare materials for doctors and dentists to share with their patients, and for people to share with their friends and neighbors in their own homes.

The Hope Channel eventually requested permission to air In the Footsteps of Paul. After one year, we also released the series to Safe TV and 3ABN. We were amazed to see how God was using a series developed by media novices to reach people all over the world.

Soon we began developing PowerPoint slides and fill-in-the-blank outline printouts to supplement the television presentations. David Johns of Present Solutions produced lovely frame displays for digital teaching content that would become part of the final DVD teaching series on the life of Paul. Ron Lanham, a Norwalk church member and graphic designer, helped transform the simple, text-only review guides into beautifully illustrated study guides, complete with application questions, Bible studies and maps. Today, the package is being translated into several languages, including



The crew films at the site of Lazarus' Tomb in Bethany.

Romanian, German, French, Chinese, Polish and Czech. Teamwork transformed the series into an active, handson, small group, public evangelism tool that is being used around the world.

Patti Hare, a member of the Daytona Adventist Church, attended meetings I presented at the Florida camp meeting. Inspired by what she heard, she purchased the series, hoping to use it for a church

vespers program or at prayer meetings. Instead, she ended up presenting the series in her own home, sending out postcard invitations to her neighbors and inviting them to her condo overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

While visiting the Daytona area in 2008, I was delighted to visit her small group and teach the class on a lovely Wednesday afternoon. I was thrilled to meet eight guests attending

the meetings in Patti's home every week. None were members of her church.

Since then, Patti has married Bud Swensen, and they split their time between Florida and Arizona, where they regularly host small groups in both places. Patti enjoys sharing her infectious enthusiasm for the In the Footsteps of Paul series from our booth at ASI conventions. She can speak from genuine experience, and has passed the torch to many others interested in establishing small group ministries in their homes.

It has been an interesting journey—leaving the world of secure paychecks and denominational employment after 25 years as a pastor, and trading it for the uncertainty of operating a nonprofit ministry. It has been both severely challenging and extremely rewarding. It's a transition I couldn't have made without my most important teammate-my wonderful wife, Helen. She loved being a pastor's wife and enjoyed the ministry opportunities the position afforded her. But she, too, has been passionate about the evangelistic potential of the Paul series, and has fully supported our decision to launch The Biblical World ministry, despite tremendous personal costs. The

Lord has blessed and continues to open doors for ministry opportunities. And the bills are always paid.

The challenges we've faced pale in comparison to the privilege of preparing evangelistic materials that have eternal significance. During the past four years, we've been working on Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus, a new 28-episode series on the life of Jesus filmed entirely on location in Israel and the West Bank. I have spent 7

> of the past 42 months in "the land" working on that project. Helen has accompanied me on

Centurion donors and ASI and public evangelism efforts. We have some new team members this time

most of the trips. Generous support from underwriters, special project funds has allowed us to complete the filming and editing of this wonderful new series that will provide yet another powerful approach to small group Tony speaks with the small group studying the life of Paul in Patti Hare Swensen's Daytona Beach condo.

> around. Marc Elysee, a professional conductor, is preparing a musical score for each episode. Dr. Fred Mantz and Bogdan Wwarjonek shot pictures to help illustrate the series. Frederic Leduc and Dolson Falau, of Creavisual, have accepted sacrificial wages to film the series and monitor the audio. My original limited vision for ministry has come to life and vastly increased in scope because of the creative collaboration and incredible teamwork by a growing list of individuals willing to sacrifice to accomplish something no individual could do on his or her own.

> By God's grace, Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus is finally being completed and will soon be released into the Lord's hands to bless people around the world through small groups, public evangelistic outreach, television and the Internet. Helen and I are grateful and praise the Lord for allowing us to be part of this journey of faith into the Biblical world!



Tony Moore is president of The Biblical World, a ministry focused on bringing the land and the principles of the Bible to life through media resources. He works closely with his beloved wife, Helen.



n the last weekend of October 2010, seventy youth came together to train as teen leaders for the second annual Ozark Teen Prayer Conference, held on the campus of Ozark Adventist Academy. After a day of training, more than 300 additional youth arrived for the conference entitled "Teach Us 2 Pray."

