Ontario Conference Announces Philippine Disaster Response Offering for November 23, 2013

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Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists announced that a special offering will be taken on Sabbath, November 23, to help rebuild the lives of the people in the Philippines affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

“For the past two weeks we have seen footage of the devastation caused by the typhoon,” said Pastor Theodore Sargeant, Conference Community Services director, “and we have all been deeply moved to help our brothers and sisters. We want to help them in two ways by our offering: First, we encourage everyone to donate to Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency (ADRA Canada) to attract the federal government’s matching fund. ADRA is working with other relief agencies to give aid to everyone affected by the typhoon. Second, we need to consider fellow church members and their needs. A special offering will be taken to rebuild Adventist church properties damaged in the disaster. This offering is being called: "Philippines Church Properties Rebuild".

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has announced this offering for the rest of Canada to be collected a week later on November 30. In Ontario, it will be collected on November 23. All members are encouraged to be generous.

Ontario has also taken steps to include others in giving to the Philippines through ADRA. Following an interview with Pastors Jesse Anunciacion, Edwin Martin and Halsey Peat, last Thursday, G98.7 FM hosted a four-hour telethon on its Sunday morning, Gospel show, raising $5,000.

Halsey Peat

Typhoon Haiyan: Canadian Response Strong, But Needs Are Ongoing

Typhoon Haiyan may have made landfall thousands of miles from Canada, but its effects are being felt among many Seventh-day Adventists right here in Ontario. The topics of missing loved ones, destroyed churches and homes, and miraculous survival are appearing in church announcements, prayer requests, work-place emails, and tearful conversations between family and friends.

For many, the sheer scale of the devastation came as a shock. According to official estimates, more than 11 million people have been affected by this super-storm, and total damages are in excess of US $150 billion. More than 700,000 homes have been destroyed or damaged. In many places, relief has not yet arrived, and people are still waiting for aid.

Perhaps we shouldn’t be surprised when natural disasters strike. After all, the Bible tells us that we should “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8, NKJV). In the midst of the Great Controversy that surrounds us, we are often tossed to and fro on the waves of adversity.

Instead of feeling helpless in this type of situation, we are called to reach out and help those who need it. In James 1:27, we read “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction….(NKJV)” Canadian Adventists have taken those words to heart, and have responded with generous donations to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Through donations large and small, ADRA Canada donors have already contributed more than $150,000 to relief efforts. Thanks to the government of Canada’s $1-to-$1 matching fund, that amount equals $300,000 for Typhoon Haiyan victims!

We here at ADRA Canada wanted to thank everyone who is praying for, and donating to, the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. We are honored to be your partners in extending God’s love to those who need it most right now.

Another way that you can get directly involved is to attend a local church fundraising event (or create your own event!). These events have been very helpful! At a recent prayer rally and fundraiser organized by the Ontario Conference and held at Mt. Zion Filipino Adventist Church in Toronto, generous donors gave $16,000 to ADRA Canada for the Philippines. If you’re in the Simcoe area, we have a Philippines fundraising concert coming up this Sabbath, Nov. 23rd, sponsored by Simcoe Adventist Church.

Next Sunday, November 24, at 10:00 in the morning, walkers and runners of all ages will be joining Bowmanville Adventist Church for a fun, friendly, 5 km fundraiser. It’s simple: just show up to walk or run with us. Bring a donation for the Philippines, or make a donation later (if you’ve already given—thank you!). We also have pledge cards that you can share with friends and family, so they can ‘sponsor’ you to participate. We’re asking everyone in the area to help make this a successful event!

For more information on all ADRA events, please visit our events calendar: http://www.adra.ca/get-involved/events/
You can also get immediate updates and pictures from our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/adracanada

For more information and resources, including bulletin inserts for your local church, please visit our Typhoon Haiyan Information Centre: http://www.adra.ca/super-typhoon-haiyan-information-center/
Please continue to give and pray for the Philippines.
EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 24
Toronto Central's Annual Gala

Please join us for our Toronto Central Church annual "Toronto Central Gala", an evening of elegance & entertainment on Sunday, November 24, 2013, 4:00 PM at the Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall, located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M6A 1P7 (three blocks north of Lawrence Ave. West & Caledonia Rd.), 416-784-0261.

Dress Code: Formal

TICKETS: Children ages 0-4: Free
Children ages 5-12: $15.00 - Youths 13-18: $25.00 - Adults: 19 & Up: $40.00

Entertainment by Denise Jones Jones & Jones Productions Ltd.

