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NEWS

Ontario Conference to Host Maranatha News and ADRA Haiti Benefit Concert

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On Sunday, February 7, 2010, Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will host a benefit concert for Haiti at Apple Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The benefit concert, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. will feature award-winning gospel artistes and others, including *Alliance*, an Ottawa-based choir of Haitian-Canadians. The outstanding line-up of performers is expected to make this concert one of the most exciting events in the Greater Toronto Area for 2010.

As a joint partnership between the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, ADRA Canada and the evangelical Christian newspaper, Maranatha News, the concert will attract people from across the GTA. A number of dignitaries and celebrities are also expected to be present.

"We are happy to work with both ADRA Canada and Maranatha News to put on this concert," said Dr. Mansfield Edwards, Ontario Conference president, "because there is still so much to be done for the people of Haiti. The involvement of Maranatha News is a clear demonstration that Adventists are recognized as people who deeply care for the distressed and helpless."

Edwards is encouraging as many Adventists as possible to attend the concert and to take a "significant donation" with them.

"It's a free concert, but we want it to be more than simply entertainment," he said. "We will hear an eye-witness account about the devastation caused by the earthquake, and we will catch a glimpse of the struggles that people are going through. When the appeal is made for donations, we anticipate that everyone will respond according to his or her ability to give."

According to organisers, the concert is being held at short notice in order to qualify for the government's matching fund that expires a few days later.

After the concert, football fans will be able to watch the Super Bowl XLIV on the big screen in the basement hall of Apple Creek Church.

The concert will also be streamed live on www.AdventistOntario.org

Halsey Peat, Communication Director, Ontario Conference

Relief Workers Face Challenges Distributing Deluge of Supplies

*28 Jan 2010, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Megan Brauner/ANN*

More than two weeks after the earthquake, relief agencies are fighting blocked roads and lack of centralized organization while attempting to distribute food and fresh water to Haitians around the capital of Port-au-Prince, workers said.

Tasks that would take a matter of hours under normal circumstances can take days, said Dan Weber, a videographer working with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

"Once you find out where [supplies are] sitting at the airport, you have to figure out how to transport them and then you have to arrange for security," Weber said. "That means you have to have [United Nations] troops there to guard the convoy as you're getting it through."

Medical supplies from Adventist-run Florida Hospital and partner organization Harvest International arrived in Haiti last Thursday morning, Weber said, but ADRA workers were unable to deliver them to the hospital until Sunday night.

"Half the streets are blocked," Weber said. "You have to know the routes -- we had maps of the blocked streets. You drive along and next thing you know you find a couple hundred people living in the street in tents."

Weber added that while the amount of aid pouring into Haiti can be beneficial, there are unavoidable side effects.

"Logistically, it's a nightmare. You have so many different aid groups trying to come in and help, which is wonderful, but trying to coordinate all that with the U.N. ... it's a tough process right now," he said.

Despite the obstacles, ADRA workers distributed 100,000 pounds, or 45 tons, of rice, beans and other food items to more than 15,000 displaced survivors still living on the campus of the Haitian Adventist University, the agency reported. The distribution, which took place Monday, was the latest of several ADRA-assisted projects.

ADRA and partner organization Global Medic also trained 20 Haitians with motorbikes to set up portable filtration systems in areas without access to safe water.

The drivers travel around the city, pumping clean water and handing out purification tablets. For their time, the drivers receive food, a small salary and reimbursement for their fuel.

ADRA workers in Haiti say they hope to have a total of 30 bike drivers soon.

The death toll for Adventist Church members is currently 600, church leaders reported. Half of the 115 collapsed churches in the region are considered a total loss, and roughly 25,000 Adventists are homeless. Local church offices and university dormitories also sustained heavy damage.

Source: Adventist News Network

NAD Resources

“Lifting up Jesus,” Bible Lessons are now available in print through Color Press. They feature pictures of Jesus by renowned artist Nathan Greene and prominently display Jesus and His love.

Contact:

www.adventistevangelism.com/prod_detail_list/18<http://www.adventistevangelism.com/prod_detail_list/18> or call 800-222-2145 to order, or order through your local ABC. Cost: US\$8.95; Quantity pricing available.

The plain English studies as well as translations in Spanish, Russian and Chinese are still available free at: www.liftingupjesus.net<<http://www.liftingupjesus.net>>. Laos and Braille editions are in process.

