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”God, if You want me to go down there, I have no problem with it. If You want me to leave everything I know, ... and move to Texas, away from everyone — to take on a job that I’ve never done, that I’m not quite sure about — I’ll do it.” This was Robert “Bob” Allen’s prayer eight years ago as he and his wife contemplated leaving their lives and jobs in New York for camp ministry in Texas.

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It’s always encouraging to hear the words “thank you.” There’s a good reason for our affection towards appreciation, it’s built into our DNA — we received the trait from our heavenly Father. And expressing our thanks has no expiration date. I discovered this after expressing my gratitude to my former neighbor for her unselfish act of Christian kindness towards me a long time ago. [MORE](#)



In August, Matías Soto, former teacher and experienced tech startup officer, was appointed as director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Andrews University. In this role, Soto will be responsible for overseeing innovation efforts at the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, as well as supervising the certificate program. [MORE](#)



The Adventist Community Service Center of Fort Madison, Iowa, seeks to expand its storage after experiencing an increase in both patrons and item donations. According to director Janie Warner, the center was so full of donations that it was difficult to walk around inside, which led personnel to set up tables outside for those in need. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Commentary: Five Areas to Redefine the Clinical Leader of the Future \(AdventHealth Doctors Share Thoughts\)](#)

[Pre-Thanksgiving Food Giveaway Highlights Generous Nature of Local Community \(Mont.\)](#)

[Twenty Years Strong: Natural Bridge Church Continues a Thanksgiving Tradition \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Volunteers, Community Members Come Together In-Person for Thanksgiving Day Meal Again \(Ore.\)](#)

[Hope for the Holidays Dec. 6th – Community Grief Support \(Ore.\)](#)

[Goldendale Adventist Christian School To Present Christmas Play \[part of a news round-up\] \(Wash.\)](#)

[Task Force Battling Hunger in Del Norte Aims To Distribute 900 Food Boxes This Holiday Season \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Gifts for you to SHARE the joy! Are you enjoying LifeTalk Radio's Christmas music? Listen on the free mobile app, on Amazon Echo, Google Home, ROKU, or [ONLINE](#). Plus, you can order free printed [sharing cards](#) for Christmas giving, and send our new free [Christmas eCards](#) via email! Share the joy of Christ's birth with free LifeTalk Radio sharing cards, eCards, and bulletin [inserts/flyers](#).



Join David DeRose, M.D., for his weekly podcast, "American Indian and Alaska Native Living." Each one-hour episode focuses on a broad range of health issues in Indian country, viewed in a holistic way that can align with traditional Native perspectives. [LISTEN](#) to the podcast, and check out Dr. Derose's, "30 Days to Natural Diabetes and High Blood Pressure Control" [presentations](#).



ReCharge your church's ministry with the It Is Written public evangelism and church growth retreat! Evangelism doesn't have to stop with COVID-19. As the world becomes more confusing, our opportunity to share the gospel increases! Learn practical tools from experienced soul-winners such as G. Alexander Bryant, John Bradshaw, and more. Held Dec. 12-14 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Georgia; [CLICK HERE](#) to register by Dec. 6.



Is your church engaging with Muslim Afghans as they resettle in your community? Adventist Muslim Relations is happy to present five webinars to prepare and assist pastors reaching this group. Check out: "[Refugee: Who? What? Safe?](#)" "[The Church as a Healing Community](#)," "[Islam 101: Faith, Culture, and Engagement](#)," "[Logistics: What Is the Next Step? What Are We Expected to Do?](#)" and "[God's Perspective on Refugees \(E. G. White\)](#)."



"Happy birthday, Jesus" is a free, downloadable 25-day activity devotional for the entire family created by the North American Division, Children's Ministries department. This devotional, available in English and Spanish, guides readers through the first 25 days of December, celebrating and remembering Jesus, the real reason for the season.

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Do you have a prison ministry? Do you personally visit those who are incarcerated?

Jesus 101 offers free resources for this purpose— you can request these FREE materials to minister to inmates during the upcoming Christmas season. Jesus 101 will provide devotional booklets, pamphlets, and DVDs at no charge for prison outreach. Materials may be sent to prison ministry leaders or directly to prisons. Email your request to office@jesus101.tv. For more information about Jesus 101, visit www.Jesus101.tv.



NAD Ministerial is delighted to announce that registration for the CALLED Pastors' Family

Convention is now open. Pastoral families are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird rates through Jan. 31, 2022. The convention will be held June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. This event is designed for all pastors and their families in the North American Division. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.

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Feature: "Breaking Bread, Serving God, Building Community," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04–07

NAD Update: "NAD Virtual Sabbath School Convention Offers Guidance, Resources, Inspiration," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 08–09

Perspective: "Great Opportunity for Pastors and Churches," by Heather Crews, p. 11

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Present With You

"Imagine Him present with you. Live in contact with the living Christ and He will hold you firmly by a hand that will never let go. Know and believe the love that God has ... and you are secure. That love is a fortress impregnable."

— John McVay, president of Walla Walla University, during NAD staff worship on Dec. 1, 2021

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