As the year 2013 comes to a close, I want to thank all of you who have read our newsletters, supported this ministry with your contributions, and helped REACH-NYC reach out to New Yorkers living in what I think is the greatest city and challenge to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At this time of year your help is needed to continue the work of this ministry, which has started to make some great strides in meeting the needs of many who live in this great city. Your contribution today, can give you and end of year tax deduction, but also help us as we plan efforts for the coming year. You can safely scroll down to the area marked "Make A Donation" and use your credit card to make a donation, that is safe using PayPal. You can also send a check made out to "REACH-NYC" and mailing it to REACH-NYC, P.O. Box 651, North Salem, NY 10560. I thank you for any donation you can make. Due to the blessings of God, donations
for the past year have been made by many faithful individuals interested in the work being done by
REACH-NYC in New York City.

One older and retired friend sends a check faithfully every month for $5.00, another good friend who
I have known since childhood, now in her late 80’s, sends a check for $100.00, and as amazing as it
may sound, a few donors have contributed upwards of between $10,000.00 and $30,000.00. God is to be
praised for this great support. Each donor receives a personal letter of thanks and a receipt is given for
each and every contribution.

Let me share with you how this past years funding was used, and how your donations have touched
the lives of many individuals, and those individuals are New Yorkers.

With the devastating storm known as Hurricane Sandy, REACH-NYC distributed over $13,000.00 in
aid to families in need. With the contribution made by one donor, new washer, driers, and bedding was
supplied to those who lost everything due to the massive storm. REACH-NYC partnered with the local
director of the Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency, Pastor Ruben Merino, a tireless worker here in
Greater New York and his team, to provide aid to these victims as members of One Year In Mission, a
young people’s organization, that included young adults from all over the world, went house to house
offering aid and to make sure that the needs of at least ten families were met.

My good friend Pastor Bledi Leno who also did some great work during Hurricane Sandy, made sure
a family in Brooklyn had new bedding and a place to sleep, after that family lost much of their personal
belongings.

It is important to note, that REACH-NYC not only helps during these emergencies, but partners with
others during times of crisis. On one morning, a need was immediately addressed after one of my
minister friends who works with a Latino congregation, told us about a family who was helping others
during the storm, only to return to their home to find that it had burned to the ground. REACH-NYC
donated $800.00 for the pool of funding to help this family get back on their feet.

Many in these devastated areas have still not received aid from Federal and local governments that
were promised, so the need continues. As you area aware, needs around the country and around the
world seem to mount every day. We all come together to do what we can, and REACH-NYC encourages
you to do something in your own area and town in which you live.

This past year REACH-NYC has also run a fully sponsored ten plant based vegetarian cooking
seminars, in the Greenwich Village area of New York City, with a combined total of over 425 people who
attended these excellent classes. Many have become friends due to these seminars, that have
instructed individuals on how to make good food choices and the preparation of healthy meals for their
families. Local doctors and nutritionists have taken part in each of these seminars, which added
greatly to the medical realities of making wise food choices.

REACH-NYC also sponsors Cafe Reach, a small group ministry that has weekly Friday evening
discussions based on the Bible and aimed at young professionals who live in and around New York
City. Our next series of meetings for 2014 will begin on Friday evening, January 10, 2014. This candle lit
venue meets in an intimate setting at Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 232
West 111th Street, NYC. The gatherings begin at 7:00 p.m. every Friday night.

In 2014, we are making plans to hold specific and detailed creatively designed programs to reach
out to New Yorkers who want a deeper study of Biblical truths, in weekend seminars designed to draw
the attention of thinking New Yorkers who know that their spiritual needs are not being met as well as
they can. The seminars will try to clear up many misconceptions that people have concerning the
 teachings of Jesus Christ and the Apostles, and draw from focused Bible teachings that are relevant to
their lives.

On a personal level, I have spent the last three years trying to educate myself in becoming a better
listener and pastor, by taking studies at Blanton-Peal Institute, that has helped me understand the
extreme human needs and emotional turmoil that individuals go through, due to trauma in their lives.
From grief counseling, to marriage and family systems that strain relationships, to the abuse that many
have suffered through, I am now meeting people from every walk of life who need to sit with someone
and guide them on a pastoral level, for prayer and some emotional support. This part of the ministry is
growing and with the series of sermons I give weekly at the church where I am currently pastoring, many are taking advantage of the individual time we spend together to seek God’s help and also find answers to their needs.

Being pastor of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the dedicated members of that congregation that REACH-NYC partners with, has also been a blessing. Although the church and REACH-NYC are distinct and separate entities, we work together to help those in need.

The church venue has been opened to over five different AA groups who meet Sunday through Thursday evenings sharing and supporting Alcoholics who are well on the road to recovery. It has been a pleasure to help this wonderful organization. Many other groups from the community have also been invited to share the incredible space that the church offers. One Home Schooling group meets yearly for their annual craft fair, and more than 300 children and their parents now know of the church and we are happy to be able to help them.

Well, if you read all of this so far you see a bit of what we are trying to do here at REACH-NYC. Help us if you can, and I want to say a personal and heartfelt “Thank You“ to all of our supporters from around the world who make all that we do possible.

May God grant you peace and a calm spirit in 2014.

My prayer is that we can all be a little kinder to all we come into contact with. I find that even if we may not fully agree with everyone, showing love and compassion goes a long way in sharing one of the most profound teachings of Jesus Christ, which is the concept of “Love Your Neighbor.” What a wonderful doctrinal belief that I would hope we all can agree with.

Best regards -- Tony Romeo

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**Cafe Reach begins a new season**

of great Bible based conversations on

Friday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

join us for some simple refreshments, hot drinks and some great conversations.

A thoughtful discussion for young professionals and thinkers of all ages, who want to think out of the box and out of the pew. Presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.
Donations to REACH-NYC help us in our efforts to reach out to the people of New York City. REACH-NYC is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt corporation, and all contributions are fully tax-deductible.*

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Thank you for helping the REACH-NYC ministry!

*A receipt will be sent recognizing all contributions for tax purposes.