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If there was ever a time when member-participation in the activities of the church is key, it is now. Imagine what would happen if every church and member supported NY13 because they believe in the ministry of reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and imagine what would happen if they decided to put their belief into action and invested their time in it. The end result would be phenomenal!

None of what’s happening in New York City now would be possible without the commitment of church members. Thousands of members are already engaged. What about you? If you are not sure how you can become involved, first, seek the Lord in prayer for His direction on what you should do and then contact your local church pastor, or the health ministries, personal ministries, prayer ministries, or youth ministries director. They will be able to point you in the right direction.

Whatever role you choose to play in this initiative in metro New York, remember to do your best and the Lord will take care of the rest.

Ednor A. P. Davison is the editor of the Atlantic Union Gleaner and assistant to the president for communication in the Atlantic Union Conference.
Thousands of Adventist youth and young adults participated in a Compassion Rally weekend on March 22-24 in New York City.

During the three-day event, countless numbers of young people volunteered by dedicating about 30,000 hours to various types of service in the New York community. Young people from the Atlantic Union Conference, the North American Division, and the Adventist world church, along with youth leaders and other supporters, completed about 100 compassion projects across the five boroughs of New York and Long Island. Some of the projects included preparing, transporting, and distributing meals, painting, praying with people, distributing literature, and unloading and organizing food in a food warehouse, to name a few.

On Saturday afternoon more than 3,000 Adventist youth and other supporters marched across the Brooklyn Bridge in New York in a show of support for people becoming more compassionate and to call for an end to violence.

The marchers wore red-and-white T-shirts depicting a hand forming the shape of a heart and they carried small matching flags. The slogan on the T-shirt read: “Compassion: Because Actions Speak Louder Than Words.”

The march was preceded by a press conference at Cadman Plaza in downtown Brooklyn, where they were joined by church leaders and state representatives.

“We would like to call on the leaders, . . . the families, the schools, and the churches of New York City to begin a movement of compassion,” said José Cortés, Jr., Atlantic Union Conference youth ministries director. “It is our resolve to take this movement across the Northeast and have it replicated across the world by other Adventist youth and young adults,” Cortés said.

U.S. Representative Yvette Clarke, serving New York’s Ninth Congressional District, commended the Seventh-day Adventist Church for urging young people to demonstrate compassion.

“If this March is
about people understanding that violence is not the answer; that we can disagree without being violent; that we can resolve conflict without causing harm, death, and impairment; that through love, through compassion, all violence can be overcome,” Clarke said.

Atlantic Union Conference president Donald King said that more than 400 evangelistic meetings will take place in the metro New York area over the next several months. The meetings are a part of the Adventist Church’s initiative to reach urban areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The marchers made a brief stop in front of City Hall to pray for elected officials, the police department and all city agencies, and for the residents of the city and the people who work there. The march concluded at Foley Square.

Earlier in the day, about 400 Adventist youth, led by Ricardo Bain, pastor of the Queens Faith Temple, conducted a flash mob in the heart of Times Square. The youth emerged out of the crowd chanting the words “I am the hands of Jesus; I share the love of Jesus” and singing “O, How I love Jesus.” They formed small groups and then dispersed into the crowd to pray with passersby.

The Compassion Rally weekend in New York City is the first in a series of annual rallies that will be held over the next four years in the following locations: Portland, Maine (2014); Hamilton, Bermuda (2015); Worcester, Massachusetts (2016); and Syracuse/Rochester, New York (2017). For more information, visit www.compassion-now.org.

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Volunteers prepare food at the Delancy Spanish church soup kitchen.

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Volunteers distribute literature to people in New York City.

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About 123 academy students participated in the Atlantic Union Conference Choir, Fitness, and Wellness Clinic at Hanson Place school in Brooklyn, New York. The principal, Raymond Dixon, opened the doors of the school from February 28 to March 2 to host the first of three music clinic programs scheduled this year in conjunction with the NY13 evangelistic meetings in New York City.

The music clinics sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education provide a great opportunity for Adventist academy students to showcase their talents. Students from the six conferences in the Atlantic Union participated.

