Shuttle: A shuttle will be available to all conference attendees in need of transportation to and from the conference grounds in Crandall, GA, from an airport (either Atlanta, GA, or Chattanooga, TN). A $20 round-trip fee will be charged all who use this service. Be sure Evelyn Arevalo has your flight information. The shuttle coordinator will be Pastor Oscar Valles. Should you need to reach him, his cell number is 951-907-0611.

Youth Outing: Those who will be attending the Youth Outing prior to the AU Conference should plan to meet on Thursday, August 18, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 5440 McDonald Road, McDonald, TN. Thursday will be spent packing and preparing for Friday morning’s departure. At approximately 10 or 11 A.M. Friday morning, the hiking party will cross Fontana Lake of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by boat. Camping will be on the peninsula near the Eagle Creek outlet into Fontana Lake. Activities will include hiking, canoeing, and swimming. Best of all, this outdoor adventure will provide plenty of opportunity for spiritual growth as hikers study God’s word, test their physical endurance, and interact with one other.

The cost for the Friday-to-Wednesday portion of the trip is $175 per person. This covers the cost of the roundtrip boat ride, canoe rentals, food, and camping gear. An additional charge will be added to cover the cost of lodging at the church prior to the trip. All hikers are asked to bring a small Bible, a backpack, insect repellent, lightweight rain jacket, hiking boots, and any other gear appropriate for this wilderness trip. Backpacks will be used. (Please do not bring suitcases!) Only a minimal amount of clothing (no more than two or three shirts and shorts, or skirts) is necessary. All clothing must be modest. Swimming attire should be practical for swimming in a lake—dark-colored shorts and shirts, for men and women, are requested. If you have any questions, please contact Christian Nelson at 916-212-6468.

Sabbath Afternoon Youth Meeting: The theme for this year’s American Union Conference is “Here Am I. Send Me.” It is a seemingly simple title, but it is also deeply personal. In keeping with this theme, the youth meeting coordinators would like to ask those who plan to participate in this year’s youth meeting to try to choose songs, poems, and/or musical pieces that relate to missionary work. We are already beginning to outline the program. If you have something you wish to present, please email Margie Seely at nutswigs03@yahoo.com. May God richly bless this conference!
Bay Area Outreach Report

“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:14

From June 11 to 15, a missionary outreach was held in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. Several people attended. Below are summaries from three of them.

**Pastor Henry Dering, Cameron Park, California**

Reaching out to the lost with the everlasting gospel is a privilege and a real challenge. For five days, three ministers and a Bible worker, as well as dedicated lay members, distributed many Bible correspondence course enrollment cards and truth-filled tracts and magazines free of charge. It was exciting to stand on busy streets near Pier 39 in San Francisco, overlooking historic Alcatraz Island, and to hand out literature to countless sightseers.

Another location we visited was the Haight-Ashbury district, where the hippie movement had its beginnings in the 1960s. The bohemian subculture and New Age ambiance are still evident in the eccentric style of clothing and jewelry worn; the tattoos imprinted on legs, necks, and arms; the psychedelic art; and the brightly colored shops and Victorian houses. The local people seem fascinated by the occult. It is a place that offers drugs, alcohol, and an assortment of sinful activities. But even in cities known for their depravity, like San Francisco, there are still people who are searching for truth. I pray the Lord will help us find them.

We also spent several days distributing literature door to door in San Jose and Santa Cruz.

“There is work to be done in California, a work that has been strangely neglected. Let this work be delayed no longer. As doors open for the presentation of truth, let us be ready to enter. Some work has been done in the large city of San Francisco, but as we study the field we see plainly that only a beginning has been made. As soon as possible, well-organized efforts should be put forth in different sections of this city and also in Oakland. The wickedness of San Francisco is not realized. Our work in this city must broaden and deepen. God sees in it many souls to be saved.” –*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 110.

May the Lord richly bless the courageous and energetic missionary efforts made in these California cities. We pray that the scattered seeds of truth will bring fruit for eternity.
“Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls.” –Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, pp. 123, 127.

Pastor Oscar Valles, Riverside, California

I truly enjoyed the opportunity to reach out to the people in the San Francisco Bay Area with the gospel news. The method we used in putting together a few pamphlets can be employed by any member of the church—whether door to door or as handouts—and can be done quickly. Also the experiences one can have leave a wonderful memory of doing something for the Lord.

On July 15-17, 2011, another outreach will take place, this time in the San Diego area. We will use the same method, except that the pamphlets will placed be in clear plastic bags. We have invited brethren from the Southern California churches to participate.

Pray that the Lord will send more workers into the vineyard.

Pastor Joel Barnedo, Denver, Colorado

“If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not to deter or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.” William Penn.

The great commission links God’s special presence to the action of the church going into the world. “Go therefore and make disciples … and lo, I am with you always.” Matthew 28:19-20. God is with us in an immediate sense as we carry His life into the world.

I thank the Lord for giving us the privilege to do this missionary outreach in San Jose and San Francisco, California. We were able to distribute plenty of religious leaflets, such as 100 Facts About the Sabbath, The Coming of Christ, and The Ten Commandments. I thank Religious Liberty Publishing Assn. for preparing all the leaflets.

I really enjoyed working with Pastor Dering, Pastor Valles, Sister Delmy, and members of the church in San Jose and San Francisco. May the Lord bless His word that was sown. I appeal to all churches to engage in this grand and exciting work of spreading the gospel through “literature sharing!” We can hasten the coming of Jesus if all of us will join this wonderful work!

“There are places which are now a moral wilderness, and these are to become as the as the garden of the Lord. The waste places of the earth are to be cultivated, that they may bud and blossom as the rose.” –Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 24.
Baptism
Pastor Joel Barnedo, Denver, Colorado

“Every impulse of the Holy Spirit leading men to goodness and to God, is noted in the books of heaven, and in the day of God every one who has given himself as an instrument for the Holy Spirit's working will be permitted to behold what his life has wrought.” – Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 310.

Early Sunday morning, May 1, 2011, believers gathered beside a pool in Aurora, Colorado, to witness the baptism of Brother Oscar Sandoval. His wife, Sister Alice, had preceded him in baptism just a few months earlier. Please continue to pray earnestly for this couple, since they live in Roswell, New Mexico, far from any church community. They are very active in sharing Jesus with others through the distribution of literature and making people aware of how God wants to bless them through natural health principles and His divine grace. We pray that their efforts will be blessed in a very special way.

You can support them in their work by signing up as a facilitator in the Literature Sharing Program and then making donations to the program, specifying that they be used to send literature to Oscar and Alice Sandoval for distribution. For more information, contact Religious Liberty Publishing Association at 916-765-3389, or send an email to info@sdal1888.org.

All gratitude and glory be to God for the work He is doing in human hearts!

“When the redeemed stand before God, precious souls will respond to their names who are there because of the faithful, patient efforts put forth in their behalf, the entreaties and earnest persuasions to flee to the Stronghold. Thus those who in this world have been laborers together with God will receive their reward.” – Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, pp. 196-197.

2011 - 2012 Calendar

- August 9-18: International Youth Conference in Athens, Greece
- August 23-24: American Union Delegates’ Meetings
- August 18-24: American Union Youth Outing
- August 24-27: American Union Conference at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, GA
- September 20, 2011: First Quarter of the Missionary Seminar begins
- January 10, 2012: Second Quarter of the Missionary Seminar begins
- April 10, 2012: Missionary Seminar Field Training begins