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Wayne Atwood
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In thinking back over our lives, I'm sure that we can think of a time when we received shocking news. Time seems to stand still and at the same time our mind races in a thousand different directions all at once. Our emotions may start working overtime or we may simply be in a state of shock. In that moment we have the opportunity to reach out to God.

Such experiences enable us be more sensitive and caring toward others in their trials. These kinds of crises also present some beautiful witnessing opportunities. I want to encourage our ASI family to reach out to those that are hurting; those that need a word of encouragement or pat on the back. May God fill our hearts with His love and compassion for both those who know Him as well as those haven't yet had privilege of knowing Jesus.

May God bless you as you read this issue of *Inside ASI* entitled "I Will Never Leave You." May we be comforted in our own hearts so that we are enabled to share Christ more effectively.

I will NEVER LEAVE YOU

BY BRENDA PALMER

This is the emergency room in Amarillo, Texas. There has been an accident and your husband was air-lifted to our hospital.” Somehow the last words penetrated my sleep and suddenly I was terribly awake.

A year ago, in September, Brent was measuring a construction job in Texas when he hit a landscape timber going 70 miles an hour on Interstate 10. Seven cars were involved. No one was hurt, but our car was totaled.

Later, in January, when his crew went to install the Texas job, a teenager hit his truck broadside, spun them through a fence and into a house. Again, no one was badly hurt, but our truck was totaled.

In May, making a Friday town run, Brent was hit by an intoxicated driver. That Sabbath afternoon I had a long talk with God. “Why? Is this just a coincidence or is something

bigger going on?” I struggled as I walked and prayed. Finally, I felt at peace. “He’s in My hands. Whatever happens, I will be with you always.”

It was the morning of June 23. Now, reality kicked in. This was for real. My life had changed. Forever? No! I was so thrilled when the nurse passed the phone to Brent and he assured me he was alive, though badly hurt. God’s promise is tangible! “I will be with you always.”

Brent had been driving I-40 westbound through the night to check on an Arizona job. He enjoys night driving and had just refreshed himself by napping at a rest area. The right lane was rough, so, given it was open country, he shifted to the left lane. Eventually he noticed a truck coming up fast in his rear view mirror. The truck’s speed dictated that it was safer to let the trucker keep the right lane. Unbeknownst to him, a young mother had mistakenly gotten on the interstate going East in the Westbound lane. Her long drive intersected his, just as he was dealing with the trucker passing him.

As I drove the 12 hours to Amarillo, I was at peace. Our Adventist and ASI families are a wonderful community. Thank you to each of you who called and prayed with us. You were and are such an encouragement.

We spent 15 days in hospitals, before Brent was stable enough to travel. That meant an incredible 15-hour am-



Brenda Palmer is manager of Palmer Handrail & Custom Millwork. Brenda and Brent 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 ASI’s VP for finance.

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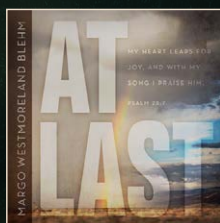
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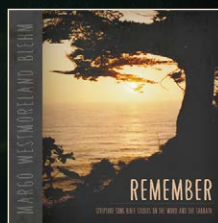
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balance transport, and then—we were all alone. I'm sure the Texas hospital would never have released him if they'd known it would take nearly a week before home health visitation was in place. But God's promise is sure. "I will be with you always."

I've found that in home nursing it takes all day to do nothing! It takes hours to get up and around. By then therapists come in. Somehow you are supposed to squeeze in errands. Maybe I could catch an hour in the office by 4:00 in the afternoon. And maybe I wouldn't. And then there are the hours it takes to get settled down for the night.

During this time, God took charge of the business. Despite the blessing of an empty workload, all the bills were paid. I'm in awe of how the God who runs an entire universe looks down and adjusts my life.

By mid-November, we were able to switch from home health visits to outpatient rehabilitation. By the end of the year, we hope that the right leg will have healed sufficiently for weight bearing. Weight bearing! That's the magic word! It means that you can learn to walk again!

I don't know all the whys for that night, but I know that God was there. He held the young mother as she breathed her last, and pledged to take care of her loved ones. He held

Brent as his truck caught fire, and made it plain that He had further work for him in sharing Christ in the marketplace. He took over our lives and promised that He would see us through. He'd manage our cash flow. He'd cover our medical bills. He'd reschedule our work. He'd take care of the teachers we were helping in Haiti. He'd take over our responsibilities. And as a special gift, we'd be able to spend time together; time that running a construction business seldom permits.

It's been a journey and it isn't over yet. But no matter what happens, I will remember God's promise: "I will be with you always."

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID OR TERRIFIED BECAUSE OF THEM, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD GOES WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

(Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV)

Reach YOUR WORLD

BY TONY MOORE



Tony Moore has been a committed follower of Jesus since 1972, when he was converted at a Rolling Stones concert in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has served as a Bible instructor, church planter, and pastor. In 2004 he launched The Biblical World, a media ministry dedicated to creating fresh witnessing materials, including *The Footsteps of Paul* and *Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus*. He enjoys teaching about the Bible lands on location and lives in Southern California with his wife, Helen.

For the past fourteen years The Biblical World has had a booth at the International ASI Convention. My wife Helen, Patti Swensen, a volunteer, and I look forward each year to the opportunity to share how to use Biblical World materials in evangelism and small groups. The hours can be long, but the reward is always great.

This year we came directly from exhibiting at the Mid-America Union pastor's retreat in Omaha, Nebraska, to Houston. After a full week of exhibiting we were tired and had just wrapped up a long Thursday evening when I got a text message from my good friend, Dan Houghton: "Are you still around tonight? If you are, I need to talk with you."

I thought, It is after 11 p.m., I am tired and still have a long walk to the JW Marriott. What has happened that he needs to talk with me at this hour? Something must be wrong.

When we met that evening, Dan shared how the nominating committee had come to a consensus to ask me to serve as the ASI VP for evangelism. I was shocked—it was the last thing I expected to hear from Dan. I immediately thought, *I am working on so many new projects, and my nose is barely above the water line. I don't have time for this.*

But as Dan shared how the nominating committee decision unfolded, I could feel the Holy Spirit nudging me. Then another friend I had spoken with earlier that evening called and explained why he thought I should be involved.

Dan asked me to talk with Helen and pray about this in-

itation. Walking to the Marriott that night I had a long "conversation" with the Lord about this situation. I must confess that it was mostly complaining on my part. "Lord, you know we are just starting a new film project," I said. "I am researching and writing, and getting ready to leave for filming in the Bible lands. I can't do this."

Then the Lord reminded me of how I often complain that people go around the world to witness, but don't feel comfortable witnessing to their neighbors, patients, or customers. "Tony, this is your opportunity to help ASI develop tools so that each member can feel comfortable sharing the Good News with the people living in *their* world."

