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Letter from the PRESIDENT

“Before they call
I will answer.”

Danny Shelton
President



I am constantly amazed how God knows our needs before we do. As I look back over thirty-one years of ministry, I can see God’s leading and planning the whole time. The old song says, “Just when I need Him Jesus is near,” and I praise God that He’s always near and never late to supply our needs. He’s always on time!

The Lord says in Isaiah 65:24, “It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer.” What a great promise from our Creator God. Think about it: God is there for us even before we realize we need Him! Philippians 4:19 says, “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” What a great God we serve.

My problem is that I tend to get anxious and try to help God figure out a way to supply my needs when I think it’s time! (I don’t suppose you’re like that, too, are you?) I have to admit there are times when I’d like to see how God is going to come through for 3ABN in advance, but if that happened, we wouldn’t be living by faith.

Supplying Our Needs

For years, I’ve said, “Our faith doesn’t begin until our sight ends,” and that “Where God guides, He provides.” I’ve experienced so many instances where God was there to supply a ministry need before we even asked, but I’d like to share one with you, right now.

In 1992, God opened the door to evangelism in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia’s third-largest city at the time, and Pastor John Carter asked us to join him in a citywide evangelistic campaign. That wonderful experience resulted in 2,532 baptisms into Christ and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, the problem of where to house 2,500 people every Sabbath quickly became apparent. There was only one Adventist church in that great city, but it could hold only about 250 people, and was already nearly full each weekend. So the Conference president and the ministerial director asked if they could meet with me the day before I was to leave and talk about a solution to this “good problem.” I agreed, and we decided to meet in our hotel lobby at 11:00 a.m.

I went downstairs a little ahead of time to greet them when they came in, and while I was waiting, an American man introduced himself. He was an Adventist who had heard about the Russian campaign, and the Lord had impressed him to come. Manny was 74 years old, and he had volunteered each night as an usher. As we were talking, I saw the Conference officials coming in. So to avoid being rude, I asked if he’d like to sit with us.

Reluctantly, he agreed, saying he would just listen, and as we talked, the church leaders told me they’d found a large piece of land with a huge unfinished building for only \$100,000. That price would be unheard of in America, but since they didn’t have the money, they asked if I could help them. I told them I’d go back to America and present the need to our 3ABN audience to see if we could raise the funds.

I had a plan, right? But I’d forgotten that before we call, God will answer. Manny, the American man I’d just met, looked at me and said, “You won’t have to go back to America to raise the funds. Now I know why God impressed me to come to Russia. I will give the \$100,000!”



After Pastor John Carter’s evangelistic series in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, there was a tremendous need for places of worship. By God’s providence, an old abandoned factory was found, and transformed into the 3ABN Evangelism Center, through a gift from a generous donor. God had supplied the need before we could even ask!

Isn’t that incredible? God knew the need before we asked, and set His plan in motion. Today, nearly 24 years later, 3ABN has the largest Protestant facility in the ex-Soviet Union, with nearly 50 full-time workers, reaching millions for Jesus every day. He is doing that in your life, and my life today. Praise His Holy Name!

Thank you for your love and support of 3ABN as we work together to reach the world with an undiluted three angels’ messages of Revelation 14.

Danny Shelton
3ABN President & CEO



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by Bobby Davis

LONDON 2016

THE RIGHT MESSAGE, THE RIGHT TIME

As September approaches, we're excited about our new evangelistic series in London, in partnership with the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. So we sat down with Pastor John Lomacang, 3ABN's director of world evangelism, to get his thoughts on this exciting event.

3ABN World: Pastor Lomacang, the world is undergoing a new and deadly wave of turmoil, and so much of it seems to be connected with religion. How would you respond to those who question the wisdom of preaching Jesus Christ in a city that has so many non-Christians?

Pastor John Lomacang: Is there ever a *wrong* time for a *right* message? The "times and the seasons," Jesus said, "the Father has put in His own authority." Acts 1:7. The Bible also states, "To everything there is a season." Ecclesiastes 3:1. Coupled with the trying times in which we live, we don't have the luxury to say, "My master delays His coming." Matthew 24:48.

The South England Conference, under the leadership of President Richard de Lisser, is working with Three Angels Broadcasting Network in the Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere initiative for 2016. As 3ABN's director of world evangelism, I believe we have the *right* message for the *right* time!

However, the unique challenges of London demand a recalibration of thought and philosophy in evangelism.

World: What are some of those challenges?

Pastor Lomacang: London is a melting pot of theological and ethnic diversity, and we cannot ignore the secular and occult impact on the teeming multitudes of this grand metropolis. Having said that, the question strategically arises, "What do I focus on to gain access to the multiplicities represented?"

The answer that came was, "Lift up Jesus!" Jesus said that drawing humanity to Him would be accomplished if we pointed them to Him, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." John 12:32.

What other option do we have? In a world racked by violence, disappointment, war, illness, and fear, there is no better healing than to look to Jesus. Our Savior's counsel resonated with modern



Pastor John Lomacang speaking at an evangelism meeting at the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

context when He said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1.

London comes with many challenges, and one of them is religion. Understanding Jesus' words in the context of the multiple religions and sects that dot the London landscape brings out the fact that to some great degree, everyone has a god. However, having a god, or believing in God, is not enough. Jesus is the only way of salvation, and there is no city on earth that doesn't need Him! So my springboard message will be a strong focus on Jesus.

World: Pastor, this is very different from evangelistic series that focus on prophecy.

Pastor Lomacang: Yes, it is. However, I believe that instead of beginning with the traditional approach of the Prophecies of Daniel 2, we need to begin with



Jesus. Doctrinal preaching is only powerful when Christ is the central focus. Our aim is not to make intellectual converts. Knowledge without Jesus results in the greatest frustration—knowledge without power. Evangelism was never intended to fill our minds with indisputable facts; it was intended to fill our hearts *with Jesus*. And since evangelism is not new, it is imperative not to lose focus. In this congested information age, Jesus is still the best option. Jesus is the only element of evangelism that transforms lives.

World: Are you preaching this series for strictly secular audiences?

Pastor Lomacang: No, I believe that opportunities missed are souls lost. There are many precious souls in London that the Lord has already prepared for this 2016 harvest.

Some will be revived and return to the faith, while others will be added to the kingdom.

There'll be some who have left the church, and for them the

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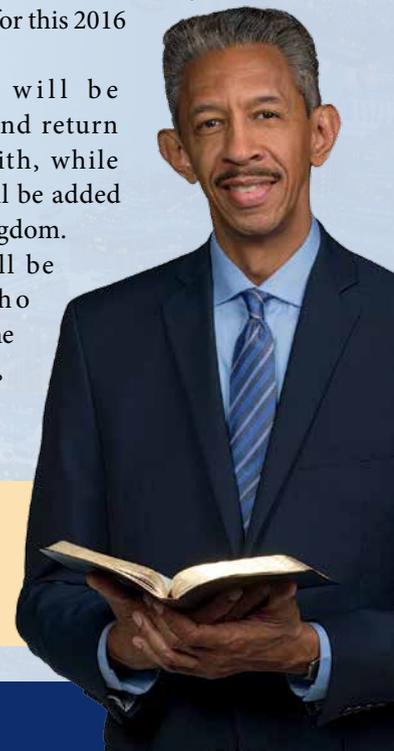


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message must be, “Jesus still loves you, come back home.” They may be out of the church physically, but they still have roots in the truth. Preaching Jesus, the water of life will bring revival. Job wrote the following words: “For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its tender shoots will not cease. Though its root may grow old in the earth, and its stump may die in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant.” Job 14:7–9.

There will be those who are weak in the faith, and for them, the message will be, “Hold on, Jesus is on His way.” And finally, to those who have never heard the good news, the message will be, “There is no greater joy in life than knowing Jesus!”

Our commitment is to lead people to a healthy, *Christ-centered* relationship in the context of doctrinal fundamentals. The first seven messages will be centered on meeting, knowing, and accepting the journey of transformation in Jesus. The last seven messages will be on key teachings that are elementary to our faith.

World: What a marvelous and fresh approach. There are many who have contacted us to say that they are earnestly praying for a great harvest of souls for the Kingdom.

Pastor Lomacang: Yes, we are planning and praying for the Lord to use us for His Kingdom’s glory, and that is a prayer that will get answered *anytime!* We believe that the Holy Spirit is working on the hearts and lives of many in preparation for this grand event.

With that in mind, we must do our part and leave the results to God. The apostle Paul wrote: “So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.” 1 Corinthians 3:7.

Our evangelistic approach is segmented into a three-phases:

The Simplicity of Planting
The messages must be clear and tailored to reach through the web of distraction.

The Consistency of Watering
There will be those who may have heard the message years ago, and consistency will revive their understanding.

The Urgency of Harvesting
I believe there will be many who will be waiting for the harvest, and if the messages are not urgent, the heart will not be led to make an eternal decision.

Another important aim is to make the series *perpetual*. Most series run for two weeks, so it is important to prepare for the after-series approach.

L to R: Tim Parton; Dr. Yvonne Lewis; Conference President, Elder Richard de Lisser; Danny Shelton; Pastor John Lomacang; Angela Lomacang; Irma Murray; and Pastor C. A. Murray.

This is where the members get involved. Long after the two weeks are over, the message should continue *through the membership*. We plan to have lessons that will help home and church study groups keep the flame burning.

There will be many sites where the evangelistic thrust will happen. To keep us unified we will be using the same lessons each night. These lessons will serve as a catalyst for the post-meeting wave of continued evangelism.

The joy of evangelism is in knowing that Jesus is not willing that *any* should perish. We are commissioned with marching orders to let the world know that God still loves us, and that He yearns to spend eternity with us!

We pray that each of you will partner with us through your spiritual gifts and your financial support to make Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere a Heaven-born success. We have the right message—Jesus. And *this is the Right Time!* ☺

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REACHING LONDON FOR JESUS

From September 3–17, these speakers will be preaching in various locations around London. Please pray for them!



