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**Announcements**

**Online registration & early registration discount**

Online convention registration is available for both attendees and exhibitors. The early
Registration page of the ASI website to register.

More convention announcements

**Information & Registration**: The convention sections on the ASI website have undergone a complete overhaul to provide you with quicker and easier access to convention information and links. Please visit the [Convention](#) pages to peruse the new format. If you have trouble finding information or navigating the convention section of the website, please contact Conna Bond at connabond@nad.adventist.org.

**New Member/First Time Attendee Breakfast**: A special, invitation-only breakfast meeting will be held on Thursday morning for new members and first-time convention attendees. Watch for future updates on location and presenters. This event provides new members and attendees an opportunity to find out what ASI is all about and to meet ASI leaders and officers. A Thursday breakfast ticket is required for admittance.

**Meetings & Events**: The reservation and contract deadline has passed. If you have questions concerning your already scheduled meeting or event, contact Sharon Blumenberg at sharon.blumenberg@nad.adventist.org. Visit the ASI website [Bulletin Board](#) for special meeting or event announcements.

**Convention Orchestra**: Youthful orchestra members are still needed to join the Fountainview Academy-ASI Convention Orchestra this year. Dust off those instruments and visit [www.fountainofmusic.com](http://www.fountainofmusic.com) to apply.

**Prayer Room**: A new feature this year will be a prayer room, coordinated by Melody Mason. View [What is a Prayer Room?](#), an online video interview with Melody Mason. Prayer room information will be updated on the [Music & Prayer](#) page of the ASI website.

**Opening Event**: The convention will open with a concert featuring Morning Song vocalist Jennifer LaMountain, accompanied by the Fountainview Academy choir and orchestra. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3.

**Closing Event**: A Phoenix Adventist Choir will provide a mini-concert at 7:45 p.m. on Sabbath evening, just prior to the final session presentation. It will be a beautiful way to close the event.

**ASI membership & information**

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- For [Membership Information](#) or to download a [Membership Application](#)
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- To read recent issues of the [ASI Update](#) e-newsletter and [Inside ASI](#) magazine
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- To register for the 2011 [ASI International Convention](#) in Sacramento, California

Contact the ASI office at 301-680-6450 to order copies of ASI's brochure and promotional DVD to share with friends and potential members. Each promotional DVD includes [The ASI Convention Experience](#) video and several episodes of [ASI Video Magazine](#).
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Their prayers were interrupted by an exclamation from the woman. Suddenly embarrassed to be seen in such a condition, she went to the well, drew water, retreated into the house, took a bath and fixed her hair. In less than an hour, she appeared once more, neatly groomed and wearing clean clothes. She had a radiant smile on her face.

Timothy and Krupa later admitted they'd been flabbergasted to see such a dramatic transformation. They'd never seen God work such a drastic change in a person so quickly. They were surprised and humbled to see their prayers answered, despite their weak faith. Before they'd even finished praying, she'd been released.

Later, as the woman walked through the village, everyone asked to which god she'd prayed to receive such healing. She said she didn't know His name. She only knew that he was the Christian God. A few days later, more women from the village approached the village elders, asking them to invite the men who'd prayed to return and tell them about the Christian God.

Anxious to keep the Hindu religion strong in the village, the elders resisted at first. After a few weeks of pressure from the women, however, they consented to just one meeting. Just one!

The village elders sent a message that reached Roger Stone, "Please come to our village and, in one meeting, tell us about the Christian God."

He accepted the invitation and, in one meeting, told them how God loved them—how He lived among cruel men and let them kill Him. How He lives in heaven and forgives our sins when we ask. At the end of the meeting, he asked how many wanted to know more about that God. Every person raised their hand.

Today there is a little Adventist church in the village, and many have been released from bondage to the power of demons.

Roger Stone is the director of Stone's Valley Foundation, established in India in 1991 as the result of meetings he held on behalf of Amazing Facts. Today the ministry includes three orphanages that care for more than 160 children, with additional young people sponsored to attend Flaiz Memorial Academy and nursing school. The foundation sponsors God's True Light, a television program hosted by Pastor Elisha Rao and broadcast on the Subhavartha channel. The foundation also provides Bible instruction, training and support for local pastors throughout India.
ASI members attend PSI Conference on Philanthropy

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Representatives from several ASI ministries attended the Conference on Philanthropy sponsored by Philanthropic Services for Institutions on June 20–24, 2011, at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Two years ago, ASI vice president for membership Steve Dickman attended PSI's Principles of Fundraising course. He has since worked with PSI to partner with ASI in providing services to ASI member ministries.

"My acquaintance with Dr. Lilya Wagner, the director of PSI, and the shared vision of assisting ASI ministries has led to this development," says Dickman.

Attendance at the Conference on Philanthropy was the first partnership event, with PSI allowing ASI members to register at PSI member rates, and ASI granting 50 percent of the registration fees for each attending member. ASI member organizations attending and receiving grants included Your Story Hour, World Youth Group, Think on These Things, Colombian Mission Project, Inc., and Advent Home. Responses were overwhelmingly positive.

"The spiritual meetings every morning set the tone of the conference," said Elkin Mosquera, president of Colombian Mission Project, Inc. "The morning meditations provided us with deeper understanding of the reasons why we continue to get involved in our ministries, followed by awesome seminars that provided us with excellent tools."

Will Evert, director of Young Disciple Ministries, said, "My organization has never had a formal fundraising program, but it will now! Our newly acquired knowledge and our human effort, coupled with Divine Power, will not only strengthen our financial basis but enable us to do more to hasten Jesus' return.... My organization will never be the same!"

PSI is a department of the North American Division, with an affiliation similar to that of ASI. Its function is to train and assist Adventist institutions with fundraising efforts. Dickman served as a member of the PSI conference program committee, and is now serving on the PSI advisory board to more fully develop the partnership between PSI and ASI.

