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"I will praise the  
Lord no matter  
what happens. I  
will constantly  
speak of his  
glories and  
grace." – Psalm  
34:1 LV

- "The most  
valuable skill you  
can sell is your  
knowledge." –  
President Barack  
Obama, Address  
to Congress,  
February 24,  
2009
- "You don't have  
rosy thoughts  
about the future  
when your mind  
is full of blues  
about the past." -  
-Anonymous

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## FROM ELDER JOHNSON

### HE DID IT!

Dear Ministry Partners,

Philippians 4:19 records, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." In Ephesians 3:20 Paul exclaims of Our Lord, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

These statements of Biblical truth more than adequately describe what Our Lord did for all of us, I mean *all* of us, during the North American Division Adult Sabbath School Summit that convened at our World Headquarters, April 24-25, 2009. We asked Him, through The Holy Ghost to *Show Up* in safety for the travelers, power for the presenters, direct "speaking" through the "Brainstorming" attendees, high-warm-gracious-fellowship and networking experiences—AND HE DID!

The people were inspired, Encouraged, Reoriented, and Empowered. It was a complete experience that will be relished long term, and that can be shortly revisited by the hundreds from all of our Unions that were in attendance in person, and online, and viewed, very shortly in its entirety on our North American Division website, [www.nadadultministries.org](http://www.nadadultministries.org).

God gave us hundreds of ideas for implementing the Four Goals of Sabbath School (Bible Study, Fellowship, Outreach, and World Mission) in the local Church Setting. Let us continue to move forward, given the great boost that we have been blessed with by Divinity.

### HE DID IT! PRAISE HIS NAME!

We are also grateful to all who attended and participated.

MARANATHA!

JAJ II

## **IT'S ALL ABOUT SABBATH SCHOOL**

### ***A Transformational Sabbath School Class for Youth***

#### **Engaging Students in Learning**

There are not, of course, in Sabbath School as many different ways to engage students in learning as there are in formal learning settings. Much more could be done in this area, however, than is often done in the typical Sabbath School.

In talking about the latest educational practices of her day, Ellen White said, "The use of object lessons, blackboards, maps, and pictures, will be an aid in explaining these lessons, and in fixing them in the memory. Parents and teachers should constantly seek for improved methods. The teaching of the Bible should have our freshest thought, our best methods, and our more earnest effort.

Further, "In order for the study [of the Bible] to be effective, the interest of the pupil must be enlisted. Especially by the one who has to deal with children and youth differing widely in disposition, training, and habits of thought, this is a matter not to be lost sight of. In teaching children the Bible, we may gain much by observing the bent of their minds, the things in which they are interested, and arousing their interest to see what the Bible says about these things. He who created us, with our various aptitudes, has in His word given something for everyone. As the pupils see that the lessons of the Bible apply to their own lives, teach them to look to it as a counselor."

And, "It is not the best plan for teachers to do all the talking, but they should draw out the class to tell what they know. Then let the teacher, with a few brief, pointed remarks or illustrations, impress the lesson upon their minds. Under no circumstances should teachers go through the lesson mechanically, and then sit down, leaving the children to stare about, or whisper and play, as we have seen them do. . . . The active minds of children should be kept constantly employed. Their ideas should be drawn out and corrected, or approved, as the case may require."

#### **Reflecting on Teaching**

It is all too easy at the end of a Sabbath School class period, especially with young people, to have a sense of "having gotten through another one," and, unfortunately, to put the teaching process out of mind until the next Friday night. But religious educators who are gifted by the Spirit with the gift of teaching will feel the necessity of continuing to evaluate and improve their ministry in the church body.

"The Sabbath School is not a place of entertainment, to amuse and divert the children, although, rightly conducted, it can be all of this; but it is a place where children and youth are educated, where the Bible is opened to the understanding, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. . . . Let every teacher feel that he must know more; he must be better acquainted with those with whom he has to deal, better acquainted with the best methods of imparting knowledge." Only by careful reflection on what has gone on and what might be improved can this kind of growth and improvement take place.