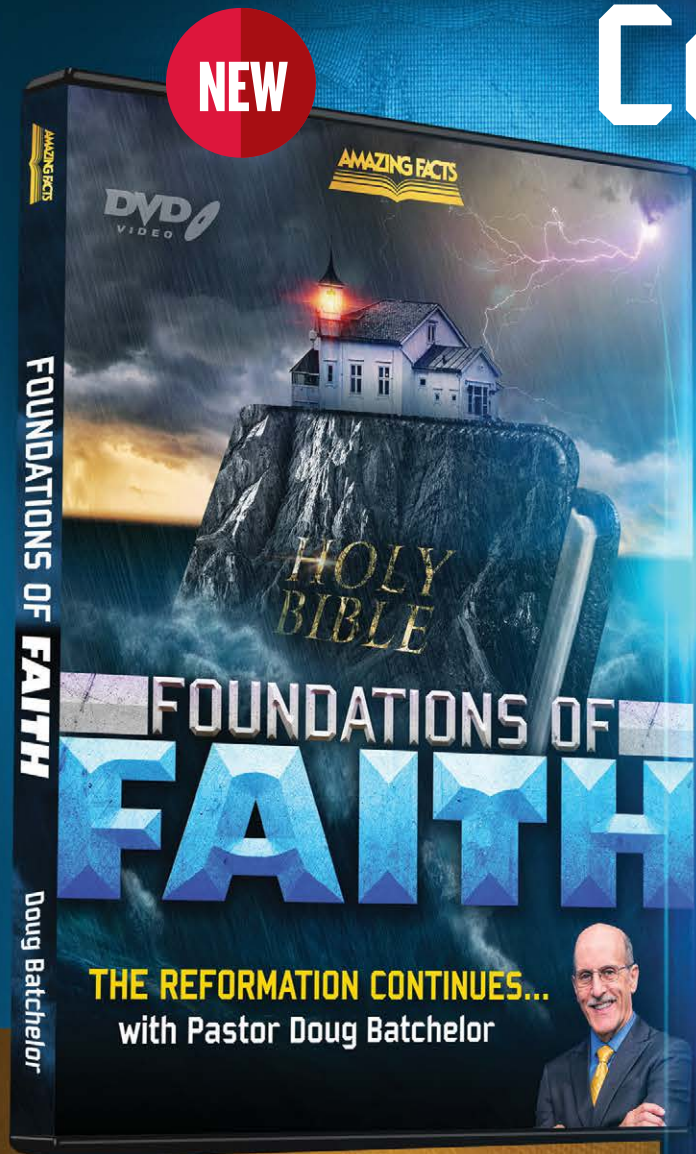
By the time I reached the Marriott, I was convinced that this was truly a God opportunity. After working out a few details, we accepted the invitation and look forward to working with our committees and chapters to develop and implement tools so that each member can impact their neighborhood.

My heart is touched each year as I listen to the reports on Sabbath morning concerning how and where our offerings will be used. This year tears moistened my eyes as I listened to the report about how the picture roll project would provide tools for members to penetrate areas of the world that do not have electricity. I increased my offering commitment and pray that each picture roll will help the fulfillment of the mission of the first angel of Revelation 14 flying in mid-air with "the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people" (Revelation 14:6).

But this mission includes more than just places that do not have electricity. It is every nation, including the United States and Canada. Every tribe, including the educated and less educated, wealthy and poor. Every language, including English, French, and Spanish. And every people, including our neighbors, customers, and patients.

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A Healing TOUCH

BY ALVIN TRACE

In the age of social media, when a family is all gathered in one space—not to talk, but to all be on various electronic devices—and when husbands and wives text each other from one area of the house to another, what role does touch play? Can massage play a role in a society of silent communicators, who rarely make eye contact, much less touch each other? The importance of touch has been known for centuries; yet in what is considered to be an enlightened age, it is used less now than ever.

The Great Physician used touch to bring healing to people. But was that just a symbolic act, an act of kindness, or did the touch itself play a role in transmitting healing? I cannot answer that question. But I do believe we are to imitate Christ. So if He touched people, then so should we. Recent studies have also shown touch can improve health by helping to lower blood pressure, reduce migraines, and lower blood sugar in diabetics, just to name a few. Studies done at the University of Virginia, the Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Stanford University, and the Cleveland Clinic all show that touch has a positive influence on healing.

At the Black Hills School of Massage, it's our desire to train men and women to not only bring healing through massage, but to share the Good News of the gospel with those in pain. We believe that the gift of touch is a talent given by God, and one He expects us to develop and use just as much as the talent to preach or teach. Consider the following: "However small your talent, God has a place for it. That one talent, wisely used, will accomplish its appointed work. By faithfulness in little duties, we are to work on the plan of addition, and God will work on the plan of multiplication. These littles will become the precious influences in His work. Thus, through the right use of our talents, we may link ourselves by a golden chain to the higher world. This is true sanctification: for sanctification consists in the cheerful performance of daily duties in perfect obedience to the will of God" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 360).

Black Hills School of Massage is the only Adventist massage school in the US. It is one of a few faith-based schools that

does not teach New Age concepts but seeks to uplift God's plan for health and healing and teach ministry along with massage.

My wife had a client in a spa where we sometimes work who came from a very abusive relationship. During the massage, she shared a lot of personal information with Bren, including the fact that she lived in a small town and had little support. Bren asked her if she had any belief in God or support from a local church. She had neither.

I have had clients from preachers to extreme sports fanatics and people battling issues they have had for years. Of course, I find it rewarding to have someone say they are pain free for the first time in weeks or that they are very relaxed. But it is sharing both health and spiritual principles that I find most fulfilling.

As the director of a massage school, I am doubly blessed to develop relationships with clients as well as with our students. I enjoy hearing how they are touching lives in their work and am honored to reconnect with them after they graduate, as we did just recently with one of our students during a layover in Tokyo on our way to Vietnam.

Though we strive to help our students develop a deeper relationship with Christ, they often teach me more than I think I am teaching them. Their enthusiasm is contagious and ignites fires wherever we take them to offer chair massage in public gatherings. On campus and in our local church, they bring that same fire and enthusiasm.

What a privilege to be involved in the daily work of helping others attain healing while linking "ourselves by a golden chain to the higher world."



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A man with short brown hair and a light beard, wearing a blue button-down shirt, is speaking into a silver microphone at a podium. His right hand is on the microphone, and his left hand is raised in an open gesture. The background is a blurred indoor setting with green plants and blue lighting.

