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# EDITOR'S NOTE

By beholding, we become changed.

Tyler Kent White spoke one of my favorite quotes: "I promise if you keep searching for everything beautiful in this world, you will eventually become it."

I often become discouraged when looking at my life and realizing I don't measure up to the person I want to be. I want to be a confident and empathetic leader, an understanding and caring friend, and an emotionally intelligent, well-rounded woman. Yet I get angry too often, feel bitterness and resentment, and struggle to stay positive at times. If I look inward at my failures and flaws, I become discouraged. I have so far to go.

Rather than looking inward, White encourages us to search for the beauty in the world around us. By searching for everything beautiful, we eventually become it.

The Apostle Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 3:18: "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (NIV).

In other words, by beholding, we become changed.

We are not called to be discouraged beings, constantly disheartened by our own insufficiencies and flaws. Rather, we are called to "set our minds on things above" (Colossians 3:2) and to keep searching for everything beautiful. We are called to behold, and be changed; to search for beauty, and become it.

As we search for the true image of God and the goodness of His character, we are slowly changed into His likeness.

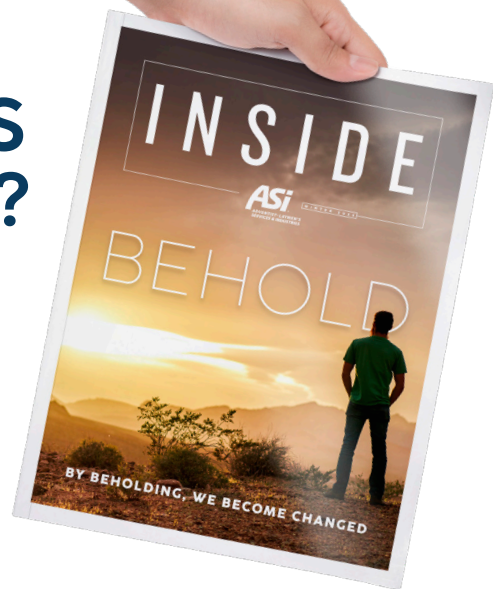
This edition of Inside ASI is full of powerful stories of God's grace and love. My goal is that as we behold God's goodness, we will be further changed into His image.

With love,  
Kristi Jensen  
ASI Editor



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# Pre-ASI Outreach Project Report

by *Build and Restore International*



On July 31 – August 3, Build and Restore International partnered with SALT Outreach to share Christ’s love

by serving the unsheltered in downtown Orlando, Florida. SALT Outreach Ministry operates out of the Christian Service Center in downtown Orlando. SALT provides shower facilities, laundry facilities, haircuts, mail services, hygiene items, and counseling for those living on the streets. Build and Restore, along with some volunteers, was able to help fix up the building from which SALT is working.

Arriving in Orlando on July 31, the mission team hit the ground running. The first day of the trip began with orientation at the Christian Service Center, where we would be serving. The next day, work began. The Build and Restore team installed

sheetrock and worked on mudding/taping the newly completed wall. Volunteers also helped with serving the needs of the unsheltered community, helping to assemble and distribute pre-packaged care kits for those who were in need.

The local maintenance man, who had taken care of the building for over 12 years, built a friendship with the team. The building needed much more repair than one man could accomplish, and it was a joy to support his efforts and help restore the building he had cared for. We were inspired by his dedication and commitment to serve the needs of the unsheltered.

Psalms 34:7 paints a picture of the angel of the Lord encamped around those who fear Him. The team worked on installing a new fence at the Christian Service Center. This was a reminder that sometimes a fence is set around us to protect and at other times

to prevent something from coming in. The fence that Build and Restore installed was able to accomplish both. The fence would serve as a visual enhancement to the facility while protecting the front of the building, and at the same time keep the grass from being trampled on.

Collaborating with SALT Outreach was a great experience. Our team of volunteers was blessed to serve together and give back to the community in Orlando. Thank you, ASI, for making this project possible. We look forward to serving together again!

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by Rick Ricky



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I was a literature evangelist for many years, and the Lord blessed me with many beautiful experiences. One Sabbath morning, my wife and I were on our way to church. We were discussing how to be more active in outreach for the Kingdom. We were just pulling into the church parking lot when I finished my conversation by saying, “Do you expect people to just come walking up to you? It does not work that way.” The words had just rolled off of my lips as I shut the car off and stepped out.