Google [www.cooltoolsforsabbathschool](http://www.cooltoolsforsabbathschool)

***(Part V of A Series from Cool Tools for Sabbath School by Kathy Beagles)***



### **WHAT'S HOT!**

***SOME OUTREACH MINISTRIES ACROSS THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION (NAD) MAKING A DIFFERENCE!***

#### **THE SINGLE MOTHER'S RESOURCE KIT**

The Single Mother's Resource Kit was assembled to provide ideas for ministry to a special group that may often feel forgotten, single mothers. The Single Mother's Resource Kit contains advice and materials on:

- Career Development
- Daily Living
- Finances
- Health and Well Being
- Parenting
- Spiritual Growth

The Single Mother's Resource Kit can be used by either single mothers or women's ministries leaders. Whether single, divorced, or widowed, single motherhood is a daunting task. The Single Mother's Resource Kit gives you resources that both support and empower.

Available from AdventSource at [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org) or 800.328.0525. Catalog #630361 US\$5.95

*Source: passport, Winter 2009*

#### **DEAF MINISTRIES UNITES DIVISION LEADERS**

Following the first nationwide leadership training event for Deaf Ministries held last August, sponsored by the North American Division, Ministry leaders and participants are gearing up for more inspiration this summer.

Three members of Potomac Conference's Deaf Evangelistic Adventist Fellowship (DEAF) congregation in Silver Spring, Maryland, represented the Columbia Union last fall: Cathy Ingram and David and Francisca Trexler. Under the theme of Unity, participants shared their needs and ideas for Deaf Ministries, and prayed for each other.

For more details on the upcoming division-wide meeting, visit [deafadventist.org](http://deafadventist.org).

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## Q & A

***I would really like to see my church do at least some of the things suggested in the resource materials, but when I ask for volunteers no one responds." Help!***

*This is a typical remark from personal ministries leaders across North America.*

### ***Why do many members hesitate to be involved?***

*Some have a limited understanding of the role of laity. Many lack confidence; they do not know the potential they have. And most have little or no training.*

### ***What will motivate church members to get involved in outreach activities?***

*Pleading and guilt trips may work for a few, but most are unmoved by these appeals. General requests for volunteers rarely achieve a response.*

*Yet many others do give their time to selected volunteer activities regularly. What makes the difference? The real success in motivating volunteers is finding the right fit for them. This is why discovering one's spiritual gifts plays such a major role in the life of the church. As the personal ministries leader you need to schedule spiritual gifts seminars and encourage every member to attend.*

*There are plenty of nice, kind people attending church regularly who aren't involved in reaching out to the community. They display the fruit of the spirit in their lives—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, etc., they have the Holy Spirit WITHIN, leading them to be like Jesus. Yet they lack the second function of the Spirit—the power UPON them, giving them the ability to perform works in ministry for the building up of the church, the body of Christ. The outpouring of the Spirit upon them will be realized as they discover and develop their specific spiritual gifts.*

*One-on-one is the best path to successful volunteer recruitment. Approach prospective volunteers in a kind and positive manner. Ask, "How do you see yourself being involved in our congregation's outreach?"*

*Listen carefully to what individuals say. A person's past experiences, hopes and dreams, personality and spiritual gifts all combine to determine his or her current level of willingness to commit to the project at hand. It is worth the time invested because it is this sensitive, spiritual work that births motivation for ministry in each church member.*

*Remind members that honor in service pays greater rewards than cash wages, especially when one is ministering where he or she has been gifted by God. Talk about spiritual gifts and pray together that God will help each person find just the right place to work for Him.*

**Resource: Quick Start Guide for Personal Ministries  
AdventSource, Lincoln, Nebraska**

## **"INMATE SPIRITUAL COUNSELING" CURRICULUM SEGMENTS**

***"Inmate Spiritual Counseling" with an emphasis on Volunteer Prison Chaplaincy, is the new training curriculum for those who are very serious about updating their Prison Ministry skills. The 46-hour course is offered by the North American Division Academy of Continuing Education, and will be conducted in association with the International Institute of Christian Ministry of the General Conference Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Department, which has a direct relationship with Griggs University. Continuing Education Credit is a possibility for college credit in the future.***

