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Karen and Burmese Adventist refugees and immigrants will hold the first-ever division-wide convention, July 2-5, in Syracuse, N.Y. During the past decade thousands of Adventist refugees and immigrants from the Asian country of Myanmar (formerly Burma), many of whom were persecuted, have been resettled to start new lives in North America. They are scattered in almost every state and province of NAD. Many of these believers trace their Adventist heritage back to missionaries like Eric B. Hare. The convention will be held in the Karen language with translation to Burmese and English. Speakers will include Ernest Castillo, Melvin Santos, Scott Griswold, and others. All Karen, Zomi and other Burmese people are invited to attend, as well as anyone who is involved in ministry to them or is interested in these people groups. MORE or contact Pastor Jimmy Schwe 919-537-1544, or email. [Photo: Karen Adventists at the 2010 General Conference session in front of the AWR booth that displayed a large picture of Karen believers in Myanmar who have benefitted from AWR’s radio broadcasts to a difficult closed country.]

March 26, 2014

Special Days

April Focus: Community Services
Apr 5, Missionary Magazines (Signs, Message, El Centinela, Priorities)
Apr 12, Stewardship Sabbath
Apr 19, Literature Evangelism Sabbath
Apr 26, Education Sabbath

Offerings
Apr 12, Christian Record Services
Sample Offertory Readings

Upcoming Events:
Mar. 28-30, Children's Leadership Conference
Apr. 2, Prayer Call
May 1-4, Summit on Abuse
May 16-24, Adventist Christian Fellowship Institute
June 2-6, Nonprofit Leadership Certification-I Program
June 24-27, PSI Conference on Philanthropy
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Dental care at free health fair packs them in

Join the NAD Prayer Ministry team on Thursday, April 3, for an all-night prayer teleconference, 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. ET. Call 712-432-0031; access code is 435650#. Each half hour will have a different leader. Join the intercessors who are expecting great things from God at any time during the call, even if you can participate for only a few minutes. Invite your friends and family. To become an intercessor for evangelism and receive weekly prayer requests send an email to nadprayerministries@gmail.com. Download a bulletin insert (four per page) for your church. Prayer requests can be sent at the My Way to Jesus NAD "seeker" site. MORE

The NAD Health Ministries is asking for your help. They held NAD’s first Mental Health Sabbath on February 15, and would like to learn how churches across the NAD participated and used the resources provided. Please fill out this short survey by April 31. All the resources developed for Mental Health Sabbath will remain available for downloading and use by local churches throughout the year so that as many churches as possible will raise mental health awareness and also take the survey. Thank you so much for your participation.

Indiana Conference hasn’t moved but because of construction on their highway they have been assigned a new physical and mailing address. They are: 15205 Westfield Blvd., Carmel, IN 46032; and P.O. Box 5000, Westfield, IN 46074

Galactic Quest is an interactive VBS program where kids get to know God by learning about the galaxy He created. Each day kids will explore the Story of Redemption through Bible stories, games, healthy snacks,
crafts, and more. Galactic Quest includes a DVD you can show during the opening program, or you can use the script and act out the story. The kit also includes traditional and contemporary/gospel music options. A preschool program is also included.

Watch a preview/promo video. Created by NAD Children’s Ministries in partnership with Review and Herald and AdventSource. Available from AdventSource in English and Spanish/English, 402-486-8800, or through the Adventist Book Center, 800-765-6955. On sale through April 21 for $129.99 ($20 off).

**ViewPoints**

**Did you know God will bring an end to suffering and death?**

**Fundamental Beliefs #27 from My Way to Jesus**

Just "Click" to share your beliefs: The Fundamental Beliefs videos and other updates are shared on the My Way to Jesus Facebook page and from there onto the NAD Facebook page. Both updates link back to www.MyWaytoJesus.com, NAD’s "seeker site." The site offers options such as sending a prayer request, enrolling in the Discover Bible Course, watching a beliefs video, and provides a connection to Adventist Information Ministry where people can chat with someone about spiritual issues or things that are troubling them. "Like" the above-mentioned Facebook pages and then share the updates with your friends.

You can share the Beliefs videos on your own website: Just go to www.vimeo.com/channels/didyouknow for the entire video series and click on the "Share" button in the upper right corner of a specific video for the embed code, or to share on social media or email it to a friend.

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MORE: Southwestern Union Record, Feb., 2014
"Celebrating Creativity" was the theme of the 12th annual SONscreen Film Festival, held March 20-22 on the campus of Southern Adventist University. Sponsored by the North American Division, it featured 20 short films from high school and college students, as well as professionals working in the field of visual communication. Student films competed for prizes in the categories of Documentary, Drama, Animation and High School.

