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Grace to you!

Center for Creative Ministry
"Unity: The Bond of Revival" August 17, 2013


If you have ever been through a McDonald's drive through you may have noticed a receptacle at the window where you can help a child by dropping in your change or dollar bills. By placing one coin into a donation box at a McDonald restaurant, you have become part of the largest source of ongoing global fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC).

McDonald franchises partner with local chapters in 57 countries and regions throughout the world. As of 2011 there were 309 Ronald McDonald Houses in the world. Each House provides rooms for families of pediatric children who are being treated at nearby hospitals and medical facilities. Each House is owned and operated by a local (RMHC) Chapter.

The corporate mission of the RMHC is "to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children." The organization believes that when you change a child's life, you change a family's, which can change a community, and ultimately the world."1

The RMHC recognizes the work of volunteers and the contributions of their donors for its world-wide success. "We don't do it alone. We rely on our Chapters to identify needs and carry out our mission on the ground. We rely on our strong relationships with the medical community to provide access to health care. We rely on strategic alliances with organizations that have the knowledge and infrastructure to extend our reach. We rely on you - our donors, volunteers, staff and friends."2

Do you see any similarities between the organizational structure of the RMHC and the Seventh-day Adventist denomination? The latter is larger to be sure. As of June 30, 2011 there were 70,188 churches, 65,157 companies and 17,214,683 members in 200 countries. But just like the involvement of volunteers and donors in the RMHC, thousands of Seventh-day Adventists donate their time, talents and financial resources to demonstrate God's love in many and varied ways. And just like the RMHC the General Conference relies on each church and company throughout the world to carry out its mission on the ground.3
Our lesson this week suggests that a shared mission is a great unifying factor that can foster revival. The lesson Author helps us revisit the early church's mission model in light of ours today. He reminds us that Jesus' life, death, resurrection, priestly ministry, and return formed the foundation of the early church's unity.

A major part of Seventh-day Adventist's denominations' mission today is born out of genuine Christian love and the desire to share the gospel with fellow human beings, to share the hope of a better and eternal life that comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. No sick children in Heaven!

When revival is experienced within a church individuals are changed, which can change an entire congregation, which can change the church's image in a community. Let's not wait any longer.

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1. RMHC
2. Ibid
3. Adventist

About Us

Since 1988, the Center for Creative Ministry has been serving local church leaders and individuals around the world. Formerly known as the publishers of ABBA Newsletter and the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center, we have now broadened our generational/ministry focus to include our children. The Center for Creative Ministry took on its new name on June 1, 1996.

The Center for Creative Ministry, formerly Baby Boomer Ministries, is a privately funded and managed para-church ministry fully recognized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. We are dedicated to supporting the local church in outreach and nurture ministries by providing resources, information, training, and consulting.