June 11 Special Offering for Adventist Chaplaincy and Multilingual Ministries

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM)

Two thirds of NAD Adventist young adults are attending public college and university campuses. Those students have formed and lead over 100 Adventist activities groups that are part of Adventist Christian Fellowship. In addition, serving in the Bermudian, Canadian and United States Armed Forces are 7,500 Adventists in military uniform. Currently, 28 Adventist Military Chapel Worship Groups meet overseas and in the combat theater. Increasing numbers of prison inmates are Adventists. And weekly prayer requests are received for church members who have become patients in healthcare facilities for a variety of reasons. Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries cares for the spiritual well-being of all these people and others in two special ways: first, through the ministry of chaplains; and second, by providing spiritual resources. Over 450 endorsed chaplains represent the denomination to the public while serving the religious needs of students, prisoners, patients and military-related personnel. Help ACM help others with a generous offering that provides the religious resources of Bible kits, devotional books, Sabbath school and worship materials, religious retreats and outreach literature. Thank you for caring enough to give today.

Multilingual Ministries

During His earthly ministry, Jesus cared for people regardless of ethnicity or social background. He ministered to the gentiles and socialized with tax collectors. Commenting on Jesus’ interaction with the woman at the well, Ellen G. White says, “Though he was a Jew, Jesus mingled freely with Samaritans... taught in their streets and treated them with the utmost kindness and courtesy.”

Prior to His ascension, Jesus asked His disciples to “go to the people of all nations” and “make them my disciples.” John prophesied the fulfillment of His command when he “saw another angel fly in the midst...
of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.”

Because of cultural and language barriers, ministry to immigrants cannot be presented as it would be to native residents. The Spirit of Prophecy says, “God would be pleased to see far more accomplished by His people in the presentation of the truth for this time to the foreigners in America than has been done in the past... God, in His providence, has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues.” (Evan. p. 570.2)

The offering collected June 11 will benefit Multilingual Ministries. Your support will make it possible for people in the North American Division, who speak a language other than English, to learn about Christ’s love.

Loma Linda Graduates Record 10,000th Student

On Sunday, May 29, 2011, the 10,000th medical student to graduate from Loma Linda University School of Medicine received his diploma. Receiving that distinction was Reiker Schultz, MD, a third-generation Loma Linda University School of Medicine graduate. More

Kansas-Nebraska Conference Re-elects Leaders

Delegates to the Kansas-Nebraska Conference Constituency Session voted to re-elect Ron Carlson as president and Don Stricker as vice president for administration and finance. At their June 5 meeting at College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, delegates also voted to return to office all departmental directors.

Future constituency sessions will be held every five years, instead of the previous four-year schedule.

For more information and photos, visit the Facebook page of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Get a Dish in Time

Be prepared for NET 2011 by getting a satellite dish installed and programed in time for “Prophecies Decoded,” to be broadcast on the Hope Church Channel beginning September 30. Learn where and how to aim your dish and other gain other technical know-how at http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/satellite. Contact Adventist Satellite, Equipment Sales and Support or call toll free 888-393-4673, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. to order a dish.
The following are positive stories that appeared this week in the news about Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division territory.

Adventists in the News

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"Like" Adventist Ministries Convention

The Adventist Ministries Convention has a new Facebook page. Be sure to "Like" Adventist Ministries Convention and stay up-to-date about the convention.

Twice every five years, more than 500 Seventh-day Adventist leaders who serve as conference and union denominational executives meet for professional growth, inspiration and fellowship at the Adventist Ministries Convention. Many are pastors who now serve other pastors as administrators. Others specialize in training church leaders in ministry to youth, young adults, men, women, children, families, singles, health, outreach, philanthropy, prayer, reclaiming, community services, etc.

Most attendees wear several hats, are consultants to over 4800 churches serving one million Adventists in Canada, the United States and Bermuda (we will also have international attendees). The convention offers 70 seminars in 20 ministry tracks, and other forums to share new trends and recognize excellence with awards and presentations. Publishing executives, university resource centers and other providers will also attend, representing about 80 exhibits.

June 20 is World Refugee Day

Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries (ARIM) wants to raise
your awareness of the world's 43 million forcibly displaced persons and the large number of registered refugees pouring into North America. In fact, there are thousands of Karen Refugees from Myanmar accepted to the U.S. since 2006 who are Adventists due to the influence of our beloved missionary and storyteller Dr. Eric B. Hare years ago, and more recently, of Helen Hall, a single woman now in her seventies who has dedicated her life to providing Karen refugees in the camps with an Adventist education. "Incredibly, many refugees are from the hardest-to-reach countries and cultures in the world," says Terri Saelee, ARIM director, "and they are right here among us, just waiting for us to love them to Jesus!"

Why not set aside some time on a Sabbath near World Refugee Day to make members more aware of the plight of refugees, and think of ways to help. Helpful program ideas, including suggestions for children and youth, a poster, and more are available on the NAD ARIM website. There might be someone in your church who can organize a ministry to change the lives of some amazing people in your area. Refugee Ministries is part of Multilingual Ministries which will receive part of the special offering scheduled for Sabbath, June 11.

7 Steps to a Successful Hosting of NET 2011 "Prophecies Decoded"

Plan Ahead to Host “Prophecies Decoded: Can the Past Reveal Your Future?” - September 30-October 29

1. Register
2. Study the “Prophecies Decoded” manual.
3. Use the NET 2011 calendar to plan and prepare
4. Download resources from host website.
5. Utilize the training DVD to help you train and motivate your church to host the series
6. Order supplies
7. Host the “Archaeology seminar”

2012 Scholarships Available for Higher Education

Regional and Hispanic college scholarships are available from the North American Division. The deadline for Regional Scholarship applications is between September 1 and December 1; for Hispanic scholarship applications, by September 28 or February 28. Details are linked on the NAD Treasury Resources page.
New Multi-Media Parenting Resource Under Development

Pacific Press® announced in its e-newsletter, *Adventist Parenting*, the launch of a survey designed to assist the NAD Family Ministries (FM) Department gather data needed in the development of a new multi-media parenting resource.

Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, FM director and associate director, have been instrumental in spearheading the project. They envision a hands-on, interactive resource parents can use at home with their children—and also something that can be used in small groups at church and in other settings.

“Parenting often presents us with some of life’s greatest challenges,” says Pamela. “We want to come alongside parents and provide them with resources to make the journey a little easier. Through this survey, I look forward to hearing from parents across the country about the issues that concern them most.”

“We are pleased to partner with Pacific Press® and Adventist Parenting in this endeavor,” says Claudio. “Please pray for us as we work to do all we can to help strengthen families across the North American Division.”