I looked up, and saw a gentleman walking toward me. “Do you accept visitors?” he asked. I looked over at my wife, who to her credit, just smiled as I said, “We certainly do.” I introduced my wife and myself and invited him to come and sit with us. After a short while, and Bible studies, he was baptized, and became a member of our local church! God has such loving ways of teaching us lessons and it is our part to remember, and act accordingly.



Rick Ricky is a retired Florida Literature Evangelist.



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# Reaching Out to a Major City

by *Albert Dittes*

The 2022 Pathway to Health megaclinic in Indianapolis, Indiana, treated 2,000 people during their first two days. Indianapolis city officials graciously allowed Pathway to Health to use the Indianapolis Colts' Lucas Oil Stadium for free. Clusters of curtained-off treatment areas filled the playing field. Long lines of people in search of healing stretched from the stadium out through the entryway and onto the street. Many people spent the night on the sidewalk in tents in order to be assured of free health care the next morning.

Half of the field accommodated people waiting for dental care, eye care, pharmacy, laboratory, mental health counseling, and hydrotherapy. Medical services such as cardiology, X-ray, pediatrics, and dermatology occupied the other end of the field.

Free haircuts and clothing were offered as well. The Pathway to Health leadership made sure this medical clinic was more than a social service. A chaplaincy section and a busy Adventist World Radio (AWR) booth added a spiritual dimension. Sacred music filled the stadium, creating a spiritual atmosphere.

I talked with Raymond Abbott, a 55-year-old recovering from depression. He found out about Pathway to Health through his case worker at a veteran's agency. He had been homeless, practiced witchcraft, and attempted suicide five or six times. Pathway to Health gave him mental health counseling and eyeglasses as well as a hepatitis and AIDS test. "I asked God for help in the back of an ambulance after a suicide attempt, then things started falling into place. I will now get a military pension," he said.

A lady came with a daughter suffering from painful hemorrhoids. She was advised to trust in God as her Creator, who knows all about her body. She was encouraged to replace red meat and chicken with fruit and vegetables, beans, nuts, whole-grain bread, and plenty of water.

By the end, officials estimated that 4,225 people had been seen through this Pathway to Health clinic. Seeing the crowd at Pathway to Health in Indianapolis impressed me with the power of reaching people's hearts through medical missionary work by meeting their physical and their spiritual needs. Medical missionary work makes people aware that we as Adventists have something unique that other Christian groups don't have. This Indianapolis mega-clinic, along with others in the past, demonstrated in a



powerful way that we as Adventists have what it takes to finish God's work on earth.



Albert Dittes grew up in the Highland Adventist community at Portland, Tennessee, and is now semi-retired there. He started his career in pastoral ministry and then transitioned into public relations and journalism. He devotes himself to music in the form of playing for church and teaching piano, as well as freelance writing.

