Dear Parents and Friends,

I want to thank you for your overwhelming response to the parenting survey we sent out earlier this month. We heard from hundreds of parents around the world - in Trinidad and Tobago, the Czech Republic, Zimbabwe, Brussels and Australia, to name just a few. We look forward to sharing the results with you in our next issue, along with the names of our winners.

Whether you're enjoying the summer or winter season right now - it's always the season for enjoying a good book. You will find a great selection of books for the whole family in this issue of ADVENTIST PARENTING. You can order online or stop by your local ABC.

"Grandparents as Parents" is the subject of our next issue. If you have any thoughts, questions, or suggestions - let us know!

Until next time...

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**Secret of the Old Red Barn** is the 3rd book in the Secret of series by Sandy Zaugg. This is a long-needed book for kids to help them understand the growth of our church following the Great Disappointment. This story is set in the in-between years of our church's history - after the Great Disappointment but before the church was officially named and organized.

**Ages 6 - 9**

**Secret of the Old Red Barn**

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**Miracles of the Mantle** is the next in the Bradley Booth series of children of the Bible. Nathan's adventures with the prophet Elisha would take him places and show him things he never expected - floating ax heads, oil that never ran out, bitter water turned sweet, even wild bears. Along the way, Nathan would learn incredible lessons about standing up for what he believed in, keeping his faith in Jehovah, and loving even those who wanted to do him harm.

**Ages 10 - 14**

**Miracles of the Mantle**

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**African Rice Heart** is an earthy, candid, and poetic narrative that traces Emily's journey of growth, challenge, and discovery. Read it and you, too will feel the heartbeat - sometimes strong, sometimes irregular, but always present - as Emily weaves her stories of wonder and longing, tragedy and tears, and ultimately, the sense of belonging she found during her year of service in Bere, Chad.

**Ages 15 - 18**

**African Rice Heart**

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**Resources for Parents**

**Parenting Boot Camp** provides parents with powerful strategies on how to be effective parents.

**100 Creative Activities for Sabbath** will bring much joy to twenty-first century families seeking to make Sabbath special.

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Our sole purpose is to uplift Jesus Christ in communicating biblical teaching, health principles, and family values through the **printed word**.
Don’t Let Your Heart Feel Funny by beloved children’s author Jerry D. Thomas, and his wife Kitty, uses a mixed-up, but lovable character named Max to help kids deal with their fears when scary things happen.

In More Than Two Hands Full, Max learns that there’s always enough for everyone when we share.

Tiny Tots for Jesus, straight from 3ABN, these colorful, easy-to-understand books present the same wholesome attitudes and values as the Tiny Tots for Jesus television broadcast.

Patterned after program segments like “Fun in the Kitchen” and “Let’s Go to the Barn,” these books are sure to become pre-schooler favorites.

Family Heritage Library/Tiny Tots Library is a 3-volume set of Bible stories written and illustrated with toddlers and pre-schoolers in mind.

I Miss Grandpa is a touching story of love, loss, and a butterfly that helps children understand death from the perspective of an Adventist Christian.
Miss Brenda’s Bedtime Stories. Each volume of this awesome new set from Miss Brenda includes more than twenty-five delightful, true stories to help your children learn about forgiveness, answered prayer, honesty, obedience, and more. These stories will warm your heart and draw your children closer to Jesus. 5-volume set. The first 2 volumes now available.

Little Cabin by the River tells of the delightful escapades from the childhood of Grandma Joyce (Joyce Neal) that will help children embrace the wide, wonderful world of discovery, and throw open the doors of their hearts to Jesus. All will be reminded that it’s never too late to come home to Jesus.

Daniel Asks About … is a beautifully illustrated story written to help children understand, and prepare for, Baptism and Communion.

Secret of the … Exciting mystery stories for kids that deal with grief, the role and importance of laws (both God’s and man’s), prejudice, and church history.
**Dinosaurs** is filled with information and ideas about these creatures. Where did they come from? and where did they go? The Bible’s account of earth’s history does not mean that dinosaur bones are fake or that Creation week was millions of years long. You’ll love the many cool photographs and charts in this book.

**God’s Ten Promises** provides a refreshing look at the Ten Commandments – perfect for families to read together for worship. Shows kids that God’s laws aren’t just a list of do’s and don’ts, but they are His promises to us – and if we allow Him – He will change us into the kind of person who would even want to steal, or lie. It includes tips and helps at the end of each chapter for parents and teachers.

**Step by Step** will help kids take their first steps in Christian discipleship. Drawn from *Steps to Christ* by Ellen White and written in a language kids can understand. It includes tips and helps at the end of each chapter for parents and teachers.

**What We Believe for Kids** is a colorful book written for kids of all ages. Our statement of fundamental beliefs can be confusing to a kid. Now they can understand and explain these great truths. Includes tips for parents and teachers and the end of each chapter.

