Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you with the peace of God, meditating upon the inspired words of Isaiah 2:3. "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The World Headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Reform Movement, International Missionary Society, cordially invites you to attend the World Assembly Public Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, from July 11 to 15, 2012. The public conference is a unique opportunity for God's people from around the world to meet together in one place. This joyous event occurs once every five years. At it, ministers from around the world will preach messages and give special reports and experiences of their work in recent years. This is the first time in the history of the Reform Movement that this opportunity will be realized on African soil, thus making it possible to also enjoy the blessings that God has bestowed upon His cause in this great continent. Africa currently has the greatest progress in opening missions in new countries not previously reached with the present truth.

Immediately prior to the public conference, delegates from around the world will meet from June 24 to July 11, 2012, to discuss the efforts put forth in the past five years and reorganize the worldwide work. We will analyze the needs of God's cause and also set new goals in the important mission of preparing the way for the second coming of Christ.

After the public conference, the World Youth Conference will be held from July 15 to 22, 2012. Its main focus will be the development of the youth. Everyone is invited to participate. Together we will have the opportunity to visit some local sites in South Africa and experience the natural beauty of that area.

We ask everyone to pray for these important world events and to make plans, as much as possible, to participate in the activities, thus enjoying the blessings God has in store for His children.

More information on prices and details of the program will be announced shortly on the website of the General Conference at www.sda1844.org.

We look forward to being together in Johannesburg, South Africa, in July 2012.
Missionary Minute: Join a Grief Support Group

“Where is my wife?!” the grief-stricken man sobbed as he grabbed hold of the worker who had come to transport the woman’s body to the mortuary. “We partyed our whole lives! We never went to church! Where is she now?!” The funeral-home worker did not know how to answer. Five years later, he is still haunted by that man’s questions. What does one say to someone grappling with the finality of death?

Many funeral homes now offer grief support groups. Realizing that grieving does not end at the funeral, they try to help the healing process by encouraging participants to share memories and coping experiences. One of the things they encourage participants to do is to talk to their deceased friends or relatives and seek their advice!

The Bible is so clear about what happens when someone dies. Death is a state of unconscious rest. Ecclesiastes 9:5. It is a sleep. I Kings 11:43. But how many people really know this? At one of the most difficult crossroads in their lives, many mourners are confused by untruths such as the one mentioned above. They need to hear the hope that only the Bible can give.

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, consider doing missionary work by joining a grief support group in your area. As you listen to others telling of their journey through grief and loss, you can share truth and light. With God’s help, you may bring the hope and healing someone is longing to find.

Health Beat: Do Mammograms Cause Cancer?

In the United States, breast cancer is on the rise. The Breast Cancer Site\(^1\) states that the “incidence of breast cancer has been increasing steadily from an incidence of 1:20 in 1960 to 1:7 women today.” And they don’t know why. For years, women have been told that in order to catch breast cancer at an early stage, they need to have regular mammograms. Could it be that radiation from the mammograms themselves are the culprits in this increase in breast cancer? Some researchers believe so.

The 2009 Cochrane Database Systemic Review\(^2\) states the following: “What is perhaps most disturbing … is that,… the studies upon which they are based use an outdated radiation risk model, which minimizes by a factor of 4-5 the carcinogenicity associated with the ‘low-dose’ (30 kVp) x-rays generated by mammography. What this indicates, therefore, is that breast screenings are not just ‘causing more harm than good,’ but are planting seeds of radiation-induced cancer within the breasts of millions of women.”

Dr. Mercola\(^3\) lists the following about breast cancer and mammograms.

1) 80 percent of breast lumps are NON-cancerous
2) 70 percent of breast cancers are found through breast self-exams
3) About 80 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of breast cancer
4) Mammograms … carry an unacceptably high rate of false positives … which can lead to repeat screenings … as well as unnecessary medical procedures, including biopsies, surgery, and chemotherapy
5) At least 30 percent of tumors found on mammograms would go away if you did absolutely nothing

Ultimately, the decision on whether or not to have a mammogram is a personal one. However, that decision should be an informed one. Do your own research!

