Changing Lives in Alaska

One Alaskan Discover Bible School Coordinator recently emailed, “We just celebrated our 100th student! To have 100 requests from a region of less than 10,000 is clear to me that the Holy Spirit is speaking to hearts here…”

Yes, the Holy Spirit is moving in Alaska with now more than 2,000 requests for Bible studies that have come to the local churches. Another Discover Coordinator shared that they had never given a Bible study before, and that this experience was life changing for them. This is why we do ministry—to bring people into a deeper relationship with God—not only our Bible students, but each of us as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Please keep praying for those studying the Bible lessons.

Jim Reinking - VOP Evangelist

Jim Reinking recently rejoined an association with VOP as an evangelist. Pastor Reinking served for about ten years in the same capacity until the relationship ended in 2008 for personal reasons.

As you know, the VOP has a long history with public evangelism and continues to be committed to the mission that has been entrusted to us as a church. We welcome Pastor Reinking back as a colleague of VOP and its unique mission.

Pastor Reinking has two openings in August for weekend revivals and one opening next fall for a five-week evangelistic series. If interested, contact him directly at: (509) 928-4624 or
Kinsey Invited to Become ON Scripture Columnist

Fred Kinsey, speaker/director of VOP, was recently invited to serve as a contributor to ON Scripture. Distributed by the Odyssey Networks of New York City, the column is also syndicated to The Huffington Post where it has more than one million readers per month.

The column usually focuses on two Biblical passages with ties to a current event that has the world’s attention. Since it is based on the texts from the lectionary, the column is used by countless pastors around North America and the world for ideas for the coming weekend’s sermon.

Pastor Kinsey’s first contribution is scheduled for late July.

Ways People Come to Discover (in addition to our radio programs)

- “I am 51 years old and have six-and-a-half more years to get out of prison...OH! I picked up a Discover application in our Chapel and did it and now here we are brothers in Christ!”

- “A friend cut the ad out of a magazine and gave it to me. To save postage, I sent the ad with a letter to my sister and she mailed it for me.”

- “I was helping a hospice patient I work with turn on her TV when I noticed a small Discover book there on the television. Reading it and doing the lessons was the best investment I have ever made in my life!”

- “I am 24 years old. I learned of Discover by seeing it in a Steps to Christ book. Now I am reading the Bible every night and praying daily. Since doing the lessons I have become a much more forgiving person.”

- “I can’t remember the book I was reading, but when I came to the end there was the Discover application. Since then it has been quite the journey. I’ve learned so much. I just pray that the Lord can forgive me for my sins.”

Bible School Activity in 2011

Nearly 52,000 people in North America signed up for Bible School lessons in 2011 with nearly 10,000 graduating. New enrollees represent a 20-percent increase over 2010. The VOP Bible School continues to be one of the largest Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic outreaches in North America. There are currently more than 100,000 people enrolled in VOP’s Discover Bible School. Think of how many public evangelistic campaigns it would take to graduate that many people from a
**Woman Accepts Sabbath**
The following recently appeared in the *Pacific Union Recorder*:

Violet Wade from San Jose, Calif. shares her story: “My friend Katherine is not an Adventist. For the past 10 years, I have been praying and asking God to bring her to our women’s retreat. Last year I joined with two ladies to pray. And God answered! This year Katherine came. During one of Elizabeth Talbot’s talks, Katherine turned to me and said, ‘Why am I attending church on Sunday when the Bible clearly states that we should worship Him on the seventh day, which is clearly on Saturday?’ Excitedly, I shared that the 4th commandment is the only one that begins with the word ‘Remember.’ We both looked at each other knew right away that God is onto something. We spent most of the time just talking about the Sabbath. Saturday night when I walked into the ABC sale, the first book I saw was on the Sabbath. Together we read it! It was crazy that she and I are at this retreat talking about Jesus, Sabbath and falling in love with Christ together. My God reigns, and His timing is impeccable!”

**VOP Representative’s Home Damaged in Tornado Outbreak**
The home of Ed and Rosie Cox who represent VOP in the Southeast was severely damaged on Friday, March 2, by one of many tornados that moved through that part of the country. We are not yet sure whether the home is a total loss. Ed and Rosie had just left their house a few minutes before to get supplies at a local store. While they were gone the tornado arrived and “bulldozed” their neighborhood. They thank the Lord that they and their daughter who lives with them were all away and therefore safe. “We praise God for His care of keeping,” Ed said. So do we, Ed, so do we!

**Only One VisionBuilder Weekend This Year**
I know many regular VisionBuilders are missing our regional weekends this year. I hope you understand that we are putting a lot of additional financial resources into the Alaska project this year as we indicated at last year’s sessions we would do.

One VisionBuilder weekend is scheduled this year in Anchorage on June 8 and 9. You must provide your own transportation, but if you wish to come, for the usual minimum financial commitment, we will take care of your hotel accommodations.

This special weekend will be memorable as the first of many graduations of Discover Bible School graduates. You won’t want to miss the joy of this special weekend that will also
feature a full-length Family Reunion Concert.
We would love for you to be a part of the experience! For more information, contact Rose Cabello at (805) 955-7763 or email her here.

A Bequest of Life Insurance Is Easier Than You May Think
A bequest of your life insurance policy is an easy way for you to make a gift to Voice of Prophecy. It's as easy as naming Voice of Prophecy as beneficiary of all or a portion of your policy on your beneficiary designation form. Your life insurance proceeds will help further our good work and your estate will benefit from an estate tax charitable deduction for the value of the proceeds paid.

This month we received a gift of life insurance proceeds from a long-time friend of Voice of Prophecy. This donor named Voice of Prophecy as a secondary beneficiary of his policy since 1973. We received his intended gift 39 years later!

To learn more about making a bequest of life insurance, please call Ada Swanson at (800) 348-5993 or email her here.

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