The wellness and fitness clinicians were Joan Parson-Caleb, Carlyle and Marilyn Simmons, Alannah Thomas, and Colet Coke. They guided the students through the eight principles of health. Classes in vegan cooking, charcoal therapy, and nutrition and healthful habits were presented. Fitness clinicians Thomas and Coke worked with the students on the value of exercise. They walked, ran, and completed a daily exercise routine.

Jonathan Wall, chair of the Southwestern Adventist University Music Department, directed the choral section of the clinic. The final concert on Saturday night at the Hanson Place church was well attended. Melvyn A. Mounter, the church’s pastor, and the members hosted the event. John Boyd, former chair of the Southwestern Adventist University Music Department, was the concert pianist. The concert was streamed live on a Jumbotron positioned outside the church for the viewing pleasure of passersby.

Students and staff, in matching T-shirts, took a moment out of their busy weekend to visit Ground Zero on Sabbath afternoon.

The two additional clinics scheduled for this year in New York City are the Math Clinic on June 24-28 at Brooklyn school, and the Language Arts Clinic on October 1-3 at Whispering Pines school. Refreshments will be served at each closing event. There is no entry charge. Both are free and open to the public. If you are in the area, make plans to drop by to hear what the students learned and about their experience at these clinics.

—Ednor A. P. Davison, Gleaner editor
More than 600 Attend YAHA Congress 2013

The sixth quadrennial Young Adventist Haitians in America (YAHA) Congress in Stamford, Connecticut, drew more than 600 participants from the east coast of the U.S. and Canada.

Under the theme “New Vision, Same Mission,” participants gathered for daily worship services and seminars at the Hilton Stamford Hotel on March 21-24. Youth of all ages learned effective tools and strategies for ministry, career planning, healthy living, and relationships. YAHA delegates also joined thousands of youth for the Compassion Rally weekend in New York City on Sabbath afternoon to participate in the march against violence across the Brooklyn Bridge and to demonstrate acts of compassion.

The three-day event featured a 24-hour prayer room, musical selections from the YAHA Millennium Mass Choir, a baptism, a black tie banquet honoring leaders in youth ministry, and the selection of the first YAHA king and queen—Styves Romain of the Greater New York Conference, and Valerie Anselme of the Northeastern Conference.

YAHA was organized by the North American Division Haitian Advisory Committee, chaired by Ernest Castillo, North American Division Multilingual Ministries vice president, and Pierre Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference Haitian Ministries vice president. The next YAHA congress is scheduled for 2016, rather than 2017, per the delegates’ request. A location has not yet been determined.

—Kristia Beaubrun, communication staff, YAHA Congress

Operation Compassion Comes to Boston

About 200 young adults, youth, children, and adults from the Northeastern and Southern New England conferences participated in Operation Compassion in Boston on April 28.

Operation Compassion was simple, yet effective. The group distributed roses outside Fenway Park, on Boylston Street, at the Copley Square Memorial, and other locations. Each rose had a card titled Boston Strong and contained the promise from Isaiah 41:10 that read: “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

Other activities included taking cookies and baked goods to the first responders, praying at the sites of both explosions for those who are hurting, spontaneous singing as they were joined by many bystanders, a prayer chain with hundreds of requests from people visiting the makeshift memorials, hugs, and a group prayer for the city at the Copley Square Memorial.

About 1,500 copies of The Great Hope were distributed. The young people were easily identified because they were all wearing Compassion T-shirts, they had roses to distribute, and they displayed a spirit of compassion, kindness, and love.

The culmination of the day’s activities was a prayer and candle lighting service on the steps of the Boston Temple.

Photos of Operation Compassion in Boston can be viewed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AtlanticUnionAdventistYouthMinistries/photos_albums.

—José Cortés, Jr., youth ministries director, Atlantic Union Conference

The Operation Compassion group praying for the city of Boston at the site of the Copley Square Memorial.
Seminars on stewardship were held on the first weekend in March at the Southampton church in collaboration with the Bermuda Conference. Erika Puni, General Conference Stewardship Ministries director; John Mathews, North American Division stewardship director; and Thomas Murray, Southern New England Conference stewardship and trust services director, were the presenters.