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News from the World of Education:  
Family Camp Weekend in Carrollton, GA  
Lisbeth Hunger, Southeastern Field Education Leader, Cedartown, GA

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

The leaders of the Southeastern Field Education Department warmly invite all children with their parents and/or guardians to participate in the Family Camp Weekend, scheduled for April 5-7, 2012, at the John Tanner State Park, 354 Tanners Beach Road, Carrollton, Georgia (http://www.gastateparks.org/JohnTanner). The theme is “Service.”

Included in the program for the children are worship services, Bible-related group activities, songs, nature activities, crafts, campfires, vegan meals, and more! The adults will not only participate in some of the activities mentioned above with their children but also enjoy some encouraging educational seminars as well. Let your children and youth commune with other Christian families!

Below you will find detailed descriptions about the park, accommodations, costs, and reservations. We pray for a happy time and appropriate weather, and that service to the Lord will be the focus of each camp day.

Lodging, Meals/Costs, and Reservations

Apartment Lodging for Thursday, April 5
For Thursday night there are Motor Lodges available for $80 per night. These are quite comfortable. Each apartment sleeps 4 with 2 queen beds, full bath, living room, and kitchen. Participants must book their own Motor Lodge room for Thursday, April 5, by contacting the John Tanner State Park at 770-830-2222. (Do this soon, as space is limited.)

Group Lodging, Friday-Sunday, April 6-8
LODGING: Rustic group “cabin” with four bunk beds in four rooms, screened porch, men’s showers, women’s showers, industrial kitchen, dining/meeting room, and deck with picnic tables. Check in time is 4 p.m. Check out is at 2 p.m.
WHAT TO BRING: Pillows, bed linens, towels, bath soap, Bible, and instruments.
PARK WILL SUPPLY: Sleeping accommodations for 40 people. There is also an indoor fireplace and an outdoor fire ring in the parking lot island. There are swimming, mini-golf, and volleyball areas, a playground, and rental boats. TELEPHONE: There is a phone in the lodge (local calls only). Park Phone: 770-830-2222.
NOTICE: For your safety, park gates are closed from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Park Passes are required for all vehicles ($5 per car and per stay).

Please send in your reservation:
The deadline for the Group Lodge and meal reservations is March 29, 2012.

Lodging: A two-night reservation for April 6-7 is required.
Number of beds __________ at $ 20.00 (for 2 nights) 
Total lodging cost: $ __________

Meals: $30.00 per person (includes Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday)
Costs: Meals are $10.00 per day, per person (children 2 years and under eat for free)

Number of guests (age 3 and up) needing meals for Friday-Sunday (total $30 per person) __________
Total food cost: $ __________

Total amount for beds and meals: $ __________
Please make your payment by:

- Mailing your check or money order to IMS Treasury, 625 West Avenue, Cedartown, GA 30125-2452
- Directly depositing your payment into the IMS SDA Church Reform Movement account at Regions Bank, Account 0120102259

My family members who will attend the children’s camp:

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PLEASE NOTE: All children must be under the direct supervision of their parents or guardian during the entire family camp weekend!

Dress Code: Be sure to bring good, sturdy shoes for the many nature activities! Boys must wear long pants, while girls are asked to wear skirts and/or dresses. All must wear shirts with sleeves. If the weather permits swimming, all swimmers must wear dark-colored T-shirts and shorts. Bathing suits may be worn underneath.

This is to confirm my reservation by paying the amount of $_______________ for my family’s stay at the Family Camp Weekend.

Signed

If all lodging is filled, we will mail your check back to you and inform you by phone call.

Questions? Contact Lisbeth Hunger at 770-715-0419.

2012 Calendar

- April 4-8: Youth Conference in Monte del Estado, Maricao, Puerto Rico – Contact George Williams for more information at gawr777@gmail.com or 787-565-5060
- April 5-8: Children’s Conference in Carrollton, GA – Contact Lisbeth Hunger at 770-715-0419
- April 10: Missionary Seminar Field Training begins
- June 24-July 11: World Assembly of delegates, South Africa
- July 11-15: General Conference Public Session, South Africa
- July 15-22: World Youth Conference, South Africa
- July 26-28: Missionary Seminar Graduation and Evangelistic Event