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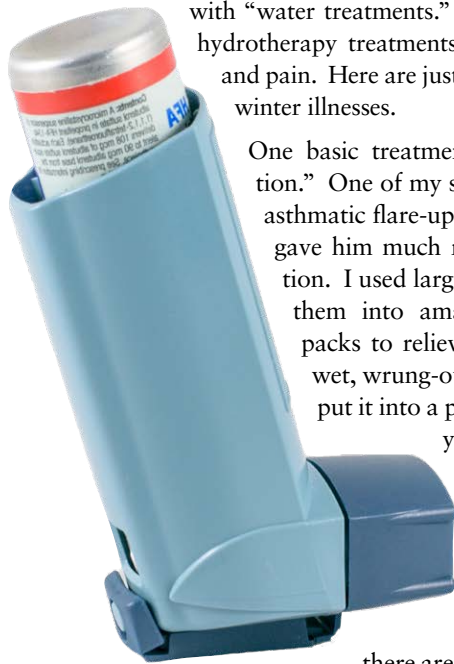
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GOT CONGESTION?

BY SILVIA SALDAÑA

Never fear...winter is here...and it's loaded with potential colds and flu bugs. Should you catch one of these nasty bugs and become an unhappy sufferer of chest congestion, I'd like to share a wonderful water remedy called hydrotherapy. "Hydro" means water and "therapy" means treatment, so hydrotherapy has to do with "water treatments." There is a vast array of hydrotherapy treatments that can relieve disease and pain. Here are just a few that may help beat winter illnesses.



One basic treatment is the "hot fomentation." One of my sons suffered from severe asthmatic flare-ups and these fomentations gave him much relief from chest congestion. I used large bath towels and turned them into amazing hot steamy chest packs to relieve his wheezing. Take a wet, wrung-out bath towel, fold it and put it into a plastic bag and pop it into your microwave for about five minutes. Carefully place the hot steamy towel inside a dry towel, and put it cautiously on the person's chest, making sure there are at least three folds of dry towel so you do not burn the skin.

Wait three minutes, take off the hot pack and briskly rub the skin with an ice cold wash cloth for 30 seconds. Do this three times: A hot pack for three minutes and a brisk cold

rub for 30 seconds, ending with cold. To keep the heat in longer, it's better to use wool covering instead of a dry towel to wrap up your hot fomentation. You can use a wool army blanket that has been cut into fourths and put a dry towel between the skin and the wool fomentation.

Another good treatment for chest congestion or coughing is a heat compress. You start with a cold, wet and wrung-out, cotton sleeveless T-shirt. Slip it on the person's bare chest and using safety pins, fold and pin the extra material against the body so that the T-shirt becomes very tight and snug to the chest and back. Next, take a clean garbage bag, turn it upside down and cut holes to fit the head and arms. Place this over the wet T-shirt and again pin tightly to the skin with safety pins. The goal is to avoid any air spaces, so the body's natural warming effect can take place to heat the compress. The last layer is a warm flannel-type long-sleeved garment, buttoned up and snugly worn to bed all night. The cold compress will become warm within minutes; this is why it is called a heat compress. To finish the treatment in the morning, take off the compress and rub the chest and back area with a cold, wet cloth. This heat compress helps to relieve cough and congestion. You may also use the same remedy for a sore throat. Wrap the throat with a damp cotton cloth, long enough to complete the circle around the neck. Cover this cloth with plastic wrap at least ½ inch over the width of the cloth, and then put a dry wool sock or cloth over both of these and pin with a safety pin. Leave this on for 12 hours or overnight. When you take the compress off, rub the neck with a cold, wet cloth to end the treatment.

These simple treatments will bring health and strength to your body.

"BELOVED, I WISH THAT YOU MAY PROSPER IN ALL THINGS AND BE IN HEALTH, JUST AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS"

(3 John 2)



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BY AMY PRINDLE

OVERCOMING **EVIL** WITH **GOOD** ONLINE

If you have Googled “Adventist” or “Ellen White” in the past several years, chances are you’ve noticed websites, articles, blog posts, or discussions that make fervent yet inaccurate statements about the Adventist Church. Much of this content can be downright derogatory—and these “grudge websites” often show up on the top of the first page of search results.

You may have a friend or relative who was curious about Adventism, perhaps even studying the fundamental beliefs until they came across troubling or confusing content on the Internet that caused them to discontinue their study. According to several Adventist evangelists, this phenomenon is not uncommon—and it could be hindering the top-notch evangelistic efforts of every ASI member. We may well have lost many seekers before we even get to meet them.

The Center for Online Evangelism realizes the urgency of this situation, which is responsible for placing stumbling blocks at the feet of countless seekers. So Project Caleb, an initiative of the center, was established to do something about the unfair, inaccurate, inflammatory content marring the Adventist name across the Internet—the online mission field.

The answer lies in a common practice from the business world called Online Reputation Management (ORM). Project Caleb is bringing this practice into the Adventist sphere, where it can do the most good—drowning out inaccurate, unfair, and misleading content by publishing and promoting truthful, inspiring, and helpful content that points upward to our Savior and His soon return.

Most of today’s conversations take place online—on blogs, fo-

Project Caleb aims to go where the people are, strategically sharing content that answers common questions, addresses common misconceptions, and tells the story of hope that is the heart of Seventh-day Adventism.

This may sound simple, but significant precautions must be taken. Existing negative websites have to be studied carefully, without adding “hits” to their activity. Attempting to interact directly with these websites is also not recommended, as they are more likely to become provoked and continue their negative content rather than listen to reason. Furthermore, for the new content to rank on page one of search results, it has to be original (not copied from other websites), based on keyword research, and the website it appears on has to be optimized for Google’s algorithms and indexing methods. And this new content has to continue being created regularly, or the search engine visibility plummets.

When ORM is carried out effectively and consistently, however, the negative websites will eventually be pushed down the page of search results and be replaced by the newly-optimized accurate and engaging content.

Project Caleb is launching an Ask-an-Adventist website, crafted to “catch” search engine traffic for common questions about Adventism and lead them toward real answers. Plans are also underway for several other websites, blogs, and social media campaigns with a variety of focuses so as to appeal to the numerous demographics within the online mission field.

In many ways the principles of ORM translate well into our lives as devout Christians. There is much evil in the world, as our enemy is busy—he knows his time is nearly up. It is up to us, as followers of Christ, not to be deterred by the “giants” that stand in our way but to continue forward, in the spirit of Caleb and Joshua. They were not afraid to venture into the Promised Land, staying positive and focused on a God-given goal. It’s time to overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21), going where the people are and freely sharing the Good News of the gospel amid a hurting, confused world.



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BY TOM ISH



Co-editors and publishers Tom, Jennifer, and Melissa Ish have worked together for 25 years at Creation Illustrated Ministries, Inc., with Tom's background in newspapers, Jennifer's background in health

and research, and Melissa's training in graphic design. The ministry team has two goals—first, to provide top quality material that professionals are eager to share, and second, that they cut across denominational lines and attract the unchurched to become a NEW Creation in Christ Jesus while embracing the first angel's message—to worship the Creator of heaven and earth in these last days. Learn more at www.CreationIllustrated.com

Creation Illustrated Ministries enters its 25th year of making it easy to “Share Christ in the Marketplace” through the beauties and truths found in God’s creation. Starting with the recently-published 95th issue of *Creation Illustrated* magazine, some exciting changes make this outreach tool even easier to reach souls in this hurting world.

