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Editor's Note:

God is calling us to stand on higher ground. Perhaps it's adversity that helps us to form a more Christ-like character. Perhaps it's by pushing us beyond our current ways in sharing Christ in the marketplace. Regardless of the method God uses to raise us to higher ground, I'm so thankful that He is so loving, patient, and persistent.

In this issue of InsideASI you'll see how ASI is making a difference in the refugee crisis in Europe. You'll also be touched by ASI member testimonies as well as project reports. Don't miss the Officer's Outlook written by the newly-elected president, Steve Dickman. You'll also be encouraged to see the impact that ASI and its members made in Spokane this past summer. May you be inspired to plant your feet on higher ground as you read the following pages.





HIGHER GROUND

BY STEVE DICKMAN

As Christians, we are on a journey to higher ground. God is calling us to come up higher. The old hymn, "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way," is about that journey:

I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

When you are climbing a mountain, you must keep your goal in mind and head for the highest point around. It may be the highest point in the state; it may be the highest point in the country; or it may be the highest point in the world. In our case, we are headed for the highest point in the universe. God's ideal for us is spoken of in the book *Education* as being "higher than the highest human thought can reach . . . Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached" (*Education*, p. 18).

What does it mean to be like God? In Genesis it is clear that we were created in God's image, which means that in the beginning we were indeed godlike. Following Adam and Eve's bad decision, we have continued to make poor choices that have resulted in going lower and lower. "For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, and in moral worth; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity. Only thus could He rescue man from the lowest depths of his degradation" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 117).

Interestingly, we have been given the opportunity not only to regain our first estate, but to end up at a place higher than where we started. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 163, states: "The work of redemption involves consequences of which it is difficult for man to have any conception. 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him' (1 Cor. 2:9)... Great as is the shame and degradation through sin, even greater will be the honor and exaltation through redeeming love. To

human beings striving for conformity to the divine image there is imparted an outlay of heaven's treasure, an excellency of power, that will place them higher than even the angels who have never fallen."

Where are we today? The world is quickly reaching another low point in history. But we have the privilege, opportunity, even responsibility, to reach up and go higher and still higher. But how do we do that? Is it the strongest men or only the most athletic that have this opportunity? In God's system there seems to be something very different about how to get higher. The world says to fight your way to the top. Climb over others. Go for the gold. Compete. Win at all costs. God, on the other hand, says: "But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room" (Luke 14:10, KJV). He says: "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11, KJV). He tells us to follow His example: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

Are we certain that we really want to come up higher? Such a journey requires our total commitment. Higher ground. Where is it? "When at the foot of the cross the sinner looks up to the One who died to save him, he may rejoice with fullness of joy; for his sins are pardoned. Kneeling in faith at the cross, he has reached the highest place to which man can attain" (*Our Father Cares*, p. 70).

Higher ground. Get down at the foot of the Cross and look up to your Savior. Imitate Him. Become like Him by following the path of self-sacrifice that leads to higher ground.



Steve Dickman graduated from Walla Walla University in 1980 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Steve transitioned to the non-profit world 25 years ago. He currently serves as president of ASI and president of Harbert Hills Academy in Savannah, Tennessee. Steve and his wife, Brenda, are parents to two grown and married daughters and have the joy of one grandson.

BY **BRENDA PALMER**

I don't want to be known for the kind of manager I have been, how many miles of handrails I've installed in nursing homes, or that I did a good job of bookkeeping. My goal is to be remembered for what I did for the children that God places in my sphere.

One quarter I thought it would be great to share ASI and "Christ in the Marketplace" with my Junior class. Starting early would give them a great perspective. Though small, our church has diverse occupations represented, and the idea was to ask the adults to visit my class and tell the Juniors about how they brought Jesus into their work.

There was a bit of a buzz when I told the church family what we wanted. Some folks hadn't really thought about it. (I guess they'd never been to ASI!) There was some reluctance, but in the end, people began to catch the vision. We set up a display cabinet for items from each occupation, and designed activities for the children.

The pastor and the school teacher volunteered to be first, and the children really did learn a lot about what they do behind the scenes.

I asked our young mortician if he would talk about his work. He's somewhat introverted and I didn't know if he'd feel comfortable in front of a class. He finally agreed, but he struggled for several weeks with the question, "How do I share Jesus in my work?" It was a real epiphany the day he stopped by and told me that he had finally realized that he really *did* work for Christ in his marketplace: He made people happy by preparing their loved ones for burial. He did a wonderful job of explaining his trade to the class, and I was so thankful for the blessing that he received by finding that he personally had a work for God.

A contractor came and talked to the class about construction work and how to share their faith. He told them about an experience one Friday when the job superintendent came and asked that they work all weekend. There

was an important inspection on Monday and the building had to be ready.

The superintendent knew that Saturday was a church day, but said, "Can you ask your pastor for permission?"

"Not an option," the contractor told him. "But I work for God, and if you go and ask God to tell me to work, I'll be happy to work." Even I held my breath at that. Would he really trust God to talk to the job superintendent?

There was only one stipulation, the contractor cautioned. If God said to work, it would be a gift of service to God and he certainly couldn't take any pay for that time. In fact, the owner would have to issue a credit on the contract. The superintendent protested, "You know I can't have you on my job without paying you. There is too much liability."

"Well, then I won't be able to work."

Resigned, the superintendent admitted, "I knew you wouldn't work. But I had to ask. I know you will do the best you can without working on your Sabbath."

The crew came in on Sunday. And interestingly, they were the only trade that was ready for the inspection on Monday morning!

This afternoon, some of the kids that were in class that quarter are here in the shop helping us finish handrails for a large retirement home. They worked here after school when they were teenagers and now they are young adults. They are great workers and I really appreciate each one of them. I appreciate the privilege I have to share my friend, Jesus, with them in our marketplace.



Brenda Palmer is manager of Palmer Handrail & Custom Millwork. Brenda moved to Mississippi to help build a church plant. Their family business grew out of a need to employ new Adventists and finance a church school. Christian education and personal evangelism continues to be a driving force in their lives as their construction work takes them nationwide. Brenda has recently been elected as VP for Finance for ASI.

WHAT DO YOU **BREATHE IN?**

BY JAMES MCKEOWN AMOAH

In 1875, three scientists in Paris, the capital of France, had worked for over two years toward this day, and now they were ready. Carefully, they climbed into the gondola of the balloon known as “Zenith,” while thousands around them watched. Determined to set a new altitude record, they wanted to go higher than man had ever risen above the earth. And they did just that, but at what cost?

