It’s Almost Time...

In less than a month, we’ll gather once again for the annual ASI International Convention—this time in Cincinnati, Ohio. Information about sessions, seminars, programs for children and youth, exhibitors, and this year’s special offering projects is posted on the ASI website. If you haven’t made plans to be at this year's convention, it's not too late!

Personal conviction is at the heart of corporate action. Nowhere is that more evident than at an ASI Convention. Whether presenting on stage or exchanging ideas in the exhibit hall, everyone participates. There are no bystanders. Know for certain that your presence in Cincinnati will make a difference in someone's life.

This issue of ASI Connections includes important announcements (right), as well as ministry and project news (below). Don't forget to check the ASI website regularly for...
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REACH International is a nonprofit, lay-operated organization dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of poor children in developing countries.

Last week, Youth For Jesus participants made their first visits to the Fort Worth area churches where they'll be holding evangelistic meetings. We look forward to seeing you next month in Cincinnati!

**News & Notes**

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**website** to register for the 2012 ASI International Convention, Aug. 8–11, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Online registration is still available. ASI rooms are full at the Hyatt Regency, but you can still get discounted lodging rates at the Millennium Hotel.

**SHARE THE NEWS** about the convention with friends, neighbors, and local congregations. Visit the ASI website to download, print and post convention bulletin inserts (5-1/2” x 8-1/2”), flyers (8-1/2” x 11”) and posters (11” x 17”).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to assist with various aspects of the convention. If you’re a registered attendee, consider volunteering. Volunteers help defray overall convention costs and make the experience richer for everyone! **Apply now!**

**CONVENTION MUSIC:** In addition to the wide variety of music featured during convention sessions, a participatory Early Advent Hymn Sing and other special musical events are planned. Visit the Music & Media page for more information, including a list of musicians who will be participating.

**CREATION MUSEUM DISCOUNT:** You don’t want to miss visiting this special Cincinnati area attraction. The Creation Museum is offering convention attendees a SPECIAL DISCOUNT effective Aug. 6-13, 2012. **COUPON** available to
for the next month. This year, there are 33 youth, 8 speakers, several support staff, and 15 participants from NAPS, a student group from Oakwood University. In addition to preparing for and presenting the meetings, the youth will also attend classes on a variety of spiritual and practical topics, as well as participating in community service projects. The meetings began July 11 at the Mansfield, NW Fort Worth, Crowley, Fort Worth First, and Grace Temple churches, and will continue until right before the ASI International Convention in Cincinnati. First-night attendance included approximately 130 visitors at the various churches. In addition, about 65 kids attended children’s programs. YFJ is a youth-led evangelistic program generally held in the same city as the annual ASI International Convention. This year, the convention venue was changed from Dallas to Cincinnati, but YFJ remained in Texas, where churches had already opened their doors to the program. The ASI-YFJ Baptismal Ceremony will be held on Sabbath, Aug. 4, 2012, at the Fort Worth First Seventh-day Adventist Church. All are invited to attend. The YFJ participants will then be transported to attend the convention August 8–11 in Cincinnati.

Jere and Linda Franklin of You Can Survive spend much of their time on the road giving seminars about world events that point to Christ's imminent return and on how to be ready for the spiritual and practical challenges of earth's last days. They also hold family camps where they teach the art of country living, including how to raise or gather provisions. What many want to hear, however, is the story of their son, Jed, and his healing journey from a burn accident at age 8 that left him with major scarring on his face, hands, and legs. The story was recently published in the book Rainbow in the Flames, written from Linda's viewpoint as Jed's mother.

download and print on the ASI website (or below in this issue).

PRE-CONVENTION FUND-RAISING SEMINAR: There are just a few spots left in this special seminar that will be held just prior to the convention in Cincinnati. For information about the seminar, visit The Fundraising School website. E-mail L. Hernandez to register.

Keep Us Informed

If you notice a union or conference publication news story featuring an ASI member or ministry, please e-mail us so we can mention it in ASI Connections! Identify the issue, story title, and ASI member name in your e-mail.

E-mail announcements about your ministry events or needs so we can post them on the ASI website Bulletin Board.

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

WIN! Wellness
Not only is it a story about God's love in sparing Jed's life and leading him into mission work, but it's also a love story, as God provided Jed with a perfect soul mate, bringing joy and healing to the entire family. He and his wife, Amber, live, work, and share the gospel from Sanctuary Ranch Farms in British Columbia. *Rainbow in the Flames* is available in Adventist Book Centers as well as online. The Franklins will be sharing their story with the Junior Division on Sabbath, Aug. 11, at the upcoming ASI International Convention in Cincinnati. No doubt a few parents will also be listening from the back of the room!

**Rainbow in the Flames**

John and Millie Youngberg report that they have completed seven weeks of WIN! Wellness training in China, Taiwan, and other nearby countries. **WIN! Wellness** was a 2011 ASI special offering project. Project goals included introducing the WIN! Wellness training program to four regions of China plus neighboring countries, training 200 trainers, translating books into 16 languages, and spreading the gospel through small group evangelism. In fact, 329 individuals in China received Level One certification. They will in turn train other trainers in their regions. The Youngbergs emphasize that their project report does not adequately represent the spiritual dimensions of what has been accomplished so far. "We praise God and thank Him," they said.

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I've Made It My Duty

*I have made it my duty and my goal to go back to the place Christ pulled me out of, tell them about the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and save as many souls as I can. It is a wonderful feeling to be following Christ wholeheartedly and surrendering my life to Him to use freely.*

Student, Weimar Academy

*Weimar Today, Summer 2012*
Silence of the Soul

The silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God.

Desire of Ages, p. 363