A Word From the Director

The Reward!

The month of May has been busy but rewarding. I began the month as the opening speaker for the Atlantic Union Camporee. It was exciting to see over 3000 Pathfinders both learning and praising. Elder Bill Wood and his leaders did an exceptional job creating an awesome experience for the kids.

Next, I flew to the West Coast to speak at the Loma Linda Southern Asian Church Pathfinder Day. I am so proud of their Pathfinder ministry and the youth we invested as Master Guides.

I finished the month at the Nevada/Utah Conference Reno Area Youth Federation Weekend. The weekend was filled with preaching, sharing, and training leaders on relevant issues that face youth and young adults. I especially remember a conversation, during lunch time, when I was introduced to a lady who was not a member of the Adventist Church but who had been invited to the training session by a friend. She too is involved with the youth in her church. She stayed for most of the afternoon training and then chose to leave. However, within moments she had returned. She told me that she drove several blocks but felt impressed to turn around because she could not bear the thought of what she would miss. At the same event, I spoke to another man who testified that he was about to give up youth ministry in his church but felt renewed and was re-committed to going the extra miles for our youth. These kinds of testimonies are what make youth leadership training so valuable – and rewarding!

We want every youth and youth leader out there to know that we recognize the sacrifices and challenges that many are experiencing. We are praying for you and for the impact you are making in the lives of many of our youth. I leave you with the words of Jesus to Peter, “...I have prayed for you that your faith should not fail...” Luke 22:32
Announcements

We'll Be There (Youth Department Travel Schedule):

Pr. James Black
June 1-5 - Quebec Conference French Speaking Young Adult Convention –Montreal
June 10-12 - British Columbia Young Adult Retreat – Victoria
July 30 - Berean SDA Church – Integrated Personal Ministry – Youth Ministry Formula

Pr. Manny Cruz
June 3-5 Re-Charge Spanish “Gente Joven” - Andrews University, MI
June 14-18 Potomac Conference Youth Campmeeting - Shenandoah Valley Academy, VA
July 1-2 New York Conference Campmeeting Sabbath Speaker – Union Springs Academy, NY
July 12-14 Esperanza TV “Changed” Program Taping – Adventist Media Center, CA
July 23-30 Indian Creek Hispanic Family Camp – Liberty, TN

NAD Youtube Channel:

Subscribe to learn more about the upcoming JCI3 and other events and ministries related to NAD Youth Ministry youtube.com/user/YouthMinistryNAD

Prayers & Hallelujahs

The number of natural disasters in the North American Division along during this young calendar year is staggering. Across our division, persons who worship with us are suffering loss. Please pray for the recent victims of the Mississippi River floods and Mid-west tornadoes, as well as those continuing to rebuild from the tornadoes in the Southeast in March.
In Joplin MO, the Adventist church was damaged but no members were injured in the region according to http://www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=4436 and http://outlookmag.org/ Adventist Community Services continues to request our monetary support and our prayers. Community Services website

Our prayers go out to the wife and family of David Wilkerson David was an evangelical icon, who died in a tragic car crash on April 27th, 2011. “Wilkerson was known most for his outreach to street gangs, which he started after viewing a photo in Life magazine of New York City teens charged with murder. He founded Teen Challenge, a ministry to young gang members and drug addicts, in New York in 1959.” Read more: Adventist Review Website

Our prayers go out to the family of Yoselin Perez Ramirez a second-year communications major from Motemorelos University, Mexico. She was shot and killed during an attempted kidnapping incident just blocks away from the University. Read More: Inter-American Division website

Help us Pray and Praise Each month, we publish "The eNews Update" as an online newsletter and resource for the North American Division. As you are likely aware, part of our newsletter is titled "Prayers and Hallelujahs" where we share the names of those that have requested and are in need of our prayers as fellow leaders in ministry.

We are requesting that you help us connect in prayer by providing us with information from your ministry field of those in need of prayers or who are celebrating God's answers to their prayers.

We wish to honor the personal privacy nature of many prayer requests, so we are ONLY asking for those
prayers and praises that are of a nature where the individuals would appreciate and feel the benefit of having the youth ministry network joining them in prayer.

Whether these are prayers for a conference/union leader, an area coordinator, or a local lay leader -- we wish to be able to pray for them. We meet for staff meeting several times per month and will also bring these individuals to God in prayer during those meetings.