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Seventh-day Adventist Church**
PHILIP WESLEY



Our Act of OBEDIENCE

by Shelley Quinn

What is evangelism? It is simply sharing the gospel of God's infinite love and His plan of salvation. It is to give people an opportunity to know Christ as their Savior and Lord. Evangelism lies at the heart of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20), and it's our personal act of obedience to this command to go and share the good news.

The apostle of love counsels us, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." 1 John 2:6. Evangelism was Christ's ministry. He loved the lost, and actively reached out to share God's grace—preaching to crowds, and ministering one-to-one with others. Thus, He effectively modeled the role of the preacher and the role of every believer in becoming a co-laborer with God in His great work of redemption.

Equipped Through Prayer

All believers should be praying for and supporting the work of evangelism around the world, and personally confessing our faith to win the lost. But, how do we become equipped to do our part? Through prayer! Here are six essentials for which we should pray:

- 1. Pray for the Holy Spirit.** Jesus promises in Acts 1:8 that we shall receive power to witness when we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit directs the work of God upon the earth—doing His part, and empowering us to do ours.
- 2. Pray to operate by the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).** Look at the lost and suffering people as Christ sees them.
- 3. Pray for a compassionate heart.** Jesus had a great heart of compassion and an intense passion to reach

the lost. Compassion is aroused when we recognize people's needs.

- 4. Ask God for a passion and the power for intercessory prayer for the lost.** God desires all men to know the truth and be saved (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We are instructed to pray for all men.
- 5. Pray for the tongue of an instructed disciple (Isaiah 50:4).** He will teach you to listen to others and reveal the right truths at the right moments.
- 6. Seek God's will in prayer.** Learn the art of waiting on the Lord in prayer.

Get Involved

All believers should be involved in Spirit-led sharing, and that is the impetus of The Blessing Is on the "GO!" Evangelistic Team. As you join forces with 3ABN's ministry team, you are supporting world evangelism. In addition, we will provide you with resources to fulfill your responsibility of person-to-person evangelism.

It's easy to join. Simply register online, by mail, or by calling 3ABN during regular business hours to give a recurring monthly donation of any amount to support this ministry. When you do, 3ABN will send you an evangelistic tool (a book, music CD, sermon DVD, or Bible study materials) each month to share with your family, friends, or neighbors.

Evangelism is a Spirit-empowered lifestyle of witnessing for Christ. We each have a personal responsibility to be actively involved. We come to the foot of the Cross, and then "go" to fulfill the Great Commission. Our simple act of obedience brings a personal and eternal benefit. The blessing is on the "GO!"



Join the "GO!" Evangelistic Team

Setting up a monthly donation of any amount to support evangelism is easy! Just visit 3ABN.tv, click the Donate button, then choose to become a "G.E.T." member. Be sure to check the "Make This Recurring (Monthly)" box.

Easy-to-follow instructions and a video tutorial will guide you through the process.

Not comfortable doing this online? No problem. Just call us at 618-627-4651, or send us your information by mail.

This Month's Evangelistic Tool The How and Why of Evangelism

This month we'll send you three dynamic presentations: "Operation Overload" by Pastor John Lomacang, "The Role of Personal Evangelism" by Shelley Quinn, and "Evangelizing a Secular Society" by Pastor C. A. Murray. You're sure to enjoy this special DVD developed exclusively for G.E.T. members!



Shelley Quinn is 3ABN's Program Development manager and a well-known author and speaker. Her husband J.D. is manager of 3ABN's Pastoral Ministries Department.

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GOD'S PLANS ARE BEST

by Nikki Anderson

Rice, Virginia, is a small community of about 2,500 residents located in Prince Edward County, midway between Lynchburg and Richmond. It has a long history dating back before the Civil War, when it was known as Rice's Depot. It also has a bright and important present day, because the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 are being broadcast from WJHH-LP, 94.1 FM.

Dr. Stephenson Bynum and his wife Elesa have been operating radio stations and broadcasting sermons in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia since 1983. They started out in Black Mountain, North Carolina, and have been in Rice since 1999, where they



Nikki Anderson is the administrative assistant for 3ABN Radio.

built the Back to Health and Healing Research Institute. In addition, they also established a vegan health food store and deli in neighboring Farmville. In 2003, they built a full power AM radio station there, but circumstances took it

off the air in 2010, and they moved their store and the deli to Rice.

Another Station

During the 2013 low-power FM filing period, Dr. Bynum applied for and was granted a permit to build a radio station on the Health Institute's property. Their frequency, 94.1 FM, was formerly an ESPN news station, but many listeners have told them that they're happy to have this message, instead!

The next step was to get the approval of both the city council and the county board, and both were approved unanimously! Some of the council and board members had listened to the AM station years before, and were pleased to hear that the message would be available on the radio again.

After the tower permits were granted, their engineer told them the station would probably be operational in about 18 months. However, God had other plans. By using some of the equipment from the previous station, it was ready to go on the air in six weeks!

"3ABN Radio programming is so

diverse, and the message is so simple and beautiful, that it's reaching many people with the truth," Dr. Bynum says. "Everywhere we go, people come up to us and say how much they're being blessed by what they hear.

One lady, who works at a local retail business, had listened to the AM station and now began listening to the FM station. Today she's a baptized member of a local Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"She told me, 'This message is so easy

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Dr. Stephenson Bynum and his wife Elesa at their radio station, WJHH-LP 94.1 FM in Rice, Virginia.

to understand that it's hard *not* to accept! Many people have visited our institute, and we're always happy to direct them to their local Seventh-day Adventist church."

In the early days, Elesa wanted nothing to do with broadcasting. She was adamant, saying she wouldn't even go with him to the station for fear he'd try to fool her into getting on the air.

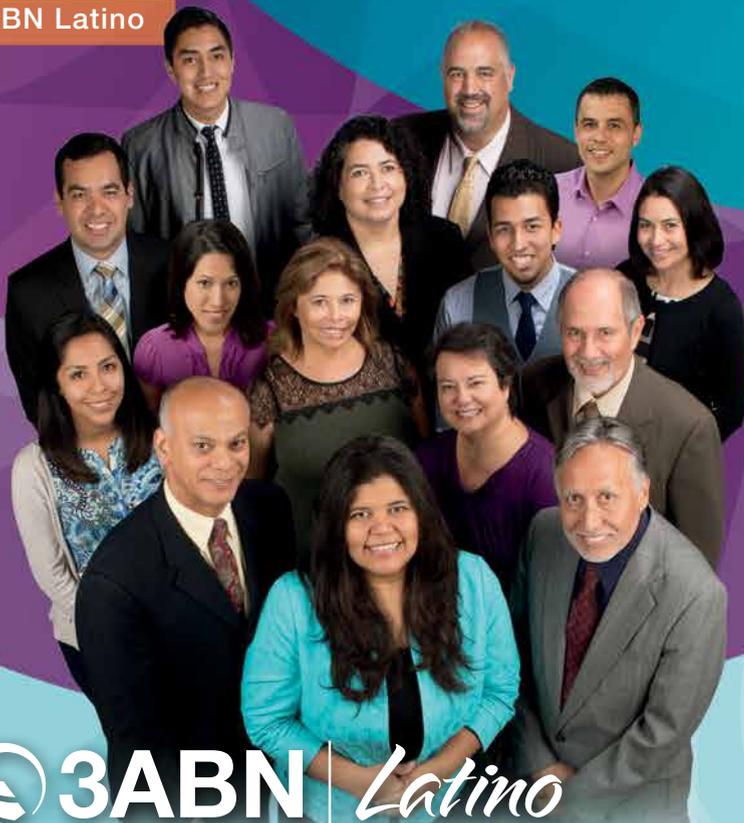
Well, talk about God's *other* plans! Over the years, she began adding her

voice to the broadcasts, right alongside her husband. But that's not all. Today she schedules the programming for the station, and also hosts her very own music program, a nature program for children, and other programs on health and devotional topics.

On his part, Dr. Bynum hosts *Bible Readings for the Home*, and *The Science of Health and Healing*.

They have two grown sons and have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren to keep them busy, too!

The Bynums have such a sweet spirit that when you meet them, you instantly sense their love for the Lord and their willingness to do His work. "We're grateful to be of service," Dr. Bynum concludes, "and that God is using us in the completion of His work in partnership with 3ABN Radio." ☺



by John Dinzey

A Growing Network

It's hard to believe that 13 years have passed since 3ABN Latino was launched to evangelize more than 600 million people in the world who speak Spanish and Portuguese.

There are two ways we could look at this. First, we might be sad that we're still on this sin-filled earth, or second, we can rejoice that God's door of mercy is still open so more people can repent and find salvation through Jesus Christ!

I'm encouraged as I realize that we're living in the end time of earth's history,

and that it was during this time that God impressed Danny Shelton to build a television station that would reach the world.

God impressed him that one of the reasons for 3ABN's existence was to bring the undiluted three angels' messages of Revelation 14 to the world. The first angel has "the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6. This part of his message is very similar to Matthew

L to R: First Row - John Dinzey, Idalia Dinzey, Jorge Jaque; Second Row - Daniela Estrada, Irma Murray, Sonia Rodríguez, Dr. Senez Rodríguez; Third Row - Deyvy Rodríguez, Mayri Cruz, Xenia Capote, John Ramírez, Rocío Barrón; Back Row - Daniel Ortiz, Luis Capote, Alejandro Sánchez.

24:14, where Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." When I join this thought with 2 Peter 3:9, it helps me understand why God uses 3ABN as an instrument to bring the pure gospel to the world, because He is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

After working for the Lord in this ministry for over 25 years, I know this to

A Growing Network

God continues to open doors for us to reach more people through cable companies. Since the beginning of this year, one or more cable companies have contacted us *every month*, requesting to become affiliates! This was by *their* initiative, not ours!