The weekend began on Friday night with two presentations. Mathews presented “Giving in Postmodern Culture,” and Puni presented “Reviving Stewardship—Transforming Stewards.” On Sabbath, Puni preached at Hamilton church on the topic “Stewardship, a Matter of the Heart.” Mathews preached at Warwick church using the topic “The Invitation.” Murray preached at Southampton church on the topic “Trusting in Brain Candy.”

Four seminars were held on Sabbath afternoon. The topics presented were “Theology of Tithe and the Practice of Tithing in the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” “Debt-Free God’s Way,” “Financial Orientation for Christians—A Practical and Spiritual Approach to Money Management,” and the “Theology of Offerings and Giving in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

Puni shared the history of tithing from a biblical perspective in a seminar on the theology of tithing. Citing that we tend to use Malachi 3:10 when returning tithes in a church setting, he stressed the importance of tithes and offerings. In order to understand Malachi 3:10, members need to read chapters 1 and 2 of Malachi. Offerings were important in biblical times and continue to be important now. Offerings supplement the main work of the church. Mission offerings have helped church growth in third-world countries.

“Financial Orientation for Christians” presented a practical approach to money management. Murray began with Psalm 24:1. “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him,” and John 10:10 says, “I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” He shared that, as Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we understand that the Lord is our portion, His cause is our purpose, and we live abundantly in Him and for Him. He is our Lord, so we are His appointed stewards. Christian stewardship is God’s resources managed by God’s people to accomplish God’s mission.

During the discussion on money management, we learned that money management has much to do with our personal happiness, stress level, the quality of our family life, the stability of our marriage, success in our career, and the opportunity to serve. Money management also has a lot to do with planning. Christian financial planning is designed to help us obtain the things we need and build financial strength for the service of the Most High.

Mathew’s wife, Janice, has written several children’s books on stewardship. These set of 10 books are published by the Review & Herald Publishing Association. Another resource for children is the book titled Dollars & Sense From Grandmommy. This book can be purchased online at AdventSource.

We have always known that God requires 10 percent, which is the tithe. As the members move forward, they should ponder what was presented over the weekend. More importantly, they should ask themselves, “What will we do with the rest—the 90 percent?”

—Dana Bassett, Adventurer leader, Southampton church
The Greater New York Conference's Hispanic Ministries Department launched the Evangelism Institute on January 6 at Mott Haven Spanish church as part of the NY13 initiative. Ricardo Norton, director of the Hispanic Institute at Andrews University, taught the class entitled “Difficult Texts.” More than 150 lay people attended and registered to continue and finish the class. They will receive a Bible certification from Andrews University. The classes will be offered once a month until June.

Each student must spend at least 10 hours a month giving Bible studies and actively participate in various evangelism events. A graduation ceremony will be held at the GNYC Hispanic Camp Meeting on Saturday, July 13, to honor all the students of this program.

—Michael Guerrero, Hispanic Ministries department director, Greater New York Conference
153 Baptized During Meetings Conducted by New York Conference Pastors

Nearly every pastor, including the New York Conference president and treasurer, traveled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to be the featured speakers for an evangelistic series. The trip resulted in 153 baptisms, and nearly three times that number of decisions for baptism.

Hundreds of people came to hear the Word of God at every site, every night. As God used these preachers to make altar calls, there was often not enough room for everyone to make it to the altar. Others listening from outside made their decisions as they responded through the open windows of the churches. Despite the obvious language barrier, powerful ministry took place, in some cases with translators and in others without. The power of the Holy Spirit was seen on the faces of new believers and heard in the words of the pastors and their translators.

Four ministers’ wives also made the trip. The Ministerial Spouses Association’s three officers: Liz Bailey, president; Kelly Hall, vice president; and Wendy Dunn, secretary; with the help of Gina Harlin organized an effort to collect items to assist Las Palmas, the Adventist Children’s home. The number of items collected was overwhelming. Hundreds of pounds of toys, school supplies, clothes, and personal items were hand delivered to the director of the home. It was a highlight of the trip to be able to interact with the children and the staff.

This trip was full of miracles. For more than a year one church group in a poor neighborhood had been praying for a place to worship. Because God sent the New York Conference to the Dominican Republic, His providence made the exact amount of money available for the conference to build a church for these believers.

