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News & Notes

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It's Been Said

A New Package

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The Power of Small Deeds

"So often we seek to do a grand work for Him at the expense of being faithful in the little things first. I believe that the success or failure of our efforts is determined by our willingness to fulfill Christ's calling, no matter the task. It isn't always a large public conquest for Christ that changes the world. Sometimes the collective power of small deeds is what makes the difference."

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The city-wide campaign followed months of comprehensive outreach events, including prayer, community service, health education, women's, and youth ministry events. A March for Compassion took place across the Brooklyn Bridge, and youth and Pathfinders gathered in front of City Hall. More than 600 outreach events will have been completed by the end of the year.

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On June 29, a Revelation of Hope rally will be put on by the Northeastern and Greater New York conferences at the Nassau Coliseum to celebrate the success of the NY13 outreach efforts. These meetings will be broadcast by Hope Channel and 3ABN. More than 15,000 people are expected to attend, and approximately 1,000 people will be baptized onsite.

In the meantime, more than 300 leaders and preachers from all 13 world church divisions have been attending the Field School of Evangelism in New York City while helping out with the Revelation of Hope meetings. The goal of the program is to equip these leaders to launch similar evangelistic programs in their respective territories. The training programs may be viewed live or later online.

Similar Mission to the Cities efforts are also taking place in Sydney, Australia, and London, England.

"Please pray for all the precious people coming to the meetings!" says Jackie Ordelheide Smith, communication director for the Ministerial Association. "Our Mission to the Cities is a marathon of compassion that must have an on-going and sustained presence in the cities, and must continue beyond 2013."
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After long flights to Lusaka, Zambia's capital city, and the final two-hour drive through the picturesque Zambian countryside to Riverside Farm, which is nestled against a fertile corner of the Kafue River, the beauty of the farm and the smiling faces of the Riverside staff presented a warm welcome to OCI attendees.

Meetings included worships and seminars on leadership and dealing with the challenges of running a self-supporting ministry. Discussion groups met following the seminars to interact and share ideas. In the evenings, representatives of various ministries shared what God was doing through their efforts, as well as their unique challenges and prayer requests.

Attending ministries included missionary training schools, medical boat launch ministries, Bible worker programs, restaurants, health food stores, health food production ministries, orphanages, elementary and secondary schools, lifestyle centers and health retreats, and publishing, media, and aviation ministries.

In addition to meetings, attendees spent two days visiting nearby ministry sites and helping to build One Day Churches. There were ample opportunities to network with different ministry leaders from around the world. Special encouragement was given by the Zambia Union president and a local district pastor who gave a hearty welcome and expressed their full support of OCI member ministries in Zambia.

"All too soon the retreat was over, the bus was loaded, and final farewells were said to friends old and new," said Dosung Kim, who attended from Bolivia, South America. "Some left with new visions for their ministries. Others left with solutions to their problems. But the overwhelming sentiment of the attendees was that the week was restful, yet engaging, informative, and practical. We were challenged and renewed to a deeper consecration to God's work in doing what we can to reach souls for Jesus."

Next year's retreat will be held at Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colorado, USA.

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Adventist church members are urged to support the project by sharing the mini-series website link with friends, nearby Native American tribes, and local radio stations. The series was originally produced and hosted by Dr. David DeRose for the "American Indian Living" radio broadcast.

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Advent Home graduates awarded scholarships

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Guest speaker Dr. Daniel Binus, a psychiatrist, addressed the beautiful side of restoration at the 9:00 a.m. graduation ceremony in the Barbara Cox Learning Center. The weekend program also included a consecration ceremony on Friday evening and worship and baptism services on Sabbath.

Advent Home, situated on 225 picturesque acres in Calhoun, Tennessee, ministers to at-risk boys ages 12 to 18. Many have ADHD and anger problems and are in need of serious intervention to prepare them to live joyful, productive lives in their homes and communities. The success of Advent Home in providing healing and growth for at-risk boys and their families was featured in a recent issue of the Adventist Review.

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Mathisen apparently experienced a heart attack in the Lima airport and was attended by airport medics. Opp—who was booked on the same flight to Iquitos as Mathisen—arrived at the Lima airport shortly after Mathisen's heart attack.

"By the time I arrived, Curt was sitting in a wheelchair with no pain or discomfort, but the airline was requiring a document from the hospital to give him clearance to fly," Opp says. "The airport medical staff accompanied [Curt and Elaina] out of the airport and assisted them in acquiring a cab to the Adventist hospital in Lima. En route, Curt had a second attack in front of another hospital on the way, and after 30 minutes of CPR administered by Elaina and hospital personnel, it was determined that he was gone."

Perhaps the most amazing part of the story is the fact that, after remaining in Lima for a few days to make arrangements and complete paperwork, Elaina continued on to Iquitos to complete the mission.

"I want to know what the Lord had for us to do in Iquitos," she told Opp, "so why wait in Lima doing nothing?"

