Winners at the annual NAD SONscreen Film Festival are now posted. Participants who entered films in the festival and anyone interested in meeting excellent filmmakers met April 4-6, at the Adventist Media Center. This year's theme was, "Chronicles: Stories that speak truth and change lives." Included this year was a "Pitch Fest," giving filmmakers a chance to pitch a film idea to a panel of judges. The winner receives $10,000 as seed money to work with the North American Division’s Office of Communication to produce a film as an outreach project of the Church. Congratulations to Rajeev Sigamoney, film professor at Pacific Union College, for his idea entitled "Decalogue 2.0." MORE

[Rajeev Sigamoney, third from left, Instructor and Program Coordinator of Film & Television at Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., accepts the $10,000 Pitchfest award for his idea to create ten films exploring the Decalogue. Pitchfest judges included, from left, George Johnson, Nathan Nazario, David A. R. White, Paul Kim and Dave Gemmell. Photo by Gerry Chudleigh.] More photos

Sign the petition to save the lives of faithful Seventh-day Adventists in Togo. The General Conference is asking that everyone, please, click in the link below and sign the petition to release Pastor Antonio Monteiro and church member Bruno Amah from the arbitrary imprisonment in Togo: http://www.change.org/petitions/release-seventh-day-adventist-pastor-monteiro. Also, share this link with the people in your email lists. We need one million signatures. This is a matter of life and death. We need your support.

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The Revelation of Hope website is now live.
You can use this new website to invite friends and
family to one of the more than 400 meetings taking
place in metro N.Y.C. in 2013. Please take some
time to browse the site and share with your friends.
More evangelistic meeting sites are constantly
being added daily. Search by your ZIP code to find a meeting, health seminar,
youth, or Impacto 2013 event near you.

Please note that our external branding is Revelation of Hope and not NY13.
New information is still being added daily.

Beyond Blessings is a collection of the 12 winning sermons
from the 100 submitted for the 2012 Stewardship Sermon
Contest. The contest was open to active or retired ministers and
graduate ministerial students. Some 100 sermons were
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This book is an excellent resource for pastors and elders who need sermon
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You might find this book helpful in designing a sermon for Stewardship
Sabbath, April 13. MORE

"But you are ... a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9).
"It's an amazing thing! And I just put it plainly: When you read that
passage in its context, you have to get off dead center and
recognize that when you accept Jesus as your Savior you've just
signed on to become a minister of the Most High God! And this
superficial, foolish understanding that men have developed over
time that somehow there is a separation between clergy and laity
is exceedingly unfortunate because the reality is, when you accept Jesus, you
are a minister. You are a priest. And the role of the pastor – and I'm not
downplaying that at all – is to train the ministers." – NAD President Dan
Jackson at the NAD Staff Worship, April 3, 2013.

REACH: Healthy Leadership and Management

When six inches of snow fell in three hours on February 19, Sonora Regional Medical Center employees and practitioners went above and beyond to ensure their patients and co-workers stayed safe. They worked extra shifts, helped put chains on cars, gave each other rides and opened their homes to co-workers. Driver Adam Orozco braved the storm to deliver oxygen to a hospice patient 20 miles away who would otherwise have experienced a very uncomfortable death. When the Nutritional Services delivery truck was deemed unsafe to travel even with chains, driver Jason Prophet used his own four-wheel drive truck to deliver 68 meals to long-term care patients. It took him several hours to reach the hospital and another hour to reach the long-term care units.
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Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church has developed a new concept for local moms to improve their overall health and well-being by participating in the Changing Lives MOMS Group program.

The Changing Lives MOMS Group begins with a free, personalized body composition screening and basic health indicators report for participants. The screening results will provide moms with the information they need to begin the process of transforming their lives. The pilot continues with four weekly sessions designed to arm moms with practical tips in the areas of fitness, nutrition and outlook.

While moms learn to improve their health, children ages 12 months and up will engage in age appropriate activities designed around the same learning concepts that mom hears.

The programming is free, and has come together with the help of community partners, including Park Ridge Health, Harmon Field and local businesses.

These gatherings will take place on Wednesdays, April 24 – May 22 from 10:30 a.m. – noon at the cabin at Harmon Field.

To learn more or to register for the Changing Lives MOMS Group, find the group on Facebook at Changing Lives MOMS Group, contact them via email at ChangingLivesMomsGroup@hotmail.com or call 386-481-8215.

- article submitted by Desiree Paradis
Single mothers asked to call
Deadline to register for a free oil change is Sunday, April 14

BY ROXANNE HOOPER, LANGLEY ADVANCE  APRIL 9, 2013

A couple dozen single moms will be treated later this month, thanks to a team of volunteers with a little mechanical expertise.

Keeping up a tradition, The Seventh Day Adventist church's Acts of Kindness (AOK) team is again offering its twice-a-year free oil change, with pastor Michael Dauncey putting out the call now for needy recipients to step forward.

"We, as a church, want to do everything we can to help make the community of Aldergrove a better place for its residents," said Dauncey, whose team also offers the annual Extreme Home Repair.

"We realize how challenging it is to be a single mom and it's our desire to help alleviate some of life's stresses for them. God has been so good to us and we want to share that goodness with others," he added.