At the ground breaking, the song “Revive Us Again” was sung in English, Spanish, and mingled with tears and shouts of thanksgiving. The experience, education, revival, and uniting in brotherhood that took place during this trip will have an impact in New York and the Dominican Republic for eternity.

—New York Conference pastors

USA Hosts New York Conference Music Festival

More than 75 students in grades 6-9 attended the New York Conference Music Festival hosted by Union Springs Academy in March. With a theme of “You are Invited,” songs focused on the glorious hope of Jesus’ soon return made possible by His generous sacrifice. The conductor, Esther Baker, has been a favorite among students and staff for several years.

When students needed a break from singing, they were blessed to be able to participate in various breakout sessions, from basketball to floral arranging to rock wall climbing. Committed volunteers made these special activities possible.

—Kim Kaiser, acting superintendent of schools, New York Conference
Sophomores Benefit from Jump Start 10

Union Springs Academy sophomores attended Jump Start 10, a youth leadership summit held at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, New York, on April 12. Attendance at this event, now in its fifth year, has become a tradition for USA sophomores.

Tenth-graders from all over Cayuga County spent the day listening to guest speakers and rotating through workshops on community service, career development, leadership, and personal development. In each workshop, students engaged in group exercises and small group discussions that helped them to understand and apply important leadership concepts.

Fun highlights of the day included free Jump Start 10 sports packs and giveaways from various non-profit booths at the community service expo, but the free stuff and the chance to meet young people from other schools are not the only things that the students take away from this event every spring.

The youth leadership summit has proved to be an important motivator for our students as they plan for their futures. Max Main, a 2012 graduate of Union Springs Academy, directly credits his own experience at Jump Start 10 with helping him to choose nursing as a career. Max has now successfully completed his freshman year at Cayuga Community College, where he has been taking the pre-requisite classes required for the nursing program there.

In his presentation at the close of the afternoon’s events, the speaker emphasized the importance of having a plan in life, a commitment to that plan, and a willingness to make necessary sacrifices to follow the plan. Reflecting on the event, Jordan Tamaleaa, sophomore class president, recalled a memory verse that he learned in third grade. Proverbs 3:6 advises “in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths,” and it is the best plan for success for any individual!

—Andrea Starr-Tagalog, development and alumni relations coordinator, Union Springs Academy

Union Springs Academy class of 2015 participate at the Jump Start 10 youth leadership summit.

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North Adirondack Camp Meeting
West Bangor Church Grounds
North Bangor, New York

August 16–17

Mike Ortel
President
Northern New England Conference

July 21–27, 2013

SKILLS WEEK at Union Springs Academy

This unique week at Union Springs Academy, in beautiful Central New York, allows teens ages 12–17 the opportunity to experience dorm life while engaging in fun classroom workshops, participating in exciting outdoor activities, meeting potential classmates, and experiencing the spiritual warmth that fills the Union Springs Academy campus.

If you know a 7th–11th grader who is interested in a boarding school experience, contact the school at 315-889-7314 or visit our website for a printable application. There is a $100 registration fee for the week.
March 30 marked the end of the Cut the Sugar Campaign at the Mt. Olive church in New London, Connecticut. About 19 participants were present to receive their certificates for completing the campaign.

The campaign was initially launched on January 4 to begin the new year. In the months leading up to the start of the campaign, sobering studies on the importance of cutting sugar out of one's diet was presented by Betsy Hudson, the health ministries leader at Mt. Olive church.

In addition to the Cut the Sugar Drinks and Desserts Initiative proposed by the Northeastern Conference Health Ministries Department, Hudson encouraged members to cut all added sugars from their diet during this period. Knowing that everyone is not at the same place in their diet reform, church members were presented with four levels from which to begin to cut sugar from their diet, offering a greater chance for each participant to experience success.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut (VNASC) was on hand to take the vital measures of those participating in the campaign. Members’ cholesterol, blood pressure, and glucose levels were taken as a pre-assessment to the campaign. More than half the church chose to accept the challenge to reduce their sugar intake.