Take the survey now.

ViewPoints from Leaders

“How are we addressing the nation of Facebook as a church? Facebook is the third largest nation!” - Daniel R. Jackson, at the 2011 Media Summit in Ontario, Calif., on May 22.

“Let us use every ounce of influence - even on the social networks - to draw others to Christ.” - Garrett Caldwell, DMin., public relations director for the General Conference at the Global Internet Evangelism Network Conference in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on June 5. More stories on GiEN can be found at Adventist News Network.
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R. Ernest Castillo
Vice President

Web Sites: (See under "Ministry Description")

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Directs Multilingual Ministries in the area of Asian/Pacific, Greek, Hispanic, Jewish, Muslim, Portuguese and Romanian Ministries.
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Bio
R. Ernest Castillo was born in Monte Vista, Colorado but attended Armona Academy and Fresno Academy, both in California, before graduating from Pacific Union College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. He went on to earn a Master of Theology degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary.

R. Ernest Castillo was elected executive secretary of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1990. The Pacific Union oversees the work of the church in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah. Castillo began his ministry as a pastor in the Southeastern California Conference, then moved to the Southern California Conference where he served as associate youth director, pastor, VP for Special Ministries and Director for Hispanic Ministries. During the 2005 Year-end Meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, Castillo was elected to be a vice president.

He is married to Sarah and the couple has two adult children: Raul and Robert.

Support Staff
06-01-11 - Adventist Medical School Graduates Record 10,000th Student

Mission service planned by recipient

Adventist history was made on Sunday, May 29, 2011, when the 10,000th medical student to graduate from Loma Linda University School of Medicine crossed the stage to receive his diploma.

Receiving that distinction was Reiker Schultz, MD, a third-generation Loma Linda University School of Medicine graduate.

“My friends and family told me there were fireworks on the large screen,” Dr. Schultz laughs, “and that the band even played a special fanfare, but I don’t remember any of it!"

“I was utterly shocked and in a daze,” Dr. Schultz continues. “In retrospect, however, the experience gave me a bigger burden to do something special with my life and my career in order to honor the School of Medicine.”

Roger Hadley, MD, dean of the School of Medicine, says “The church should be very proud. Over more than a century, it has sustained a medical school that has graduated a Southern California record 10,000 medical students.”

In October 2009, the school began a five-year celebration of its 100th anniversary. In 1909, the first medical school class of five students began training at the College of Medical Evangelists, precursor to the LLU School of Medicine. That first class graduated in 1914, meaning that the 100th class will graduate in 2014, when the school will conclude its centennial celebration.

“During much of the school’s history, the surrounding rural communities were orange groves,” Dr. Hadley continues. “For a medical school to flourish in this setting is a real testament to the support and commitment of the church.”

The university property was purchased at the insistence of Ellen G. White, a leading pioneer of the fledgling Seventh-day Adventist Church. She urged John Burden, an Adventist pastor and educator, to make a down payment on the property. Within a year, the property had been paid for through private donations.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine is only one of a handful of schools nationwide to graduate 10,000 students or more. Though previous classes were smaller, the school currently graduates more than 150 students each year.

“Think of the impact on health care throughout the world,” Dr. Hadley points out. “There are thousands of physicians practicing around the world, educated with the philosophy of ‘continuing the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, to make man whole.’”

Dr. Hadley adds, “We are also the longest continuously accredited medical school in Southern California.” He attributes the sustained success of the school in a major part to strong church support. Loma Linda University Medical Center, formerly the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital, has partnered with the school over the years to provide a solid experiential base for the physician graduates.

On Tuesday, May 31, Dr. Schultz and his family started on a cross-country journey that will take them to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Dr. Schultz will begin an internal medicine residency at The Jewish Hospital. He and his wife, Jessica, have two children: Jaron, age 10, and Alaina, age 8.

Dr. Schultz grew up in Chesanaug, Michigan. His grandfather, Frank Richard Schultz, MD graduated from LLU School of Medicine in 1940 and established a successful medical practice. His father, Richard Frank Schultz, MD, graduated in 1974 and completed an internal medicine residency before joining his father’s practice.

Prior to completing his pre-medical requirements and a general science bachelor’s degree primarily in the biological sciences in 2007, Dr. Schultz was a CAD designer at an automotive manufacturer in Portage, Michigan.

“I had no desire for medical school at that point in my life,” Dr. Schultz relates. “My wife and I were into entertainment—primarily movies and computer games.”

He and Jessica met a couple about their age who were heavily involved in Adventist Frontier Missions. “Their experiences intrigued us,” he remembers. “After a year of prayer and discussion, my wife and I decided we wanted to pursue mission service.”

With a sense of direction and mission, Dr. Schultz headed to medical school. “This new direction in my life is ‘real,’” he points out. “I feel I can really make a difference.”

Following his residency, Dr. Schultz and his wife plan to serve abroad in a mission appointment. “Mission service is the real reason I came to medical school,” he explains. “I want to do something ‘real’ with my life that involves service to others.”

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June 8, 2011

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Michelle Miracle likes this.

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists It’s official...The Topeka Spanish Company is now the owner of their facility. Jim Glass, Association Treasurer, signed the papers this morning.
Yesterday at 8:17am

Michael W. Campbell

Can you add the ability to tag people in your photos?

June 4 at 10:45pm · Like · Comment

Tisha Mill Just click on the photo and there should be a list at the bottom left that says Tag Photo, Share, Delete, etc.
June 5 at 4:26am

Michael W. Campbell @Tisha: Normally that is how it works, but this group has its settings set so that you can't do that. ;)
June 5 at 5:26am

Tisha Mill There is a place in Account-Privacy settings to change items like that. If you have access to that. That is where the help center is as well if needed.
Monday at 4:56am

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added 2 new photos to the album June 5, 2011.
June 5, 2011

June 5 at 6:51pm · Like · Comment

Clifford Lovett and Susan Treolo like this.

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Delegates to the Kansas-Nebraska Conference Constituency Session voted to re-elect the officers and departmental directors. They also voted to go to a quintennial session instead of a quadrennial session.
June 5 at 7:04pm

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Ron Carlson was re-elected to serve as President of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Don Stricker, vice president for administration and finance, was also re-elected. All other departmental directors were returned to the office they serve. Photos will be posted when I return to a stronger internet connection. Thank you for allowing us to serve this great Conference.
June 5 at 11:41am · Like · Comment

Jonathan Burt, Jeannie Costopoulos, Jean Shoemaker and 5 others like this.

EchoesOf Mercy Glad to hear it!! :o)
June 5 at 11:47am

LaVina Johnson Yeaaaaaaaaaah!!!!
June 5 at 2:14pm

John Sweigart
See what a couple of dads and their sons can do to make a rainy Sabbath afternoon productive, interesting and evangelistic!

