Fall 2012 Newsletter

Dear Partners in Revival and Reformation for Mission:

It is so exciting to hear reports of what the Lord is doing to bring His last great revival of true godliness in people's lives and move His mission forward around the world! We see a powerful spiritual awakening among our youth and young adults around the globe just now! We are happy to share just a few short examples of reports we've received in the following newsletter. Please send in any sightings of God moving in special ways so we can pass them on to encourage and give ideas to others. And share this newsletter as widely as possible with all your networks.

Thanks for all you are doing to keep this most important priority before our people.

Your Brothers in Jesus,

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God Speaks Through Dreams

Cauvin Moreau, a student literature evangelist in California, unwittingly came out of his room dressed in all brown one morning. The other students gave him a hard time because he was a tall young man and wearing brown made him look like a United Parcel Service (UPS) worker. He almost decided to change, but one of the guys said, "No, it's cool, just wear it." So he went out to knock on doors in brown.

That evening he was showing a copy of The Great Controversy to a man. The man just stared at him disbelievingly, and before hearing anything about the book, called to his wife. When she came out he said, "Honey, doesn't this remind you of the dream I had last night?" She nodded her assent. He then asked, "How much?" Cauvin just blurted out, "People usually give ten dollars," and was surprised at his interest in the book.

As the man reached into his wallet for the money, Cauvin asked what the dream was about. The man said he had a dream that a man dressed in all brown came to his door with a book that had a flag on it. (The cover of The Great Controversy has a flag on it.) And that was why he was getting the book. God is giving visions and dreams even today!

AWR Downloads Ranks High

Statistics show that Adventist World Radio (AWR) had 200 million podcast downloads in 2011, with Arabic being the most popular language. People are actively searching for questions to life's answers. The other most popular languages are French, Amharic, Malayalam, and Indonesian. For some languages, such as Juba Arabic and Burmese, there are very few, if any, other audio programs, besides AWR, available. AWR is also one of the most prolific multi-language content providers on iTunes.

Listeners Keep Sabbath On Their Own

In Taraba state, Nigeria, people are a mix of traditionalists, Christians, and Muslims. Recently 16 people in the village of Lomordu started listening to Adventist World Radio’s shortwave programs in the Hausa language. Gradually, more and more people joined them in tuning in, until 38 were listening regularly.

As the group of villagers listened to the programs, they cross-checked what they were hearing with copies of their Bible. Convinced that what they were hearing was right, they began keeping the Sabbath on their own.

Soon they went in search of this church they had decided to join, and traveled to Jalingo, the capital city of the state, where they eventually found a Seventh-day Adventist church.
Providentially, some church members were still present when they arrived. Introducing themselves, the Lomordu villagers said, “Are you the ones making the AWR programs? We are with you!”

Church leaders became aware of this group, and went to their village to investigate. For the full story, go to http://www.awr.org/en/news/show/62.

The seeds of the Three Angels’ Messages are being planted all over for the last great latter rain!

10 Days of Prayer Is Coming in January

Plan now to participate in the upcoming 10 Days of Prayer, January 9-19, 2013. Please register your church, small group, family, or individually at www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org. The purpose of praying for 10 days in January is for Seventh-day Adventist Church members to saturate their lives in prayer as they start the year, so they can live and proclaim God’s last-day message of love and truth to the world (Revelation 14:6-12).

Hope Channel and the General Conference Ministerial Association will partner to produce a nightly live broadcast of Let’s Pray. Ministry editor, Dr. Derek Morris, will join Let’s Pray co-host, Kandus Thorp, in the studio to discuss the daily points of focus taken from 2 Peter 1:1-11. The other co-host, Pastor David Franklin, will be on location in Florida, Washington, DC, and with other church groups participating in the 10 Days of Prayer initiative.

“We prayed for members who left to return,” writes one participant from this past 10 Days of Prayer. “Every active member signed up to pray for three or four members in our church. This past Sabbath, we had seven members return to church.”

“God is faithful!” writes another. “The Ten Days experience can’t be quantified. Hearts were surrendered, souls were convicted, and requests for prayer were answered. To God be the glory!”

