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# Editorial

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (I Timothy 4:12, NKJV) It's often said that young people are the leaders of tomorrow, however, the reality is they are already leaders in their own right. A simple google search will uncover children as young as 10 completing their college degree. In recent years, children under 18 graduating from college has increased. Google will also give you a list of entrepreneurs, CEO's, innovators and business owners who are under the age of 18. It certainly seems like knowledge has increased and the youth have been recipients. Certainly, these young people have not allowed their age to be a limiting factor in leadership. I'm sure there are a few adults in the picture, mentoring, encouraging and advising when requested.

While stories of successful young leaders are more common in the world, the youth inside our churches also have the potential to be exceptional young leaders. After all isn't God also able to use those in His church and bless them in abundance? Be it a historic boy king of only 8 years old, or any other child in our church today, God can and will use the youth. They are to be an example to the believers in the world in how they carry themselves as well as their faith and demonstration of God's love. The youth of today, more than ever are in a position to carry the Advent message to all the world in this generation. The older generations in the church have a responsibility to help cultivate our young leaders. We are to encourage, support, mentor and empower them!

As this issue focus on leadership from various angles, we hope you will spend some time considering and praying for a generation of youth who will lead

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a mighty revival in our church. As we start this new year I encourage you to embrace Total Member Involvement TMI. Yes, the youth are members too, so let's also embrace Total Youth Involvement. When the youth partner with the older generations a powerful army of disciples will be the sure result. Let's "Pass It On" and finish the work.



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# “Pass it On” GYLC 2018

From July 31st to August 4th over 1,600 youth leaders from around the world gathered in Kassel,

Germany for the Global Youth Leaders Congress. It started with a quiet calm before the storm in the days proceeding, as volunteers and staff prepared backpacks filled with various books, GYLC gifts, and reading materials in the exhibition hall. The exhibition hall quickly transformed from a quiet space to a busy station with people moving to and fro as registration opened. Youth leaders from the Bahamas, Botswana, Brazil, France, Germany, Jamaica, the Philippines, South Africa, Trinidad, and the USA were amongst some of the first arrivals to the Kongress Palais. Delegates happily greeted each other, shared

laughs, and lots of selfies as they sorted through their registration and accommodation packets.

As the day progressed, more participants flooded in from Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala, Kenya, Peru, the Virgin Islands, and many other countries. Youth leaders arrived from near and far, they traveled by plane, bus, and train for one purpose, to learn how to “Pass it On;” to equip, engage and empower the young people in their local communities. The Attendify app kept everyone connected, it allowed delegates to share messages, photos, and keep abreast of the daily schedule and happenings.

On Tuesday, the main auditorium was filled with a sea of people during the opening

ceremony. Delegates, leaders, translators, staff, and volunteers gathered on the main floor and in the balcony. There was as much excitement behind the stage as on the stage. The congregation gathered excitedly exhibiting positive energy during the praise and worship. World Youth Director, Gary Blanchard and World Pathfinder Director, Andres Peralta along with the global division leaders of the GC Youth Ministries team delivered an exciting welcome presentation. An amazing play was delivered by the drama troop. Followed by a timely iCOR message by the keynote speaker, Pastor David Asscherick, on the topic of “identity.” Pastor Ty Gibson, Pastor Stephan Sigg, Pastor Gilbert Cangy, Pastor Allan Martin and Pastor Baraka Muganda also served as speakers

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during the week for the iFollow, iLearn, iGrow and iCare sessions. Their messages were equally apt and relevant.

On Wednesday, following the iFollow morning devotion, iGrow, iCare, and iLearn plenary sessions, workshop trainings were in full effect. With approximately 30 workshops the Kongress Palais was buzzing with people traversing everywhere. Some workshops were held in the convention center and others in the adjoining H4 Hotel. Presentations were given by numerous individuals on topics such as leadership, local church, OYiM, club ministries, young adult ministries, and much more. Overall, it was an event full of rich learning, networking, and team building.

Division reports were presented throughout the week, highlighting the great mission work being done by young people all around the globe. The GC Senior Youth Leadership curriculum was presented Thursday evening. The worship service followed, including a theatrical skit, special music and a very insightful sermon by Pastor David Asscherick on the topic of "identity in the church."

On Friday, delegates were given free time to explore Germany. While some visited the local pizzeria Gusto's for lunch, others went for a stroll in the park, and some went for ice cream. Those with an adventurous side took a 20-minute ride on the local train to visit the Hercules monument. Yet others went even further visiting the historic reformation sites in Wittenberg as well as castles and natural

beauties of the country.

The Master Guide Investiture and Senior Youth Leader Graduation service was one of the highlights of the Friday night service. There was a total of 68 graduates from the following divisions: Euro-Asia (ESD), Inter-American (IAD), North-American (NAD), South American (SAD), Southern-Africa Indian Ocean (SID), West-Central Africa Division (WAD) and Trans-European (TED). It was a night full of many hugs and tears of joy. Pastor Jonatan Tejel, former World Pathfinder Director, and his family were also honored and presented with a beautiful portrait. During a touching tribute by the global Youth Ministries Department, division directors, General Conference Vice President, Abner de los Santos and General Conference President, Ted Wilson.

On Sabbath morning, President Wilson presented an iPreach sermon, the titled: "Good Fruit Leaders." Elder Wilson also prayed a prayer of dedication over the new youth bibles. A presentation from the One Year in Mission team followed, "Every Union One Year in Mission." (One Year in Mission University training begins January 28th, visit [www.youth.adventist.org/OYiM](http://www.youth.adventist.org/OYiM) for more information). There was small group meetings, and Sabbath school with Pastor Gibson, and another timely



iServe message from Pastor Asscherick. The night ended with a wonderful parade of nations, where delegates wore their colorful national garments and proudly displayed their country flags.

Overall, the 2018 Global Youth Leaders Congress (GYLC) in Kassel, Germany was a huge success. A special thank you to all staff, volunteers, presenters, and participants who contributed to its triumph. The next Congress will be held in 2023, in the Inter-American Division. See you there!

If you were unable to attend this year's congress we've got you covered, watch the GYLC18 today at: <http://youth.adventist.org/GYLC-MEDIA>

For more GYLC18 photos visit our Facebook page or ADAMS Public Archive: <http://adams.adventist.no/fotoweb/archives/5053-EVENTS/?q=GYLC>

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The General Conference Youth Ministries Department thanks Sophia for her years of service and valuable contributions. We wish you all the best in your new endeavor. We pray that God will continue to bless you and work through you for His glory in your new assignment.





# “Pass it On not Dump it On”

**W**hat did leaders like Elijah, Jesus, Paul, and Moses have in common? You guessed it! They all passed on leadership to the younger generation. Elijah passed on leadership to Elisha, Jesus to the twelve disciples, Paul to Timothy, Mark, and Titus (to name a few) and Moses, of course, passed on leadership to Joshua. So, whenever you pass on leadership to the younger generation remember that you are following in the footsteps of some great men and women of God! “Where are the women who passed on leadership” you ask? In Titus 2:3-4 you find the Cretan women were encouraged to pass on godly

leadership to the younger generation! One modern leadership expert correctly wrote “there is no success without a successor” and it is clear that the above leaders understood this and worked intentionally to be successful.