Jun 1, 2011 8:29pm
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Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added 6 new photos to the album June 4, 2011.

June 4, 2011

June 4 at 9:42am · Like · Comment

Clifford Lovett likes this.
Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Sabbath school has concluded; 2nd worship service is in progress. Lonnie Melashenko will share the sermon He’s On His Way.
June 4 at 9:43am

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added 7 new photos to the album June 4, 2011.

June 4, 2011
June 4 at 8:07am · Like · Comment
Clifford Lovett likes this.

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
First Church Service just concluded. Sabbath school is just beginning. Blessed Sabbath to all.
June 4 at 8:07am

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Camp Meeting Sabbath will be packed with a devotion by Merlin Burt, 1st service sermon by Ron Carlson, Sabbath school with John Sweigart as superintendent, 2nd service sermon with Lonnie Melashenko, concerts by Forgiven and Renewed Vision and fellowship, fellowship, fellowship. Please join us at College View Church in Lincoln, NE.
June 4 at 4:09am · Like · Comment
Clifford Lovett and EchoesOf Mercy like this.

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added 5 new photos to the album June 3, 2011.

June 3, 2011
June 3 at 7:03pm · Like · Comment
Terry And Sheila Rushlau likes this.

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Camp Meeting 2011 weekend services began with a stirring sermon from Lonnie Melashenko. He will speak at two additional services before Camp Meeting concludes tomorrow evening. There's still time for you to attend. Happy Sabbath to you.
June 3 at 7:05pm

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added 6 new photos to the album June 2, 2011.
June 2, 2011

June 2 at 1:37pm · Like · Comment

Dariene Callahan Peckham, Clifford Lovett and Jean Shoemaker like this.

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LaVina Johnson
John - I was thinking of older adult singles, e.g., 40 and older.
June 2 at 4:32pm

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
LaVina: A better suggestion. You are right. It's a segment that is often overlooked. Keep reminding and maybe, someday, something good will happen. Keep your courage high.
June 2 at 6:45pm

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added 4 new photos to the album June 1, 2011.

June 1, 2011

June 1 at 6:59pm · Like · Comment

Clifford Lovett and Pastor Roberto Correa like this.

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Camp Meeting 2011 kicks off with a mighty message from Smuts Van Rooyen in the College View Church. Seminars, children's programs, music, and inspiring messages will highlight Thursday, the first full day of Camp Meeting 2011. Plan to attend and be uplifted by the many speakers, presenters and musicians. Log on to: www.ks-ne.org for a Camp Meeting brochure
June 1 at 7:14pm

Jean Shoemaker
Thanks for the pictures John!
June 2 at 7:34am

Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
They're even better in person!!! Blessings on you Jean.
June 2 at 2:28pm

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Fremont teacher garners national award

By Rob Dennis
Oakland Tribune

Posted: 06/08/2011 12:00:00 AM PDT

FREMONT -- An elementary schoolteacher at Mission Hills Seventh-day Adventist School has earned a national award for excellence in teaching.

Vivian Beierle was among 10 teachers selected this spring by the Alumni Awards Foundation to receive a 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award. The award ceremony was held during a service Saturday at Fremont Seventh-day Adventist Church, 225 Driscoll Road.

Beierle received $2,000 and a medallion.

The Alumni Awards Foundation, which supports Seventh-day Adventist schools in North America, makes award selections on the basis of classroom innovation, community involvement and leadership. The 10 teachers were nominated by principals, superintendents, colleagues and former students.

Beierle, who has taught kindergarten through second grade for 37 years, produces and directs school plays, and plans activities such as gold panning, archaeological digs and Christmas caroling.

She maintains a bulletin board at the church with classroom updates, and coordinates outreach programs such as Operation Christmas Child and Operation Red Barrel, according to the foundation.

She also continually seeks innovation in classroom technology, using webcams to connect to other classrooms thousands of miles away, according to the foundation.

She offers free tutoring and has been recognized by other schools for her curriculum and teaching skills.

"Since joining the staff, her influence is felt not only in the lives of students in her classroom, but the school in general," Mission Hills Co-Chairman Elder John Bechtel said in a statement. "It spills over into the lives of the church as well."

The Adventist education system includes 915 schools, 15 colleges and universities, and 4,699 teachers in North America.

Contact Rob Dennis at 510-353-7010.
The Animal Welfare Institute Challenges California Schools to Stop Dissections

Jun 08, 2011 (Close-Up Media via COMTEX) -- The Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) announced that seven California schools have accepted its challenge to discontinue all animal dissections and lead the way to animal-friendly science education.

According to a release, Rancho Verde High School, Woodside School, Valley High School, Aviva High School, Amelia Earhart Middle School, Glendale Adventist Elementary, and Southwestern Academy are the first schools to commit to halting dissection programs for a minimum of five years and use dissection alternatives instead.

AWI has partnered with Digital Frog International to provide a full Digital Frog 2.5 (voted BEST dissection alternative by eSchool News readers) license to the first 25 schools that commit to end all animal dissections. The offer is open to all North American schools.

"I suspended the practice for two main reasons: 1) given our student population (special education), using sharp knives and pins was too dangerous; and 2) our students raised personal concerns about hurting animals," said Principal Sinead Coleman from Aviva High School. "I look forward to the opportunity to expose our students to a safe and humane way to learn about other living creatures." Kevin Stipp, assistant principal at Rancho Verde, the first school to make the commitment, said, "With finances being the way they are, we felt that this was going to be a good opportunity. It's as much about the species as about saving cost." The school normally spends almost $7,000 on 30 frog kits to be shared between 1,225 biology students over a five year period. The Digital Frog 2.5 license, which the school is getting for free, costs under $900 and every student can dissect his/her own virtual frog.

"Studies have shown that virtual dissection is a more effective teaching tool than hands-on dissection," said AWI President Cathy Liss. "Through this challenge, we hope to encourage compassion and a respect for life, while
providing students the opportunity to receive quality science education."More
Information:awionline.org/stopdissections((Comments on this story may be
sent to newsdesk@closeupmedia.com))

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Just say 'yes' -- Adventist diet for a better witness

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Kay Campbell, The Huntsville Times

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama -- Call it the "Yes Diet."

When health educators Curtis and Paula Eakins agreed this spring to organize a health class for members and friends of First Seventh-day Adventist Church, they knew what they would include.

They would include information on diet, exercise, rest, water, prayer - all the natural healing agents that are taught by the Adventist message.

And they knew what they would not include: "No."

