Adventist Heritage

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Subject: "The Update" NAD Youth Ministries Newsletter, October, 2012
Health Update

First, I want to thank all of you who have never stopped asking about my health situation. For those of you who may not be aware, about 2 years ago I was diagnosed with a blood disease called Myleodysplasia 5q minus or Myleodysplastic Syndrome.

What this generally means is that my bone marrow does not produce enough healthy red blood cells and causes chronic anemia and fatigue. It has been a battle trying to maintain a normal life and receive treatments at the same time. Most people with this disease have to have a bone marrow transplant (recently, for example, Robin Roberts, anchor for Good Morning America) or repeated blood transfusions. I have been fortunate in that I have only had one blood transfusion along with a strong medication called Revlimid. Unfortunately, I have had allergic reactions to the Revlimid and I have to take a steroid drug to balance it out.

Nonetheless, I recently received some great news that I have been anxiously waiting for the best time to share. Three weeks ago, for the first time since I was diagnosed, my red blood cell count and my hemoglobin came back into normal range. I was tested again today and my blood count is still normal!

You will never know what this means unless you are living it. I have been feeling stronger but was waiting for the right results. Actually, on Tuesday I got on my bicycle and rode 20 solid miles and plan to do it again today. My God is so good to me and I do not deserve it, but I am grateful.

I want to thank each of you for your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for my family and me as I continue to live cautiously and follow God's leading in my health and in my life.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers!

Blessings,

JB
**Prayers**

**Forest Lake Academy Loss:** Let's take a moment to mourn the loss of the student from Forest Lake Academy who drowned during a school trip. J.J. Branchedor was a junior at Forest Lake Academy. Please pray for the family, friends, faculty and staff to find peace after this tragic loss.

Source: CYE 411, October, 2012

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**Announcements / Highlights**

**Travel Schedules**

**Pastor James Black:**
October 18-21 -- Southeastern California Conference  
November 9-10 -- Kansas-Nebraska Youth Rally  
November 24 -- Christian Fellowship Church 75th Anniversary, Brooklyn, NY

**Pastor Manny Black:**
October 18-21 -- Changed Latino Youthenet

**NAD Living IT High School**

**Oct 18-20** Southeastern California Conference Youth Ministries Leadership Convention. The NAD Public High School Campus Ministries Coordinator, Scott Ward, will be conducting campus ministry training at this event, which will take place in Ontario, CA.
Adventist Olympian

Mary Whipple, a Seventh-day Adventist, was coxswain as the USA Women's rowing team won a gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games.

Source: NAD "I Thought You Should Know" Dan Jackson September 21, 2012

Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee

October 10-14, 2012 -- Camp Kulaqua, Florida
http://www.southernunion.com/article/109/ministries/youth/pathfinders

180 CYE Symposium on Youth and Young Adult Ministry

October 16-18 on the Andrews University campus is an annual gathering of scholars, practitioners and administrators gather to discuss important topics related to youth and young adult ministry. This year’s topic will identify Adventist congregations that attract and retain youth and young adults. For more info visit 180

ACF Georgia-Cumberland Conference Campus Ministry Training

October 19-21, ACF/GCC will host a mini-retreat for ACF chapter leaders at Cohutta Springs Camp. Student leaders and sponsors are invited for a weekend of community building and planning for the 2012-2013 school year. To learn more go to: ACF/GCC

AinSpire Gathering

April 26-28, 2013, in Berkeley, California. Plan to attend this gathering if you are a creative type and want to be inspired by rubbing shoulders with other like-minded Adventist creatives who have a passion for sharing God’s love. More Info: Visit
NAD Committee Reports

In the spring of each year, The North American Division Youth Ministry Department meets to provide resourcing and direction for its ministries. Below are links to the Committee reports.