But I want you to notice something else that sets these empowering leaders apart. Not one of them dumped leadership on the young people! They didn’t paddle them out to the middle of “lake leadership” throw them in and paddle off while shouting “the youth are the church of today!” Sadly, for some youth leaders, this is their default method... dumping leadership on the younger generation. But this is not how

Elijah, Jesus, Paul, Moses or the Cretan women did it! They patiently took each of their young successors through a “pass it on” process of observation, participation, and activation. This process took months for some and decades for others, but it was more than worth the effort and nobody did this better than Jesus!

## **OBSERVATION**

The first thing Jesus did in the process of passing on leadership to the younger generation was to show them how to do it. In other words, leadership is caught more than its taught! Jesus initially invited His disciples to observe Him in action (John 1:51). As youth leaders, we need to model in ourselves before our young people what we want

to pass on to them. There are at least four essential qualities young people need to observe in our lives – character, compassion, courage, and competency.

We need to show them how to preach the gospel, give bibles studies, win souls, plant churches, love our enemies, feed the hungry, live purely, defend bible doctrines, prioritize our families, speak well of leaders, and care for ourselves holistically. Jesus was enabled to do this by the power of the Holy Spirit and so can we as Adventist Youth Leaders (Acts 10:38). In fact, Christ's devotional life was so contagious that his disciples wanted to move beyond observation to participation (Luke 11:1).

## **PARTICIPATION**

The second step in the process of developing leaders is participation. When Jesus fed the 5,000 He did not do it by Himself, He involved His disciples! The bible says, "And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down..." (John 6:11 KJV) Notice the beautiful partnership here. Both

Jesus and the disciples handed out food together.

In America, we have a sports term for those who do not share the ball during a basketball game. We call them "ball hogs." These are individuals who refuse to share the ball because they refuse to share the glory. Jesus was not a ball hog! He involved His young disciples in ministry and even shared the most desirable ministries with them. I am sure that as the disciples handed out the loaves of bread to the hungry masses, they were getting a whole lot more "thank you" and "praise the Lord" comments than Jesus. How do I know? Because according to the passage Jesus only handed out loaves to 12 but the disciples to 5,000!

Are you a ball hog? Or are you training your young people to do more than just set up chairs, run the sound booth, rake leaves and attend your evangelistic meetings? (Though all of these are important.) Our young people need to know they were designed by God to do more than just "sit up, pay up and shut up." Young people need to be challenged and equipped to plant churches, start campus ministries, hold

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evangelistic meetings, lead board meetings, start overseas missions and in the words of one famous evangelist "to storm the gates of hell." We can learn so much from Jesus and his method of passing on leadership to the young generation. First observation, then participation and finally activation.

## **ACTIVATION**

The third and final step of passing on leadership to the young generation is activation. Jesus eventually sends his disciple out rightly trained for godly leadership. Matthew 10 describes this activation beautifully. But even at this stage in leadership development Jesus does not "dump" ministry on His young disciples! He gives them authority, direction, warning, and encouragement. He also gathers them together from time to time to



give a report and receive feedback.  
What a wise leader-maker!

So, I began this article with a question so let's end with a question? What did Joshua not have in common with Elijah, Jesus, Moses, and Paul? While Joshua was a good leader he did not "pass on" leadership to the young generation and as a result, set the stage for one of the bloodiest and chaotic books of the bible – Judges. Judges 21:25 NIV sums it up like this "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit." Passing on leadership to the younger generation is what sets great leaders apart from good ones.

If youth leaders today would not only stop and consider how beneficial it is to pass on leadership to the younger generation, but also how dangerous it is not to, we could turn the tide of evil and rescue our homes, churches, and communities! So... PASS IT ON!



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# They Don't Know Everything!

**Y**ou can't do that!" came the reply—almost in unison—from my church board. I had just

informed them that I was interested in having not only youth from our youth group regularly teach Sabbath School, but also act in the capacity of Assistant Leader. When I asked for their main objection, they—again, almost in unison—whined (not as loudly this time): "But . . . they . . . don't know everything!"

Neither did they or I—but I've observed that their collective attitude encompasses the main obstacle that, over many years of youth ministry, keeps youth from being effectively involved in

leadership. For some reason, many people feel that our youth have to somehow be like "mini-adults" in terms of their Bible knowledge before they can be allowed to lead and teach; that for some reason, they're expected to be fully mature Christians before they can begin leading others.

Not so.

Let's take a look at this story in the New Testament book of Acts, a comprehensive record of how the Christian church began, for a progressive framework of five specific principles that will help us more effectively develop youth for leadership.

Our entire story is found in Acts 18:18-28, although we'll only be focusing on verses 24 through 27.

Before we get started, take a minute to read verses 18-23 as background for our story. Done? Great! Let's dive into the rest of the story:

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters

encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah" (NIV).

## FABULOUS FIVE FRAMEWORK

Now that you've read the rest of the story, let's dig deeply into these five verses and squeeze every last drop of God's wisdom out of them:

1. They recognized God-given gifts, abilities and talents in youth. (verses 24-26a)

Doc Luke tells us that Apollos was a dynamo! Specifically, he had 6 things that were unique to him:

- Learned man
- He had a thorough knowledge of the scriptures
- He had been instructed in the way of the Lord
- Spoke with great fervor
- Taught about Jesus accurately
- Knew only the baptism of John

Although Apollos—though naturally gifted as a powerful preacher and effective Bible teacher—had been initially taught by somebody (maybe his parents or a rabbi), he still had huge gaps in his spiritual knowledge base. I find it interesting that Priscilla and Aquila (a Jewish married couple, Acts 18:2-3) recognized and confirmed Apollos' gifts.

2. They used hospitality and developed an authentic relationship with youth (verse 26b)

Aquila and Priscilla not only recognized Apollos' gifts, but they took it a step further, (this is the hard part) and built an authentic relationship with him.

This fact makes me very happy to know that even back in the day this couple understood the power of a couple/family getting involved in youth ministry. We don't know what kind of history or home life Apollos had, but in today's culture our youth need not only to be encouraged and have their gifts of leadership and teaching confirmed, but they also desperately need to see an example of a Godly, loving, healthy Christian marriage and family life.

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**“Get to know and love them and if you love them, feed them, nurture and pay attention to them, just like a flower, they will eventually open up.”**

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You don't have to whack somebody over the head with a Bible study about “right and wrong” or even pry about a youth's home environment and life . . . just befriend them—with no strings attached. Invite them over to your home and get-togethers. Get to know and love them and if you love them, feed them (physically and emotionally), nurture and pay attention to them, just like a flower, they will eventually open up . . . you won't be able to stop them from talking with you about who they really are, their hopes and dreams and what their biggest stressors and fears are. Why? Because they know that you care about and love them—simply for who they are.