The festival started on Thursday evening with an opening reception and a keynote address by Christian filmmaker Dave Christiano, who challenged the students to produce films that focus on Christ. “The stronger the message of your film, the more attention it will receive,” said Christiano. “The more you focus on Christ, the better chance you have of reaching people.”

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One of the festival highlights was the world premiere of “I’m Not Leaving,” an out-of-competition film produced by Kevin Ekvall that examines the Rwandan Genocide of 1994 through the eyes of Carl Wilkens. Wilkens and Ekvall took part in a special panel discussion with the audience after the filmed played.

On Friday, festival attendees had the opportunity to take part in workshops that focused on lighting, writing, directing, special effects, cinematography and sound design. One of the workshop presenters was Brett Perry, a Seventh-day Adventist music composer working in Hollywood, who taught classes on how to properly use music in film production.

Sabbath featured a worship service lead by The Lamb Wins, a music collective that looks at the book of Revelation through music. The afternoon film viewing block looked at films that were more spiritually based, as well as a special screening of The Blueprint, a documentary that gives an indepth look at Adventist Education.

“Each year our festival gets stronger and stronger,” said festival producer and NAD Communication Director, Dan Weber. “I am touched by the creativity and sincerity of our young people as they produce films that deal with topics that are sometimes difficult to talk about. This year we had films that examined taboo topics such as cancer, genocide, suicide and abuse. Each one took a different path, but acted responsibly in how they were produced. I’m proud of how our filmmakers have grown, and appreciate the guidance they are receiving at our schools. The focus of
our festival is to tell our young filmmakers that it's okay to produce Christian films. We want them to look at difficult topics through Christ’s eyes and I feel that many of this year's films did that.”

Here is a complete list of the winners from this year's festival:

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Not to Sochi, Russia, but Riga, Latvia.

Not with Alpine skiers, but with altos and sopranos.

No two-man bobsledding, but baritone- ing and trademark eight-part harmonizing.

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“If the 2012 contests are any indication – featuring 15,000 choristers, comprising 362 choirs, representing 64 countries and 22 U.S. states, competing in 23 different musical categories! – then our 45 Aeolians will serve as the only ambassadors for the State of Alabama, Seventh-day Adventism, and the 105 historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs),” explained global tour manager, Vilroy R. McBean. “Again, we thank God for this witnessing platform – now, we just need to raise our portion, $115,000, to represent these our overlapping communities.”

Currently, the Oakwood choristers are the 2011, 2012 and 2013 national HBCU choral champions; additionally, the choir is world-ranked overall at #22 (of 1,000 internationally-ranked choirs), and #2-ranked in the pop/jazz/gospel/spiritual category,

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In its first-ever international competition at the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati, the Aeolians competed and won gold medals in its three categories: Music of Religions, Musica Contemporanea and new offering Spiritual, for which it also won the coveted world championship.

For the 2014 international contest, Ferdinand confirmed, the Aeolians will compete in the Gospel, Mixed Chamber Choir, Music of Faith and Negro Spirituals categories.

Photos and story by Tim Allston, director of business development and public relations, 5 Star Consulting Services.
South Bronx Seventh-Day Adventist Youth Society sponsors youth march against bullying, violence

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THE BRONX - The South Bronx Seventh-Day Adventist Youth Society sponsored a youth march today against bullying, gang violence and drugs.

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The Department of Education reports that bullying is still a major issue. It says that 18 percent of the city's high school students reported being bullied at school or over the Internet in 2011.

The DOE has enacted "Respect for All" initiatives to help teach students to respect differences in others.

It says if your child is the victim of bullying and harassment, the incident should be reported immediately to a staff member at school.
WSMC Classical 90.5, Southern Adventist University’s 100,000-watt FM radio station, has kicked off a used instrument drive for arts-poor area schools. A $25,000 grant from the McKenzie Foundation will fund repair costs for all the donations. Launched in January, the campaign runs through the end of March.

Seeds for this campaign were planted in April 2012 as WSMC partnered with NPR’s “From the Top” radio program on a Chattanooga concert and arts education community outreach effort. Many of the schools visited that week had students hungry to learn, but without the musical tools to move forward. In January 2014, WSMC once again brought “From the Top” to Chattanooga, but this time they had a vision two years in the making. By using the geographic footprint of the station’s radio signal (nearly 90 miles in all directions), WSMC would spread the word about this need and collect 200-300 used instruments to be repaired and redistributed.

WSMC announced the instrument drive, and the grant, during the “From the Top” performance in front of 1,500 classical music lovers. The response was immediate. In the lobby after the performance, audience members exchanged phone numbers and email addresses with WSMC staff to facilitate the drop off of their used instruments.