The teen leaders and conference attendees came from different academies, church schools and home schools. Many arrived distracted, indifferent, and with little desire to be there. But they left with thoughts of revival, reformation and the soon return of Jesus Christ. They also left with a spirit of unity. The transformation didn't occur without major challenges, however.

I was one of the students chosen to attend the teen leader training before the main event. As human beings, just holding the title "teen leader" brought out our natural tendency to struggle for control. Most of us didn't even realize the struggle was occurring. God rebuked us through our brothers and sisters in Christ, reminding us that the only way we were going to be united was if the Holy Spirit—and only the Holy Spirit—was leading us. It was not until we fell to our knees in surrender and humble worship, seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we became united.

Through much soul searching and prayer, nearly 400 teenage strangers from completely different schools and backgrounds experienced true unity at the Ozark Teen Prayer Conference. God poured out His Spirit without measure upon all present. Hundreds gave their hearts to Christ, and fifty individuals committed or re-committed their lives to Him through baptism.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We experienced that promise firsthand—and were amazed at the power and glory of God. We saw the campus of Ozark Adventist Academy turned upside down. A fire was lit in young people's hearts that could soon turn the world upside down.

When we completely surrender to Christ, emptying ourselves and committing our lives to His service, He is able to work through us, both as individuals and as a whole. That's when true unity occurs—through much prayer and soul searching, and through complete surrender to the Holy Spirit.

As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we value our special calling to preserve Biblical truth and present it to the world. In the process, we can develop unhealthy attitudes when it comes to things like spirituality or Biblical knowledge—even with regard to which schools, academies or colleges our children attend.

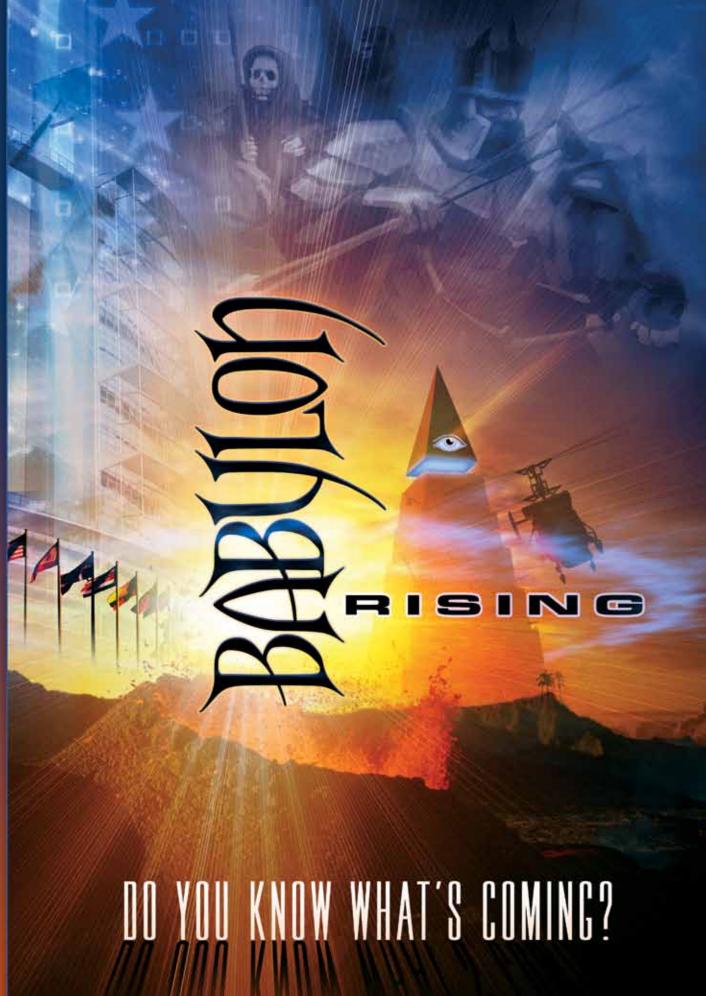
In Acts 10:34, we read that "God is no respecter of persons." If we are to be transformed to reflect His character, we must lay aside our rivalries in order to be completely united as the body of Christ under the head of Christ.