For information and resources, go to www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org to download:

- Promotional material (a printable flyer, bulletin inserts, and postcards)
- Guidelines for leaders
- Daily Theme Sheets
- Praying for Rain (e-book available in English, French, German, Romanian, Spanish, and Portuguese, or e-pub for your mobile device)

Your help is needed to promote this initiative in your local divisions, conferences, unions, and churches. To view three short promotional videos, go to http://www.youtube.com/user/ReviveReform. To view Let’s Pray live, go to www.letspray.hopetv.org

Gateway Models Acts Church Authenticity
The Gateway Seventh-day Adventist Church started in 2000 as a campus ministry, aimed at reaching post-modern secular university students who were studying in Melbourne, Australia. It started as just a small group of multi-ethnic young professionals, led by lay pastor Johnny Wong. The individuals, who had no experience in ministry, earnestly prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Together, they studied the book of Acts, as well as the Spirit of Prophecy to find methods for reaching secular minds. For eight months they fasted and prayed until they received 121 prayer partners, just like in Acts 1, to pray with them in their ministry. Then, through various outreach activities, care groups, Bible studies, fellowship, and on-going fasting and prayer, the small group grew. Today, this vibrant ministry consists of 27 care groups and three congregations that meet in various rented facilities in Melbourne. You can see their story and hear testimonies at http://www.revivalandreformation.org/content_series/11/entries/24.

Young Adults Revival in Switzerland

In Aargau, Switzerland, a couple of Adventist young people felt impressed to attend a mission training school. Afterward, they returned home to their own churches and started working as volunteer missionaries. Other friends and church members were affected by their missionary spirit and joined them. Soon a group of them joined together to conduct Bible studies, lead out in home groups, and preach in their own evangelistic campaigns at home and in Ethiopia.

To read more go to http://www.revivalandreformation.org/content_series/11/entries/21.

Bible Study Crisis in North Dakota

Jordan Peck pastors a new church plant in Fargo, North Dakota, called the Red River SDA Church. “We officially began meeting in August of 2009 and had 10 people meeting for worship," says Peck. "Now we have around 60 people regularly attending, with an occasional 75 attendees on some Sabbaths." The church has held eight evangelistic meetings, with six of them being done by members. “We have done this church plant in line with the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy as best we could," says Peck, "and we are just blown away at how amazing a gift we have with the ministry of Ellen White.

“Our little church has also been inspired by the Revival and Reformation focus at the GC," Peck says. "We have prayed and have seen the Spirit moving in our church." Each year members participate in the 10 Days of Prayer, and have poured themselves into evangelism and Bible studies. "We have knocked on hundreds of doors, and have a goal to knock on every door in Fargo."

“For the last three summers we have been trying to get a student maga-book program
going," explains Peck, "and this year it took! We had four students and a leader in the program who worked for six weeks. One of our students even received a $500 donation for a copy of The Great Controversy! Isn't that awesome!"

"With much prayer and hard work God blessed this team with an amazing 150 Bible study requests. This has resulted in a Bible study crisis here at our local church, as we are all scrambling to figure out how we can best handle these interests." To read more go to http://www.revivalandreformation.org/content_series/11/entries/22

Health Message Led to Truth

The following letter was submitted through the Revived by His Word website feedback form:

My wife and I wish to thank every one of you for this Revived by His Word blog site and the daily blessings we receive from reading the Bible with you. It is just another blessing and miracle on our recent journey in becoming Seventh-day Adventists. (We were baptized into the church last fall.) . . . We do not start a day without reading the Bible with you.

Our personal testimony could take hours, but I shall try to condense as much as possible. Two years ago, we discovered the health message, which started us on the path of better health, but more importantly, becoming part of the Adventist family and discovering the real truth about God's law. (You might say we were wandering in the world of spiritual darkness for forty years, even though we attended church and have several relatives heavily involved as ministers and deacons, all non-SDAs.)

The end result, but only through God's grace and power, we became vegans. Our health has improved, we take no medications, and our spiritual growth continues daily, although we still feel like babes in the woods. My wife, who was taking asthma medicine daily, is 95 percent better and off all prescriptions. Her blood pressure is now normal after being very high for decades. I, too, am off of all medications, while our neighbors keep adding prescription after prescription, all because pills do not cure the cause.