Several schools are already scheduled to receive instruments from WSMC. Parents and educators wishing to add their school’s name for consideration may fill out applications online by visiting www.wsmc.org. For more information about donating your instrument, email scottk@southern.edu or call 236-2426.
Faith-based 'compassion rally and march' planned Saturday

Over 1,000 youth and young adults from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland and from the East Coast of the United States from Florida to Maine will participate in a "compassion rally and march" across the Casco Bay Bridge in support of acts of compassion and saying "no" to violence, organizers noted. The march will end at Monument Square.

On Saturday, March 22, the Atlantic Union Conference of Adventist Youth Ministries is hosting its annual Compassion NOW rally, the city reported. Held last year in New York, the event brings together church members from across the Northeast and Bermuda for a weekend of service projects, in addition to the march and rally. The march begins in South Portland in the Shaw's plaza parking lot. Marchers will continue over the Casco Bay Bridge into Portland. From York Street, the group will then proceed up to the Danforth Street intersection, turn left onto Center Street, right onto Congress and end in Monument Square for the rally.

Organizers said, "We are marching for change! Change the statistics! Change the trend! No more domestic violence, it is time for Compassion. This march will inspire hope in our young people that a bright and prosperous future can be theirs if they say no to domestic violence. This march reflects the need for more compassion in the way we live our lives."

The march is part of a weekend in which Adventist youth, young adults, friends and community faith-based friends, such as Project Bazia and Casco Bay Rescue Mission, will bedonating between 10,000-12,000 hours of volunteer community services, and acts of compassion to the city of Portland and its surrounding vicinity, including Freeport, Brunswick, Portsmouth and Saco, organizers said. This anti-domestic violence march participants will gather at the Mill Creek Plaza (Shaw's Parking Lot), in South Portland at 2 p.m. and the march will begin promptly at 3 p.m. The march will end at Monument Square in Portland with a press conference and rally. The march and rally to highlight compassion is expected to attract almost 2,000 people to downtown Portland, and the city warned that minor traffic detours and delays are expected. Traffic along the route will be detoured in spots and at times held back, the city cautioned.
Health care gets a bad rap for being expensive, but the same can be said about dental work, as demonstrated by the 300 or so people who turned out to get their teeth fixed at a free health clinic in San Francisco's Western Addition over the weekend.

Among those at the two-day event at the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center on McAllister Street was Leticia Brown, a 34-year-old elder-care worker and mother of four. She'd put medical and dental care for her kids first, and was now...
paying a price - for weeks, she had been eating soft food because nerve pain in a molar was so intense she could hardly chew.

"I went to a dentist two months ago and had two molars removed, but I think they cracked a third, and it needs to come out," she said. Her eating habits hadn't helped.

"I'll be honest," she said. "I used to eat a lot of candy - six or seven candy bars a day. I've cut down. I want to save the teeth in my mouth."

The clinic, operated by the 10-year-old Adventist Medical Evangelism Network, brought more than two dozen doctors, dentists, nurses, dental hygienists and dental students to San Francisco from across the state to care for the walk-ins, said Danny Kwon, executive director of the network's branch in Auburn (Placer County).

"We've done mission trips abroad," he said, "but a couple years ago came to the realization there was just as big a need in America."

Among those who volunteered their services were Dr. Jeri Shepherd, a dentist at the California Men's Colony, a state prison in San Luis Obispo, and dental students from Southern California's Loma Linda University. Patterson Dental in Concord loaned a specialized machine that makes crowns on the spot to allow root canals and crowns to be handled in one sitting.

Because the event, technically branded as a health fair, was operated by a group with a Christian affiliation, there was a prayer table for anyone who wanted someone to pray with, and some discussion of Seventh-day Adventist principles.

"We believe we're accountable for what we put in our bodies, because it has a profound effect on how we think, feel and treat other people," said Dr. Steve Mulder, an anesthesiologist from the San Luis Obispo area, who consulted with patients on hypertension, weight management and diabetes. "It's a spiritual decision, because it profoundly affects our spirits, morals and attitudes."

Patients of any religious affiliation (or none) were welcomed at the door and, after registering, met with volunteers to assess their ailments. Patients had their medical histories and blood pressure taken.

Dental patients had X-rays taken with machines the size of a cell phone, and then advised about the simplest course of action to relieve their mouth pain.

Most of the patients were long overdue for a trip to the dentist, said Kwon, noting the treatment ranged from teeth cleaning and fillings to extractions and root canals. To keep things moving, dentists treated only the tooth or problem most severely in need of care, even if multiple fillings were needed.

One San Francisco preschool teacher, who declined to give her name, showed up to get her teeth cleaned after skipping regular maintenance for two years.