"We never told them what not to do," said Paula Eakins, the effervescent nutritionist who ran the program with her husband, Curtis, who is a naturopath. "We just presented a new challenge each week."

Each week, the 106 participants - more than twice what they had expected - repeated the pledge that Curtis wrote: "My pledge to God is that I will allow Christ to strengthen me in order to gain victories over any unhealthful practices to improve my overall well-being."

They pledged to stay in touch with their team captains and their health partner. And they pledged to record their progress, or lack thereof, in a notebook they handed in each of the six weeks they met.

And each week, they took on yet another small challenge - simple things like drinking two cups of water or walking 3,000 steps, which takes about 20 minutes, eating more fruits and vegetables or doing some leg lifts before they got out of bed."

"We called them the lazy man's exercise," Paula said. "The point was to get them moving."
Guarding the temple

And the real point, Paula said, is far more than losing pounds or inches - though the group did lose a total of 437 pounds and 132 inches from their waists. The point was getting their bodies healthy because their bodies are a gift from God.

"We feel from a spiritual standpoint, that it is so much easier to read the word of God and to pray when you take care so that the bodily temple is cleansed," Paula said. "If the body is not healthy, the mind is not clear."

Paula and Curtis will be working together beginning Friday for the 10-day Camp Meeting for Seventh-day Adventists from the South Central Conference of the church, which includes parts of five Southeastern states.

Curtis and Paula Eakins led the "Biggest Losers" health series at First Seventh-day Adventist Church this spring. The weekly meetings stressed the spiritual underpinnings of becoming healthier. The Eakinses will be holding health classes June 6-10 during the Camp Meeting being held on the campus of Oakwood University.

Each morning, Monday through Thursday, Paula will lead a brisk walk at 5:30 a.m. from the east parking lot of the campus church at Oakwood University. The aim, she said, is 2,500 steps a day for a total of 10,000 for the week.

And together, they will lead a class Monday through Friday, 10 to 11:45 a.m., called "A Clean Heart" to teach how to prevent, reduce or reverse cardiovascular disease. The series ends Friday with a cholesterol-free cooking class.

The couple stars in their own healthy cooking show on Three Angels' Broadcasting Network. The show, "Abundant Living," is broadcast locally on Comcast 296 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Sweet dreams

For Brenda Vactor, one of the participants in the class at the church, the changes that making healthy choices made in her life were amazing.

"I had had problems for years not sleeping at night," Vactor said. "But when they got me drinking all that water, I gave up all my sweet teas I was getting at Sonic - Lord knows what all that sugar had been doing to me! I would turn the TV off in the night and not eat after 6 p.m. Or 7 p.m. - sometimes I pushed it a little."

The Biggest Winners of a spring health and spirituality class held at First Seventh-day Adventist Church receive awards during a service this spring. Standing from left are Pamela Spence, Kimberly Flint, who
"But I found if I just walked a little bit throughout the day, I was not as sluggish, and I was able to sleep a lot - sometimes through the night," Vactor said.

Vactor is happy that she's kept the five pounds off she lost during the program. She's delighted that better sleep is keeping her more alert and feeling more encouraged during the day.

But she's clear about the more important reason to get healthy.

"If you're healthier, you can be a better witness," Vactor said. "Then you can go help others."

Camp Meeting Schedule

Visitors are welcome to any of the sessions of the 65th annual camp meeting of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, being held today through June 11 on the campus of Oakwood University. The full schedule for adults and children is posted at www.scc-Adventist.org.

Paula and Curtis Eakins will lead healthful opportunities during the week.

Monday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 6 p.m., Paula will lead "Walk It Out with Paula," beginning from the parking lot on the east side of the Oakwood campus church.

"A Clean Heart," taught by Curtis and Paula, is a series to help people learn how to reduce or reverse cardiovascular illness and to restore health. The free classes will be Monday through Friday, 10 to 11:45 a.m. in the Oakwood campus church kitchen. Topics include controlling blood pressure, controlling cholesterol, clearing plaque, avoiding strokes and cooking cholesterol-free food that still tastes good.

Dr. Earl V. Campbell Jr., the medical ministries director for the South Central Conference, will moderate a seminar on 21st Century Medical Issues on Sunday, from 9 a.m. until about 1 p.m. Topics will include Snoring at 9 a.m., Stress at 10 a.m., Weight Loss at 11 a.m., and Vitamin D Deficiency and Kidney Disease at noon.

The seminar will be held in the Moseley Religion Complex Chapel adjacent to the campus church.
Heat No Match For Volunteers

Marissa Mitchell
2011-06-02 16:07:17

Five weeks since deadly tornadoes struck, volunteer crews and homeowners say the heat has found its match. That's because they won't let conditions slow down re-building.

Willie and Marvin Quinn lost their home on Clonts Road in Apison. Southern Adventist University volunteers began helping the couple rebuild Thursday. Willie Quinn says seeing the work is a bright spot on their long journey back to normalcy.

"It's a blessing to know there are people still in the world who care about other people and want to be able to help us have a new home," Willie Quinn said.

The University's associate director Eric Schoonard is helping to spearhead the effort. They will pour the concrete foundation on the home for free. But his group isn't the only one helping those who need it most. Next door to the Quinns, out-of-towners are putting up framing for a home too.

"I live to help people and fortunately my boss lets me do that so its great to find someone who has the need you can meet," Schoonard.

For the Quinns, the recovery efforts make the area feel bit like a neighborhood again. And that's something no amount of heat can fade.

"Gradually, as it comes together, it will probably start to feel more like home," Quinn said.

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Atwood claims Post's Athlete of the Year

Jeff Larson - Sports Editor

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The second-most productive blocker and 14th-best hitter in the Northern Section defined Alyson Atwood's résumé as a senior at Paradise Adventist Academy this year.

The 6-foot middle hitter was without question the go-to threat for the Cougars, totaling a team-high 328 kills and 127 blocks - 125 of which were solo - in 83 games played. Needless to say, Atwood's statistics forced the opposition to alter its game plan around her, night in and night out.

It didn't always work, just ask PAA volleyball coach Jason Eyer.

"She was obviously in a league of her own with what her abilities allowed her to do. Her presence at the net defensively was unmatched and we're never going to be able to replace that for a long time," Eyer said. "We're not going to have somebody with the ability to demand that the other team do something different."

While Paradise Adventist didn't exactly excel in the standings, finishing 5-25-1 overall and 1-9 in the Pioneer Valley League, Atwood enabled PAA to compete with most teams in the section, Eyer said.

"We didn't have the most success (in terms of) wins and losses, but she was the reason why we were competitive in matches and were able to make it through the season," he said. "She had blocks, kills and was probably our best and most consistent passer when she was in the back row."