Contact:

www.veotag.com/player/?u=jsomapdiwl<<http://www.veotag.com/player/?u=jsomapdiwl>> to view the author, Karen Lewis' seminar at the 2009 Adventist Ministries Convention.

- **New Film, “The Adventists”** — Journey Films is completing a film called “The Adventists.” Written and directed by Martin Doblmeier (“Bonhoeffer, the Power of Forgiveness”), it is a one-hour documentary about Seventh-day Adventists’ unique approach to health and healing. The film will begin broadcasting on PBS stations in April and will be available on DVD in February. Special screenings are now being organized across America in February and March.

- **Dedication of a New Russian Adventist TV Channel** will take place Feb 6. The new channel, 39.3, will be broadcast through He’s Alive Television (KHBA), which is owned and operated by eight Adventist churches in Spokane, Wash. It is designed to minister to a large Russian-speaking population in that area.

Contact: www.theadventiststhefilm.com<<http://www.theadventiststhefilm.com>> to learn more. Invite your Russian-speaking friends to view the programs at: www.openbookcenter.com/smotret/tv/<<http://www.openbookcenter.com/smotret/tv/>> (Windows users) or www.openbookcenter.com/media/<<http://www.openbookcenter.com/media/>> (Mac users). The program schedule is at www.openbookcenter.com/raspisanie-teleperedach-na-segodnya/<<http://www.openbookcenter.com/raspisanie-teleperedach-na-segodnya/>>.

INSIDE SCOOP —

● **It Is Written (IIW) Evangelistic Series in Rome Begins March 6** — The meetings will last from Feb. 6 - Mar 6, and church members are blanketing the city with 800,000 invitations to attend. In addition, the series is also being promoted on the sides of buses, via large posters in the subways, and on the radio. This is a massive undertaking and your prayers are urgently needed!

Contact: www.itiswritten.com/rome<<http://www.itiswritten.com/rome>>.

● **If You Missed The Interview on NPR With Barry Black**, U.S. Senate Chaplain and a Seventh-day Adventist, you can hear it at: <http://tinyurl.com/ye2tet8>. Check out the article at: <http://tinyurl.com/yeabl62> which includes a portion from one of his books.

Camp Frenda 2010 Available Dates

Camp Frenda has the following dates available for weekend retreats: March 26-28, 2010; June 4-6, 2010; June 25-27, 2010; September 17-19, 2010; September 24-26, 2010; October 29-31, 2010; November 12-14, 2010; November 19-21, 2010; November 26-28, 2010; December 3-5, 2010; December 10-12, 2010. Churches interested in any of the above dates need to complete a reservation agreement. The reservation package is available online at www.campfrenda.com. Included in this package is a reservation agreement form. The form needs to be signed by the pastor or head elder, along with a church board approval. The completed document with deposit needs to be forwarded to the Camp Frenda office at the Ontario Conference. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-served basis.

Summer Weekend Getaway on Lake Rosseau in the Muskoka Region:

For the first time, Camp Frenda is offering two weekends in the midst of the summer camping season for any church that would like to relax and enjoy the beauty of the #1 cottage region in Ontario. The dates are: July 9-11, 2010 and August 13-15, 2010. To qualify for this amazing offer, your group must have a minimum of 100 paying adults. Please note that resorts on Lake Rosseau during the months of July and August will charge a minimum of \$500/night (not including meals). Camp Frenda is charging \$50/day/person including 3 meals. Churches interested in these dates can contact the Camp director at gdesilva@adventistontario.org. **These dates will not be available for long.**

Camp Frenda 2011 Reservations:

Camp Frenda will start accepting reservations for Jan-Dec, 2011 camping year, on February 1, 2010. A reservation package is available on our website (www.campfrenda.com). Included in this package is a reservation agreement form. The form needs to be signed by the Pastor or Head Elder along with a church board approval. The completed document with deposit needs to be forwarded to the Camp Frenda office at the Ontario Conference. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-served basis.