One major adjustment is removing all outside advertising to help make the whole publication a reprieve from the daily overwhelm. Editor and publisher Tom Ish explains that the magazine will now have an even broader appeal that keeps coming throughout the year, so that more professionals, business owners, hospitals, and ministries can provide this top-quality outreach tool to clients, patients, and community contacts. Some Adventist hospitals, clinics, and lifestyle centers are using it as an outreach to their patients, doctors, and staff. The publishers pray that the reduced advertising revenue will be more than covered by subscriptions to an expanded market, where more souls will receive the first angel’s message—to worship the Creator of heaven and earth—in these last days.

The impact of nature has a lasting effect. A recent report in LiveScience explains how inmates who watched nature documentaries had much less aggression in prisons. Creation Illustrated and Christmas Behind Bars ministries already knew this. They have been partnering for the last five years to send *Creation Illustrated* magazines to some of the 2.3 million incarcerated men and women across the country. Prisoners are surrounded by concrete and steel all day, and the inspiring award-winning nature photography, combined with Bible-based character-building messages, speaks to their hearts of a loving Creator God who can make each of us a new creation in Christ Jesus. The reception has been overwhelming, with many letters of thanks and requests for more issues coming in every week.

Some other new changes and features *Creation Illustrated* has added include more contests to help students and others unplug from electronics and get out in God’s restorative creation. Now each edition includes a new poetry contest for three different age categories, a new coloring contest, which is part of a character-building lesson study by Pastor Terry McComb, and the popular

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photography contest, which is now expanded to three age groups. Tom Ish explains that these new features will help engage the youth more and rescue them from social media. “Reaching our youth and helping them value the messages found in Creation and God’s Word is so vital in these trying times,” he said.

To facilitate this commitment, Creation Illustrated Ministries has sought to reach Adventist students for the past 15 years with the creation message by mailing yearly subscriptions to all 5,000 Adventist teachers and school libraries in the NAD, as well as to all the Adventist self-supporting school teachers and libraries. By partnering with several foundations, donors, and the support of many of NAD conference education departments, all of the dedicated Adventist teachers are able to use *Creation Illustrated* in their classrooms for science, Bible, and language arts studies.

Creation Illustrated stands apart from most other publications available today, in that it is able to help all ASI businesses and ministries reach inside and outside of their organizations with a message from inspired counsel that using nature and creation is the “most effective way to teach non-believers, more than any other method” (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, pp. 186, 187). “All need the teaching to be derived from this source. In itself the beauty of nature leads the soul away from sin and worldly attractions, and toward purity, peace, and God” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 24).

Creation Illustrated Ministries welcomes your prayers and encouragement as it continues to share the message of hope and rest for the weary who need “communion with their own hearts, with nature, and with God” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 58).

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BY STEVE BROMFIELD



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I have a passion for personal ministry, so when I opened my tax and accounting office in 2007, I decided that this was a wonderful opportunity to share with my clients what Jesus has done for me. This led me to think, pray, and ask God what would be the best items to share with my clients. I was impressed that the most beneficial approach is to show a sincere interest in the things that they are concerned about and to share with them some reading materials. So I chose to share the Bible, *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of Ages*, and *Christ's Object Lessons*. Before putting the books into sets, with the help of my daughter, Jade, I prayed for them to be read by my clients and their circle of influence. After getting to know my clients, and if they were comfortable, I would offer some conversation, advice, and prayer. Most people to whom I offer the set of books accept them with appreciation.

This idea to share grew out of an experience I had a few years before, while studying on campus. I was taking classes



at Miami-Dade College and decided to put about a dozen *Steps to Christ* books in my bag. I prayed before leaving home and asked God to allow my path to cross with people who would be open to receive the invitation.

Locating a quiet and secluded spot to study in the upper level of the library, I settled down to study. After about 30 minutes, a young lady came by and seemed to be waiting for a class. I took a break from studying to offer her a *Steps to Christ*. She declined the offer, so I went back to studying while she waited for her class to begin. About 20 minutes later, a crowd of young women and men surrounded the study desk. I looked up and extended the invitation for a *Steps to Christ* to one of the young men and he accepted. Then I extended the invitation again and the next person accepted. By God's grace, I gave away all 12 of the books to everyone except the young lady who received the first invitation.

Over time as my clientele diversified culturally and by language, this list of sharing items was adjusted to include Spanish and French devotionals, based upon the person's preferred language. Interestingly, one lady mentioned that for three years she and her husband had been using the devotional I had given them. Some of my clients are a long distance away and we communicate mostly by telephone and e-mail. Usually after the work is completed and as they get comfortable and share what is going on in their lives, we pray about their concerns, and as the Spirit leads, I offer a gift of a devotional. If they accept, which most have done, I personalize it with a note and mail it to them.

I know that God is blessing them through these items, as they have called and given me feedback from time to time, letting me know that the devotional was a blessing.



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Brian and Jessica Atwell, along with their two young boys, are about to celebrate the grand opening of the first center of influence in Bangkok, Thailand. They have surrendered their lives to build relationships with and reach the Thai people for God. The Thai people place a high value on personal relationships. This is why God has designed this center of influence to meet many needs by connecting people on an emotional, spiritual, and physical level. The Atwells' aim is to create a working ministry model that can be reproduced by the local people, so that the work can go forward in different parts of the city and country. Most Thai Adventists believe ministry means working for a church. The Atwells' goal is to show them that everything they do can be a work for God.

The Atwells often mention the familiar phrase, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." In a city of over 12 million people, where less than one percent are Christian, real effort is being made to show how much they care through practical methods. A focus must be placed on building relationships that gain trust. But establishing these types of relationships can be challenging. There is much work to be done! For the Atwells and others, this may seem impossible, but we all know that with God, nothing is impossible.

The center of influence will be an F5 Challenge Center. The five Fs stand for Faith, Fitness, Fellowship, Fortitude, and Fun. This will give the Thai people a sense of belonging, and as mentioned previously, relationships are very valuable to the Thai people. Hopefully, this will be the first step in connecting them to the family of God.

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The Bangkok center of influence project is focusing on ministering to the Thai people through the avenue of health. The full plan includes establishing a smoothie shop, vegetarian restaurant, classrooms, and a fitness center.

The fitness center will include training on proper exercise techniques, as well as bouldering (a form of rock climbing). Bi-monthly, the Atwells will take groups to various locations throughout the country for rock climbing and camping. Since many of the people in Bangkok have never left their own district, let alone the city, the Atwells want to help the Thai people experience the beauty of God's creation and get a glimpse of Him in it.