3. Within the scope of that relationship, they taught this youth deeper info about Jesus (verse 26b). Here's a powerful truth: youth



won't care that you know unless they know that you care! There's a simple and organic progression of the relationship that Aquila and Priscilla had with Apollos. First, they recognized his gifts, then they really got to know him and then—and only then—did they begin to teach and instruct him about the full way of the Lord.

If you try to just give somebody truth or teaching without a relationship, they have no relationship to hang it on! You can't hit somebody with a bunch of life-changing stuff and expect them to accept it and go deeper with God . . . just because the truth is the truth. That's not the way it works. You have to temper and pace the amount of information that you're sharing with a youth, based not upon what grade of school they're in, but upon who they are—both spiritually and emotionally. If you have kids of your own, as a parent, you already know this. You just can't hit somebody with something difficult to understand until you're sure that the relationship you've built can withstand the stress of that new piece of information. Youth ministry is about relationships. They come first and foremost. Never forget that!

4. As he matured in his spirituality; relationship with God and understanding of scripture they allowed this youth to choose where he wanted to get plugged in (verse 27a)

This is an important truth that needs to be understood by youth leaders. You can encourage, educate, equip and inspire your youth that are interested in leadership, but ultimately the choice as to how they want to get plugged in has to be theirs and theirs alone. They must own it or they won't be motivated to do it and do it well.

5. They honored and supported his choice. (verse 27b)

Once a youth choose how they want to lead and own it, we must support them whole-heartedly. We must move heaven and earth in order to make leadership successful and effective for them. We must pick up our "pom-poms" and cheer them on to victory. What does cheering them on look like? Well, for some, it may mean advocating for them by educating church and/or school boards and families of origin about the realities of youth culture, youth ministry, and that specific youth's giftings and potential. For

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some, it may mean having a tough conversation with them about what they're doing right—and wrong. Still, for others, it may mean acting as a sounding board and allowing them to vent their fears, anxieties, and stressors related to their increasing leadership roles.

### **IT'S A WIN-WIN**

If we, as youth leaders do our jobs consistently and effectively, our youth will want to step up, and they will be successful and effective. Apollos ended up becoming a huge spiritual blessing to others and became an effective disciple (verses 27-28) and his leadership grew to become crucially important in the formation of the early church (1 Corinthians 1:11-12; 3).

You and I want nothing less for our youth. By understanding and effectively applying these powerful principles of youth leadership:

1. Recognizing gifts
2. Building effective and authentic relationships
3. Within the context of those relationships, teaching deeper spiritual truths
4. Allowing youth to own their roles
5. Supporting and encouraging them in those roles

We will not only prepare this generation to effectively, consistently and joyfully lead but also—and more importantly—to lead an effective, consistent and joyful Christian life. The Christian writer, Ellen White made two powerful observations about our youth:

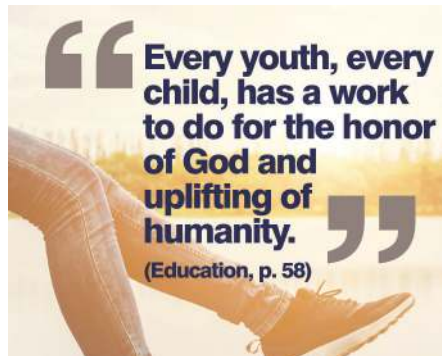
- "Preachers, or laymen advanced in years, cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates." (Messages to Young People: 204.1)
- "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" (Education: 271.2)

I know that your greatest hopes and dreams for your youth are the same as the Apostle Paul's for the Colossian Christians when he wrote: "He [Jesus] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end, I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me" (Colossians 1:28-29, NIV).

You and I are only in leadership for a specific season. By following God's fabulous five principles for youth leadership development, we'll be working smarter--not harder--and making the most of the time (Psalm 90:1 & Ephesians 5:15-16), energies and gifts that God has given us.



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# The Youth: A Formidable Force for Literature Ministry

## INTRODUCTION

**W**e live today in an age that defies any definite and concrete definition. The several attempts to do so have resulted in many divergent opinions. Yet, the endeavor to understand the times is imperative if we must effectively fulfill the gospel commission. Therefore, attempts will be made to highlight some prevailing trends and cultures of the present era. As the title suggests, the role of the youth in the work of the Adventist Publishing Ministry will also be emphasized.

## A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT ERA

This generation has been influenced by several previous generations over the centuries and still bears some imprints of these earlier generations. However, this generation exhibits some peculiar characteristics that are uniquely its own. Here is a typical example of a product of this generation:

Chris Lowe, 22, rarely reads his e-mail. He has Gmail and Hotmail accounts for website subscriptions and special offers and a school account. His first e-mail address now overflows with spam, junk mail and jokes

his dad forwards, and he doesn't use any account for regular communication.

Instead, he types out text and instant messages to friends and family. He can talk to several people at once in class, at work or at home and get an immediate response.

"It's so much better than waiting around to see if they got my message," he said. "Plus, I can have an entire conversation in the time it takes me to even sign-in to one of my e-mail accounts."<sup>1</sup>

"Millennials are more global, more tolerant, more diverse, more educated, more connected, and bigger than any generation before them. They embrace change. They are defined by their willingness to try new things, to adapt, and to bootstrap..."<sup>2</sup> They seem

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<sup>1</sup> Header Riggs, "Fast pace defines 'Millennial Generation'" at <http://www.gainesville.com/news/20080428/fast-pace-defines-millennial-generation>

<sup>2</sup> David D. Burstein (author of *Fast Future: How Millennial Generation is Shaping Our World*), Question and Answer Session.

to possess a better experience of the 'then' and 'now' world than any other generation. And more than ever, the future is advancing in rapid succession with an unspeakable change in every ramification of life beyond comprehension.<sup>3</sup> We now exist in a culture of change and speed. Whether it is an automobile, computer, TV, mobile phone, home, environment, and so on, we cannot help but embrace the rapid changes that confront us daily. Unfortunately, this "Change is fast and constant... our culture, institutions, governments, our citizens don't always have time to catch up with these tsunamis of reinvention, so they are often left dizzy, surprised, or angry."<sup>4</sup>

Obviously, SPEED, powered by technological advancement and the internet is a common language and culture of this generation irrespective of race and geographical location. Let us consider the following realities of this generation:

1. Attention Span – A recent research (2015) on human attention span reveals that the average attention span of human being stands at about 8.5 seconds.<sup>5</sup>

2. Travel Time – The first flown aircraft by Wilbur Wright in 1903 flew at a speed of 10.98 km/h. Today, we have a plane that flies 21,245 km/h.<sup>6</sup>

See <http://davidburstein.com/fast-future/> for detail.

3 Ibid.

4 David B. Burstein, *Fast Future: How Millennial Generation is Shaping Our World*, 2013, xv.

5 For more information on the reduced human attention span visit [www.statisticbrain.com/attention-span](http://www.statisticbrain.com/attention-span) and [www.telegraph.co.uk/science](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science) for detail.

6 Visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight\\_airspeed\\_record](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight_airspeed_record) for more detail.

