Just over 2,000 years ago, the angel of the Lord descended and announced to a group of shepherds that Christ the Lord, the Savior, was born. Then a multitude of angels praised God and
called for peace on Earth and goodwill toward men. Two millennia later it seems we have made little progress in achieving peace on Earth. In fact, most would agree that we have regressed. While Christmas carols play in shopping malls, car radios, and churches across North America, our world is being choked by senseless violence and hatred. It is so easy to be caught up in the joyous side of Christmas — office and school parties, gift shopping, tree decorating — that we forget about our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

This Christmas, let us be inspired by the great sacrifice God made, sending His only Son as a baby to this sinful world so that every single person could be saved. Let us follow His example and reach out to those in need this holiday season with kindness and charity. Let us do what we can in our own communities to help bring about harmony. Let us “praise God, saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men.” - Julio Muñoz, associate director, Office of Communication

The Gift, the Sacrifice

The Voice of Prophecy (VOP) is producing this year’s ABC TV national Christmas special, and given the state of the world around us, the theme is "Peace On Earth.”

Directed and produced by the Voice of Prophecy team, it was recorded in October at the beautiful Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Md. It will feature Spencerville Adventist Academy's Adventist Children's Choir under the direction of Jane Lanning; the King’s Heralds Quartet; Christine Wollmann, gifted international vocalist; and a message by Shawn Boonstra, VOP Speaker/Director.

Visit the Voice of Prophecy website to learn how to find the program listing in your area. Then invite family and friends to connect with the Giver of peace.

See photos and listen to short recordings done during the taping.

Tribute to "Ebola Fighters"

The 2014 Time Magazine Person of the Year was awarded to all the brave women and men who risked their lives to battle the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. While most people ran away from the deadly disease, these dedicated doctors, nurses, orderlies, ambulance attendants, and burial workers, ran toward those who suffered and died. Some of these courageous health workers sacrificed their lives to treat and comfort the sick and dying.

Included in this valiant group were the Seventh-day Adventist healthcare workers who staffed Cooper Adventist Hospital in Liberia and Waterloo Adventist Hospital in Sierra Leone. Despite working at ground zero of this pandemic, they remained at their post. The
Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America salutes and extends its gratitude to all of the dedicated healthcare workers who risked their own lives to save the lives of complete strangers. They are living examples of Matthew 25, which tells us that one day the King will say to these brave men and women, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brother and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Please click to view *Time Magazine’s* video tribute to the courageous “Ebola Fighters,” their 2014 Person of the Year.

Adventist hospitals in West Africa are in need of funding in order to open after being closed due to the Ebola virus. The goal is to raise $250,000. Help by donating and/or raising funds at the Fundly site; MORE; Watch the video.

**Jesus, the ONE**

Do you want to draw closer to Jesus? Would you like to learn how to draw others to Him? There are only two weeks left to register (by Dec. 31) at the regular rate for The One Project gathering in San Diego, Feb. 8-9. Register while there is still space.

This gathering will be focused on the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. With reflections from Alex Bryan, Chris Oberg, Laurence Turner, Emily Whitney, Ivan Williams, Randy Roberts, Japhet De Oliveira, John McVay, Dwight Nelson, Karl Haffner, Manny Arteaga, Tim Gillespie, Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, Sam Leonor and more. Special guest John Ortberg will focus on discipleship.

**Also offered:** A parallel curriculum for TOP Kids ages 4-12, *generation One* for 13-17 year olds, plus TOP Child Care for up to three-year-old children.

**Just for pastors and theology students:** One extra day for free, called *Reframe.to* explore the implications of Jesus. All in our congregations. This will include a Q&A session with the One Project leadership.

**Philosophy of The ONE Project.** More details or email directly for questions.

“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” Galatians 6:14
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(Bulletin Inserts and Posters below)

Since the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) nearly seven months ago in West Africa, there have been more than 7,000 confirmed and suspected cases of Ebola and more 4,000 people have lost their lives. Sierra Leone and Liberia are the most affected countries and the outbreak shows no sign of slowing down.

Since the beginning of this deadly outbreak, the Seventh-day Adventist Church responded through a partnership between the General Conference Health Department, Adventist Health International (AHI), and ADRA.

Together these ministries have been working seamlessly to support the health-care providers working to provide life-saving medical care in the middle of the Ebola zone.

Cooper Adventist Hospital in Liberia managed to remain Ebola-free and operational for several months after all the other hospitals in the area were closed to the public. Finally, they were faced with the decision to remain open or to close, when two of the staff members became ill with what was suspected to be Ebola. For the safety of patients and staff, the hospital was temporarily closed and placed under a three-week quarantine.

After completing this period, Cooper is committed to re-open as a hospital designated for the treatment and care of the sick not infected with the Ebola virus. Ebola patients will be sent to a specially designated treatment center. This service is critical to the battle against Ebola so that the treatment of Ebola victims does not entirely consume health care capacity leaving those suffering from other life-threatening illnesses vulnerable.

Thanks to the support of Adventist Health International and the selfless dedication of healthcare providers the hospital has been able to provide medical care to hundreds in need. One committed physician is Dr. Gillian Seton, who has been working as a general surgeon at Cooper Adventist Hospital since the start of the outbreak. Seton says the biggest needs are supplies such as; gloves, masks and surgical gowns as well as other much-needed equipment to help maintain a level of safety and protection for the physicians and patients. In addition to these seemingly small
needs, Cooper Hospital is greatly in need of our financial help to maintain a high level of service during this deadly epidemic.

**Waterloo Adventist Hospital** has also been closed to the public. Even before Cooper closed, Waterloo decided to shut their doors to the public due to several hospital staff contracting the virus. Since then, three have died, and the hospital is under an extended quarantine. After completion of this phase, the hospital will collaborate with the Sierra Leone government to be operated as an Ebola treatment clinic. Preparations are underway for the hospital to re-open by the end of October. Despite this partnership, Waterloo Hospital is still in need of our financial support to continue to stay operational.

Hospitals are said to be the most dangerous place you can be right now. Which is why it is important to show support to these brave medical professionals that are working to maintain a level of safety and health for the patients they are treating.

**Public Health Information and Education Campaign.** ADRA is providing psychological counseling and support to victims and families, training to capacitate the staff and volunteers, community awareness and sensitization messages in public places such as markets, churches and bus stations. ADRA is also producing and distributing public information and education materials such as flyers, posters, and radio and television programs.

Though far away, this team of Adventist hospitals, healthcare providers, and ADRA workers are in need of your help.

Every small donation can make a huge difference. Please give generously!

**Posters & church bulletin inserts to download and share:**

More than 5,000 people have lost their lives to Ebola.

But there is help and hope!

You can make a big difference by going to:

**hope4.fundly.com/ebola-crisis** (USA)

or

**www.adra.ca/ebola** (Canada)

- Make a donation
- Learn more about what’s needed

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