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"When I was a kid I looked forward to summer because of the obvious reason that there
would be no school for 3 months! As an adult, I still look forward to summer but for very
different reasons. Summer camp, vacation, and campmeeting are among the reasons
that I still get excited about summer.

This year I am having a busy summer and I'm enjoying it so far. A few weekends ago, I
attended the Lake Union Latino Youth Congress and witnessed some excellent things
that the youth leaders and pastors are doing in the Lake Union. The leadership did a
fantastic job with all aspects of the congress.

While there, I met a group of very diverse young adults (not just Hispanic) who did a phenomenal job with
the audio-visual portion of the program that weekend. I have seen my share of programs, and I have also
directed some events myself and many have been great and others well....let's just say not so great. These
young adults really blew my mind with the awesome graphics, the quality sound, the professional work ethic
but most of all I was very impressed with their commitment to ministry and the church.

I don't know if anybody even noticed them, since all their work happened "behind the scenes." This group
like many other A/V teams were very busy, pulling 15 - 20 hour days so everything during the program
would be perfect. Their work happened behind the stage, in the sound booth, in the A/V room or in the back
of the auditorium. They even wore black clothing so when they did go onstage to change a microphone they
would blend and go unnoticed. I was able to focus on the music and preaching because there were no
distractions with feedback or mics that weren't "hot"... you know the typical things that happen.

This really got me thinking about all the teens, youth, young adults and youth ministry leaders who also
have a passion for ministry and are on fire for God but many times go unnoticed
because they do "behind the scenes" ministry. Some are feeding the homeless
each week, others are involved in their community but it's not being printed in the
church bulletins or the newsletters. They
just do what they do because they are committed to God, His church and His mission.

Today I just want to give a "shout out" to all those awesome people who do "behind-
the-scenes" ministry.
Blessings,

Manny Cruz
Associate Youth Director
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

PS God notices....

Announcements / Highlights

Schedules -- Travel Calendars:

Pastor Black's Travel Schedule
July 1 -- AEC Pathinder Fair, Pine Forge, PA
July 25-29 -- Mid-America Union Camporee -- Rapid City, SD
August 3-4 -- Korean Youth Campmeeting -- Berrien Springs, MI
August 5 -- Florida Conference Leadership Training -- High Springs, FL
August 8-11 -- NAD Teacher's Convention -- Nashville, TN
August 8-11 -- Columbia Union Camporee -- Camp Mohaven, Ohio
August 21-26 -- Ukraine Youth Congress -- Kiev, Ukraine

Pastor Manny's Travel Schedule
July -- No Travel
August 3-4 -- NCC Hispanic Youth Leadership Convention, Antioch, CA
August 5-7 -- NAD Teachers' Convention -- Nashville, TN
August 8-11 -- ASI Convention -- Cincinnati, OH

ACF Institute -- July 22 - August 3 at La Sirrea University. Participants will spend time honing their skills
in campus outreach while drawing closer to God in preparation for ministry for the 2012/2013 academic year. More info: www.acflink.org

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Florida Conference Young Adult "The Next Chapter" Retreat August 31-Sept 3 & "The Next Chapter" Adventist Campus Ministries Retreat August 31-Sept 3 More Information and to Register www.floridaconference.com

World Conference on Youth and Community Service (WCYCS) 2013, Praetoria, South Africa

Are you looking for a Mission Project & Spiritual Retreat all rolled into one? Impact South Africa might be for you and your group! More Info: impactgcyouth.org Service Projects: impactgcyouth.org/Projects/

NOTE: The NAD Youth Ministries office is willing to provide a subsidy of $100.00 to the first hundred registrants from the NAD. All our office needs is a completed application and a $100.00 deposit. The deposit will be non-refundable but transferrable. The deposit plus the subsidy will pay the youth congress fee ($200.00 earlybird). Please email Gael Murray, NAD Youth Ministries Admin. Assistant.

Forms/Letters:

- Application Form
- Congress Fee Remittance Form
- Congress Participant's Form
- CSP Participant's Form
- CSP Fees Remittance Form
Youth / High School

Changed Latino Youth Net
Launched in January 2012 by the NAD Multilingual Ministries in partnership with the NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries, “Changed – Real Lives in a Real World” is the Hispanic Youth Evangelism initiative of the North American Division.
Evangelism Kit $14.95 -- http://www.changedlatinoyouth.com/kit/

LIVE Broadcast from Orlando, FL October 13-20, 2012  More info: www.changedlatinoyouth.com or download the NEW app!  Go to the Apple App Store and search "Changed -- Real Lives in a Real World."

Also coming soon....Pacific Union Latino Youth Congress, July 31-August 3, 2013, Phoenix, AZ

"Living it" is the web-based Discipleship Resource Center for public high school ministry. There is a growing list of resources for: visiting high school students in their world--including on campus, nurturing your personal spirituality, sharing devotional experiences, creating outreach ideas, along with resources for dealing with teenage at-risk behaviors. The site features video testimonies from high school students and leaders about how they have been used by God to reach their world.  (Thanks Scott Ward, NAD Volunteer High School Public Campus Ministries Coordinator)
Youth: Caring Heart Award

The North Pacific Union annually awards youth across its territory the "Caring Heart Award," which is a $500 scholarship award. Students were selected by their schools for exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart — a willingness to serve others. The North American Division provided each student with a plaque and an engraved Bible. The scholarships may be used toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.

