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NEWSPOINTS

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From April 27-29, 112 Prison Ministry leaders, volunteers, and guests gathered at the NAD's headquarters in Columbia, Md., for the 2023 NAD Prison Ministry Conference. Themed "Ministry to the Marginalized," it drew inspiration from Jesus' call to serve prisoners in Matthew 25:40. [MORE](#)



The 2023 Global Adventist Information Ministry (GAIN) convention, held June 7-11 at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., brought together more than 100 communicators and leaders from the North American, Inter-American, and South American divisions. [MORE](#)



The stories we tell matter. Perhaps my favorite stories in our Adventist past pertain to how Adventism spread to new places; and in telling our Adventist stories, we should not overlook how Adventism spread across what is today the North American Division. [READ MORE](#)



During spring vacation in March 2023, a group of students and faculty from Pacific Union College traveled to Mana Island, Fiji, for a 10-day mission trip. It's been nearly a decade since the first PUC trip to this remote location. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church Community Health Fair in Springfield \(Mass.\)](#)

["Defending His Church": Beloved Fallbrook Adventist Church Volunteer Dies From Ladder Fall \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Expands Residency Opportunities to Help Address Physician Shortage](#)

[Kentucky-Tennessee Camp Meeting Held at Highland Academy \(Ky.\)](#)

[New Adventhealth Cancer Center Hits Halfway Mark on \\$76M Construction \(Kans.\)](#)

[Upper Columbia Academy: After His Family Fled Cuba, Sammy Lores Seeks To Help Others \(Wash.\)](#)

[Fake Crash Helps Ukiah Hospital, First Responders Prepare for the Real Thing \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Jesus 101 has released a new Spanish Bible study, *Jesus Gana!* These 10 multimedia Bible studies, in one attractive magazine, have corresponding QR codes that link to short videos with Dr. Elizabeth Talbot explaining the content of each lesson. This Bible course is an excellent way of introducing your friends and family to Jesus, even inviting them to be baptized. Anyone can give Bible studies with this colorful and creative course! For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app ([iOS](#) or [Google Play](#)), click on “Book Offers,” and enter code “NAD-JG.” Jesus 101 will send this completely free (U.S. and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru July 15, 2023.



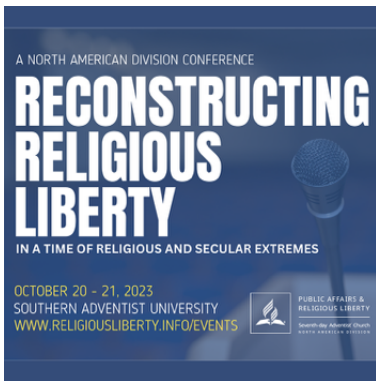
Just because summer is here and school is out, does not mean that learning needs to stop. Discover how to help your kids continue to learn through home school activities. *Homeschool Companion* is dedicated to home-based education by making the most of the learning experience through student centeredness and differentiated instruction. Hosted by Rose Gamblin, the programs focus on educational strategies, techniques and inspirational themes. *Homeschool Companion* airs weekly on LifeTalk Radio. Check the program schedule for your time zone (lifetalk.net/program-schedule). It is also available as a podcast (lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup).



The "Something Better" [NAD Educators' Convention](#), will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 7-10. Current and retired Adventist educators are invited! Educators employed within the NAD EC-12 system will be registered by their local union or conference. Registration for NON-NAD EC-12 employees is now open. Questions? [Send an email](#).



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention registration is now open! Join us in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, as professional communicators attend workshops, meet for worship, and network. We also welcome Adventist college and university students. And after a hiatus, we are planning to bring back our communication awards program and area media tours. Hurry! The early-bird price of \$349 runs until July 10, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



The NAD's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry is excited to announce its upcoming Oct. 20-21 conference Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes. [Learn more/register now](#) to explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.



Want to live longer and feel better? Then don't miss *Health and Longevity*. This popular lifestyle program is hosted by Dr. John Westerdahl and dedicated to providing you with the latest cutting edge information about nutrition, health, and lifestyle medicine. Discover how you can live a vibrant, healthy and long life! The program format includes special interviews with leading health authorities and medical professionals. This program airs twice weekly on LifeTalk Radio. Listen online at: [LifeTalk.net](#) or check out the on-demand podcasts at: [LifeTalk.net/podcast-lineup](#)



Are you looking for an exciting event to bring your church together this fall? Then look no further than Upheaval, the all-new event presented by Pastor Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of Voice of Prophecy. This is a free event with features that will help individuals and churches alike grow in their knowledge, faith, and passion for God. Upheaval is set to be

launched this Fall and promises to become an invaluable tool for churches and individuals in their spiritual journey.



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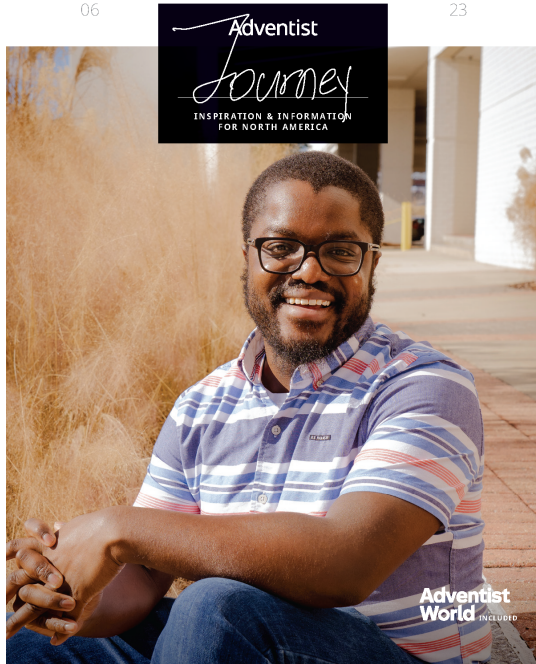
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VIEWPOINTS



My Help Comes From the Lord

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

— *Psalm 121:1,2 NIV*

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