We praise the Lord that 3ABN Latino is now on over 1,100 cable companies throughout the world. We can also be seen on most of the 95 3ABN-owned TV stations, and over 40 affiliate stations in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. Millions of potential viewers can watch us in cities like Dallas, Houston, San Jose, and San Francisco.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14.

be true! We've heard countless stories of lives that have been transformed as the result of watching and listening to our programming. And those include many of our own workers, too!

I was preaching in an evangelistic series two weeks ago in Colombia, and several people told me that the reason they are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is because of 3ABN Latino. Three days ago, several people in Guatemala told us the same thing. In fact, a Conference president in Guatemala told us that a pastor from another denomination and his family went to an Adventist church and told the pastor that they were ready for baptism! They'd been watching 3ABN Latino for two years, and they had made their decision.

In addition, 3ABN Latino is available through Internet streaming services like Roku and mySDATV, as well as through 3ABN's app for iPhone and Android smartphones and tablets. God is providing all these avenues to bring the everlasting gospel to the world.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support that have allowed 3ABN Latino to broadcast life-changing messages, and continue to mend broken people. ☺



John Dinzey is the general manager for 3ABN Latino Network. Originally from the Dominican Republic, his passion is to preach the gospel. His wife, Idalia, works with him at 3ABN Latino, and they've been blessed with two wonderful sons, Samuel and Caleb.

PHOTO: SVETLANA CHRISTIAN

UNCLEAN SPIRITS UNPLUGGED

by Dr. Yvonne Lewis

The audience was eager to hear about their favorite entertainers. They wanted to know how entertainment and the occult intersected, and Pastor John brought it!

we will be introduced to the battle between
GOOD & EVIL

UNCLEAN SPIRITS UNPLUGGED

From the first time I heard Pastor John Lomacang's *Unclean Spirits* presentation a couple of years ago, I knew I wanted him to present it to our Dare to Dream audience. He talked about the entertainment industry and its demonic pull on both young and old, and the information was so timely and eye opening! I wanted to take his presentation to a live audience in the inner city, so we chose St. Louis, Missouri.

The Team

The planning began in January of 2016. Jason, my son and assistant, coordinated the meetings and shared our vision with some of the St. Louis pastors. Several of them got involved, and we decided to have the event at Northside—the largest inner-city Seventh-day Adventist church in the area.



Dr. Yvonne Lewis is a naturopathic doctor, author, lecturer, and singer, as well as the general manager of 3ABN's Dare to Dream Network for urban audiences.

Pastor Bryan Mann graciously offered to host our 3ABN/D2D team and equipment. Some of the other pastors, including pastor Fred Montgomery of the Agape and Grand Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Churches, and Pastor Charles Osborne III of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, joined our team to make this a memorable event.

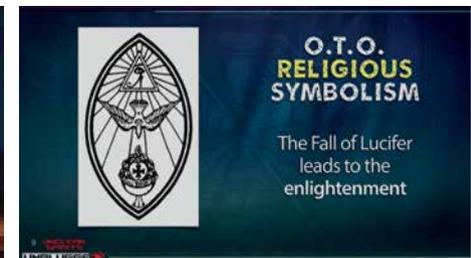
In the meantime, Jason and I sat down with Pastor John Lomacang and our 3ABN production team (Greg Morikone, production manager; Rodney Laney, director; and Michael Younkin, independent contractor) to discuss the concept of the three-part series. Ricky Carter, our graphic designer and animator, came up with some great animations for the series, complete with compelling music!

Our 3ABN road crew arrived three days in advance and worked with precision to prepare the venue for *Unclean Spirits—Unplugged!* They were assisted by several volunteers who even missed work in order to get the job done! Ag, Greg, Lois, Courtney, and the Northside kitchen crew really extended themselves to help us, and we really appreciated it!

An Eager Audience

The first night of the presentations had a good attendance. Jason warmed up the audience, and told them that the person who brought the most non-Seventh-day Adventist guests would receive a prize (a mySDATV box), and on Sabbath

tainment industry, and the leadership of Aleister Crowley, a mentor to the Beatles, founder of the satanic religion and philosophy of Thelema, and a leader of the Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO)—literally, “Order of Oriental Templars.”



afternoon, someone brought ten guests. What a blessing!

The audience was eager to hear about their favorite entertainers. They wanted to know how entertainment and the occult intersected, and Pastor John brought it! With an ominous tone, at the beginning of the program, he said, “You are about to board a train upon which there is no exit until the ride is done. Are you ready?”

He showed the history of the enter-

Pastor Lomacang told the audience that anyone with a household name has most likely subscribed to the philosophy of the OTO, and his audience was transfixed as he then showed various artists making certain hand gestures that implicate them as OTO members. It was truly revealing!

Check our schedule for *Unclean Spirits—Unplugged!* You'll never view those artists in the same way again! ☺



Truth IS OUR GPS

by C. A. Murray

There are certain things that we never really give thought to until they go wrong, or aren't there anymore. Take for instance, the fact that some members attend a church for years and never question if the things they are listening to, and perhaps are even sharing with others, line up with the Word of God. Perhaps they're not aware if they're even being pointed in the right direction.

This is an important question, since a life—and perhaps even an eternal destiny—may depend on the answer. The truth is that few questions are more important, and the answer is even more important still.



C. A. Murray is the general manager for 3ABN Proclaim! and also hosts and produces the 3ABN Today program. His wife Irma is a producer for 3ABN Latino.

On December 20, 1995, an American Airlines jet crashed into a mountainside in the country of Colombia, killing all 159 passengers aboard. Months later, after an exhaustive investigation conducted by transportation officials in the United States and Colombia, airline officials determined that the cause of the crash was an error by the flight captain and a mix-up in the computer coordinates.

THE "R" BEACON

According to Reuters, one of several news agencies that had been following the story, as Flight 965 approached the city of Cali, Columbia, from the north, the control tower radioed instructions to the cockpit to fly the plane in a straight path over the "Rozo"

navigational radio beacon near the airport. The captain punched the letter "R" into the on-board computer, which he assumed would cause the plane's autopilot to fly the aircraft towards the "Rozo" beacon. But unfortunately, there was another radio beacon with a code that also began with the letter "R." However, that "Romeo" beacon was located 132 miles *behind and to the left* of the 965 plane from a signal originating at the Bogota, Columbia, airport.

The autopilot mistakenly locked on to the "R" of the "Romeo" beacon, instead of "R" for the "Rozo" beacon—sending the plane in a completely wrong path. The results were disastrous, and whether through negligence or incompetence, the fact remains that many, many lives were lost due to this mistake.

ANOTHER "R" BEACON

Accuracy and details are essential, not only in navigation, but also in religion. Heading in the wrong direction can cause us to lose our temporal life here and now, as well as our eternal life! Punching in the letter "R" for any old religion will not do. The only way to have a relationship with God is through faith in Jesus Christ and the essential doctrines of the Bible.

On 3ABN Proclaim! we focus on the truth. Truth is our GPS, and it always steers us in the right direction. You can trust 3ABN Proclaim! since its speakers point you squarely to Jesus Christ. And the truth is that He is the only true pilot. It is He who will guide us gently and safely home. ☪

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3ABN Proclaim!

3ABN Proclaim! is a 24-hour preaching and teaching channel. It features many series that have aired on our 3ABN network, including favorites from the past. Tune in, and enjoy deep and life-changing messages from God's Word, the Bible that will help you stay on course.

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OUR Musical OUTREACH

by Julia Outkina

Martin Luther wrote, “Music is not a human invention. It is a gift from God. I put it on a plane with theology.” The divine gift of music can cause a deep and profound acceptance of the message from the Word of God by the human heart, and that’s why we give a special place to the recording of music.

Since 1996, we’ve recorded more than 1,500 pieces of music, and each one of them is to the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:12).

A Special Concert

In April, we hosted an outreach event at our Evangelism Center in Nizhny Novgorod. This inspired, free concert was held by our American brother in Christ, Calvin Taylor, a Doctor of Musical Arts, pianist, improviser, and active supporter and friend of the 3ABN Kids Network.

This was Dr. Taylor’s first visit to Russia, and, as he mentioned in an interview, he was unsure of how a Russian audience would receive his music. Would they like his way of playing the piano? His improvisations? Or his own compositions?

Our workers prepared for his concert with anxious expectation. They built

a new set and podium for our large Sanctuary, rented a professional piano, and spent many hours hanging concert posters throughout the city.

Finally, the big day arrived, and at the appointed time, hundreds of people began to gather—so many of them, in fact, that we ran out of space and had to open the balcony to seat them all.

Soon the divine music filled the hall, and his musical gift, the way he put the program together, and his uplifting commentaries blended with the obvious presence of the Holy Spirit, grasping our listener’s hearts!

The two-hour concert flew by in the blink of an eye and was followed by thunderous and appreciative applause.

Irina’s Impressions

After the concert, many people approached Dr. Taylor, including Irina, a woman in a wheelchair. Her presence at the concert was a miracle, because although our Adventist brother Sergey and his wife have been taking care of her for more than 15 years, she’d always refused to visit an Adventist church.

After the concert she told me, “Without knowing anything about this

Dr. Calvin Taylor plays for Nizhny Novgorod Philharmonic’s Eugene Babin and Jan Zakolodkin.

upcoming concert, I’d been thinking, *I wish I could attend a classical music concert, but that can never happen, since concerts are expensive. And besides, I’m stuck in a wheelchair. How will I ever get into a concert hall?*

“Then Sergey told me about this free concert, and asked me if I’d like to come to this beautiful Sanctuary here at 3ABN Russia’s Evangelism Center. I immediately realized that God was showing His love and care for me in such a special way. I’m so thankful for these Adventist people who bring God’s love into my life!”

A Deep Understanding

Dr. Taylor says he was struck with the Russian people’s deep musical understanding of the compositions of Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Saint-Saëns, Gounod, as well as their appreciation of his own improvisations and compositions.

Dr. Taylor speaks with Irina, who longed to attend a music concert, but could not afford to.



3ABN Russia staff greeted Dr. Taylor with a traditional Russian welcome.