Slowly the large balloon rose into the air, with its human cargo of three men in a basket-shaped gondola swinging just beneath it. All seemed well as they were well on their way toward the goal of climbing higher than any man had ever gone. Then at 24,430 feet something happened; they could not breathe and suddenly lost consciousness. They had attained a height of 8,600 meters (approximately 28,000 feet)—but two of the scientists lay dead in the gondola of the balloon. Yes, they had conquered the heights, but before it was done, the heights had conquered them.

There was not enough air, with its precious life-giving oxygen, to sustain life at that great altitude. Air is the most vital element for man and animals, without which man and animals will die. One may live for weeks without food, or for days without water, but deprived of air he will perish within minutes. Millions of people suffer from a wide variety of ailments that are partly caused by an insufficient supply of oxygen. The problem is that most people do not breathe cor-

rectly, and this continually weakens their health, their happiness, and their hold on life itself. Every cell of your body must receive a constant supply of oxygen, or else they will weaken and die. When you breathe stale or polluted air, the supply of oxygen becomes insufficient to keep the cells strong and healthy.

It is of the highest consequence to your life, health, and happiness, that you keep fresh air in every room in your home, and especially in your sleeping rooms. You should open your windows to allow fresh air to circulate. In order to have good blood, we must breathe well. Full, deep inspirations of pure air, which fill the lungs with oxygen, purify the blood. They impart to it a bright red color and give it life, which then moves to every part of the body. A good respiration soothes the nerves, stimulates the appetite, and renders digestion more perfect. It also induces sound, refreshing sleep for the individual who breathes well. The healing of wounds takes place more quickly in the presence of fresh air and sunlight.

If you breathe in air that has an insufficient supply of oxygen, the blood moves sluggishly. The waste (poisonous matter) that should be thrown off in the exhalations from the lungs is retained, and the blood becomes impure. Not only the lungs, but the stomach, liver, and brain are affected. The skin becomes sallow, digestion is retarded, the heart is depressed, the brain clouded, the thoughts are confused, gloom settles upon

the spirits, and the whole system becomes depressed and inactive, and peculiarly susceptible to disease. Many people sleep in the night and wake up feeling exhausted and feverish without knowing the cause. This is because they did not have a free circulation of pure air in their rooms through the night.

Many families suffer with sore throat, lung diseases, and liver complaints, brought upon them by their own course of action. Their sleeping-rooms are small, unfit to sleep in for one night, but they occupy the small apartments for weeks, and months, and years. They breathe the same air over and over, until it becomes impregnated with the poisonous impurities and waste matter thrown off from their bodies through the lungs and the pores of the skin. Those who thus abuse their health must suffer with disease.

The smog that envelops homes and offices in and near the large cities is now known to be quite harmful in its effects. This smog, which contains vaporized lead and sulfuric acid, is often seen during morning and evening rush hours when so much traffic is on the streets. Lead fumes, when inhaled into the body, cause



the destruction of red blood cells. Sulfuric acid is such a powerful toxic agent. It has been found to be the primary reason why stone cathedrals and buildings are crumbling throughout Europe.

A very good way to start your morning when you wake up is to take several deep breaths, and then as you arise take several more. Before breakfast, go out-of-doors and look on the things of nature and breathe deeply as you silently thank God for another day of life to work for Him. From time to time, throughout the day, repeat this deep-breathing practice. At times, take in very deep breaths of air, in order to expand your lungs. Shallow breathing is a habit easily developed, but harmful in its effects on the entire body.

Avoid stuffy people who like to sit in stuffy rooms all day talking or watching television. If you are not able to directly help them by word or action, then leave them to their misery and go where there is air. Scientific researchers now know that the cigarette smoke in a room can greatly injure adults, and especially children. To conclude, it is very important for every human being to make a conscious effort to breathe in pure air. That is the only way through which the body can get the needed oxygen to support life. Pure air is cheap indeed, but it can be an expensive commodity if your body deteriorates. Pure air is indeed important to life.

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ADVENTIST HELP

BY CLAUD NYBO

It was with shock and disbelief that many of us arrived in the Hungarian capital of Budapest for the bi-annual ASI Europe convention at the end of August. What greeted us at the central station, just a few blocks away from the convention venue, was at that time yet unknown to the world — thousands of refugees were camping out everywhere, in the limbo of a political battle. This made a deep impression on ASI members. As the newly-elected officers met for their first meeting, a medical doctor offered 100,000 Euros to ASI Europe to do something for the plight of the refugees starting to flood Europe.

The new executive committee was thrown into the middle of an unexpected crisis, and an equally unexpected opportunity to make a difference, and this weighed heavily upon them. With much prayer, the team approached the task with a sense of urgency and energy that only God could give. By His grace, in only five short weeks, there was a medical first-aid bus with a complete medical team on the way to the Greek island of Lesbos, one of the main entrance points to Europe. The project Adventist Help was born!

The mission is to help rescue the refugees who are constantly arriving in rubber boats, many totally unseaworthy, on the beaches of this small island. In addition, we want to simply show them the love of Jesus in action and help connect them with other Adventists who offer help and assistance along their way up through Europe.

“It has been amazing to see how the Lord opened door after door, and performed one miracle after

another to get us where we are today”, says Dr. Viriato Ferreira, ASI Europe President. “I am so inspired to see what God can do through laypeople working in cooperation with church leaders.”

Realizing that this story had to be told to the world, I traveled to Lesbos with two camera girls from LifeStyleTV. We had been following the news reports of the refugee crisis, and had even gotten pictures and personal firsthand accounts from the team on the ground, but none of this could have prepared us for what we met when we arrived on the island.

The facial expressions of the children coming out of the boats and wandering the streets were enough to touch the deepest chords in our hearts. The sheer numbers of people everywhere, and the frequency of the boats arriving on the shores (often more than one at a time) was simply overwhelming. But even more moving was to see the tireless efforts of volunteers who work in shifts around the clock, assisting the new arrivals as they come soaking wet and freezing from the boats. Our lives will never be the same after this experience.

God has blessed the Adventist Help team in amazing ways, and with a wonderful spirit of reconciliation. Medical volunteers from all across Europe and beyond, work shoulder to shoulder to bring relief to people in need. Christiane Theiss, ASI Europe vice-president for marketing, and the project’s on-site coordinator, humbly shared that the team, “because of a Christ-like character, has the best connections with other volunteer groups and the local population. It is truly a remarkable team to work with!”