**God Loves Me 28 Ways** answers the question, What do you believe? Each of the 28 answers to this question will provide a beautiful glimpse into the never-ending, incredibly powerful, and always present love of God. Helps kids to learn about the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
Esther: A Star is Born  she was beautiful but she hardly knew it. She was kind and intelligent and was chosen to be the queen of all the Persian Empire. Amazing? Not really—God had a plan for her life, just like He does for yours!

Escape From Egypt; Prince of Dreams; Plagues in the Palace; Shepherd Warrior.
From Egypt to Babylon, from Mt. Sinai to the hills of Hebron, you won’t want to miss any of these exciting Bible stories from Bradley Booth.

Escape  What if you suddenly had to leave your home, not knowing if you would ever see it again? What if you could take only what you could carry—on a bicycle?

This is the true story of a thirteen-year-old boy who had to do just that. In 1945, near the end of World War II, as Russian soldiers marched toward the German capital of Berlin, people in villages, towns, and the countryside found themselves in the enemy’s path.

The Misadventures of Peter Paul Pappenfuss  No matter how hard he tries, Pater Paul Pappenfuss usually ends up in more trouble than he can get out of. But in the process he manages to learn some lessons about responsibility, honesty, and God’s constant love.
When twelve-year-old twins Eric and Susan move in with their Aunt Sally, they never dream they will end up on a remote island paradise. Based on true stories, *Summer of the Sharks* and *Octopus Encounter* teach lessons of trusting God with our deepest fears, and learning that each of us is unique and special in God’s eyes.

Each Pathfinder Honors Club mystery adventure helps kids earn a Pathfinder honor badge—Photography, Wilderness Living, Marine Mammals, Cooking, and Airplane Modeling—and how to make positive choices.

*The Bandit of Benson Park*
*Storm on Shadow Mountain*
*The Secret of Scarlett Cove*
*The Great Sleep-Time Stew Rescue*
*Wings Over Oshkosh*

Meet Jenny Thomas and her courageous Palomino are, Sunny. Their inspirational adventures are based on true stories and are sure to inspire horse lovers of all ages! The Sonrise Farm series will help children learn more about God’s redeeming grace.

*The Palomino*
*Stolen Gold*
*Flying High*
*Morning Glory*
Love, Kirsten  Is the compelling true story of a winsome 20-year-old who loved her Lord and went to serve as a student missionary on the island of Yap, where she paid made the ultimate sacrifice.

As you read Kirsten’s journal entries and share in her joys and trials, you’ll experience her inner world—and will long for the day when every tear will finally be wiped away.

GODencounters is a movement of young adults wholeheartedly pursuing a 24/7 experience with Jesus Christ. These pages form a tapestry of our lives, where we have found GOD and where we've been found by GOD. Each thread unique, frayed, and honest. We dare you to weave your journey in with ours as we live recklessly for God's renown.

In Serious About Love, Dr. Kay Kuzma answers the question "Is there really a way to know if someone is right for you?" Whether you're dating someone or just looking for the "right one," this book will help you understand the serious side of love and offers plenty of down-to-earth guidance for dating and love.

You need to know what kind of person you are looking for before you find him or her. What are your expectations for the relationship? You must know what qualities you and your future partner need to possess to make your dream relationship a reality. Laws of Dating is designed to help you do just that.

In Connection, Steve Case draws from the classic Steps to Christ, and provides a fresh perspective that will strike familiar chords and new harmonies with those who have already searched for God.
What We Believe for Teens uses stories and anecdotes that will appeal to teens and help them realize that our Adventist beliefs are actually amazing insights into a loving God who knows us better than we know ourselves. This fourth book in the Seventh-day Adventists Believe series is a comprehensive treatment of all twenty-eight fundamental beliefs of our church.

The Serenity Inn series traces the stories of several brave young women who find themselves in a wild and untamed land where Spanish vaqueros rub shoulders with mountain men, and Indians buy tobacco and salt for the winter alongside Russian immigrant farmers.

As Serenity says, “This is the strangest place, Lord. One minute I think I hate it here and the next, You scatter a thousand diamonds across the sky and I think I could live here forever.”

Uplifting and encouraging, The Serenity Inn series shows how each young girl longs to discover God’s destiny for her life on an untamed frontier in the years prior to the Civil War.

Serenity’s Desire
Serenity’s Quest
Josephine’s Fortune
Lilia’s Haven
Abigail’s Dream
Annie’s Trust
Molly’s Revenge
**The First 7 Years** is Dr. Kay Kuzma’s most important book about a child’s most important years. In this ambitious book, Kay gives parents the information they must have for meeting children’s needs in the critical areas of love, individuality, emotions, discipline, cognitive learning, moral character, and personal value.

**Parenting Boot Camp** Most parents learn by trial and error—and you can learn a lot that way—but every new recruit needs basic training strategies to be successful at the job of parenting. The objective of Parenting Boot Camp is to give parents the information they need to be an effective parent of their children. The goal is not to be a "perfect" parent but to have fun, be an effective teacher, and create positive relationships. This book will be useful for conducting seminars and small group studies, as well as a stand-alone guide for parents.