3. Visual Dominance – Here are some fascinating facts on the impact of visual technology (YouTube<sup>7</sup> as a case study) on human beings today:

- Total number of people who use YouTube – 1,300,000,000
- 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute!
- Almost 5 billion videos are watched on YouTube every single day.
- The total number of hours of video watched on YouTube each month – 900 million.
- 10,113 YouTube videos generated over 1 billion views.
- 80% of YouTube's views are from outside the U.S.

It can be rightly said that we are living on the verge of visual dominance than any previous generation on the planet earth. Visual aids have dominated our learning spaces from cradle to tertiary levels. In fact, you can hardly communicate effectively in any human setting today without visual aids.

This generation is on the edge of speed, we want almost everything instantly—fast food, high speed internet, instant weight loss, touch screen, smartphones, smart TV, express trains, one click shopping and even rapid answers from God to our prayers and other spiritual needs.

## THE BEGINNINGS OF THE ADVENTIST PUBLISHING MINISTRY

The Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Ministry

<sup>7</sup> Visit <http://fortunelords.com/27-mind-blowing-youtube-facts-figures-and-statistics-backed-by-data> for more details.

essentially began with the effort of young people inspired by the Holy Spirit. In 1848 when Ellen G. White received the vision<sup>8</sup> that will lead to the birth of the Adventist Publishing Ministry, she was only 21-years-old.<sup>9</sup> Her husband James White who championed


8, Ellen G. White, *Life Sketches of Ellen G. White* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 125.

9 R. W. Coon, *The Gift of Light* (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald, 1998), p.25.

the course was 27-years-old at that time.<sup>10</sup> When the publishing house moved to Michigan, a young man, Uriah Smith was chosen to serve as the editor at the age of 23-years.<sup>11</sup>

10 D. F. Neufield, "White, James Springer" in *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald, 1996c), 890-891.

11 See <https://www.adventist.org/en/information/history/article/go/2013-04-10/publishing-work-was-central-to-early-adventist-church-1> for detail.



When leaders fail to empower others, it is usually due to three main reasons:

1. DESIRE FOR JOB SECURITY
2. RESISTANCE TO CHANGE
3. LACK OF SELF-WORTH

John C. Maxwell



## THE URGENCY OF THE PUBLISHING MINISTRY

Isolated on the isle of Patmos, John received solemn messages for his time and for all believers in succeeding ages including this generation. And here is an astonishing insight: "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time,"<sup>12</sup> (Rev 12:12). Ellen G. White adds a voice: "We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work."<sup>13</sup> Time is fast running out, the end is ever nearer by the moment and our "Publications must be multiplied, and scattered like the leaves of autumn,"<sup>14</sup> so that even in the remotest and restricted places, the word of life may be received.

## PUBLISHING MINISTRY AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THE GOSPEL COMMISSION

The Publishing Ministry has a great role to play in the finishing of the gospel commission. Ellen White comments:

The press is a powerful means to move the minds and hearts of the people. The men of this world seize the press and make the most of every opportunity to get poisonous literature before the people. If men, under

<sup>12</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture references are taken from the New King James version of the Holy Bible.

<sup>13</sup> Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church* Volume 8 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2002), 89.

<sup>14</sup> Ellen G. White, *Colporteur Ministry* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 1953), 5.

the influence of the spirit of the world and of Satan, are earnest to circulate books, tracts, and papers of a corrupting nature, you should be more earnest to get reading matter of an elevating and saving character before the people.<sup>15</sup>

God's ambassadors must take every advantage of the press via the Literature Ministry to spread the message of hope and salvation to a dying world. "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."<sup>16</sup> There can be no greater task given to the human race than the call to bear the everlasting gospel to the world. "Canvassing for our publications is an important and most profitable line of evangelistic work. Our publications can go to places where meetings cannot be held. In such places the faithful evangelistic canvasser takes the place of the living preacher."<sup>17</sup> The role of a faithful literature evangelist cannot be replaced otherwise. Ellen White is convinced that "It is an excellent school for those who are qualifying themselves to enter the ministry,"<sup>18</sup> because in the Literature Ministry they can develop both spiritual and social skills that they may never gain from any other line of ministry. The ministry and the books are divinely

<sup>15</sup> E. G. White, *The Publishing Ministry* (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald, 1983), 44.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 6.

<sup>17</sup> E. G. White, *Review and Herald* October 7, 1902.

<sup>18</sup> E. G. White, *Colporteur Ministry*, 31.

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instituted for the salvation of souls and therefore able "to prepare a people to meet God."<sup>19</sup> And because we must "reach all classes, we must meet them where they are."<sup>20</sup> Hence the work of the Literature Evangelist is second to none in that it leads people to the Scriptures.<sup>21</sup>

## THE NEED FOR INNOVATIONS IN THE PUBLISHING MINISTRY

We cannot continue to do ministry the same old way in an ever-changing world. Ellen White reiterates: "The Third Angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. It is your duty now to bring in *all the means possible* (italics supplied) to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it."<sup>22</sup> In this age of speed and change, the Literature Ministry must be open to new innovations, technology and marketing skills. It should also tap into the strength and vigor of the youth to increase the harvest. Otherwise, the ministry will become irrelevant and unfruitful.

## THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH IN THE PUBLISHING MINISTRY

God is seeking and calling on young people with sanctified minds and energetic bodies to fulfill the purpose of the Publishing Ministries. The Scripture declares: "For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are

God's."<sup>23</sup> Ellen White postulates:

We have a work to do. Educate, educate, educate young men to give themselves to the ministry of the word. Educate them to become canvassers, to sell those books which the Lord by His Holy Spirit has stirred minds to write. This reading matter will thus be given to a large class of people who would never hear the truth unless it was brought to their doors. This is the work of the evangelist.<sup>24</sup>

Ellen White contends that young people can do better work if trained.<sup>25</sup> "When young men take up the canvassing work filled with an intense longing to save their fellow men, they will see souls converted. From their work a harvest for the Lord will be reaped."<sup>26</sup> The opportunities and privileges for our young people to impact lives for eternity through the Publishing Ministries are enormous.

## INVOLVING THE YOUTH IN THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

Here are some suggestions on how young people can be involved in the Literature Ministry:

Ensure that Publishing Ministries Coordinator is elected in every Local Church as provided in the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*.

Make the Literature Ministry more young-people friendly and relevant to the time. Explore avenues

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<sup>19</sup> Ibid., 3.

<sup>20</sup> E. G. White, *The Desire of Ages* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 1898), 152.

<sup>21</sup> E. G. White, *The Colporteur Evangelist* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 1920), 80.

<sup>22</sup> E. G. White, *Colporteur Ministry*, 4.

<sup>23</sup> 1 Cor 6:19

<sup>24</sup> E. G. White, *Colporteur Ministry*, 19

<sup>25</sup> Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church* Volume 8 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2002), 405-459

<sup>26</sup> E. G. White, *Christian Service* (Mountain View, CA: Review and Herald, 1925), 153.

and opportunities for technology and the internet to enhance the ministry.

Establish Literature Ministry Club in all Local Churches. The Literature Ministries can thrive in every context.

