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On Nov. 25, almost 1,000 families who preregistered through a county database began receiving a full, 30-pound Thanksgiving meal basket including turkey, bread, vegetables, potatoes and more. For three days, families came to the Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington in Maryland for their meals. [MORE](#)



Day five of the 2019 NAD Year-End Meeting business started with catch up after lively discussions on tithe parity and the GC Compliance on day four moved several reports to the following day. Women's Ministries was one of the departments to present a report. [MORE](#)



Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, reflects on having a history of five generations in the same church family, and how God has been faithful for 121 years. "This was the location where my dairy-farmer great-grandparents came to faith at an H.M.S. Richards' crusade. My brother and his family now have their membership in the family church. Life isn't always easy, but through the years, we've seen how God is faithful." [MORE](#)



What role do digital content creators play in sharing the gospel? Only 20 percent of Americans regularly attend church, and only two in 10 millennials consider regular church attendance important. What if your ministry's digital content is the only exposure to the gospel a person receives? We must create and consistently post content that is meaningful and relevant to people's daily lives and challenges. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Study Reveals Lower Rates of Cancer and Early Death in Adventists, Including Among Black Individuals](#)

[Religious California Town May Hold Lessons for Living Longer \(Calif.\)](#)

[Oroville Adventist Church Recreates Christmas Scenes with Live Walk-Through Nativity \(Calif.\)](#)

[Members of Cornerstone Adventist Church Work to Beautify a "House of God" \(N.C.\)](#)

[Irene Bowers, "Special in 100 Ways," Birthday Celebrated at Ramona Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[Interfaith Thanksgiving Sermon Honors Pocatello Police \(Ida.\)](#)

[Southern Adventist University Invites Community to Its Annual Christmas Celebrations \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Clovis Adventist Church Gives Back to Community by Offering Free Thanksgiving Feast \(Calif.\)](#)

[Umapine Adventist Church Invites Public to Annual Thanksgiving Service \(Ore.\)](#)

[Willingboro Adventist Church Hosts Annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon \(N.J.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



FREE Resources for You! Want a step-by-step guide, helpful checklist, new videos, and more to help your church conduct an emergency drill? Register your church for Safety Sabbath 2020 and be part of a nationwide movement on church safety and emergency preparedness. To get started, go to SafetySabbath.com.



Join young adults and those young at heart Dec. 15-22 for a journey through the Caribbean while serving the local communities. Cruise With A Mission provides young adults from all walks of life opportunities to authentically connect with God and with others in Christian community. Register for the 2019 Cruise With a Mission [here](#).

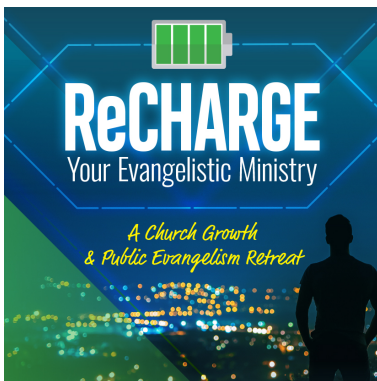
The Adventist Community Services Offering is Dec. 14. GIVE YOUR OFFERING at your local church, marking “ACS Offering” on your tithe envelope,



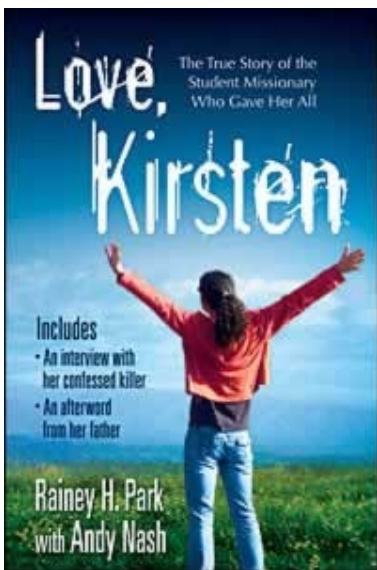
or give [online](#). Your generous offerings and gifts have assisted with supporting refugees in California & Texas with clothing and shelter needs, distributing kitchen supplies to Camp Fire survivors, and providing emotional and spiritual care for survivors of disaster and other traumatic events like the mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. [LEARN MORE](#).



NEW FAITH-SHARING CARDS from LifeTalk Radio are now available. See the newest “You Matter to God” sharing card designs at <https://lifetalk.net/sharing-cards/> Order now for your Thanksgiving and Christmas sharing.



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Ten years ago, on the morning of Nov. 19, 2009, Kirsten Wolcott was murdered while jogging on the Micronesian island of Yap, where she served as a student missionary. In this compelling true story, you'll fall in love with a winsome 20-year-old who laughed, cooked, jogged, and most of all, loved her Lord. As you read Kirsten's journal entries and share in her joys and trials, you'll experience her inner world. And you'll long for the day when every tear will finally be wiped away. [This book is available for purchase](#) from Pacific Press, on sale now.

Pacific Press and Jesus 101 Release the 2020 Daily Devotional Book, *Jesus Wins!* Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical



Institute, has authored the newly released 2020 daily devotional book for adults entitled *Jesus Wins!* Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this life-changing daily devotional. View the circumstances around you through the lenses of faith, and see Jesus more clearly. [WATCH](#) this video to learn more. Available now at www.adventistbookcenter.com and www.Jesus101.tv.

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Give Thanks

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

— *Psalm 9:1, NIV*

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