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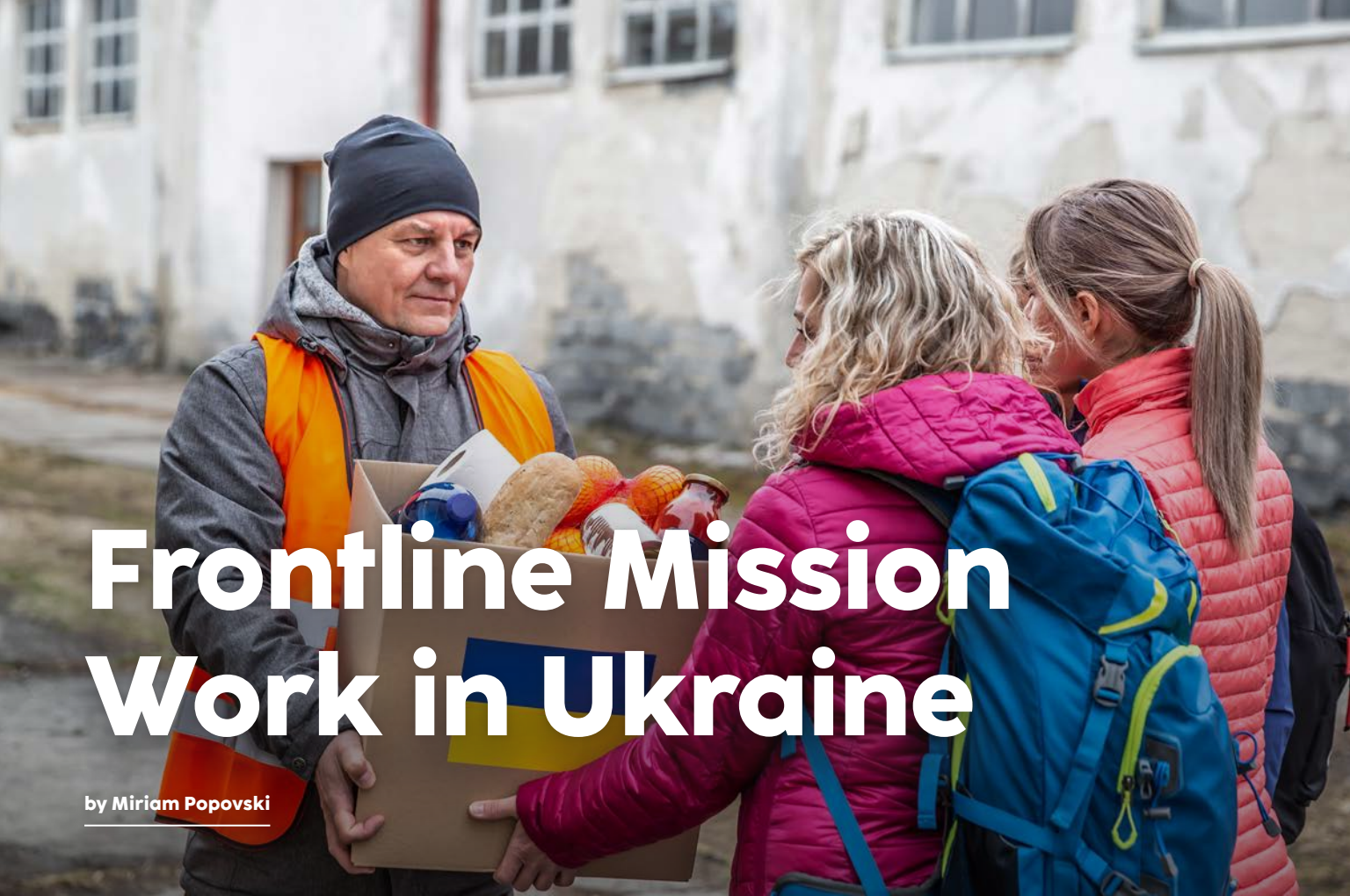


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# Frontline Mission Work in Ukraine

by Miriam Popovski

Feeling religious persecution, Ostap Dzyndra, president of Build and Restore International (BRI), and his father left Ukraine in the early 90s. Recently, Ukraine has been on everyone's minds. More than 1.5 million refugees have fled Ukraine and that number is rising.

In His Olivet discourse, as one of the signs of His return, Jesus said that there would be wars and conflicts. Although wars are a terrible tragedy, fear and loss of all things earthly often leads people to look for hope beyond this world. A group of volunteer missionaries from Gideon Rescue Company (GRC) recognized the golden hour of opportunity and had a desire to bring help and hope to the people of Ukraine. GRC partnered with BRI to plan and pray, and within a few days of the

war beginning, there was a team headed to Poland in hopes of entering Ukraine.

In 2019, God laid it on the hearts of GRC team members to pray for one million GLOW tracts to hand out on their missionary trips. GRC offers practical help and hope in the wake of disasters. They responded after the earthquake in Haiti, hurricanes and tornadoes in the United States, the explosion in Lebanon, as well as many other disasters. As the years passed, their prayer was consistent: "Lord, give us one million GLOW tracts." Meanwhile, war broke out in Ukraine and all prayers and efforts were directed toward the Ukrainian people. Ostap shuffled from contact to contact in Ukraine and was able to connect the GRC team to local members from his childhood church.

