What is ASI?

What is ASI? It's a common question. Even those who have been active ASI members for decades sometimes have to stop and think before answering. Maybe the confusion arises from the phrase "What is...?" You rarely define an organization in terms of what it is. Instead, you look at what it does. That doesn't remove all of the complexity, but it helps. Long-time ASI member and past president Harold Lance, a retired attorney, reflects on ASI's mission in this way:

"Almost every ASI member I know doesn't come to ASI to learn how to 'make it' in business or their profession, but rather how to serve Jesus within the ministry, business, or practice he or she already has. In my professional career, I relied on 'in the trenches' experience, peers, mentors, and seminars to learn trial practice skills. What I learned at ASI was how to share Jesus in my marketplace—with clients, office associates and staff, judges, juries, and opposing lawyers. They observed that at least there was one lawyer (doctor, manufacturer, book salesman, dentist, contractor, car dealer, realtor, printer) who was dependable, truthful, trustworthy, and who had something to say that was worth listening to.

"ASI doesn't have the resources to teach new business people how to succeed in the business aspects of their various careers (others can do that, and better), but it does have the tools to teach every Adventist business owner, ministry leader, and professional how to be a committed Christian witness within the sphere of their operations. One
who knows that God is faithful to those who serve Him with an open heart and purpose to spread the Three Angels' Messages to a waiting world, one who is sensitive to the needs around us, and one who expects Jesus to come soon."

This nicely summarizes some of the discussion behind the planning that went into the upcoming ASI International Convention, Aug. 7–10, in Orlando, Florida. The theme again this year is "It's Time...To Be About Our Father's Business," with an emphasis on prophecy filled.

Next time someone asks you, What is ASI?, perhaps a good place to start would be, "ASI members are just everyday people who really want to be about their Father's business."

On Sabbath, May 4, more than 1,200 people joined together at the first ever Quiet Hour Ministries Missions Convention to see how the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19 is being fulfilled today. Attendees at the event, held at the Hilton Anaheim in Anaheim, California, enjoyed mission stories from seven team members representing six mission trips taken over the past year. Mission story highlights included the personal testimony of Alexis Temko, for whom QHM mission trips were instrumental in overcoming troubled teenage years, and Demetrius Brown, who excitedly shared about his outreach to the children on the QHM Thailand mission trip—complete with an on-stage demonstration of a song-and-motions routine he did with the kids. Pastor Bill Tucker, QHM president and speaker, also gave a presentation along with his wife, Jackie, about their recent evangelism mission trip to the Philippines, an effort that has resulted in more than 6,500 baptisms. Read more...

The Emerald Health & Education Foundation reports that Irish Mission pastors met early this year to discuss plans for evangelism in Northern Ireland. Plans include encouraging church members to enroll in Discovery Bible courses to gain personal familiarity with and confidence in those programs. Churches are also urged to advertise their special programs among their local

Spread the word! Download, print, and post/distribute copies of the convention poster or bulletin inserts at your local church!

Meetings & Events: Book a space for your group or organization's special meeting or event by June 30, 2013!

Youth For Jesus

Youth for Jesus will be held this year in Orlando, Florida, in conjunction with the convention. YFJ is still accepting applications from youthful participants. For more information, view the YFJ Promo or visit the YFJ website.

ASI Chapter Meetings

ASI Chapter spring conferences will continue through May. Visit the ASI website Chapters page for information!

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communities to demonstrate that they are vibrant and have something to offer. Small groups are being encouraged to reach out in their communities and are invited to participate in "Becoming a Contagious Adventist," a special training program that will kick off this friendship evangelism movement in Dublin. "Impact Derry" will bring mission-minded young people to Derry to help raise awareness of the gospel in that city. Other large-scale events are also planned, including an evangelistic campaign presented by Pastor Mark Finley during the third quarter of 2014 in Dublin. That series will be broadcast in churches and in small group settings throughout the Irish Mission.

Approximately 340 small group leaders from all over the Mision Oriente de Bolivia (East Mission) gathered at the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, for a special lay training event using ASI's New Beginnings Evangelism materials. This historic event marked the first time the Adventist church in Bolivia has held a large-scale, combined evangelism and health training program to empower lay people in evangelism. Drs. Manuel and Esther Alva attended as representatives of ASI and the General Conference, both sponsors of the event. The Alvas shared with attendees the importance of lay workers taking the gospel to the world. They also addressed the importance of using the health message, the "right arm" of the gospel, as the entering wedge to reach people who otherwise would never be reached. According to the Alvas, in the areas where this training is presented, the baptism rate rises 150% in the following year. Read more...

Seminary students from Springs of Joy, an affiliate of Living Springs Overseas Missions in Roanoke, Alabama, participated in several outreach programs in India earlier this year. The programs were designed to

Grow in the Struggle
"We too grow in the struggle. Like the patriarch Jacob, when faced with problems we often start our wrestling gripped with fear. But, if we persevere, sometime during the night of our wrestling our fear turns to faith, and we cling to Christ for the blessing that surely will come."

Wade Brooks
Vice President, Gospel Outreach

Half of Healing
"As long as there is sickness and disease there will be a need for medical missionaries. Our Lifestyle Educators and
deepen their knowledge and to give them experience in
sharing the message of salvation with others. In January, a
five-day health fair was held in Hazaribagh with more than
1,000 people attending. Attendees received massage,
hydrotherapy, and counseling. A group from Germany, led by
Manuel Hanke, assisted at the health fair, running the
massage booth. Hanke also held a two-week pain relief
massage class for Springs of Joy staff and students. Ruben
Toppo, a Springs of Joy graduate, remained in Hazaribagh
after the health fair to continue working with more than 30
health fair attendees who requested further assistance. Read
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Counselors want to help people
get well physically, but that is only
half of the healing process.
Healing involves not only the
physical, but the mental and
spiritual as well."

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