To facilitate this, please email Mark O’Ffill, our NADYM Communications Specialist or Gael Murray, our NADYM Administrative Assistant.

Reports

Pr. Black was in Southern California at the SCC Pathfinder Convocation where he “related the familiar biblical story of the boy who shared his five loaves and two fish with Jesus and how Jesus blessed his lunch and fed the multitude. “That boy in the story was a Pathfinder — he was always prepared!” Black pointed out, utilizing Pathfinder advisory committee members to illustrate that whether sharing food or faith, the good keeps on spreading to others.”

Read more from the Pacific Union Recorder – Pacific Union Recorder website

Portland, Oregon Teacher Receives National Award

Mark Smith, Portland Adventist Academy computer science teacher in Portland, Ore., will be presented with a 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation on May 18, 2011.

Source: GleanerOnline

Youth Rally in Nepal a First -- A weekend youth rally in Nepal earlier this month, the first for the Seventh-day Adventist Church there, underscores how the denomination is growing in the formerly Hindu nation. Some 350 Adventists under the age of 30 from Nepal and Northern India met from May 4 to 8 for the Nepali
Youth for Christ conference in Banepa, about 20 miles east of the capital Kathmandu. Many walked for days from their remote villages to bus stops to attend the conference, which included preaching and workshops on spiritual leadership, Bible study and health. At night, attendees slept on...

Read More Adventist News Network website.

Events

ReCharge 2011 “Gente Joven,”
June 3-5
Andrews University Berrien Springs, MI
Join Manny Cruz and a community of believers in worship, praise, and training.

GYC en español 2011: Firmes y Adelante.
Jun 9, 2011 - Jun 12, 2011
Southwestern Adventist University, 100 W Hillcrest Street, Keene TX 76059.
Participate in seminars, devotionals and mission work. Connect with ministries and other young people from around the country that share a passion for souls and a vision of finishing the work of God in this generation! All youth and adults who await the soon coming of the Lord Jesus.
More info: Kayla Piña (401) 649-9256 or email.

British Columbia Campus Ministries Conference
June 10-12
Guest speaker Elder James Black, NAD Youth and Young Director is the keynote speaker for a weekend of great spiritual life and fellowship for young adults. Conference is being hosted in Victoria near the campus of University of Victoria. Weekend Theme: Turn Out For Christ. For more info contact BC Youth & Young Adult Director Brian Wahl.

SAC Summer Bible Camp
River Oaks Camp, 524 Neeses Highway, Orangeburg, SC 29115.
Bible Camp offers a complete summer experience for girls and boys ages 8-15. "Youth for Christ" is the theme for this year. Campers will enjoy swimming, a water park, horseback riding, Skate-n-Fun, outreach ministry, games, contests, and prizes. There will be a free iPod drawing for all camp attendees. Phone: 404-792-0535 x113 or x119. For more information, email

AngelFish Cruise for Singles
Jul 6, 2011 - Jul 18, 2011
Western Mediterranean, Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship, Brilliance of the Seas.
This cruise/tour is sponsored by Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM-PUC) of the Pacific Union Conference and is open to all Adventist single adults and their friends. Married couples are welcome too!
As a special, first-time-ever event, we are joining the Loma Linda Family & Friends group for their annual excursion. Accompanying the group will be Pastor Randy Roberts, Loma Linda University Church Senior Pastor and Seminar Speaker. You'll have the benefit of hearing Pastor Roberts at no extra charge and enjoy meeting with many health professionals as well as the singles in our own group.
For more information, Phone: 951-929-4178 or email

CAS Spain Reunion
Wilderness at the Smokies Resort, 1424 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, TN 37876
A reunion for all former students, staff and their families who attended the Adventist College in Spain (Colegio Adventista de Sagunto). The food, fellowship, and entertainment will reflect the Spanish language and culture. Phone: 216-406-0219 or 336-688-5748. For more information, email.

Gulf States Conference Singles Retreat
Majestic Beach Resort, 10811 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32407
God wants us to be sure of His will for our lives. Do you want to make sure you are giving it your all and receiving your direction? If you answered yes, then this retreat is for you! All singles 18 and older are invited to attend. Featured Speaker: Captain Jonathan T. Runnels, United States Air Force Chaplain, Lackland Air Force Base. Phone: 850-774-8644.
Join James Black, Manny Cruz, and many other ministry leaders at the Festival of the Laity 2011
Sep 7, 2011 - Sep 10, 2011
Sheraton Dallas, 400 N Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75402

180 Symposium
Addressing the most pressing issues in Adventism, the 180 Symposium uncovers new and thoughtful solutions and ideas for repairing and reinforcing our church body. More info: Visit [AdventistYouth.org/180](http://AdventistYouth.org/180).