The GRC team along with local Ukrainian Seventh-day Adventist

churches and ministries have been transporting goods from Poland to Ukraine, then the buses return to Poland full of refugees. Praise the Lord for a worldwide church! The mass exodus out of Ukraine opened up an opportunity to share hope-filled literature, pointing refugees to the Prince of Peace. During this time, GRC front-line missionaries were fast running out of "spiritual ammunition," as some days more than 7,000 pieces of literature were passed out in a few short hours. While praying, a willing donor decided to sponsor Ukrainian GLOW tracts. When asked how many tracts he wanted to sponsor, the response was quick: "One million!" Prayer answered!

Although Build and Restore International organizes many mission trips every year, our experience in Ukraine is unprecedented. The first team has gone



and come back. The second team is there now, while a continual flow of volunteers is preparing to take their place in the coming weeks and months. These volunteers face sleepless nights in the basement when sirens go off, but even then they are able to bring hope to the frightened people by singing and praying together. A brave missionary, Kory, said, "It wasn't until we really considered Ukraine that contacts came and love grew. By faith, we bought tickets, then food and lodging were provided. We asked God to give us literature in Ukrainian as an indication of His leading, then the literature was confirmed."

Ellen White says it this way: "But when we give ourselves wholly to God and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as

to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to cooperate with One who knows no failure" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 363).

When a need for literature arose, it was fulfilled. In *The Desire of Ages*, p. 330, we read: "Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet." Not only were funds supplied, but a printer in Poland, close to the Ukrainian border, was found and has fulfilled the emergency print job.

The coming of our Lord is imminent. There will be an increase in wars, catastrophes, and disasters. Today is the day of salvation. Today is the day we can share with our neighbor the love of God.

"I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles" (Isaiah 42:6).

Please continue your prayers for the people of Ukraine.



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We are asking for your help as we continue on this missionary journey through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North & South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North & South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas...

We are able to minister in new territories because the Lord continues to open doors for this ministry. We continue to grow, and we are willing to go, letting them know that lasting positive changes are attainable through Jesus Christ. We thank you today for making a difference in the lives of people in prison. We thank you for your financial contributions and gifts of love ♥♥♥

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# Christmas Behind Bars

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Thank you so much! Be blessed!  
Wendy (inmate at Logan Correctional, Illinois)

*"...I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."*

To you all,

*To everyone that helps with Christmas Behind Bars, I want to thank you! The Christmas bags you brought us here at Michigan City (Indiana State Prison) were a great treat. I myself am truly grateful and I know nearly everyone here is too, even if you do not hear from them. It really is like Christmas. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits, and you heard "Hey, did you get these or did you try this yet?" Just as you let us know we are not forgotten, I want you all to know you are not either, and that we do appreciate all the hard work you guys do to get these bags to us and bring us joy. God bless you guys for a job well done!*

Thank you so much!  
Lucas (inmate at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City)

Dear Mr. Vega, 8/30/22

*Thank you and all the one's who sponsor your program. It's nice to get things like this. They are a real blessing to some of us that don't get any money for commissary. Thank you and God bless!*

Your friend,  
Mark (inmate at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City)

Christmas Behind Bars,

*Hello, I am writing because I wanted to let you know how appreciative the men were this year for the Christmas Behind Bars sacks that you and your organization brought to ISP. For a prison with so many who have so little I know that it was a great light in this dark place. Plus, to see so many beautiful Bibles in the hands of the men at services is nice too.*

Annemarie W., Chaplain  
Indiana State Prison

To all the people from Christmas Behind Bars Ministry,

*I would like to thank each and everyone for the GREAT care package. All the goodies were greatly appreciated. I would especially like to thank Katilyn, the 3rd grader, that made the beautiful card. It really touched my heart. Thank you for always thinking of the ladies in Logan. You are all God sent. You're in my prayers always!*

God bless!  
Janet (inmate at Logan Correctional, Illinois)

- ★ **One lady who was in prison told us that the homemade 'Thinking of You' card meant more to her than the whole gift package because she had five children at home...**
- ★ **One man wrote and said that was the only card he's received in 11 years...**

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# I Heard “That Voice” Again!

by Luella Nelson

I can count on one hand the number of times I have heard “That Voice.” This time it was equally as impressive. This time I was sitting in the Centenario Church in Mexico. My mind was wandering because I am not fluent in Spanish. Suddenly, I knew what this church needed: a way to fan the spiritual flames of its few members. And what would that look like? A free medical clinic!

