GROW-ing Friendships in Christ

“I have called you My friends”
(John 15:15 AMP)

There is no discipleship making without a friendship with God. Neither is there discipleship making without friendship with each other. According to the book, The Ministry of Healing, Christ's way of reaching people started with friendship and showing them He cared as He ministered to their needs. After Jesus earned peoples' trust He then invited them to become His disciples. (White, p. 143)

GROW Groups are platforms for Christ's method to reach people to
Himself. We have been called to be “fishers of men”. (Matthew 4:19)

GROW Groups cast a wide net for people to enter various levels of friendship with each other. More than ever our world needs space for friendship building outside of Facebook. Science has shown that having friends increases our survival rate by 50% (plos.org).

GROW Groups offer what the world needs most. GROW stands for “God Reaching Out Widely”. How amazing that we can partner with Him to offer a friendship anchored in our own experience as friends of God.

Sign your GROW Group up today!
Deadline: January 11

Spring 2015 Grow Group Session: February 8 to April 26

Catalogue Available: January 16

by Sabine Vatel, Discipleship and GROW Group Pastor
Connecting to Jesus

Want to be part of an unprecedented ministry to Communist Cuba? Christians in Cuba have no access to religious books and entering them into the country is almost impossible. The solution? A Tablet. Yes, a tablet can easily be entered into the country and can be loaded with a host of materials such as Bibles, Ellen White books, the Seventh Day Adventist Bible Commentary, the Adventist Hymnal, religious music and more. Let's join together to help connect others to Christ. Perhaps you are planning on upgrading your tablet this year, or you have an old tablet you wish to donate. Simply bring your used tablet to the Masters of Divinity (MDiv) office at the Seminary.

On behalf of a Cuban Bible worker or family, thank you!

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by Fernando Ortiz, Director of Master of Divinity Program, SDA Theological Seminary
Isn't It Time?

The ill-fated AirAsia flight on the eve of this New Year—could it be the story of this civilization? Flying high and unperturbed . . . until stricken by a raging storm . . . and all the desperate maneuvers notwithstanding the innocent go down? Not unlike the brutal Paris terrorist attack Wednesday on the unsuspecting editorial team of the satirical paper CharlieHebdo. . .

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by Dwight Nelson, Lead Pastor

HIS CREATION

January 10, at the Howard Performing Arts Center.
Come see Rich Aguilera, the "Mud Guy" from Guide Magazine and 3ABN at this family-friendly event. Rich uses his creative approach to teach on a difficult and confusing topic: *Creation vs Evolution*. Rich uses audience participation, and prizes to make this an exciting and memorable event for everyone.

Click [here](#) to watch a short promo of the HIS CREATION program.

Tickets for both evening shows (6 p.m. and 8 p.m.) can be obtained at the Howard box office or [online](#).
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