For her effort, Atwood is awarded the Paradise Post's second annual Female Athlete of the Year honor.

"One of my roles this year was to be the team captain and with that role I tried to do the best I could and encourage people to work their hardest," Atwood said.

Atwood always brought her best game to the floor, from the moment she stepped onto the volleyball court to begin a three-year varsity career to the final whistle, which helped her gain interest from Walla Walla University, located directly south of Spokane in College Place, Wash., Eyer said.

Atwood will play for the Wolves in the fall, he said.

"I think so," Eyer said when asked if Atwood can be successful at the next level. "Just because of her physical stature, she's tall, has long arms, is a good athlete and can jump so I think defensively she's going to have that impact. It's obviously going to be a huge learning curve going from our level in Division VI to (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Division II, but I think she can do it and she wants to do it and wants to improve."
Atwood had to progress this year, especially when the Cougars graduated their important senior in Kate Taggart a year ago.

Taggart was a world-class athlete at PAA for four years, setting 13 school records in basketball and accruing 186 kills in volleyball. But when Taggart moved onto Walla Walla University to major in nursing, it left a sizable hole for Atwood and the volleyball team to fill. Next to Atwood, Lauren Wahlen was the second-most productive weapon with 112 kills this year. But that's nearly three times less than Atwood's kills total.

Still, though, teams struggled to corral the impenetrable force in the middle, even with double and triple blocks up.

"I think she not only made us better, she made other teams uncomfortable," Eyer said.

Atwood felt she could have done more, which leaves her résumé unfinished. Maybe she'll complete it at Walla Walla University.
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Promote Refugee Awareness in Your Church

Any Sabbath in June 2011

(Note: Your offering on Sabbath, June 11, will support Multi-lingual Ministries of which Refugee Ministries is a part.)

Real People Real Needs

In God's providence, three million refugees have come to North America since 1975. Yet many of us are not aware of the refugees in our own communities, the odds they struggle against, and God's purpose in their coming here. Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries invites churches across North America to remember the 42 million displaced people worldwide, including 3 million refugees right here in North America on Sabbath, June 11, 18 and/or June 25, 2011 in conjunction with World Refugee Day designated by the United Nations and celebrated annually on June 20.

Involving Your Church! Possibilities are endless! Pause for a moment of silent prayer for refugees or fill a Sabbath with activities dedicated to building awareness of the plight of refugees and our God-given opportunity and mission to reach out to these "strangers in our midst". (Click on any underlined links for more information.)

Click underlined links below for ideas and resources.

- Program Ideas and Resources
- Poster
- Scripture References and Inspired Quotes
- Information about refugees
- How to find and reach out to refugees in your area - practical steps to reach out personally, as a church, and as a conference

"God in His providence has brought men to our very doors, and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light to men of other tongues" ChS 200

"Success in any line demands a definite aim. He who would achieve true success in life must keep steadily in view the aim worthy of his endeavor. Such an aim is set before the youth of today. The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being." Ed 362

Donations to Refugee Ministries help refugees and immigrants learn and experience the love of Jesus in practical ways. Your contributions help to provide:

- Church Planning among un-reached and barely-reached refugees and immigrants in North America
- Christian education opportunities for refugee and immigrant children
- Development of resources for reaching out to refugees and immigrants
- Networking: putting refugees in touch with those who can meet the unique needs of each people group
- Research: locating pocket communities of un-reached people groups
• and much more.

Support Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries!

• Your check to the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for Refugee Ministries is tax deductible.

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Thank you for caring. May God richly bless you.

Please check back soon to see our progress.
Refugee Awareness Sabbath

Program Ideas

Possibilities are endless. Tailor your Refugee Awareness Sabbath program to your church. Pray for divine wisdom, and the sky is the limit. Here are a few ideas:

If the program is already full, or time is limited:

- Put up a poster (Refugee Awareness Sabbath posters are available for download at www.refugeeministries.org and beautiful refugee posters are also available from UNHCR for the asking. They will be mailed to you free of charge. (See Links below.)
- Put an insert about refugees in the bulletin
- Mention World Refugee Day and a few statistics about refugees (See Refugees in North America below.) and have a moment of silent prayer for refugees
- Plan ahead for next year’s Refugee Awareness Sabbath

Sabbath School and/or Worship Service

- Invite a missionary or ADRA worker who has worked with refugees to share a mission story or speak for the worship service.
- Invite a refugee to share his/her story.
- Invite a representative from a local refugee assistance organization to share needs of refugees in your community and/or introduce some refugees and interview them briefly.
- Show a YouTube video about refugees. (See YouTube Video Links below.)
- Invite Sabbath School classes to discuss ways they could reach out to refugees.
- Involve children and youth in these discussions. (See Ideas for Involving Youth below.)
- Encourage children to draw pictures of refugees during the sermon. (Provide materials.)
- Post the pictures on a bulletin board or on you church website. (Send some to ARIM.)
- Divide into small groups and pray for refugees around the world.
- Pray, as a church, that God will open opportunities for the church and each member, personally, to reach out to refugees.
- Weave the theme of refugees throughout the service.
- Include refugees in the prayer and/or hold a moment of silent prayer.
- Select hymns for the occasion. So Send I You is excellent, especially for closing. (More below.)
- Utilize Scripture References and Sermon Outline below.

Plan a Vespers Program on Refugees. (See play below.) Host a Fundraiser. For more ideas, see http://www.unrefugees.org/site/c.flfQKSOwFqG/b.5106437/k.D118/World_Refugee_Day_2010_Organize_an_Event_in_Your_Area.htm or www.refugeeministries.org.
Refugees
North American Division

Please prayerfully consider the following facts and inspired counsel.

- Displaced people groups are the most fruitful target population for evangelism.\(^1\)

- There are 43.3 million displaced people worldwide,\(^2\) 14,047,300 of which are refugees.\(^3\)
  
  More than 3 million refugees have come to North America.
  - United States: More that 2.6 million since 1975\(^4\)
  - Canada: more than 409,526 between 1979 and 2001\(^5\)
  - Nearly 98,000 arrived in North America last year alone.\(^6\)
    - There are 2.8 refugees for every Adventist in North America.\(^7\)

- The North American Division is in a strategic position to evangelize refugees and train workers from nearly every country of the world, including many countries currently closed to the gospel.

  Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland. Among these men and women are some who, upon accepting the truth, could soon be fitted to labor for their own people in this country and in other countries. Many might return to the places from which they came, in the hope of winning their friends to the truth. They could search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message. Ev. 570

- This strategic position is a providential opening with specific inspired counsel.