Following his concert, he spent an intense week recording music for our 3ABN Russia Network. Besides his own performance, he also graciously played for two talented soloists of Nizhny Novgorod Philharmonic, Eugene Babin and Jan Zakolodkin—both Seventh-day Adventists, themselves. You can watch these programs on our website, www.3angels.ru.

The Swiss writer, Robert Weber, wrote, “Music proclaims the Scripture in a heavenly language, and provides us with the means by which the mystery of God in Christ becomes available to us. Music evokes a feeling of reverence. From the depths of human nature it draws the feeling of awe and mystery which accompany the encounter with God.”

3ABN Russia exists to help viewers, listeners, and readers meet God. Thank you, dear reader, for your support. You make it possible for the Lord to reach the hearts of many, proclaiming His soon coming in the heavens. ☺



Julia Outkina is 3ABN Russia’s executive director, and has been with us since 1992. Her passion is to win souls for Christ through 3ABN Russia’s ministry and her personal testimony.

PHOTOS: JULIA LUPASHINA





Turns 13!

by Rosemary Malkiewicz

On August 27, we will celebrate our thirteenth anniversary. On that day in 2003, 3ABN Australia was officially incorporated in Western Australia. This date also marks three years since the taping of our first episode of *3ABN Now*, our weekly interview series, and the first official 3ABN Australia program recorded in our newly built studios in Morisset, New South Wales.

Since then, we've also produced three seasons of *A Day With the King* for children, and over 12 months of programs for *Healthy Living*, *Recovery Road*, and our weekly Sabbath School program, *Let God Speak*. In addition, we've also recorded a series on Christian finances, and have been working very hard on several other new 3ABN Australia programs.

We've also been busy producing television programs for 3ABN's International channel, and directly to individual viewers through Internet streaming and phone apps. We praise God that today, 3ABN Australia programs can be viewed around the world!

3ABN Australia Radio has also been busy producing many programs for our affiliates in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, which are streamed on 3ABN Australia's website, 3abnaustralia.org.au.

We're Blessed!

We've been blessed by feedback from viewers in many countries who are enjoying our programs. Here are some comments we have received.

John and Rosemary Malkiewicz host 3ABN Australia's flagship program, *3ABN Now*.

Via e-mail: "I watch *Let God Speak* each week. Love the program. I hope and pray it continues for a long time. We all need these messages. God bless you all."

New South Wales: "I am writing... to say thank you for *A Day With The King*. It is awesome. My daughter is getting into her Bible and is excited about what she's learning about the children of Israel. She looks forward to it every Sabbath."

Cooranbong, New South Wales: "Thank you for making *3ABN Now* so interesting, and for leading us on from the speakers to seek God. I enjoy the programs, and also, all of 3ABN. Herewith is a gift to help spread this wonderful news."

Reaching Out

A few months ago, John and I spent a weekend in Canberra, the capital of Australia, for my sister's birthday. On Sabbath we attended church; then my sister, a Baptist, invited us to her church on Sunday morning. We had other things we wanted do in Canberra, but felt impressed to go with her and her husband.

After the service, two women were waiting for us in the aisle. They smiled and, without hesitation, greeted us with, "Hello John and Rosemary. You don't know us, but we know you!"

They watch our interview program, *3ABN Now*, every Sunday evening and really enjoy it. What a blessing! They said they appreciate 3ABN and the programs they see on it. We had a nice time speaking with them and had photos taken. The husband of one of them joined us, too.

3ABN is not only "preaching to the choir." Many who are not Seventh-day Adventists are being blessed by 3ABN's programming. We may not know the reach and impact of 3ABN—including our locally produced programs, but God sees it all.

We can't wait to meet those who will be in Heaven through listening or watching 3ABN. They will be there because of our faithful supporters who made it possible for us to reach them with the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Please consider what God wants you to do to help this ministry complete its God-ordained work. ☺



Rosemary Malkiewicz is assistant to the general manager of 3ABN Australia. She and her husband John pioneered 3ABN in the Australia and New Zealand, and now produce programs in 3ABN's studios in Morisset, New South Wales.



Kids and hosts on the set of the popular *A Day with the King* kid's program.



Taping *Let God Speak*, a weekly Sabbath School program, on a green screen.

Maxwell Retires

by Brenda Walsh

Maxwell, our *Kids Time* dog, is loved all over the world. It doesn't matter which country I travel to, both children and adults ask about him: "How's Max?" "Did you bring him with you?" "Will you give him a pat for me?" Kids write and tell me how much they love him and look forward to seeing him on the program. There's no doubt that Maxwell has been a tremendous blessing to many!

A Dog for Kids Time

In 2008, *Kids Time* moved into a new studio and the week before production began, our director, Brad Walker, and I were marveling at how good God was to give us such a beautiful set. It was then that Brad remarked, "It's just not kid-friendly. You should add some toys, a bicycle, soccer ball, or swing."

to which I quickly replied, "No toys! When God first called me to produce this program, He impressed me that I should concentrate on His two books, the Bible and Nature—that I didn't need to dangle toys in front of kids to introduce them to Jesus!" Brad looked surprised at how firmly I stood on the matter, so he quietly said, "Then how about a dog?"

Finding Maxwell

There's quite an interesting story about how the search for the perfect dog began and how God led me to Maxwell. You can read all about it in my book, *Miss Brenda's Bedtime Stories, Volume One*, and when you read the story, "Maxwell the *Kids Time* Dog," you'll have no doubt that God chose Maxwell for this job! He was named after Arthur Maxwell, who was a tremendous witness to children around the world.

Miss Brenda
and
Maxwell



Sleepiest Dog Ever

One of the most asked questions is, "Why is Maxwell so sleepy?" And the long answer is in the book, but here is the short answer: God makes him sleepy! I prayed for a dog that wouldn't jump, lick, or bark at me, and in all these years, Max has never done that. Every time I look at him, I see how much Jesus loves me!

Saying Goodbye

Maxwell is now eleven years old, and over the past year, it became apparent that he was slowing down. His trips to the vet increased as his health deteriorated. It was with a heavy heart that I made the decision to allow Max to retire. He will spend the days he has left with Jorge and Lynette Jaque and their precious family, who have lovingly taken care of him for me all these years. Maxwell completed his last week of work on June 23, on Praise Time, faithfully sleeping during each



song the children sang or played, and enjoying the hugs, love, and attention he received from both kids and crew - just as he has done for the past eight years.

Searching for a New Dog

The search is on for Max's replacement—so if you have any suggestions as to which breed should be our next *Kids Time* Dog—please write to me at brenda@brendawalsh.com; I'd love to hear from you. Please join me in prayer that God will lead me to just the right one—and of course, I'll be praying for one who will not jump, lick, or bark at me!

We Need Your Help

Please prayerfully consider supporting 3ABN's Kids Network. If the Holy Spirit impresses, please send your tax-deductible love gifts to 3ABN's Kids Network, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, Illinois, 62896, or call us at 618-627-4651. You may also donate online through PayPal at 3abnkids.tv. Thank you for all you do for this ministry. ☺



Brenda Walsh is the general manager of 3ABN Kids Network, as well as producer/host of *Kids Time* and *Kids Time Praise*. She is a published author, singer, cook, and international speaker. She is married to Tim, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren.

ULURU



by Mellisa Hoffman

Standing in the middle of the Australian outback is an island mountain called Uluru, or Ayers Rock, and it is one of Australia's most recognizable landmarks. This "island" is made completely out of sandstone and stands 1,142 feet tall, making it the second tallest single stone structure in the world.

Almost a half a million people visit Uluru each year, and that's because it's so interesting. First of all, the desert around it gets around eight inches of rain each year, which is a lot for a desert! The rainwater flows from the top of the rock to the bottom along green algae-lined channels and then gathers into pools at the bottom. Not only do these vertical green "roads" add character to the rock, the pools of water attract animals and help different kinds of plants grow.

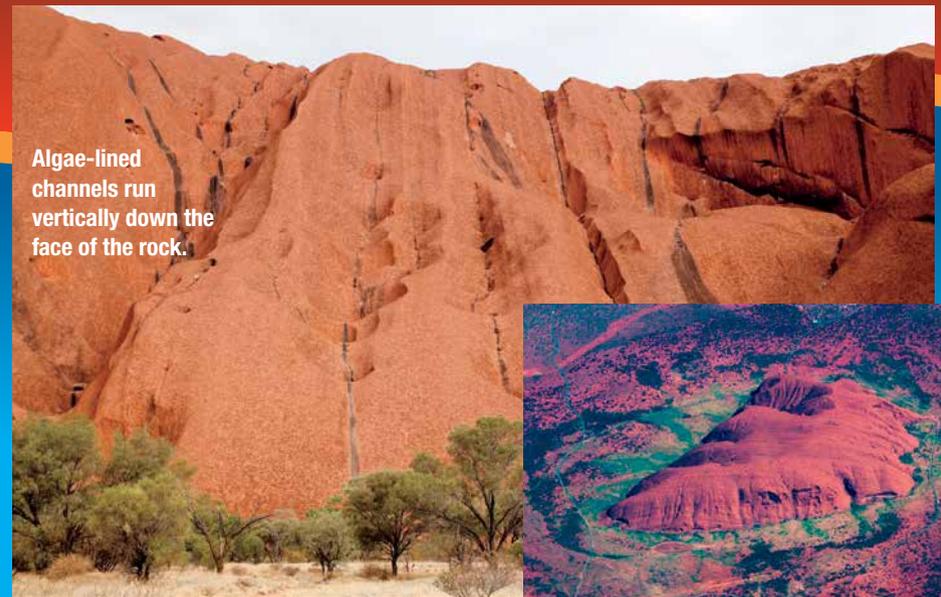
Secondly, Uluru changes color. Different amounts of light make the rock look different colors. During a normal, sunny day, the rock has a rusty orange color, but at sunrise and sunset, when the sun is low on the earth, Uluru glows red.

