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Serving the homeless, sick, and food insecure in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic — ministry leaders employ faith and adaptability to continue serving their communities during a time of unprecedented restrictions on mobility and gatherings. Read about three special outreach programs as they attempt to serve during this health crisis. [MORE](#)



"According to the World Health Organization, the U.S. has 140,640 confirmed cases of COVID-19 disease as of March 31, 2020. Canada has 6,317, Bermuda has 22, and Guam has 58. ... It is concerning to know that all of us are at risk. This hit home when I was under voluntary quarantine after returning from a conference." [READ MORE](#) from NAD Health Ministries director Angeline David.



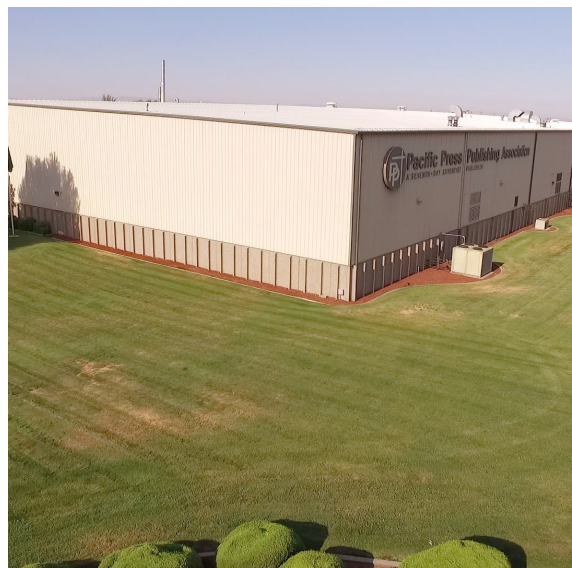
Adventist Community Services entities across the NAD continue to provide relief and meet the needs of their community during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. [HERE](#) are some updates shared with NAD ACS on the challenges that this crisis has caused, and some ways they have adapted in addressing and meeting the needs of their community.



Even before his state issued a stay-at-home order to curb the spread of COVID-19, Desta Gelgelu, an economics professor, church planter,



Stephanie Seay and “Christine” met more than 20 years ago on the job at an Atlanta nursing home. They became fast friends. Seay, the facility’s bookkeeper, was a practicing Christian, and Christine, the social activities assistant, was not. Marriage, children, and age rolled in and Christine began wondering about Christ, shared Seay. That’s when Seay sent her *Message* magazine. [MORE](#)



On March 25, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little announced a stay-at-home order for individuals and

and pastor of the Oromo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, called his conference executive secretary for advice. Decisive action by local church leaders had an unexpected result — and blessing. [MORE](#)

non-essential businesses within the state of Idaho. As a result, Pacific Press has temporarily ceased on-site operations.

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ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Restaurant Owners Donate Masks to Adventist Health Bakersfield \(Calif.\)](#)

[4 Sites in Md. Will Accept Donations of Medical, Cleaning Supplies](#)

[Flattening the Curve | Southwestern Adventist University \(Tex.\)](#)

[Local Churches Help Provide Meals for Community Members \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Medical Center Hosts Rooftop Prayer Circle \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health/Rideout Seeking Donations \(Calif.\)](#)

[From Adventist Health Tillamook: Prepared, Ready, Taking Care of Your Health \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist Community Services Food Bank Is Up and Running \(Ariz.\)](#)

[For Parker Adventist, "It's Tough Not Knowing" Extend of Local COVID-19 Spread \(Colo.\)](#)

[Littleton Adventist Doctor: "This is Far Beyond the Flu" \(Colo.\)](#)

[Pizzeria Donates Food to Hospital Staff Fighting Coronavirus \(Ill.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#) is Apr. 2-3, 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#).



Faith For Today launches a new virtual Bible study series, "The Bible Lab," as a resource for those sheltering in place. The ICE-O-LATION Sessions are interactive Bible studies with Speaker/Director Roy Ice, where participants have the ability to study together from their own homes. The Bible Lab meets on Sabbath mornings at 10:30 a.m. PDT. For more information visit: www.TheBibleLab.com.

April 11 is Christian Record Services offering Sabbath! Christian Record Services for the Blind gave Marye McKenney hope and connection with a church community. Like you, many people who are blind are missing relationships, especially now in this time of nationwide isolation, lockdowns, and social distancing. Watch Marye's story, "[Give Hope!](#)" and consider donating to Christian Record on Sabbath, April 11. Together we can help people who are blind connect with Christ and enjoy fellowship with a community that celebrates their potential for ministry. Materials for churches are available [HERE](#) or [GIVE ONLINE](#).

