Sabbath, Aug. 11

Sabbath at the 2012 ASI International Convention was a day of spiritual blessing, a day of fellowship, and a day of goodbyes—until next year. Overall, more than 1800 registered attendees and 200+ exhibitors participated in Cincinnati this year, not to mention the many local guests who came.

Those who rose early each morning to attend Dr. Neil Nedley’s morning devotionals received an extra blessing. In fact, many said his presentations were some of the best and most practical they’d ever heard. Audio links for all of the convention sessions and seminars are now posted on the ASI website. Video links will follow as they become available.

Dr. Phil Mills taught the Sabbath school lesson, “Friends Forever,” and Members in Action testimonies were shared throughout the morning. A life-sized model of a One-Day School appeared onstage to emphasize the successful reach and effectiveness of that project around the world. Shawn Boonstra’s sermon challenged listeners to rethink how God works and whom He uses to accomplish His will. A special projects offering goal had been set of approximately $1.2 million,
but the actual offering topped $1.7 million. These funds will go to support 37 projects around the world over the next year. It's not too late to give. Online donations can be made toward the special projects offering on the ASI website.

The Sabbath afternoon “ASI Presents” program focused on urban evangelism and featured a number of interviews related to outreach in urban settings, as well as music by inSpirit, a men’s chorus from Collegedale, Tennessee. GC president Ted N.C. Wilson also gave a special message on the importance of faithfulness and urban evangelism. Attendance at the afternoon meeting was especially high, due in part to a surge of visitors from the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Steven Grabiner, president of Outpost Centers International, gave the evening vespers presentation.

Of course, none of this communicates the deep spiritual blessing that came from hearing the messages, sharing rich moments of fellowship, and hearing the quiet calling of the Holy Spirit on our hearts to reconsider what we are doing with our lives and why.

ASI is grateful to the many program participants, exhibitors, and volunteers who contributed to the convention this year. Many personal sacrifices were made, contact the office if you are interested. Great for upcoming chapter meetings!

**Join ASI-FaR**

A new special interest group has formed called ASI Farmers and Ranchers. Any ASI member or supporter who is also a farmer or rancher is invited to join this group to network and exchange ideas. E-mail Jesse Johnson, president of ASI Mid-America, for more information.

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and the value of those sacrifices is well-recognized. Most left Cincinnati with smiles on their faces and renewed motivation that will last for months and years to come. Next year, we'll gather Aug. 7–10 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. But the convention we most look forward to will take place in heaven. Until that day, hold fast to the blessed hope of Christ's soon return!

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View or download the Convention Guide from the ASI website. The 2012 exhibitors and special offering projects are also still available.

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Neil Nedley, Aug. 9, 2012