In the body of Christ, as in the human body, the foot is no more important than the hand, and the hand is no more important than the neck or shoulder. Each part has a different size, shape and function, and some can do things that others cannot. Yet each is vital, and each must be subservient to the bidding of the mind of Christ.

An army of youth, rightly trained, completely committed, on their knees and surrendered fully to Him can hasten Jesus' second coming. With revival such as this, it won't be long. Maranatha!



Ariel Hempel is a 19-year-old senior at Ouachita Hills Academy. She is from Mountain View, Arkansas, and enjoys kayaking, backpacking, singing/songwriting and sharing Jesus with everyone she meets. She plans to attend Weimar College in the fall.





BY WAYNE ATWOOD

hen I moved to Québec eight years ago, I was surprised to discover that Canada had no ASI chapters. I'd been involved in supporting ministries most of my life and knew firsthand the importance of networking and dialogue.

About a year ago, Québec Conference president Dragan Stojanovic told me how he'd personally come to recognize the importance of teamwork while serving as a pastor in Chicago, Illinois. There he'd had his first opportunity to work with ASI members. He'd been very impressed to see lay people working hand-in-hand with church leadership.

After becoming president of the Québec Conference, he was disappointed to discover that the province lacked any ASI presence. When he learned that I'd been involved in ASI for a number of years, he shared with me his desire to form an ASI chapter in Québec. I was excited that his enthusiasm for ASI stemmed from personally

witnessing productive cooperation between individuals, ministries and church leaders. We both agreed that teamwork between the organized church and its laypeople is a winning combination.

We started sharing our vision with supporting ministries, business people and professionals here in Québec, eventually holding a meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a new ASI chapter. We worked closely with ASI National, the Canadian Union and the Québec Conference along the way. Recently, we received final approval to start a Québec chapter of ASI.

We've come to realize that, in places like Québec where the church is quite small, networking may be even more important than in areas with higher populations of Adventists. As the world moves further and further from God's ideal, Christians can sometimes feel isolated from likeminded people. ASI provides opportunities for belonging, friendship, mutual encouragement and a

"meeting of the minds" as members combine their Godgiven talents to further God's work.

Personally, I've discovered that adaptability is one of the keys to success in a world that is constantly changing. Of course, I sometimes worry when I hear people talk about change because I get the impression that some want to "throw the baby out with the bathwater." The only way to make truly meaningful change is by staying grounded in the principles of God's Word, which contains the principles that underly ASI's foundation.

With ASI expanding into new countries, it's important to understand the rich heritage that has been passed down to us from our founders. I think of the well known quote, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history" (Ellen G. White, Last Day Events, p. 72).

What a promise of hope! We can move forward, but we must stay true to the light behind us saying, "This is

the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:21).

As we organize this brand new chapter of ASI in Québec, we're seeking to incorporate principles of teamwork and cooperation. We're excited about the potential impact of ASI in Québec. We wish to stay true to timeless principles and yet discover new ways through which we can reach out to the very secular culture of Québec. Pray for us as we face the challenges inherent in this pioneering stage. We'd love to have you join us at our first official ASI Québec Spring Meeting, to be held May 13–14, 2011. Call 800-651-1275 for more information or to register.



Wayne Atwood is president of the newly forming ASI Québec chapter and has a burden to reach Québec for Christ. He has lived in Québec for eight years and has a deep appreciation for French-Canadian culture. He recently started a media ministry to reach out to French-speaking people, and is supported by a committed team of coworkers. Wayne and his wife, Isabelle, have three children: Samuel, Sarah and Caleb.

Better Living / Mieux Vivre

Not even one French-Canadian out of 10.000 is a Seventh-day Adventist—a statistic that inspired Wayne Atwood to action. In the fall of 2008, he helped to start Better Living / Mieux Vivre, a media ministry designed to reach out to French-speaking people in Québec and around the world.

