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Asian Aid has partnered with Flaiz Adventist College in Andhra Pradesh, India, to develop a two-year Bible worker program. Graduates commit to working in a church for an additional two years beyond the program and are guaranteed church employment once they’ve graduated. Each student is responsible for obtaining sponsorship of $80 per month. Last fall, 33 young people enrolled who were excited, energetic, and passionate about sharing the Gospel. "God has been good to me and I have great zeal to work for God," said Madhusudan, one of the 33 enrollees. "My parents cannot afford to pay the fees. I will work hard and work to the best of my abilities." Gowri, another new student, is the son of a Bible worker who established 14 churches before dying of a stroke in June 2012. Gowri plans to continue in his father’s footsteps, even though his mother, who works as a street sweeper, cannot help him financially.

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Music: Your musical talents are needed! The deadline for submitting a performance application for the 2013 ASI International Convention in Orlando is March 15, 2013. An online application is provided. Email music4asi@gmail.com to request more information.

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 more information.

Speakers/Presenters: Session speakers and seminar presenters have been posted on the ASI website. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

2013 Chapter Meetings

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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.

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Project Report

Madison College Alumni Association, Inc.

Upon receiving notification of approval of an ASI grant request, the Madison Alumni Board moved forward with plans to scan and preserve Madison documents. The Alumni Board voted to ask the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University to be the custodian of the Madison document collection and to scan the documents and make them available online. "We have word from the Center for Adventist Research and Andrews University that they would be delighted to
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**Studying Together**, a favorite Bible reference handbook by evangelist Mark Finley, is now available as a mobile phone app. This new Bible study resource includes 39 new video introductions that can be used to share your faith. There are also 50 ready-to-share Bible studies, along with backgrounds on various religions, and answers to difficult questions. Studying Together is designed to make sharing your faith simple and effective.

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receive the donation of the records and documents of Madison College,” shared Henry Scoggins, president of the Madison Alumni Association. The Madison collection will be linked to other document collections at CAR and the White Estate.

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It was an opportunity for Beason and Kerosi to discuss ideas that East Central Africa leaders are considering to expand ASI chapter(s) within their division. Beason was able to share that, within the Southern Union, ASI leaders have reached out to business owners to bring resources, networking, and training, as well as supporting ministries.

Kerosi shared that educating business leaders on how they can benefit from ASI membership, alongside supporting ministries, has been a great challenge. Many business owners are skeptical of ASI efforts and events. Hosting conferences that feature exhibits may be a key to resolving confusion concerning ASI's supporting relationship with the world church. Together, Beason and Kerosi discussed methods that the ECD might use to bring business owners into partnership with ASI ministries in order to combine efforts and resources.

"Please pray for the ASI leaders in ECD and new members of ASI-East Africa, and especially for those potential new members," says Beason. "Together, we can all grow the marketshare of Jesus in the hearts of East Africans—and all over the world."

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The program explored personal spiritual growth, what to expect on your first mission project, and how to continue to develop spiritually as a mission project veteran.

One parent very pleased with the weekend was Pastor James Venegas. “I just wanted to say, on behalf of my wife Kaylene and I, THANK YOU! We were hoping that they would develop a true passion and heart for mission and service, and they did!”

While most attendees were from California, some traveled from as far as Illinois and Massachusetts for the event. Most plan to attend Maranatha’s Ultimate Workout project for teens this summer, July 16-29.

Visit the Maranatha Volunteers International website.
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- Total number of medical missionaries since LIGHT's beginning now over 5000.
- The training of over 90% of the pastors in Guatemala in an abridged version of LIGHT's Health Evangelism Course.
- The partnership with the Health and Temperance leader for the NY13 mission thrust of the General Conference for this upcoming summer.
- The affiliation of three short-term missionary training schools in Columbia, and the affiliation of Eden Valley's new Six-Month Course called "The Well."
- Work begun with the Amazon Lifesavers boat launch project to start a short-term missionary training school for the large group of indigenous people group living in the Brazilian Amazon.
- First six-month schools in Indonesia with stellar results in reaching Muslim communities.
- Great success with the Muslim population throughout Central Asia via health evangelism.
- Update and translation into Spanish of LIGHT's entire One-Month Course.
- Completion of the LIGHT Studio, designed for the production of different methods and mediums of health evangelism training.

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The Wyn Stevens Memorial Computer Training Institute provides one- and two-year diploma courses for Adventist lay students. Most of the students come from TEACH International operated schools. The institute also provides free Internet services to the local community. On a daily basis, 20 to 35 community members use the free Internet services. The institute and high school conduct several outreach programs each year. In 2012, 27 people took the stand for Jesus Christ.

Learn more about the Wyn Stevens Memorial Computer Training Institute.