  God would be pleased to see far more accomplished by His people in the presentation of the truth for this time to the foreigners in America than has been done in the past. . . . As I have testified for years, if we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel's message into all the nations of earth. God in His providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues. Ev. 570

- God is pleased with those in leadership who make wise plans to evangelize refugees and other immigrants.

  It is well that those in responsibility are now planning wisely to proclaim the third angel's message to the hundreds of thousands of foreigners in America. God desires His servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned millions of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities in our land from the nations of earth. Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time. Ev. 569

- Personal acquaintance is a key factor to successful evangelistic efforts among refugees scattered across North America.

  It is acquaintance that awakens sympathy, and sympathy is the spring of effective ministry. To awake . . . sympathy and the spirit of sacrifice for the suffering millions in the "regions beyond," let them become acquainted with these lands and their peoples. Ed. 269

*World Refugee Day* is June 20 of every year. Why not devote a Sabbath to Refugee Awareness?
For more information about refugee populations in your area or how to start a refugee ministry, visit http://refugeeministries.org or contact Terri Saelee, NAD Refugee Coordinator (608) 443-6575 terri.saelee@nad.adventist.org


1 Exodus, a Christian refugee assistance organization, reports that, according to research, evangelism among displaced people produces higher results than evangelism among any other target group.

2 UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees), the UN Refugee Agency, reports that, according to the most recently released statistics, the number of displaced persons worldwide has risen to 43.3 million, the highest level since the mid 1990s. http://www.unhcr.org/4c176c969.html


7 Calculations based on above references and statistics found on the following webpage of the Adventist Yearbook Website: http://www.adventistyearbook.org/ViewAdmField.aspx?AdmFieldID=NAD (NAD Churches, 5,172; membership, 1,050,210; population, 335,215,000)
Refugee Awareness Program Ideas
Suggested Scripture Readings, Hymns, and Sermon Outline

Scripture Readings:

• Genesis 21: 8-21 The three visitors
• Genesis 28:10-17 Jacob’s dream at Bethel
• Exodus 23: 1-9 Laws of justice and mercy
• Ruth 1: 16-22 Ruth and Naomi leave Moab and travel to Bethlehem
• Psalm 137 Lament of the exiles who were taken to Babylon
• Lamentations 5: 1-15, 19-22 For a fresh start
• Micah 4: 1-7 The mountain of the Lord
• Matthew 2: 13-15 Jesus as refugee
• Matthew 25: 31-46 The parable of the sheep and the goats
• Luke 10: 25-37 The parable of the Good Samaritan

Hymns from the Seventh-day Adventist Church Hymnal

369 Bringing in the Sheaves
370 Christ for the World
357 Come, Labor On
358 Far and Near the Fields are Teaming
359 Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling
360 From the Eastern Mountains
361 Hark! ‘Tis the Shepherd’s Voice I Hear
363 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
365 O Zion, Haste
366 Where Are the Reapers?
367 Rescue the Perishing
368 Watchman, Blow the Gospel Trumpet
369 Bringing in the Sheaves
373 Seeking the Lost
375 Work, for the Night Is Coming
377 Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ
378 Go, Preach My Gospel

See also other hymns and responsive readings under the topic, Mission of the Church in the Topical Index p. 785.
Seven Bible Principles for the Care and Nurture of Refugees
(Sermon Outline or Bible Study)

You won't find the word "refugee" in the Bible. But you will find refugees!
Some of the most important people in scriptures were refugees.
- Jesus and his parents slipped into Egypt to escape Herod's infanticide.
- The Israelites were delivered from Egyptian tyranny into the promised land.
- Early church believers poured out of Jerusalem to save their lives and consequently the gospel reached new corners of the world.
- The Apostle John was exiled in Patmos and wrote the book of Revelation. All fled their homeland because they were singled out by leaders within their own country as targets for persecution. In other words, they were refugees!

Time after time, God has taken the tragedy of forced migration and used it to work out His purposes. He took extraordinary interest in refugees. He still does today. He's working out plans and purposes for Cambodians, Burmese, Sri Lankans who have been fleeing their country for the last twenty years, for the Mozambicans, Sudanese running for their lives in Africa, and for the Cubans who fled Castro and made it to the shores of Florida.

God has not left us to guess as a nation or as His people how we are to treat these people so close to His heart. The crowning passage that declares God's concern is in Matthew 25. When we stand before our Lord on the day of judgment, He'll ask us how we treated people who graphically fit the description of a refugee. Strangers, the hungry and thirsty, those in need of clothes, those who are in prison, and those who are sick - each characteristic strikingly parallel to a twentieth century refugee.

Then the King will say to those on the right, "Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:34-36,40

Numerous Bible passages describe how God wants us to treat refugees - the strangers, the poor, the aliens, and the sojourners in our midst. Seven key principles describe God's abiding concern for refugees.

1. God loves, protects, and provides for refugees.
   - He watches over them. Ps. 146:9.
   - He provides refuge for them, a shelter from the storm, and
• shade from the heat. Ps. 9:9, Is.25:4.
• He shows no partiality to natives of a country. Refugees and natives have equal status is His sight. Deut. 10:16-19, Num.15:16.
• He defends their cause, providing food and clothing for them. Deut. 10:16-19.
• Jesus announced that the essence of his ministry was to help and serve people in refugee-like situations. Luke 4:16-2

2. God expects his people to love refugees and to give freely of their resources to help them.
   • Love refugees as you love yourselves. Lev. 19:34, Deut 10:16-19.
   • Treat refugees fairly and stand up for them when others mistreat them. Ps. 82:4, Ex. 22:21, Lev. 19:33, Zech. 7:9-10, Deut. 23:15.
   • Share your food, clothing, and shelter with them. Is. 58:6-11, Luke 3:10, Mt. 25:31-46.
   • Set aside part of your income to help them. Lev. 19:10, 23:22, Deut. 24:19-21, 14:28-29, 26:12, Gal. 2:10, Ja. 1:27.
   • Sell your possessions to help them if need be. Lk. 12:33, Mt.19:21.
   • Encourage them. Is. 1:17.

3. God views our compassionate treatment of refugees as a fundamental indicator of true Christianity.
   • When believers stand before Him on judgment day He will ask them how they treated refugees. Luke 14:12-13, Matthew 25:31-46.

4. God expects the nations to rescue refugees, to take them in, and to treat them just like her native born.
   • Rescue refugees from persecuting nations. Is. 16:3-5.
   • Give shelter to them from their destroyers. Is. 16:3-5.
   • Never return refugees to their oppressors. Let them live with you. Deut. 23:15.
   • Give them a choice as to where they can live among you. Deut. 23:15.
   • Treat refugees just like you do your own citizens through your laws and regulations. Treat them fairly. Lev. 19:34, 24:22, Num.15:16.
   • Set aside part of your income to help them. Deut. 14:28-29, 26:12.

