The Race for Literacy

When you help an illiterate adult learn to read, you have changed not only their life, but the lives of many of those around them including their descendents. Adults who read are more likely to be employed full time and to receive a higher income. They are more likely to read to their children. Even though the Bible is available in 90% of all languages, more than 50% of people in developing countries cannot read it. "A 1% rise in women’s literacy is three times more likely to reduce deaths in children than a 1% rise in the number of doctors." More

Maitland DePinto, director of Hope for Humanity (H4H), is committed to ending illiteracy. On Sunday, June 19, he will participate in the Sprint Triathlon in Washington, DC., and again on September 11, he plans to "race the Olympic distance." He's doing it to raise funds for “No More Thumbprints,” H4H's international campaign to end illiteracy. And he's also doing it after being inspired by his first grandchild. "In order to increase the odds of me being around long enough to properly spoil her, I embarked on a long overdue fitness routine," says Maitland. "As a result, I have shed 75 pounds and brought all my health stats into the normal range."

Read More about No More Thumbprints and resources for youth groups, churches and others who want to help. Read Maitland's letter for more details about his triathlon projects and how you can help or get involved.

Hope Channel Presents ACS with Large Donation

This morning the Hope Channel presented a donation check for $37,222.18 for Adventist Community Services (ACS) assistance for victims of the tornadoes in the south and midwest U.S. NAD Vice President for Ministries, Debra Brill, accepted the check in the absence of ACS Director Sung Kwon. The money came from more than 230 Hope Channel viewers around the world and was collected during the month of May. Martin Doblemeier of Journey

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- PSI's International Conference on Philanthropy, June 21–24
- ASI Convention, August 3–6
- 3rd Annual Adventist Interpreters Conference, August 3-7
- Festival of the Laity, September 7–10
- Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible, September 14–18
Films also appeared on World of Hope and agreed to donate the ADVENTISTS DVD to all those who made a donation of $25 or more for the storm victims. Almost immediately they received about 80 donations, with several people donating $500 or $1,000.

You can watch a rebroadcast of the presentation on "World of Hope," June 17, at 8 p.m. ET, and 11 p.m. ET, on the Hope Channel or DIRECTV Channel 368.

Photo: (left to right) Brad Thorp, President, Hope Channel; Debra Brill, Vice President for Ministries, NAD; Gary Gibbs, Vice President, Hope Channel; Kandus Thorp, Vice President, Hope Channel.

Children Helping Children

Read a precious letter from a 10-year-old who lived near the Joplin, Mo., tornado area and donated a toy for a Joplin tornado child victim. Money is the preferred donation for helping disaster victims. Donate.

Students Deliver Aid

Tennessee's Houston [pronounced "house-ton"] County students deliver aid to tornado victims at the Adventist Community Services-run warehouse. See video.

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Ministerial Department

Shawn Boonstra, former speaker/director of It Is Written television program, and Dave Gemmell, Associate Director for the NAD Church Resource Center, have accepted the invitation to join the NAD Ministerial Department. Shawn Boonstra will be associate director with an emphasis in evangelism training and NAD evangelism initiatives and Dave Gemmell will be associate director with an emphasis on pastoral resources. The division is looking forward to a new fellowship in ministry as they begin their new appointments.

Atlantic Union's 29th Constituency Session

The Atlantic Union re-elected Donald King, president; Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary; Leon Thomassian, treasurer; Dionisio Olivo, Hispanic and Portuguese Ministries vice president; Trevor Forbes, associate treasurer; Astrid Thomassian, education director; and Jerrell Gilkeson, education associate director.

Two new individuals were elected: Pierre Omeler, Haitian and African Ministries vice president; and Jose Cortes, Youth Ministries director. Omeler comes to the union from the Northeastern Conference where he serves as the Haitian Ministries coordinator. Cortes comes to the union from the Greater New York Conference where he serves as the Youth Ministries director.

Individuals serving in other departments in the Atlantic Union, including Communication, Disabilities Ministries, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, and Women’s Ministries, will be presented to the executive committee at an upcoming executive committee meeting.