Lastly, even though Uluru is huge, we can only see just a tiny portion of its actual size, because most of the rock lies under the ground. In fact, approximately one square mile of rock is below the earth's surface. Just like a tree that has roots growing underground, and a massive iceberg that's even more massive under the water, Uluru is even bigger and stronger than we can see, and that's because it has a solid and firm foundation.



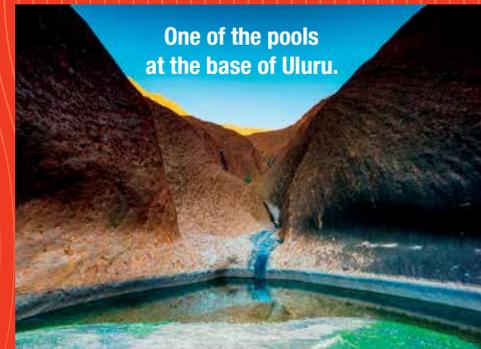
Mellisa Hoffman is the assistant to Brenda Walsh, general manager for 3ABN Kids Network, as well as their program manager. She is also a talented copy editor and has two teenage children, Hannah and Lance.

Our solid and firm foundation is Jesus. He's the One that gives us strength and helps us to remain strong when life gets hard. And just like the pools of Uluru attract animals and help plants grow, when we have the character of Jesus, we can attract people and point them to Him. When we are kind and loving to other, they will want to be our friends. And when that happens, we can introduce them to our Best Friend, Jesus, so He can become their Best Friend, too! ☺



Algae-lined channels run vertically down the face of the rock.

Satellite image of Uluru and surrounding desert.



One of the pools at the base of Uluru.

STAND TALL!

Fill the blanks with the answer to each question. When complete, the highlighted letters will spell a word that describes Uluru.

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1. A popular place to visit
2. Blue, red, green
3. End of the day
4. Spot for swimming
5. Seaweeds
6. Ground surrounded by water
7. Inland Australia
8. Pathway

Mystery Word:

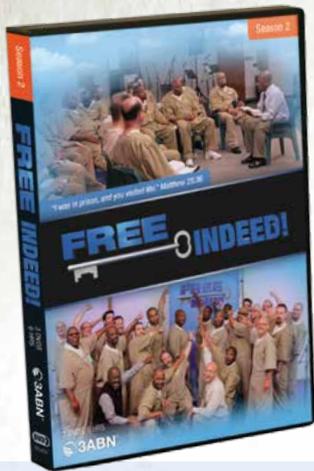


MATTHEW 7:24, NKJV

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Answers: 1. LANDMARK 2. COLORS 3. SUNSET 4. POOL
5. ALGAE 6. ISLAND 7. OUTBACK 8. CHANNEL
MYSTERY WORD: MONOLITH

3ABN MINISTRY MATERIALS



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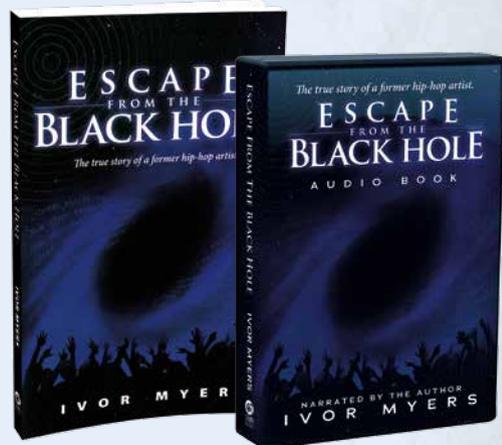
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For Pacific time -2 hours • Mountain time -1 hour • Eastern time +1 hour **CC** = Closed Captioned. **L** = Live program.
★ = New series. **↻** = Repeat of live program. Program titles in red are changes effective this month.

CDT	SUNDAY	CDT	MONDAY
2:00a	Pillars of Faith CC	2:00a	Life Discovery Series (Jim Reinking) CC
2:30		2:30	
3:00	Featured Ministries CC	3:00	Homecoming 2015 CC
3:30	From Sickness to Health (Rico Hill) CC	3:30	
4:00	In the Beginning (Stan Hudson)	4:00	Eleventh Hour Evidence
4:30		4:30	...(David Asscherick) CC
5:00	Revelation Now (Jac Colon) CC	5:00	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
5:30		5:30	Wonderfully Made CC
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC	6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) CC	6:30	Pressing in to His Presence (Shelley Quinn) CC
7:00	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC	7:00	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
7:30	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)	7:30	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC
8:00	3ABN Today	8:00	3ABN Today
8:30		8:30	
9:00	Stones of Remembrance CC	9:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
9:30	Adventures in Missions CC	9:30	
10:00	Focus on God’s Word CC	10:00	Free Indeed (C. A. Murray) CC
10:30		10:30	Books of the Book CC
11:00	Inspirational Hour CC	11:00	Revelation of Hope (Taj Pacleb) CC
11:30		11:30	
12:00p	Melody From My Heart	12:00p	Behold the Lamb Presents
12:30	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC	12:30	...(Kenny Shelton) CC
1:00	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang) L	1:00	Off the Grid CC
1:30		1:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit CC	2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC	2:30	Heaven’s Point of View (Frank Fournier) CC
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4:00		4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30		4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC	5:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
5:30		5:30	Help in Daily Living CC
6:00	Books of the Book CC	6:00	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC
6:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC	6:30	Mission 360 (Gary Krause) CC
7:00	Jesus for Asia Now (Jon & Natalie Wood)	7:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery CC
7:30	The Heavens Declare (Jim Burr) CC	7:30	...(Cheri Peters)
8:00	3ABN Today	8:00	3ABN Today CC
8:30		8:30	
9:00	Table Talk CC	9:00	Pillars of Faith CC
9:30		9:30	
10:00	It Is Written Canada (Chris Holland) CC	10:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC
10:30	Help in Daily Living CC	10:30	
11:00	3ABN Today	11:00	3ABN Today
11:30		11:30	
12:00a	Secrets Unsealed Presents...	12:00a	ASI Conventions CC
12:30	...(Stephen Bohr)	12:30	
1:00	GYC 2015 CC	1:00	Books of the Book CC
1:30		1:30	Battles of Faith CC



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2:00a	Stones of Remembrance CC
2:30	Descendants of Abraham (Shakeela Yasuf) CC
3:00	Melody From My Heart
3:30	Free Indeed (C. A. Murray) CC
4:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
4:30	
5:00	Salvation in Symbols and Signs (Myers, Rafferty) CC
5:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	The Heavens Declare (Jim Burr) CC
7:00	Special Feature CC
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8:00	3ABN Today LIVE
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10:00	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC
10:30	Pressing in to His Presence (Shelley Quinn) CC
11:00	Featured Ministries CC
11:30	Books of the Book CC
12:00p	The Revelation of Jesus Christ CC
12:30	...(Kenneth Cox)
1:00	Hope in Motion
1:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit CC
2:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) CC
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Kids Time Praise CC
5:30	Marriage in God's Hands CC
6:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
6:30	
7:00	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
7:30	...(Stephen Bohr)
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Behold the Lamb Presents CC
9:30	...(Kenny Shelton)
10:00	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht) CC
10:30	
11:00	3ABN Today
11:30	
12:00a	Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson) CC
12:30	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn) CC
1:00	Contending for the Faith (Clifford Goldstein) CC
1:30	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC

CDT	WEDNESDAY
2:00a	Celebrating Life in Recovery CC
2:30	...(Cheri Peters)
3:00	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht) CC
3:30	
4:00	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
4:30	Thunder in the Holy Land (Charles Byrd) CC
5:00	White Horse Media Presents (Steve Wohlberg) CC
5:30	Adventures in Missions CC
6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	ASI Video Magazine (Dan Houghton) CC
7:00	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
7:30	Help in Daily Living CC
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Keepers of the Flame CC
9:30	Walking with Jesus (Garloff)/Grandma's House (Neal) CC
10:00	Melody From My Heart
10:30	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
11:00	Table Talk CC
11:30	
12:00p	3ABN On the Road CC
12:30	
1:00	Issues and Answers CC
1:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins) CC
2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Back to Our Roots (Alex Schlussler) CC
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Everlasting Gospel CC
5:30	
6:00	Revelation Speaks Peace CC
6:30	...(Shawn Boonstra)
7:00	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang)
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8:00	3ABN Today
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9:00	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
9:30	Books of the Book CC
10:00	It Is Written CC
10:30	Stones of Remembrance CC
11:00	3ABN Today CC
11:30	
12:00a	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang)
12:30	
1:00	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore) CC
1:30	Melody From My Heart

CDT	THURSDAY
2:00a	Books of the Book CC
2:30	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC
3:00	Up Close
3:30	
4:00	Remodeling Your Life (Jim Ayer) CC
4:30	Issues & Answers CC
5:00	Origins (Terry McComb) CC
5:30	
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Jesus for Asia Now (Jon & Natalie Wood) CC
7:00	Homecoming 2015 CC
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	GYC 2015 CC
9:30	
10:00	From Sickness to Health (Rico Hill) CC
10:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) CC
11:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery
11:30	...(Cheri Peters) CC
12:00p	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC
12:30	Marriage in God's Hands CC
1:00	Books of the Book CC
1:30	Taste of Paradise (Nyse Collins) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
2:30	Melody From My Heart
3:00	3ABN Today
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4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
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5:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
5:30	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC
6:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC
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7:00	Sabbath School Study Hour
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10:00	Kenneth Cox Ministries CC
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11:00	3ABN Today
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12:00a	Table Talk CC
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1:00	3ABN Today LIVE
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CDT	FRIDAY
2:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (continued)
2:30	
3:00	Revelation of Hope (Taj Pacleb) CC
3:30	
4:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
4:30	Battles of Faith CC
5:00	Sabbath School Study Hour CC
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6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
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6:00	Jesus for Asia Now (Jon & Natalie Wood) CC
6:30	The Heavens Declare (Jim Burr) CC
7:00	Pillars of Faith
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today CC
8:30	
9:00	It is Written CC
9:30	Maranatha Mission Stories CC
10:00	Mission 360 (Gary Krause) CC
10:30	Hope in Motion
11:00	3ABN Today
11:30	
12:00a	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang)
12:30	
1:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
1:30	Thunder in the Holy Land (Charles Byrd) CC

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2:00a	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
2:30	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore) CC
3:00	Give Me the Bible (Kenneth Cox)
3:30	
4:00	Focus on God's Word CC
4:30	
5:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
5:30	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
6:00	It Is Written CC
6:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
7:00	Kids Time Praise CC
7:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh)
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Sabbath School Study Hour CC
9:30	
10:00	Kenneth Cox Ministries CC
10:30	
11:00	Worship Hour CC
11:30	
12:00p	Pillars of Faith CC
12:30	
1:00	New Perceptions (Dwight Nelson) CC
1:30	
2:00	Table Talk CC
2:30	
3:00	3ABN Today CC
3:30	
4:00	Maranatha Mission Stories CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Kids Time Praise
5:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
6:00	Laymen Ministries (Jeff Reich) CC
6:30	Salvation in Symbols and Signs (Myers, Rafferty) CC
7:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
7:30	White Horse Media Presents (Steve Wohlberg) CC
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Contending for the Faith (Clifford Goldstein) CC
9:30	Books of the Book
10:00	Pressing in to His Presence CC
10:30	Making Waves (Jim Ayer) CC
11:00	3ABN Today
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felt the Holy Spirit running through each song on the *Hallelujah, We're Home At Last!* album. "I think a million of these albums need to go out!" he exclaimed.

