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Mission Projects, Inc., an OCI-supported ministry, is partnering with Adventist World Radio and

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Bulletin Board

Don't forget to check our Bulletin Board on the ASI website regularly to see job postings,

http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=a2e29b4e5182623236a3d6e60&id=42b05bd81&ec=9ed24e84a0[4/9/2012 9:23:34 AM]
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**Uchee Pines** has begun a new outreach program called Health@YourDoor. Lifestyle Educator program trainees are knocking on doors in the local community, delivering smiles and a DVD or link to the ministry website. Individuals watch the promotional materials in their own homes, at their own convenience, and the lifestyle educators later follow up to schedule in-home health services such as cooking demonstrations, natural remedies, and health education. "From preliminary results, it is one of the most promising health outreach campaigns our department has conducted in the past few years," says education director Ron Meinhardt.

**AsianAID** received support last fall from Avondale College ministry needs, special events, and other announcements of interest to ASI members.

**2013 Funding Application**

The 2012 special offering projects have already been selected, and the [2013 Funding Application](#) has been posted on the ASI website. Apply early this year!

**Keep Us Informed**

Add us to your email or mailing list so we can highlight your ministry and outreach activities!

**International Children’s Care**

founder Alcyon Fleck received the Charles Weniger Award this year, given annually to individuals who have met the standard of excellence set by Weniger, a much-respected former professor at Pacific Union College and former dean at the Adventist Theological Seminary. The award was established in the 1970s by former California congressman Jerry Pettis, who was one of Weniger’s students. Fleck received the award at a special ceremony held in the Loma Linda University Church and aired on LLBN. It was given in recognition of dedicated service in promoting excellent care for orphaned and abandoned children through ICC’s ministry. Be sure and read this issue’s feature about ICC and its volunteers (above).

**Holbrook Indian School**

Aided by mission-minded volunteers, the *Holbrook Indian School*, which serves Native American young people in Holbrook, Ariz, has used its 2011 ASI project award to complete a classroom and cafeteria. The wood shop classroom will also soon receive a new roof with the help of another group of volunteers. "Thank you again for your generosity in choosing our school for your financial gift," says school principal Janet Claymore-Ross.

**Only His Righteousness**

God’s only hope of securing heaven is not in our perfection but in the gift to us of His own righteousness.
students for the fourth year in a row. Students who participated in the 40-Hour Challenge, organized by student mission club Cosmos, went without hearing, seeing, or talking for 40 hours. Their efforts not only raised awareness of the emotional and physical difficulties faced by individuals with impairments, but also raised more than $500 for AsianAID's Kilegal School for Speech and Hearing Impaired Children in India. "Being mute has shown me the difficulties of not having a voice in society," student Ben Keri scribbled on a notepad during the challenge. "I now realize people in poor communities also have no voice. They are the destitute, and they often experience injustice." AsianAID has offices in Australia and the United States.

Three Angels Deaf Ministries has moved its office from a wing of the Apache Junction (Ariz.) Seventh-day Adventist Church to Greenbelt, Maryland. The ministry equipment and resources are temporarily housed in speaker/director David Trexler's home until a suitable office space can be located in Maryland. Apache Junction church members helped with the packing and loading. Trexler says "the Lord was indeed watching over us and provided us with [the help] we needed" to make the transition as seamless as possible. The 3ADM staff recently attended the March 31 DeafNation Expo in Dallas, Texas, where Trexler also addressed Deaf Adventist members at the Lewisville Seventh-day Adventist Church north of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Divine righteousness kept Christ from yielding to temptation at the cross, and only divine righteousness, appropriated by faith, can keep us when tempted today, and throughout eternity.

Frank Fournier, ASI President in Eden Valley Faith Ventures

I Will Continue

This is God's work...and we are on His timetable. He didn't bring me here for nothing. Many great missionaries, like Judson, Carey and Taylor, worked for most of their lives to open territories and never saw most of the fruit of their work. I have only begun. Following in their footsteps, and in God's strength, I will be patient and continue to fight.

John Holbrook, AFM missionary to Batantan Animists, launched 2011

Integrity is a Safeguard

Leaders are in constant danger of becoming commodities to those they serve, and followers can also become a "means to an end" for the jaded leader. People are never to be "used," even if the ends or cause are honorable. Integrity is a safeguard from the utilitarian bent of our culture.

Paul Hunt, presenter on leadership 2012 ASI Convention, Cincinnati
Calendar

Calendar of ASI national and regional events to come. More...

Events

2012 ASI Southern Union Spring Meeting

Apr 12, 2012 - Apr 14, 2012

2012 Mid-America Regional Convention

Apr 19, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

2012 ASI Atlantic Union Spring Conference

Apr 20, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

2012 ASI Lake Union Spring Meeting

Apr 20, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

2012 ASI North Pacific Union Spring Meeting

Apr 26, 2012 - Apr 28, 2012

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In all, 34 ASI Lake Union group members made the trek to the Dominican Republic where they painted three school buildings, repaired playground equipment, and put a new floor in House Eight. They also purchased new window panes for two of the school buildings and a pressure washer for cleaning the roofs of the children's homes, as well as supplying a new part for the farm tractor, which made it usable once again.

The group gave each of the children a beautifully hand-decorated towel. Samilin, Mayelin's mother and ICC's administrator at Las Palmas, said, "This was a really great group in the way that they related to everyone. They were very respectful and hard workers. They were happy about their visit and said they plan to come again in two years to work on an even bigger project. They would like to work on the sidewalks and the repair of the roads."

Volunteers such as those from the ASI Lake Union chapter are an immeasurable asset to many ministries like ICC. Without the willingness of volunteers, many projects would be left undone due to lack of manpower. "Thanks to all the ASI Lake Union volunteers for their invaluable service to the children of ICC," says ICC's media director Ken Wilson.

Many volunteer opportunities and connections are seemingly stumbled upon when strangers come together and have conversations. Creating such opportunities and fostering those kinds of connections is part of ASI's overall mission. Financial support is important to organizations such as ICC, but the service of volunteers is just as essential.
Visit the **International Children's Care** website.

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