GOD STILL PARTS THE RED SEA

by Wolf Jedamski

Christmas last year, a group of “evangelists” from the Collegedale Church went to a little town in Cuba called Bolivia (not Bethlehem) and spent their Christmas vacation presenting the Gospel in two small churches in the Central Conference. It was a joint venture with our Collegedale Church family who assisted this project. God blessed us and the meetings were a big success.

Another small church in Cuba heard about our meetings and for this past year has been asking me to bring a group to Trinidad, Cuba to lead out in similar meetings. I informed them that we couldn’t take off another Christmas two years in a row. They began asking about our Spring break time. Unfortunately, I had to tell them that we already had another mission trip planned to Haiti.

A few weeks ago, a friend of ours was in Cuba. Taking advantage of her visit, I asked her to go to Trinidad and check out the logistical questions I had in anticipation of bringing a group perhaps in another year. I informed her to be sure they understood that the Haiti trip in March was going to necessitate another year of waiting.

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After her return she contacted me on a Sunday morning in November giving me the answers to my questions. She also shared with me that the members in Trinidad had been fasting and praying, sometimes for days at a time, praying we would come in March. She told me that despite her insistence that it was impossible because the Haiti trip was a go, they told her that “God will part the Red Sea!” I could only smile as I listened!

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The Collegedale Adventurer Club took a field trip to the Tri-Community Fire Department, Station 1, to learn more about what fire fighters do and what to do in an emergency.

The kids got to take a tour of the fire station, climb up in a fire truck, and knock down cones with the water hose. Before they left, the workers opened up the hose from the top of the ladder and let the kids get wet.

Later that week, on September 11, the club went back to take and serve the fire fighters supper and give them a card to say thank you for all you do for us.

A few days later, the Adventurers were able to drop off a large box of food to the Samaritan Center that they had collected in answering a request when they heard about the food pantry being at the lowest it had been in six years. The children didn’t want to see anyone turned away. They are learning to stand strong for Jesus by giving back to their community.

**IN MEMORY**

The father of Sam Chetty passed away in South Africa on December 13.

**John L. Tilstra, MD**, husband of Margaret and father of Marie, Daniel, and Douglas Tilstra, passed away December 7. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gospel Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Channel, PO Box 4000, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

**Dave Hallman**, brother of Judee Spicer, passed away November 29. A Memorial Service at Cohutta Springs Conference Center today. Visitation will be at 3:00 p.m. and the service will begin at 4:00. Memorial contributions may be sent to Cohutta Springs Foundation, 1175 Cohutta Springs Road, Crandall, GA 30711, for a memorial on the Prayer Walk which Dave built.

**Mildred “Millie” Smith**, wife of Irving and mother of Ginny Ziesmer, passed away. No services are planned.

**membership transfers**

The following names were presented for transfer.

**IN**—Steve, Brenda and Jonathan Blackburn from New Market, VA; Pam Burchard from McDonald Road; Lois Coon from New Market, VA; Coleen Doran from Mentone, CA; Gerry and Verna Karst from Silver Spring, MD; Agnes Keith from Arlington, TX; Ronald and Marjorie Magloire from McDonald Road; and Robert and Sheila Wilkins from Collegedale Community.

**OUT**—Christopher Bispham to Clovis, CA; Marie Francois to Cohutta, GA; Cheryl Guider to Collegedale Community; Meghan Harris to Collegedale Community; and Matthew & Leah Kohls to Olney, MD.
SonRise DVD

The 2014 SonRise DVD, produced by Huggins Media, is available in the Church office for $10 each (add $2 if we have to mail it). DVD proceeds will go to SonRise.

Since we do not know what the demand for the DVD will be, we will be duplicating small quantities at a time. To pick up a DVD in person contact the Church office at (423) 396-2134 or email sonrise@southern.edu to make sure we will have one ready when you come to pick it up.

Due to copyright issues, the original songs used in the Sanctuary, Crucifixion, and the Resurrection have been changed, but the blessing you receive will still be the same.

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Cuban brothers immediately asked if the Collegedale Church would assist with the rent for a young couple to move to a neighboring town which has no Adventists.

The goal is to begin planting a church. On faith that we would receive the donations necessary, I committed our church to cover the rent for their first year. The couple has moved and we just learned that they already have eight solid Bible studies going in anticipation of our reaping meetings.

We will be doing two adult and two children's evangelism meetings each evening along with Sabbath morning worships. One set of meetings will of course be in the Trinidad church, the other in this just entered territory.

We are excited to see what God has in store for us, assisting the Spirit, in this lonely isolated corner of Cuba. We are asking you, our Collegedale Church family to support this project both with your prayers and also with any financial gifts you may want to provide. Those can be placed in the offering envelopes and marked "Cuba". Several of the group are students and any assistance towards their trip expenses would be of tremendous help. The Trinidad church needs an electronic piano which has already been donated but there will be baggage costs to get it there. To help meet the spiritual needs, we also want to provide new Bibles for each family in these churches. Most do not have access to a Bible. We also want to provide for some of their physical needs with supplies that aren’t readily available in that part of the world.

Your donations will be a late Christmas gift for these dear people. They and our group will be very grateful!

Excitement at being given a new Bible om 2013. Photo courtesy of Wolf Jedamski

Arriving at the Meetings by “bus” 2013. Photo courtesy of Wolf Jedamski
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014 will be collected through midnight on December 31. You may drop your contributions in the mail slot located by the double doors closest to College Drive East (upper parking lot), or you may make your contribution online by clicking on the online giving link at www.collegedalechurch.com.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 23 and will reopen on Friday, Jan. 2. For emergencies (only), you may call the Pastor on Call at (423) 396-2665.

ATTENTION MEN! Are you up for a challenge, “The MANuary Challenge”? This Family Life Stepping Up Program challenges men to lead courageously in their homes, churches, and communities. Held at the Greenbriar Cove Clubhouse, Friday, Jan. 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 17, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Contact Marty Miller at mdmiller@southern.edu or (423) 322-8491. Space is limited so reserve your spot today.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING: If you are interested in studying Revelation and discovering God’s end-time call for you, join us on Wednesday nights, beginning January 7 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Collegedale Academy, room 108. For more info, call Marvin or Lisa Thorman at (423) 499-0698.

CHRISTIAN ART: An exhibit for Southern Adventist University student Sarahi Remolina’s collection of 24 digital illustrations about the Great Controversy runs through January 9 at the John C. Williams Art Gallery located in Brock Hall on campus. For more information, call (423) 236-2732.

NEW CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION: WSMC and Southern Adventist University are proud to announce a new, online station. For years we have had people tell us that they wanted us to play Christian music, and now we have the resources available to answer that call. We have started a new station, called Oasis, with the goal of pointing the listener to the Living Water. Listen to the best in Christian music and Adventist sermons online at WSMCOasis.org, or by downloading the WSMC app from the App Store or Marketplace.

GREAT DATES: The next Great Dates is Sunday, Jan. 11. Enjoy a ten minute DVD marriage vitamin from leading experts and then revel in a date with your spouse. RSVP (423) 309-1860 for free child-care. 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.