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Dear Center for Adventist Research,

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Evangelism opportunities
Mark your calendar and make plans to join us!

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Honduras
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Quiet Hour Ministries is seeking a Marketing Support Specialist.
This individual handles numerous writing and editing assignments, plans and supports QHM special events, assists in developing direct mail pieces and oversees a variety of marketing and communication projects as assigned. Qualifications include excellent written and verbal communication skills, demonstrated ability to successfully complete multiple projects on time and great people skills. Some knowledge of fundraising a plus. Salary range is: $38,610 to $51,698.

Please send your résumé and letter of interest to Carol Weaver: CarolW@qhministries.org, or fax (909) 793-4754.
Geese at Peace

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A pair of Canada geese set up housekeeping on an island in a farm pond in New Jersey. Year after year these two returned to raise their young. One summer only one of seven eggs hatched, and the hatchling died the next day. The parents moped for days only to be faced with a new problem.

From the woods by the lake another pair of Canada geese emerged with eight brand-new babies. For some reason this new pair had chosen the farm pond—and woefully, the island itself—as their brood site. As they arrived on the scene they went straight to the island ready to do battle for the rights to the location. Of course the residents fought hard to keep what they thought was their own territory, but they could not drive the newcomers away.

As night approached, the resident pair still occupied the island—except for a corner where the new pair huddled with their young, having been granted sleeping privileges. The farmer and his wife went to bed that evening wondering what the outcome of the battle would be the next day.

Imagine the farmer's surprise the next morning when he looked out on the lake and saw eight baby geese swimming peacefully with not one but two parents in the lead and two bringing up the rear. By making peace the adult geese had not only provided double protection for the goslings but had also provided the resident pair with babies to care for to replace the ones they had lost.

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This past June, 10 evangelism teams, supported by Quiet Hour Ministries, arrived in East London, South Africa. They would go on to lead a major outreach in the city and its surrounding regions. At the conclusion of their meetings, some 65 accepted Jesus and were baptized! And in September more than 200 people who had requested Bible studies during the meetings were also baptized!

Here’s just one of the stories from South Africa, from evangelism team member Bob Rusche:

My meeting site was called Duncan Village. As we drove out there the first day, the surrounding buildings were increasingly shacks and shanties. I learned that in Duncan Village there is no running water so the children take large buckets to cisterns to get water. Outhouses are placed throughout the village and also centrally-located shower houses. Many people have no electricity and use candlelight at night.

Some 80,000 people live in Duncan Village, crammed into just two percent of the city’s land! About 80 percent of the population is unemployed.

As we arrived at my site, I took one look and said, “No way!” The tent was on a sloping hill. There was an old building foundation with rocks, glass and all kinds of debris. The platform that I would preach on consisted of two layers of wooden pallets stacked on top of bricks. Power would be supplied from a nearby house. Not at all what I expected.

The objective at Duncan Village was not so much to gain baptisms, but more to make the Adventist presence known, as they were in the process of building a church structure near there.

During a Wednesday evening meeting we had a prayer session for those who needed special prayer. More than half the congregation came forward! The following Friday night we had an especially moving service, followed by an altar call. Many came forward and 14 filled out cards requesting baptism! All I could do was just praise the Lord.

On the final Sabbath afternoon, two separate baptisms were held to accommodate all the people from the different meeting sites. Although we had not hoped for baptisms at my Duncan Village site, seven were baptized that Sabbath afternoon and 18 more asked to prepare for baptism!

One gentleman especially stood out to me. He had attended every meeting. Yet he would not come forward. Then on the final Thursday night, he stood for Jesus and walked down the center aisle and requested baptism! And on Sabbath afternoon, I stood with him as he went into the water and gave his life completely to Jesus Christ!

Catch a full report from our South Africa evangelism in our upcoming Echoes magazine!
The Kodiak Has Arrived in Papua!

Quiet Hour Ministries’ 53rd mission airplane has arrived in the mission field of Papua!

The Kodiak aircraft, designed specifically for mission service, left the United States on July 24 and, after refueling stops in Hawaii and the Marshall Islands, arrived in Papua on Thursday, July 28.

Bob Roberts, the director of Adventist Aviation Indonesia—the organization which will own and operate the plane—piloted the Kodiak on its long journey across the Pacific.