They may begin in some little way and grow gradually, to avoid discouragement. It could begin by simply pairing them in twos and have them go from door to door, offer to pray with the people and hand them simple tract at no cost.

The GLOW Ministry can be another avenue of engagement of the young people.

The publishing department and the youth department of the church can collaborate at all levels of the church organization to explore and implement better ways of involving the young people in the work of the Literature Ministry.

Establish a more attractive and viable reward system than presently available.

### A WISE CAUTION

Much has been said on the role of the young people in the Literature Ministry, yet NOT everyone youth may be fitted as career Literature Evangelists. Ellen White cautions: "Everyone is not fitted for this work. Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly and systematically, and carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected."<sup>27</sup> God deserves and always seeks for the best—those who are humble at heart and teachable.

<sup>27</sup> Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church* Volume 4. (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2002), 390.

## CONCLUSION

The young people of the church are crying for the opportunity to be involved in the life, mission and leadership process of the church. While they cannot all be elders or hold church offices, they can all be involved in communicating the gospel through the printed pages.<sup>28</sup> They possess the vigor, initiative, and speed needed for the Literature Ministry of this generation and therefore it is imperative for the church and leaders in the Publishing Ministries to involve the young people.

To succeed in the Literature Ministries of today, we cannot but understand the time in which we exist, else we shall be actively and painstakingly doing ministry that is irrelevant to its intended audience. Albert Einstein once said, "The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking."<sup>29</sup> This statement is true and applicable to the Adventist Publishing Ministry.

We live in the age of SPEED, SPEED, and SPEED. We live today in a world of CHANGE, CHANGE, and CHANGE. It is not until and only when this reality is understood, internalized and implemented, that we can be certain of successful ministry to this generation.



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<sup>28</sup> George Verwer, *Literature Evangelism*. (Bromerly, Kent, England: Send The Light, 1985), 21-29.

<sup>29</sup> Albert Einstein quoted in <http://pstecaudiosource.org/4121/embracing-change>



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were taught how to  
begin.”

(The Ministry of Healing,  
p. 149)



# Jesus' Prayer Life

## WHY DID JESUS COME?

**T**he voice of God is audible throughout the universe. As God speaks from His throne the entire unfallen world, including those in the most remote places of the universe, are able to hear His voice. Ellen

White writes, "All heaven is in active communication with every part of the universe through a variety of channels." (*The Upward Look: 23.3*) The human race once enjoyed this privilege, "And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day." (Genesis 3:8 KJV) However, this privilege ended when Adam and Eve were ejected from Eden. Note that it *doesn't* say: "God walked", but his "voice walked." In Eden, there was an "open and available frequency" to hear the voice of God in heavens, from His throne. "Since the sin of our first parents, there has been no direct communication between God and man." (*Patriarchs and Prophets: 366.1*) The voice of God is still heard in the universe, but the earth lost access to that "frequency."

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day

utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth." (Psalms 19:1-4 NKJV) Although "His voice is not heard", the truth is, "His sound goes forth through all earth" and "His words to the end of the world (universe)."

Jesus came to restore the relationship and the communication between God and man. Jesus understood that there is a great misfortune in the relationship between man and God. "You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form, but you do not have His word abiding in you" (John 5:37, 38 NKJV). The inability of men to naturally "abide" in the voice of God is a sad fact. Hence, Jesus came precisely to restore the lost frequency. He had access to the frequency "of God above." "He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. For he whom God has sent utters the words of God." (John 3:31-34 ESV)



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One of the benefits of Christ coming to this earth was to bridge communication and open the frequency. "Now He communicated with humanity *in* Christ." (*Desire of Ages: 116.2*) Through Jesus, the meaning of prayer took a new turn and has redefined how we pray. Now we pray "in His name", that is, using "His frequency." He urged His disciples to use the newly installed channel: "Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24 NKJV)

## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF JESUS' PRAYER LIFE

While here on earth Jesus gave us an example to follow regarding prayer. He maintained a prayer routine. "Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed," (Luke 22:39-41 NKJV) Christ had an active prayer life and He encouraged His disciples in the habit of prayer. He would start and finish His day in intense prayer; sometimes He would spend the entire night praying. "And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed." (Mark 1:35 ESV) "Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray." (Mark 6:45, 46 ESV) "In these days, He went out to the mountain to pray, and all night He continued in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12 ESV) Not only does the Bible give us many examples of Jesus' prayer life but Ellen White also

highlights it. "From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others. His words were given Him fresh from the heavenly courts, words that He might speak in season to the weary and oppressed." (*Christ's Object Lessons: 139.1*)

*Jesus'* life of prayer was contagious, He prayed in such a manner that others desired to pray also. "Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1 ESV) He remained steadfast in His prayer life throughout His life. The crises in His life did not give way to his life of prayer, instead, it intensified it. "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." (Luke 22:44 ESV)

The special moments and events of His ministry occurred "while" He prayed or in His time of prayer. *At His baptism by the Holy Spirit:* "While He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended..." (Luke 3:21-22 NKJV) *On the mount of transfiguration:* "And [He] went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening." (Luke 9:28, 29 NKJV) *Before selecting His disciples:* "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles." (Luke 6:12, 13 NKJV)

*His recognition as "the Christ" by His disciples:* "And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His

disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" (Luke 9:18 NKJV) *He confronted anguish in prayer:* "When He came to the place, He said to them, 'Pray that you may not enter into temptation.' And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done." (Luke 22:40-42 NKJV) *Jesus died praying:* "And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last." (Luke 23:46 NKJV)

*In reality, the major agony for Jesus on the cross was in looking for His Father's face and not being able to find it.* (Matthew 27:46) The words: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" only has meaning when we are aware that the person who said them lived an intense life of prayer and communion with God. To pray is to enter the divine sphere. We position ourselves "in the heavenly places" to receive "every spiritual blessing." (Ephesians 1:3) These actions of Jesus were His special work for us, and they occurred during prayer. The Pharisee and the tax collector were rejected or forgiven "while praying." In reality, we receive all spiritual blessing from God during prayer or as a response to prayer.

