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Dear Dorothy,

Welcome to spring time. Newness is in the air. We see the rowing hills lush with green while the new little calves, sheep and goats bound quickly from here to there in a split second. They are feeling their oats. I love coming up the driveway that leads to our 3ABN Administration facility during this season. You will notice the flowering of the Bradford Pear trees-spring has sprung. Welcome to this months Pastoral eNews and we pray that there is newness in your daily walk with the Lord. God bless each of you.
God's Daily Blessing: The prayer of forgiveness is always answered immediately.

When we pray for earthly blessings, the answer to our prayer may be delayed, or God may give us something other than we ask, but not so when we ask for deliverance from sin. It is His will to cleanse us from sin, to make us His children, and to enable us to live a holy life. Christ "gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father" Galatians 1:4. And "this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us; and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" 1 John 5: 14,15. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9.

Problem and His Promise: Dear Lord, Please share with me promises that I can quote showing that You are with me when I do that in which you have called me to do. I choose to obey Your Word. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them" Ezekiel 36:27. "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" Philippians 2:13. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" Ephesians 2:10. Our prayer of thanks-"I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me-I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me" Philippians 4:13 AMP. Thank You Jesus.

Second Floor: The Pastoral staff had the honor of visiting our new Trust Services Department located on the 3ABN Campus. Roy Hunt and his wife Earlenne manage this portion of the department. We also have a West Coast Trust Services office located in Loma Linda, California which is under the direction of 3ABN Trust Services Director, Dr. Leonard Westphal. We were invited as guests to learn more about the services
offered locally. We were greatly impressed by the information we received. We were also favored with a yummy treat after our session. Attendees were Roy and Earlene Hunt, Grace Yost, Kevin Hart, Joe O’Brien, Hal Steenson, Richard Pinero, Richard Lawson and JD Quinn.

AMEN! We all desire immediate and direct answers to our prayers, and are tempted to become discouraged when the answer is delayed or comes in an unlooked-for form. But God is too wise and good to answer our prayers always at just the time and in just the manner we desire. He will do more and better for us than to accomplish all our wishes. And because we can trust His wisdom and love, we should not ask Him to concede to our will, but should seek to enter into and accomplish His purpose. Our desires and interests should be lost in His will. These experiences that test faith are for our benefit. By them it is made manifest whether our faith is true and sincere, resting on the word of God alone, or whether depending on circumstances, it is uncertain and changeable. Faith is strengthened by exercise. We must let patience have its perfect work, remembering that there are precious promises in the Scriptures for those who wait upon the Lord. (The Ministry of Healing, p. 231)

Behind the Scenes: Kids Time is always fun. It is a time when children and their parents from all over the USA show up at 3ABN for 1-2 weeks of filming. Miss Brenda, Aunty Linda and Aunty Cinda are here with their usual energized selves ready for the spring segment. Lunch is served daily at 12:30 pm after a morning of dressing up in the necessary time-garb and filming. Many of us were invited as guests for lunch during this time. Photos were snapped on one particular day in the kitchen of the 3ABN Worship Center Fellowship Hall. (L-R Ann Thorb, Shelley Quinn, Mollie Steenson, Cinda Sanner, Yvonne Lewis, Mary Sukow (chef), Brenda Walsh and Danny Shelton)
**Answers to Difficult Questions:** *John 11:26* "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Answer: Jesus introduced this text with these words, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (vs. 25, 26). It is quite apparent that Jesus was talking about the second death when He said "shall never die." This person had already lived the first life, died, and lives again in the resurrection. *Revelation 2:11* assures that the overcomer "...shall not be hurt of the second death." Although "it is appointed unto men once to die..." (*Hebrews 9:27*). Those who are accepted by Christ shall never die that second eternal death. *(Study by Pastor Joe Crews)*

**Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs:** Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These 28 fundamental beliefs constitute the church's understanding and expression of the teaching of the scripture. Today's belief number **twenty-three** is *Marriage and the Family*. Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship. For the Christian a marriage commitment is to God as well as to the spouse, and should be entered into only between partners who share a common faith. Mutual love, honor, respect, and responsibility are the fabric of this relationship, which is to reflect the love, sanctity, closeness and permanence of the relationship between Christ and His church. Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person who divorces a spouse, except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery. Although some family relationships may fall short of the ideal, marriage partners who fully commit themselves to each other in Christ may achieve loving unity through the guidance of the Spirit and the nurture of the church. God blesses the family and intends that its members shall assist each other toward complete maturity. Parents are to bring up their children to love and obey the Lord. By their example and their words they are to teach them that Christ is a loving disciplinarian, ever tender and caring, who wants them to become members of His
body, the family of God. Increasing family closeness is one of the earmarks of the final gospel message. (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:3-9; John 2:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:21-33; Matthew 5:31,32; Mark 10:11,12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10,11; Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4; Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22:6; Malachi 4:5,6).

Affirmation: "By the power of His Word and His Holy Spirit, my Father lights up every area of my life and eliminates the darkness of my soul. He lights the lamp of my inner being and causes me to shine with His radiance. I stay 'plugged in' to my power source, and He gives my life true purpose." (Psalm 119:130; Psalm 18:28; Ephesians 5:14; Isaiah 60:1)

3ABN Update: We are pleased to share with you, our viewing audiences a photo of the new 3ABN decorative lapel pins. I believe this is the third one made available. I know they are very popular during ASI and General Conference (they were so popular during GC that we had to start allocating 1000 per day to first come first served—we would go through our 1000 in the first two hours.) Amazing! We will have them on hand this year in Sacramento during ASI (Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries*). Please plan on visiting our booth.

*Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries is a cooperative network of lay individuals, professionals and ministries who share a common commitment to support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Become a 3ABN Prayer Warrior: http://www.3abn.org/prayer_warrior.cfm If the Holy Spirit convicts you in that this may be your calling, please follow directions and submit necessary information. Being a Prayer Warrior is one of the most
satisfying ministries there is, only when you get to heaven will you know the extent of your cooperative efforts in the Lord.

**3ABN Activity:** "Thank You Jesus" "Hallelujah" "God gets the glory" "Mercy" were all gems of praise as we shared special time behind bars witnessing to the incarcerated. 3ABN working in harmony with Christmas Behind Bars is in the process of taping a new series "Free Indeed". We feel this will be a powerful program showing the love, emotions and tears of those who have found themselves behind bars due to wrong choices. Lemuel and Donna Vega are the founders of Christmas Behind Bars and are actively involved in sharing the Word of God, pretzels, M&M's, and love. Through the grace of God they are doing a mighty work encouraging and imparting hope. This trip we were visiting prison systems in the State of Indiana.

Need special prayer? [http://3abn.org/prayer_request.cfm](http://3abn.org/prayer_request.cfm)

Your 3ABN Pastoral staff is here to assist you—every member of our team is sensitive to those in pain. I would imagine that over the years we have encountered just about every topic or situation one could envision. It is only with the aid and power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to successfully do that in which He has called us to do. We are eager to share words of hope and encouragement. God bless.


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