The deadline to sign up for the program is Sunday, April 14, with the oil changes happening Sunday, April 21, at the Fraser Valley Adventist Academy on 48th Avenue.

To register, single moms must call 604-856-5830 with the make and model of the vehicle, and number
of cylinders.

The volunteer team expects to service an average of 25 cars in one afternoon, that includes washing and detailing the vehicles while the mothers enjoy a cup of coffee and refreshments.

"A certified mechanic will also offer unbiased advice to car owners, if any major mechanical issues are identified," Dauncey said.

In fact, in past there's been a few cases where vehicles have been driven into the school garage on oil change day in such rough shape that the Acts of Kindness team has deemed them unsafe and subsequently made arrangements to get the recipients a replacement of a sound, second-hand vehicle.

This free oil change concept offered by the AOK team started by the Aldergrove church more than a decade ago and has proven so popular that other organizations in the community have followed suit.

"Allow us to serve you on April 21," Dauncey said, inviting single mothers to call in immediately.

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Time to get healthy | Lacombe Globe

Spring is in air, even if there is still snow on the ground. With the arrival of spring come two things, cleaning and a desire to get in shape or be more active.

While they can’t help you getting your house in shape the health department at the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be doing their part to make sure your body is in peak condition.

The church is hosting Lacombe’s inaugural Health Expo from 5–8 p.m. on April 27, at the Lacombe Memorial Centre.

“It’s for anyone and everyone of all ages,” said Darlene Blaney, health director at the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “We have eight or more booths that are set up to go through the different principles that promote healthy lifestyles or obtain optimal health, like sunlight, fresh air, and exercise. At each of these booths are tests that people can go through to see where they are at nutrition and health wise.”

The free event will feature various booths including: a body-fat analyzer scale, a peak flow meter test, nutrition counseling, the Harvard fitness test, anti-stress massages and what is sure to be very busy, a discover your health age computer analysis.

“We have a computer analysis program that measures an individual’s health habits,” said Blaney. “Even though they may be 50, according to their habits and lifestyle their health age might be 40 or 60.”

Proper health is a large part of the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, which followers believe has a direct effect on their ability to assist others.

“We believe that if you’re not healthy or fit enough to get out of bed then you can’t get out and help other people,” said Blaney.

While getting in shape may seem like a daunting task to some, Blaney, a PhD in nutrition, says that obtaining optimal health isn’t as hard as it may seem.

“I’ve seen people lives change just from making a few simple lifestyle and diet adjustments. If people just knew the tools and how simple it could be, they can obtain optimal health. A few simple choices can make big changes.”
For more inquiries about the Health Expo contact Esther Yaceyko at 403–782–5258.
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists®: 4–10/13 "They don't need to feel unwanted."

April 13 theme of the 2013 Annual Offering for ministry to the blind

March 28, 2013 ... Lincoln, NE/CRN Empowering and equipping blind people for ministry will be featured on the April 13 Christian Record Services Annual Day of Giving for the North American Division (NAD). The Seventh-day Adventist® Church's annual offering calendar in the NAD recognizes the church's special ministry of Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB). Each year, CRSB provides congregations with materials featuring the challenges faced by people who are blind.

This year's theme expresses a challenge as well as an opportunity faced in congregations and communities alike. "When someone with a disability, a blind person, sits down next to you in church, do you know how to make that person feel at home?" asks Rajmund Dabrowski, marketing director for CRSB. "Consider that many of these brothers and sisters all too frequently just sit and wait to be welcomed and invited to contribute their talents to a church community," he adds. “Consider, too, that if nobody with a disability ever sits down next to you in church, it may be because no one has offered an invitation and transportation.”
This year’s promotion features Dexter Thomas, a blind pastor whose frank comments address some of the issues faced by blind people. "Most blind Americans ... don’t leave the house and they become very lonely, very depressed, and they think God doesn't care," he states. But he also appeals to people who are sighted to open the door to ministry to people who are blind. "By so doing, give them an opportunity to be filled with God," Dexter adds.

Dexter's challenge is echoed by several others in "Unwanted?," a video presentation filmed in Lincoln, Nebraska, and at the Leoni Meadows Camp in Grizzly Flats, Calif., by award-winning videographer Jason Sutterland of Big Puddle Films.

"Such concepts as empowerment and acceptance all too often seem to be missing in our Christian ministry to those with special needs. This year's campaign aims to bring better awareness of the need as well as our hope of having full inclusion of believers with disabilities in church life and witness," Dabrowski adds. "Christian Record is a partner to strengthen our Seventh-day Adventist congregations into becoming a more welcoming community."

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[Jeri Lyn Rogge/Christian Record News]
Beyond Blessings

By Nik Satelmajer


Quick Overview

A joint project between the NAD Stewardship and Ministerial Departments, this book is the result of a contest for the best sermons on giving. Pastors across the division were invited to submit sermons on stewardship and the best of those are collected here.

This book is an excellent resource for pastors and elders who need sermon material, as well as an inspiring read for anyone who wants to hear again the blessings of giving and acknowledging God’s ownership of our lives.

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