New version of New Beginnings!

ASI is pleased to present New Beginnings v2. This new and improved version of the New Beginnings evangelism program builds on the strong foundation of the original New Beginnings DVD series, offering the same attractive multimedia experience, broad biblical and historical documentation, and persuasive dialogue as the original program.

In addition to the updated content, New Beginnings v2 is being offered in a variety of formats beyond the original DVD. Presenters can now, free of charge, download PowerPoint and Keynote files for presentation on computer, tablet, or iPad. The script notes are already in the presenter notes field, allowing paperless delivery—the preferred, easy-to-accomplish method for many. Each file has speaker notes embedded in the presentation so you won’t need to carry a notebook!

The new series is shorter—by 20 to 25 percent—and has numerous new introduction and appeal stories. More than 150 dated photographs have been replaced with contemporary or timeless graphics, and sample prayers and appeals have been added to each sermon. The appeals are carefully designed to incorporate an appropriate variety of appeal types. Appeal cards are also provided for use with the card calls. The new sermons are shorter, stronger, and easier to present. ASI leaders don’t just want to make New Beginnings v2 available; they want it to be used! From February 22, 2013

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ASI Connections highlights ASI member activities around the world, fostering connections among ASI members and supporters. In each issue:

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2013 Convention

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

Music: The convention music committee is currently considering online applications for the
ASI servers to your devices, and from your lips into the hearts of friends, neighbors, coworkers, and attendees, ASI leaders pray that God will use these materials to prepare many for His kingdom.

Visit the New Beginnings page to download the new presentation files.

News & Notes

'Tis the season for ASI chapter spring conferences! **ASI Southwestern Union** is first in line, with a spring conference scheduled for Feb. 28, 2013, on the campus of Ozark Adventist Academy. **ASI Columbia Union** will follow on March 8 with meetings in Allentown, Pennsylvania. **ASI Lake Union** and **ASI Mid-America** are teaming up this year to hold a combined spring conference Mar. 22–23 in St. Louis, Missouri. The **ASI Pacific Union**, **ASI Northwest**, and **ASI Atlantic Union** conferences will be held in April and May. Plan to attend the chapter conference nearest you! Visit the ASI chapters page for more information and chapter links.

Roger Stone, of Stone Valley Foundation, reports that a new church has been built and dedicated in Ithipudi, India. After several months of construction, including time off for the rainy season, an enthusiastic group gathered to dedicate the new church. The church group will be led by Pastor Ashirividham, who built a house adjoining the new church building so he can protect it from thievery or damage by fanatical factions. According to Stone, who provides support to many pastors and churches in India, the work in that country continues to be successful, despite the fact that only 2 percent of the population claim to be Christians. Stone Valley Foundation is affiliated with Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colo.

**Cave Springs**

**Home**, a nonprofit charity organization helping the disabled

Registration: Online registration is slated to begin during the second week of March 2013. Watch your mailboxes for paper registration forms. 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

ASI Chapter spring conferences begin this month! Visit the ASI website Chapters page for dates and information about regional meetings scheduled near you!

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.

Also, please add us to your email or mailing list so we can highlight your ministry and outreach activities!
since 1956, was hit hard by a tornado early in the morning of January 30, 2013. The home currently houses six mentally challenged adults, who all came through the storm unharmed. The campus and staff members did not fare so well, however. A tree branch came through a double-paned window, hitting a staff member in the head. Another staff member was able to quickly stop the bleeding caused by the injury and bandage the injured staff member's wound. A large amount of uninsured damage was done to campus buildings, and a relief fund has been set up with a local bank. Read more...

It has been five years since Msafiri Mtenzi and his family arrived with Keith Mosier in Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), to pioneer the Gospel work of Congo Frontline Missions in the Congo River basin. Many thought they were crazy to go as the first returning missionaries after a war that killed over five million people, with 17,000 United Nations troops holding a fragile peace together. They settled in a remote area where Seventh-day Adventists were virtually unheard of, and roads and bridges were impassable. To date, Pastor Mtenzi and his team have trained 342 laymen to do church planting and evangelism at Congo Frontline Missions headquarters. In addition, they have trained more than 300 laymen in other parts of DRC. Training local Adventist laymen to plant churches and win souls is really the cornerstone ministry of Congo Frontline Missions. In reflecting on the past five years, Mosier and Mtenzi said, "As we look at ourselves, we can clearly see that little has been done through our own power. All praise and glory be to God!"