**The Connected Family**
Anything worth doing takes effort, time, and perseverance— including parenting. In *The Connected Family*, Paul and Carolyn Rayne present a practical twenty-six step program designed to help parents make their children a priority, lead them to make a commitment to God, and teach them the tools for Christian living.

**Praying Like Crazy for Your Kids** is a beautiful book that reminds parents our heavenly Father knows all about our family situations and wants us to partner with Him in shaping the lives of our children, not just for a long, meaningful life on earth, but also for eternity in the new earth. This contains much encouragement, many prayer ideas, and journal pages to record your hopes and prayers for your children of any age.
In **100 Creative Activities for Sabbath**, Karen Holford seeks to restore Sabbath joy for twenty-first century families by sharing 100 creative ideas for making Sabbath special.

**100 Creative Prayer Ideas for Kids** shows how to make time with Jesus interesting, meaningful, and fun! And don’t assume grown-ups are left to watch from the sidelines. A helpful index organizes the various prayer activities by age and other categories. Many of these ideas will work especially well in small group settings, or use them in your own prayer time to put a fresh sparkle into your prayer life!

**100 Quick and Easy Worship Ideas for Kids** provides 100 ways to put the fun back into family worship! For busy, tired, and overstretched parents everywhere who long to share God creatively with their families, this book is heaven-sent. So gather the kids around, choose any one of a hundred quick and easy ideas from this book, and watch what happens as together, you find new ways to experience God.

**Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students** presents instruction specific to Seventh-day Adventists. It is different in this regard, from the masterpiece, *Education*, in which Ellen White addresses issues intended for a broader, more general reading public. As the subject develops, there are clearly set forth the responsibilities and duties of parents, heartening counsel to guide the teachers in their work, and practical instruction to those who devote the years of their youth in preparing for a life of service.

**Counsels on Education**
For Ellen G. White, the purpose of education went far beyond the three Rs. Much of her writing and ministry was dedicated to Adventist education. Seven of the nine volumes of the *Testimonies for the Church* contain chapters devoted to education. Now, these important chapters have been gathered into one book. Parents, teachers, school administrators, students—anyone with an interest in Seventh-day Adventist education—will find this book invaluable. Topics include home training, God and nature, school management and finance, the character and work of teachers, and much more.

Drugs, alcohol, sex, school violence, broken homes and internet pornography are some of the dangers that put our children at high risk today. But the greatest potential risk factor seldom gets talked about—the lack of support from a network of caring adults.

In **It Takes A Church**, authors Gary L. Hopkins and Joyce W. Hopp, offer practical guidelines and a positive approach to providing spiritual and moral protection for our children by every church member.
Parenting By The Spirit is a refreshingly practical and spiritual approach that helps you discover that your own vital connection with Jesus is the greatest secret to winning the hearts of your children. If you’ve tried and failed to live up to your own and everybody else’s unrealistic expectations, and are willing to follow God’s plan, this book will show you how to be the parent He designed you to be.

Parenting Your Infant/Toddler by the Spirit is the second in the Parenting by the Spirit series of four books. Building on the foundation of a personal walk with God, Sally explores the various facets and frustrations of parenting infants and toddlers. Using numerous examples from her own experience as a mother, grandmother, friend, and counselor, Sally illustrates how to positively direct the hearts of your little ones. God is real. He is there for you, and He can touch the heart of your infant and toddler through you.

Parenting Your Child By The Spirit is the third in a four-book series by Sally Hohnberger that teaches child-rearing principles from the context of personal time spent with Jesus. In this deeply spiritual yet very practical book, you’ll meet colorful characters with names like “Sassy Suzie,” “Disobedient Danny,” “Lying Larry,” “Slothful Sam,” and “Obedient Ollie.” You’ll learn the “Replacement Principle” of exchanging God’s character traits for Satan’s, and make the powerful discovery that correction rightly done is love!

Parenting Your Teen By The Spirit is the fourth book in the series on parenting by Sally Hohnberger in which she urges parents and others who have contact with teens to motivate them to reach out to Christ in a personal way. By befriending teens and listening to their dreams, you can encourage them to develop their talents and to learn new skills that will be useful in their adult lives.

But it is not enough for your teens to know that Jesus is with them. They must know that Jesus is in them enabling changes in their outlook, desires and character. The only thing preventing any of us from spiritual growth and overcoming is our own choice every minute.

Have you ever wondered how to raise great kids? Of course you have. As a parent, you try to show your child so many things. But what will shape their characters most? What can you do that will really stick with your child?

In What My Parents Did Right by Mark Finley and Steven Mosley, answers these questions. Drawing from the testimonies of several young adults, the authors reveal time-tested methods for teaching children right from wrong, making children feel loved, transmitting a positive attitude about God and faith, and more. An upbeat and inspiring guide to raising happy, healthy, and heaven-bound kids.