***Curriculum Segment Highlights: Ministry To Woman in Prison VCHP.300***

***Deseray, an inmate in the general prison population, told us her 5-year old son thought that he was being punished because she was locked-up. She had to explain to him, "No, mommy had done something wrong."***

***Posted by Shola Lynch, Documentary Filmmaker***

***[www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/anderson.cooper.360/blog/2007](http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/anderson.cooper.360/blog/2007)***

### ***Description***

***This Module exposes the student to the spiritual and the physical needs of women inmates. The student will obtain a fundamental awareness of various dilemmas that surround female inmates. Numerous ministry components for various forms of ministry to female inmates will be introduced to the student.***

### ***Overview***

***This Module underscores the fundamental reasons for female incarceration and the disparities that female inmates encounter. Female inmates are exposed to numerous atrocities from both prison guards and prison administrators. This Module introduces ministry opportunities that will promote rehabilitation inside as well as developing support groups beyond the confines of the prison facilities.***

### ***Learning Outcomes***

- 1. To understand the feminine dilemma.***
- 2. To understand unfair justice and sentence disparity.***
- 3. To be exposed to unfair treatment to women inmates by prison guards and officials.***
- 4. To be exposed to ministry opportunities for female inmates.***
- 5. To be exposed to training opportunities.***
- 6. To know how to develop ministry programs for female inmates and their families.***

***Each issue of Network News will feature a segment from this 17 Module Curriculum. We, at the North American Division Adult Ministries Academy of Continuing Education, encourage our readers to enroll. Call Carol at 301.680.6430 or log on [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org) for registration information.***



## **PRISON MINISTRY HAPPENINGS**

### **YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD!**

*Sister Rebecca Rogers is a model for older church members and prison ministries. She served her God, her church, (the Philadelphia Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church) and 30 or more men*

*sentenced to a maximum security prison in Philadelphia, who sat in her R.E.S.T. therapy groups over the course of 12 months.*

*Rain, snow, or stifling heat, Sister Rogers was there. And because of her faithfulness and 200 other trained REST counselors, REST is written in history as one of the top three faith-based prison-based re-entry programs in the United States, having graduated 1,420 incarcerated men, women, and youth over a four year period. We honored Rebecca Rogers as "2003 Faith-based REST Counselor of the Year". She died in March, 2009 as a servant of God and a servant of the men incarcerated in one of the largest prisons in the United States (38,000 inmates are housed there each year). She was not intimidated by the infamous State Road and its six daunting prisons, by the hugeness of the prison she requested to be assigned to, or the length of its corridors or the sounding of its slamming gates and doors of steel. She will not be forgotten, especially by the men of CFCF Maximum Security Prison: the men she served for God.*

*Submitted by Rick McKinney, Founder R.E.S.T.*

### **Doing Time To Be A Better Dad**

*Ideally, a prison sentence is not only punishment for a crime; it is a chance for rehabilitation toward a new life. The Maryland-based National Fatherhood Initiative is hoping that if men are taught to be better fathers, they can start that new life with a plan.*

*NFI's innovative InsideOut Dad program is a 12-session course facilitated for inmates by social workers and other mental health professionals. "It gets men to examine who they are as people and how that can impact relationships with the women and children in their lives," says NFI President Roland Warren. "This is a program that addresses reentry. It is helping guys to prepare for life on the outside." InsideOut Dad, which has been in operation for three years, is being used in 43 states. Prison systems can purchase the curriculum from NFI for less than \$500. National statistics show it is a program that is needed.*

*Washingtontimes.com/culture/life*

### **EDITOR'S P.S.**

*The Sabbath School Summit! It's all over! I ditto what The Elder wrote -*

### **HE DID IT!**

*"Good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . . ." (Luke 7:38) PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!*

*I'm outta here!*

**CB**