Shortly afterward, Danny was approached and asked if he would buy some candy for a local school fundraiser. "We're all familiar with these campaigns," he says, "but later I found out that for every \$14 they sold, the school could only keep \$4—so the average candy drive around here only nets \$200 to \$300. That seemed like a lot of effort and accounting work, not to mention the 'upfront' money. So I wondered, *What can we do to support both Adventist schools and 3ABN?* Soon he was impressed with a plan that would benefit everyone involved.

How It Works

Here's how the Triple Your Donation Value Adventist Education fundraising project works: When you donate say \$150 to 3ABN for this project, we double that donation value by donating 20 albums (valued at \$300) to an Adventist school. They, in turn, sell them for \$15 a piece, and keep 100 percent of the proceeds. Your original \$150 in this example triples in donation value to \$450!

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church building fund drives can also participate, and non-Adventist church schools can have their church send funds, then sell the albums for \$15—doubling their money.

Of course, when you donate any amount, we'll send you a DVD or CD as our way of saying thank you!

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"These sales have been a blessing to many Seventh-day Adventist schools," Danny says. "And while the *Hallelujah* and *Pillars* albums appeal to many adults, I believe that *It's a Beautiful World* has a tremendous appeal to kids of all ages, and will be a tremendous boost, especially for elementary schools."

Seventh-day Adventist schools across the country have already had tremendous success with this project. Recently, a Seventh-day Adventist Conference in the west reported that they sold 2,310 CDs and DVDs, with a value of \$34,500! Every

Adventist schools across the country have already had tremendous success with this project. ... Every dollar will benefit their students.

dollar will benefit their students as they fund their activities and special projects.

Remember, your donation benefits Adventist Education, 3ABN, the kids who become actively involved in ministry. But most of all, it will benefit those who receive the good news of Jesus Christ and His soon return! Please ask the Lord what He would have you do in support of Adventist Education and this ministry.



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TOUCHDOWN

Just Two Miles Away!

by Bobby Davis



Over the years, we've published scores of the most amazing stories of how the Lord brought people of all descriptions in contact with Three Angels Broadcasting Network—stories of satellite dishes stuck on 3ABN, radio broadcasts picked up hundreds of miles away, and TVs that would pick up nothing else. But this story happened close to home—practically in our backyard!

Mike Cavaness was raised in Akin, Illinois, just a few miles away. "My family owned property here in Franklin County, and I bought part of their farm," he says. "I've always been very content in southern Illinois, and honestly, I've never aspired to live anywhere else."

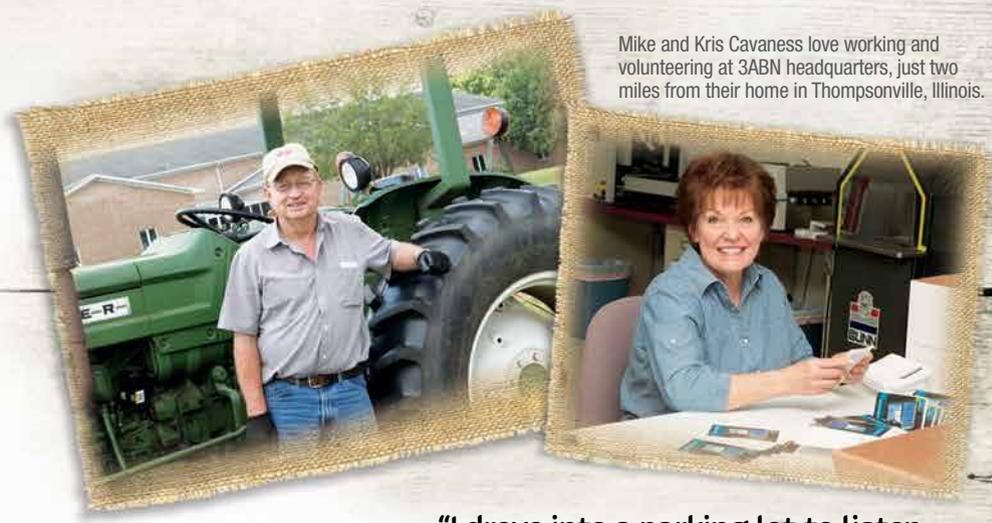
His wife Kris agrees. "My family moved from Oklahoma to McLeansboro when I was in grade school, and although I could live anywhere, I want to be where Mike is, so I love it here, too. Mike and I met one summer, and we began dating. But I was working in Springfield, four hours away, and Mike was attending Bailey Technical Schools in St. Louis, Missouri. So we drove back home on weekends to go out on Saturday nights.

"Two years later, we married, and Mike became the youngest transportation manager his boat factory had ever hired. He was blessed with successful careers in the auto parts and tire businesses, and I worked for the state's Rehabilitation Services until we decided to start a family. Then I stayed home to be a full-time mom, and I believe that's God's greatest job! Today we have two grown daughters, Erin and Joanie; a fine son-in-law, Steve; and a wonderful boy and girl set of twin grandchildren who are now seventeen!"

When their children were older, the couple decided to buy an old gas station in Thompsonville, and while Mike worked on car and tire repairs, Kris washed car windows and pumped gas. Eventually they tore the old station down and built a new one, and some years later, they sold the business, and both of them worked other jobs until they retired.

Beliefs

Mike says his mother tried to raise him as a Catholic, "But my dad was a Baptist that didn't go to church, so that didn't last long. From then on, we didn't have any church affiliation," he says. "But when I was 16, a terrible motorcycle accident changed my life. My leg was crushed, so I had multiple surgeries and was in the hospital for nearly six months. During that time, a Baptist preacher came by to visit me once, and although I didn't know him, he prayed with



Mike and Kris Cavaness love working and volunteering at 3ABN headquarters, just two miles from their home in Thompsonville, Illinois.

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me, and then gave me his little white Bible with a zipper, and encouraged me to give my heart to the Lord and be saved. I was desperate for change, so I did, but I never knew what else to do—until I met Kris."

"Mike told me he prayed for three things in that hospital," Kris recalls. "He prayed to be able to walk normally someday. He prayed to be able to farm again. And he asked God for someone to share his life with." She pauses for a moment and then laughs. "He never farmed again, but two out of three isn't bad!"

The influence Kris had on Mike was profound. They both began attending the 10-Mile Baptist Church, and soon he was baptized in Miller Pond.

"I thank God every day for a mother who took me to church every Sunday," Kris says. "Because of her, I was saved when I was thirteen, and I remained in church ever since."

Their commitment to the Lord continued throughout their marriage. Mike drove the church bus and was a trustee for many years, while Kris taught Sunday School and

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Vacation Bible School, ran sound for the Passion play, and did whatever needed to be done at church.

Questions

When it came to doctrines, Kris says she always trusted the man behind the pulpit. "If he said that God had called him to preach, then who was I to question it?" she explains.

However, Mike wasn't so trusting. "Sometimes I'd question things, but I didn't push it," he admits. "I didn't want to argue, so basically we left those things alone."

It's important to note that Mike and Kris were there when Danny Shelton first felt impressed to build a television station that would reach the world. As fellow Christians, they were supportive, and over the years, when some townspeople would criticize 3ABN, they always stayed out of those conversations. "We knew Danny and did business with him at our gas station.

We even shared construction equipment while they were building the first studio.”

The Cavaness family was happy in their church and their work, and 3ABN continued to grow into a worldwide television network, adding a radio network in 2000. But while Mike and Kris were aware of our television ministry, it was 2006 before Kris heard 3ABN Radio for the first time.

“You know those moments when something big happens and we remember exactly where we were?” Kris asks. “We all remember when President Kennedy was assassinated, or when the space shuttle exploded. Well, that’s how I felt when I found 3ABN Radio. They were talking about the role of the papacy in the end times, and I drove into a parking lot to listen. I’d never heard such things, and I was absolutely stunned! *Can this be true?* I wondered.

“I filed it all away, and kept listening to 3ABN nearly every day. When I changed jobs, my schedule changed, and suddenly I was hearing Joe Crews and Amazing Facts. I still remember the highway I was on when he spoke about the body and spirit, and how we’re *not* immortal souls! He said that wood and nails can be made into a box, but when you take it apart, it’s not a box anymore. Then he explained what the Bible says happens when we die. On our way to church that Sunday, I told Mike about it. It made sense to us, and it was exciting. But when he tried mentioning it at church, no one seemed to know how to handle it.”