The location God provided for the center is 100 meters from the eastern entrance of Ramkhamhaeng University. By enrollment, Ramkhamhaeng University is the twelfth largest university in the world, with an annual enrollment of 525,000 students. This entrance is most used by students and is located nearest to student housing. God clearly opened the door to this location and this encourages Brian and Jessica that they are doing His will. The building was previously a dorm for women and is surrounded by other student housing. There are a variety of street food vendors, but no affordable, sit-down restaurants exist in that area. The only other businesses on this street are Internet gaming shops, beauty salons, and laundromats. It is an ideal location for mingling with the people, as well as operating a financially self-sustaining ministry. The Atwells will be offering some services for free as a support to the community. However, the smoothie shop, restaurant, fitness center, and English tu-

toring will cost a reasonable local fee, allowing the center to support its operating costs within the first two years, according to its budget forecast.

The project has become much larger than the Atwells first envisioned. They have experienced many miracles along this journey, thereby showing that God's ways are bigger than ours! "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). They have learned many lessons along the way about surrendering and trusting God through what seems to be the impossible.

Based on God's leading, and the Atwells' research, they are confident in the success of this establishment. The center of influence will open to the public in the very near future, now that the smoothie shop and restaurant renovation are almost complete. The focus will then be on completing the classrooms and fitness center. The Atwells stand in awe as things are moving forward in ways they thought impossible, and seeing how marvelously God is bringing all this together.



Christina Adams is a home schooling mom to three amazing children, Lilyann, Sarah, and Luke Adams. They have traveled to India and twice to Thailand and Cambodia. They saw the projects and met the people working on the front lines. They saw the great need for more people to go and tell about Jesus' love. Christina works part time at Jesus for Asia in the communications department. She encourages people young and old to get involved in missions and experience the adventure of surrendering 100 percent to Jesus.

The Multitude

THE MASTER, AND THE METHOD

BY DEREK LANE



Derek Lane is an ordained minister, a consultant for the North American Division's Philanthropy for Services and Industries (PSI) Department and is also the vice president for membership for ASI in the Southern Union. He is the owner of the Lane Consulting Group, an agency helping to launch and grow nonprofit organizations. They also provide grant - writing and other resource development workshops for churches, ministries, agencies, and communities throughout the United States.



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There are three things that stand out in this verse, which form the basis and serve as a model for anyone engaged in ministry centered around the theme of Lifting Him Up. Every believer who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives is a minister of reconciliation. Ministry is not limited to pastoring a church, or preaching, or teaching, or involvement in a leadership capacity in a local church. Ministry is what each believer is called to do. God has gifted His body to exercise their talents for the upbuilding of His kingdom. And the Master has not left us without a method to reach the multitude.

This verse provides the foundation on which to build an effective, life-changing ministry in whatever capacity in which we happen to serve. Notice carefully the three actions Jesus executed as He "went out." The text begins with "He saw a great multitude..." As we engage in ministry for the Master, what do we see? Jesus saw people and not problems. He saw a chance for exhortation and not exploitation. He saw a convenient opportunity to meet the needs of others. Again, when we engage in ministry, what do we see? Jesus saw a multitude who were hurting, helpless, and in need of a healing touch and a word of hope.

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He not only saw the multitude, but He was “moved with compassion” by what He saw. As believers, are we moved by the needs of the multitude? Does our heart go out to the hurting and the hopeless? Experiencing a heart for the hurting and a genuine love for people is essential to effective ministry for the Master. And the multitude has a way of sensing authentic, genuine ministry when it happens. They may not be able to define it or articulate it, but they know it when it is experienced. They saw it in the life and ministry of Jesus. The question today is, Do they see it in you? Jesus didn’t just minister on a cerebral, intellectual, or rational level, He engaged His whole being in ministry. He ministered on an emotional level, as well. He “felt ” our pain. He was “touched with the feeling of our infirmities” and was “moved with compassion.” True ministry for the Master involves wholehearted service, with nothing held back. This is the method Jesus has laid out by His own example. Effective ministry for the Master involves seeing the multitude and being moved with compassion toward them.

But not only does effective, life-changing ministry involve the ability to see and feel the needs of the multitude, it also involves the sense of touch. It involves the ability to reach out, to touch, to heal in His name. Real ministry rallies all of the senses to action. We must see them, feel them, and touch them. The text says that “He healed their sick.” The Greek term “healed” is *therapeuo*, from which we get the transliterated English equivalent “therapy.” Jesus is the Great Physi-

cian and a Balm in Gilead and He knows how to minister to our every need. He has a therapeutic touch, a healing hand. What do people experience after we come in contact with them? How do they feel when we lift Him up ? Do they go away feeling better or bitter? Battered or believing? Assaulted or accepted? Victorious or vandalized? Consecrated or manipulated? Effective ministry manifests itself in transformed lives. It produces an eager multitude yearning for more of the life-giving power which flows from the hands of the Master.

Are we committed to seeing people the way Jesus sees them? Are we willing to extend a heart of compassion toward them? Are we willing to reach out, in His name, and through sacrificial service facilitate healing and restoration in their lives? May our prayer today be to follow the Master’s methods as we minister to the multitude in His name.

**“AND WHEN JESUS WENT OUT HE SAW
A GREAT MULTITUDE; AND HE WAS
MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THEM,
AND HEALED THEIR SICK”**

(Matthew 14:14, NKJV)



Expensive FAITH

BY MICHAEL DANT

There is very little in the Christian life more important—or more costly—than faith. Scripture tells us that the “righteous man shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17) because “without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6) and “whatever is not from faith is sin” (Romans 14:23). Jesus frequently proclaimed the profound importance of faith by saying such things as, “Your faith has made you well” (Mark 5:34), “Your faith has saved you” (Luke 7:50), and even the somewhat scary truth that “It shall be done to you according to your faith” (Matthew 9:29).

Faith is a critical element of the life-changing love relationship with Jesus. And yet faith is too expensive for most people. Only the truly poor can afford it. No wonder Jesus asks, “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8).

Christ highlights this expensive faith in the third chapter of Revelation when He implores His end-time people to “buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich.” This purified gold “is faith that works by love” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 158). Such faith can only come from God, and it can only be purchased at great cost.

But why is faith so expensive and what is the currency of heaven? The answer can be found in the simple question, If God is the Author and Finisher of my faith, then whose fault is it if I lack faith?

This question has intrigued me because the Bible clearly teaches that faith comes only from God. Faith is both a fruit of the Spirit and a gift of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22, 1 Corinthians 12:9). Only God can create faith in me, only He can grow it, and only He can complete it. So whose fault is it if I lack faith?

The answer, of course, is that the fault is entirely mine. God has both the power and the all-consuming desire to give me great faith. But all too often, I am not willing to pay the price.

And what is the cost of the “free gift”? It is everything—everything I have, everything I want, everything I choose, everything I am, and everything I wish to be. The cost of all God’s most precious gifts is the same. It is radical, all-or-nothing consecration to God and His service. It is giving up on my life, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).