Seeking Volunteer Nurses for Summer Camp Season 2010:

Camp Frenda is in need of volunteer nurses for the 2010 summer camping season. Session dates are available online at www.campfrenda.com. Successful applicants and their immediate family will receive lodging, meals and activities at no cost. Those interested in applying please submit your available dates to the camp director at: gdesilva@adventistontario.org.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 30

"Eating!" - Health Vespers at Willowdale

"Eating!" It's the biggest cause of disease, disabilities, and death in North America today! Join us at Willowdale Church for vespers on **Sabbath, January 30, at 5:00 pm** as we view this excellent, award-winning film that shines a spotlight on our eating habits and how they are affecting our health. You absolutely cannot miss this "Eating!" DVD presentation. Please join us at Willowdale Church, 535 Finch Avenue West (beside Branson Hospital) for this insightful and potentially life-changing DVD presentation.

January 30

7x7 Youth Evangelism Workshops 2010

Learn how to share Christ with your friends by attending this 4-part youth evangelism training program which starts on **Sabbath, January 30, from 4:00-6:30 p.m.** at the Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church, 140 Regis Cres. South, Downsview, ON. The rest of the series will be held on June 19, Sept. 18, and Nov. 6 at the same time and place.

Workshops

Youth Bible Study
Evangelism Through Dialogue
Health & Lifestyle Evangelism
Internet Evangelism
"Jesus Loves Jeans"
"Voice of Youth" Evangelism
Youth Preaching

Resource Speakers

Liz Pule
Rodolfo Alvir
Maria McClean
Mirthell Mitchell
Patrick Jacques
Edwin Martin
Kenton Perrin

This seminar is free, but registration is required by Jan. 27. Registration form is available at www.adventistontario.org. For further details, please contact Pastor Cyril Millett at 905-571-1022 ext. 214 or cmillett@adventistontario.org.

January 31

OPMASDA Annual Business Session

The Annual Business Session of the Ontario Prison Ministry Association of Seventh day Adventists will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Downsview Seventh-day Adventist Church, 37 Bakersfield Street. The Agenda will include the 2010 budget proposal and a proposal to approve a new home base for OPMASDA Ministry.

All Prison Ministry volunteers are requested to attend but only paid up members will have voting privileges.

February 13

Latter Rain's Valentine Banquet

Latter Rain Church invites you to our annual Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. In formal dress, you would enjoy delicious food, good music, fashion show, wonderful prizes, fun games and other activities. Proceeds go to our church building fund. Tickets are: adults, \$40 and children under 12, \$20. The venue is at the church location in the auditorium at 7 Elinor Avenue, Scarborough

(Lawrence E/Pharmacy). Tickets are available from any church member or Paulette Burnett. For more details, please visit www.latterrainsda.net. See you there!

February 21

Healthy Cooking at Willowdale

"Hey, good cooking!" Do you want to make healthier meals for you and your family, but wish you had some help? Join us for our "Hey, Good Cooking!" series at Willowdale Church on Sunday, February 21, 2010, 12:00 - 2:00 pm with guest chef, Sandy Grant. Sandy is the author of *Eden's Plate: The Ultimate Vegan Vegetarian Cookbook*. Come and learn to make delicious oat waffles, TVP meatloaf, Sandy's award-winning tofu cheesecake, and more! \$20 per person for this two-hour class. Call Bev at (416) 203-0451 to reserve your seat! Willowdale Church is located at 535 Finch Avenue West, just west of the Finch & Bathurst intersection, beside Branson Hospital.

February 26-28

Fifth Annual Multicultural Day

The Agape Temple Adventist Church in Pickering will be hosting its 5th Annual Multicultural Weekend from Friday, February 26, to Sunday, February 28. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience different cultures through worship, praise, food and song. Highlights include: musical vibes, critical insights about different cultures, fashion show (Feb 27 at 7:00 pm), reception and taste of the Caribbean games and interactive activities.

This promises to be a weekend you don't want to miss. For more information, contact Pierre Andre at 416-985-1641 or stop by Agape Temple, 1999 Fairport Rd (Fairport & Finch) Pickering ON. Tel.: 905-837-1892.

February 27

Attention all Family, Men's, Singles, Women's, & Young Women Ministries Leaders:

Ministries Leadership Training for you will be held on Feb. 27, 2010 at Toronto Kingsview Village Church from 11 am to 6 pm, featuring:

- 11 am divine service speaker, Pastor Glenn DeSilva
- 2 afternoon seminar sessions (beginning 2:15 pm) for each ministry
- 5 pm *Meet the Presenters* – network with over 20 seminar presenters that can assist your ministry
- Free soup and sandwich light lunch

Free event but kindly register with Donna Jackson – djackson@adventistontario.org by Feb. 22.