To sum up, you, too, can follow God's diet plan, if you submit it to Him. I was raised on a farm, my family still farms. If I can walk away from milk, meat, poultry, etc., you can also. Trust in the power of the Lord.

Thank you Adventist family, thank you 3ABN, thank you Hope Channel. Every one of you has been a blessing to us, and has led us out of Babylon!

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New Communication Manager for R&R

In answer to many prayers for the right individual to oversee the communication needs for the General Conference Ministerial Association as well as the many Revival and Reformation initiatives, God has sent Jackie Ordelheide Smith. She joined the GC Ministerial staff this past July. Smith comes with a lot of experience, having worked for a number of years at the Adventist Review, as editorial assistant and marketing director, and Global Mission (now Adventist Mission), as Coordinator for Global Mission Pioneers. We are glad to have her on board.

Please send her any stories, leads, or evidence of God's working around the world,
and she will gladly assist you in writing and telling it to help motivate and inspire others. You can contact her directly at 1-301-680-6519, or e-mail smithj@gc.adventist.org. You can also submit stories directly on the website, by going to: www.RevivalandReformation.org/stories, and clicking on the “Share a Story” button.

**The Driver and a 777 Prayer**

This past August, Pastor Mark Finley flew into Manado, Indonesia to conduct evangelistic meetings. As the driver met him at the airport and was taking him to his hotel, a cell phone rang, causing the driver to immediately veer across several lanes of traffic and come to a halting stop at the side of the road. This must really be an important call, thought Finley, as the driver just then turned around and said, “Pastor Finley, it’s 7 pm. We need to pray for the Holy Spirit.”

It is moving to think of Seventh-day Adventists around the world praying unitedly at 7 am and 7 pm every day! Join us in prayer for the Holy Spirit's presence in our families, churches, leaders, and communities so Jesus can come soon! You can download the free 777 app for your mobile device, by going to the App store and searching for “InPrayer.”


**Revived by His Word – Now in Audio!**

The *Revived by His Word* new daily audio podcast is now available on iTunes. You can subscribe to the daily Bible chapter through iTunes on your computer or the Podcasts app on your iPhone or iPad. The podcast feed is also usable with other mobile devices. To subscribe, go to: [http://bit.ly/rbhwpodcast-itunes](http://bit.ly/rbhwpodcast-itunes).

**Revived by His Word – Now in Spanish!**

The *Revived by His Word* website and daily email are now available in Spanish! To register and start receiving the daily emails, go to [RevivedbyHisWord.org/es/](http://RevivedbyHisWord.org/es/) or [www.ReavivadosporSuPalabra.org](http://www.ReavivadosporSuPalabra.org). Invite your church family and friends to begin reading the Bible together with the world field in this exciting initiative.

**Revived by His Word Facebook Page Receives Record “Likes” in SAD**

Recently, South American Division reported that their *Revived by His Word* Facebook page has received more than 153,000 “Likes,” and the numbers continue to grow daily. "This is a big number by any standard," says Andre Brink, Associate Director of General Communication Department. “We commend the South American Division for their visionary use of social media."

**Revived by His Word Website Feedback**

*Revived by His Word* subscribers around the world recently gave us feedback to the
daily Bible reading plan: “I am no longer complaining about leaders in my local church, but I pray for them,” “I’m no longer violent,” “I am a physician working as a mission doctor in a Muslim environment. The daily opportunity to link with the world church to study the Word together is changing my personal spiritual life and the life of our hospital.” A child even wrote in saying, “My family and I started reading the Bible together and we started spending more time together. . . My relationship with my parents has taken a new twist.”

If you are not currently experiencing the benefit of this daily Bible reading plan, please sign up today at: RevivedbyHisWord.org or ReavivadosporSuPalabra.org and register.

YouTube and Revival

Go to www.youtube.com/user/ReviveReform to view short video spots on Revived by His Word, 777, Revival and Reformation, and much, much more. Then share them with others.