Dear Lexie,

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Review of Steps to Christ distribution

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Question 7: The Adventist Response  
On Maryland's Question 7

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Radio Day!  
Hello, we are looking forward to meeting you!

This Sabbath, October 27, 2012 we are celebrating Radio Day! As we celebrate with our Radio Family this may be a great opportunity to share Simple Truths with a friend.

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As I prepared for the week I was taken back to my youth when I was struggling with my identity and trying to figure out who I was and maneuvering through a life as a young Adventist Christian or a product of peer pressure and my environment. I grew up in an urban inner city (barrio) called East San Diego, which was a lower income neighborhood filled with gangs and gang activity. I attended Central Elementary public school from Kindergarten all the way until I finished sixth grade. Many of my school friends had brothers or sisters who were part of a gang from the barrio, so they knew that as soon as they entered Jr. High and High School they would join them. So, while in fourth, fifth and sixth grades we planned for that moment. In sixth grade we created our own little peewee gang from east side San Diego where we jumped each other in and gave each other placasos (our gang nicknames).

I grew up going to church every Sabbath, read my Sabbath School lessons and prayed but I had to go to school during the week and did not want to stand out and get chased every day. One day my mother noticed that I was not heading down the right path and decided to enroll me at San Diego Academy, our local Adventist school, so I could attend there all my Jr. High and High School years. Although I did not fit in very well during my first two years, the rest of the time was better. When I started there I did not know that praying in class in the morning or before a test was required or encouraged. That was not the case at my elementary school.

Since leaving San Diego Academy one thing that always comes back to mind is the weeks of prayer when we sang church songs, prayed and had special speakers address. Those weeks made a difference in my life. The Bible classes, the caring teachers, the safety of knowing that I could speak of my beliefs and that others had similar beliefs were all very special to me. I could also share my beliefs with those students who didn’t share them without the danger of getting beaten up. That is why I understand it is important for me to take any opportunity that presents itself to talk to the students about Jesus, a forgiving Jesus, a Jesus of Hope, a Jesus that loves them no matter what. None of us know the choices they will make later in life or what paths they will
decide to take, but while we have the opportunity we need to make sure that we show them to make Jesus first. “But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33)

When I finally met Jesus and I invited Him into my life, He transformed me and showed me His awesome grace! Parents and church family, we must continue to lift our children to Jesus through prayer, and hope that they will decide to follow Him when they are older. Children and young people have too many distractions that compete with their spiritual growth, but I understand that I serve a mighty and powerful God who never gives up on us or our children. This past week was a busy week but a week full of blessings. I pray that our Lord will continue to bless our church’s Children’s Ministry and our Sligo Adventist School.


2 RESPONSES TO 2 B REAL

Noelene says:
October 26, 2012 at 9:44 am

Gerry, what if we could get church members paired up with Sabbath School leaders and teachers to pray for them and by name for children the teachers are concerned about. Daily prayer for our ministry leaders would be a big strength to our ministry. I have the name of one member who is willing to do that. Noelene

Reply

Pr. Gerry Lopez says:
October 26, 2012 at 10:38 am

I love that idea, that would be great for our teachers and our Sabbath School. Let's work on getting this going. Thank you Noelene for your passion and interest in our children.

Reply

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ALL ARE GIFTED, ALL ARE WELCOMED

By pesposito On October 25, 2012 · Add Comment · In Evangelism, eWeekend

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A copy of Steps to Christ in English or Spanish, an invitation to tune into Sligo’s radio program, ‘Simple Truths’ at 8:30 each Sabbath morning and a mailed outlining how the Church is prepared to
serve the community were the content of an attractive bag that was presented to each home in Ward 6 of Takoma Park.

Leaving gift bags door by door

Story by: Pastor Don McFarlane

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QUESTION 7: THE ADVENTIST RESPONSE

By pesisto On October 23, 2012 - 2 Comments - In Uncategorized

On November 6, 2012, Marylanders will have a chance to vote on Question 7, a ballot initiative that is intended to lead to the creation of a new resort casino in Prince Georges County, and add a number of table games to all Maryland casinos.

“Gambling violates Christian principles of stewardship. ... Gambling has a massive impact on society. Financial costs result from crimes committed to pay for the gambling habit, increased policing, and legal expenses, as well as the associated crimes involving drugs and prostitution. Gambling does not generate income; rather it takes from those who can ill afford to lose and give to a few winners, the greatest winner of course being the gambling operator. The idea that gambling operations can have a positive economic benefit is an illusion. In addition, gambling violates the Christian sense of responsibility for family, neighbors, the needy, and the church.” (From SDA Official Statement on Gambling, www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements)

Gambling creates false hopes. The dream of ‘winning big’ replaces true hope with a false dream of a statistically-improbable chance of winning. The Christian hope in a glorious future promised by God is “sure and certain,” unlike and opposite to the gambling dream. The great gain that the Bible points to is “godliness with contentment.” (ibid).

VOTE RIGHT ON NOVEMBER 6!

By: Pastor Donald McFarlane

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2 RESPONSES TO QUESTION 7: THE ADVENTIST RESPONSE

Liz says:
Could not agree more.

Myrin says:
October 31, 2012 at 8:08 am
Number 6 or Number 7? You brought up two different things.

The Heart of Forgiveness
Saturday, October 27, 2012
Lord of the Beasts
Saturday, October 30, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Underground Bible Study
When: Friday, November 16, 2012
from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Where: Youth Room

Telugu Vespers
When: Friday, November 16, 2012
from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Where: Memorial Chapel

Young Adults Bible Study
When: Friday, November 16, 2012
from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM
Where: Discipleship Room
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HELLO, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

We are excited about the opportunity to welcome you to our home church on October 27, 2012. We have a very special program planned out for you and we really hope you can make it. So you can get better acquainted, below is Pastor Tapp’s short biography. We would also greatly appreciate it if you would take a minute of your time to fill out the form underneath the biography, thanks!

PASTOR CHARLES TAPP

For nearly 30 years and in many scenarios, Charles Tapp has served as a pastor, professor, administrator, writer and radio/television host sharing God’s love and saving grace with the world. His ministry is fueled by the message found in Zechariah 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD Almighty." Prayer is at the center of his life and the way he leads the ministry of Sligo Church. An avid racquet sports fan and reader, he also enjoys being a lifelong student. He and his wife, Maureen, a nurse administrator, have three grown daughters.

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Radio Day
Please fill out this online form so we can prepare for your visit!

Will you be coming...
- Alone
- With family or friends

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