—Health Ministries department, Mt. Olive church

P.E.R.K.S. Makes a Difference in Kingston Community

Kingston church in New York is one of several partners operating the P.E.R.K.S. (Prevention Education to Restore Kingston’s Spirituality) program targeted to educate young citizens about the dangers of using illicit street drugs.

P.E.R.K.S. was conceived by Ivan Godfrey, Ph.D., a deacon at Kingston church, as a result of his personal commitment to work with youth after attending the Million Man March, and an identified need in the Kingston community was discovered following a public survey. The results indicated there was a significant increase in the use of illicit drugs by middle- and high-school youth.

The program was initiated in 2008 when Godfrey discussed his idea with Vernon Jordan, the church’s pastor, and then set out to visit several local churches to see if they wanted to partner with the Kingston church to combat the drug problem in the community.

Kingston church, along with its new partners, St. Marks AME, New Progressive Baptist, Riverview Baptist, and New Central Baptist churches, formed a coalition and met faithfully the last Thursday of every month until they developed a proposal that included an evidenced-based curriculum that addresses substance abuse issues for youth called “Project Alert.”

The unique feature of this program is the ability to add a spiritual component to the curriculum that teaches the students to look to God when challenged by peer pressure to use drugs.

The program is overseen by the P.E.R.K.S. Coalition members. Instructors who were required to be trained and certified prior to teaching the curriculum are Yvette Armstead of Riverview and Maggie Smith of Kingston. Nidia Martinez-Godfrey of Kingston and Susan Philliber, Ph.D., of Riverview church worked tirelessly to include the spiritual com-
ponent. Martinez-Godfrey also translated the program into Spanish for those Latino students who have difficulty with English.

The first class in 2009 was comprised of students from each of the five participating churches, resulting in two sessions of 15 classes that served 54 students. The class was well received by students and a feature article was published in the Kingston Daily Freeman newspaper.

Shortly after the article was published, Godfrey met with the Kingston High School principal, who heard about the program’s success and wanted to know if they could provide the program to students at the high school.

On January 30, P.E.R.K.S. completed its third semester of classes at the Kingston High School where they worked with at risk youth. They have been approached by several other organizations to discuss the possibility of providing the program to their agency or organization.

The Godfreys are the Kingston church’s Family Ministries department directors and both work with the substance abusing population in their professional careers. Nidia Martinez-Godfrey has been appointed as Commissioner of Human Rights in the city of Kingston and recently as Commissioner of the Ulster County Youth Bureau because of her expertise in the field of addiction services and work with youth.

The Kingston church has been blessed with success in their effort to make a positive impact on drug abuse among youth by challenging and supporting young minds to develop a relationship with the Lord.

—Communication department, Kingston church

### Spotlight on Education

#### Education Department Sponsors Science Fair

The Northeastern Conference Education Department held its annual Science Fair on May 5 at the Linden church in Laurelton, New York. Eleven schools and more than 75 students participated. All the students received medals for participating. In addition, there were first, second, and third place winners from each grade (K-8 and Northeastern Academy).

#### Books Donated to Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services

The Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services (ACS) received a shipment of three truckloads (87 pallets) of books that were donated to support survivors of Hurricane Sandy. Fitzgerald Kerr, Northeastern Conference ACS director, along with Viola Chapman, Northeastern Conference ACS department secretary, unpack the pallets.

Northeastern Conference superintendent of schools, Suesianna Shields, Northeastern Conference ACS department secretary, and Earnest Flowers III, liaison for Assemblyman William Scarborough, District 29 in Queens, New York, coordinated the distribution of the books. The books were shared among Adventist and public schools in the area.

#### Hanson Place School Students Present Worship at Conference Office

Four students from the Hanson Place school Preachers Club—fourth-graders Anthony Trim and Jason Clark and sixth-graders Charles Clark and Christopher Terrell—and Raymond Dixon, the school’s principal, presented worship for the Northeastern Conference staff. Anthony Trim and Charles Clark were the speakers, and Jason Clark sang special music. For more information on how you can support the schools in the Northeastern Conference, contact the Viola Chapman at the Northeastern Conference Education Department at (718) 291-8006, ext. 2249 or e-mail vchapman@northeastern.org.

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Fitgerald Kerr, Northeastern Conference ACS director, and Suesianna Shields, Northeastern Conference ACS department secretary, unpack the pallets.
Southern New England Conference President Announces Retirement

The president of the Southern New England Conference (SNEC) has announced that he will retire at the 2013 Constituency Session on July 14. Frank Tochterman served the three-state conference—Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island—for the past 10 years. Prior to assuming the responsibilities of SNEC, he served as president in the Alberta (Canada) Conference.

During Tochterman’s term as president, the Lord blessed the conference with more than 7,000 new members. Each year new churches and congregations were organized and enrollment in conference-operated schools increased. Annual goals for the conference always included:

• Evangelize the 11 million people who live in the Southern New England territory.
• Provide quality, affordable, and accessible Adventist education to as many young people as possible.
• Assist new congregations with obtaining their own church buildings.
• Reach and mobilize Seventh-day Adventist youth for Christ.
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• Provide quality, affordable, and accessible Adventist

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Frank Tochterman, retiring Southern New England Conference president, and his wife, Sally. Sally, at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). Sally Tochterman was raised on a dairy farm in Greeley, Colorado. She received a B.S. degree in nursing from CUC and an M.S.N. degree from the University of Texas (Arlington). She taught at Atlantic Union College and now works as Quality Improvement Coordinator at a medical facility in Worcester.

Tochterman received a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University. He served numerous churches as pastor in Ohio, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Michigan, including the Piedmont Park church (Lincoln, Nebraska) and the Battle Creek Tabernacle (Battle Creek, Michigan). He also served as ministerial director of the Texas Conference for seven and a half years, and as assistant to the president of the Rocky Mountain Conference for four years.

The Tochtermans have three children and six grandchildren living in Spokane, Washington; San Marcos, Texas; and Highland Ranch, Colorado. They plan to “catch up” with family and do considerable traveling during their first year of retirement.

They express their love and appreciation for the Southern New England Conference family and consider it the highest honor to have served in the capacity of president. Tochterman’s concluding report to the constituency is titled, “The Glory Belongs to Him!”, a thought taken from Psalm 115:1.

—Southern New England communication staff

Boston Temple Members Reach Out to Grieving Community

The Boston Temple church opened its doors to the community on April 16 and held a candle lighting and prayer service in honor of the victims and those affected by the tragic bombing during the Boston Marathon on the previous day. The sites of the explosions are a mere mile away from the church.

Dozens of neighbors and passersby participated by lighting candles, saying prayers, and listening silently while hymns were played and Bible passages read. Donations were collected for the American Red Cross.

Though the physical, emotional, and psychological wounds were and remain fresh, a number of people expressed gratitude to the members and leaders of Boston Temple for providing a space and opportunity to express their grief and sorrow.

Continued prayers are needed for Boston and for the Boston Temple that it might continue to be led by God in expressing compassion for this great city.

A journal was made available for individuals to share their thoughts and prayers. Some of the thoughts included:

• “We are a small, yet resilient city. The Bostonians are strong and courageous people and with your help God, we shall move on stronger in Your grace.”

• “Overwhelmed by sadness, but hopeful that Boston and her citizens will overcome and are blessed.”

• “They thanked us for staying. And what did we really do? Nothing except stay. And how did we feel? Terrified! Not heroes, just people, trained to think through the terror. Trained to stay!”

• “May the Lord bless us all. We may not understand, but we all share the sorrow.”

—Angela J. Grasso, associate pastor, Boston Temple church
Two-and-one-half years ago, my husband, Mike, and I became acquainted with a New Englander, Andy Aho, who had prepared a place where students could take mission trips to assist the Masai people in Kenya. Students from around the U.S. have helped to build schools, churches, and a medical clinic for the Masai.

Thirty-three South Lancaster Academy (SLA) students used their spring break to build the boys’ dormitory at the Oloosinon Primary School. The dormitory will be used for the seventh- and eighth-grade boys. Six small rooms with bunk beds will provide a place to stay for an estimated 90 students.