Camp Reunions
Have you spent one or more summers serving in a Summer Camp ministry? Many camps have reunions...is yours among them?
Timber Ridge Camp – October 14-16, 2011
Big Lake Youth Camp August 31 – September 2, 2012 (tentative)

Adventist Resources

[Adventist Youth Transition Network](http://AdventistYouthTransitionNetwork) is partnering with Insight Magazine for a special issue on high school seniors in transition. The March 26 issue features four first person student articles about their
experience in living their faith in college. This issue will become a companion to the already existing LIFE booklet (Spiritual LIFE For College and Beyond) following the March issue. Life and the recent special college issue of Insight are great resources for high school seniors headed off to college this fall. For more information and additional resources on helping students transition to college

NAD Young Adult Ministry Advisory A Allan Martin, NAD Coordinator for Young Adult Ministries uses this Facebook page to communicate vision, ministry events, and relationships YAM Facebook.

IGNITION 2011 Resource Compilation The 2011 IGNITION training was very successful, thanks to everyone who joined us. If you would like to have the resource compilation free of charge, you can download it from dropbox, http://db.tt/M0VWTd1

“The Adventists” documentary film wins nationally recognized Gabriel Award. The documentary film allows Adventist leaders and youth to join in the national discussion concerning heath, but in terms of faith. ANN website

NAD Young Adult Ministry is also very eager to share with you all the YAM workshop resources and research that A Allan Martin has been presenting across the division, in hopes you will make contextualized presentations to your local leadership and donors. The first installation is the "Bystander Effect" seminar, now available for free download at dropbox, YAM Dropbox

Adventist Youth Space – Social Networking is huge, yet have you ever wanted to find friends, answers, and community among fellow Adventist teens/young adults? Adventist Youthspace

Adventist Youth Ministry Logos – Pathfinder, Adventurer, Youth, AY, and more. Hi-resolution logos for your Adventist Youth Ministry Adventistyouthministries.org Website
The Allure of Modesty -- Cleavage aside, what does real sex appeal look like? Men are drawn to female modesty despite our culture’s bold declaration to the contrary. Most women can probably think of a time when their own modest behavior elicited a sense of awe from men in our otherwise leering, lewd society. 

Adventist Review March 30, 2011

Read More.... Do you agree? Disagree? Talk about it at Adventist Youthspace!

Recent Student Missionary Writes Book -- Three years ago, Emily Wilkens, Walla Walla University 2010 health science graduate, flew into the unknowns of Chad, hopped on a motorcycle and found her destination amidst the desert flats in the village of Bere. A compilation of prayers, letters to friends, journal entries, poems and blog entries from her time in Chad is now in the book, African Rice Heart.

Source: GleanerONLINE May 2011

Order Book

Other Resources

BibleGateway.com – Their new site offers a bunch of new features, including the ability to share the text of the day, or any other passage for that matter, on facebook, twitter, and other social media. More info: http://www.biblegateway.com/ Also available as a Free app –

Outdoors Focus – Since the summer is upon us and typically families have a little bit more time together (and the weather is often perfect for camping and other outdoor activities), our resources this month focus on websites and apps that help us explore nature around us.

Websites --

US National Park Service Webrangers You may not have a visit to a National Park planned for this year, but Webrangers offers an online National Park learning adventure. Topics include: history, science, nature, puzzles, parks, and animals. Activities re leveled into easy (Little Lambs and Eager Beavers), medium
(Adventurers), and hard (Helping Hands and Junior Pathfinders). Customized logins allow kids to keep track of places they've virtually visited and learning awards they've earned. If you're not wishing to create a login, there's even a way to visit the site and enjoy the activities without giving out any personal information!

[Webrangers website](http://www.nps.gov) and their parent organization – [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

NOTE: The US National Park Service has an evolutionist worldview when it comes to ages, epochs, and time periods. However, many of the online games are free of any evolutionary bias and thus can be enjoyed by conscientious Creationist Christians.