Reports:

- Adventurer
- Camp
- Master Guide
- Pathfinder
- Youth

Notable Votes:

Adventurer:

New Awards: Seeds, Listening, Bread of Life (personal Bible study)

Master Guide:

\textit{MG-#12.03} The following are recommended as acceptable Master Guide Uniform:

Master Guide Standard Uniform -
Green Bottom and Tan Top (black tie) and optional Green Jacket

Adventurers
Blue Bottom and White Top (blue tie) and optional Blue Jacket

Pathfinder
Black Bottom with Tan Top (black tie) and optional Black Jacket
AY Youth
Gray Bottom & White Shirt, Blue Blazer, Burgundy Tie and MG pin

Scarf
The Yellow MG Scarf with either 6 Pathfinder level colors or 6 Adventurer level colors on the ribbon. (The stripes do not represent completion of said levels, but the training they have achieved to lead those levels).

Pathfinder:

A New Philosophy of AY Honors Document and Submissions Guidelines document approved that will guide and provide purpose and process for new AY Honor submissions.


Choose12 Initiative

Choose12 is a powerful initiative designed to connect mentors with mentees and create disciples for Christ across the North American Division. As Choose12 gears up for it's big launch, I'm reminded that Choose12 doesn't belong to us but to God.

Discipleship, I believe, is critical as we move toward creating a stronger church and supporting our youth and young adults. If it hadn't been for the godly church leaders who choose to mentor me through the good and bad times, I know I wouldn't be the strong Seventh-day Adventist Christian I am today. They believed in me enough support me even when I wasn't sure my ideas or I was worth supporting. To that I am forever indebted and grateful.

I ask that each one of you pray for Choose12 this month, and ask God if He isn't calling you to stand up and become a mentor to some youth and young adults in your sphere of influence. If you'd like more information about Choose12, feel free to contact me at ocsaisuzanne@gmail.com or 423.702.1247 (mobile).
I look forward to working with you in creating disciples for Christ in the NAD.

Blessings,

Yolanda Suzanne Ocsai
Choose 12 Volunteer Coordinator

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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?

Travel to South Africa in 2013!

Watch the video

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Youth / High School

**Changed Latino Youth Net**
Launched Watch this month, October 13-20 --
http://www.changedlatinoyouth.com

**Living It Public High School Ministry**

**Proposed Pathfinder Honor in Campus Ministry:** This is a brand new honor and we are looking for
pathfinder clubs to help pilot it this year so that it can become official. Check it out on the Living it Pathfinder page.

Mission Lifeguard

Churches constantly look for ways to reach and connect with it’s young people. One resource that can be used to connect with youth and young adults and also reclaim those who are no longer attending is Mission Lifeguard. If you want to find ways to jump start your youth ministry then check out Mission Lifeguard. Following a simple but effective principle CPR (Connect, Praise, Release), Mission Lifeguard offers a practical approach to youth ministry.

Mission Lifeguard is about saving LIVES!

C is for Connect

- Connect with Jesus yourself so your relationship with God is vibrant
- Connect with the Missing/Forgotten youth and young adults in your church
- Connect with your conference, union and division youth directors for resources

P is for Praise

- Praise God and celebrate when a young person is saved
- Praise God and celebrate when a missing young person returns and begins their praise
- Praise and celebrate with the returned young person at church continuously

R is for Release

- Release the young person to take Jesus to others
- Release young people to serve and then return for worship and fellowship
- Release young people so your church is a spawning ground rather than a holding tank

Young Adults
Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide

Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at AdventSource. Quick Start guides are now downloadable from the ARC Campus Ministry Resources Web Site by going to: ARC

ACF Today Monthly Newsletter

We can't list all the resources you would receive on a monthly basis if you took the 20 seconds to sign up! Even YOU can take 20 seconds! Sign Up Now!

Adventurers

Health Specialist Award Activity

One club in Maryland used the following resources to make the Health Award a "hands-on" activity without the mess of "real food."

They took paper plates, and had LOTS of copies (all cut out) of the different foods found at this website (http://www.nourishinteractive.com/). They had the children CHOOSE 5 foods that represented a BALANCED meal (based on the latest US Plate guidelines). They then sent home Family Discussion Cards to their "Family Network" that allowed the parents to discuss healthy eating resources with their children.

