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“MOVING MOUNTAINS”

By pesposito On November 29, 2012 · Add Comment · In eWeekend

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One of the shows that I used to listen to religiously is an extremely popular syndicated broadcast, The Dave Ramsey Show, which is heard on more than 500 radio stations throughout the United States and Canada. The main thrust of the program is that Dave takes a Christian approach to handling one’s money, especially as it relates to helping people to get out of debt. As a matter of fact, one of my favorite parts of the show is when individuals who have followed Dave’s strategy for getting out of their mountain of debt, are given the opportunity to call in and yell at the top of the voices for the entire world to hear, “WE ARE DEBT FREE!” Each time I would hear someone share their testimony, it would motivate me to continue my journey along the road to becoming debt free.

Well, I’m not the host of a nationally syndicated radio show, but I am here to proclaim at the top of my voice, that as of one week ago, Sligo Church is finally DEBT FREE! And all the people said, AMEN! Yes, the debt of our Organ Sanctuary Renovation project, which was completed nearly eight years ago, and originally slated to be paid off by 2025, has now been paid in full. That’s 12 years ahead of schedule. Many of you were present last Sabbath when we announced this amazing news to the congregation, and sang the doxology in thankfulness to God for what He has done. What a moment that was for our Sligo family!

But now that this debt has finally been retired, I’m sure many are wondering, “Where do we go from here?” The answer to this question is simple. We get about the business of “Raising the Roof!” No I’m not saying that the church’s roof needs to be replaced, at least not any time soon. But as we’ve been saying for the past few months, it’s time for us to do as the friends of the paralyzed man did in the second chapter of Mark’s gospel. You see, they were willing to get him to Jesus, even if it meant that they had to literally “raise the roof.” So in essence, we need to get about the business of providing those in our church, our campus and in our community a way to gain access to Christ, and we need to do it “by any means necessary.” And as we continue to move toward this end, let us do so with a renewed spirit, knowing that the God who removed our mountain of debt is the same God that can remove any obstacles that may stand in our way.

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“GIVE BACK” FRIDAY

By melindap On November 29, 2012 · 1 Comment · In Youth Blog and Events

“How have you helped someone this week?”

I remember the first time I opened Friday Vespers with that question. The six youth sitting on the couches, tired from a day of school, looked at me blankly. I cajoled them.

“Come on. You must have helped your parents around the house. A friend. Or maybe someone has helped you?” Silence.

Undaunted, the entire SYD team started asking the service question every Friday Vespers. And slowly, the answers started coming.

“I did extra chores.”

“My family stopped for a stranger with a flat tire.”

“My friend was feeling very depressed, and I talked her through it.”

The answers grew deeper over time. With a simple question, the urge to serve began to grow.
You may have seen the Sligo Underground: Go Deeper shirts, wristbands, and posters around church. It’s the name of our whole youth program, inspired by our physical location in Sligo Church and the spirit of the early Christians, who met underground. As a youth group, we want to go deeper in all areas of ministry. That includes service, my personal area of leadership.

Service is a vital ministry. It was through service that Jesus Christ opened hearts and minds to the message of salvation. And as Mother Teresa said, “The fruit of service is peace.” Every month, our youth gives this chaotic world just a little more peace.

The youth outreach mission team is growing every month, with an increased focus on partnerships and long-term impact. Our youth are hard-working, reliable, and on fire when it comes to community service. They have incredible visions for what Takoma Park/Langley Park could be, visions bigger than my own, like having a 100+ person mission team of teens and transforming the area into an Adventist community through evangelism. I am not going to lie. As the outreach coordinator, these visions scare me. These goals are bold, difficult, maybe even impossible. But the youth have taught me to dream — beyond my limits — and see God work miracles.

Their faith and passion encourages me. I hope that in a world obsessed with materialism and Black Friday, every Friday in our youth group will always be a “Give Back” Friday.

Make tomorrow a “Give Back” Friday. Go big, go bold. Give someone the gift of your service and watch God open their hearts.

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ONE RESPONSE TO “GIVE BACK” FRIDAY

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November 30, 2012 at 12:51 am

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WOMEN’S MINISTRIES BOOK CLUB

By krosburg On November 28, 2012 · Add Comment · In Ministry Spotlight

Why not come and try us out? This month we are reading “The Tiger’s Wife” by Tea Obreht. It has been on the Bestseller List for several weeks during 2011-2012 and is a novel which takes place in former Yugoslavia during the recent past. http://teabreht.com/

From the New York Times Book Review: The principal collector of Obreht’s multiplicity of stories is her narrator, Natalia Stefanovic, a young doctor who lives with her mother, grandmother and grandfather in an unnamed Balkan city early in the 21st century. As a little girl, Natalia adored her grandfather, a respected doctor and professor, and tagged along on his regular visits to the zoo, which was formerly a sultan’s fortress. There she would listen, rapt, as her grandfather spoke of a girl he once knew who was known as the “tiger’s wife.” At the time, Natalia thought this was a fairy tale. After all, her grandfather always carried a copy of Kipling’s “Jungle Book” in his breast pocket. In “The Tiger’s Wife,” Obreht weaves the old man’s richly colored reminiscences like silk ribbons through the spare frame of Natalia’s modern coming-of-age, a coming-of-age that coincides, as her grandfather’s had, with a time of political upheaval.

That should give you a little taste for the treat that comes from settling down with a good book.

Most of the books we read can be found at your local library so joining our club won’t break the bank. Our next book club meeting is on December 12 at 7:00 in the Disciple Room. Our members are planning on putting together Christmas shoeboxes for the homeless and bringing them to our December meeting. We will also be finalizing our list of books for the coming year and would love to see you there! If you need any further information, please contact Kay Rosburg kayrosburg@verizon.net

By: Kay Rosburg

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Suzuki Early Childhood Education Class
When: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Where: Chapel | Memorial

Warmth for the Homeless
When: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: Prayer Room

Wednesday Night Out
When: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM