Since May 3, more than 600 houses have been destroyed by the Kilauea volcano eruption on the Island of Hawaii (known as the “Big Island”). Watch the video. Thousands of residents have evacuated their homes. Adventists on Big Island and Oahu are helping families in need. On Big Island, meals are being prepared, and churches have been used as shelter. ACS DR is currently working with FEMA and the Red Cross at one shelter; Adventists are also volunteering at another shelter in Pahoa.

On June 3, the Fuego Volcano (Volcano of Fire) in Guatemala erupted, causing large amounts of destruction to the surrounding communities. This catastrophe has affected the lives of almost two million people; 112 people have died and 198 are still missing. ADRA Canada is responding to those in need. MORE
Sitting with my family on a sand dune at the beach in South Haven, Michigan, with Gatorade in one hand, glow stick in the other, I watched the 4th of July fireworks display. I wondered, as one of the shells exploded revealing a smiley face in the sky, what it might have been like to be Francis Key, watching from the water, as the British bombarded Fort McHenry in Baltimore.

A new short film, How Many Stars, from The John 10:10 Project, helps us to understand God’s extravagance when He promised to multiply Abraham’s descendants as the stars, as well as Abraham’s faith in believing God before he had any children. How Many Stars helps even those who are math-challenged to grasp something of the scale represented by numbers made up with many zeros.

What is it like serving as a student missionary? And why go? There "Isaac," his parents, and sisters moved into a Rwandan refugee camp, where they lived for 20 years. In
are many reasons why young adults become SMs, discover some of those reasons in a glimpse into their world. WATCH VIDEO.

the refugee camp, Isaac and his extended family attended an Adventist church each Sabbath. Soon, the majority of the family were baptized into the faith. Recently, Isaac and his family were able to immigrate to the U.S. and settle in the Denver, Colo., area. MORE

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Grant for Racial Justice and Equity Awarded to Southern Adventist University (Tenn.)

Adventist Health Clear Lake Encourages Women to Get a Cervical Cancer Screening (Calif.)

Adventist University of Health Sciences Nuclear Medicine Grads Achieve 100% Exam Pass Rates (Fla.)

Opinion: There is Nothing More All-American Than the Veggie Burger (N.Y.)

Last Word: Benefits of Going Vegan Go Beyond the Scale (Calif.)

Adventist Health Bakersfield Doctor Discusses Colorectal Cancer and the Importance of Screenings (Calif.)

Heart Healthy Cooking Class at Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church (Okla.)

Brownell Mountain School Students "Read for Malawi" (Vt.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is July 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#).
Join Drs. Félix H. Cortez and Thomas Shepherd as they explore the Gospels in this 0.2 CEU online course from ALC. The Gospels portray the greatest story ever told: Christ’s substitutionary death on the cross as the supreme revelation of God’s love for humankind and an atoning sacrifice for sin. The life of Jesus, depicted from four different points of view, is our perfect example. Join the dialogue concerning the content and the composition of the Gospels HERE.

The Urban Mission and Ministry Congress will be held at Andrews University, Sept. 6-8. Human population is rapidly expanding in urban contexts, mandating that we care for people in cities, serve them, and share the Gospel with them. UMMC provides the opportunity for field practitioners and academicians to develop the church’s understanding of urban community and promote Christ’s method of reaching everyone. MORE

ACS presents the Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program, to be held September 4-7. The program is designed to equip pastors, church administration and nonprofit leaders with strategies and professional skills to successfully lead. NLCP focuses on three major learning outcomes: leadership skills, improvement of management knowledge, and changes in attitude of social dimensions of evangelism. MORE

Discovery Mountain, the award-winning children’s audio adventure series produced by Jean Boonstra and the Voice of Prophecy, just launched its sixth season! "Being Neighborly" takes its theme from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. When a noisy plane crash interrupts Discovery Mountain camp, the aftermath raises the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Listen free at discoverymountain.com/listen!

August Deadline for Upgrading Church
Websites! If your church is using Adventist Church Connect (ACC) website software, upgrade now to the new 3.0 system. ACC 3.0 offers new templates that work on desktop and mobile devices, an online calendar that you can sync with iCal or Google calendar, and more. Churches that are not upgraded by August will be converted to a single page data-driven site. Upgrade Now

NAD Church Planter’s Boot Camp 2018 registration is open! The event will take place in beautiful Camp Kulaqua, Fla., from Aug. 16-19. Join us to learn how to plant a church through very practical steps, strategies, and tips! CLICK HERE for more info/registration.

CALENDAR

July

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7    Offering: Local Church Budget
14   Griggs International Academy
8-14 Prayer Focus: Arizona Conference
14   Offering: North American Division
    (Emphasis: Women's Ministries)
14-15 Compassion Weekend
21   Offering: Local Church Budget
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY

Feature: "Keep a Song in My Heart: Pathfinder Bible Experience" by Mylon Medley, pp. 04-07

Health Care Connections: "Dumpster
What Vital Life!

"Beholding the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, he finds the peace of Christ; for pardon is written against his name, and he accepts the word of God, “Ye are
complete in him." How hard is it for humanity, long accustomed to cherish doubt, to grasp this great truth! But what peace it brings to the soul, what vital life!"

— Ellen G. White, The Signs of the Times, July 4, 1892

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