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Media Summit Videos Now Available

Two presentations from the recent Media Summit in Ontario, Calif., May 22, 23, are now available for viewing.

Dan Jackson: "The Media Imperative." - "Make no mistake - our task during these two days is not to tweak the Adventist media machine. Rather it is to take a thoroughly honest, widely informed, and Spirit-let view of what we must do to position our church to be used by God in the most powerful way possible through media. If we want to be relevant in our communication of the gospel, we have no alternative as we move through the shifting cultural sands of today's electronic and social media revolution."

Allan Martin: "Social Videos" - "One of the favorite presentations at the NAD Media Summit was Pastor Allan Martin's brown bag luncheon where he shared some of the social videos and trends that are shaping our culture."

Video Devotional: "Ye Are the Salt of the Earth"

Carol Barron, Adult Ministries

Stay Socially Connected with NAD
On June 19, Hope for Humanity Director Maitland DiPinto will run a sprint triathlon to benefit “No More Thumbprints,” the international initiative to end illiteracy. Follow his training and learn more about the importance of literacy and of the work of Hope for Humanity right here.

Help Maitland win the Race for Literacy by supporting No More Thumbprints

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Proven benefits of literacy include lower birthrates and decreased infant mortality

Video: Help Maitland win the Race for Literacy by supporting No More Thumbprints http://tumblr.com/xvg30gb6q

Photo: Help Maitland win the Race for Literacy by supporting No More Thumbprints illustration by Tom Michaud http://tumblr.com/xvg30ek3ek

Photo: Globally, illiteracy can be linked
Globally, illiteracy can be linked to high infant mortality and the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other preventable infectious diseases.

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Adults who are more literate are more likely to be employed full time and receive a higher income.

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The Light In Their Eyes

A group of visitors sponsored by Hope for Humanity witness the ministry of the women of El Salvador to bring the gift of literacy to their community.

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52% of all non-literates live in India and China.

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Posted 4 days ago
Two-thirds of the world's illiterate adults are women.

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Posted 5 days ago

If you can't read directions, there is a greater chance you will make a mistake. You must depend on your memory for everything that you do.

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*illustration by Tom Michaud*

Posted 5 days ago
El Salvador 2010 in Three Words

This July, Hope For Humanity teamed up with the Adventist Intercollegiate Association and took a group of 22 student leaders to learn about HFH's literacy projects in El Salvador. Here are some of the stories they decided to tell, three words at a time.

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Posted 6 days ago
Your thumbprint is as unique as you are, but if you've never learned to read, it becomes a symbol of shame.

Our goal: No More Thumbprints. AIA and Hope for Humanity are supporting “Learning Circles” in El Salvador and throughout Central America, where learning basic reading, writing, and math skills banishes signing with a thumb forever.

Use the resources below to join the fight against illiteracy.

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**AIA's Fight Against Illiteracy**

AIA students experience the learning circles first-hand as they travel to El Salvador and meet with literacy program students and teachers.

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**AIA's Fight Against Illiteracy (Red)**

AIA students experience the learning circles first-hand as they travel to El Salvador and meet with literacy program students and teachers.

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**Flyer 8.5 x 11”**

Informational flyer for handouts

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A 10 Year Old Gives Back!

Dear Tornado Survivor in Joplin,

My name is Jesse [redacted] and I’m 10. When I was 6 our house burned down and I lost every toy I had. Total strangers stepped up to help. They gave me these Thomas sets to make me smile and I’m passing them on to you for the same reason. (reason) The world has a lot more love for us than we know. I hope you have as many hours of fun with these as I did.”

Your friend,
Jesse
Hillsboro, MO
Giant of the classroom to get teaching award

By Nadia Arandjelovic

A local teacher known for being ‘small in stature but a giant in the classroom’ will be recognised this weekend with an Excellence in Teaching Award.

Wendie Warren, an elementary teacher at The Bermuda Institute has been lauded for ushering in a “high standard of teaching and learning”.

She is one of ten teachers selected by the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF), which supports Seventh-day Adventist schools throughout North America.

The AAF makes award selections based on classroom innovation, community involvement and leadership. Ms Warren was nominated by principals, superintendents, colleagues, and former students.

