

# NEWSPOINTS

May 14, 2020



**On April 18-25, Robert Costa, speaker/director for the It Is Written Spanish ministry Escrito Está,** shared hope with people in Mexico. Under quarantine orders himself, Costa conducted an online evangelistic series for the North Mexican Union entitled “El poder de la Esperanza” (“The Power of Hope”) from his home. Due to the online platform, other conferences and churches throughout the North America, Central America, and South America, and Western Europe, joined the event. [MORE](#)



**The School of Journalism and Communication at Southern Adventist University** in Collegedale, Tennessee, will host a three-day virtual photo/journalism summer boot camp for high school students from June 15 to 17. The workshop, to be held via Zoom, is designed for students interested in photography, writing, videography, social media, or overall storytelling. [MORE](#)



**ADRA International has committed \$150,000 to support Adventist Community Services** food pantries in the U.S. to respond to the COVID-19 food relief efforts. "We are grateful for ADRA's commitment to serve and to partner with ACS for this great endeavor," said Sung Kwon, ACS director. [MORE](#)



**CORRECTED: Every summer throughout the NAD, Adventist Camps hosts summer camp evangelism** at about 60 camps. With the impact of COVID-19, and the uncertainty of how life will be throughout North America this summer, camp directors, camp boards, and conference administrators are making hard decisions. As of May, 43 conferences have decided they will NOT operate their usual weeks of summer camp this year. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Soquel Adventist Camp Eyed for State Emergency Homeless Trailers \(Calif.\)](#)

[Escanaba Seventh-day Adventist Church Food Pantry Open to Help the Community \(Mich.\)](#)

[Eastside Seventh-day Adventist Church to Hold Mother's Day Service Outside \(Ind.\)](#)

[Local Church to Live Stream National Day of Prayer Event \(Calif.\)](#)

[Food Giveaway Touches 300 Families \(N.C.\)](#)

[Does the Vegan Diet Extend Your Lifespan?](#)

[Things that Give Us Hope in Jackson County Amid Coronavirus Crisis \(Mich.\)](#)

[Local Hospitals Resume Nonurgent Medical Care \(Calif.\)](#)

[Carson City Area Community Food Pantry Opens Sundays and Tuesdays \(Nev.\)](#)

[Church Group Helps Feed Food Insecure Communities in Southwest Florida](#)

[Adventist Review: "Little Richard" Penniman, Adventist and Controversial Rock Pioneer, Dies at 87](#)

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## ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID-19



**The North American Division has compiled a list of [local churches offering livestreamed worship services](#).** Find your time zone, then select a church service. We know that our Church is not a building, but a people seeking Christ's soon return! To add your church to the list, [CLICK HERE](#) and submit your stream information. Continue to check back for newly added listings!



**Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm EDT, starting May 5, the NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments are teaming up** to bring quick, relevant information via livestream to both you and your children in these uncertain times. We invite families to join us to learn lesser-known side-effects that constantly being at home can have on both parents and children. The 15-minute streams will be viewable on the ["Our Family Room" Facebook](#) page and will later be shared on both [Family](#) and [Children's](#) Ministry Youtube channels. For additional resources for every segment, check out [Family](#) or [Children's](#) Ministries websites.

**Our Sabbath School study and sermon airs multiple times** each weekend on Friday, Saturday,

**SABBATH SCHOOL**

Study with authors of the Sabbath School quarterly, *How to Interpret Scripture*



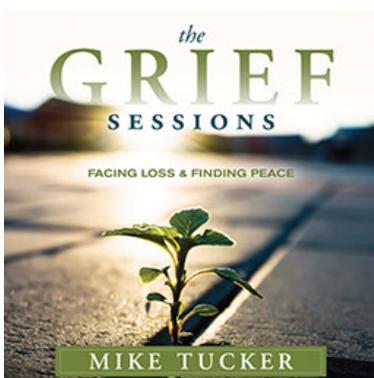
**HOST**  
Pastor John Bradshaw

**GUEST**  
Dr. Michael Hasel

**GUEST**  
Dr. Frank Hasel

**WATCH**

- Friday at 8:30 p.m. EDT
- Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. EDT



and Sunday on the [It Is Written TV website](#). Past episodes of the programs can be viewed on demand at It Is Written TV or at these links: [Sabbath School](#) and [In The Word](#).

### **Voice of Prophecy's ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES**

are the perfect way to study the Bible with people in your community from a safe social distance, using their mobile device, tablet, or computer. The newly updated [Biblestudies.com](#) website allows individuals and local churches to create their own free customizable Bible study website. Visit [bibleschools.com/apply](#) to register/sign up, customize the title/name of your Bible School and your welcome message, and select the VOP lessons you want to use; and Bible study requests will come directly to you! [CONTACT](#) Voice of Prophecy with questions.

### **Voice of Prophecy has developed**

[ShareYourFaithOnline.com](#) to encourage church members to share their faith, especially in this time of quarantine. Even as social distancing restrictions ease up, for evangelistic efforts to be successful going forward, they will need to include a strong online component. This website offers six tangible ways churches and their members can engage their communities online.

