Dear Lexie,

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"LIVING WITH LESS"

By pesposito On November 16, 2012 · Add Comment · In eWeekend

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Minimalism, as the lifestyle is called, is a movement that has grown recently in our country and the world, as men and women have made the conscious decision to own only the essentials of life and removing all the excess. As I shared in my message titled, “Windchasers,” last Sabbath, one of the reasons we as Americans have filled our lives with so much “stuff” is because we believe that somehow our “stuff” is going to bring us happier and more fulfilled lives. But as Solomon, AKA “the wisest man that ever lived,” learned in his own torrid pursuit of happiness, true happiness isn’t found in chasing after the things of this world; it’s achieved in chasing after God. In his book, Living with Less: An Unexpected Key to Happiness, which by the way is a must read, author Joshua Becker reminds us that because of the unique relationship that exists between our “stuff” and our connection with God, there is a potential danger in owning too much of it. I’m sure you’re familiar with the adage that says, “Whatever you hold onto will hold onto you.” Well, the more stuff we have, the more imprisoned we can become. Although I have made it my pre New Year’s resolution to begin to live with less, sadly there are many in our country and even our community that live this way, not because they have made a conscious decision to do so, but because of circumstances that have forced it upon them. That is why it is paramount for those of us who have much to adopt a way of life that allows us to give to those who are in need. So as we prepare to celebrate our annual Festival of Praise this Sabbath at Sligo, I encourage each of us to dig deeply into our cupboards and bring bags of non perishable goods so that those who are forced to live as minimalists can at least, during the Thanksgiving season, have the opportunity to live with a little more.
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
Bible Study is a
FESTIVAL OF PRAISE
By author On November 8, 2012 - Add Comment - In Events

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This celebration will be followed by an evening concert by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton and friends, including the Sligo Sanctuary Choir, at 6 p.m. in the Sligo Church Sanctuary.

Sligo church also makes use of this occasion to serve our community during the Holiday season. Below are some ways in which you can Celebrate God’s provision and care.

BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND BRING:

- Non-perishable food in a brown paper bag or box to supply Thanksgiving baskets which will be distributed by Adventist Community Services;
- Monetary gifts so that Adventist Community Services can purchase more items for the value of a dollar from food banks to augment our food gifts;
- Cleaning supplies, toiletries and toilet paper;
- Personal notes of encouragement and thanks to fellow members and/or persons in the Takoma Park community for their service to the city;
- Your Sligo Mission spirit to help the Youth and Pathfinders sort the canned and packaged goods, load the van, and deliver the food to ACS.
- Please pray and plan in the days ahead as to how you and your family can serve others this holiday season.

For more information or donation questions, please contact the Sligo Church office on 301.270.6777.

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When: Friday, November 16, 2012
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SAS – COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

By mbramble On November 16, 2012 · Add Comment · In Sligo Adventist School

SAS Students visiting the neighborhood collecting non-perishables

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This activity is so enjoyable because not only are we helping those who are less fortunate but it’s feels like Christmas early for the students.

Boys from SAS load bags on truck

Let me explain: when the students walk around the community looking for bags of food and they see one it’s like receiving a gift, then they turn around and give a gift. Community outreach really brings joy to our students and staff.

Girls from SAS pose with their bags
LESSONS IN COURAGE

By pesposito On November 16, 2012 · Add Comment · In Story

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” [Isaiah 41:10].

My husband, a Master Sergeant who served 26 years in the Air Force, was transferred from Germany to the U.S. in 1975. I started working in food service at a school close to our new home in Takoma Park. At the time, I did not see the necessity of driving a car. I reasoned that my husband could drive me everywhere I needed to go. When he was away on assignment, I got my exercise by walking to work and to the market. Once, when my husband was away for a year, I did learn to drive, but when he returned I happily gave it up. Then in 1980, the unthinkable happened. My husband of 24 years had a heart attack and died. Then walking became a comfort for me—time to think, time to remember, time to recover, and time to come up with a strategy for providing for our three children.

I loved my job in food service and I loved the kids at the school. But after my husband’s death, cooking became a way to touch even larger communities and make new friends. Cooking adventures took me on ten trips with Maranatha, where I fed the workers. There were also four trips to the Middle East on archeological digs coordinated by Andrews University, with workers from 27 countries to feed. My cooking skills helped me make new friends and see the world.

My cooking “comfort zone” expanded as I learned about different cuisines. On one trip, someone asked if I could make perogies for workers from Poland. I said, “Yes, I can make perogies if someone from Poland will come to the kitchen at break time and show me how.” Someone did show me, and I spent the afternoon making perogies that everyone loved. It’s still one of my favorite recipes.

One time, on an Andrews University dig in Jordan, I made maktloubeh, a dish with cauliflower, eggplant, rice, and chicken that is baked and then inverted on a plate for serving. One of the archeology professors kissed my hand and said, “Thank God for maktloubeh and the hands that prepared it.” Dr. Larry Geraty nodded in agreement.

In 1991, for reasons that made sense at the time, I chose to leave my paying job. I loved my job, but at that time, ancillary denominational jobs did not carry the same benefit package as other denominational jobs. Rather than summon the courage to ask for a different benefit package, I left. Unfortunately, the very next Christmas, while visiting my daughter in Michigan, I had to have emergency surgery without the military Tricare Benefit insurance package that now exists. Then in
1992, I fell in the airport on the way to Loma Linda. I continued on my journey, but when I returned to Takoma Park I had to have surgery for a torn meniscus and paid the [then] usual 25% dependent pay.

Somehow, in spite of these huge bills, I was able to write a check to the church once a month for my tithes and offerings without difficulty. The text I always depend on is, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you” [Deuteronomy 31:5-7].

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