Life at the medical first-aid bus has few dull moments. Many patients are seen every day, and over 1,600 have been cared for since the team arrived on the island just a few weeks ago. The team is wonderful in the way they take care of each other, for what they experience, no one should have to experience—because no refugee should ever have to flee this way, and be forced to risk their life at sea to find peace and a new life. The battle between life and death is very real here. One moment the doctors are comforting bereaved parents who have lost their child in the waves, the next moment they may experience the joy of successfully

resuscitating a blue, almost lifeless baby on the beach. In the midst of all this suffering, answers are not always easy to come by, but a loving embrace works wonders.

After the attacks in Paris, one of our doctors, Michael-John Von Hörsten, expressed it this way: “These are refugees. Not violent jihadists. Not economic migrants. They're here to find refuge from a lifetime of Friday nights in Paris.” This is true for most of those we meet. Yet it is thought-provoking for us to realize that some of the terrorists who indiscriminately killed people in the Paris attacks, seemingly came via one of the Greek islands off the coast of Turkey.

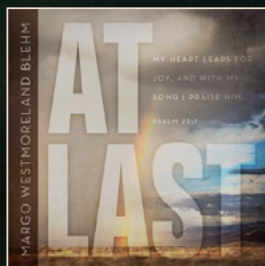
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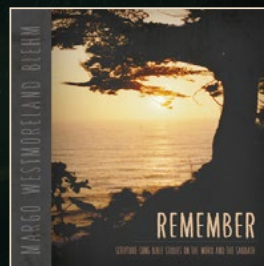
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One of the volunteers helping at our first-aid bus shared that two of his best friends were killed in the Paris attacks. “However,” he said, “on the beach they are all human beings, in desperate need of help.” How one can keep serving in this situation with love, instead of hatred, is to me a miracle of God’s grace. Showing Christ’s love on the beach may be our best defense against future terrorist attacks.

Many medical volunteers with varied backgrounds have assisted at the Adventist Help first-aid bus, working side-by-side with the Adventist team. They have also helped facilitate donations of much-needed medical equipment, turning the bus into what is probably the best-equipped medical first-aid station on the island. This team is making a real difference.

Kim Busl, ASI Europe vice-president for evangelism, wrote on the last day of his visit to the island, where he and his wife, Joyce, helped for one week: “Today we had

a Jewish female doctor from Israel on the bus, providing medical care and warm, dry clothing to a Syrian woman. This scene greatly affected a Greek pediatrician working with us, and he was moved to tears as he expressed that it gave him hope for humanity.”

Please pray for the Adventist Help team. They truly need it, and so do the dear people to whom they so untiringly try to show the love of Jesus—a love that most have never experienced before!



Claus Nybo is the general vice-president of ASI Europe, and has a passion to see a greater synergy within God’s work. He is also the founder and president of LifeStyleTV, an outreach ministry with a comprehensive health approach to reach people in Scandinavia with the gospel — through 24x7 satellite and Internet broadcasting, publishing of a free quarterly lifestyle magazine, and organizing health expos. In his local church, Malmö, he serves as an elder.

For more information

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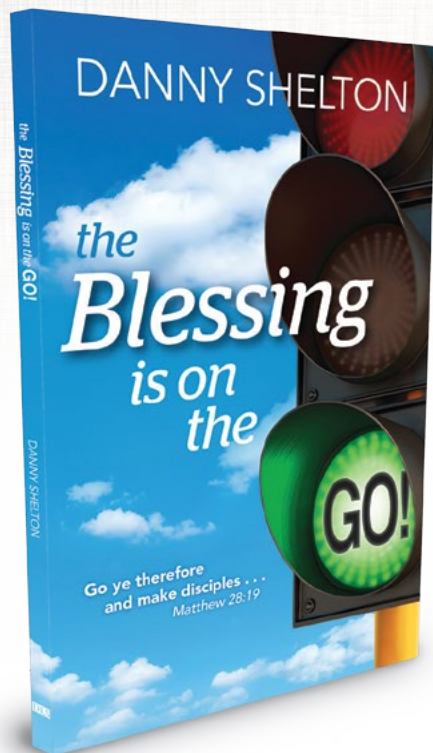


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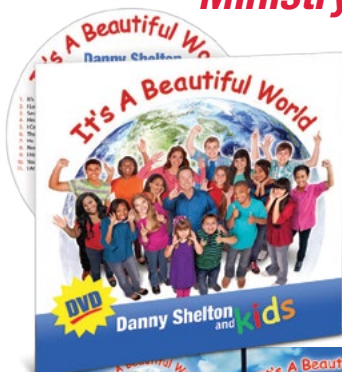
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ASI welcomes DEBBIE DAILEY

BY KYLE ALLEN



We recently welcomed a new addition to our team at the ASI office! Debbie Dailey started work as our administrative assistant in late September. She comes to us with over 30 years of experience working at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. In her new position, Debbie will be involved in nearly every aspect of our office operations and be a support to the work of our North American Division ASI leadership team. I sat down with Debbie one beautiful fall afternoon and we talked about life, her new role with ASI, and what she loves most about doing God's work.

KA: Tell us a little about yourself—where you're from, how you came to know the Lord, and your family:

DD: I grew up in a little farming community in Ohio. I became an Adventist after my first child was born. When my daughter came, I realized how much God loves us. I realized that I wanted to learn more, and I wanted her to know the Bible. I sent in a card requesting the Bible story book set, and the rest is history. A literature evangelist came, and eventually we were invited to Joe Melashanko's evangelistic series, where we were both baptized! I'm thankful for my caring husband, Roger Dailey, and our five daughters and five grandkids! Being a grandma is great!

KA: What type of work did you do at the Review and Herald?

DD: I worked in many different departments at the Review, but the last position I held was advertising coordinator. Before that I worked in production, scheduling, customer service, order write-ups, general administrative support, and with with the electronic timekeeping system. I enjoyed working in many different roles.

KA: What did you like most about working at the Review?

DD: Having a job with a mission—knowing that the work we did touched people's lives for the better. Even when I worked in advertising, which seemed far away from the front lines of ministry, we knew we were helping to create books for sharing our faith with others. Since I'm not a preacher like you (I'm more of a behind-the-scenes person) this was my way of fulfilling God's calling!

KA: How did you know God wanted you to come to ASI?

DD: When the Review closed earlier this year, I was praying that God would help me find another job where I could be involved in the mission of the church. God led in the timing of coming to ASI, because when I first left the Review, I didn't submit an application to work at the North American Division right away. The Lord knew the right timing, and when I was ready to submit the application, it was right at the time the position opened up with ASI. I really felt that the mission of ASI was something I wanted to support.

KA: What do you like about working at ASI so far?