Jesus was particular about where he prayed. Although He was continually connected with God, Jesus would "withdraw" to pray in the mountain, in the desert or any solitary place. "He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." (Mark 1:35 NKJV) "He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." (Luke 5:16 NKJV) "As He was alone praying..." (Luke 9:18 NKJV) "He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came,

He was alone there." (Matthew 14:23 NKJV) "In a life wholly devoted to the good of others, the Saviour found it necessary to turn aside from ceaseless activity and contact with human needs, to seek retirement and unbroken communion with His Father." (*The Ministry of Healing: 58.1*) *For Jesus Prayer provided stability amid the pressures of His surroundings.* "However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So, He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." (Luke 5:15,16 NKJV)

## SOME POINTS TO CONSIDER

The prayer life of Jesus was not only a model for His disciples but for the church as well, Luke affirms this. A glance at the references above shows that of the Gospels, Luke emphasizes Jesus' life of prayer most. We note also that Luke documented the majority of Jesus' warnings regarding prayer. (Luke 11:1-13) He was the only one who registered Jesus' phrase: "I have prayed for you." (Luke 22:32 NKJV) He was the only one who documented the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector that "went up to the temple to pray," (Luke 18:9-14 NKJV) and, of the unjust judge and the widow, to illustrate "that men always ought to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1-8) When Luke speaks of a worthy person, he describes them as one that "prays." (Luke 2:36-38; Acts 10:2)

Luke authored two (2) volumes: The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (Luke 1:1, 2; Acts 1:1) In reality, the Gospel (the life of Jesus) presented the basis for the behavior of the church (the Acts of the Apostles). Thus, Luke depicts the people outside of the temple "praying" (Luke 1:10), and the primitive church "continuing steadfastly in prayer." (Acts 1:14; 2:42) He



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speaks of the "elect who cry out day and night to Him [God]." (Luke 18:7) Peter and John are portrayed "going up together to the temple at the hour of prayer" (Acts 3:1); and Peter looking for an isolated place, on the housetop, "to pray." (Acts 10:9) When he narrates the anguish of the church for the prosecutions, he adds: "but constant prayer was offered to God by the church." (Acts 12:5 NKJV) Luke believed the church should continue the prayer life demonstrated by Jesus.

Matthew also emphasized prayer in the work of Jesus on "the mountain." We are told while Jesus was "on the mountain" He carried out His most important activities. (Matthew 5:1; 8:1; 14:23; 15:29; 28:16) Note that it *doesn't* say "a mountain", instead "the mountain." Although not identified, this is a defined place. Notice that, although Jesus only told them that after his death they would meet "in Galilee," (Matthew 26:32) they clearly knew that Jesus was referring to the defined mountain in Galilee. (Matthew 28:16) In the Old Testament, "the mountain" is the place where God manifests himself. (Exodus 3:1, 2) In the same way, Jesus instructed His disciples that after the crisis of His death they would meet with Him again "on the mountain," (Matthew 26:32; 28:16) God instructed Moses that after the crisis and liberation in Egypt they would find Him on the mountain: "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God *on this mountain*." (Exodus 3:12 NKJV) "The mountain", then, is the permanent or established place where surely a child of God can find Him after a crisis. When Elijah felt threatened and didn't know what to do, when he lost his faith, he fled "to the mountain" where he was sure he would have an encounter with God. "So, he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food

forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God." (1 Kings 19:8 NKJV) That's why it's interesting to know that "He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray." (Matthew 14:23 NKJV) "The mountain" wasn't only an isolated place, but a place where He was sure to encounter God.

Mark also captures aspects of Jesus' prayer life. He emphasizes that the prayer of Jesus was done early in the morning. "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." (Mark 1:35 NKJV) This meant that Jesus sought God before all else for the day.

In the Old Testament, it's clear that one who seeks God with the hope of finding Him should seek Him in the morning. "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." (Proverbs 8:17 KJV) "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning, I will direct it to You, and I will look up." (Psalm 5:3 KJV) According to Isaiah, the promised Messiah would be characterized as having an encounter with God in "the morning." "The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned." (Isaiah 50:4 NKJV) As such, Jesus sought God "in the morning" because that was precisely the time that God had established; the time when surely, He could encounter God, according to the promise.

Although we should pray "at all times" and in all places, it would be useful to prepare a place and a time where regularly we retire to encounter God. This place and timeframe will provide us with a point of daily equilibrium and stability amid the contingencies of life. "All who are under the training of God need the quiet

hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature, and with God." (*The Ministry of Healing: 58.3*) It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation..." (*The Desire of Ages: 83.4*)

John made emphasis, not so much on the prayer life of Jesus, but on the assumptions that make it possible. Jesus would consider himself "God-sent." (John 17:3) He was sure that He had a precise mission. (John 17:4) These two concepts obliged him to maintain constant communion with God. He would perceive himself as if He was "in heaven," (John 17:11) in the atmosphere of "above." (John 3:31-35) Jesus had a high sense of what's important. He had a clear idea of the work of the Father, the one He had to imitate: "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working... the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do." (John 5:17, 19) He had absolute control of His time. (John 7:1-10) He had a clear idea of who He was and His future. "For I know where I came from and where I am going." (John 8:14)

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

In coming to Earth, Jesus performed the critical task of restoring the communication breach between God and man. As a result of His work we now have a new communication frequency in the form of prayer. Not only did Jesus restore the frequency but He demonstrated valuable lessons as documented in the gospels of how prayer works. There are various examples in the Old Testament of encounters with God, but Jesus' example leaves no doubt about prayer.

Prayer puts the human race in direct communication with God. It is a frequency that is always open and available through Jesus Christ. Prayer is optimal when done consistently, early in the morning and in a specific place alone with God. It is recommended at all stages of life and for every

decision. The decision is yours today to make Jesus your example, utilize His special communication frequency and live a life of prayer. What will you do?



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# Chiapas Union Report:

## Jesus in My City

More than 12,000 Adventist youth mobilized for two consecutive weekends across the Chiapas Mexican Union, testifying with the Missionary Youth Festivals "Celebrate Jesus in my city." In the context of the "Jesus in My City" initiative, the youth festivals took place in strategic cities of each conference, among the 8 fields of the union, during the weekends of November 22-24 and November 30 to December 2, 2018.

One of these cities was Yajalon, located in the northern region of Chiapas, where more than 30,000 people live (according to the last National Institute of Statistic and Geography census) in which there are only 90 Adventist members. From November 22 to 24, the city became the headquarters for more than 1,400 youth members of the Palenque Mission Conference, who, during the weekend, completed 20 different impact activities, including medical brigades, cleaning brigades, city beautification, community service and concert in public squares.

The youth of the Palenque Mission Conference were received by the local

authorities, those who expressed their admiration and gratitude. "I feel happy that a lot of young people came from many places in Chiapas to our town," said Jorge Ruiz, Alderman of Yajalon. "I feel very grateful that you bring a message of peace and harmony to our town. This is your home too, feel at home. you are welcome here." Dozens of citizens got involved and took part in the activities that the youth offered on the streets and public spaces of the city.

The same formula was repeated in each conference. Houses were built for low-income people, praying centers were established and health fairs were organized. At the Central Chiapas Conference, the activities began one week prior to the weekend festival, with small evangelism meetings at homes, public places, and even squares, using local youth leaders as speakers.

One of those leaders, Melquisedet Cruz Castellanos, has been part of these youth evangelism meetings since their beginning.

*"To me, Jesus in My City is taking the theory to the practice, going out of*





churches to the streets, where the people have needs, fears, and lack hope. It is to tell the world that we don't want them to become religious, but we want to show them who Jesus has been in our lives, and we want them to look at our transformed lives, take a leap of faith and follow Him," said Melquisedet while sharing his testimony to Hope Media Chiapas.

The "Jesus in My City" initiative it's the evangelistic youth program of the Chiapas Mexican union for the 2018-2019 period and in the context of the Total Member Involvement. Jesus in My City commits every Adventist youth in a total testification project to rescue and bring hope to the members of their local community. Since beginning in December 2017, more than 1,800 people have been baptized thanks to the "Jesus in My City" initiative.