His team started by producing a 30-minute radio program for broadcast on a local radio station. So far, the ministry has produced more than 100 radio programs. Next, they decided to build a production studio to create both radio and television



The Better Living team presented their audio and video productions at a rally for Adventist churches in Greater Québec.

programming in the French language. Many audio-visual evangelism resources are produced in English and are not available in French. This new ministry is filling a huge void in French-speaking countries around the world.

One of their largest projects has been to produce the NEWSTART DVD series on the eight laws of health. It's the first of its kind to be originally produced for television in French, and it is also designed as a sharing tool that French-speaking Adventists everywhere can give to friends and acquaintances.

Better Living is also producing a program based on the ASI concept of "sharing Christ in the marketplace." Host Monique Lemay interviews business people and professionals about how they share Christ in their marketplaces and how being a Christian changes the way they relate to those with whom they work.

One viewer recently wrote, "After having experienced a tragedy in my family,



Studio manager Roland Scalliet writes scripts, and edits and hosts TV and radio programs.

I started to drift away from God. I stopped attending church and stopped associating with my Adventist church family. Better Living's programs have helped me to come back to God. Now I attend church on a weekly basis with my family. Thank you Better Living for your uplifting programs."

Over the last 6 months, Better Living has received more than 400,000 website hits, including 20,000 program hits or downloads. Visit www.betterlivingministry.com (English) or www.mieuxvivre.org (French).



BY ELIZABETH ALLEY

lose your eyes and imagine the sun. Imagine a breeze moving through the leaves in the trees and feel the warm August air, with just the tiniest hint of fall on the way.

With this picture still in your mind, I want you to imagine something else. Imagine waking to the sound of rain. The rhythmic sound of its "tap, tap, tap" on the window, or the roof, or the car, or the building, or the classroom—or wherever you are.

Imagine that hours into your day the rain is still falling, but now at a faster pace. You go to sleep with the rain in your ear. You awaken and it is still falling. It's falling harder today than it was yesterday, and it's falling fast. Maybe you're curious about it, and you wonder whether it's going to stop anytime soon. Maybe it won't. Rain can be beautiful, and rain can be a beautiful disaster.

It was late August when I experienced rain like that. I woke up one morning to the sound of rain. I went to sleep that night to the sound of rain. I woke up the next morning to the sound of rain. I drove to school to



A local body shop was badly damaged from the heavy rain and flooding.

the sound of rain. But when I was driving, I noticed something different: the fields on the sides of the roads were completely full of water. Where rows of dirt had once been, lakes had taken over. As I continued driving, the condition of my surroundings worsened. I saw houses that didn't look like houses anymore; they were completely flooded out. Vehicles floated in yards that had turned into ponds. Tree limbs and logs

were floating in all directions. Roads were blocked off, and big chunks of pavement had washed out of the highway. Everything had been touched by water, and the rain just kept on falling.

In school that day, several people were praying about the rain. If it kept falling, the situation would worsen. People's lives could be in danger. God listens to every single thought, every single idea, every single whisper and every single prayer. God listens to every single person, no matter what. The next day, the rain stopped for the first time in two days, and the sun came out—finally.

A family down the road from our school and church good friends of many of our students and church members—took a hard blow from the storm. They own a body

shop that was flooded out when the creek behind their house swelled and took over. It was devastating. I can only imagine how it would feel to have your life's work just wash away right in front of you without being able to stop it. I can hardly fathom it. My heart goes out to all who suffer. Rain can be a beautiful disaster.

Our school pulled together to create our very own disaster relief team to help the family rebuild what the rain had washed away. We loaded up a trailer and van and headed over to their place. When we arrived, we were amazed to see people were already working there—neighbors, friends, church members and other staff from our school. We joined the already hardworking crew, and every one of us found something to do. We scrubbed and cleaned, threw away everything that was ruined, and tried to make everything that was left look as new as possible.

The most amazing part was the look on the owners' faces as we worked to help them. Their thankful expressions made such an impact on me. When I think of teamwork, I still think of those smiling faces and of how easily everybody worked together without complaint.

How much better—and easier—life would be if a little cooperative effort were all it took to create happiness!