DD: It's the people. I really appreciate all the people I'm working with. Everyone's been very kind and gracious as I've been learning the tasks of this office. I am also really just thankful that in working for ASI it's not just another job. I have just a little part in helping others be able to spread the love of Jesus in their sphere of influence. For example, we recently sent out many of the newest version of the New Beginnings evangelism resource to help lay people share the gospel. It makes me realize that as each of us does our little part, it makes a big difference.

KA: Outside of work, you have any favorite hobbies?

DD: I like to paint, crochet, hike, and believe it or not, I enjoy riding my four-wheeler with my husband! I love get-

ting out in nature and seeing the beauty of God's creation, especially this time of year when you can see the fall colors.

KA: When you think of our ASI motto, "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace," what does that mean to you?

DD: To me it means that His love is shining through your work wherever God puts you—whether you're a dentist, a computer specialist, a business person, or you operate a supporting ministry. To share Christ in the marketplace means that His love overflows into your workplace, and because of your witness, someone says, "I'd like to know where you're getting that power, that peace and serenity!" The love of Jesus shines through everything you do, and it makes people want what you have.

KA: Why do you think the work of ASI is so important in these last days?

DD: There are so many hurting souls out there. Everywhere you look, people are searching to understand what's going on in the world around us or in their personal lives. People are searching for hope. I think that

our ASI members are in key places in their businesses and ministries where they have the opportunity to reach out to these precious people and minister to them, right where they're hurting the most. And then there's the ministries we support. I think of Your best Pathway to Health as an example: over 9000 people receiving medical assistance in San Antonio and Spokane this year. That's meeting a real need, and those who receive our help are more open to receive the gospel message. At the end of the day, here at ASI, we're really doing the same work that Jesus did and I'm thankful to be a part of it.



Kyle Allen is secretary/treasurer of ASI. He is a graduate of the seminary at Andrews University and he is passionate about the role of lay people in finishing the work. He attended the Youth for Jesus program sponsored by ASI. He has a passion for evangelism and in engaging young adults in mission.

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AN INSIDE VIEW OF THE SPOKANE ASI CONVENTION

BY HAROLD LANCE

Few Spokane Adventists knew anything about ASI, and fewer still knew of the long running successful Youth for Jesus program that gives high school age youth firsthand experience in public evangelism; or anything about the impact that the Your Best Pathway to Health event would create in providing the community with quality free health care to Spokane's underserved; or that an ASI Convention was held in Spokane in 1995. This past summer, from August 5 through 8, ASI held its annual International Convention at the newly- expanded Spokane Convention Center situated on the banks of the Spokane River. This event brought over 3,000 members and friends together for four days of listening to inspirational speakers, nearly 20 seminars on practical topics for lay people, the opportunity to learn new ways of sharing Jesus in their own marketplace, to hear reports of Members in Action, and to be inspired and challenged.

Beginning in March, ASI Youth for Jesus (YFJ) Bible workers came to Spokane and began knocking on doors looking for Bible study students. They recruited church members who were caught up in the excitement of meeting new friends from the community who were discovering new Bible truths. By the first of July, there were over 20 ASI Youth for Jesus Bible workers and many local church members building friendships and inviting them to attend Bible seminars in five Spokane area Adventist churches.

As July approached, 44 high school-age young people and their leaders came to Spokane for a month-long experience of public evangelism. They brought bright, happy faces, enthusiasm, friendly greetings, musical skill, and well-prepared, talented speakers, typically between 16 and 20 years of age. The YFJ group was housed nearby on the Upper Columbia Conference Academy campus. Each

day they came to Spokane to visit their new community friends who were attending the nightly meeting, knocked on doors to invite others, presented nightly health talks, and assisted with the children's programs. The young speakers used the ASI New Beginnings sermons adapted to fit their presentations. The public meetings ended on the eve of the ASI Convention, when many were baptized in a joint baptismal service at the Convention Center.

The annual Youth for Jesus experience is held each year in the same city where the ASI Convention is held. Except for the employed Bible workers, the staff are unpaid volunteers. The project is supported by the annual ASI project offering and LIFE, a lay evangelism training ministry that provides nearly half of required funding and also operates the YFJ program for ASI, under the capable leadership of Leasa Hodges, whose full time job is Manager of Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colorado. The local churches and the Upper Columbia Conference generously contributed to YFJ's success.

Your best Pathway to Health, an innovative ASI ministry, provides free, no questions asked, first come first served, quality health and dental care in major cities. The Spokane community generously offered free use of the fairgrounds for three days, providing excellent facilities for the 3,111 patients who received over 7,000 procedures, including dental fillings, extractions, crowns, root canals, surgeries, eyeglass fittings, physical and mental health examinations and screening, haircuts, shampoos, suits, glasses, shoes, and much more. All this was possible through the combined efforts of over 1,400 volunteers. Many others contributed equipment, supplies, and funds, including generous financial help from the Upper Columbia Conference, North Pacific Union Conference, the

North American Division, Adventist Health Systems, and from ASI.

Hundreds of patients received follow-up care and laboratory reports from physicians and nurses in two local Adventist churches. Several hundred patients stayed for health lectures that gave meaning to the lab reports and clinical findings. Also offered was an eight-week cooking and nutrition class that included nightly sample tasting of the same delicious and healthy recipes they had watched the teachers prepare. Spokane's Mayor David Condon spoke eloquently to the ASI Convention family, expressing his and the city's appreciation for their contribution to Spokane.

ASI convention programs include a report from the projects ASI supported during the last year and features some of the projects chosen for funding from the current convention offering. This year ASI selected 42 new projects out of over 100 applications. Projects are situated in several countries, including Nepal, Zambia, the Amazon River area of Brazil, Canada, India, and the United States. The total offering goal was \$1,435,000. Selected projects included diverse ministries, including some church-owned ministries. We thank God for the generous offering response that exceeded the offering goal—a total of over \$1,800,000.

Speakers for this year's convention included lay persons Patsy Arrabito, David Kim, and Lyndi Schwartz; *It Is Written* television speaker John Bradshaw; newly re-elected Adventist world church president, Ted Wilson; retiring ASI president, Frank Fournier; and ASI secretary-treasurer, Kyle Allen. Every session included Members in Action features, in which ASI members told a variety of experiences about how they share Christ in their marketplace, and a report on several of this year's offering projects.

A wide variety of seminars gave registered attendees many options and hard choices. Children and young people were well provided for with meaningful programs for nursery-age children through kindergarten, primary, juniors, earliteens, and youth. The newly-expanded Spokane Convention Center provided ample space for hundreds of exhibitors, who presented innovative information and products and shared how they are involved in extending some aspect of the gospel commission.