We wish to congratulate Elliot Fletcher, Keith Matsumura, Kira Thornton, Tyrell Wolfe, Ruth Martinez, Sterling Cornwell, Kendall Jones, Austin Zirkle, Omar Zarabia, Eric Katzenbach, Laressa Farnsworth, Gabrielle Warren, and Lauren Spickelmier.

Adventist Christian Fellowship: Calendar Events (From ACF Today, June, 2012)

ACF INSTITUTE 2012 Campus Ministry Training: If you know of campus ministry leaders or prospective leaders looking for a great introduction to campus outreach and ministry on today's campus, make plans to join us for this summer's ACF INSTITUTE, scheduled for July 22 - August 3 at La Sierra University. Participants will spend time honing their skills in campus outreach while drawing closer to God in preparation for ministry for the 2012/2013 academic year. For more info go to: ACFI. To register go to: Institute

Impact Tampa: July 8-22, 2012, in Tampa, Florida. This youth and young adult mission trip is open to all from the NAD. There will be various forms of outreach opportunities, worship, small groups and more. More Info: Contact Robert Hines, Call 407.644.5000, or visit the Event Page, (Sponsored by the Florida Conference & NAD Youth Departments).

GYC Europe 2012: July 20 - 24. Special ministry training in Linz, Austria to help young adults reach their
peers in a post Christian European culture. For more info go to: GYC EUROPE

The Collegiate Project: July 15-30, 2012, in Nicaragua. This mission trip is designed for college-aged young adults. Participants will build One-Day Church structures in rural communities. More Info: Visit Maranatha. (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International)

The Young Adult Project: August 1-13, 2012, in Nicaragua. This mission trip is for those ages 18-35. There will be construction, community service, new connections and spiritual opportunities throughout this project. More Info: Visit Maranatha. (Sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International).

Florida Conference Campus Ministry Retreat: August 31-September 3. For more info go to: FCMConline

Cruise With A Mission: December 9-16, 2012. We're excited to be travelling on a new ship this year, Launched in 2010, ms Nieuw Amsterdam, which will guide us to each port. Also this year we are doing missions in new ports; the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Honduras. Your leadership team is already working hard to provide meaningful mission experiences that meet the needs of those living in these areas. To learn more about the 2012 CWM or to register go to: CWM 2012

Lake Union Conference Youth Evangelism Conference for senior youth/young adults Offering Specialized Training In Public Campus Ministry Chicago, Illinois Feb 8,9 -2013. More information contact PastorRon@andrews.edu or 269-208-1344.

(Thanks Ron Pickell, NAD Volunteer ACF Coordinator)

Adventurers
Make a Watering Jug

Steps: 1) clean a clean plastic gallon jug. 2) cut a foam sponge into fins and tail. 3) glue fins and tail to jug (using child safe non-toxic glue) 4) add eyes and mouth with permanent marker (parents/leaders help!) 5) Fill with water and water something!

This craft in that could be used for several different Awards, Chips or Stars: be creative with the design for the Gardener Award, make it into a whale for the Whale Award, there's a Fish Award too! The craft is simple enough, with a little help, that Eager Beavers and Little Lambs would enjoy making and using it too -- for Eager Beavers it might be used when doing the Home Helper Chip - you can help by watering the plants; or even stretch the requirements of God's World and plant some flowers that God created for us and water them. Little Lambs could have fun using the watering jug while earning the Healthy Food Star, they could grow some healthy foods; or while earning the Special Helper Star, by taking care of the house plants. Just be sure that learning and earning the Award, Chip or Star patches is FUN!

Thanks Lisa Gary, NAD Volunteer Adventurer Coordinator!
Pathfinders: Forever Faithful International Camporee

International Registration

On June 8 CYE opened international registration!

Are you a club or conference interested in sponsoring an international youth leader? Your support would help equip them to better serve the youth in their country. You would be responsible for the following:

- Paying for all or part of one registration ticket.
- Paying for all or part of their airfare.
- Provide food and tent lodging onsite.
- Corresponding with the youth in the group/club they lead for a year before and after the International Camporee to share and grow together.

If you are at all interested, please contact Glynis Bradfield, FFIC International Coordinator.

Please Note the Difference: Sponsoring includes assisting with travel expenses of one youth leader and corresponding with their youth group across continents. Hosting, as done in the past, means your club or conference just provides food and tent lodging at the International Camporee for a group (2 or more) of international guests. If your club or conference would like to host an international group, contact Glynis Bradfield, FFIC International Coordinator.

Resources

Boomerang Generation: Feeling OK about Living with Mom and Dad? Most young adults living with their
parents do not see a stigma in that arrangement. More than three-quarters of them say they are satisfied with their living situation and upbeat about their financial futures, in part, perhaps, because it has become such a widespread phenomenon. Read more

**ANN: Origins of Life** What do fossils suggest about the origins of life? Timothy Standish shares some answers this week from a limestone quarry in Bavaria. I’m Tim Standish from the Geoscience Research Institute. Behind me is a Jurassic limestone quarry in Sonthofen, Bavaria, famous for its fossils. My colleagues and I are here studying Archaeopteryx, possibly the most famous Sonthofen fossil. Imagine Charles Darwin’s excitement over archaeopteryx, a bird with teeth in its mouth and a dinosaur-like tail. Was it a missing link between dinosaurs and birds? Possible missing links are still Read / Watch more here

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**In Closing...**

Mission trips, Camp ministry, summer trips, and much more fill the lives of our ministry leaders and their young people. Please keep each of them in prayer.

Blessings,

The NAD Youth Ministry Team

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