

# NEWSPOINTS

December 5, 2019



**God's hand was at work in Page, Ariz., through a group of dedicated volunteers who** facilitated 300 procedures during a free dental clinic hosted at the Page All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sept. 23-25. During the three-day clinic, approximately \$200,000 of dental procedures and \$30,000 dermatology services were given at no cost to more than 140 people.

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**On Nov. 22, 2019, more than 500 community members, pastors, church officials, and workers** gathered for the grand opening of the new It Is Written headquarters in Collegedale, Tennessee. The event was live-streamed on It Is Written's Facebook page and featured a dedication, a ribbon cutting, ministry tours, giveaways, and refreshments. [MORE](#)



**"How in the world can I encourage anybody with the way that this story just ended?" SaMonna Watts** prayed in the moments after her 5-year-old son Brayden had passed away in July 2014 from the effects of medulloblastoma, a rare pediatric cancer that affects the brain and spinal cord. God had promised Watts victory when her young son was diagnosed with cancer. [READ](#) this story of faith and victory.



**The final morning business session of the NAD 2019 Year-End Meeting primarily focused on** pension benefits provided to employees by the represented entities of the territory, including the division and all its unions, conferences, schools, mission fields and independent ministries. The Nov. 5 sessions continued primarily with numerous reports from various NAD entities and ministries. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

["There's an Awful Lot of Need." Silver Spring Non-Profit Hands Out 600+ Turkeys, Fixings \(Md.\)](#)

[New Market Adventist Church to Host Annual "Journey to Bethlehem" Dramatization \(Va.\)](#)

[Amityville Church Delivers Thanksgiving Dinner to 2,000 People \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Health District Raises HIV Awareness Ahead of World AIDs Day \(Ga.\)](#)

[Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas and Benefit Tacoma Adventist Community Services Food Bank \(Wash.\)](#)

[Tree Donated by Hermiston Adventist Church Lights up the Season \(Ore.\)](#)

[Positively Philadelphia: Gospel for the Holidays at the Kimmel Center \(Pa.\)](#)

[North American Premier of "The Dig" \(Tex.\)](#)

[Charitable Giving Rebounds, But Still Behind 2018](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

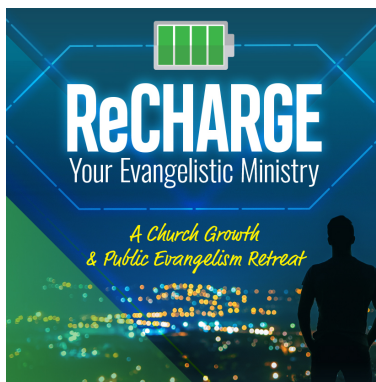


**The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#)** is Dec. 5-6, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



**Protect Your Ministry—Register for Safety Sabbath 2020!** Do you want to help your church members feel safe and prepared to act when emergencies occur? Safety Sabbath is an opportunity for churches to implement safety practices and emergency planning. Your church can create and practice an emergency drill, so you and your members can stay safe during a crisis. Register your church for SafetySabbath2020 and join in the fifth annual nationwide safety event! Get started at [SafetySabbath.com](https://www.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](#).



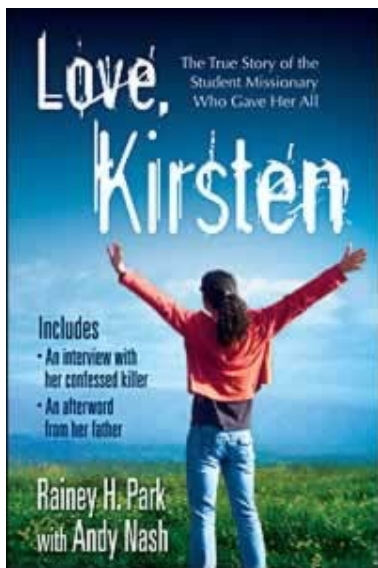
## The Adventist Community Services Offering

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.

**It Is Written ReCharge Retreat:** Are you eager for church growth? ReCharge is the It Is Written church growth and public evangelism retreat. Receive practical and hands-on training at the Cohutta Springs Conference center from some of the best evangelists and church growth specialists: Bill McClendon, John Bradshaw, and Alan Parker. Only \$125 for three days of training: Dec. 15-17. Space is limited! [RESERVE NOW](#).

**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](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com) and [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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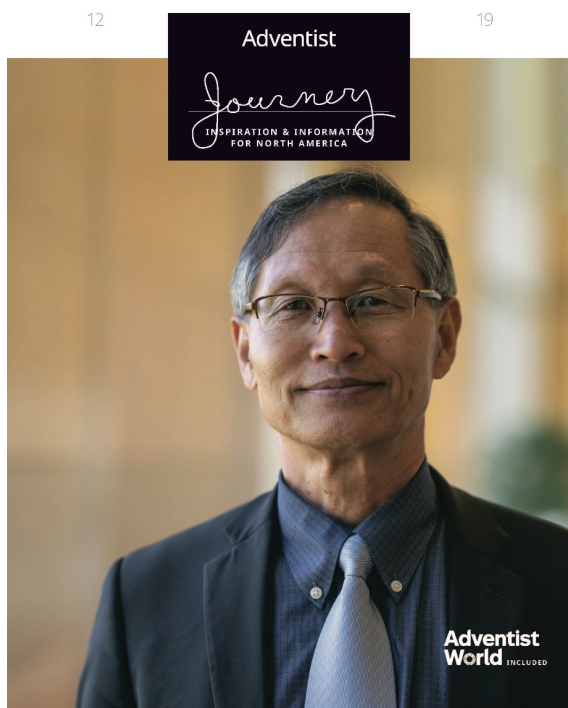
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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## VIEWPOINTS



## Refining Gold

"I once watched a goldsmith hold the ore over the fire, and then take it off and look down at it. Again he held it over the fire, and then looked down at it.

"My friend, Gardner Calvin Taylor, asked him, 'What are you doing?'

"The smith replied, 'I'm refining gold.'

"Taylor said, 'How will you know when you have pure gold?'

"He said, 'I'll be able to see my face in it.'

"Christ is waiting to see His face in His church! He is longing for the manifestation of Himself in His church."

— *Alvin Kibble, a vice president of the North American Division, during his 2019 NAD Year-End Meeting devotional thought on Nov. 5*

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