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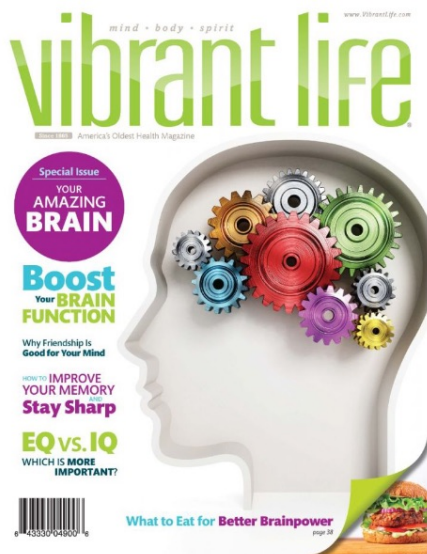
January 4, 2023



**In 2022, the NAD website garnered close to 1.2 million unique page views. More than 270,000 unique page views were directed to NAD news articles. [CLICK HERE](#) to read (or read again) the top 10 most-visited news articles of 2022. And enjoy several popular stories from past years that still make the cut in our top 20, listed at the end of our 2022 list.**



**On Dec. 11, 2022, the administrative committee of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (NAD) voted to elect Milton Sand as the director of Information Technology Services (ITS) and Michael J. Brown as the director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI). [MORE](#)**



**The Pacific Press Publishing Association, the printing and publishing house of the NAD,** produces and/or prints several sharing magazines. These magazines are geared toward members being able to share them with their family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Vibrant Life, started in 1885, is the first to be featured in our series. [READ](#) our interview with editor Heather Quintana.



**It's been more than three and a half years since the Camp Fire devastated Paradise and several nearby communities in 2018.** The fire tore through the town of Paradise in about four hours, destroying more than 18,000 structures (including about 14,000 residences) and killing 86 people. [HERE](#) is a look back — and a glimpse into the recovery efforts. And bonus — [CHECK OUT](#) the story of Paradise's ACS director, Joelle Chinnock.

## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Church Hosts Diabetes Class \(Ga.\)](#)

[Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church Receives Donation From WNC Bridge Foundation \(N.C.\)](#)

[Knoxville Church Damaged by Water Line Break on Christmas \(Tenn.\)](#)

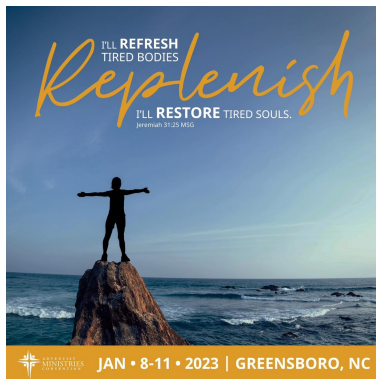
[Adventist Church Shares Gratitude for Commanders Quarterback Wentz' Aid to Haiti \(Md.\)](#)

[Escape From Moscow: Simi Pastor Helps Family Move to U.S. \(Calif.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Prayer is the birthplace of revival. God has worked so many miracles in past years as we have sought Him together in prayer and fasting. [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the General Conference's resources for this year's 10 Day of Prayer and join in prayer Jan. 11-21, 2023.**

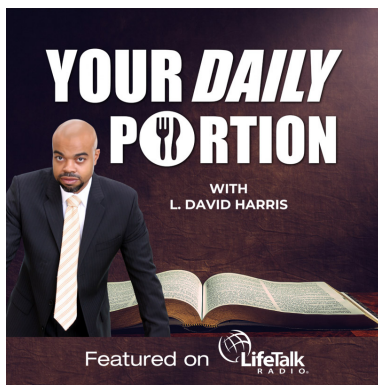


**The NAD Adventist Ministries Convention will be held on Jan. 8-11, 2023, in Greensboro, NC.** We hope to see many of our ministry leaders from across the division there next week! [Click here](#) to learn more and register! And check out our posts on social media with these hashtags: [#nadreplenish](#) [#nadadventist](#) [#AMC2023](#)

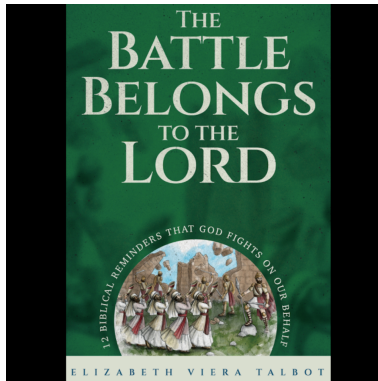


**There is limited time to sign up for the Counternarratives Writing Conference on Jan. 9-10, 2023, at the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC.** Come and learn the dynamics and discipline of the counternarrative, the critical researching, thinking and writing so embedded in Adventist history. This two-day writing intensive starts with a tour of the International Civil Rights Museum, site of the Civil Rights Era Woolworth's counter sit-ins. All writers, historians, theologians, and students are invited to attend. [REGISTER](#) today!

**LifeTalk Radio invites you to take a few moments every day to allow the presence of**



**God to fill you**, and to feed on His Word to empower you to live a healthy and vibrant life. This month we add a new program, Your Daily Portion, created by L. David Harris. It's a daily, 10-minute review of the Adult Sabbath School Lesson. Check the program schedule ([lifetalk.net/program-schedule](http://lifetalk.net/program-schedule)) to see when this new program is airing in your time zone.



Jesus 101 has released the new book ***The Battle Belongs to the Lord*** by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, published by Pacific Press. The book is about 12 biblical warfare narratives that remind us that God fights on our behalf. This book has powerful insights for facing life's persistent traumas, while showing that God is willing and able to fight for you. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book Offers", and enter code "NAD-BBL". Jesus 101 will send this completely free (US and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru December 15.



**Season 4 of Authentic Debuts Nationwide – Join Shawn Boonstra of the Voice of Prophecy this Sabbath for *The Prince***, as he discusses what led Jesus and his followers to give their lives for an wildly unpopular message. This episode serves as the debut episode of season 4 of Authentic which can be viewed on Hope Channel, 3ABN, and at [vop.com/authentic](http://vop.com/authentic).

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## Wisdom, Discernment, and Humility

"Every day I pray for myself. The prayer blessing over myself is a three-fold blessing. [I pray], 'Lord, as I begin this day, give me the wisdom of Solomon, the discernment of Nehemiah, and the humility of David.'"

— *Charles Tapp, Potomac Conference president, during NAD staff worship on Jan. 4, 2023*

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