**Apps--**

*eNature.com Apps* (Free): Compatible with iPod and iPad Pathfinder and Youth groups have been fans of eNature.org for years. Enature.org offers online field guides for plants and animals for any zipcode in the US and Canada as well as a login useful for creating life lists of identified species.

Now they've come out with several iPhone apps: *A National Parks Field Guide* and *Chesapeake Bay Field Guide* among others. The one drawback is that there is no ability to “sort” based on typical field guide “keying.” These free apps are available in the App Store or at [http://wild.enature.com/apps/](http://wild.enature.com/apps/) Talk about it and other Apps for Youth Ministry at The Pathfinder Forum – [http://www.pathfindersonline.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=62&t=1963](http://www.pathfindersonline.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=62&t=1963)

*NRT Christian Music Database* (Free): Compatible with iPod, iTouch, and iPad This free app gives detailed information on your favorite Christian artists and titles. I found several genres represented, though the majority of information is on CCM artists and titles.
**NatureFind** (Free): Compatible with iPod, iTouch, and iPad Need some ideas where to go on a Sabbath afternoon hike or a where to meet-up with other like-minded friends for afternoon? NatureFind is considered by the iTunes community as the trusted guide to finding nature nearby.

Join the Discussion at the Pathfinder Forum.

**SAS Survival Guide – Lite** (Free): Compatible with iPod, iTouch, and iPad Wilderness Survival Pathfinder honors might benefit from this field guide by SAS. I found the lite version a little bit too lite for a real survival adventurer. The Lite version contains the chapters entitled “Essentials” and include such things as firebuilding, water collection and distillation, building a survival kit, and signaling for assistance. Thus, it does address the majority Camping Skills and Firebuilding honor requirements. There is a significant learning curve involved, so don't download it the day before the survival campout!

How did you use the App? Was it helpful in your ministry? Join the discussion at the Pathfinder Forum

**Planaterium App** ($3.99): I am not a fan of paying for apps, but this one really has helped me teach the AY Stars honor. It works for both iPhone and iPad. I own the iPad and the larger viewing screen I believe was helpful. “Easily and quickly identify and locate stars, planets, constellations and more with a touch or by simply pointing to the sky. Have fun with family and friends discovering the images in the night sky. Go outside and explore the night sky.”

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**Leadership Changes**

**Scott Ward** joins the NAD Youth Department as Public High School Campus ministries Coordinator, in addition to his responsibilites as Youth Pastor in Northern California Conference.

**Bill Wood**, Youth Director for the Atlantic Union Conference, will be retiring on July 1, 2011, after having served the Atlantic Union for over 12 years. Bill has spent over 40
years in service to youth around the nation. Thank you Bill for your dedicated lifetime of service!
Source: AACP eNewsletter June, 2011

Benjamin Lundquist joins Arizona Conference as Young Adult Ministries Director in addition to his pastoral responsibilities at Camelback SDA Church in Phoenix, AZ.

Benji Maxson is the new Youth Director for the Rocky Mountain Conference. Benji has been serving as the Chaplain, Bible Teacher & Recruiter for Campion Academy for the past 8 years. Welcome Benji!

Source: AACP eNewsletter June, 2011

Ministry Opportunities

Riverside Community SDA Church is looking for a Director of Creative Arts within a contemporary context. They desire a passionate worshiper who is interested in using the creative arts to lead others in worshiping God. More info: Senior Pastor Eric Brown eric@riversidecommunitychurch.com or 951-686-1886. Source: http://www.pastorfinder.com/church-jobs/worship-pastor/director-of-creative-worship-arts-job-in-riverside-california-4143.asp

The Southern New England Conference is accepting applications for an Associate Youth Director. This position focuses mainly on family, singles, young adults, collegiate, and camp meeting. Other responsibilities may be added. Resumes should be submitted no later than June 30. For more information or to submit a resume, contact Pastor Josue Feliciano, Youth & Camp Winnekeag Director, Southern New England Conference, 34 Sawyer Street, S. Lancaster, MA 01561 (email: josue4pr@gmail.com).
In Closing

Summer often provides a different focus for us as ministry leaders within our local context. Whether our ministries lead us to summer concert venues, mission trips, leadership conventions, or summer camp ministry – take the time with our Lord to rejuvenate and refuel your most important relationship.

Pastor JB

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