The final day of the 2013 ASI International Convention packed in more blessings and more people than many anticipated. More than 2,900 people attended the Sabbath school and worship services, filling the main auditorium almost to capacity, with the afternoon and vespers programs also well-attended. Attendance numbers didn't include the many leaders and young people participating in the youth programs.

The generous project offering of approximately $1,285,000 well exceeded the goal of $1,184,000. It will support 38 prayerfully-selected projects this year. Project grant recipients receive half of the designated funds early on, and are required to report progress toward specific goals before receiving the remaining half. ASI relies on both collected offerings and pledged donations to fulfill these yearly project grants. If you've made a pledge, either this year or in the past, you can fulfill that pledge by making an online donation.

Mark Finley presented the Sabbath school lesson, and C.D. Brooks delivered the sermon, undoubtedly attracting many of the local visitors who attended on Sabbath morning. But special interest in the afternoon end-time events panel discussion was also evident. Panelists included moderator Don Mackintosh, joined by Mark Finley, Ted Wilson, Andi Hunsaker, general vice president; Stan Smith, vice president for finance; Steve Dickman, vice president for membership and recruitment; Wayne Atwood, vice president for communication; and Denzil McNeilus, vice president for...
Hunsaker, C.D. Brooks, Ed Reid, and Lewis Walton. Finley succinctly expressed the overriding message that came out of that discussion — that we must focus on Christ's merits and not our own in preparing for what is ahead, and that the Holy Spirit works in and through us, enabling us to fulfill our calling.

The numerous musicians who graced the convention programs included Christian Berdahl, Ron Woolsey, Advent Brass, Jennifer LaMountain, Neville Peter, Paco Rodriguez, and groups from Ouachita Hills College and Academy. The Sabbath afternoon program closed with a moving rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic performed by a choir made up of convention attendees. It brought the hopeful crowd to its feet.

During the evening vespers program, goodbyes were said to retiring ASI secretary-treasurer Ramon Chow and office manager Gail Bosarge, with Chris Holland being introduced as ASI's new secretary-treasurer, rounding out the ranks of the newly-elected or continuing officers. Read more...

Also on Sabbath, a new ASI Evangelism smart phone app was rolled out that provides full access to the ASI New Beginnings evangelism materials, as well as many other training videos and helpful resources. The free app eliminates the need for a DVD player as long as there is Internet access. Read more...

The final meeting came to a prayerful end with an acapella performance of "God Be With You," sung by eight young people who formed the group "Redeemed" during the convention. The song expressed the hope in Christ's soon return that seemed to burn brighter than ever in the hearts of this year's logistics. On Sabbath, Chris Holland was named as the new secretary-treasurer.

**Convention Media**

Audio links to most of the convention sessions and seminars have been posted on the ASI website. Video links will follow as soon as they are available. E-mail us if you have trouble accessing any of the links. (Please include the problematic link in your email.) View convention photos at flickr.com/asiministries.photos.

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**Daily Invitation**

"Because we still have natures that are fallen, we tend to wander. So God invites us every day to come to the Cross, to know Jesus..."
If you attended the convention this year, you've experienced the deep spiritual blessings that come when God's people gather together to fellowship and to hear the quiet calling of the Holy Spirit, away from the fray of life's daily demands.

If you were unable to attend in person, visit the ASI website to view the convention sessions and seminars online. Audio links are already available, with video links soon to follow.

As always, ASI leaders are tremendously grateful to the many program participants, exhibitors, and volunteers who contributed this year. Each personal sacrifice, large or small, has eternal value. We pray that a renewed sense of vision and purpose will carry you through the challenges of the coming year.

The 2014 ASI International Convention will be held Aug. 5–9 at the Devos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Until then, remain steadfast in proclaiming the blessed hope of Christ's soon return!

Read about ASI Convention Sabbath and "It's Personal: ASI Reaches Around the Globe" (Aug. 8, 2013) online in the Adventist Review.

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God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings securely hide you; daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you; put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.

- Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
- William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

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afresh and anew. Revival is a daily experience in the life of the believer. It is daily experiencing God's grace. There will never be a time when believers do not need revival."

- Mark Finley, Aug. 10, 2013
Chris Holland named new secretary-treasurer

On Sabbath at the 2013 ASI International Convention in Orlando, Florida, Chris Holland was introduced as the new secretary-treasurer for ASI. He will assume the duties of that post on September 1. Goodbyes were said to retiring ASI secretary-treasurer Ramon Chow and office manager Gail Bosarge, who both will be greatly missed.

Holland says that he was on the fast track to nowhere 17 years ago when he first encountered Jesus and the message of the remnant church. After being baptized, he felt called to ministry and to spread the three angels' messages. Through a set of miraculous circumstances, he was able to attend Andrews University, and then entered the ministry. He pastored several churches in Illinois, served as the Chicagoland evangelism coordinator, and most recently has pastored the Hagerstown Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A featured guest on Hope Channel’s Disclosure, Holland has a passion for sharing God’s last-day prophetic messages. His desire is to empower laypeople in finishing God's work and to see the words from Testimonies, volume 9, page 116 fulfilled: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

He and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 17 years. They enjoy traveling, beeing in the outdoors, and sampling ethnic foods.

"I have always been committed to a New Testament model of ministry that empowers the laity," says Holland. "It is my goal to work in conjunction with the leadership of ASI to empower Adventist laypeople to be intimately involved with the finishing of God's work. I hope to see this accomplished through the networking of supporting ministries and business people worldwide, and by increasing membership of ASI to further connect that laity."
The ASI Technology Committee, co-chaired by Dan Houghton and Denzil McNeilus, released the new ASI Evangelism smart phone app on Sabbath, August 10, at the 2013 ASI International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

This free new app—available for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod, as well as Android phones and pads—is a treasure trove of evangelism resources designed to empower laypeople to share their faith in the marketplace. Resources downloadable through the app include the full New Beginnings presentation materials in both Keynote (for Apple) and PowerPoint (for Android), together with sermon notes, a full set of Voice of Prophecy Discover Bible Lessons, New Beginnings training materials with Mark Finley (including a 12- to 15-minute audio review of each sermon with presentation tips), inspirational sermons by leading evangelists on why we do evangelism, and inks to other relevant or helpful ministry apps.

The ASI Evangelism app promises to have significant, immediate impact on what has, until now, been known as the "ASI New Beginnings DVD Project." The app removes the need for DVDs and DVD players, allowing the New Beginnings resources to be downloaded anywhere in the world where there is Internet access. Any presenter can conduct a full evangelistic series with either a wired or wireless connection to either a projector or TV/computer screen.

The introduction of the new ASI Evangelism app coincides with ASI's plans to ramp up lay evangelism efforts by conducting New Beginnings training programs for pastors and laypeople around the world. Simple tutorials and training videos on how to use the app will soon be posted on the ASI website. If you've already downloaded the app, don't forget to update it regularly. Recent updates and big fixes have already been made!

Features:
1. Download free evangelism resources directly to your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.
2. Search the app for specific resources.
3. Access all of the New Beginnings presentation slides, with speaker notes, on your iPad or Android tablet, and connect your device to a projector to hold your own evangelistic crusade directly from your device!
4. Access training materials and audio files from seasoned evangelists like Mark Finley.
5. Save downloaded resources to the My Downloads section of the app for offline use, so you can still use the resources when you're out of cell phone or wifi range.

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