5. God promises to bless the family and nation who take care of refugees.
   • He blesses them and the work of their hands. Deut. 24:19-21.
   • He answers their prayer. Is. 58:6-11.
   • His glory is their rear guard. Ps. 41:1-3, Is. 58:6-11.
   • He strengthens them physically. Is. 58:6-11, Ps. 41:1-3.
   • He satisfies their needs. Prov. 28:27, Is. 58:6-11.
   • He protects them. Ps. 41:1-3.
   • He will repay them at the resurrection of the righteous. Lk.14:12-13, Mt. 25:31-46
6. God promises to curse the nation and people who mistreat refugees.
   • The judgment and curse of the Lord is on a nation that withholds justice from the refugee. Deut. 27:19, 24:17, Ez.22:9f, Mal 3:5, Ez. 16:49
   • The Lord will not answer their prayers. Pr. 21:13
   • He who closes his/hers ears to refugees will receive many curses. Pr. 28:27
   • You show contempt toward God if you oppress the poor. Pr. 10:31.
   • A nation's right to its land is predicated upon treating refugees well. Jer. 5:5-7

7. God views our care for refugees as a concrete expression of love and service to him.
   • When we take care of refugees, we take care of the Lord. Mt. 25.

Source: Exodus World Service

For more information, see www.refugeeministries.org or contact Terri.Saelee@nad.adventist.org.
Voice: We are now to visit some officials in an office in first century Egypt.
(Two officials are seated at a desk covered with papers, discussing refugee cases in an office in Egypt.)
Official 1 (Yawning and stretching) How many more? I want to go home.
Official 2 Only one more and that's it for the day.
Official 1 Well come on. Make it snappy. Who is it?
Official 2 A family. Man, woman, child.
Official 1 Country of origin?
Official 2 Israel.
Official 1 What's their plea?
Official 2 Seeking refugee status here in Egypt.
Official 1 On what grounds?
Official 2 Persecution and death if they return to their own country.
Official 1 Papers?
Official 2 None.
Official 1 What sort of persecution? Religious? Political?
Official 2 Political. They claim their son's life is in danger. He will be killed if they return home.
Official 1 Only the son?
Official 2 That's what they say.
Official 1 Who are these people? What do our contacts say about them?
Official 2 No one has any knowledge or record of them.
Official 1 What's the man's occupation?
Official 2 He's a carpenter.
Official 1 And the woman?
Official 2 None. She's just a wife and mother.
Official 1 What about the boy? How old is he?
Official 2 Difficult to say.
Official 1 Give me a range. 0-2? 2-5? 5-8? 8-10?
Official 2 0-2.
Official 1 And who’s going to kill him?
Official 2 The king. Herod.
Official 1 Herod? Any facts to verify this?
Official 2 Again difficult to say. The child was born in Bethlehem and our contacts have mentioned an alleged incident there where all boys under the age of two were allegedly killed. But we haven’t been able to verify it with the authorities.
Official 1 So how did these people escape?
Official 2 The man, Joseph, said he had been warned to leave prior to the incident.
Official 1 Warned? They had inside information? Who from?
Official 2 He said he was told in a …a dream.
Official 1 Dream! Rubbish! He knows more than he’s telling us. He must have contacts somewhere. What about her?
Official 2 Mary? She’s harmless enough.
Official 1 Harmless, my eye. What sort of parents would take a young child on such a hazardous journey across those inhospitable deserts?
Official 2 I don’t know. People who are desperate?
Official 1 Their story sounds pretty thin to me. Anyone to corroborate it?
Official 2 Not really.
Official 1 Have they got any money?
Official 2 I believe they have some.
Official 1 But not much, I bet. Probably spent it all getting here. But they must have been well off to afford getting this far.
Official 2 I don’t know. He says he’s a carpenter. And he’s willing to work.
Official 1 Carpenter? They work in wood. Great! Look around you. How much
wood do you see? Are the pyramids made of wood? Are the tombs of the Pharaohs made of wood? Stone cutters! That's what we need.

Official 2 He could possibly adapt his skills.

Official 1 And put our own people out of work? No. I guarantee he’ll expect the Egyptian people to support him.

Official 2 Don’t forget the woman and child.

Official 1 Ah yes, the woman and child. And we know why they came along, don’t we.

Official 2 Because they’re a family?

Official 1 You are so naive. They add sympathy to their plight! These people just bring the wife and kids along to add to the occasion – like you do to a dinner. Look, I don’t like this. There are plenty of other countries closer than us they could have gone to. Why did they choose to come to Egypt anyway?

Official 2 I don’t know. Perhaps because it’s safe.

Official 1 I’ll tell you why. They just want to share the economic benefits of our country. These people are here solely for a better life. Persecution. What garbage! They should accept their lot in life and live in their own country.

Official 2 But….

Official 1 They’re just queue jumpers, illegals, probably criminals. They should have waited in line like everybody else, gone through the correct channels and been processed properly.

Official 2 But the correct channels have been cut back. And they’re so slow. It takes years for people to get the proper accreditation. Besides, if the king is threatening your life, you’re hardly going to apply to him to leave the country, are you?

Official 1 I don’t care. I have the backing of the Egyptian people on this. And if I displease them I’ll lose my job. No, it’s time to make a stand.
We've had too many of these people crossing our borders. By the way, what's their religion?

Official 2 They're Jews.

Official 1 I knew it! Jews are troublemakers. We don't want them here indoctrinating our people with their religion. Before we know it they'll be taking over our country.

Official 2 They seemed like nice people to me.

Official 1 Listen. Let's get this straight. These people have arrived on our doorstep –illegally. No papers, no money. No proof or record of persecution. No one to back up their story. I see no reason to grant them refugee status. We are a decent, caring people, but we've been the good guys for too long. These people are just taking advantage of us. Send them back where they came from. We have no room for any more illegals in this country. We have enough rubbish in this country already. We don't want any more.

Official 2 But what about the threats? We know what Herod's like.

Official 1 Threats! What sort of a threat would a young boy be to King Herod? We must send a strong message to these people that Egypt is not a soft touch. We'll start now and make an example of this family. Refugee status denied! (Official 1 stamps the papers defiantly) Send them back where they came from. Official 2 But what happens if any harm comes to the child? Official 1 It's my guess nothing will. What makes him so special? Besides, who cares? They're only peasants. It's hardly as if this one child will make any difference to the world, is it?

(The officials collect their papers and leave).

Voice Let us never forget that Jesus was once a refugee.