It is remarkable what happened in Spokane last year. Initially very few Spokaneites knew anything of ASI. Afterwards hundreds came to know Jesus in a new and fuller way through the ASI Youth for Jesus program. Thousands received life-changing health care from the generous vol-

unteers from Your best Pathway to Health, who showed them in a real way what Jesus would do. Hundreds of local Seventh-day Adventists who before knew nothing of ASI volunteered three days of service with YbPTH and then came to the convention center to attend interesting and challenging ASI meetings, learning of new opportunities for service and a deeper love for Jesus. Perhaps the biggest impact, though, was the thousands in a community that saw the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its members in a new and special way.

Plan to come to the next ASI Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, August 3-6 2016.



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BY MAGNA PARKS-PORTERFIELD, PH.D.

Do you have trials and adversity in your life? If you are still a living, moving being, you are probably answering this question with a resounding “Yes!” Can I get a little “personal” and share some of my challenging experiences with you? In 1995, my brother, who was a physician, went missing. And this occurred soon after I cancelled a wedding a month before it was scheduled to occur. Three years later, this same brother was found dead the week before my wedding to a different man. I did marry that person and 13 years later he died suddenly at the age of 49.¹ During the time of my marriage (2007) I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.² I also lost both of my parents, with my dad being the most recent loss in 2014. In addition to all of these events, I’ve experienced a number of other challenges and disappointments in life.

I am sure each one reading this can also share stories of adversity—some more and some less than others. Jesus told us in His Word that, “in this world ye shall have tribulation” (John 16:33). Why? Well, for one, we are all in the midst of a controversy between good and evil, between God and Satan. However, while in this conflict, God can (if we allow Him) use the difficulties that come our way to help us develop more godly characters. We are actually told this by several Bible authors (see James 1:2, 3, Romans 5:3, and Hebrews 12:11).

And not only that, but we also
glory in tribulations, knowing that
tribulation produces perseverance

~Romans 5:3~

This concept of developing character through adversity is now being recognized in the field of psychology. This is exciting to me as a psychologist, because experts and researchers in my field are discovering what God told us in His word thousands of years ago. As it relates to this topic, psychologists have coined a phrase known as “post-traumatic growth,” which is defined as “positive psychological change experienced as a result of the struggle with highly challenging circumstances.” In a nutshell, when we deal with adversity and trials, it is actually possible for us to grow mentally and emotionally. Please do note the definition given earlier, which says that the growth is “as a result of the struggle.” Growth through adversity doesn’t come easily. We will have to contend with the difficulties that come our way and will often still experience feel-

ings of sadness, pain, hurt, etc. But while we struggle with our adversity and experience these emotions, we can also become better, stronger people.

How do we do this? Well, the research tells us that we must

be intentional about developing what is known as resilience, which is defined as “toughness” or the ability to recover quickly from difficulties. This can be done on various levels—emotionally, physically, mentally, socially, and especially spiritually. Some of the things we can do to develop and strengthen resilience (based on research) are as follows:

¹I have recently been blessed to meet another godly man and have married again!

²I have had no symptoms of multiple sclerosis since 2007, thanks to God’s healing power and the use of His natural remedies.

1. Stay physically active. It has been proven that those who are physically toughened are able to better withstand stress.

2. Change how you view adversity. For example, find meaning in difficult situations, learn from mistakes, view obstacles as challenges.

3. Manage your emotions. When you feel a negative emotion, do something to help you experience several positive emotions, such as viewing a picture that brings joy, or listen to uplifting music.

4. Stay connected socially. Do something to reach out to others, such as expressing gratitude through a phone call or a card.

5. Read and memorize the promises of God in the Word. This will help you trust God more and will give you strength to carry out some of the previously mentioned sources of resilience.

I can personally attest to the fact that growth can occur through adversity. For example, I am now a stronger and somewhat different person (for the better) since one of the major challenges I have faced—the death of my husband. And as I look back at the whole experience, I can see how I, unknowingly at the time,

engaged in activities that helped build resilience.

In my own ministry/organization I have received testimonies from others who have felt encouraged and empowered by understanding the concept of growth through adversity. In one case, I received an e-mail from a person in another country who told me that they received “healing” from implementing what they heard in one of my presentations about the concept of posttraumatic growth. Another gentleman called me and told me that after listening to the same talk, he made the decision to start working on building resilience. The knowledge that we can grow from adversity is one that I seek to share with those whom I counsel.

So, I would like to encourage you to ask God to give you whatever you need to become a better, stronger person as you “weather the storms” that come your way. The promises in His Word are sure and you can count on Him to help you grow through adversity!



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WE ARE A TEAM

BY EDUARDO GONZALEZ

What is ASI? How do you answer this question in a video? How do you do it in a few minutes? This was a challenge that Scene Alive faced as we began to produce a new video for ASI.

When the team at Scene Alive puts on its pre-production caps, usually quite a bit of preparation commences before a single frame is recorded.

We had little time to put this together, so pre-production time was a scant resource.

We went back to the previous year where Mark Finley spoke on Sabbath morning at the ASI convention in Grand Rapids. His words made a strong impact on me and how I operate as director for my crew. He said, "We are a team."

This was the heart of the video. It's about a team that together focuses on Christ in business and ministry.

In late 2014, I had the opportunity to travel to Riverside Farm Institute in Zambia, Africa. It humbled me to my core as this story was told. Meeting all the people of Riverside Farm and understanding how they touch the lives of local residents each week by providing for their basic needs and sharing Christ reminded me that it's through teamwork that we can accomplish great feats.

Now we wanted to feature something that took place a little closer to home in the video. In April of 2014, Your best Pathway to Health took place in San Antonio, Texas. This massive health event, in which over 6000 people received free health care, was an important highlight in the video.

We were beginning to feel that something very important was missing—the story about the beginning of ASI. We started exploring the history of ASI with the help of the Ellen White Estate. We discovered that E.A. Sutherland was one of the founders and was the first president of ASI. As it turns out after much research, we were able to track down a recording of Sutherland speaking to a group of students in Loma Linda in 1948. The tape was located at the Heritage Library in California, and with the help of

Fred Bischoff of Adventist Pioneer Library, we had a script to go with the speech.

I invite you to watch the video at www.asiministries.org or by scanning the QR code above.



