Gathering starts....

We are just under four hours away from starting our gathering here in Melbourne at the Nunawading Christian College Hall. Our theme for this weekend and next weekend at Avondale College is the Desire of all ages: Jesus. Jesus, can be seen on every page in the Bible.

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:27 ESV)

It was providential for myself as I read "Preaching" by Timothy Keller on the flight over to Australia yesterday and wanted to share these thoughts with you:

"Jesus is the true and better Adam, who passed the test in the garden and whose obedience is imputed to us (1 Corinthians 15).

Jesus is the true and better Abel, who, though innocently slain, has blood that cries out for
our acquittal, not our condemnation (Hebrews 12:24).

**Jesus is** the true and better Abraham, who answered the call of God to leave the comfortable and familiar and go out into the void “not knowing whither he went” to create a new people of God.

**Jesus is** the true and better Isaac, who was not just offered up by his father on the mount but was truly sacrificed for us all. God said to Abraham, “Now I know you love me, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from me.” Now we can say to God, “Now we know that you love us, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from us.”

**Jesus is** the true and better Jacob, who wrestled with God and took the blow of justice we deserved so that we, like Jacob, receive only the wounds of grace to wake us up and discipline us.”

**Jesus is** the true and better Joseph, who at the right hand of the King forgives those who betrayed and sold him and uses his new power to save them.

**Jesus is** the true and better Moses, who stands in the gap between the people and the Lord and who mediates a new covenant (Hebrews 3).

**Jesus is** the true and better rock of Moses, who, struck with the rod of God’s justice, now gives us water in the desert.

**Jesus is** the true and better Job—the truly innocent sufferer—who then intercedes for and saves his stupid friends (Job 42).

**Jesus is** the true and better David, whose victory becomes his people’s victory, though they never lifted a stone to accomplish it themselves.

**Jesus is** the true and better Esther, who didn’t just risk losing an earthly palace but lost the ultimate heavenly one, who didn’t just risk his life but gave his life—to save his people.

**Jesus is** the true and better Jonah, who was cast out into the storm so we could be brought in.”

I am sure you will agree how beautiful these words are, may Jesus indeed be lifted up in every word, song, and conversation over these two gatherings.

Please also keep Rod Long and his team in prayers as they pull everything together.

Please keep Zan Long and her team in prayers as they shape the kids in Jesus over these gatherings.
For the One,

*Japhet De Oliveira*

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**Boulder 1:1**

**REGISTRATION**

The registration price goes up tonight for Boulder 1:1, our first mini gathering. If you are interested in joining us, register soon.

**TOP Kids**

Also thanks to Family Life Pastor, Tim Cress and his team at Life Source Fellowship in Denver we will be able to offer to parents TOP Kids. Covering kindergarten to 5th grade (ages 5-11). Just register all their details online before August 7. We have limited space so it is first come first served. Saturday evening 6:45pm to 9:15pm. Sunday 8:45am to 5:45pm. The cost is, $29 per kid.

[Click this link to register today.](#)
ADVANCE Conference

ADVANCE Conference: A conversation to forward the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

When/Where

Monday, February 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Westin Hotel, Seattle, Washington, USA

What/Why

A seamless blend of ministry and healthcare. Two lines of labor performing as one. Courage for the unwell and hopeless. Knowledge for physical and spiritual wellbeing. Wishful thinking or achievable dream? We believe that bringing Health Professionals and Pastors together will foster strength for all.

How

Join with leaders from around the world in a candid, deliberate, encouraging and constructive dialogue regarding the historic mission, present condition and future hopes for Adventist healthcare and its intrinsic role in gospel ministry. The format will include concise presentations with a generous allotment of time for open conversation. Supper will be provided.

Cost is $50 per person. Register here today.
The Create Conference

WHEN/WHERE
Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The Westin Hotel
Seattle, Washington, USA

WHAT/WHY
You are invited to join leaders from around the world for a hopeful, faithful, constructive, creative, and prophetic conversation about the future for the Adventist Church. Full-day format will include a handful of presentations mixed with a generous allotment of time for open conversation.

HOW
Here’s how you can participate.

1. Sign-up to attend. $50 (covers costs only). Register HERE.

2. Write a sermon. We are accepting submission of sermons, which will be provided in print to all participants.

Sermon criteria:

1. 2500-5000 words in length.
2. Strong roots (historical, Biblical) and branches (present, future).
3. Sermon topic: Strengthening the Adventist Church as a Movement of Hope - for the future and also in the present moment.
4. Send manuscript submissions to Alex Bryan Deadline: November 30, 2015.
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