A team of students from Harbert Hills Academy pitched in to help a family who experienced significant damage from the flooding.

I have a theory about God. I think He sometimes challenges us in strange ways

to see *how* we deal with the chal-

lenges—and *what* we do with them. I think sometimes He wants us to see that we can accomplish more together than we can alone. Working together goes right to the source of our emotions, even creating feelings of love. You don't always work with or help others because you love them; sometimes you do it *in order* to love them.

Because I was part of the team that helped make things better at the site of a beautiful disaster, I now feel love for anyone who has been hurt by flood waters—those who have lost, those who have rebuilt. I feel love knowing that we all worked together to make things better.

"Here at Harbert Hills
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a chance to find peace
within myself. I'm
still working on a lot
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—Elizabeth Alley

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Elizabeth (Lizzy) Alley

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A Divine Encounter

Administrators at Heritage Academy in Monterey, Tennessee, recently received the following letter from a local pastor who'd been visited by one of their students.

To: Heritage Academy Re: David Peters

I was very impressed with one of your students who came by our church one day last week. His professionalism far exceeded my expectations. I asked him to give me a few moments to go over the material after he explained the mission and purpose for his visit. We discussed his plans and goals as far as his education was concerned. When a young man can present himself in such a manner, we here at Unity Church of the Cumberlands

would like to assist in supporting his education.

To that end, we are submitting a portion of our tithe in a check to further the spiritual growth, development and education of students like David Peters. It is our hope that this contribution will benefit him and students that exhibit his level of dedication. We will keep your academy in prayer.

Lovingly in His Service, Rev. Brian K. Griffin

David Peters is a junior at Heritage Academy. He has two older sisters and an older brother, also a student at the academy. His family is from Maryland where his mother works as a nurse. David lost his father to illness over a year ago. David was visiting Rev. Griffin while participating in the academy's magabook canvassing program.



BY PAT HUMPHREY

s I think back, I'm amazed that I almost passed up the opportunity to travel with my fellow Southwestern Union coworkers and a ShareHim team to Southern Africa just over a year ago. I almost let fear and the fact that I was "too busy" deter me from going. While I've written about many ASI ministries and their activities over the years, never did I dream I'd someday launch one of my own.

In 2009, I joined the 40-member team traveling to Zambia and Zimbabwe in Southern Africa to conduct a series of ShareHim meetings. Maranatha Volunteers International, Quiet Hour Ministries and ASI also participated in the event. The diverse group included church administrators, pastors and lay people of various ages, ethnic backgrounds and vocations. All worked joyfully together, leading to approximately 1,700 baptisms. Many lives were changed as this wonderful group of new members was welcomed into the Adventist Church—all because church members, leaders and church entities joined with lay organizations to make it happen.

I've always strongly believed in the statement Ellen White makes on page 352 of Gospel Workers that the work will not be finished until church leaders and lay workers unite their efforts and work together. Until this trip, however, I'd never actually seen this principle in action. It had a tremendous impact on me. Ultimately, it led me to work with local church members and leaders in Livingstone, Zambia, to establish a new medical missionary training school. But I'm getting ahead of my story.

While preaching the ShareHim series at one of the churches in Livingstone, I became acquainted with the head elder and learned that he was interested in starting a health ministry. Our conversations led to the idea of establishing a training school. Upon returning home, I

began working to set up a nonprofit organization and quickly initiated the fundraising process. I'd never done anything like it before.

One year later, I returned to Zambia with 17-yearold Chelsea Bond—the daughter of a Southwestern Union coworker—as my traveling companion. We were both a bit nervous about traveling "alone" without a team. The purpose of the trip was to meet with project leaders, arrange for the drilling of a well on the property donated for the school, and officially launch Lushomo Health Education Centre.

By the time I returned to the United States, I received the good news that the well had been drilled and that our first group of students would begin their training on September 21, 2010. In October, Chelsea and I shared our experiences with Shelley Quinn on an episode of 3ABN Today that aired November 20. The ASI Southwestern Union chapter even selected Lushomo to receive special project funds this year.