Eduardo Gonzalez has had 14 years of experience in video production. He is a certified Arri Alexa operator from Abel Cine in New York City. As the producer for Scene Alive, he has directed various productions for commercials, sports, documentaries, and music videos. Whether filming documentaries in places like Africa, capturing stories for major sports networks, or developing scripts for short features, he is always striving to find the heart of every story.

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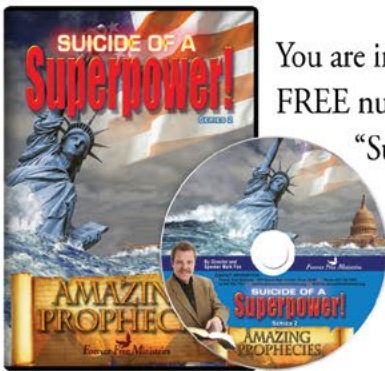
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OUACHITA HILLS MINISTRIES

BY EUGENE PREWITT

One of the ministries supported through Ouachita Hills Academy and College is a missionary training program in the Muslim nation of Malaysia. Aenon (which roughly translates to ‘love is powerful’) has been operating a medical-missionary program there for more than a decade, mostly training Chinese and Malaysian students to work in their various countries.

In January of 2015, my wife and I accepted a call to leave our home in Arkansas and help establish a Bible-training program there on the campus of Aenon. We finally made the move in early September.

Upon arriving in the nation I became painfully aware of how restrictive laws have impeded outreach. For example, Aenon has planted two new churches in this mission in just the last five years. One of those churches serves English-speaking people. One serves Chinese-speaking persons. But no church in Tampin, a city of 55,000 people, serves the majority Malay-speaking persons. And there are no plans to plant one.

Why not? Because the religious laws of this government strictly forbid witnessing to Malay persons. Use of Muslim words is even forbidden to Christians. The penalty for witnessing to Malay persons strikes fear into local Adventists. No, they are not so fearful of fines and imprisonment (one here was imprisoned one year just weeks after his first daughter was born). What frightens them is the prospect of vigilante radical persons like the one that killed an Adventist minister near Johor some 20 years ago.

So what can I do to witness for Christ in my marketplace? I mean, I have shared thoughts with Hindus and Buddhists already. (These attend the Aenon Health Center for treatments.) And I have talked extensively with some evangelicals.

But the most exciting work I have done in my marketplace has been talking to faithful Adventists in other freer countries. You might be saying, “That isn’t sharing Christ in the marketplace.” But wait. Let me tell you what

I and those foreigners have been talking about. We have been sharing ideas. And as of early October, there are now half a dozen faithful Adventist persons in Europe learning Malay. A faithful Adventist in South America has designed a website to host videos that will be recorded by faithful Adventists in Germany. And other faithful Adventists in free countries are designing plans for getting those videos before Malay people in this country.

And my part? I can pray. I can communicate. I can write a bit. But the work is being done by others to reach the people in my new field. And if all I can do is give them ideas, encouragement, and prayer, then that is what I will do to make sure the Malay get a chance to hear the truths for this time.

Of course, I didn’t come to Southeast Asia to write e-mails and pray. Most of the support being provided through Ouachita Ministries recently is to help poor students in this part of the world attend the training programs here at Aenon. And in February of 2016 the local mission will become the home of a new training program that emphasizes how to reach the people of this region, whatever their worldview. Workers from ASI ministries such as Jesus for Asia, Adventists Frontier Missions, and ASAP, have all expressed interest in visiting to help train a crop of professional front-line missionary persons.

Maybe in your marketplace you can help reach people in mine that I can’t reach in mine. That is a novel idea. And I am glad that the workers in the new school here will be preparing to do courageous service in places where it never will become easy to share in the marketplace.



Eugene Prewitt writes from Malaysia, where he serves as the representative from the Ouachita Ministries board working on site at the new training program there at Aenon. He worked for ten years as a Bible teacher and colporteur trainer at Ouachita Hills College before resigning that position to assist Amazing Facts in establishing training centers around the world. Now he and his wife Heidi have committed the next several years of their lives to this new program.

TENTMAKER EVANGELISM

BY BYARD PARKS

GoTential is a new initiative of Adventist Frontier Missions to strategically place hundreds of Tentmakers in unreached cities. (Yes, there are hundreds of cities of over 100,000 people with not one Seventh-day Adventist.) GoTential is helping engineers, businessmen, medical professionals, journalists, chemists, English teachers, and others to participate in mission by obtaining salaried jobs in North Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East.

A Tentmaker is someone who, like the apostle Paul, earns a salary from secular labor and uses that labor to the gospel's advantage. The professional work of the Tentmaker builds trust relationships among skilled working class people; their expertise validates their role in the country; and their work is their gateway to forming hospitality-based home church groups.

There are some places on this earth where people bearing the label "missionaries" just aren't welcome. These last frontiers are only being reached in creative ways.

In many places a Tentmaker can accomplish what it is impossible for church employees to do. For example, an Adventist dignitary took a job in an embassy in a city of five million where Adventism has had zero presence. Today, three years later, by his influence a small group of 15 legally meet every Sabbath.

Professor Saul T. retired from a college in the United States.

With a vision for mission, Saul and his wife, Maria, moved to Turkey to teach English in a university. Saul actively talked of his faith in class and he and his wife's hospitality and warm friendship evangelism was a vital help to the Adventist Frontier Mission team who had formed the first legal church in Turkey.

GoTential appeals to talented individuals who love Jesus, love making friends, and want to live their faith while working their expertise for the glory of God. GoTential's "secret sauce" is its online community, now in beta phase. Tentmakers join GoTential and are given secure access to specialized evangelism courses, including how to successfully build friendships in an Islamic context, and how to disciple a foreigner into a faith relationship with Christ. GoTential is working together with church entities in MENA and the GC to best serve and coordinate efforts.

In many unreached cities of the world, life is modern and salaries are high. The only reason the cities are unreached is that no one has yet gone. Perhaps you can go and become the start of the Advent movement in some unreached city around the globe.

Byard Parks is a revivalist, mission strategist, and author. Currently, he is the Tentmaker evangelism coordinator for Adventist Frontier Missions. He is an International Business graduate and has a Masters of Divinity degree. He and his wife, Ania, and two boys have spent ten years church planting in Turkey from 2004 to 2014.