Ellen White, speaking of this expensive free gift, proclaims that Jesus “is a gift, but only to those who give themselves, soul, body, and spirit, to Him without reserve. We are to give ourselves to Christ, to live a life of willing obedience to all His requirements. All that we are, all the talents and capabilities we possess, are the Lord’s, to be consecrated to His service. When we thus give ourselves wholly to Him, Christ, with all the treasures of heaven, gives Himself to us. We obtain the pearl of great price” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 116).

“When we thus give ourselves wholly to Him, Christ, with all the treasures of heaven, gives Himself to us.” What a concept! But how do we give ourselves wholly to God, in practical terms? The currency of heaven comes down to choices. Choices are our God-given power. By our choices we open ourselves to Him and decide what God gets to do in our lives. And by our choices we can so easily stop the Almighty God in His tracks as He battles to bless us. By our daily choices we decide if God gets to be the Author and Finisher our faith.

The cost of great faith is wholehearted, unreserved consecration of our choices to God. In order to have faith, there are three things that we must believe with both our minds and our hearts: that God exists and has the power to help us, that He longs to do so, and that we are letting Him have His way. Only God can do it, but only you and I can let Him.

Do we want large faith? We can have it! It is one of God’s greatest free gifts—a gift that costs everything. Are we willing to pay the price? The choice is ours.



Michael Dant is an embedded computer engineer who is excited about helping students enjoy the challenge and satisfaction of solving real-world problems using computer technology. After receiving his master’s degree in software engineering from Andrews University, Michael served as a missionary in Jamaica for six years and then returned to do some further graduate work in the area of artificial intelligence, which explains his interest in the fields of artificial intelligence, robotics, machine learning, and machine vision. Michael loves the Lord and is always looking for new ways to understand and share God’s incredible love for every man, woman, and child on this planet.

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REACHING THE SECULAR WORLD

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BY CARLOS PARDEIRO



Carlos Pardeiro is the president/CEO and founder of Safe TV®. Since 1995 the mission of Safe TV® has been to reach the secular world for Jesus Christ. He and his wife, Nancy, are also the owners of NC Productions, a video and music publishing house. Carlos Pardeiro has been working in television since age 15 and is an accomplished classical guitarist and composer. Since 1975 Carlos and Nancy have dedicated their lives to the service of our church. They are the proud parents of four children and ten grandchildren.



Native Dancers, Jamie and Sharon Johns

Since 1995, Safe TV® has been airing programming designed to reach the secular world for Jesus. It has been the dream, the vision, and the mission God impressed on my heart from the beginning of my Christian walk, but finally flourished with the creation of Safe TV®. Since the day of our baptism over 40 years ago, my wife, Nancy, and I recognized that we stepped out of darkness into His marvelous light. Yet, we felt and still feel compelled to reach out to those we left behind on the trail of life.

One of our most inspiring gems of thought is a familiar quote from Ellen White that we found in *The Ministry of Healing* shortly after our baptism. It says, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’” Since then, “Christ’s method” has been the rule of thumb for everything we do in our lives. God the Father shows His love toward us in that “While we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us.” What an amazing love! How can we ever keep it to ourselves? What a privilege we have as Christians and as engaged and active lay members of such an inspiring organization as ASI.

Interestingly, we first became acquainted with ASI when living on the island of Kauai in the early 1970s. We were invited by Paul Damazo to provide special music for an ASI convention held there. What an inspiration Paul and this event were for us, as well as the many other dedicated leaders who have guided us all along ever since.

Safe TV® is now a global television ministry that has a potential audience of well over 900 million viewers. New technology has made it possible for us to expand quickly throughout the world. In fact, we recently opened our sister channel, SafeTV4U2, which includes two VOD (video on demand) options. This allows us to provide our viewers with the opportunity to see our very own productions, such as *Purely Music*, *Native New Day*, *Native New Health* and much more. One amazing result of these productions has been the support we have received from the broadcasting industry. As of this writing, we have been recognized and

honored with over 55 national and international awards, including four Emmy nominations from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, a rare distinction given to a Christian organization such as ours. Also, we have been favored by political leaders, such as former Arkansas governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, and other governors, with over 20 years of proclamations for Safe TV® Day in our state. We are now pursuing a Congressional Safe TV® Day for America.

While we do appreciate the recognition and honors given to Safe TV® and its unique programming productions and lineup, there is nothing more important to us than to learn of souls who have been impacted by the programs we produce. A point in case is the hundreds of baptisms that our *Native New Day* series has brought throughout the North American Division. The North Pacific Union Native Ministries Department, under the direction of Monte Church, who is the “storyteller” of this series, has confirmed amazing results within the Native American communities. We praise the Lord for His leading in this and other endeavors that Safe TV® has had a part in producing.

I could not close this article without expressing my deepest appreciation to the many special God-appointed partners in faith who have made it possible for Safe TV® to exist and continue to grow. It is truly humbling and exhilarating to know that we all have a part to play in God's master plan of reaching the world for Jesus. You, too, are invited to partner with us in this sacred adventure through your prayers and gifts. Also, the consecrated and dedicated team of those we are privileged to have at Safe TV® gives us the strength and impetus to move forward, always forward in service to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

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Speakers: Dr. John Kelly, Peter Neri, John Scott

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Speakers: Bob Cunniff, CA Murray, Norm McNulty



BY HEIDI REINECKE

Gina Mendoza¹ hasn't always been an Adventist. "I knew about the church because of my father," Gina says with a smile. "You see, he was raised an Adventist, but as a young man he abandoned his beliefs. My aunts and uncles remained faithful—but not Papa. He married a pretty Catholic girl and settled down to live his life apart from God."

As time went on, Paulo and Nita Mendoza first welcomed Gina, and then May into their family. The girls grew up on a large island in the Philippines, enjoying a happy home life and everything life had to offer. And none of them troubled themselves about religion.

Then, when Gina was a senior in high school, a package arrived at the Mendoza home. It was postmarked Australia and contained a large stack of *Young Disciple* magazines, sent by Gina's Aunt Melissa and Uncle Greg. "We had never seen anything like it before. May and I loved those magazines," Gina remembers. "The stories drew us in and the Bible lessons made Jesus seem so real to both of us. We read them whenever we had a free moment, at home or at school."

As the months passed, the silent witness in the Mendoza home preached a message of hope and life to the girls. Both Gina and May grew to love the Bible and its Author, Jesus Christ. The religion they found in the *Young Disciple* lessons was straight from the Bible—and it was so different from

any other faith they could see practiced in their community.

Just before Gina's high school graduation, her father pulled her aside. "I can see, Gina, the direction your life is taking," he said tenderly, "and it puts me in mind of my own childhood and my godly parents. You are so much happier, now that you have found Christ. I do not want you to go to the public university. There you will find nothing to help you in this new faith." Then Paulo told Gina about the Central Philippine Adventist College in Negros.