By the end of the year, our first group of 16 graduates will have completed their training in health evangelism and will eagerly start taking the gospel of health and salvation to their local communities in Southern Africa. In retrospect, it seems like a happy dream. But the real joy will come when one day we can look back and realize that, because God blessed our united efforts, many people who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to know Him will be part of His kingdom.



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Adventist Muslim Fellowship

dventist Muslim Fellowship Association (AMFA) Atlanta recently thanked ASI for its generous support in its 2009-2010 mid-project funding report. AMFA-Atlanta has ongoing facets not connected to a building or a particular program, but based on building relationships with people, holding meetings and presenting educational programs.

During the past year, a study group of Adventists and Muslims has met three times a month to study themes relevant to the endtimes. It is helping Adventists



and Muslims alike build relationships and interact lovingly with people who are different from them, as well as studying Biblical truths, including the character of God and His justice and mercy, the great controversy between God and Satan, the

law, preparation for the return of Jesus and the judgment.

One team member provides 20 hours of weekly English language instruction to Muslim immigrants and refugees in the Atlanta area. This interaction has led to spiritual conversations and has given the instructor opportunities to invite Muslim people to join the study group. The instructor also teaches people in their homes, with a growing understanding among the Muslim community that Adventists are a unique people. Other team members conduct one-on-one studies with Muslim individuals, as well. ASI funds have helped cover the cost of this face-to-face ministry, including the materials used.

AMFA-Atlanta's health work continues to provide health expos as opportunities arise. The project has even empowered Muslims to present their own health expos. Some health expo materials are being translated into Somali so that a Somali Muslim nonprofit entity can partner with AMFA-Atlanta in connecting with Atlanta's Somali community. ASI funds are directly earmarked to help produce these materials.

The funds are also being used to sponsor ongoing

team building, mentoring and training of Adventists to break down serious walls of prejudice and ignorance that potentially prevent Adventists from sharing love and Biblical truth with their Muslim neighbors. In the future, AMFA-Atlanta will serve as partial sponsor of a church plant. With so few ministries reaching out to Muslims in the world field, the ASI project funds have been put to valuable use in Atlanta.

Centro Misionero de Salud

entro Misionero de Salud used the second half of its 2009 ASI project funds to complete its secondary school building just in time to pass state inspection with flying colors, according to CMS director Jaime Espinal. Just a year ago, the same inspector from the Secretary of Education for Nuevo León, Mexico, had visited CMS and shared with Espinal the serious problems the government has been having with its public secondary schools.



"The only hope is in private Christian schools like yours," confided the inspector. He suggested that CMS expand and establish a secondary school. Funds were used to build a new lab and to purchase classroom furnishings, as well as to install concrete slabs, tile flooring and electrical outlets.

The local community of Galeana has been very supportive of both the elementary and secondary programs. "They are impressed to see a different type of education where the Bible is being taught," says Espinal. Students from the secondary school were recently invited to perform musical numbers at a government program to aid disabled children in Mexico.

ASI Inter-America

urrently, ASI has four active chapters in the Caribbean Union: Barbados, Guyana, Tobago and Trinidad. The Caribbean Union has nine fields, three missions, one region and six conferences serving a total of twenty-six countries.

ASI Guyana conducted a business symposium for its members November 12-13, 2010. Isaac Newton and Chelston Lee facilitated the event entitled "Converting Limited Resources to Unlimited Success." Newton is an international leadership consultant and political advisor specializing in government/business relations and sustainable development projects. Lee is a public relations/communications consultant and media relations advisor specializing in strategic public relations and crisis management.

ASI Trinidad was inaugurated as a new chapter on November 20, 2010. Pastor Leon Wellington, vice president, communication director and ASI representative for the Inter-American Division, led out in the event at the Mount D'or Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The new chapter held elections and designated several projects, including construction of an auditorium for Southern Academy Seventh-day Adventist High School, community support disbursements, participation in the women's ministry festival of booths, and initiation of an Adventist business directory. Future projects will include electrical assessments for all Adventist churches in Trinidad



ASI Trinidad steering committee: Johann Barrow, Winston Alexis, Aisha Solange Carr, Joseph McCoon and Dorian Neckles (left to right).

and completion of a church building in La Mango Village. Today, ASI Trinidad is a flicker; tomorrow it will be a blazing fire upholding Christ as the true foundation.