SHARING CHRIST ON MARKET NIGHT

BY MILLER MENDES

Almost every Thursday night, you can find Miller at his display booth at the “Market Night” event on State Street in downtown Redlands. This weekly, city-sponsored event draws thousands of local visitors from the surrounding communities, and often, out-of-town tourists. Miller distributes literature on spiritual life and health from a large display of books, tracts, and magazines; one large banner depicts the compartments of the wilderness sanctuary. Another banner illustrates the Ten Commandments on tables of stone with the Sabbath commandment illuminated. These graphics attract much attention and prompt questions from passersby. The booth provides a great opportunity to share truth-filled literature and to invite interested individuals to Bible studies, evangelistic meetings, and health seminars at the Mentone church. It also provides church members an opportunity to help distribute literature, including GLOW tracts, “like the leaves of autumn.”

Miller Mendes also volunteers regularly as a chaplain at a healthcare clinic for low-income residents in the city of San Bernardino. Recently, he met Donna and Marlene¹ as they waited for treatment at the clinic. He talked with them about their concerns and offered to pray with them. This led to a request for Bible studies and Miller and his wife are now studying with them. As a result of his contacts at the clinic, Miller has had opportunities to give out literature and to pray with employees and physicians, as well. Miller is very enthusiastic about his experiences as a volunteer chaplain for the Your best Pathway to Health medical mission trips to San Francisco, California, and San Antonio, Texas, which were in part sponsored by ASI. Miller is often invited to preach at a number of churches in southern California and encourages others to join ASI and engage in marketplace ministry whenever he can.

Miller Mendes, of Redlands, California, is an asphalt-paving contractor and has been an ASI member for over 15 years. When he became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian in 1988, the Lord planted a desire in his heart to dedicate his life to soul winning. Miller worked for the next five years as a full-time literature evangelist in southern California. He is now a self-supporting Bible worker, an elder at the Mentone Seventh-day Adventist Church, and he operates his own business, where he often gives away copies of *Steps to Christ*, *The Great Controversy*, and other materials to his customers.



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DISASTER RESPONSE

BY KEVIN SINGH



I have been interested in airplanes since I was very little. I imagined what the world looked like from above, and dreamt of when we will be in heaven and be able to fly by our own power! Since I was about 10, I wanted to work with planes and be an Aerospace engineer.

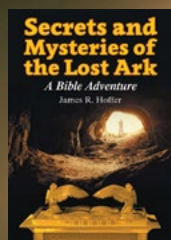
When it came time for me to go to a high school I had many options, but when I heard that my best friend was planning to go to a small school called Heritage Academy, I was intrigued. I knew some people who were already going there, and remembered that my friend who was in the Missionary Pilot program had just achieved his Instrument Rating and was going to graduate that year, I decided to visit for graduation. While there, I became acquainted with the various ministries of Heritage, such as Literature Evangelism, Video Production, Application Development, Agriculture, and the two that really interested me, Disaster Response, and the Missionary Pilot Training Program. I was convinced that this was where God wanted me to attend the next fall for my junior year. I have been very active in the disaster response program and have had the opportunity to travel to various parts of the country, training young and old alike how to be prepared for disasters. I just returned from North Carolina, where we trained young people from all over the Southern Union in disaster preparedness.

This year is my senior year and I have been privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of the Missionary Pilot training program. It has definitely been God's work in allowing me to start this program. You see, this past summer, I told God that this was His

work and if He wanted me to be in the program, I knew He would provide the funds. The aviation program is an additional \$9,300 for a private license. He has blessed me greatly, because within two weeks of school starting, God provided \$5,250 in donations! That's more than enough to start the program! I am immensely grateful!

Currently, I have about 10 hours of experience, but by the time you read this article, God willing, I will have my first solo flight under my belt. God has really blessed in bringing me this far because of the things He has done at Heritage Academy. I am also excited because we have completed the runway on campus and I have the privilege of using it. It is a grass runway made possible by donations from ASI and other passionate private donors. I am very appreciative for the runway on campus, because this means I can take off and land here and advance in the training, instead of wasting an hour of precious time driving to the airport every day. Soon we plan to put top soil over the gravel and build a hangar on campus, because currently the plane has to be flown to school every morning before training begins.

God has really blessed Heritage Academy to provide this program and has blessed my progress through it. I hope that I can use this amazing skill when my training is finished to work for Him. I thank you for your support for these ministries God has entrusted to Heritage Academy. I truly see how disaster response and mission aviation go hand in hand. I want to be part of His master plan in bringing others to Him, so that at His soon coming we all can be a part of the Heavenly Kingdom.



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TESTIMONY BY RABEKAH RICE



The Lay Institute for Global Health Training (LIGHT) provides health evangelism training to pastors and lay members in over 80 countries around the world. Through the offerings of ASI, dozens of LIGHT teachers have been supported to lead out in new training opportunities and to help establish new missionary training schools. To date, over 15,000 members have gone through LIGHT's very practical and comprehensive training program. The result has been hundreds of churches experiencing a revival of their community outreach programs leading to many corresponding baptisms. The following is a testimony from one of LIGHT's foreign missionaries in India who first learned of this work at an ASI convention.

In 2012 I dedicated my life to working for God as a missionary, yet I wasn't sure where to start! I was just an 18-year-old small-town Virginia girl who's never been far from home. How could I become a missionary? And how would my parents ever agree to such a thing? But I left the impossibility of such an occupation in God's hands.

In August 2012, I had the opportunity to attend the national ASI Convention in Cincinnati, where many ministries from around the world would be represented and I could get ideas about mission work. In one of the seminars I learned about the work of LIGHT and the health evangelism work they do around the world. This really sparked my interest, resulting in me taking their online intensive course with the intention of entering the mission field! I was sure this was God's will for me.

Studying the LIGHT course online was a challenge for me, but, as I studied, I learned many, many things. Especially I learned more about God's plan for my future work for Him. After completing the course I had an opportunity to go on a short mission trip to Cuba to get my feet wet in foreign mission work. It was such a blessing! Shortly thereafter I received a short-term call to go to Honduras to work as an assistant elementary school teacher. However, before going I was asking God what I would do after my

Honduran commitment. My parents wanted me to start college, but I wanted to know what was God's will. One day after praying, I received an e-mail from LIGHT Prayer Reports. It said, "Please pray that God will send teachers for our LIGHT school in India who are willing to commit to two years or more." Immediately a voice sounded in my ear, "You go." What? Me? Go? Go to India? That's crazy! But I knew it was God's voice, and I dared not disobey.

After fulfilling my commitment in Honduras, I started fighting with God. I liked Honduras and wanted to stay, but He wouldn't give up on me. I finally surrendered after suffering many things. When I was alright again, I happened to see my e-mails with another prayer report from LIGHT. It requested: "Please pray that God will work on the hearts and minds of those who are thinking to come to India as teachers." What a shock! People had been praying for me! And God had answered them! I knew then for sure that God wanted me in India.

