

# NEWSPOINTS

March 31, 2021



**In 2010, about two decades after beginning her work with the Maasai in Kenya, Jan Latsha** started the Maasai Development Project, a refuge/home for girls escaping female genital mutilation and early marriage. She also organized a corps of lay pastors who have led many Maasai to come to know Jesus and join the Adventist Church.

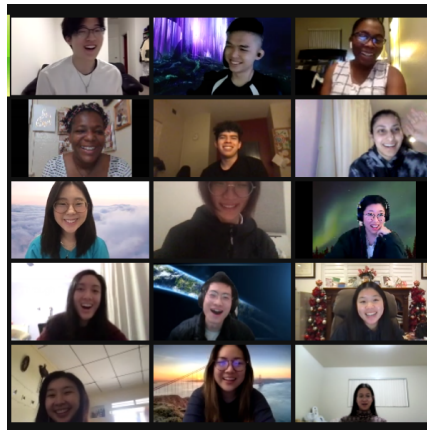
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**Rachel Scribner, a 2019 graduate of the Walla Walla University** cinema, religion, and worldview



**On March 25, Pastor John Bradshaw held a Facebook Live broadcast to mark the 65th anniversary of It Is Written.** The first It Is Written television program entered people's homes via television on Sunday, March 25, 1956. Bradshaw is the current speaker/director for It Is Written. [MORE](#)



**The task facing the La Sierra University Pre-Medical Society last fall was daunting — take an annual mission trip to Guatemala that provides badly needed aid, spiritual**

master's program, has collaborated with Hope Channel and Carl Cosaert, dean of the WWU School of Theology, to create a television series about Jesus that is based on the gospel of Mark. [MORE](#)



**For many, 2020 was a miserable year they can hardly wait to forget. And while the members of the little Oxford Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maine also struggled, they will remember 2020, in part, as the year they both gave and received in support of Christ's ministry of helping the vulnerable.** [MORE](#)

connection and compassionate outreach and reproduce it all online. [MORE](#)



**Medical experts discuss the current COVID-19 pandemic phase with Terry Shaw, AdventHealth president/CEO.** Shaw recently met with the health system's experts in infectious diseases and vaccine safety to discuss the state of the pandemic, the latest on vaccines, and a look at what's ahead. [WATCH](#) the video on Shaw's LinkedIn page.

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Santa Clarita Seventh-day Adventist Church To Host Premier of Resurrection Oratorio \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist HealthCare Teams With Two Organizations To Offer Vaccinations to Latino Community \(Md.\)](#)

[High Demand for Johnson & Johnson Vaccine at Event Hosted by Southern Adventist University \(Tenn.\)](#)

["They're Very Excited:" Denver Seventh-day Adventist Church Helps Hundreds Get COVID Vaccine \(Colo.\)](#)

[Buzz Group Delivers Meals for the Needy \(Bermuda\)](#)

[Villa Aurora College: One of the Last Schools Standing \[Adventist Colleges Abroad\]](#)

[Adventist Health Launches Medical Assistant School \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Celebrates Doctors' Day by Donating \\$50K to Kern Literacy Council \(Calif.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



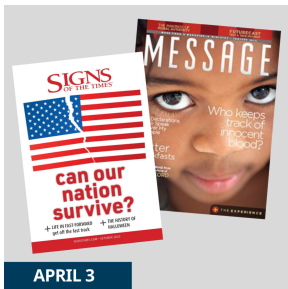
**The NAD All-Night Prayer Call** starts Thursday, Apr. 1-2, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. ET. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; accesscode is Prayer# (772937#).



**The U.S. releases dietary guidelines for Americans every five years, setting standards** that promote health and prevent disease. Is there value in this process? Don't we already know enough about nutrition? Learn about how the guidelines are developed, what they mean, and how they can be beneficial for ministry. Join NAD Health Ministry's FREE webinar on April 1. [REGISTER NOW](#)



**Jesus 101 has just launched "The Exodus Journey,"** a new television series airing on Hope Channel beginning April 2021. In this twelve-part series, special guest Ty Gibson joins Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Jesus 101 speaker/director. This series, based on the book of Exodus, is about learning to choose trust over anxiety on our way to the Promised Land. For more information visit: [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).



**Did you know that Sabbath, April 3, is "Missionary Magazine Sabbath?"** *Signs of the Times*, *Message Magazine*, *Vibrant Life*, *El Centinela* — with faith-based articles on health, family life, the Bible, and current events these missionary outreach magazines are designed for sharing. [CLICK HERE](#) to get started and choose the magazine that best connects with your friend(s) or loved one(s).