The mission team was able to pour the cement floor, brick the walls up to the lintel, and begin the interior brick walls. This was completed so quickly that we were assigned to start the bath house. We were able to complete the inside and outside walls up to four feet.

The students made three trips to the brick factory to pick up 1,200 bricks each time. The students created a human chain to load and unload bricks many times throughout the work days. Twice, students went on “sand runs” to the river 45 minutes away to shovel sand into the truck and then unload at the building site. Daily, students went to a “cow pond” to fill buckets of water, loading them into an enormous water barrel on the back of the truck, transporting it to the building site, and offloading the water into another barrel.

On Sabbath the students led out in Sabbath School and the worship service at the local church. The SLA students sang, and their school choir sang for our students. At the close of the service, each member filed out of the church and formed a receiving line, creating a huge circle of Masai people and the mission team. God’s circle of happy smiling people joined together forming one unit.

Students provided art classes and worships for the school classrooms on a daily basis. This was no small feat, since each classroom has 60 to 90 students. The liveliest classroom was the kindergarten classroom with 96 students and only two teachers. Their smiles and enthusiasm won the students’ hearts.

Lanu Stoddart, M.D., and a few students provided services for the medical clinic. Students painted and applied urethane to walls and furniture. Another group built and installed tresses on the surgical/dental clinic. By the end of each day the students were exhausted.

Sunrise over the Mara was spectacular and drew a crowd at 5:30 a.m. each day. Zebras munching grass around the tents provided the “white noise” to sleep at night. Giraffe graced the views near camp. On several occasions they could hear the talking of hyenas and sighing of lions from the camp. God has provided such amazing creatures to share this world!

At the end of their labors, the students were rewarded with a two-day safari to see other animals of the Mara. They watched the topi, ever watchful, as they stand on guard at the top of the termite mounds. Thompsen gazelle, impala, waterbuck, Grant’s gazelle, and wart-hogs were frequent sights. Majestic elephants crossed their paths, the rhino were hidden in the trees, and the hippos and crocs were resting at the riverbed. The birds of the Mara are spectacular in color. There were jacks, wildebeast, and so much more! My favorite was the leopard basking in the dappled shade at the water’s edge. What a beautiful view of God’s world!

The schedule of our return flight home allowed for a short three-hour tour of London between flights. The Queen’s flag was flying over Buckingham Palace.

While the sights and sounds of this trip have made a lasting impression on our memories, the people, their needs, their gracious smiles and warm hearts have touched our hearts. We have so much to be grateful for. To share a small piece of ourselves was a gift returned.

—Jamie Daum, treasurer, South Lancaster Academy

SLA Students Help Build Boys’ Dormitory
The Northern New England Conference officially opened its doors on April 28 to its church members and the community at its new location at 479 Main Street in Westbrook, Maine.

The official dedication program began when Bob Cundiff, the conference’s new executive secretary, offered prayer, and Barbara Chase, Diane Kane, Aubie Kilbourn, Lynn Ortel, and Rita Smith joined in cutting the ribbon.

Helping them to celebrate a new beginning was the city’s mayor, Colleen Hilton, who shared memories of growing up in Westbrook and attending her kindergarten graduation in the very room where the dedication service was held. “We wondered what would become of the building as hard times came upon it,” Hilton said. “It is really wonderful and refreshing to see what you are going to do with the building.”

Reflecting on the church’s early history Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president, shared the conference’s vision of not only having the building house the administrative offices, but also creating a heritage center where people can come and learn about the church’s history and where they can also receive help in the area of wellness. “The beginning is now. We want to actively contribute to this community and this state by offering our services to the community,” Ortel said.

The former Warren Memorial Library building was purchased by the conference on September 27, 2011, and renovations were made to create the office space needed to accommodate the staff. Randee Reynolds, president of Parkview Adventist Medical Center, who was the treasurer at the time of the building’s purchase, gave a brief overview of the actions taken leading to the purchase of the building. “The Lord needfully brought us back to Westbrook to where the church started. It’s all to His honor and glory,” Reynolds said.

“I’m encouraged by what we’re doing here today in asking the Lord to be a part of this building,” Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary, said as he shared a few words of inspiration. “God needs to be involved. God needs to be recognized and appreciated in the things we do and the things we accomplish,” Simmons said. “Make sure in all of your doing that you don’t leave the Lord out.”

