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Upon arrival, the group of 20 volunteers, including healthcare professionals, university students from Manaus, and two visiting Americans, spent a very successful Sabbath presenting a worship service and providing medical care. "The people received our group very warmly and were very interested in our return," said Mills. The group loaded back onto the boat that evening with plans to depart for Manaus at midnight. It was anchored about 600 feet offshore.

At 12:20 a.m., just prior to departure, a violent storm came "from out of nowhere," ripping off the top of the boat and capsizing it. "The boat immediately filled with water and began to slowly sink, with all of us still inside," Mills shared. Nineteen of the volunteers were able to escape from inside the boat and cry for help. They were all rescued, including a physician who was resuscitated with CPR. Sadly, his wife, Dafne Paulina, a psychology student, was trapped inside the boat and lost her life.

The 19 survivors have returned safely home to their families and are recuperating mentally and physically.

"We are suffering a great deal at this time, and we implore you for your prayer support for each victim that was on the boat that evening," said Mills. "Please pray by name for Anibal, who lost his wife. Please pray for each of the volunteers. Also please pray for God's wisdom on how to move forward at this time."
Mills, who nearly lost his life to illness while serving in the Amazon, is no stranger to the risks inherent in serving in remote areas and under unpredictable circumstances. He wrote, "We need divine wisdom to show us the steps in which to walk so that Satan does not win this victory, but that by the very death of a young missionary more souls can come to accept Christ in the village of Saracá and all over the Amazon."

Visit the Amazon Lifesavers Ministry website.

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Sabbath Celebration reaches worldwide audience

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Three ASI members from the Southern Union partnered with the Andrews (N.C.) Seventh-day Adventist Church to produce a one-day event for a local and global audience on Sabbath, August 13, 2011. The worldwide Sabbath Celebration was staged in a barn in the western part of the state. The event drew more than 1,500 people to Bear Ridge Mall in Andrews, and an estimated 2 million people also attended from 42 countries via live Internet stream.

World church president Ted N.C. Wilson was the keynote speaker for the day-long event, joined by Kenneth Cox of Kenneth Cox Ministries, Dr. Michael Hasel of Southern Adventist University, and author Ed Reid. Elder Wilson talked about the joy of Sabbath keeping, Dr. Hasel presented the Sabbath in biblical and historical context, Elder Reid addressed modern challenges to the Sabbath, and Elder Cox ended the day with a Bible study on the Sabbath. Additional highlights included a mission work account by Gospel Ministry International founder David Gates and performances by Covenant of Praise, a 23-member men's chorus from Collegedale, Tennessee.

"Sabbath Celebration was a tremendous success in many ways," said Don Yancheson, pastor of the Andrews and Murphy (NC) Seventh-day Adventist Churches. "The Holy Spirit guided us each step of the way, and we witnessed miracle after miracle. Although the event is past, we're still amazed at what the Lord did in sending the message of the biblical Sabbath around the planet."

The event was produced by ASI members from Network 7 Media Center, Inc., Three Angels Tube, and Gospel Ministries International. All are active in the ASI Southern Union chapter. Network 7 provided equipment such as cameras, microphones, speakers and projectors. A mixed feed of the event was sent to GMI media stations and to Three Angels Tube, a YouTube station developed by Delroy Brown.

"When Pastor Yancheson called us, we thought it would be just a little job helping a local church do a one-day camp meeting," said Christopher Beason, executive director for Network 7. "When we were finished, we just sat down at our control booth and looked at each other in awe. We could not believe how God had used our simple operation to have a hand in such a major global event. To God be the glory!"
Visit the Network 7 Media Center, Gospel Ministries International and Three Angels Tube websites.

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All Power evangelism seminars presented in New South Wales

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In June, the Gosford Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted two evangelistic seminars presented by Pastor Leo Schreven of All Power Seminars. The Gosford Church is part of the New South Wales Conference. The focus of the seminars was to share the Three Angels' Message and to inform people about world events.

According Pastor David Price of the Gosford Church, evangelism ultimately comes down to connecting with people who are in need of spiritual engagement. "Lost people matter to God," he says.

The first seminar focused on personal goals, health, and finances, and ran for 15 sessions over 4 days. The second seminar focused on biblical teaching and ran for 18 sessions over 11 days. More than 200 people attended the first seminar, and about 150 attended the second.

"It was exciting to see so many attending during the week when it was quite cold," said Pastor Price. "But it was like a revival breaking out with so many connecting with the positivity and spiritual hope that Pastor Leo offers." Pastor Price said the number of attendees grew each night during the seminars, and he attributed much of the success to the expertise of church members who helped out with previous All Power seminars in the region.

The two All Power seminars are being followed by a six-month Daniel and Revelation prophecy seminar presented by Pastor Price. Many of the non-Adventists attending are fully committed Christians from other denominations. "We are continuing to minister to them by visitation and via our health outreach programs," says Pastor Price.

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Excerpted from "Gosford hosts All Power outreach" by Adele Nash, published in Northpoint, the North New South Wales Conference news source.

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Health expo banners attract attention in 30 languages

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Getting people's attention can be half the battle in health education outreach. That has been especially true with the native Inuktitut tribe in Igloolik, Nunavut, Canada. Now, in response health expo banners bearing script in their native language, the Inuktitut people are starting to pay attention.

Health Education Resources produces health expo banners in more than 30 languages. Recent shipments have been sent to New Zealand, Austria, China, and Portugal. The recent shipment to workers trying to reach the Inuktitut tribe has proven very effective in "arresting the attention" of the local population. HER also produces other health education materiels for both adults and children.

Workers reported that many locals came to the health expo as a result of the banners, and also stayed by to witness a baptismal service, which took place in the frigid waters of the Arctic Ocean.

Visit the Health Education Resources website.
Project Report: AudioVerse

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AudioVerse, a 2010 ASI project grant recipient, is dedicated to using the latest technology to communicate the gospel to the world. The funds received were instrumental in allowing the ministry to acquire equipment needed to provide high quality video content.

The organization invested the funds in three primary assets: a panasonic HD video camera, an Apple iMac workstation with video-editing hardware, and Final Cut Studio software. The new resources were first used at the ASI 2010 International Convention for capturing and post-production of convention seminars. The resulting products included DVDs for sale, as well as MP4 files available for free download from both the ASI and AudioVerse websites.

The equipment has since been used at other events, including SEYC in Collegedale, Tennessee, and the AMEN conference in San Diego, California. It will also be used at regional camp meetings.

"This equipment has enabled us to share the gospel in a medium that previously was not possible for us, and its far-reaching effects can already be felt," said Tim Arakawa in a recent AudioVerse project report. "We want to thank ASI members for their generosity in providing this opportunity for us to enhance our ministry's ability to reach more souls."

Visit the AudioVerse website.

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