Doors opened and in the fall, Gina enrolled at the Adventist college. She remembers her first Sabbath in the Adventist church very clearly. "It was the most memorable moment in my life. Everyone was singing hymns together, and their faces were shining. I had never been so moved in all my life. It could only have been the presence of the Holy Spirit."

While at college, Gina made the decision for Christ and was baptized. Some time later, a Bible worker visited the Mendoza home and began studying with May. She, too, accepted Jesus as her Savior.

Gina will smile through a few happy tears as she remembers what came next. "May and I were so happy in Jesus—and it got Mama and Papa's attention. Papa began to remember everything he had forgotten. Mama was also convicted that what we shared with her was the truth. Both of them began to ask questions and to search their Bibles.



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“Then some missionaries came to our town and held an evangelistic series. Mama and Papa were ready then—and to our joy, they both accepted Jesus and were baptized.”

Such rejoicing filled the Mendoza home! But a shadow was to fall.

“A few months later, Papa was rushed to the hospital after he had a fainting spell. They examined him and returned shaking their heads—diabetes had put his kidneys into failure. They explained they could do nothing, that it was too late. And so we took Papa home to die.”

Those moments were some of the darkest of Gina’s young life. She loved her father, and watching him suffer and slowly slip away brought with it a great temptation: to throw out her faith, to give up on God, and sink into despair.

Three months after the diagnosis, Paulo Mendoza quietly fell asleep in his home, surrounded by his tearful family. But the

abyss of despair was not to claim his loved ones. “We needed to keep going,” Gina says. “We saw that only in Christ would we have strength. We had nothing to fear—Papa had died in the Lord. One day we would see him again. So we picked up and went back to our lives, trusting in Christ to carry us through.”

And Jesus did. Gina graduated from college and spent a year doing student missionary work in another part of the Philippines. May went on to marry an Adventist pastor. Both young ladies are still on fire for the Lord—and they can trace it all back to one little parcel full of *Young Disciple* magazines, sent by loving hands from across the sea.

¹This summer at the ASI National Convention, part of the offering went to help sponsor part of the cost of sending *Young Disciple* magazines to more young people like Gina and May. Please pray for these magazines and the young people who will be receiving them. Names have been changed.



Since the first *Young Disciple* magazines rolled off the press in 1992, the ministry has steadily grown. Once a small publishing project, its sphere has enlarged to include youth camps, mission trips, music and video production, and much more.



The funds that AudioVerse received from ASI went toward the development and launch of AudioVerse Advance (avadvance.org), a brand new online Bible training school. We believe that there are thousands of faithful Adventists longing to utilize their abilities in the Lord's service, but they simply lack the training. Yet, due to circumstances, many of these people simply are not able to travel to a physical training center. Thus, AudioVerse Advance was created to provide world-class Bible training to anyone in the world. The affordable online courses can be taken by individuals at their own pace, conveniently, wherever they can find access to a computer and Internet connection.

The ASI funds were crucial in allowing the new website to be built and for the first batch of courses to be produced

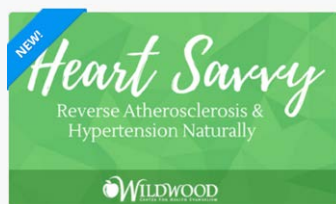
for launch. Our initial content partner was The Emmanuel Institute of Evangelism, an evangelism training school of the Michigan Conference. And we had two courses available on launch day: Evangelism 101 and Personal Evangelism. To date, over 600 students have enrolled in the six courses we now have available (with more on the way).

Further details on the project are included below in this report. But on behalf of the AudioVerse team as well as all our users, we wish to express a big word of thanks to the ASI family for the support in bringing this project to fruition. We pray that the effect of AudioVerse Advance will be multiplied by the Holy Spirit to bring the gospel to the whole world in this Generation.



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Student Testimonies

Joy

I wish to express my grateful thanks to have been able to have participated in this course, and [for] the work that has been done to make it available on the Internet. Some of the ideas I had heard from individual sermons before, but this program has coordinated it all together as one whole, and really it's Jesus the REDEEMER that has made this possible. AMEN.

Helene

This was a very interesting study. It definitely piques the interest and sparks the flame of evangelism. The lectures, though short, were very powerful and I love how they used the Bible to explain the mission of the church. I definitely will be enrolling in the other courses. May God continue to bless this ministry as they help to prepare labourers for the harvest.

Jennifer

Hi! My name is Jennifer, and I've been meaning to begin this course for a few months. I knew I HAD TO when my pastor asked me to have baptismal studies with a lady who has been attending church for several months. Now that one-person study has turned into two group studies! What a blessing! I pray that completing this course will enhance the studies I will be leading.

Andra

This course is very much needed. It did two things for me. It opened my eyes to a new understanding of the early church, even while reinforcing the importance of personal evangelism in my life. This definitely needs to be shared with more people.



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Sharing Christ THROUGH REAL ESTATE

BY PETR VOMASTEK

The ministry of Maranatha Volunteers International has substantially influenced my life. Thanks to this ministry I have developed a closer relationship with Jesus and have learned to live more in harmony with the teachings of the Bible.

I was introduced to Maranatha for the first time through Radim Passer, who regularly speaks for an organization known as PrimeNET. I found his presentation interesting, not only because I work in real estate, but also because of the phenomenal reputation Radim Passer has for being a businessman of strong character. After the presentation I spoke with the director of Maranatha, Tomas Chmel, who happened to invite me to his church in Štětkovice/Sedlčany.

Until this point I did not know much about the Adventist Church. I was curious about the church simply because of the speeches that Radim Passer and Otakar Jiráček had given for PrimeNET. And I was struck by the strong faith of both businessmen and by their deep knowledge of the Bible. When I heard them speak about the day of rest I was deeply moved. Even though I had become a Christian six years before, I was not keeping the Sabbath and had often spent the day of rest in gainful enterprise.

After I overcame my uneasiness about visiting the Adventist Church and attended the worship service in Sedčany, I fell in love with this congregation. They were very friendly, welcoming, and showed a genuine interest in newcomers. I was captivated by the Sabbath School, which was a source of real spiritual food—something that I had been in search of for years, but never found.

Soon I found myself fellowshipping at the church in Michle, where, after a year and a half, I became a member. Baptism is an important celebration in the Adventist Church and so, on my 36th birthday, I experienced my second baptism. This baptism was not only a confirmation of my covenant with God, but also a witness to my friends and clients, who were willing to be there and witness this important moment in my life.

Since 2015 I have attended dozens of Maranatha programs: The Creation series by Libor Votoček; Your Hope, and Jesus—Hope for the Rich and Famous, both presented by Radim Passer; and many others. Even though I consider myself a very tough and critical listener, I can sincerely say that Maranatha's evangelistic and educational programs are very high quality and quite effective at reaching a modern audience. All of the presentations I heard were mentally invigorating, and often brought me to a new level of awareness. They helped me to establish new convictions and habits that are in harmony with the Bible and God's plan for us.