Wisdom is Available

"God's wisdom is available to you, too—wisdom that encompasses knowledge, understanding, discipline, and prudence! Seek the Savior for increased humility, courage, faith, and wisdom. He anxiously awaits the chance to supply us with these very things—if we'll just give Him permission."

- J.D. Quinn, 3ABN Pastoral Ministries Dept. Manager

Revival's Heart Cry

"The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what
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-the grace of God has done for them."
-Ellen G. White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 415
Cave Springs Home hit hard by tornado

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Downed trees and power lines blocked all roads to the campus, which remained without power until that evening. A pavilion on the campus ball field was destroyed, and multiple windows were broken. Three main buildings on campus had roof damage and will need to be replaced. An entire room in one of the buildings was destroyed, and the roof of a small storage building was completely ripped off. Two campus homes were damaged by downed trees.

In February, a group of students and teachers from Harbert Hills Academy in Savannah, Tenn., helped with clean-up at the Cave Springs Home disaster site. Help is still needed in fixing the damaged buildings, with a preliminary estimate of $100,000 uninsured damage overall. A Cave Springs Home Disaster Relief Fund has been set up at the Community Bank in Cheatham County, Tenn. Supplies and services are also being accepted.
More than 6,000 attendees, primarily Adventist youth from 49 different countries, gathered in December 2012 for the 11th Annual GYC Conference, themed "Acts: The Revolution Continues." Presenters Adam Ramdin, Wes Peppers, David Shin, and It Is Written's John Bradshaw spoke primarily to the topic of revolution. Seminars on a variety of topics urged young people to be everyday revolutionaries in their own spheres of influence.

The conference featured a day of outreach to local neighborhoods and to the homeless. The more than 2,500 participants passed out GLOW tracts and flyers, personally inviting Seattle residents to upcoming evangelistic series to be hosted by local Adventist churches.

"Our job as [GYC] leaders is to connect [young people] to the local church, because that's where the rubber meets the road," said GYC president Justin McNeilus. The GYC movement has spawned numerous local and regional events.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 2012, attendees gathered to pray for revolution in their own lives and in the world throughout the coming year.

Read more about the event in the Adventist Review, or visit the GYC website.
Work on the commercial bakery at the International Children's Care Children’s Village in Romania has been progressing as planned. The infrastructure was completed late last fall. The initial $12,500 received—the first half of a $25,000 funding grant—was used to purchase equipment and machinery necessary to begin operations.

Equipment purchased included a large industrial oven, a baker's scale, and an industrial mixer. All new equipment is being purchased in Holland from a discounted supplier and taken by land to Romania. The seller will travel to Romania to help with the installation of the equipment and provide training to those who will operate the machines.

"With the machines acquired thus far, we have started baking bread for the daily needs of the children," says ICC director of public relations Joel Reyes. "We have also started selling small quantities in the local community. With the help of ASI, we plan to purchase the rest of the equipment late this winter or early in the fall and hopefully start producing bread at the commercial level by the end of the summer. Our team in Romania is very excited about finally seeing the bakery take shape and begin to produce."

Gabby, the development director in Romania, has been working very hard from the beginning to see this project prosper. After more than a year of hard work remodeling a barn into a modern bakery building, she is ready to begin the process of securing proper certification from the governing authorities for the products to be marketed. Romania is a member of the European Union. The plan is to procure proper certification so goods can be sold throughout Europe, bringing in much needed funds for the operation of the Children’s Village.

"We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father and to ASI for giving our team in Romania such a boost in their quest to achieve their goal," Reyes says. "May the Lord bless you and continue to use you for His glory."