Elaina arrived in Iquitos yesterday, June 18, and today she accompanied students from Union College into the Amazon Jungle to hold a medical clinic. Opp is especially amazed and encouraged by Elaina's bravery in the face of personal loss. Upon learning that Mathisen had died, he had scrambled to find an English speaker to assist Elaina in Lima, as she didn't speak any Spanish. She stayed for five days with the non-Christian family who helped her, and ended up ministering to them in a significant way.

"She said she was blessed and has a bond with them that may never be broken," Opp says in wonder. "Can we see God's hand in this?"

"I am shocked and devastated," Elaina told a friend, "but Jesus has been my best friend since I was about 11, and he has not left me now."

Unbelievably, thieves broke in and stole $5,000 worth of dental equipment from the People of Peru Project dental clinic the night Mathisen died—the same equipment he would have used to provide much-needed dental care to local Iquitos residents. Taken was "all our expensive stuff that we have been collecting for the last four years," says Opp. "[But] God is good. His timing is always perfect even when we don't have a clue why!...Keep us in your prayers also. We need to rebuild our dental clinic. There are impoverished people that are in great need. Tell my ASI family that we send our greetings and I will see them in a few weeks in Florida [at the ASI International Convention]."

On June 21, Elaina will travel with the group to Cusco where she will stay for several days before returning with her husband's remains to Portland, Oregon, on June 26. Please pray for her safety and comfort as she completes what she started.

Dr. Mathisen graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1975, and had been practicing in White Salmon since 1979. He and Elaina raised two sons there, and he was very involved in church and community activities. He also received the Business Person of the Year Award from the Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce. He will be sorely missed by friends and
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Every year, we see new evidences of the shortness of time. The news reports are filled with reports of unprecedented atrocities. Is God really in control?

Join church leaders and ASI members in exploring answers to this and many other questions regarding the final scenes of earth’s history. Submit questions you have about end times to be answered and discussed by panelists participating in the Sabbath afternoon program, August 10, at 4:00 p.m., at the 2013 International ASI Convention in Orlando, Florida.

**Event Moderator:** Don Mackintosh
**Panelists:** Mark Finley, Ted Wilson, C.D. Brooks, Ed Reid, Lewis Walton, and Andi Hunsaker

Email your end time questions TODAY to end.times.question@gmail.com.

"We are not now able to describe with accuracy the scenes to be enacted in our world in the future, but this we do know, that this is a time when we must watch unto prayer, for the great day of the Lord is at hand" (*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 35 (1901)).
CONVENTION

Each year, ASI members, supporters, and friends gather at the ASI International Convention to encourage one another and exchange ideas vital to their lay-driven ministry goals. The annual convention is an energetic, inspiring affair where networks are formed and plans are made that one individual or institution could never accomplish alone. Those who attend the convention return to their home churches inspired spiritually and equipped to start lay outreach efforts in their own workplaces and communities. Best of all, eternal friendships are formed.

Looking back...

Planning ahead...

The 2014 ASI International Convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Spread the word...

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

2013 ASI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DATE:  Aug. 7-10, 2013

LOCATION:  Rosen Shingle Creek Convention Center in Orlando, Florida

RATES & REGISTRATION:  Visit the Rates & Registration page for ongoing updates and general information, including a volunteer form and a Letter of Invitation Request Form (outside US). Online registration link is now available. Call 301-680-6450 or email asi@nad.adventist.org for additional information.

SESSIONS:  This year, our speakers represent broad interests and backgrounds but share the common goal of presenting Christ to a world that is looking for answers—particularly in light of modern-day events that are fulfilling end-time prophecies. Visit the 2013 Sessions page for more information.
SEMINARS:

A variety of seminars are planned on topics pertaining to prophecy, outreach, health, business/nonprofit, and more. Visit the 2013 Seminars page for more information.

EXHIBITORS:  Visit the 2013 Exhibitors page for exhibitor information and links, including an Exhibitor List.

LODGING, TRANSPORTATION & VENUE:  Special rates have been arranged for lodging and transportation. This year's convention will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. FRAUD ALERT: Convention Lodging & Reservations - Please read...

MEALS & LOCAL ATTENDANCE:  Visit the Meals & Local Attendance page for information pertaining to meals, rates, and free convention attendance by local Orlando area visitors.

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.

MEETING & EVENT RESERVATIONS:  Make a reservation for your organization's meeting or event in Orlando during the ASI International Convention using our online reservation form.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:  Learn more about this year's youth convention programming and submit necessary consent forms. See Rates & Registration for more information.

YOUTH FOR JESUS:

Find out more about this annual summer evangelism training program for youth, led each year by LIFE (Lay Institute For Evangelism).

2012 CONVENTION

More than 1,800 registered attendees and 200+ exhibiting organizations gathered Aug. 8–11 for the 2012 ASI International Convention at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. ASI president Frank Fournier gave the keynote address on Wednesday evening, challenging listeners to uphold well-established doctrinal beliefs as the foundation for finishing the work. Neil Nedley, MD, physician and founder of Nedley Health Solutions, gave morning devotionals that some attendees touted as the "best presentations we've ever heard." John Bradshaw, Steve Wohlberg, Chad Kreuzer, and Shawn Boonstra also spoke for main sessions, and General Conference president Ted N.C. Wilson gave a special presentation on Sabbath afternoon. Steven Grabiner, president of Outpost Centers International, was the final speaker at the Sabbath evening vespers.