PALA+ Resources -- Lifestyle Fitness (Health Specialist Award and others)

Learn what it means

Active Lifestyle Log
Investiture Achievement is in full swing for the second year. You've worked out a lot of the kinks for your club, and have tips and "answers" to share with those less experienced than you.

You read the requirements, and feel like you need coaching.

Either way, the Pathfindersonline.org Investiture Achievement wiki is for you. Join us in creating a top-notch "Answer Key" that doesn't age, but stays relevant to YOUR ministry.

Add "what works" to the IA Wiki today!

The Honors Wiki has moved to wiki.pathfindersonline.org!

Why Has the Honors Wiki Changed, You May Ask? --

Why is the AY Honors info on "our own wiki" now instead of on wikibooks.org where people from everywhere can contribute? Wiki rules include an NPV (Neutral Point of View) policy at Wikibooks.org. That means that requirements or answers that are clearly spiritual/religious in nature can be removed at any time by the site. Thus, expanding the Wiki resources to include Investiture Achievement was undoable AND we faced the potential that many of our Outreach Ministries honors and answer keys could be deleted at any time. On our own servers, we are in charge of all content and need not apply an NPV rule.

New 2012 Philosophy of NAD AY Honors

Do you want to propose the next BEST NEW NAD AY Honor? We have new and improved requirements for submission!

Download: http://www.pathfindersonline.org/pdf/Philosophy_AY_honors.pdf
2013 Pathfinder Bible Experience Activity Study Guide


Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee

Will the replacement of the Presidential Fitness Challenge (USA) with the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA+) make your Investiture Level teaching EASIER or HARDER? Why?
https://www.presidentschallenge.org/challenge/active/getting-started.shtml

Resources

Helpsdakids Artwork Fundraiser

A graphic artist is offering his artistic skills to Pathfinders and Adventurers, allowing local groups to keep up to 50% of the proceeds.

Learn More: http://helpsdakids.com/

Garden Grants

The National Gardening Association (NGA) provides grants & fundraising for school / community garden projects.
In Closing...

I’d like to share an email I received from Carlos Martin at Southern Adventist University. I consider it absolutely inspiring.

Sometimes we may hear sad stories, negative reports, and acts of indiscipline among our youth in our schools. However, there are amazing evidences of a marvelous work that we cannot explain in human terms. In a few words, in the first three weeks of class at Southern Adventist University more than 10% of our 3,319 students have expressed interest in preaching a full evangelistic series of 19 sermons!

In fact, 366 students turned in an interest card. Of these, 189 filled out long application forms--and new applications arrive every day. We have already interviewed 62 students of these 189 volunteers and our schedule is booked for the next several weeks. Students must bring $200--non-refundable--to secure a post of duty.

These students already know that they will not go just to observe or participate at a distance. These students will do something that many pastors in the North American Division have never done and never will--they will preach a full evangelistic series of 19 doctrinal sermons!

Students already know that it is a demanding and tiring experience. They must use their vacation time (three weeks during summer), must pay between $600 and $1200 for the right to preach, and must attend a rigorous boot camp of 13 hours. Anyway, they volunteer!

These volunteers come from virtually all majors and departments. We believe that at Southern we are preparing future professionals--lawyers, nurses, architects, surgeons, teachers, social workers, mechanics, business people--who will serve in a local church as elders, Sabbath School teachers, preachers, etc. These students will have a story to tell to their friends, to their churches, and even to their grandchildren!

Jesus said, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to the harvest" (Matt 9:38). Apparently somebody is praying hard and God is answering those prayers.
We have a budget for 75 preachers. We already have 189 volunteers, and their number is growing every day. Should we reject them because we don't have the money? I hope it won't be necessary. I am confident that if "the Lord of the harvest sends out laborers into His harvest," He will also provide the necessary means.

Will you, please, forward this message to your friends far and near and let them know of what is going on at Southern? Some of them may want to sponsor a preacher! Or perhaps you want to do it. Send a check to the ERC at the School of Religion payable to "Southern Adventist University." If you just can pray for more showers of blessing, it will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you Carlos for your vision.

Pastor JB

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