A school spokeswoman said: “A walk into Wendie’s classroom will reveal kindergartners performing well above average: children are reading whole sentences, distinguishing literary devices, spelling advanced words, and even using times tables.

“She has even facilitated a union-wide workshop on instructional strategies.

“Wendie’s classroom culture of inclusion, advocacy for every type of learner, and partnership with parents are just a few examples of how she fosters a positive learning community.”

Ms Warren will be presented with the national award and $2,000 reward during the school’s graduation ceremony on Sunday at 10am.
Teen musician hopes hard work on subway gets him to Juilliard

BY Erica Pearson
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sunday, June 12th 2011, 4:00 AM

Thirteen-year-old Jason Cordero gives them out in the 42nd St. subway, where he pounds out classical music every Sunday - hoping his hard work gets him to Juilliard.

"Instead of practicing at home, I practice in the subway," said Jason, who draws huge crowds around his Casio Privia on the No. 1 platform. "I started playing when my dad gave me a toy keyboard for my birthday, like for babies."

The son of Ecuadoran immigrants, Jason also regularly plays for Saturday services at the family's Seventh Day Adventist church in Corona.

He's been taking lessons from the church's main pianist since he was 7 and playing underground since he was 11.

"I consider my gift of playing the piano as a gift of God," said the eighth grader. "It makes me happy that I play the piano the way I do. So, I think I'm the happiest boy in the world." He's been taking lessons from the church's main pianist since he was 7 and playing underground since he was 11.

"I consider my gift of playing the piano as a gift of God," said the eighth grader. "It makes me happy that I play the piano the way I do. So, I think I'm the happiest boy in the world." In fact, he exudes happiness as he plays, moving his head from side to side as the music pours out - Mozart's "Rondo Alla Turca," Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5," and his favorite, Chopin's "Nocturne Opus 9 No. 2."

"It's kind of like you go to a different world - the music world," Jason laughed. "Sometimes I totally forget that I'm in the subway. When I lift up, I'm like, 'Oh, here I am!'"

On a recent Sunday, a crowd of 20 gathered around Jason, leaning forward, taking iPhone videos, dropping dollar bills into a black hamper.

"I was so mesmerized by his hands," said Gersomine Julien, 52, a Harlem assistant principal who stayed for song after song. "It's just a reward to see a young man play so well ... I hope someone discovers him."

His dad, Wilson Cordero, uses a dolly to schlep the keyboard and speakers in from Elmhurst on the No. 7 train.

"I consider my gift of playing the piano as a gift of God," said the eighth grader. "It makes me happy that I play the piano the way I do. So, I think I'm the happiest boy in the world." Some straphangers assume the boy is supporting his family and get testy with the pair, but the money is Jason's to keep.

"I consider my gift of playing the piano as a gift of God," said the eighth grader. "It makes me happy that I play the piano the way I do. So, I think I'm the happiest boy in the world." He's bought a $650 digital camera, a scooter and an Apple computer with his earnings, and he's saving for college.

"I consider my gift of playing the piano as a gift of God," said the eighth grader. "It makes me happy that I play the piano the way I do. So, I think I'm the happiest boy in the world." "He wants to go to Juilliard," his father said.

The family spent $6,000 to record a CD of Jason's music, which they sell for $12.

Jason's goal is to learn Chopin's "Scherzo No. 2" - even though his small hands aren't wide enough to play some chords.

"I consider my gift of playing the piano as a gift of God," said the eighth grader. "It makes me happy that I play the piano the way I do. So, I think I'm the happiest boy in the world." "I'm still waiting for my hands to grow more," he said. "I'd like to stretch them out with popsicle sticks!"
Teen musician hopes hard work on subway gets him to Juilliard

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/06/12/2011-06-12_happiest...
He reminds me of that kid from "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry". I really wish him all the best.

Well if not Julliard he could always play the piano in church, seems like his family are super AAA religious. In any event I hope he has the career of Claudio Arrau.
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It's the SECOND time the brave child has stopped mom's ex from hurting her.