In less than 10 minutes, most of the details were clear. Names of the doctors and dentists came to me. I also knew we could use the same basic plan we had used for another, larger free medical and dental clinic back in April of 2022. I had been involved in the planning and expediting of that clinic, and I knew I could replicate it on a smaller scale. But, there was one big obstacle. *Oh, sorry God! I know You will*

*somehow provide the funds to make this happen*, I thought.

Oh, but of course! I decided to ask my high school buddies from Lodi Academy and a few selected God-fearing friends. Surely God would impress upon their hearts that this was a project worthy of support. And I would make sure they each received pictures and videos and perhaps any unique stories after the clinic was complete.

After church, the head elder was not available, so I gathered several church ladies and presented them with the idea. “Do you think this could help your church grow?” I asked them. Without hesitation, each one said “Yes!”

Now, would the district pastor give his approval and be present during the clinic? A few days later, I scheduled an appointment to speak with the district pastor, laid

out the ideas and got his thoughts and approval. He enumerated how the Mission Office would help. It was *go time!*

I wrote a donation request letter to my friends and classmates. One sent money almost immediately while the others took some time to pray and process the idea. In the meantime, on faith, I purchased all the dental supplies needed and bought two zero gravity chairs from Costco that worked great for the dentists (they will be great for future clinics, too). I also purchased items for a “goodie bag,” including adult and child toothbrushes and toothpaste, pencils and balloons for the kids, a card telling the recipients who we were, a contact card for the pastor, and a book. Shortly after my purchases, I received a \$500 donation. I had spent just \$500. Praise God!

We scheduled doctor appointments for



15 minutes and dentist appointments for 45 minutes. With each person calling in for an appointment, we never had a long waiting line and everyone had ample time with their professional of choice. Some needed to visit the doctor prior to being seen by a dentist. We screened for height/weight, vision, oxygen saturation, heart rate, blood pressure, and more. Some blood pressures were high, some were almost dangerously low. When checking vision, we found a second-grader who, because of not going to school during COVID, had not learned the alphabet and, as a result, could not read. Since then, we have given her mother books to help her daughter learn to read.

On August 14, 2022, we served a total of 20 community members and three church members. This may not seem like a big enough number to make it worth our time, effort, and finances, but it is 20 people who have a book to read about God's love and grace for them, and a contact number of a pastor if they have further questions. It is now up to the Holy Spirit to stir the hearts. In the meantime, we have fanned the flame of the little church and more activities will be planned. All the extra "goodie bags" and donated medicines will be used for the next free clinic!

I am glad I listened to "That Voice," as I was so blessed by acting on its

instructions. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." Who are you listening for?



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## A Kristina's Kitchen Holiday Favorite!

### Kale Salad

- 1 lb young kale (or 2 large bunches)
- ¼ c. green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 large pomegranate, seeded (optional)
- 1 c. chopped toasted nuts or seeds (pecans, walnuts, almonds, etc.)
- ½ c. dried cranberries

1. Remove stems from kale and tear into pieces. Massage kale in a bowl for 3-5 minutes until kale is moist and tender.
2. Add remaining ingredients and set aside.
3. Make dressing.
4. Drizzle dressing over salad.
5. Mix well.

Refrigerate in an airtight container until ready to serve.

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### Kale Salad Dressing

- 1 large orange, juiced and zested
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- ½ t. zested fresh ginger
- 2-4 T. maple syrup
- 1 t. paprika
- 2 t. onion powder
- ½ t. garlic powder
- ¾ t. salt

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# A Life Saved by Grace

by D'Angelo Morris

I was born and raised in the Adventist Church. I went to church every Sabbath, but never had a real relationship with Jesus. At around 16 or 17 years old, I left the church and moved out on my own. I struggled with drinking and by the time I was 16, I was an alcoholic. On top of that I started experimenting with different drugs and using them recreationally.

At 16 years old I began to use performance enhancing drugs as a bodybuilder and powerlifter. I enjoyed the nightlife and got into street racing and many other illegal activities. A friend of mine introduced me to a tattoo artist (because I was an artist myself) and encouraged me to put my artwork on people's bodies. Ten years later at 26 years old, I was an

angry man. I had no peace in my life. I was looking for something, but had no idea what I was searching for. I had the car, house, money, fame, and girl. I was pretty popular among my group of artists and I had a lot of clients. My artwork was getting better and better but I never gave credit to God for any of it.

