Keeping Last Year's Promises

New Year's resolutions are on many people's minds. But the following reminder from an ASI supporter, addressed to ASI president Frank Fournier, reveals how important it is to keep last year's promises as well:

Dear Elder Fournier,

I have been impressed to write your organization a letter in the hopes that my experience will strengthen someone who may be struggling to meet their pledge. I am not a member since we do not have a business, but enjoy supporting ministries. I made my pledge out of "excess" if you will. I had a good paying job at the time and it would not have been very difficult.

In January of this year I lost my job, and the ability to meet my pledge was cause of some distress to me since I am aware of how seriously God holds persons who make monetary pledges to him. I was reminded of what our
precious prophet said in *Testimonies* vol. 5, "The Spirit of the Lord came into the meeting in answer to prayer, and while your ears were softened under its influence, you pledged...

Adversity came upon some. There was failure in their crops, so that they could not redeem their pledges; and some were even brought into straitened circumstances. Then, of course they could not be expected to pay. But had they not murmured and withdrawn their hearts from their pledges, God would have worked for them, and would have opened ways whereby everyone could have paid what he had promised.... Satan came in with his temptations, and led some to question the motives and the spirit which actuated the servant of God" (pp. 281, 282).

The above story that Mrs. White shared has been my experience this year. It is only by the strength and work of God through extraordinary circumstances that we were able to meet our pledge.

In this tough economy, let it be known that I am praying for anyone struggling to meet their pledge, and that everything will be brought to His storehouse so that His work can be finished soon!

Sincerely,

*Name Withheld to Protect Privacy*

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**World Youth Group’s LIGHT team arrived safely in Cuba last month on Christmas Day.** Additionally, 75 students arrived safely on a rented bus from the East and Far East Cuban Mission to attend this year’s Bible Worker/Medical Missionary Training School. A waiting list contains the names of 25 more young people hoping to attend as well. "An enormous sense of responsibility came over teachers and students for the short time left to get the gospel to every corner of this island to prepare Cuba for the soon return of

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**News & Notes**

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The 2013 ASI International Convention will be held Aug. 7-10, 2013, at the *Rosen Shingle Creek Convention Center* in Orlando, Florida.

**Registration:** Both online and paper registration will begin during the first week of March 2013. Visit the ASI website for ongoing updates or information. Call 301-680-6450 or email asi@nad.adventist.org for additional information.

**Music:** The deadline for submitting an application to perform music at the 2013 ASI International Convention in Orlando is March 15, 2013. An online application is provided. Email inquiries to: music4asi@gmail.com.

**2013 Chapter Meetings**

2013 regional ASI Chapter Meetings have been scheduled beginning in March. Visit the ASI website *Chapters* page for dates and information about regional meetings being held near you!

**ASI Media**

ASI media, including past convention programs are available online for viewing or download. Please let us know if
Jesus Christ," shared WYG leaders Henry and Arleen Stubbs in a note to ministry supporters. They pointed out that the size of the school has doubled this year. While the WYG website is under construction, the organization can be reached by calling 864-885-7169.

Weimar Institute introduced and welcomed a new board of directors during the holiday season. Phil Mills, M.D., a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and a board certified physician in physical medicine and dermatology, will lead as chairman of the board. He also serves as president of AMEN, a society for physicians and dentists active in medical missions. As the son of an Adventist evangelist, Dr. Mills has been passionate about evangelism from a young age.

Additional members of the board include Neil Nedley, M.D., a full-time physician and president of Weimar; Arla Barelli, M.D., an ophthalmologist from Flint Hills, Kansas; Kevin Bryant, M.D., a family practice physician from Wichita, Kansas; John Chung, M.D., a dermatologist from Dalton, Georgia; Kelly Coffin, a Montana entrepreneur and businessman with a passion for health and evangelism; Ernestine Finley, evangelist and author of two books on nutrition; Jonathan Freed, M.D., a plastic surgeon from Auburn, California; Harry Nelson, M.D., an obstetrician and gynecologist from Greeneville, Tennessee; Jerry Page, newly elected ministerial secretary for the world church; Randall Siebold, an educator at Weimar since 2009; and Mark K. Woodson, an ordained minister serving on the pastoral staff at the Grand Advent Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oakland, California.

"Each board member has a unique testimony about God's providential leading," shared Weimar chaplain Don...
Mackintosh in a recent issue of *Weimar Today*, “but one thing is certain: each one brings their special gifts and talents to the Weimar board, and each one is a precious gift from God!”

Breana* is one of many whose lives have been changed for the better through Bible-based programming on **Better Life Broadcasting**.

**Network**, a 24-hour network that reaches much of Oregon and parts of Washington and Northern California. Better Life will soon reach the San Francisco Bay area as well. With multiple marriages behind her, two of her three children in prison, and personal rejection by others, Breanna had little hope for the future. In her search for happiness, she became a dancer in Las Vegas where she became addicted to cocaine. She then moved to Oregon, taking her drug habit with her and staying at rescue missions and on the streets.

Suffering from severe liver damage, cancer, and poorly functioning kidneys, Breanna soon found herself in a convalescent home. One day, while being pushed down the hall in a wheelchair, her eyes were drawn to a television set in another patient’s room. On the screen was a man talking about Jesus Christ. Breanna requested her own TV, where the only channel she watched was Better Life. Breanna soon became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, keeping the Sabbath for two years before she passed away at age 43.

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**It’s Been Said**

### More Than Ten Laborers

“One worker who has been trained and educated for the work, who is controlled by the Spirit of Christ, will accomplish far more than ten laborers who go out deficient in knowledge, and weak in faith.”

_Evangelism, p. 109_

### A Sense of Belonging

“When I think about how lost I am in this world, then reflect on the characteristics of Jesus, I am at ease more. It is encouraging that God loves me so much that He is willing to call me His child. It makes me feel important and gives me a sense of belonging.”

_Resident at PATCH_
Better Life changing lives

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Jim* from Portland, Oregon, was deeply troubled by all the bad things happening around the world. After many years away from the Bible, he suddenly felt drawn to it like a magnet. He re-read the Gospel of John and felt broken to the core. He wrote, “How could it be that I never knew God loved me so much? I must have been deeply asleep at the wheel.”

Then he decided to read the Book of Revelation, but the symbolic language was confusing and difficult to understand. He prayed that God would give him understanding.

A few days later, Jim noticed a new channel on his digital converter box that had not been there before—one he hadn't programmed into it. The new channel was Better Life Broadcasting Network. Jim became excited as he watched sermon after sermon on
Bible prophecy. Suddenly things that were once so mysterious became clear, and he began to comprehend Revelation’s important last-day message for himself. After a time, he and his wife became members of a local Seventh-day Adventist church.

Better Life receives a steady flow of calls and emails from people and churches sharing miraculous stories like these.

“Better Life Broadcasting is most aptly named indeed!” says Jim.

Visit the Better Life Broadcasting Network website.

*Pseudonyms used to protect privacy.
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