Cornbread

One day, as Kris watched the Travel Channel, she learned about a Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburgh, Tennessee,

not far from Chattanooga. “It was coming up, and since it was right up our alley, we decided to go. That Sunday, when we’d normally be in church, we sat in our motel searching for a church service on TV, and we found something from Amazing Facts. There was this man, talking to children, and for a good half-hour, we sat there glued to our TV without saying a word. When it was over, we looked at each other and said, ‘Who *is* this guy?’ From that point on, I kept looking through the Dish Network program guide for any mention of Amazing Facts or Doug Batchelor.”

A Sign

Kris kept listening to 3ABN Radio, and suddenly she began hearing a lot about the Sabbath. “That topic upset me every time,” she admits. “My heart was for God, but I wanted it not to be true because it went against everything I’d been taught. So every time they mentioned the Sabbath, I’d turn off the radio! It kept happening, though, so one day I prayed, ‘Lord, if it matters what day we worship on, then let me know! Just give me a sign, please.’”

She didn’t have to wait long. “We were driving through Thompsonville, past 3ABN’s Worship Center, and there, on the marquee, it said, ‘3ABN’s 2014 Spring Camp Meeting with Pastor Doug Batchelor.’”

Mike and Kris immediately took several days off work to attend. “We had no idea what to expect,” she admits, “but as we sat down, we saw people we knew and had done business with all around us. Then Danny Shelton spotted us, and called us up on stage!”



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Mike remembers that moment well. “We shared what we had been learning, and then I said, ‘You know, this gospel is going out to the whole world, but we’re finally getting it right here—just two miles away!’”

Kris continues, “We’d heard about these truths, but we didn’t know what to do with them, so we just put them away. When you’re walking in dogma, it’s hard to consider anything else; but now our eyes were being opened to new truth. We’d had a business on Main Street for many years, but now we were around people who could explain it to us. When we understood the significance of the Sabbath, everything else fell into place.

“Jesus said, ‘If you love Me, keep My commandments.’ How wonderful to know we are now finally keeping His fourth commandment in our Christian walk. Our family members and friends know we love the Lord, and that we’re happy in our newfound understanding of truth.”

Trust

Mike and Kris attended the Thompsonville Seventh-day Adventist Church, and became very involved in 3ABN’s ministry. “When Danny called me up on that stage,

I told everyone that if I ever quit my job, I’d volunteer full time,” Kris says, “Little did I know that my office would be shut down soon after. But God had His reasons, and Mike and I got to retire at the same time.”

True to her word, Kris volunteers at our Call Center, and also works with our church’s Vacation Bible School. Meanwhile, Mike began working part time at 3ABN, but longed to maybe get back into the trucking business.

“I found out quickly that’s not what God wanted me to do!” he says with a laugh, “and so far, all the other doors are closed. But God is sovereign, and He faithfully takes care of us, according to His will.”

“And speaking of faithfulness, we’ve tithed since we first got married,” Kris adds. “I told Mike, ‘You do what you have to do, but I’ll tithe what I make.’ And when he tried it, someone came by and bought an old tractor that had been for sale for a long time. It was like God was saying, ‘Trust me, and I’ll take care of you.’”

Mike and Kris joined the Thompsonville Seventh-day Adventist Church by Profession of Faith, and are a wonderful addition to their new church family. God has wonderful plans for their lives, and we can’t wait to see them unfold! ☺

CHOOSE Jesus

by Jill Morikone

The strong odor of chemicals reached my nose before I even stepped through the second set of doors. *Why did it always have to smell like that?*

The buzzer sounded, and my friend, Adima, reached out to pull open the second heavy door. The smell increased as we entered the area where the inmates were kept. I wrinkled my nose. *You'll get used to it soon*, I reminded myself.

Suddenly, the guard appeared. "Do you ladies want to hold your Bible study in the yard?"

Did we? Absolutely!

The Yard

The yard does not have any trees, grass, or flowers. In fact, it consists of a concrete floor, four block walls, and a very small space. However, if you tip your head back, you can see a tiny patch of blue sky overhead. Best of all, the girls could only go "outside" into this concrete outdoor cell once a week, so if we held our Bible study there, it would give them another hour of fresh air.



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I grabbed a backless chair, and followed the guard out. Just then, I noticed one of our regular girls. But wait! She'd gotten out quite a while before. What was she doing back here?

I reached out and gave her a hug, ignoring the sores on her face. "I'm so glad to see you again, my sister," I said into her hair. "I just wish it wasn't here."

Her eyes filled with tears. "I know," she whispered.

The Burdens

We sat in a lopsided circle in the concrete room. A couple on chairs, but most on the ground, backs against wall.

Did God hear us here, shut away from the rest of the world?

Tears fell as each one shared what they carried on their hearts. Separation from their kids, upcoming court dates, boyfriends and ex's—some in jail in the men's section, some in prison, some at home.

As they talked, my mind traveled back a couple of months to a previous Monday night, when one woman in particular caught my attention. Long dark hair, a beautiful smile. She had cried that night as we talked. Cried about her kids, who were around 13. For their entire lives, she'd only been with them a couple of years.

"Jill, they just don't know me. After all, they never spent any time with me. They were either taken away from my home, or I was in prison." *How do you cope with pain like that? Especially when you know your choices caused this pain?*

The Choice

We talked that night in our little concrete room, as the sky overhead turned to twilight. Talked about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, about walking in obedience, about choosing to say yes to Jesus every time we're faced with a decision.

Some decisions in life are forced upon us by others. Whether it's a parent's ultimatum, a bully's derision, or a person in authority who abuses a sacred trust.

Other decisions begin with our seeming inconsequential choices. A night spent with the wrong crowd. The first drink. Refusing to forgive. Choosing to wallow in self-pity. Hanging onto jealousy.

Life is full of choices. God knows we don't have any strength, He understands we can't change our hearts, but we can make a choice!

Are you struggling with bitterness? Choose to accept His forgiveness.

Is your life in turmoil? Choose to accept His peace.

Is temptation tugging at your heart? Choose to accept His victory.

Every time you're faced with a choice—choose Jesus! ☪

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CARIBBEAN CURRY POTATO SALAD

From the kitchen of **Angela Lomacang**

INGREDIENTS

- 3 lbs organic red unpeeled potatoes (about 20 small ones)
- ¼ cup red pepper, chopped fine
- ¼ cup yellow pepper, chopped fine
- 2 Tbsp curry powder
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 Tbsp of Jamaican Country Style (JCS) Garlic, Escallion and & All Spice Seasoning*
- ½ cup of chipotle sweet smoky flavor relish
- ½ cup cucumber, diced
- 1 ½ cups sweet green peas
- 1 cup red onion, chopped fine
- 3 Morning Star Stripples or other bacon substitute, broken in small pieces
- 2 cups Just Mayo, or other vegan mayonnaise

*You may substitute with your favorite seasoning blend.

Directions

1. Cook potatoes and Stripples separately and allow them to cool.
2. Dice potatoes into desired size (I cut them into bite sizes), then stir all ingredients together and refrigerate for three hours before serving.



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Being raised in a Jamaican home, we all enjoyed the exotic flavors of the Caribbean in Mom's home cooking. The combinations of spices and herbs produced the most wonderful aromas, as well.

This potato salad recipe combines the deliciousness of red potatoes with many of my favorite flavors, and the curry gives it a finishing touch! This is a nice summer dish that will go with almost any meal, and is bursting with flavor.

Recently, I made it for the first time for our church fellowship lunch. If you decide to do the same, you may want to make a double recipe! ☺

Angela Lomacang

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Foot Pain

by Dr. James Marcum

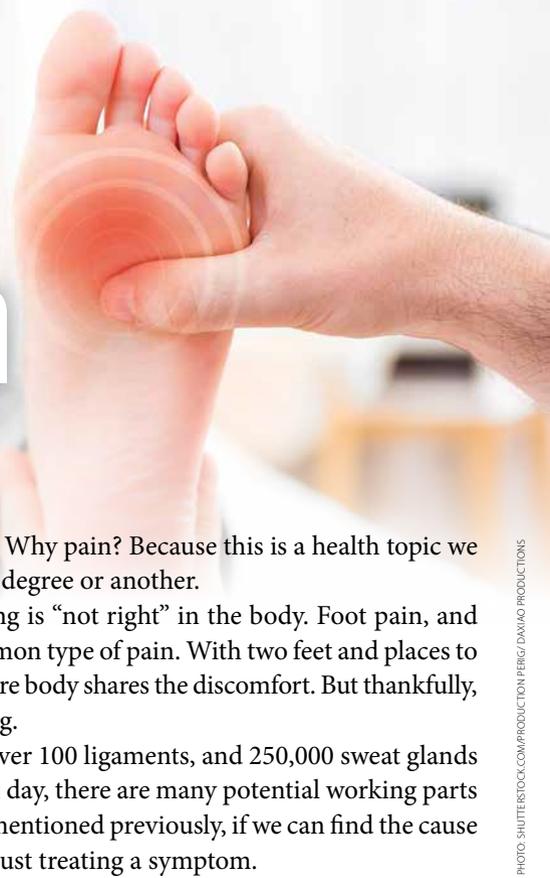


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This is our fourth article on pain. Why pain? Because this is a health topic we all have experience with, to one degree or another.

Pain is a signal that something is “not right” in the body. Foot pain, and especially heel pain, is an all-too-common type of pain. With two feet and places to go, when the feet are not happy, the entire body shares the discomfort. But thankfully, foot pain is not usually life-threatening.

With 26 bones per foot, 33 joints, over 100 ligaments, and 250,000 sweat glands producing a half pint of moisture each day, there are many potential working parts that could develop a problem. As I’ve mentioned previously, if we can find the cause of pain, treatment will be easier than just treating a symptom.

Common Causes



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What are some of the common causes of foot pain? Trauma to the foot from a sprain, too much weight, a broken bone, stubbed toe, or poorly fitting shoes are common. If this might be the case, then immobilization, rest, better footwear, and losing a few pounds might be all that is needed for relief.