One day I was sitting on the couch drawing, preparing for my next appointment, and my girlfriend asked me if I would grow closer to her spiritually, and I agreed. She asked me again and I agreed. She went and got in the shower and as I was sitting in my living room I heard this loud voice. It almost sounded like someone was in the room with me. It echoed over and over: "D'Angelo, you know that's not right."

It was the most beautiful thing I've ever heard in my life. And it was at that moment that I decided to start going back to church. My girlfriend and I later ended things because she decided it was not the path that she wanted. Jesus eventually led me to Tennessee, where I now serve in a wonderful discipleship ministry. In these last days Jesus is looking for a people. He is calling His people. If Jesus can save me, He can save anybody.



D'Angelo Morris looked for satisfaction and fulfillment in the things of the world but he had no peace. While headed down the wrong path, God spoke to his heart and turned his life around. D'Angelo now serves in a discipleship ministry in Tennessee.



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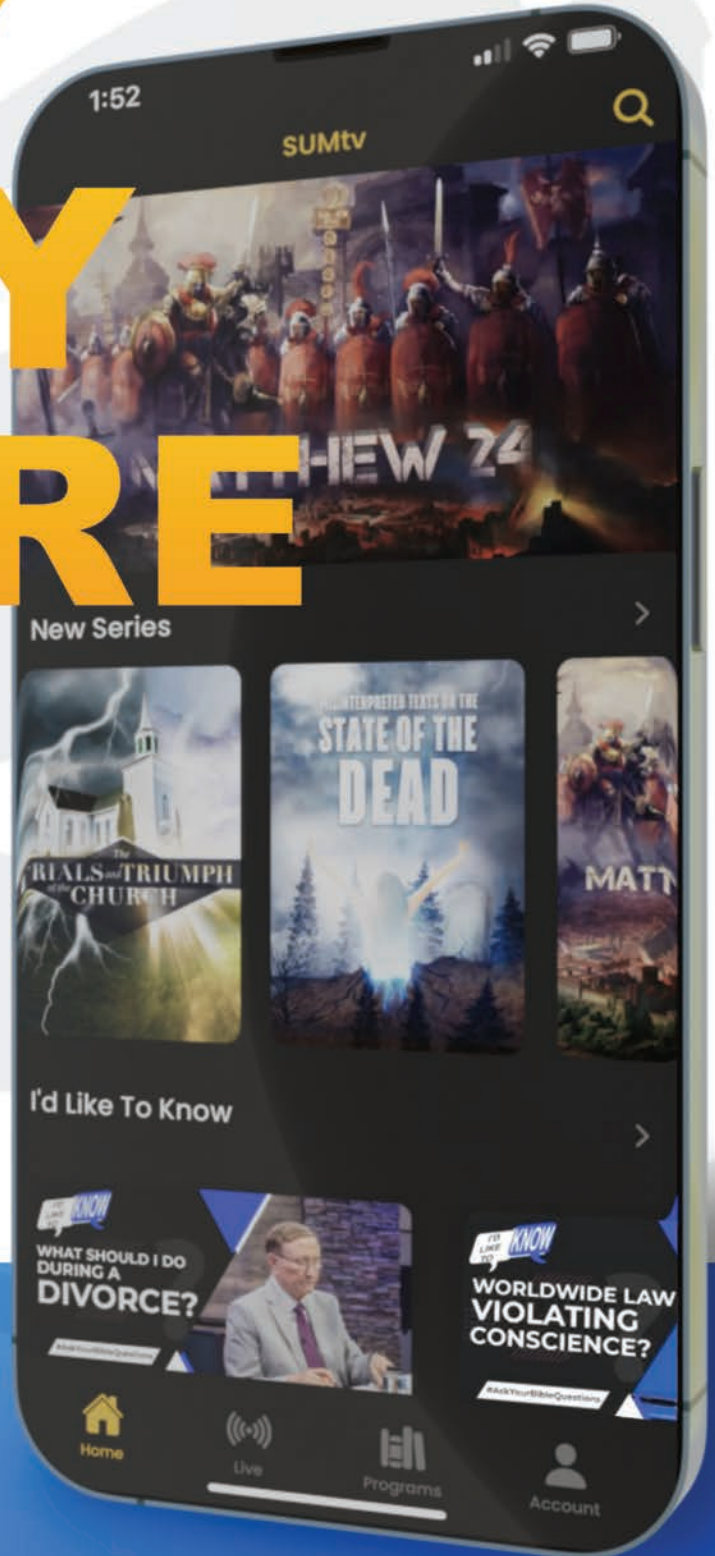
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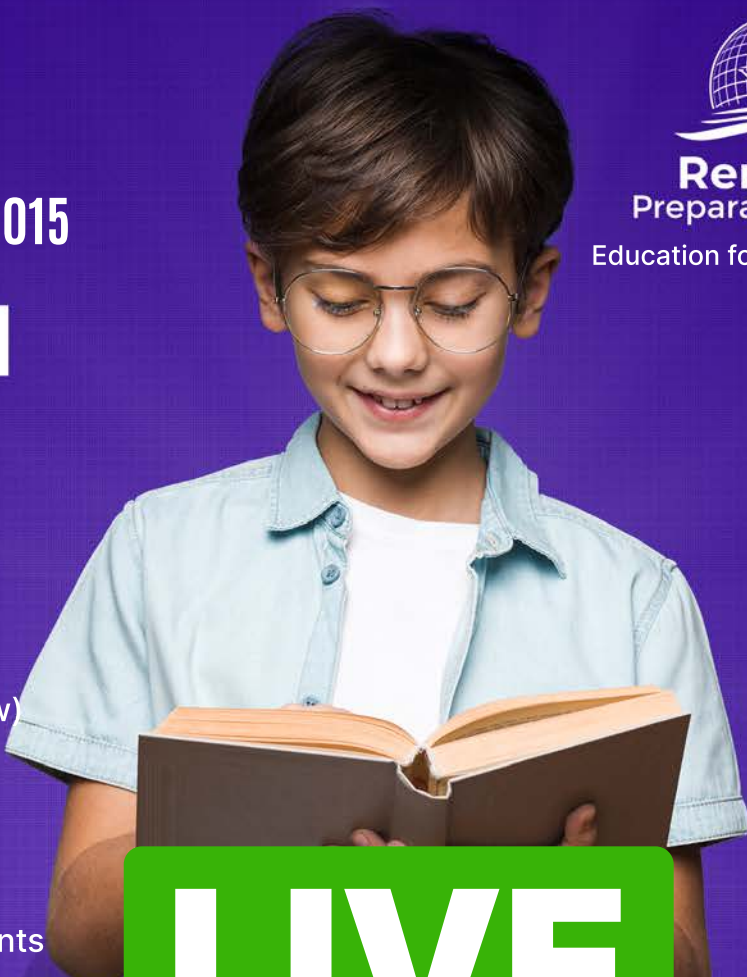


