Greetings from Alaska!

By Connie Jeffery, Associate Speaker

We have just wrapped up our Revive! series in Anchorage, Alaska. During the week of June 9-17 our theme was “Experiencing God” and what an “experience” it was for George Johnson and me to co-host this inspiring event! George is the Communication Director of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and he and I had the privilege of introducing the speaker, musician, and video highlight for each program.

Revive! was a collaborative effort of Voice of Prophecy, the North American Division, and the Alaska Conference, as well as other entities. We featured nine different speakers who shared different aspects of “Experiencing God.” Dwight Nelson kicked off the series with “Experiencing God’s Grace” and Ron Halvorsen concluded with “Experiencing God’s Calling.” In between we heard from speakers Derek Morris, Jon Henderson, Karl Haffner, Randy Roberts, Elizabeth Talbot, Carlton Byrd, and José Rojas.

We were also tremendously blessed by the music of Gale Jones Murphy, Larry Ford, and Margie Salcedo-Rice. And the “Focus on Alaska” video highlight each evening was educational, inspirational, and often breathtakingly beautiful! All the programs are archived for your viewing convenience at www.vop.com/AlaskaArchive.

Because we gave our email, Facebook, and Twitter information each evening, we received many messages of encouragement and many prayer requests. Appreciation was expressed over and over for this “fresh approach” to evangelism. We praise the Lord for the way He continues to work in people’s lives not only in Alaska, but throughout the world! Take time to watch the Discover Bible School Graduation and each of the nine Revive! programs at our Alaska Archive.
Blue Zones: Update on Living Longer
Earlier this year our field reporter, Willa Sandmeyer, visited Loma Linda, California to follow up on reports about the "Blue Zone" seniors living there. You may have read the book *The Blue Zones: Lessons for Living Longer From the People Who've Lived the Longest* by National Geographic reporter Dan Buettner. You're probably aware that he reported that the Seventh-day Adventists living around Loma Linda are one of the few groups in the entire world that continues to age very gracefully, often well into their 90s and beyond. Willa’s report, which includes interviews with several blue zone seniors, is included in our *Through the Bible* program on the book of Daniel. You can listen to the program in the broadcast archives at [www.vop.com/archives](http://www.vop.com/archives). The program aired the weekend of June 16 and 17.

Family Reunion Concert in Alaska on DVD & CD
We hope you enjoyed the Family Reunion Concert on Hope Church Channel or The Adventist Channel last weekend. Because of copyright restrictions on the music, the concert cannot be archived for on-demand viewing. But it will be released on DVDs. You can pre-order the first DVD now (also available on CD) by sending a donation of $25 or more at [www.vop.com/annual](http://www.vop.com/annual). Entitled *How Big Is God,* the DVD (or CD) will be ready to ship in October. Be sure to indicate if you prefer a CD. Otherwise a DVD will be sent. (Limit 1 copy with donation; additional copies may be purchased at our online store in October.) The second DVD will be released in 2013.

The Good News Is There If You Know Where to Look
If you listen to some people, it would seem that all the economic news is bad news. However, when you listen to the right people, you learn there is some good news out there as well. You just have to know where to look and where to listen.

Most of the disappointment stems from a stock market that is more erratic and less stable than it seems to have been in decades. Or, perhaps, like many people, you have looked to the safety of a CD that provides a fixed reliable payment rate. However, CD rates are near record lows and even those rates are good for only a few months or years. You need something better for your hard-earned money.

Although many things have changed in the last couple of years, one has remained the same – the charitable gift annuity. A gift annuity is a simple gift and contract between a person like you and Voice of Prophecy. With a gift annuity you can make a gift of cash or stock. In exchange, you will receive fixed income at a fixed rate that never changes – no matter what the economy does.

Charitable gift annuities pack a lot of advantages for you: attractive fixed payment rates that last a lifetime, options that include funding for one or two people, deferring for a higher rate, income tax benefits, and possible capital gains benefits if funded with stock. Gift annuities replace the uncertainty of stock with the reliability you deserve.

Our website offers details along with a simple calculator that shows you what your payment rate and tax benefits might be. Or you can call 800-348-5994 or email us and we’ll be happy to provide a personalized illustration. It takes just a few moments. It’s easy and there’s absolutely no obligation.

It’s not surprising that many people who have one gift annuity go on to fund many more. Once you experience the benefits of one, you’ll want another!

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