Come out and enjoy a scrumptious dinner … Lots of prizes to be won!

November 30
“A Time to Heal” Day

Lost your job? Lost your health? Lost a loved one through death or divorce? Join us for a day of healing on November 30, 2013 from 9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Apple Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church, 700 Apple Creek Blvd. in Markham. Our afternoon workshops will offer coping methods, resources and support. Dr. Steve Willsey, pastor and certified crisis care trainer, will be our keynote speaker during the morning praise service, an opportunity to rejoice and give thanks with those overcoming these challenges. In the afternoon, we will provide two workshops. Pastor Nephtaly Dorzilme, a certified family life educator (CFLE) will discuss dealing with the aftermath of divorce and the healing power of forgiveness in marital relationships. Dr. Steve Willsey will join us again to discuss dealing with grief as a result of a traumatic event. Please make your own arrangements for lunch.

November 30
“GO TELL IT” Gospel Concert at Berea Church

Everyone is invited to “GO TELL IT”, a big gospel concert sponsored by the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Come and enjoy inspiring music by the renowned gospel singer, Pastor Wendell Phipps, accompanied by many other illustrious singers and instrumentalists from the GTA at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church at 353 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, ON M5A 2S3 on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Admission is free. A soft offering will be collected in honour of Christian education. Refreshments and CDs will be on sale during the intermission and after the concert.

Come one, come all, to this grand family affair. There will be free parking at the Sacre Coeur Church just north of St. Luke’s United Church.

December 1 & 2
Individual Crisis Intervention

Kingsway College Chapel – Dr. Steve Willsey
“Individual Crisis Intervention” – Registration Online Only
Sunday, Dec. 1: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 2: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Early bird registration $65.00 up to November 15th - $70.00 after.
Registration includes all handout materials. Bring a pack lunch.
Enquiries contact Verna at vstoraune@adventistontario.org or 905-571-1022, ext. 109

December 14
Scarborough’s Christmas Cantata
The Music Ministry of the Scarborough Adventist Church will host its annual Christmas Cantata on December 14, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. The Sanctuary Choir will present “REJOICE”, featuring well-known carols set in a soulful experience, leading the church into passionate praise and worship. We invite you to come out with your family and friends and worship with us.

Scarborough Adventist Church is located at 4350 Lawrence Ave E, Scarborough ON M1E 2T1. Tel: 416-284-9475.

January 26, 2014
Registrations for Family and Women’s Ministries Training

We are now taking registrations for Family and Women’s Ministries Training at Mount Zion Filipino Church on January 26, 2014. This event is to provide education and foster spiritual growth and direction for local church leaders in Family, Singles, Women’s and Young Women’s Ministries. Emphasis for 2014 is on Parenting for Family Ministries and Evangelism for Women’s Ministries. We are planning for a Keynote speaker on Evangelism. Other speakers will be presenting on related topics and resources will highlight useful tools for building ministries. Presentations include how to start a ministry (Family, Singles, and Young Women), Family Ministries Certification Modules, Women’s Ministries Evangelism training, Grief Support Group Facilitator Training and an introduction to Prevention and Intervention Ministries. Training Fee - $25 per person (Early bird $20 per person) Includes all session materials and lunch. The program begins at 9:30 am sharp with lunch from 12:30-1:30 and closing at 3:30 pm. All churches are being asked to sponsor their leadership teams for this important training session. To register, visit AdventistOntario.org and click on conference events. Open the event listing and click “register now” to make a payment with credit card. Register by January 20. Earlybirds save $5 if your register by January 13. Telephone registration is available November 20 – December 5 and January 6 – 20. Online registration is available through the holidays! Visit AdventistOntario.org after November 25.

May 23-25, 2014
Crawford Adventist Academy 61st Alumni Homecoming Weekend


We are looking for two representatives for each honoured year as well as volunteers to help in various areas for this event. Please contact the office of advancement, TADSB - Derrick Hall, VP of advancement, (416) 633-0090 / toll free (866) 960-2125 ext. 234 or dhall@tadsb.com; Judy Cardona Gamez, advancement assistant, ext. 248 or jgamez@tadsb.com. Visit our official website www.tadsb.com; follow us on Twitter @TJACAAAlumni; like us on Facebook ‘The Official TJA/CAA Alumni Group’.

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