My father was not happy that I planned to go to India and seemed to kind of challenge God by saying, "If God wants you to go, He will have to provide for everything. I'm not going to give you a penny." I told God, "He's challenging You." Well, God accepted the challenge and provided for everything!

In March 2014, I took off for India to work with a LIGHT affiliate school called AG Hospital in Tamil Nadu. There have been language barriers, visa problems, and other challenges while teaching here in India, but God has helped me at every step. It's encouraging to see lives changed, relationships with God developed, and teach what it truly means to follow Christ's example in ministry to others.

Working as a LIGHT teacher for the past year and a half has been a great blessing for me, and I believe with all my heart that this is the lifework to which God has called me. I plan to remain in India as a LIGHT teacher for as long as God needs me here. It is a blessing to serve Him.

MICROFINANCE

AN ETERNITY OF OPPORTUNITY

BY DAVID CAUKILL

We sure live in a blessed country. Occasionally we need reminding that around the world, extreme poverty still exists, most often appearing in marginalised communities that suffer a lack of basic necessities, such as clean water, food, employment, education, and health care. It is amongst these narrow choices that we often see an escalation in the most heinous of crimes against humanity—human trafficking. In truth, extreme poverty is the condition that traffickers and loan sharks use to target vulnerable children and families for exploitation.

“There are as many as 8.4 million children who are in what we consider the worst forms of child labour,” said UNICEF’s senior advisor on child protection, Gopalan Balagopal, a couple of years back. It is critical that individuals and organisations who advocate for child rights recognize this and urgently find a solution to the problem. Through the use of proactive development programs, ICC Australia and its partners have been taking action to reduce the risk of traffickers targeting children and families in poor communities.

One such innovative Sustainable Livelihoods program that brings economic empowerment to individuals and community is Microfinance, a loan plan that is made available to a poor family who have created a small, approved business proposal. These loans are often used to expand an existing business through the purchase of tools of trade, or to create a new one such as small animal husbandry projects, garment manufacturing, or selling baked goods, etc. As part of the program, loan clients meet weekly to repay loans, share their business experience, listen to the Bible being read (often for the first time), and participate in worship with their new loan group.

Since the first loan was given in 2010 in the Philippines, ICC Australia has seen some exponential kingdom



growth: 73 home church groups have sprung up, 21 Bible workers have been trained, 540 confessions of faith/baptisms have taken place, and now over 2,200 poor mothers have heard the Good News about Jesus—and returned 100 percent of their loans!

Consider how this mother must now feel: “My name is Rachel¹ and I am 35 years old. I live on a small island in the Philippines where poverty is widespread. While I have been blessed with a wonderful husband and two children, I’ve had to live alone for many years. My husband, Jack,² is a fisherman who has struggled to provide us with enough money to survive as he

travelled with his crew in search of fish. Many times not catching enough, I’d have to borrow money at high interest to feed the children.

“One day I heard about a special program being run for children that were hungry and needing nourishment. The municipal health nurse had noticed that my children were malnourished and was concerned. Three times a week I was able to take my children to the program supported by ICC Australia to receive a healthy meal in exchange for some of my time working in the ICC community garden.

“The staff helped me to regain my faith in God. I learned so much from them and my children enjoyed the special program they ran for them on Saturday mornings. I was helped to start my own vegetable garden behind my home to provide more food for my children.

“Soon, I was able to secure a small microfinance loan \$120 to help me start my own small business. This was an exciting time as I had never had any experience like this before, but I was confident as the training I received helped me to understand how to run a small business. My business is a small general store on the street outside my home.

“This business has changed our lives. I can now provide

for my children and send them to school in a uniform. They are so happy to receive an education now. This really gives me hope for the future. ICC has helped to bring security to our family. I really thank them for that. I can also really thank God because He is the one that has helped my family.”

¹ Names have been changed to maintain privacy

David Caukill was born in the UK, migrating alone to Australia at 17 to seek opportunity, running a successful trucking company. But after hearing God's call to service, he joined an innovative start-up not-for-profit as a marketing officer. Sixteen years later, David Caukill serves as the development director for ICC Australia. Married to Esther, a loving wife and devoted co-worker, their journey takes them to some of the poorest communities on earth to bring freedom from extreme poverty and hope in the risen Savior.



▲ Rachael standing in front of her new “general store”



▲ Microfinance mothers meet weekly for worship and repay their loans. Many of these mums continue to take Bible studies.



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MARKETPLACE WITNESSING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

My husband and I walk down a dusty street in the Middle East. The call to prayer bellows from a mosque behind us. Donkey carts, horse carts, and tuktuks whiz past us while cars beep their horns.

We are excited because we are on our way to eat with a friend, Ahmed, and his family. Ahmed befriended us one day, and since then we have had many in depth discussions with him about family, life in the Middle East, morality, and religion. He speaks in broken English, and we speak in broken Arabic, but we are able to communicate enough.

Ahmed is one of many people in the Middle East North Africa region, which spans from Morocco to Iran, who are true-hearted, eagerly desiring to please God and to live a life of honor. He is following what he knows. And he is asking us many questions. We want to tell him more-carefully, prayerfully, and for the glory of God. We want to be friends with Ahmed for eternity. We want Ahmed to know Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ is coming soon.

With over 500 million people in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region, there are abundant opportunities by God's grace to make friends for eternity. And friendship is key because in many of the countries in the MENA region public evangelism is illegal and official church work is prohibited. In fact in a vast majority of the cities in the MENA region there is not even a single Seventh-day Adventist.

For this reason the MENA Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has created a program, Total Employment, to recruit SDAs from around the world and to help them find jobs in the MENA region in secular workplaces. Total Employment is seeking professionals from a variety of backgrounds: businessmen and businesswomen, teachers, healthcare workers, IT specialists, artists, international development specialists, musicians, social workers, human resource specialists, engineers, chefs, graphic designers, and many more.

Total Employment recruits individuals that are hard working and adept at their work. Yet these same individuals need to be flexible and adaptable and follow the Holy

Spirit's promptings and take time to invest in friendships at work and in the local community. And by God's grace such friendships will last for eternity.

After eating supper with Ahmed at his family's house, my husband and I walk back down the dusty street in the Middle East. We have been blessed by uplifting conversation and more questions from Ahmed about our faith. We are praying and looking forward to see how God leads in this friendship.

Is God calling you to make friends for His glory in the MENA region? Is God calling you to join the MENA Union's Total Employment program? Please consider this call prayerfully. If you would like to know more information, send an email to go@totalemploymentsda.org.



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