"I went to the dentist, where they said I needed deep cleaning," she said, "and even with insurance, it was going to be $1,000, so I said, 'Bye!' "

Although the clinic operated from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., patients who arrived early were the lucky ones. Anyone who arrived after 10 a.m. was turned away, so that those who'd been checked in were certain to be treated by the end of the day.

Some patients waited for several hours for their turn. Appointments took 45 minutes to an hour to complete.

Dentists got something out of working on desperate patients, too. "If I can put a smile on their face and get them out of pain, that's wonderful," Shepherd said.
Prayer Call

Thursday, April 3
Starting at 10 pm ET
Ending at 5 am ET
Phone # 712-432-0031
Access Code 435650#
NAD Mental Health Sabbath Follow Up Survey

1. Church Information

Name: 
Address 1: 
City/Town: 
State/Province: 
ZIP/Postal Code: 
Country: 

2. Does your church have a health ministry leader or team?

Yes
No

3. What is your position in the church?

Health Ministry Team Leader/Member
Deacon/Deaconess
Elder
Pastor
Other

4. Did your church know that February 15, 2014 was Mental Health Sabbath across the North American Division?

Yes
No

5. Did your church participate in Mental Health Sabbath on February 15, 2014?

Yes
No
6. If yes, did your church use any of the available resources on the NAD Health Ministry Website
   
   Yes  
   No  
   N/A  
   
   If No, please indicate the reasons:

7. Which resources did your church use? Please check all that apply.
   
   Sermon Notes  
   Promotional Videos  
   Afternoon Program  
   Power point presentations  
   Handout/Pamphlets  
   Vibrant Life Magazine  
   N/A  
   
   Other (please specify)
8. Were there other resources that your church wishes were made available through the NAD Health Ministry Website?


9. Does your church plan to use the available NAD resources at a future date?
   Yes
   No

10. Any additional comments?


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Adventists Sell Tickets to "Hell"

By Jim Wood

College Station » Inviting your friends to “hell” usually doesn’t qualify for evangelism. But, in Central Texas, Adventists are seizing every opportunity to share God’s love. Even if that means renting a theater and talking about God’s love revealed in the strangest of places: hellfire.

*Hell and Mr. Fudge* is a film produced by LLT Productions, the same company that produced the Hal Holbrook documentary *The Seventh Day: Revelations From the Lost Pages of History*. The full-length movie stars professional actors and tells the true story of scholar and author Edward Fudge, who was paid to research the topic of eternally-burning hell more than 30 years ago. What he discovered turned his life upside down. After realizing that Scripture teaches that hellfire destroys the wicked rather than torturing them endlessly, Edward struggled to share this with others. He faced great personal loss and opposition during the following years. Ultimately, in 1982, his research led him to write *The Fire That Consumes*, arguably the most authoritative and extensive book ever written on the subject.

After seeing a trailer for the movie, members from the Three Angels church in College Station seized the opportunity to share the good news about the character of God with their friends and families. Two showings were negotiated with a local theater in Bryan for consecutive Sundays in July. Good things then began to happen: members invited neighbors and co-workers to join them at the theater, especially those who might not feel comfortable entering through church doors. Invitations were sent to local churches. One member arranged for two TV interviews in the week between the showings. Another member created Google and Facebook ads. Some in the church agreed to sponsor tickets. Fudge and his wife, Sara Faye, who currently live in Houston, even agreed to come for a question-and-answer session after one showing of the film!

But, how would people respond to such a movie that touched on theology, especially when 60 percent of Americans believe in eternally-burning hellfire? Very well, apparently. Even though more of the patrons were friends of church members, dozens came from the public, as well. Some came from Houston and North Dallas to see the screening, two- and three-hour drives, respectively! Response was so good that a third showing was scheduled to accommodate more. Overall, 214 attended the three screenings. Approximately 130 of those were guests! But the numbers were not the only thing to rejoice about.

During the session with Fudge, one guest shared how his father was seriously ill and an unbeliever. He commented, “This understanding of hell is so refreshing! Now I have a framework to talk to him about his life. It gives me peace.” Another said his minister had encouraged him not to come to see the movie, but he was still curious why we had to be motivated by fear (of hell) to follow God. Three ministers in the area from other faiths also attended the movie.

Books on hell and tickets to future showings were given away as door prizes. Study guides and magazines on the truth about hell were distributed to every attendee as they left, with the Adventist church contact info and links to Edward Fudge’s teaching on the subject, as well. We understand many spiritual conversations between church members and their friends were held over dinner and on the way home after the movie.

The Three Angels church was pleasantly surprised at the blessings received when they met their community with the love of God in a neutral place on a hot summer afternoon. As the church holds reaping meetings this fall, the movie may be shown again on the campus of Texas A&M University. If you are interested in sponsoring a showing in your area, contact Jim Wood at 707.337.4648, or e-mail jww@me.com.