Pastor Theodore Jaria, ASI representative for the Caribbean Union Aisha Solange Carr, secretary for ASI Trinidad

ASI Europe

SI Europe continues to be a growing force in the "old continent." An increasing number of Adventist businessmen and self-supporting ministry leaders understand that, by participating in the ASI network, they can be more effective in sharing Christ in the marketplace.

Currently, ASI Europe has national chapters in nineteen different countries and is working to

establish three more chapters. Cultural and lingual diversity present the greatest challenges but also reflect the reality of the world church in general—diverse, yet united in mission and doctrine.

During 2010, ASI Europe supported fifteen projects, nine of which are youth evangelism programs in Spain, France, England, Holland, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Germany, Sweden and Poland. It also supports youth training programs at mission schools in Spain, Norway and England. Because of these efforts, a large number of youth are actively participating in outreach and evangelism.

The 2011 ASI Europe Convention will be held June 15-19 in the beautiful town of Constance in Southern Germany. The theme will be "Act now and reach up, out, across." The convention will feature a ministry exhibit hall and a variety of seminars. Visit www.asi-europe.org for more information.

The Lord is calling workers for His vineyard—people willing to be filled with the Holy Spirit and equipped to conclude the mission. May more workers answer the call, because time is short.

Angel Duo, president of ASI Europe





BARBARA TAYLOR

f you're an ASI chapter member, you never have to worry about what to do in your spare time, because God has already impressed upon you a project or unique way of sharing. I often travel in my business, which allows me to share with people I meet during plane flights. I'm amazed at how God always gives me opportunities to share my personal testimony, or to give someone a small book or business card with a Bible study website link.

God is opening up many people's hearts to the three angels' messages as conflicts increase in these last days. On a recent flight, I had a wonderful conversation with a young Jewish person who was interested in endtime events and in how the Sabbath is not just for the Jews but for the entire world, as God ordained at creation.

Our enthusiasm and joy is contagious when we share with others, praying with them and encouraging them in their individual endeavors. People notice the difference in our smiles. They recognize when we have selfless characters and a deep love for others.

ASI members not only bond together as family, but also exchange creative ideas for sharing Christ and improving business. If you participate as an ASI chapter member, you'll see a marked difference in your personal life, spiritual life, giving habits and church involvement. Attending local chapter meetings and conventions will renew your excitement and give you fresh, new ideas on how to be a humble servant of Christ in your community.



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May 13-15, 2011 http://asiatlanticunion.netasi.org

CANADIAN UNION

May 13-15, 2011 www.asiquebec.org

COLUMBIA UNION

March 11–13, 2011 http://asicolumbiaunion.netasi.org

LAKE UNION

April 15-16, 2011 www.asi-lakeunion.org

MID-AMERICA UNION

March 31–April 3, 2011 http://mid-america.netasi.org

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

April 28-May 1, 2011 http://asinw.netasi.org

PACIFIC UNION

April 21–24, 2011 www.asipacificunion.org

SOUTHERN UNION

April 7-9, 2011 www.asisouthernunion.com

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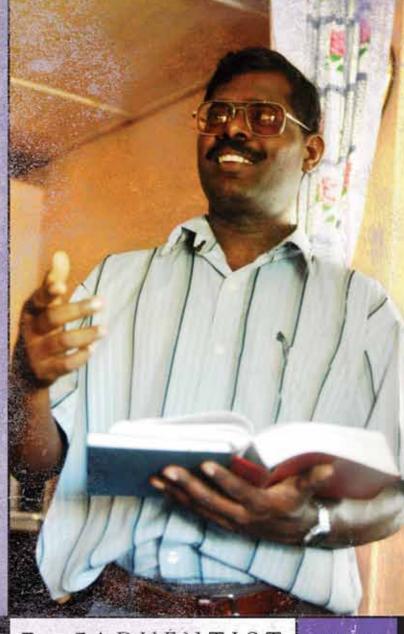
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