### **Now, more than ever, we are facing**

**unprecedented moments of grief** compounded by social isolation. Mike Tucker, host of the Lifestyle Magazine life-coaching TV series, invites you to join "[The Grief Sessions](#)," a Facebook Live interactive experience! Each of the six sessions is filled with Bible-centered, research-based, and people-proven ways to

turn loss into living again. [Tune in](#) Fridays, 6:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. PDT, starting April 24, 2020.

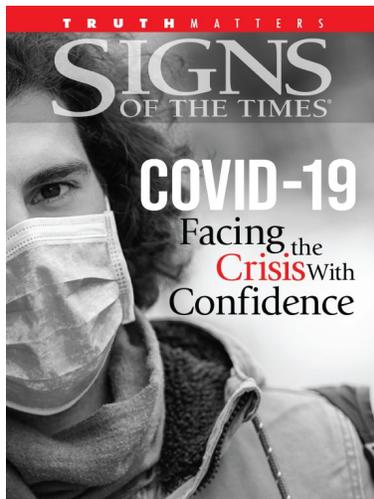


**If the coronavirus disease has you stuck at home, the free, online Bible studies** from It Is Written are a great way to share your faith with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers (while keeping your distance!). The 25 lessons cover the major themes of the Bible using simple questions. Videos, photos, and historical information enrich the experience. The studies can be found at [www.itiswritten.study](https://www.itiswritten.study).



**NAD 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)



**Special "Signs of the Times" available to order now!** COVID-19: Facing the Crisis With Confidence" is a special, 16-page sharing edition on the coronavirus pandemic. In view of the shocking developments we have witnessed, this issue is a practical and spiritual response to the most significant global health crisis of the 21st century. Knowing the facts will keep your fears at bay and help you face the future with hope! Buy it for you, order in bulk for your friends/neighbors, or mail it to an entire zip code. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

**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



form their own homes. The Bible Lab meets on Sabbath mornings at 10:30 a.m. PDT. For more information visit: [www.TheBibleLab.com](http://www.TheBibleLab.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Seminars Unlimited, in connection with Voice of Prophecy and AWR 360°, now offers a customizable postcard** to showcase the services of your local church to the public. At this crucial time, share what your church is doing to serve the needs of your community. The 11"x6" card can be direct mailed to a zip code of your choice. Call (800) 982-3344 for more information.



**The Center for Youth Evangelism's "Cruise With a Mission" Alaska trip**, scheduled for this September, is canceled. Nonetheless, there is an amazing, if not a better alternative! "Cruise with a Mission" is going back to the Caribbean for December 13-20, 2020. Find more information at [cye.org/cwm](http://cye.org/cwm).



**As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches have** temporarily gone to online services. [AdventistGiving](http://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](#)



Send an encouraging Bible promise to someone you care about with **NEW Scripture eCards from LifeTalk Radio**—FREE to share by email! Choose from beautiful [NEW “You Matter to God!” eCards](#) that include a Bible promise, and add your own message of comfort. Perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and get-well cheer, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God’s love.



**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.



**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.



**ADRA’s Daily Hope messages are brief thoughts to calm fears in the midst** of the outbreak. The news is bleak but God is good. Let Daily Hope be a small reminder that there is still beauty and love in the world. Enjoy a few moments of peace as you read how God continues to change lives all around the world. [CLICK HERE](#) to read.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

# May

- 1-31 [Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)
- 4-10 [Screen-Free Week](#)
- 9 [Youth Sabbath](#)
- 9 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Disaster & Famine Relief\)](#)
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- 16 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 23 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)
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**May Focus:**  
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**Adventist Mission**

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- 13 [Women's Ministries Emphasis Day](#)
- 13 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 20 [Refugee Sabbath](#)
- 20 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 27 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)
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**June Focus:**  
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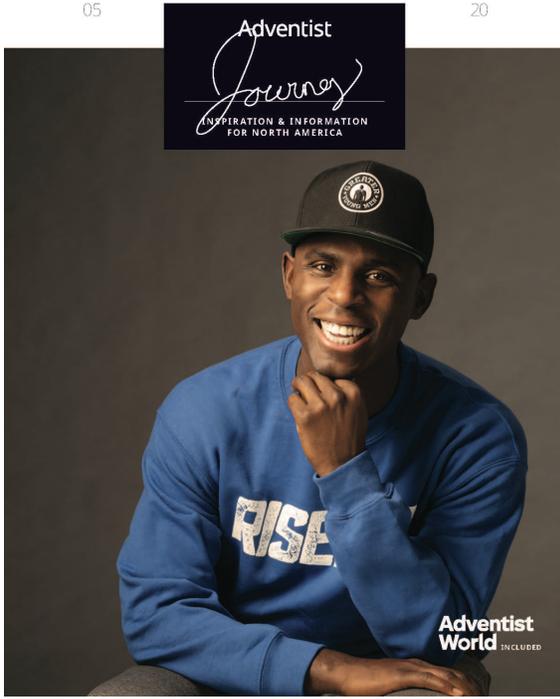
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## VIEWPOINTS



### Even in Those Moments ...

"Elisha's story can bring us closer to God and help us understand that He is always with

us, loves us, and cares about us — even in the moments when we are isolated and alone. Even in those moments when we discover we have the coronavirus, and even in those moments when a loved one or a friend has been taken as a victim of this disease."

— Daniel R. Jackson, during a March 2020 virtual NAD staff worship, referring to Elisha's story 2 Kings 6

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## NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES



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