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# Euro-Asia Division Report: Mission Abraham

The team of “Mission of Abraham” project began to serve in Ternopil.

**E**uro-Asia Division has launched the international missionary project “One Year in Mission” for the first time. This project has two dimensions: “Mission of Jeremiah” and “Mission of Abraham.” Both these dimensions are united by the main idea –one year of dedicated service to God.

In the first project, “Mission of Jeremiah,” young men will stay in their city and take part in evangelical initiatives in their native community, city or village. In the second project, “Mission of Abraham,” young men will move from their place of living to serve in a new place, in another city or even in another country, for a period of one year.

The “Mission of Abraham” project consists of two phases: training of missionaries (July 6 to August 25, 2018)

and the implementation of the project (August 26, 2018, to May 2019).

The training was conducted at Zaosky Theological Academy and included a brief course of theology and missionary work. Zaosky professors and church leaders tried to present them the main mission of the church in the best way.

After gaining theoretical knowledge, 37 inspired missionaries went to the city to practice. Each day of training was filled with experiences, spiritual reflections, and a warm and friendly atmosphere. Young people not only received inspiration –together they learned to be a team ready to serve God!

The dedication of the missionaries was the solemn conclusion of a two-month training course. Pastor Michael Kaminsky, ESD President, addressed the young evangelists with the Word of God. He recalled the importance of the



time in which we live and a clear understanding of the mission of the Church. Then Gennady Kasap, ESD Youth Ministries Director and the initiator of this program in the division's territory, spoke about the importance of missionary service and emphasized that success would depend on the well-coordinated work of the whole team.

Litany and prayer of dedication were conducted by Viktor Kozakov, ESD Ministerial Association Secretary. Vladimir Tkachuk, ESD Treasurer, also shared an interesting and inspiring missionary experience with the young people. It was a testimony of how, after many years, a miracle occurred in the life of an atheist teacher.

Missionaries were divided into five teams, which went to different regions of the division: Georgia (Tbilisi), Russia (Elista, Lomonosov, and Vladivostok), and Ukraine (Ternopil). Each team of young evangelists is a team of leaders who are ready to create and implement projects, help churches grow, inspire young people, change the world, and serve God not only for a year, but for their whole life!

The team of missionaries who came to Ukraine (Bukovinskaya Conference, Ternopil) consisted of seven people. The leader of the group Victor Kharchenko came from the city of Nikolaev, Ukraine. He left his job to serve in the "Mission of Abraham", working with young people and doing sports evangelism. "How do I see myself at the end of the project? Actively working with young people, as well as always ready for any difficulties,

both physical and spiritual. "Yulia Dobrovolskaya came also from Nikolaev. She worked on the TV channel "Nadia," now she is ready to serve the inhabitants of Ternopil through a healthy lifestyle program. "I see myself in carrying out projects that will help change both the surrounding people and me personally."

Tatyana Vermenchuk came from the village of Novaya Singerei, Moldova. She is ready to participate in programs for children, as well as to serve older people. "At the end of the project, I see myself as a person who knows how to correctly prioritize and combine the fulfillment of life's tasks with serving God and others."

Vadim Dovbnya came from Shepetivka, Ukraine. He wants to serve children in the "Adventurer" club, at the vacation school, in carrying out children's events "Country of Health" and delivering Bible lessons. "My goal is to become a leader for children and adolescents so that they could trust me and handle issues that concern them, including spiritual ones."

Gevorg Meliksetyan, who came from Vanadzor, Armenia, left his "favorite job." "I am ready to participate 100 percent in ministry

for youth and children, as well as in social service to people of all ages. How do I see myself? As a spiritually strengthened minister, engaged in literature evangelism."

Anastasia Bitskevich came from Brest, Belarus: "I am ready to do everything that I can, and wherever I need. At the end of the project, I see myself active in the ministry, which has become an integral part of my life."

Alyona Tretyakova came also from Belarus, city Baran. She is ready to participate in the music ministry, as well as anywhere, where it will be necessary. At the end of the project, she sees herself as active, confident and even more dedicated to God.

These people are ready to preach, inspire and change the world for the better!

Our prayers for these young evangelists, and helping them in the ministry are an integral part of accomplishing the great work of God on earth!

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**Pastor Roman Makarchuk**  
Ternopil "Mission of Abraham"  
project



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# Seven Young Evangelists Went to Serve in the City of Lomonosov

**O**n September 8, seven participants of "Mission of Abraham" project were dedicated in the South-Western church of St. Petersburg. Young people were trained during this summer and now, for one year, they are to conduct various programs in the city of Lomonosov in the St. Petersburg Region.

The "Mission of Abraham" project began in the summer when young people from different regions of the Euro-Asia Division responded to an invitation to devote one year of their life to the ministry. Young people gathered at the Zaoksky Theological Academy for training. Seven of them were invited to the North-West Conference, which expressed its readiness to support young evangelicals.

The experienced pastor and Union Ministerial Association Secretary, Viktor Manilich is a

mentor for young people. Viktor visits them every day, prays with them, discusses plans. Vera Manilich (wife) cares about young people in a special way, she feeds them with delicious homemade food. Nikolays Chech's family also became a blessing: they accommodated everyone in their home with great hospitality.

The South-Western church was not chosen by chance for the dedication service. Brothers and sisters agreed with the whole church to support the ministry of young people and joined the project. West-Russian Union Youth Ministries Director, Lev Bondarchuk, invited young people to the stage. Their faces were serious. Despite their young age, those young men and women accepted the call of God and postponed their plans for a year. For each of them, participating in a project is not an idle journey.

Pastor Ivan Velgosha, West-Russian Union Conference president, stressed in his speech

that the biblical hero Abraham was able to accomplish the task set because of his wish to hear the voice of God and his complete submission to the call of the Lord.

Young people were dedicated with a special prayer. Dedication service ended with a solemn spiritual hymn "I Believe."

On September 10, another blessing prayer was said in Lomonosov, chosen as the main place of ministry for children. The presidents of the WRUC conferences gathered to support and inspire young people in a special prayer, entrusting them with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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**Maria Vacheva**  
WRUC Communication  
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## Speakers:



**Pako Mokgwane**  
Associate Youth Director



**Andres J. Peralta**  
Associate Youth Director





# Panama Union Pathfinder Day Tour

**T**he Panamanian Adventist Union commemorated the 68th Pathfinder's Anniversary together with Pr. Andres Peralta, making history with the first visit of a World Pathfinder's Director to the Republic of Panama.

October 5, 6 and 7 of 2018 were days of fellowship, learning, and victories in Christ throughout the territories of our country:

The Auditorium in Colón City: Hosted by the Panamanian Atlantic Mission (October 5).

The Maranatha Auditorium: Hosted by the Metropolitan Conference, Central Conference, Southeast Mission and The Andes-Metro Mission (October 6).

The Adventist Campsite in Churube: Hosted by Central Pacific Mission (October 6).