Quiet Hour Ministries CEO Michael Porter met Roberts at the Santa Maria, California public airport before the Kodiak left the United States. They and several guests joined in a simple prayer of dedication for the mission airplane. And they asked God for protection over the plane and its pilot during the long trans-Pacific trip.

Now we rejoice that the plane has arrived safely in Papua! And again we say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped send our 53rd mission airplane into the mission field!

Quest Aircraft Company, makers of the Kodiak, hosted the dedication at their headquarters in Sandpoint, Idaho. More than 100 people attended, including area church members, honored guests and Quest employees.

Among the speakers were Michael Porter, Quiet Hour Ministries CEO, Bob Folkenberg, Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president, and Hartley Sakul, a pilot for AAI. Others in attendance included Ralph Lombonaung, a mechanic for AAI. Both Sakul and Lombonaung hail from Indonesia. Not in attendance was Bob Roberts who heads up the AAI program and will ferry the Kodiak to Papua.

During the service, Sakul remarked at the tremendous capability of the Kodiak airplane. Across Papua there are hundreds of mountain villages accessible only by aircraft operating in and out of landing strips, some of which are at high altitude and extremely short. Flying an airplane specifically designed for such demanding conditions will open many new doors for AAI’s outreach.

Folkenberg told the audience how excited the Upper Columbia Conference was to be neighbors with Quest aircraft and to have such a close connection to worldwide mission aviation.

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Concluding the program, all the attendees encircled the plane for a prayer of dedication. "It is our prayer today that God will use this airplane to carry His marvelous saving grace to lost people," Porter prayed as everyone laid their hands upon the Kodiak.

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Quiet Hour Ministries Supports its 53rd Airplane for Mission Service - Quiet Hour Ministries Supports its 53rd Airplane for Mission Service by Michael Porter

For Adventist mission aviation, this was truly a milestone. On April 19 the very first Kodiak destined for Adventist mission service was dedicated. This aircraft will be flown to Papua, the Indonesian half of the island of New Guinea, in the next several weeks where it will be operated by Adventist Aviation Indonesia (AAI).

For Quiet Hour Ministries (QHM), an Adventist supporting ministry based in Redlands, California, the occasion was no less auspicious. It was the 53rd mission airplane QHM had helped send into mission aviation service in the ministry’s 74-year history.

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Download hi-res photos (Link opens a new browser window.)
**Answering the call**

Last year Mike and Fran Hansen packed up their belongings and moved north. Stationed in Gambell, Alaska, the snow capitol of the United States, they just survived their first winter. Astonishing the natives, they are committed to living there for many more winters, and because of this dedication, the people of Gambell are finally putting their guard down.

One of the first ways the Hansens established an open door policy with their new Alaskan neighbors was to turn their home into a safe haven for anyone who wanted to visit.

Older children drop by to take naps or study in a safe place, since their homes are often filled with violence, and younger children come to bake cookies or hear stories.

Having now lived in Gambell more than 10 months, Mike and Fran are determined to stay as long as they can. By helping pay their monthly stipend, you can support their vital ministry today!

Only $45 per day can support the ministries in five towns, including Gambell, and save lives! Your donation will provide stipends and supplies for suicide prevention programs, church maintenance and supplies, as well as an FM radio station that will carry the good news of saving grace!

**But the story doesn't end there.**

One of the most frightening statistics in Alaska is the high suicide rate in the small Arctic towns, particularly among their young people. One of the first programs we are implementing is a suicide prevention outreach, with a special emphasis toward young people.

One of the largest untouched mission fields in the world is right in our own backyard. There are thousands of people who have never heard of Jesus' saving grace!

Quiet Hour Ministries has teamed up with Arctic Mission Adventure, a mission ministry of the Alaskan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to bring saving grace to five isolated towns in the Arctic Circle this year. In each town, Adventist volunteers have committed to become a part of these communities to demonstrate the love and caring of Jesus.

Quiet Hour Ministries will also provide each town with FM radio stations, church maintenance, and equipment and supplies. Your $45 donation will support one entire day of ministry so that these Adventist volunteers can give more people like Sheryl hope.

There is no place on the North American Continent more remote than these towns. It's imperative that we share the shining light of saving grace with them today!