In August of 2016, at the invitation of Maranatha, I attended the ASI international convention in Phoenix, Arizona. It was my first 10-day "vacation" in over 15 years of work. It was hard for me to be away so long, being the workaholic that I had become. However, I not only enjoyed the conference and fellowship with those attending, but it gave me an opportunity to learn more about the worldwide work of Seventh-day Adventists. I realized that this church is truly led by the Holy Spirit, and that it enables people to experience God's grace in their lives, struggles, and tragedies. Attending the conference and seeing the dedicated work of many broth-

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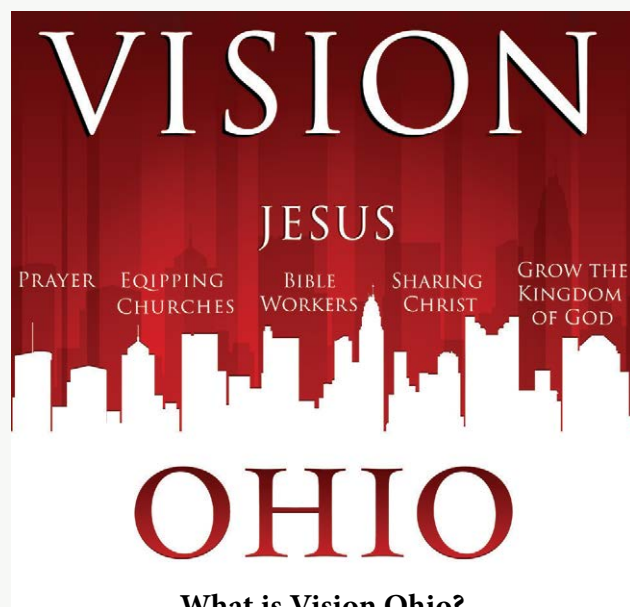
Petr Vomastek

ers and sisters from the Adventist Church impressed me so much, that after returning to Czech I decided to engage in a mission project of my own. I had wanted to accomplish this work for years, but kept putting it off.

Each Sunday, with prayer and fasting, I sat down to write, and in three months I finished my book, entitled *Real Estate Hope*. This book has three basic messages: it is possible to succeed in real estate; success can be attained in an honest way; and our only hope is in Jesus Christ. I also began to take speaking engagements at real estate offices. As of now I have given my presentation to around 800 brokers, and just as many are still waiting to hear it. The ministry of *Real Estate Hope* among brokers of Czech and internationally is a fulfillment of the calling that I took 15 years ago, when I entered the field of real estate. I thank Maranatha for helping me find my new spiritual home in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and that it has supported ministries that seek to encourage spiritual revival among real estate brokers. It is my desire to always be a strong supporter of Maranatha, both financially and through my personal involvement. Nothing would give me greater joy than to see Maranatha bring about spiritual change and revival in the lives of many people in my country, just as it did for me!



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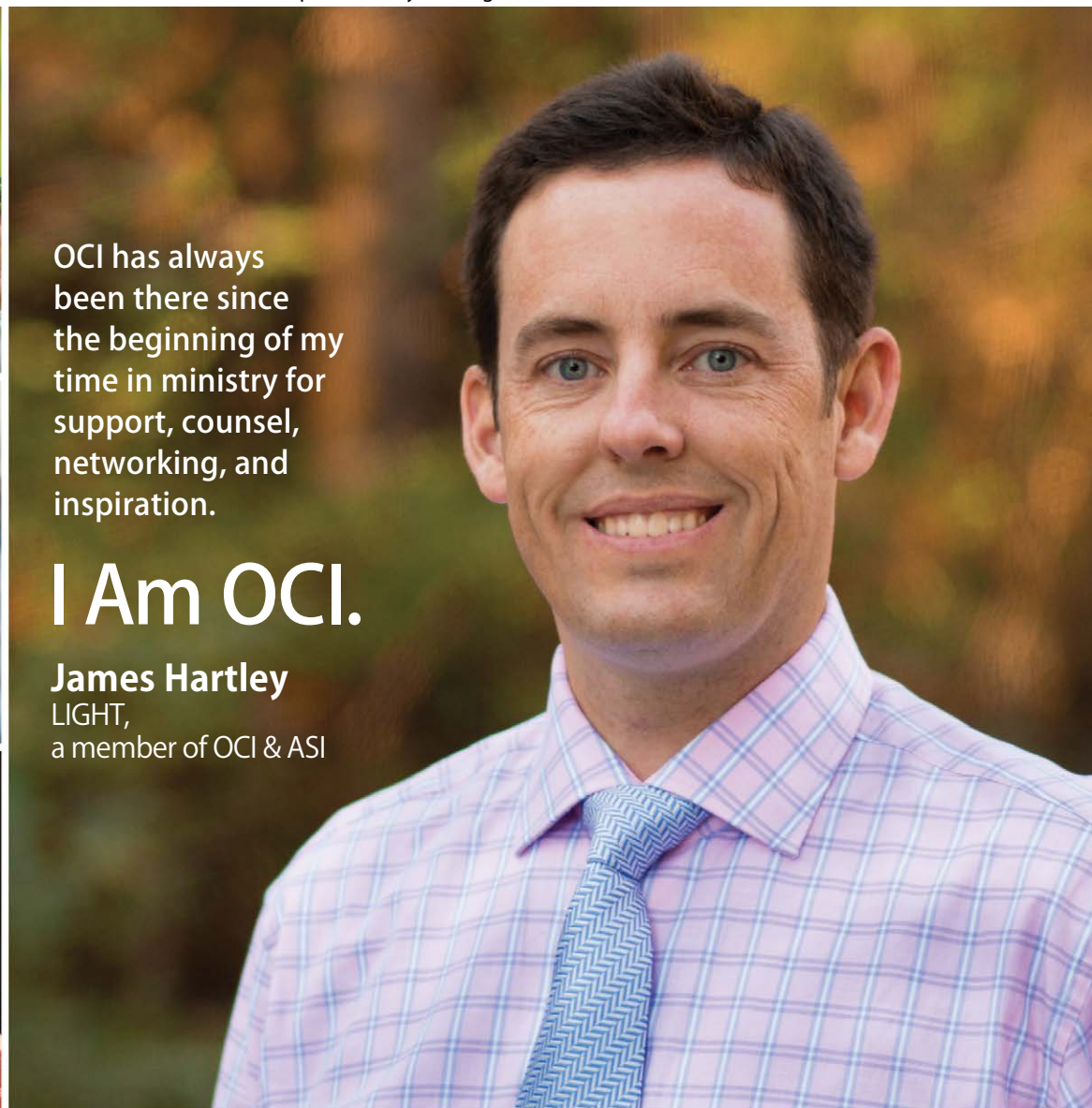


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