Sometimes foot pain results from nerve damage due to diabetes, tarsal tunnel syndrome, or a neuroma. The structures comprising the feet—the tendons, bursa, and fascia—may be inflamed, causing pain. Then there are those bunions, in-grown toenails, calluses, warts, and corns. When a foot problem does not improve with rest or have some obvious cause, my advice is to see a specialist.

A podiatrist, or foot doctor, is trained to find the reasons for your pain. This might involve some testing, but if a problem

is not evaluated, the symptoms tend to worsen over time. Sometimes an infection, gout, a nerve problem, or abnormal circulation are uncovered. A circulation problem may present as tingling, numbness, cramping, or discoloration of the toes and nails.

Helpful Suggestions

In addition to getting an expert to evaluate your symptoms, what else can be done to prevent a foot problem? Let me make a few suggestions:

1. Keep your nails trimmed and your feet dry.
2. Drink water, eat a healthy diet, and avoid cigarettes. These will help the circulation and function.
3. Maintain a healthy body weight. This puts less strain on your feet.
4. Learn some foot stretches and balancing exercises.
5. Participate in a regular movement/exercise program. Walking is great for the feet.
6. Do not stand too long. Prop up your feet, or stand on carpet or a cushion.
7. Change your shoes regularly. Wiggle your toes during the day.
8. Treat yourself to a foot massage.
9. Shift your weight and walk instead of standing still.
10. Purchase appropriate footwear. Nine out of ten women wear shoes that are too small. Measure your feet in the evening, while standing. This is when the foot is the largest. Choose shoes that are wide, stiff, have ankle support, good traction, allow air circulation, and are comfortable. Avoid high heels, since these increase pressure on your feet by 75 percent. Pointy-toed shoes squeeze your toes, and flats can damage your arches and tendons.

In summary, remember to pay attention to your feet, even if you cannot always see them. If you’re experiencing symptoms, do not be proud or ignore the problem. Get help. Also, think about prevention. When your feet are happy and pain-free, life is easier. I am praying that you will have happy feet, and a pain-free day. ☺

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Behind the



Selfie Smiles

by Janelle Owen

Have you ever wanted something so badly that you focus more on that thing than on the feelings or wellbeing of those around you? That happened to me not long ago.

It was a holiday weekend, and I was super excited because we had some extra time off. My husband and I are busy people, so we looked forward to a camping trip with friends, and some time in nature.

But it rained. And rained. And rained. I was so desperate to go camping, I even thought about camping in the rain; but unfortunately, no one else liked that idea.



This Is Not Happening!

Thankfully the weather forecast said it might clear up, so we packed our gear, hoping that it would—and it did! But then my husband got sick.

Ugh. *This is not happening!* I thought. I really hoped and prayed he would feel

better quickly—so we could proceed with the plan! But he didn't, and he felt worse. And instead of focusing on his needs, I drifted into self-pity.

After a day and a half of rest, he felt much better, so we went on a hike. My sweet husband was still not feeling 100 percent, but he wanted to go because he knew how much I was craving the outdoors. Arriving at our destination, we were both excited to explore a new area.

As I held my phone up to capture a selfie moment, the Holy Spirit asked me, *Are you really happy right now?* The temporary smile everyone would see indicated that I was. But I wasn't happy with myself.

In that flash, the Holy Spirit showed me how selfish I'd been, and Romans 7:24–25 came to mind (look it up in whatever version you like the best). I'm ashamed of being so selfish sometimes. But thank God, my husband forgave me for it.

Truly Happy?

This moment also led me to think about all the other smiles I see on social media. The Lord has shown me through

time spent in personal ministry that each person has their own set of struggles, pain, and addiction. No one is immune. So why does everyone look so happy in their selfies? Are they truly happy?

Most of the time, we see only the smiling moments, but that's just the surface.

We take selfies to mark special occasions, happy moments, or maybe just to pass the time. They can be a lot of fun, and I'm not saying they're wrong. But the smile tells only half the story. Behind those smiles are broken hearts, wounded spirits, weary minds, and bankrupt souls. We don't see the tears, pain, and darkness they face every day. We don't always see the broken person who longs to be normal.

I won't quote all the studies and psychology behind why we take selfies, but I believe they are one of many ways we try to feel good about ourselves. Taking

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selfies with our best smile. Trying to look "normal" and happy (yeah, I do it, too).

Why can't we just be real with each other? Maybe it's because there are only a few people we can be real with, who won't judge us.

I'm thankful for those who can admit their faults and weaknesses, who take time to listen, who are genuine, and truly care. I hope to do the same for anyone else who needs me.

How thankful I am to know that I have a Creator and Redeemer who sees me between selfies, and wants to heal my brokenness—and yours, too! ☺



THE DEADLY Thought Virus

by Matthew Andrew



Many parts of the world are entering the cold and flu season. Viruses will begin to crop up, and many people will head for their beds to wallow in misery. However, there's another virus that isn't discussed much, but is far more rampant. It's called the deadly thought virus—that thought that gets into our mind and takes over our ability to focus! It causes us to obsess on a particular issue to the point where we can't make any forward progress in our daily activities.

THE VIRUS AT WORK

Let's think about how common viruses work. I'm generally not aware of the moment a virus invades my body, but I do know that they can attack quickly. At first I feel fine as I try to accomplish my planned events; but then I begin to feel feverish and a bit achy. I begin to feel distracted from my work, and my focus starts to be redirected to my feelings. As I continue to feel worse, I become more and more distracted from my work, and eventually I cancel my plans altogether and go home to bed. As I gaze at the ceiling, I find it hard to think of anything except how badly I feel, as now I'm totally cut off from the purposes I'd had earlier in the day.

Thought viruses work the same way. As we're called out to work in the Lord's vineyard carrying a message of warning and salvation, the evil one tries to send thought viruses our way. They often appear as an issue in the church or in the news that hits our "hot" button! Satan loves to create divisive issues in the church to distract us from our long-term purpose, and it often starts in a small way—much like how Satan met Eve in the Garden.

A viral seed is planted, and it begins its deadly work. Ideas sprout and spread in our minds, until we become consumed with the derailing issue. If we leave it, the infection can become so bad that we not only forget our commission, but leave the ranks of God's army, altogether.

Distractions were evident among the disciples. In John 21:20–22, we read, "Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, 'Lord, who is the one who betrays You?' Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, 'But Lord, what about this man?' Jesus said to him, 'If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.'" Peter was about to be hit with a thought virus as he wondered what John was up to, and Jesus had to correct it.

TAKE HEED

In these last days, the evil one will send many distractions as thought viruses. The Bible records, "And Jesus answered and said to them: 'Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines,

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pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.'" Matthew 24:4–8.

In the trying times ahead, we need God's great immunization against these deadly viruses. Philippians 2:5 tells us to "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

If Christ has our thoughts and mind, we will weather the attack! ☺



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An Unexpected Outcome

based on Numbers 22

by Dr. R. Dean Davis

Israel is camped on the plains of Moab, ready to invade Canaan. Their encampment causes gut-wrenching fear to the Moabites, since God had delivered the Hebrews from Egypt, and recently given them victory over the powerful kings of the neighboring Amorites.

Pagan king Balak's solution is to call the renowned diviner, Balaam, from Mesopotamia, to curse Israel. Balak's princes travel 400 miles to offer Balaam great rewards for his services. Balak believes that Balaam, through his divination practices of studying animal entrails or observing natural phenomena, can determine the will of the gods and place a curse upon the Israelites.

Obviously, Balaam has been a prophet of the Lord, because he tells the princes he cannot "go beyond the word of the Lord my God." However, he's clearly covetous of the gifts, and wants to go with the princes. He asks them to spend the night, but the next morning, tells them

that God refuses to let him go.

However, Balak is desperate, and sends back more princes of higher rank with promises of greater rewards. Once again, Balaam insists they stay, and God tells Balaam to go with them, *if they come to him in the morning*. They do not come, but Balaam rebelliously saddles his donkey and pursues them, anyway.

Suddenly, his donkey turns into a field because it sees the Angel of the Lord with a sword in His hand, blocking the way. Balaam strikes the donkey, but later, the Angel stands in a narrow path, between two walls. This time, the donkey crushes Balaam's foot against the wall in an effort to avoid the angel, and he beats the poor animal again.

Finally, the Angel blocks the way completely in a narrow place, and the donkey lays down in terror. This infuriates Balaam, and he beats his donkey with his staff. Suddenly, the Lord opens the mouth of the beast, and she asks, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

"Because you have abused me," Balaam rages. "I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!"

Suddenly, God opens Balaam's eyes,

"I have come out to stand against you," the Angel says, "because your way is perverse before Me."

and he sees the Angel. Struck with fear, he throws himself down on his face. "I have come out to stand against you," the Angel says, "because your way is perverse before Me." Then He says that if the donkey had not turned aside, He surely would have killed Balaam and let her live. The Angel instructs him to go to Balak, but warns him to only speak the words He gives him.

Curses Turned to Blessings

When Balaam arrives, Balak meets him and offers sacrifices in preparation for the cursing. The next day, he takes him to the high places of Baal, overlooking the camp of Israel. Seven altars and sacrifices are made while Balaam goes to a desolate place to receive the word of the Lord. He returns and delivers a prophecy that blesses the Hebrews. Balak complains, but takes Balaam to the top of Mt. Pisgah, where just a portion of the camp is visible. Maybe smaller numbers might aid in the cursing. But seven more altars and sacrifices later, Balaam blesses and further emphasizes Israel's unique relationship with God.



Finally, Balaam is taken to the top of Mount Peor, where Baal is worshiped. Again, seven sacrifices are offered, but Balaam blesses Israel and prophesies the coming Deliverer and their future dominion.

Balak is furious and apparently sends Balaam home without pay. In retaliation, Balaam adds four more prophecies, telling Balak how the Lord will destroy Moab and his neighbors!

Notice God's number seven is repeatedly emphasized—seven altars, bulls, rams, and prophecies. The number three is also used throughout the Bible to emphasize something very significant, and with the three blessings, it surely indicates how precious Israel is to God. ☾



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