"I will not only recommend to all of my business associates the benefits of attending this workshop, but I will not miss another PSI conference," wrote Think on These Things president Shawn Wray concerning the impact of the ASI attendance grant.

Future plans include presenting a full, five-day PSI fundraising school as a pre-function program at the 2012 International ASI Convention.
The Youth For Jesus program has been hosting outreach events in Sacramento since April. In addition to door-to-door efforts, 11 Bible workers have held cooking schools and stop smoking programs at each of the sites where this year's evangelistic meetings will be held. Nearly all of the program participants are young people in their late teens or twenties.

In June, the YFJ Bible workers hosted several NEWSTART health expos in Sacramento and surrounding areas, partnering with nearby Weimar Center of Health & Education. The expos present the eight laws of health based on the model found in Ellen White's *The Ministry of Healing*.

The first expo was held in West Sacramento on Sunday, June 5. It ran from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., and enjoyed steady traffic throughout the afternoon. Thirteen individuals who attended the expo expressed interest not only in the eight laws of health but also in Bible studies. Those interests will be followed up by the team assigned to the West Sacramento Seventh-day Adventist Church in preparation for the evangelistic meetings set to begin July 8. The YFJ team held a NEWSTART health expo every Sunday in June, covering territory from West Sacramento to Colfax, California.

All health expo attendees were registered on the NEWSTART Lifestyle Club website, which gives them access to additional health-related resources, as well as allowing local churches to contact them regarding future events. Other materials, including *Peace Above the Storm* and GLOW tracts, were also distributed to those who attended the health expos.
ASAP teaches united prayer in Southeast Asia

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The Adventist Southeast Asia Projects team recently traveled throughout Southeast Asia, teaching the concepts of united prayer and revival. Officers, pastors and ASAP missionaries gathered for meetings at the Myanmar Union Mission. At the end of the tour, the ASAP team ran a prayer room for three days at the Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary and College, as well as uniting in prayer with more than 400 students in the main auditorium each evening.

"We witnessed the outpouring of the Spirit of God in a great way!" the team reported. "Many lives experienced revival. Many young people recommitted their lives to God and have made a decision to serve Him and go where He leads rather than choosing a career path based on salary, which is a big temptation in Myanmar where so many struggle with poverty."

Myanmar campus AY (Adventist Youth) programs generally run on Saturday evenings from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. On the weekend that ASAP visited, the AY program ended at around 10:00 p.m. with a powerful session of united prayer.

Following are some of the testimonies shared by students who attended:

- "I’m a senior majoring in religion. Although I am studying religion, I wanted to become a teacher, because a pastor’s salary is very small. As a teacher in Yangon I can make more money, but my heart was changed after hearing the messages from the ASAP team. I realize now that money is not the most important thing. A high salary will not make me happy. Serving God is more important. I have decided to work for God after I finish my education. I would like all you teachers and students to please pray for me. I want God to give me direction."

- "I was born as an SDA. My father is a pastor, and I have heard about prayer from other pastors, but I’ve never prayed before. But now I believe in prayer. Because of the ASAP team who came to teach us to pray, I can now feel joy and peace in my heart. When I heard the messages that they shared, my heart was watered just like a plant. I want to work for God. I want to be a missionary just like those who came to my school to share with us. This experience has changed my life."

- "My father is a pastor. I decided that I didn’t want to work for God. I saw that pastors didn’t make a lot of money. Actually, I didn’t want to attend this school. I am here because my family encouraged me to study here. The reason I am majoring in education is because my brother signed me up for it. After experiencing united prayer, my life has changed. I am now very happy about being here and studying education. I’m thankful for what my brother did for me. I am now excited about teaching and what I can do for God. I am now so glad that my father is serving God."

The ASAP team prays that the Holy Spirit will continue to move mightily in the lives of the students and throughout Southeast Asia, and that united prayer will result in a tremendous revival.
Project Report: Zimbabwe School Project

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In 1976—35 years ago—my wife, Kathy, and I first saw Victoria Falls in what was then the Republic of Rhodesia. The country had just about everything. It was a great place to visit, except for a few rebels wanting changes in the government.

Despite the advantages, our church was small then and grew slowly in all areas of the country. Those conditions continued for another quarter of a century. Today, however, that region is in the country of Zimbabwe, and it suffers severe economic hardship that has created a depressed condition almost unequaled anywhere in the world.

Conversely, church growth has exploded. Last year, 55,000 people were baptized in the Zimbabwe Union, creating a tremendous need for churches and schools. It is believed by church leaders that there are close to 1 million Adventist school-aged children in Zimbabwe. Church membership is around 620,000, with 75 percent of those members below the age of 24.

The Zimbabwe Project ASI Maranatha School, built in Victoria Falls in January 2011, is a wonderful blessing for our Victoria Falls area churches and communities. Members there have been praying for the land and school since 1982. To see their prayers answered is a tremendous blessing to them, and a direct answer to the prayers of a dear sister named Odea.

The Southwestern Union wishes to thank ASI for approving and funding the Zimbabwe Project school proposal at the ASI Convention last August. This project is more than complete, with 32 school buildings and a beautiful church now constructed on ten acres of deeded land in the city of Victoria Falls, near the Zambia, Namibia and Botswana borders.

There were no Adventist schools in this area previously. We have been assured that there are many qualified Adventist teachers in the area who are eager and willing to serve the educational system, with potentially 1,000 elementary and secondary students waiting to enroll.

Local church members have partnered to complete the project, including a block of restrooms. All of the One Day Church materials were shipped custom free.

Reported by Duane McKey, vice president for evangelism for the Southwestern Union Conference