March 5 & 6

Immanuel's 25th Anniversary

Immanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church on Drewry Avenue in Toronto will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on March 5 and 6 2010. A special invitation is extended to all former pastors, former members and friends of Immanuel to join with us as we celebrate this quarter century milestone. The celebration will begin on Friday with Pastor Manuel Silva from the British Columbia Conference. Pastor Dennis Uffindell, the first pastor of Immanuel, will be the divine service speaker. A special musical program and drama will be presented in the evening. Former youth pastor, Marian Kossovan, will be our guest soloist, along with an array of musical talents from the past and the present. The evening will conclude with a reception in our fellowship hall. To God be

the glory great things He hath done. Contact person: Vermont Cleghorne, anniversary chairman.

March 7-9
Canadian University College

Curious to see what University life is like? Come to College Days, March 7-9, at Canadian University College! It will be a chance for prospective students to meet students in similar areas of interest; visit with teachers; worship with CUC faculty, staff, and students; and have loads of fun! For more information or to request an application, email Nicole Bartolay at nbartola@cauc.ca. Deadline is February 1, 2010.

April 11-May 6
CHIP at Willowdale

Mark your calendar for another exciting CHIP program at Willowdale Church this Spring, April 11 to May 6, 2010. CHIP is the Coronary Health Improvement Project, the outstanding four-week educational program that has helped thousands prevent, stabilize, and even reverse diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, angina, and overweight. If you are suffering from these types of health conditions, then CHIP is for you! If you have no health issues and want to keep it that way, CHIP is also for you! Let CHIP show you how to take charge of your health today! Program cost is \$250/person, \$400 for a married couple sharing materials, and \$150 for CHIP alumni. Free information sessions will be held in March 2010. Isn't this the year you should be taking charge of your health? Visit <http://www.chiponline.org/chipvideo> to view a three-minute clip about the program. Email torontochip@hotmail.com or call Bev Edwards-Miller at (416) 203-0451 for more information. Cheers to your good health!

June 18
Journey to the Heart of Worship Seminar

A 3-part seminar on praise and worship, dubbed as *Journey to the Heart of Worship*, will be held on June 18, Sept. 17, and Nov. 5, 2010 (7:30-9:00 p.m.) at the Downsview Seventh-day Adventist Church, 37 Bakersfield St., Downsview, ON. Resource speaker is Pastor Dave Schwinghammer, Ontario Conference Stewardship director.

All youth, praise teams, choristers, singers, and instrumentalists are encouraged to attend. Come and join the journey - it will truly transform the way you approach God in worship.

Admission to this seminar is free, but registration is required by June 11. Registration form and poster are available at www.adventistontario.org. For further details, please contact Pastor Cyril Millett at 905-571-1022 ext. 214 or cmillett@adventistontario.org.

This seminar is co-sponsored by the Youth and Stewardship Departments of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in conjunction with the 7x7 Youth Evangelism Workshops in 2010.

July 11
CYSA Track and Field Day

Christian Youth Sports Academy (CYSA) will be holding its annual track and field day on Sunday, July 11, 2010, at York University. The rally and drill competition will be held on Saturday night, July 10.

OTHER ADS

A female, young adult member from Guadeloupe is looking for accommodation in the Toronto area. She is completing a bachelor degree in Export/Import in France and has chosen Canada as a foreign country in which to do a work placement from April to July. If you are willing to help this student and serve as a host family, please contact Pastor Millett at the Ontario Conference office for details (905) 571-1022.

Available Venue for Events for Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs

Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs, Northview Heights Secondary School, 550 Finch Avenue West, is available for events on the following dates. These are all Sundays. The available time is strictly from 1 pm to 5 pm. The cost per Sunday is \$150.00. Payment must be in at Ontario Conference before confirmation of booking. To cancel, 7 days notice is required. To book, contact Pastor Edwin Martin at the conference office: 905-571-1022 ext. 223 or email emartin@adventistontario.org.

2010: January 17, January 31, February 21, March 14, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29, September 5, September 12, September 26, October 24, October 31, November 28.

Padded chairs needed in Owen Sound Church

We are looking for at least 30 padded and stackable chairs if someone has to donate to our social hall. Please contact Pastor Peter at 519-370-0135 or pcaran@adventistontario.org.

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