Several groups of people were recognized for their hard work to get the building ready for occupancy. Included among them were Caleb Johnson, the architect whose construction company did the work on the building; the Portland Hispanic church, White Memorial church, friends in the community, personal friends, the office staff, and those who donated artwork for the exhibit.

Cundiff closed the dedication service with prayer asking the Lord to “set the building aside for holy use so that the work that takes place in the building will be work that builds up the kingdom of Christ.”

The Northern New England Conference oversees the work of the Adventist Church in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont and has about 5,200 members with 60 churches, 13 elementary schools, two academies, a 200-acre seasonal campground in Weld, a 48-unit 55-plus senior housing complex and the Parkview Adventist Medical Center, both in Brunswick, and many community services centers spread throughout its territory.

—Ednor A. P. Davison, Gleaner editor
Lessons Learned from the Compassion Annual Rally

As we walked across the Brooklyn Bridge with thousands of youth, young adults, adults, and children, accompanied by officers from the New York Police Department, local television reporters, photographers, and many church leaders, I could not stop thanking God for what we were experiencing, and feeling totally grateful to Him for allowing the New York City Compassion Annual Rally to become a reality. As I think back on that day, there are many lessons I have learned.

Let me share a few with you:

**Compassion brings people together.**

Because humanity tends to be territorial and selfish, it is sometimes hard to bring people together in church. Perhaps one of the reasons why our church is not very successful at gathering large numbers of people on a regular basis is that each of us has an opinion to share, a turf to defend, and a program to support. However, it is very difficult not to find common ground when it comes to compassion, because people are universally motivated to help others who are suffering and in need.

Compassion brought people from each of the six conferences of the Atlantic Union, five conferences in the Columbia Union, several other conferences in the North American Division, and at least one representative from each of the world divisions of the Adventist Church to New York City. Church members, non-church members, community friends, church leaders, and politicians were there, because compassion brings people together.

**Compassion activates youth and young adults.**

For years youth and young adults have attended church and received information without action. Many now realize that they can receive information at home or elsewhere through television, the Internet, magazines, and study guides. Consequently, they are expressing a need for community and relevance to their faith. There were times when many expressed a desire to sit on church boards and make decisions, but I have observed that may no longer be the case. I have heard young adults say: “I have no interest in sitting down for hours to talk about other people’s business on a church board; I want to do something that matters.”

Compassion, social justice, helping people, feeding the hungry, stopping violence against women and children, and bringing animal cruelty to a halt, are big among youth and young adults because of their relevance to them. I believe these things were also relevant to Jesus, as well.

God did not create youth and young adults and give them all of that energy, only to have them sit silently in church, gaining theological information with no action. God means to use the energy, the friendships, the zeal, and the desire for community-building to make a difference in this sad and grieving world. God needs youth and young adults filled with compassion to work on behalf of the needy. In my experience there is nothing as effective as a ministry of compassion to activate youth and young adults at our churches and in communities.

**Compassion is evangelism.**

Every time we help someone in need we are letting this person know that we mean what we say. Most of our preaching and our publications are trustworthy, yet actions speak louder than spoken words and published words. There are many who will never be interested in what we have to say, unless we show the compassion of Jesus.

As the annual rally finished and we returned to our hotel, it was surprising and exciting to watch the news anchors mention the Seventh-day Adventist Church to millions across the New York metropolitan area. They were talking about us on television and they were saying, “Before the weekend is over the youth and young adults of the Adventist Church will have donated between 20,000 to 30,000 hours of love and compassion to New York City.”

If you want to bring people together, activate your youth and young adults, and do evangelism. Compassion may be the best way to start.

José Cortés, Jr., is the director of Adventist Youth Ministries in the Atlantic Union.
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Missing members. Do you know the whereabouts or have any information on the following names? The Billerica church is updating its membership list and would appreciate any information you may have. You may contact Pastor Matthew Vixie at (603) 401-0426 if you have any information on these individuals: George Chin, Marianne Yang, Rita Ricard, and Raquel Whidbee.

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