**De acuerdo con la División Norteamericana, el sábado 3 de abril es el "Sábado de las Revistas Misioneras."** *El Centinela*, *Signs of the Times*, *Message Magazine*, *Vibrant Life*: Contienen artículos cristianos que tratan temas de la actualidad, salud, vida familiar y la Biblia. Estas grandes revistas misioneras están diseñadas para compartir. Para encontrar información y para escoger la revista que mejor apelará a su amigo o a sus seres amados, [vaya aquí](#).

**Join Adventist Community Services (ACS) on April 1 at 2 p.m. EDT for a FREE Zoom** webinar on ministry development. Presented by Marshall Gonzales, director of Adventist Community Services in





the Texas Conference, participants will learn how the condition of a church impacts its ability to effectively provide balanced service to a community. [LEARN MORE](#)



**The 2021 Sonscreen Virtual Experience starts April 2!** This year, Sonscreen Film Festival will be using the [Gather](#) virtual platform, which uses a combination of video calling (think Zoom) and a 2D map (think "Among Us"). Network with other film students, pro filmmakers, special guests, and presenters, and enjoy film screenings. The event stretches over two-hour sessions through six dates, April 2 to May 7, and is \$25 for all sessions. [Click here](#) to register/more information.



**Breath of Life's Easter Special, "The Awakening," will air Sunday, April 4,** on NBC Television affiliates across the United States. This program, a collaboration with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, will feature an Easter message from Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of the Breath of Life Television Ministry, and musical selections from special guests Pastor Donnie McClurkin, the Jeremy Winston Chorale, and Crystal Day. For more information, call (256) 929-6460, or visit [breathoflife.tv](http://breathoflife.tv).



**The upcoming "And When They Had Prayed" [NAD Prayer](#) Convention is scheduled for** April 9-10. Join the live-streamed, 2-hour general session on Friday night (7-9 p.m. EDT) and the 3-hour stream on Sabbath evening (4-7 p.m. EDT). In addition to prayer, speakers will share 10-minute "sermonettes." [Click here](#) to join the Facebook livestream at the aforementioned dates and times.



**The Bible Lab Online is back! Roy Ice, speaker/director of Faith For Today, is leading** a study on the gospel of Luke titled "The Least, Last and Lost". Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director of Jesus 101, joins the team. Adding her to these discussions increases the fun and depth of discovery as the loving characteristics of God are investigated. These programs are streamed live each Sabbath from 10:30-11:30 a.m. PDT. For information and to join the discussion go to [TheBibleLab.com](http://TheBibleLab.com).

**Faith for Today and SermonView Evangelism**



**Marketing have joined together to create** an all-new online bridge event, INDESTRUCTIBLE, coming April 9-13. Roy Ice, Faith for Today speaker/director, will deliver biblically sound, real-world tactics for helping people in your community grow in their relationships and start living a life of purpose. SermonView's interactive video player will help you build relationships with your guests throughout the series. Learn more and sign up as a host church at [IndestructibleYou.org/host](http://IndestructibleYou.org/host).



**Share hope and joy with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio.** It's a fast and easy way to share the good news of our risen Savior and show someone you care. Choose from the beautiful eCard designs at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](http://LifeTalk.net/eCards), or order [printed cards](#). Great for Easter, birthdays, anniversaries, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to help you to share the joy of the Lord.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### April

- 3 [Missionary Magazines \(Signs, Message, El Centinela\)](#)
- 10 [Stewardship Sabbath](#)
- 16-17 [Pathfinder Bible Experience](#)
- 17 [Literature Evangelism Sabbath](#)
- 24 [Education Sabbath](#)

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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**Feature:** "Kindness? Or Set Them Straight?," by Leonard Brand, pp. 04-06

**NAD News Briefs:** "Washington Adventist University Welcomes New Adventists During On-Campus Baptisms," "Southwestern Adventist University Professors Publish Research Paper in Peer-reviewed Journal," "La Vida Mission Provides Outreach to Navajo Nation," "Historic Promotion Makes Andrew Harewood First Adventist and African American Chaplain to Reach General Rank in U.S. Army Reserve," pp. 08-10

**Cover:** Raquel Villa, sophomore at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; [WATCH](#) the interview.

**Faces From the Frontline:** "All About 'Us,'" p. 12

**Perspective:** "Of Hallelujahs and Hope Vendors," by Don Jacobsen, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



### What We Do

"Please send your Spirit on us to develop those small, but powerful atomic habits that will keep us healthy — physically, mentally, and spiritually every day. That we may be full of energy, of courage and positiveness; attempting much because we expect much by the same grace that [we] receive. We ask this in the name of the One who expects the most from us because He knows that grace is abundantly available to us."

— Milton Sand, associate director of NAD IT Services, in his closing prayer during virtual NAD staff worship on March 31, 2021

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