Mission Report from the Southeastern Field
Pastor Ciro Arevalo, Southeastern Field President, Miami, FL

“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” Acts 2:47.

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., we witnessed the Biblical promise mentioned above. On this date, our dear Sister Evangelina Diaz Matos, originally from the Dominican Republic, entered the baptismal waters and made her covenant with God. The Orlando congregation happily accepts this dear sister as a new member of the church. We pray that the good God of heaven may help and strengthen her at all moments of trial and temptation. I invite all to uphold Sister Evangelina with their prayers. We thank God for giving us this new soul. May God be given all honor and glory.

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” Luke 15:7.
Know Your Adventist History!
Pastor Henry Dering, General Conference Evangelism Director, Cameron Park, CA

A PowerPoint presentation that deals with a special aspect of the Advent message—the Reformation—has been released.

We trace our heritage back to the Advent Movement of 1844. We preach the three angels’ messages throughout the world and still uphold the original teachings of the pioneers. Our every endeavor is to warn the world and prepare a people for the soon coming of our Lord.

This Reform Movement goes back some ninety years, when both the world and the church faced a terrible crisis.

This new PowerPoint presentation takes you step by step through the development of the prophesied Reformation. It has over 200 slides that deal with important events in our church history. To give you an idea of the scope of this presentation, here are some highlights:

- Significant events before and after 1888
- Laodicea and the shaking
- The Christian and warfare
- The remnant

Here are some source materials that this historical documentary will examine:

- The Word of God
- Spirit of prophecy statements
- Important out-of-print documentation
- Original photographs from six continents

You may view the two PowerPoint presentations at the following address:

http://truthwillconquer.org/sda-reformation-1914/ppt-presentations
Defending the Fatherless:
God’s Most Tender Mission Field
Margie Seely, Cedartown, GA

David paled as the social worker called him into her office. The serious look on her face made his stomach tighten. She had bad news. His adoptive family had called. Just ten days before his sixteenth birthday, the official cut-off age for adoption, they had changed their minds and were no longer interested in adopting him. David slumped into his chair. The one gift he had longed for, for as long as he could remember, was to be adopted and at last be part of a family. With one phone call, David’s world, all his boyish hopes and dreams of being adopted, were completely shattered. He was an orphan, and he would remain an orphan forever. There was simply no time to find another adoptive family. Unless…. 

Birthdays should be times of joyous celebration surrounded by family and friends. For many waiting children, however, each birthday marks yet another year gone by without a family of their own. A grim reminder that the children remain unwanted, each birthday becomes one step closer to the day when they will “age out,” become ineligible for adoption, and face the world alone.

Every year thousands of orphan children age out of the orphanage or foster care system they are currently in. Physically and legally they have grown to adulthood. Inside, however, there are broken hearts that have never stopped crying out for love. These people go through life without the network of support and dedication a family affords.

The reality is, it is much more intimidating to adopt an older child. It can be downright scary. Older children carry emotional baggage and scars. The risks run higher. The challenges are much more intense. Bonding with them and integrating them into your family is a much more difficult process. And should you already have children in your home, these obstacles become increasingly more complex.

But hard does not mean impossible, especially if God is in it. If you are called to adopt an older child—and not everyone is—God offers you a promise. He will walk the road with you. He will carry you if He has to; but you will never, not for one moment, be left alone, because these older children are His children. “I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?” Jeremiah 32:27.

David of Latvia is one such child. Six days before his sixteenth birthday, David’s social worker, who had been working feverishly to find him another family, called him into her office at the orphanage once more. Nervously, he sat in the chair opposite her. He held his breath as she held out a picture of a family for him to see. Smiling up at him were a mother, a father, two teenage girls, and a young boy. “David, would it be okay with you if this family adopts you?” Was it okay?! David threw his hands into the air and let out a whoop! In April 2011, a plane lifted off from Riga, Latvia, and touched down somewhere in the eastern United States. David was finally home.

In the United States, November is National Adoption Awareness Month. If you have never before thought about opening your heart and home to a child, I humbly encourage you to pray about it. You just might be the answer to an orphan’s prayer.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”
James 1:27.
Family Camp Weekend
November 24-27, 2011

“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” Psalm 19:10.

From November 24 to 27, 2011, the Education Leaders of the Southeastern Field will host a Family Camp Weekend at the Stephen F. Austin State Park in San Felipe, Texas. The theme for this year is “Gold!” All families are cordially invited to attend. Worship services, children’s songs, activities in nature, crafts, campfires, delicious vegan meals, as well as time to play and make friends, are all a part of this fun and spiritual weekend experience. For more information, or to request a registration form, contact Lisbeth Hunger at 770-715-0419 or lisbethhunger@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is November 18, 2011.

“O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high ... is a great King over all the earth.”

2011 - 2012 Calendar

- November 24-27, 2011: Children and Family Camp Weekend in San Felipe, TX
- January 10, 2012: Second Quarter of the Missionary Seminar begins
- April 10, 2012: Missionary Seminar Field Training begins
- June 2012: General Conference Session, South Africa (details coming soon)