Is your church live-streaming? We want to hear from you! The NAD is looking to compile a list of churches that are currently live-streaming their services. [Click here](#) to send a detailed email, including church name, link to the stream, language the service is presented in, city and state, timezone, and pastor/AV contact information.



As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches are reducing and/or canceling

religious gatherings and services — or temporarily going to online services. [AdventistGiving](#) allows you to return your tithe and give your offerings online, in a secure way, while you do your online banking, or even if you are unable to attend church due to an illness or COVID-19 closing. [LEARN MORE](#)



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) has resources

for churches and schools available [HERE](#). Resources include planning tips for the possibility of disruption to everyday life, resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and answers to frequently asked questions regarding insurance coverages for travel, property, and liability insurance. ARM has also created a video that promotes common-sense ways we all can use to prevent the spread of germs. This video may be shared by any Adventist organization or church member on social media, websites, and e-newsletters. [WATCH](#)



North American Division Youth & Young Adult Ministries streams Youth Sabbath School & Youth church

every week on [Facebook LIVE!](#) Each Sabbath features different guest presenters and speakers. Join us on Sabbath morning:

- [NAD Youth Sabbath School](#) 9:30-10 a.m. (EDT)
- [NAD Youth church](#) 10:15-11 a.m. (EDT)

SHARE GOD’S LOVE with FREE CARDS! Just in time to include with Spring and Easter cards and gifts . . . new LifeTalk “God Loves You” cards help you to share God’s love easily. Remind someone that God loves them with a LifeTalk sharing card. You can choose



from 30 different card designs for all ages and order your favorites for free at: LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards.



Hope Channel invites you to get [Hope at Home](#) this weekend! Worship, pray, and study the Word of God with Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel, and others from the safety and comfort of your home. [Tune in](#) through the [Hope Channel app](#), [Facebook page](#), [HopeTV.org](#) or your television. This weekend, G. Alexander Bryant, NAD executive secretary, will be giving the devotional thought.



Visit the [AWR360° Facebook page on Sabbath](#) for a free live cell phone evangelism training session at 1 p.m. PT/4 p.m. ET, where you'll learn how to become a cell phone evangelist from your home. If you can text, or use Messenger or WhatsApp, you can be an evangelist! [Click here](#) for direct link.



Sharing Hope is an online platform for reading and sharing some of the best Adventist books and tracts available. Sharing Hope trusts that the materials in their app will be one source of comfort, help, and encouragement to you and others. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the library of materials.

EVENTS CALENDAR

April

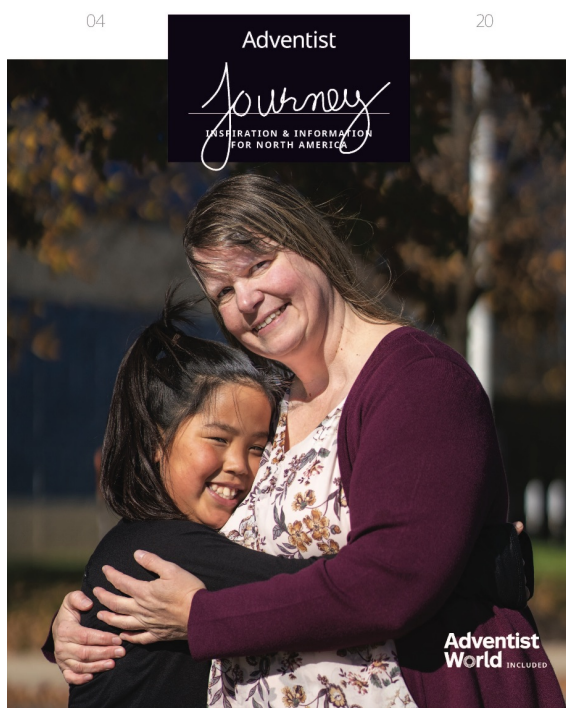
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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NAD News Briefs: "North American Division Hosts Second Annual Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast," "Southern Adventist University Showcases Rare Bible Collection," "Special Needs Kids Share Their Talents at Nativity Program," pp. 10-11

Perspective: "Life Worth Living" by Shawn Boonstra, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



Trust the Engineer

"The author Corrie Ten Boom wrote: 'When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.'

"Right now, we are going through a crisis. It is dark. The news changes every day. The projections for the next two weeks are staggering. But we trust the Conductor [sic], we trust Who is in charge. We trust Who is driving the train — and that is Jesus.

"I have tried to make it a daily commitment to say 'Lord, I know my deficiencies and I know what's going on, but I trust You. I know that You will bring all things together for me in my life. I know ultimately You will work all things together for good.'"

— *Tony Anobile, during a Zoom conference NAD staff worship on April 1, 2020*

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