Seminars covered a variety of topics, including evangelism, home and family, spiritual growth, nonprofit and business, and more. A special projects offering of $1,770,493 was gathered Sabbath morning, exceeding the offering goal of $1.2 million by more than $500,000. Funds will go to support 37 projects around the world. It's not too late to give. Online donations can still be made toward the 2012 special project offering.
2011 CONVENTION

Despite a volatile economy, record numbers of attendees and exhibitors participated in the 2011 ASI International Convention August 3-6 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California. They also gave approximately $2.1 million—well exceeding the $1.5 million goal—to support 47 carefully selected ministry projects around the world.

Extra chairs had to be set up for the more than 3,300 people who came to hear Elder Ted N.C. Wilson, Adventist world church president, on Sabbath morning. The exhibit hall had a record-breaking 338 booths representing 221 ministries and organizations from all over the world.

Doug Batchelor’s Wednesday evening keynote address focused on the need for courage. On Friday night, Ivor Myers, pastor of the Templeton Hills (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Church, packed the entire Great Controversy theme, including all major doctrines and prophecies, into 38 breathtaking minutes that left listeners with a clearer understanding of the significance of the Adventist movement.

ASI officers were elected or re-elected for two-year terms, with Frank Fournier of Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colorado, taking the helm as president. "My heart's burden is to bring the focus around to spiritual preparation of God's people to ensure success in our ministries," said Fournier. He presented the morning devotionals during the convention.

2010 CONVENTION

Over the course of four days, more than 2,000 people attended the 2010 ASI International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Highlights of the convention included a stirring Sabbath sermon by Pastor Mark Finley urging listeners to examine their own readiness for Christ's second coming in the context of the parable of the ten virgins. In a special video address to ASI members, Elder Ted Wilson, president of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, shared his perspective on the importance of lay evangelism to the church's overall mission and revealed his family's early ties to ASI.

Personal spiritual growth and youth-led evangelism were prominent themes, with the children and youth divisions participating in a Friday evening program that included a challenge to youth by dynamic speaker Jeffrey Rosario. Each meeting began with inspiring ASI member testimonies about unique evangelism efforts, and the 2010 special projects offering of $1.8 million well exceeded the goal of $1.2 million. Visit the links below to view general session and seminar programs, and to read more about the 2010 special offering projects.

2009 CONVENTION

More than 2,000 people attended the 2009 ASI International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, and were blessed by inspiring
testimonies, sermons, musical presentations and fellowship with old and new friends.

During the convention, new ASI Officers were elected, including Norman Reitz as president. He followed in Donna McNeilus's footsteps and brought with him a vision for growth. Convention attendees enjoyed a special update on the phenomenal One-Day Church project, as well as an introduction to the One-Day School.

The special projects offering was greatly blessed, with more than $2 million being pledged toward ASI projects for the coming year.
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Notice of ASI Board meeting, elections

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VOTING ELIGIBILITY:

- All ASI Board members
- All appointed ASI members (executive ASI secretaries of conferences/unions)
- All organizational members (for profit and nonprofit)
- All personal members (retired/former organizational members)
- Honorary members

Delegates must be present to vote.

Associate/Associate International members are not eligible to vote.

New or continuing ASI chapter presidents automatically join as voting members of the ASI Board and will give chapter reports during the ASI Board Meeting.

The Biannual Business Session is an open meeting. A list of voting-eligible attendees will be available onsite.

MEETING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS:

ASI Missions Inc. - Monday Aug. 5
5:00 p.m. - Buffet Supper (spouses welcome)
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. - ASI Missions Inc. Board Meeting
Wekiwa 1

ASI Board - Tuesday, Aug. 6
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - ASI Board Meeting
12:15 p.m. - ASI Board/ASI Staff Buffet Lunch (spouses welcome)
Wekiwa 1/2

ASI Biannual Business Session - Wednesday, Aug. 7
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. - ASI Convention Registration
2:00 p.m. - ASI Biennial Business Session (Panzacola F3/4)
6:45 p.m. - 66th Annual ASI Convention Keynote Session

Meeting locations will also be posted on the Convention Registration page of the ASI website and by notice in the summer 2011 issue of Inside ASI magazine.
God bless each of you,

Ramon Chow
Secretary-Treasurer
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ASI project funds have contributed to the construction of four houses in the vicinity of the main wellness center. The structures have been built by NAPS volunteers who sacrifice their time and effort in order to receive training in construction, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, and more.

"Most importantly, the center is being built by the hand of God, as He, through divine providence, opens doors," NAPS leaders shared in their project report.

The 6,000-square-foot outpost center is 65 percent complete, including plumbing, drainage, wiring, roofing, lighting, and most exterior work. Still needed is the acquisition and installation of machines and equipment to carry out lifestyle and sanitarium-type work, along with other internal tasks such as drywall and flooring.

The projected opening date for the center is January 2014.

Visit the NAPS website.