Refugee Services Aotearoa New Zealand available on www.refugeehighway.net

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Involve the Youth.
They will Thrive when you Turn them Loose on This!
Refugee Awareness
Youth Involvement Ideas

Youth PRAY

You can change the world on your knees. Remember to pray for the young people who are caught in the refugee struggle around the globe.

Prayer Points

1. For refugee communities who have lost everything, that they may find a welcome in a safe haven.
2. For the law-makers and administrators of the nations, that they have the courage to open the doors to those seeking refuge, and to offer generous resources for the care of refugees in other countries.
3. For the organizations and individuals who support refugees around the world, and help them to rebuild their lives.
4. Pray that in the midst of the crisis people will be open to Gospel in their lives.
5. Pray for refugees in the overflowing camps in countries such Thailand, Sudan, Pakistan, Iraq, DRC and Sri Lanka.
6. To understand cultures, and to welcome strangers in our congregations and fellowships, willingness and preparedness to serve them.

Youth ENGAGE

Organize discussion groups to discuss refugee issues. You can find more information on www.refugeehighway.net.
Youth Discussion Questions:

Joseph – the escape to Egypt

Read Matthew 2: 13-18

Use these discussion questions, by comparing with contemporary refugee situation, and relate the issue with Joseph’s story.

1. How would you feel if you had been in Joseph’s shoes? What would you do if you had to flee from your own home/ town to seek refuge in another strange land?
2. If ancient Egypt during Joseph’s time had modern immigration laws, what would have been the circumstances for Joseph and his family?
3. What are some truths and responses can we learn from this story?

Youth SUPPORT

Think of creative ways to raise funds to support refugees – and do it! Every cent you raise will make a DIFFERENCE.

What makes a successful fundraising?
- Set ambitious, yet attainable goals
- Take a planned approach – brainstorm your ideas together, then work out the steps you’ll need to take to make them a reality
- Use a combined approach of individual and team fundraising
- Utilize your own networks
- Explore ways you can use your own interests to raise funds

Put the FUN in fundraising!

Prepare a cultural meal, or a dish served in the refugee camp.

Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries is willing to facilitate your efforts and direct your contribution to the refugee project of your choice. See www.refugeeministries.org or contact Terri.Saelee@nad.adventist.org

The Youth Involvement Ideas were developed by Refugee Highway Partnership and adapted with permission. For more information, see www.refugeeministries.org or contact Terri.Saelee@nad.adventist.org.
Links to Resources

Posters

- Refugee Awareness Sabbath Poster [http://www.refugeeministries.org](http://www.refugeeministries.org) to download and print
- Refugee posters produced by the UNHCR and available, free of charge, for the asking: [http://www.unrefugees.org/site/c.lfIQSQ0wFqG/b.5106429/k.FD84/World_Refugee_Day_Materials_2010.htm](http://www.unrefugees.org/site/c.lfIQSQ0wFqG/b.5106429/k.FD84/World_Refugee_Day_Materials_2010.htm) (These are beautiful posters, appropriate to post in our churches. These pictures are truly worth a thousand words! They sent me three kinds. Specify how many you can use.)

YouTube Videos about Refugees

- Excellent short invitation to imagine what it must be like for refugees (downloadable): [http://www.refugeehighway.net/resources/presentation-list/orphan-widow-alien](http://www.refugeehighway.net/resources/presentation-list/orphan-widow-alien)
- YouTube Videos produced by the UNHCR (The United Nations Refugee Agency): [http://www.youtube.com/user/USAforUNHCR](http://www.youtube.com/user/USAforUNHCR)
- ADRA Video - not only about refugees, but has pictures that are, no doubt, of refugees—very touching. Could be used as a follow-up to another refugee video. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4ldOEwuFZw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4ldOEwuFZw)
“The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself…”

Leviticus 19:34

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“I was a stranger and you welcomed me! ...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of my brethren you did it to me”

Matthew 25:35, 40

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43 Million Displaced Worldwide

3 Million in North America

North American Division Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries invites churches across North America to promote Refugee Awareness in connection with the annual June 20 World Refugee Day established by the United Nations, and to give generously to the special offering for Multi-lingual Ministries in North America on June 11, 2011.

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Adventist Parenting invites your feedback to help define the needs of Christian parents as they strive to raise godly kids in an increasingly secular culture.

Additionally, your response will help the Family Ministries Department in the North America Division of Seventh-day Adventists determine what parents would like to see included in the new, multi-media parenting resource currently in development.

There are 16 questions in this survey.

You must be 18 years or older to participate.

1. Please select your parenting role. *
   - Mother
   - Father
   - Step-Mother
   - Step-Father
   - Grandparent
   - Other

2. Please select your age group. *
   - Under 25
   - 25 - 34
   - 35 - 44
   - 45 - 54
   - 55 and over

3. How many children / grandchildren are you currently parenting? *
   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4 or more

4. Please select the age group(s) of the children you are parenting. *
   - 0 - 5
   - 6 - 9
   - 10 - 14
   - 15 - 18

Please prioritize in order of importance.
5. Spiritual Values *

Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- How to help my child develop a growing relationship with Jesus
- How to help shape character development in my child
- How to keep teens interested in Church
- How to teach the importance of Sabbath keeping and other distinctly Adventist doctrines

6. Discipline. *

Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- How to teach obedience
- How to teach self discipline
- How to set age-appropriate expectations for my child
- How to deal with different temperaments

7. Relationships. *
Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- How to help children deal with divorce
- How to maintain a healthy parent/child relationship through each age and stage
- How to handle sibling rivalry
- How to help children adjust to living with a blended family

8. Education.

Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- Needs specific to public school
- Needs specific to church school
- How to determine educational milestones for the elementary through high school years
- Needs specific to homeschooling


Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- Understanding the needs of each age and stage
- Communication skills
- Help and hope for grandparents who parent
- Stress management
- Help and hope for parents
- Help and hope for single parents

10. Social Issues.
Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- How to set guidelines on movies and internet usage
- How to set and maintain standards when Adventist friends have different values
- How to help children understand sexuality
- How to deal with bullying

11. Health. *

Drag items from the left-hand list into the right-hand list to order them.

- How to help children develop self respect
- What to do when a child struggles with self harm issues: eating disorders, cutting, etc.
- How to recognize and help the depressed child
- How to help children deal with peer pressure and addiction

12. Please name your country of residence. *

- Please Select

13. Which of these categories should be included in a parenting resource? *

- Spiritual Values
- Discipline
- Relationships
- Education
- Parenthood
- Social Issues
- Health

14. What other categories would you like to see included?
15. E-mail address. Required to be entered into drawing for prizes.

16. Are you 18 years or older? *
   - Yes
   - No

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