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The Hanson Research Station (HRS) will once again be hosting their annual open house on Father’s Day, June 19 from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The late owners Glenn and Phyllis Hanson and their family have been inviting the community to their ranch since 1996 in the Lance Formation in Northern Niobrara County.

They have retrieved at least 1,000 specimens each summer, which are available to view in a web-based catalog. Viewing is open to the public at http://fossil.swau.edu. The scientists involved use the GPS (Global Position System) technology to determine the exact position of each bone and how they lie in relation to each other.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view firsthand the method of utilizing GPS (Global Positioning System) for recording paleontological, taphonomic, sedimentary and geologic data unearthed at the Lance Formation. The scientist who pioneered this cutting-edge technology will be on hand to discuss the data and methods used, along with the finds and obvious conclusions. Actual petrified bones, teeth and tendons of primarily, Hadrosaurs (duck-bills), Triceratops, Pachycephalosaurus, T. Rex, and other carnivores and microscopic vertebrates, along with assorted water creatures having once lived here.

An informative video presentation will be shown, giving a brief history of the 16-year excavation progression with many photos of the quarry and the landscape and the bones unearthed. Then visitors will drive to the actual excavation where they can observe and talk with the working science teachers and students. HRS and Southwestern Adventist University (SAU) from Keene, Texas conduct this dinosaur project purely for scientific gain.

“Utilizing the GPS technology to determine the exact position of each bone (an operation pioneered on this site), the GIS software is then used to analyze and produce an integrated picture of the bone-bed, results and the bones themselves are
“This project also offers college credit hours (four semester hours) to students or continuing education units (four units) to teachers.”

During the Open House there will be a brief video history of the operation and some of the more significant discoveries. They will then take visitors to the actual dig.

“Every year is very exciting even for those of us who are here each year because it’s so different, with new discoveries,” Johnson said.

The Hanson Research Station is in northern Niobrara County and admission is free. There will be complimentary refreshments served. The station is located on County road #54 (Cheyenne River Road) between Newcastle and Mule Creek Junction, then 15 miles west (stay left, no right-hand turns), HRS sign at the pasture entrance.

For more information (or for wet road advisory) call the ranch at 746-3475 or 746-2064. HRS is a nonprofit research organization.

For the complete article see the 06-08-2011 issue.

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Heritage Museum opens for season

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FAIRHAVEN — The Fairhaven Heritage Museum has opened for the season. Located in the annex of the First Congregational Church at 34 Center St., the center celebrates the lives of about 30 historically important people who lived in Fairhaven or were closely associated with the town.

There's a display panel for each person, containing a picture and biographical information.

The center has a different look this year. The display panels are now arranged in three categories: Those who impacted national and world history, those whose impact was primarily local and regional, and Fairhaven women of distinction.

Among those honored are Joseph Bates Jr., one of the three founders of the Seventh Day Adventist Church; William LeBaron Jenney, who designed and built the world's first skyscraper; Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in the United States; millionaire Henry H. Rogers and his good friend, Mark Twain; Mary Ann Hathaway Tripp, the first American woman to sail around the world; and Sara Delano, the mother of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The center is open from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays; 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays in June, July, and August, and by appointment. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

For further information, call Milton P. George at 508-996-0776.
Help for people in Pierre and Fort Pierre pours in from all over and now, there's a new way to help. A donation center is up and running for those who need supplies. After a phone call from FEMA, Phyllis Alexander drove out to Pierre from Rapid City last week to set up a donation warehouse. She's been helping with disaster relief in both South Dakota and North Dakota for 14 years.

"Gone through the hazmat and the learning and all of that. Even had a forklift operators license, but it expired," said Phyllis Alexander, director of Adventist Disaster Services.

Ellen Kreitr from Harvey, North Dakota and her husband are some of the volunteers with Adventist Disaster Services who joined Alexander. "We work in the distribution area. We make sure that all the stuff that comes in is legal, that the containers are full and the stuff is new," said Kreitr.

Their job is to collect donated supplies for anyone doing battle in the flood fight. Because so much of the work is outdoors, some supplies are in immediate need.

