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ASI Connections
The official bimonthly enewsletter for Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries, bringing news, information, and important announcements to ASI members and supporters everywhere.

Looking ahead:
Wayne Atwood

In the coming months, ASI leaders will prayerfully consider ASI's mission and focus. They'll also select the theme for the next two conventions. Four new leaders joined (or rejoined) the team this year as a result of last month's elections in Orlando. We'll meet the new or returning leaders in the next few issues of ASI Connections.

Wayne Atwood is ASI's new vice president for communication. He lives in Québec, Canada, where he serves as president of Better Living Ministry (Mieux Vivre), a supporting ministry that produces French radio and television programs for French-speaking populations around the world. He and his wife, Isabelle, have three children.

"I'm delighted to be working with the ASI administrative team and the ASI family," Wayne says. "ASI members are sharing Christ in the marketplace in so many unique and innovative ways. I think that one of the goals of the ASI communication team is to help members share their knowledge and expertise with each other. We often think of ASI as a power-packed convention where we get inspired and motivated, but ASI goes far beyond the convention. It is through the art of communication that ASI members and project fund recipients stay in touch with the organization and with each other. The ASI communication team looks forward to keeping you informed throughout the coming year. We are also exploring new ways and opportunities to benefit members and supporters. May God bless each of you."

Announcements

Bulletin Board
The ASI website Bulletin Board is a networking tool for ASI members to share ministry needs, job postings, training, events, services, and special offers. Check for recent updates!

ASI Apps
Download the ASI Evangelism app, which includes the full New Beginnings presentation materials, sermon notes, full set of Discover Bible lessons, New Beginnings training materials with Mark Finley, inspirational sermons by leading evangelists,
and links to other helpful ministry apps.

Download the official [ASI Ministries app](http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=a2e29b4e5182623236a3d6e60&id=1a83b49ac4&se=9ed24e84a0) for access to convention media, online donation links, and other ASI website info.

**Don't forget to update your apps regularly.** Changes and edits have already been made to both apps!

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**Keep Us Informed**

Submit your ministry news stories or [add us](http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=a2e29b4e5182623236a3d6e60&id=1a83b49ac4&se=9ed24e84a0) to your ministry mailing list so we can keep our readers up-to-date on your activities!

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**It's Been Said**

### Every Part

“Every part of the varied labor in the harvest field means sacrifice and self-denial. It means that the time usually spent in matters of minor importance should be spent in searching the Scriptures, that you may know how to labor successfully in the work to which you are appointed. It means that you must become acquainted with the Spirit of God. It means that you must do much praying, and have much serious thought as to how you may put to use every capability of your nature, and carry forward the work of God effectively.”

-Clinton Shultz
Laymen Ministries Board
Member
Laymen Ministries Journal
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### I Have No Doubt

“I have no doubt that the Lord's hand is at the helm. I do believe His coming is near.”

-Juanita Kretschmar
A Key Encounter Nature Theater & Planetarium
Key West, Florida

### Ultimate Answers

For more than a decade, "The Ultimate Encounter," a 20-minute visual program on the past, present, and prophetic future, has been viewed by thousands of visitors each year to the George M. Kretschmar, Jr. Planetarium at **A Key Encounter Nature Theater & Planetarium** in Key West, Florida. Recently, AKE director Juanita Kretschmar, who has carried on the ministry since her husband died, was notified that the mall where planetarium is located will undergo renovation and will no longer accommodate the planetarium dome. It is a huge disappointment, yet A Key Encounter will continue to operate a brand new radio ministry that was already in development before the mall renovation was announced. Read more about this amazing story of God's provision in an upcoming issue of Inside ASI. In the meantime, contact Juanita Kretschmar at 305-923-0675 if you know of anyone who might be interested in purchasing the dome and projection equipment, which includes "The Ultimate Encounter" program. Pray especially for Juanita as she seeks to pass this valuable asset on to an Adventist or ASI-member ministry that will continue to run the original creation-based program. Funds from the sale of the dome and projection equipment will support AKE's new radio ministry, which is already reaching far beyond Key West. Visit the [A Key Encounter Nature Theater & Planetarium](http://www.keywestchamber.org/keywest/museums/key-west-museum-of-history) and please continue to pray for all those who visited this wonderful ministry over the years.

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**Eden Valley Institute**

in Loveland, Colorado, experienced minimal damage to its facilities from the recent floodwaters in Colorado, but its neighbors were not so fortunate. Highway 34, the usual route to Eden Valley, is closed. Ministry workers and students have to take Glade Road, a side route along a river that was heavily hit by the storm. Homes along that road have been inundated by as much as 10 or more inches of mud. Eden Valley staff are helping their neighbors to dig out from under the mess.

"The mud is heavy, sticky, and stinky," says
"Our preaching and exposition must be informed by appropriate study and investigation of the Scriptures. The Bible does not function merely as a recipe book or a reference book. The Bible does not always yield easy and ready answers for some of life’s challenging circumstances. One may not find a specific passage or verse for each spiritual malady or personal problem. But the Bible, if rightly interpreted, certainly provides the ultimate answers for life’s most crucial questions ... because the relevance of the Bible transcends the sum of its individual parts."

-Elias Brasil de Souza, PhD
Associate Director
Biblical Research Institute
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
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Leasa Hodges, vice president for Eden Valley, who is helping out with the cleanup efforts. "It's so heavy that many of us have to use very small shovels to move it. These are our neighbors —people who come to our store and our programs and who buy from our farm."

Cleanup in Colorado is expected to take years. Relief efforts are already underway by Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief team from the Rocky Mountain Conference. A distribution center in Loveland is prepped to distribute food and supplies to families who have been displaced by the floods. Find out more or donate online.

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"The goal of ARME Bible Camps is to help people get deeper in the Word of God and to enrich and revive their prayer lives," says Danny Kwon on behalf of ARME Ministries. "Through these video productions, our prayer is that we can reach people who might never go to a camp to experience the inspired messages for themselves. Thank you, ASI, for helping make this possible." Read more...
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The ARME media team has also edited and released videos of the 2012 ARME Bible Camp held on the Pacific Union College campus. These high definition videos are representative of what ARME media productions will create and release in the future using the new equipment. The videos can be viewed on the ARME YouTube channel.

In the future, beginning with the ARME Bible Camp scheduled for Dec 4–8, 2013, in Orlando, Florida, ARME media will film and edit all meetings to air on AFTV and the ARME YouTube channel, and to distribute in DVD format. Meetings will also be live-streamed over the Internet. Meetings are also schedule for February 2014 in Leoni Meadows, California.

"With additional fundraising, we hope to be able to buy air time on Hope channel and 3ABN to air our productions," says Danny Kwon on behalf of ARME Ministries. "The goal of ARME Bible Camps is to help people get deeper in the Word of God and to enrich and revive their prayer lives. Through these video productions, our prayer is that we can reach people who might never go to a camp to experience the inspired messages for themselves. Thank you ASI for helping make this possible."