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# After Tragedy at Zambian Church

## Maranatha to Provide New Structure

by Julie Lee

**M**aranatha Volunteers International has committed to building a new place of worship for the Bethsaida Seventh-day Adventist Church in northeastern Zambia to replace the church that collapsed during a heavy rainstorm earlier this year.

On the afternoon of January 8, 2022, a severe storm broke out in Kasama, the city where Bethsaida is located. As Sabbath services wrapped up, some members decided to shelter in the church to wait out the weather. However, the rain and wind intensified, causing the church to collapse onto those inside. Five people died and 16 were badly injured.

Local officials attributed the collapse of the church, which was constructed

by members in 2020, to the quality of construction. “After assessment of the building, it is clear that the building material used was of poor quality,” said firefighter Hoseo Mbao to Daily Nation, a Zambian news outlet.

Soon after, Samuel Sinyangwe, president of the Adventist Church in Northern Zambia, requested Maranatha’s assistance in rebuilding the church as soon as possible, as “members have nowhere to worship and it is the rainy season,” said Sinyangwe. The new place of worship will be on a larger property that can accommodate a church designed for Bethsaida’s 500 congregants. Maranatha will also provide six Sabbath School classrooms for the church’s 180 children, bathrooms, and a water well for the community.

Zambia is one of the countries where

Maranatha has had a presence to build churches, schools, and water wells since 2009. This year, Maranatha has provided 120 One-Day Churches, one school campus, and 270 water wells, along with a maintenance program for existing wells in Zambia.



Julie Z. Lee is Vice President of Marketing at Maranatha Volunteers International, where she has worked for 14 years. She loves sharing the stories of how communities are being changed in profound ways through service in the name of Jesus Christ.



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# The Work of Adventist Radio in the Philippines

by Ruth MacKenzie

During the pandemic, church members in Southern Mindanao in the Philippines were not allowed to hold church services for almost two years. Because of this, Adventist radio was one of the only ways to evangelize to the people during this time. The Southern Mindanao Mission has been building different radio stations, studios, and towers to transmit the three angels' messages in the territory of Southern Mindanao. The radio evangelism of Hope Channel Southern Mindanao, Hope Radio, and Adventist World Radio have resulted in miraculous results in winning souls to Christ. Here are some of the experiences shared by our radio listeners:

The Promised Land SDA Church in the Philippines, a small group of devoted

members who were not even meeting in a building before the pandemic, shared the gospel news through radio programs. As a result of these programs, the church has grown to 73 baptized members! A similar miracle happened for the Morning Breeze SDA Church. Before the pandemic, the church was not holding gatherings. However, as a result of the radio programming, many non-church members sent messages to the station asking for special prayer. The church has since grown to over 90 members.

Another story comes from the people in Tupi, South Cotabato, which is about 30 kilometers away from the Tampakan Hope Radio station. During the pandemic, listeners called and asked that the station managers, program directors, and radio DJ come visit their village and help them build a church. Today, they have a church

with more than 100 members. This growth sparked an interest in a neighboring town where another church is being constructed.

On another occasion, a group of 37 non-Adventists visited the Hope Radio Station. When they arrived, they presented love offerings and tithes as a gift to the station. They were told that returning tithe is a biblical principle and that Christ is happy to receive their tithes and offerings, but bringing a gift offering as a payment for their requests is not biblical because requested prayer—either answered or not—is free! Even after explaining this to them, the group still insisted on giving the money as their gift. This opened the door for Bible studies and now this group has given their hearts to Christ and they are attending church services on Sabbath.

These miraculous experiences have



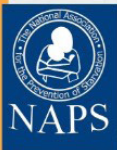
occurred over and over again. Many villages and towns are requesting Adventist radio because of the messages they hear about a healthy diet, an uplifting lifestyle, and teachings from the Bible. Last year, because of God working through the radio stations, over 19,000 precious souls were baptized for the Southern Mindanao Mission alone. The Word of God is being spread to homes and towns where physical missionaries are not yet working.

Today, our radio stations are providing excellent public service. We are in the process of constructing more radio stations in Lake Sebu, Midsayap City, Kidapawan City, Landasan, and Maguindanao. We thank you for your prayers and continued support. We are excited to see how God leads!



Ruth E. (Gilliland) MacKenzie and her husband, Edward, joined Mission Projects, Inc. in 2003. MPI is a member of OCI & ASI. They became co-presidents of MPI in 2006 and continue to serve in that role today. They have traveled to most of the MPI projects.

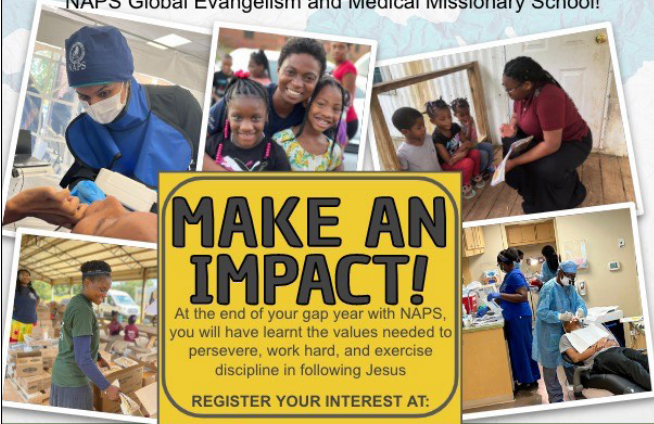
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