"The day it was so warm, all the stores were out of sunscreen and the policemen and emergency people were all out of sunscreen, and, you know, your DEET and Off and mosquito repellents," said Alexander.

Other items they're looking to take in are food that won't go bad, like canned goods, boxes of macaroni and cheese and ramen noodles. They also need baby supplies like diapers and formula and even toys.

"When these kids come in and they see these piles of toys sometimes, their eyes just light up like Christmas trees, 'We can have one of those, Mommy?'" said Kreitr.

So far, both donations and those seeking help have been slow to come in ...

"We've had about four or five people come in looking for things but they know that will change once word spreads they're open."

They all agree that dealing with disaster doesn't get easier with experience, but they know their work is important.

"The love of people, the love of helping people and the loving to be there when they need us. Our greatest helper that we have, of course, is God," said Alexander.

"When we can give them encouragement and some hope, it really lifts your heart. The more we help people the more we get the blessing from it," echoed Kreiter.

They hope more will join them at the warehouse soon. "If you need help, please come. Don't be afraid. You're not any more in need than the next person," said Kreiter.

Here is a list of the Supplies needed:

**Food and Drinks**
- Sports drinks
- Snack foods
- Non-perishable foods
- Coffee

**Baby Supplies**
- Food
- Formula
- Diapers
- Lotion
- Powder
- Blankets
- New clothes
- Crib sheets
- Wipes

**Paper Product**
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Table napkins
- Facial tissues
- Paper cups/plates

**Bedding**
- Sheets/pillow cases
- Blankets
- Mattress pads (all sizes)

**Household Supplies**
- Can openers
- Plastic cutlery
- Flashlights/batteries
- All cleaning supplies
- DEET/Off
- Sunscreen
- Hand soap
- Band-Aids
- Antacids
- Scrub mops
- Cleaners
Cleansers
- Brooms
- Laundry soap
- Garbage bags
- Work gloves
- Water boots
- Rubber gloves
- Glass cleaner
- Hand sanitizer

Toys
- All ages

Pet food
- Dog and cat
6-14-11 Atlantic Union Conference 29th Quinquennial Constituency Session Report

Two new individuals elected

The 29th quinquennial session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists® convened at on Sunday, June 12, at Machlan Auditorium on the campus of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Jose Rojas, director of the North American Division Office of Volunteer Ministries, presented the devotional message. Rojas encouraged the delegates to be included among those who believe and are not afraid to share the message and “do a holy thing and watch God finish His work through us.”

The officers re-elected were: Donald King, president; Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary; Leon Thomassian, treasurer; Dionisio Olivo, Hispanic and Portuguese Ministries vice president; Trevor Forbes, associate treasurer; Astrid Thomassian, education director; and Jerrell Gilkeson, education associate director.

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Individuals serving in other departments in the Atlantic Union, including Communication, Disabilities Ministries, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, and Women’s Ministries, will be presented to the executive committee at an upcoming executive committee meeting.

The delegates completed all items on the agenda, including electing members to serve on the executive committee and association board, and voting minor changes to the constitution and bylaws.

Donald King, re-elected president, took time to recognize Louis Metellus and his wife, Dell, for their commitment and for Metellus’ work in the areas of Haitian and African ministries, prison ministries, and Adventist Community Services for past five years. King also acknowledged Bill Wood and his wife, Janet, for their commitment and dedication to the youth in the Atlantic Union and for Wood’s work for the past 12-plus years in youth ministries. Wood announced his retirement earlier this year.

King called the delegates to be committed in the next quinquennium and to be more actively involved in evangelism and getting the message out about a soon-coming Savior. He announced plans for an evangelistic initiative in New York City in 2013. The General Conference, North American Division, Atlantic Union Conference, and its six conferences will be involved in this initiative, especially the two conferences in New York City—Greater New York and Northeastern. King encouraged the delegates to pray earnestly that God will pour out His Holy Spirit as the Atlantic Union engages in this campaign.

The Atlantic Union Conference, headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the northeast United States and Bermuda, serves six conferences, 63 schools, one college, one health care facility, and more than 104,520 members worshipping in 566 churches and 63 groups.

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