The gymnasium of

the Panamanian Adventist Institute: Hosted by Western Association, Bocas Mission and Comarcal Mission. In addition, government authorities attended the event (October 7).

The Pathfinders and Master Guides, fulfilling the Adventist Youth Aim taking the Advent Message to all the world, began giving Bible studies in missionary pairs in July. Young people sharing with other young people, preparing them for the great evangelistic campaign that the same clubs carried out, which bore its fruits through the appeals made by Pastor Andres Peralta during his sermons.

As a result, 450 people accepted Christ as their only Savior and 650 uniformed were invested to serve.

Each of these days together with the uniformed youth was a great blessing. Witnessing their happiness, by singing, marching, recognizing

their identity, and above all fulfilling their mission; because "those who in everything make God first and last and best, are the happiest people in the world" (MYP 38.1).

All that remains for us to say is praised be the name of our God!



**Pastor Misael González**

Youth Director,  
Panama Adventist  
Union



# Over 180 Delegates Participated in a Student Forum in Bucha

From September 7 to 9, 2018 a student forum was held in the premises of the Ukrainian Adventist Center for Higher Education in the city of Bucha, Kiev region. Such an event was organized in the Euro-Asia Division for the first time.

"Follow Jesus! Embrace His mission! Change the world!" – this is the motto of Public Campus Ministry – a worldwide youth student movement.

Speakers of the forum were: Jiwan Moon (GC PCM director), Gennady Kasap (ESD PCM director), Anton Boykov (pastor from Volgograd), Marcel Brândzanic (PCM director from Romanian Union).

The forum was attended by over 180 delegates from across the Ukraine. Yevgeny Alyokhin, Director of the Missionary Department of the Ukrainian Union Conference said: "It was an inspiring time!

More than 180 young people shared their testimonies and inspired themselves! I believe that this forum is the start of a strong student ministry in Ukraine!"

Who, if not young and beautiful, creative and active people should follow Jesus, fulfill His mission and change the world?

**Oleg Nazarov**  
Youth Director  
Ukraine East-Dnieper  
conference

«Ministry comprehends far more than preaching the word. It means training young man as Elijah trained Elisha, taking them from their ordinary duties, and giving them responsibilities to bear in God's work. Small responsibilities at first, and larger ones as they gain strength and experience.»

(Prophets and Kings p. 222)





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## TOTAL YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Young Adults and Ambassadors (Teens) to lead **100 000** preaching sites or small groups around the world

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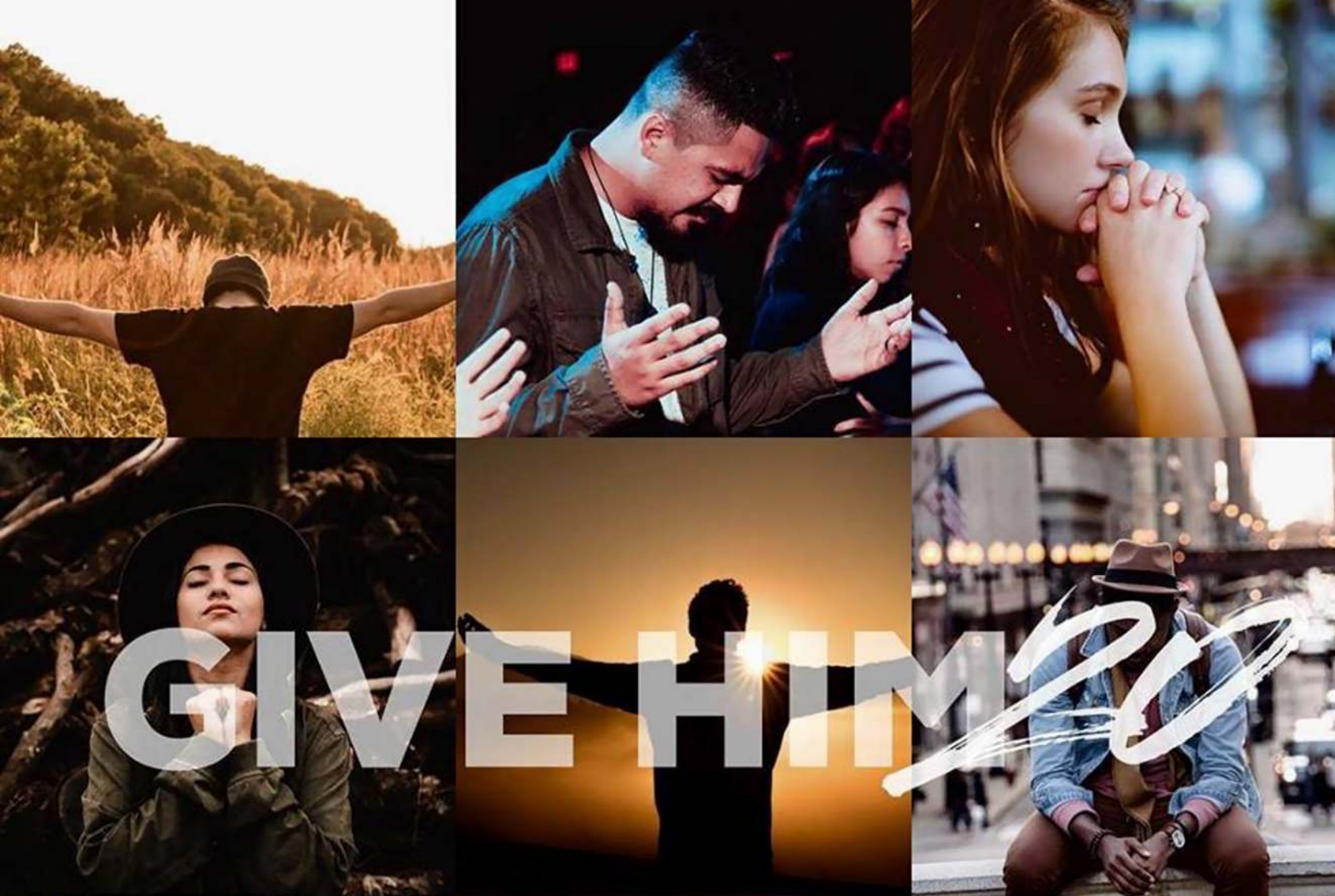
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Immediately after the annual Week of Prayer comes another week in which Young Adults and Ambassadors (Teens) will stand on the pulpits or sit in groups to teach the Word of God and passionately call other young people to Jesus. This will be an expression of Total Youth Involvement. While the world church is focusing its efforts on the Total Member Involvement initiative, the Youth Ministries has decided to make the mantra intentional and relevant for what we do by dubbing it Total Youth Involvement! See <https://youth.adventist.org/Total-Youth-Involvement> for more information. Remember to register your site with your Conference/Union by 22 February 2019. #TYI19”

10 DAYS OF PRAYER







“WHAT IF... young people around the world gathered together in small groups once a month with their friends and prayed like the disciples did for Acts 1:8 to become a reality in their lives? What if they also live streamed their prayer vigils or posted pictures on their social media platforms? Every first sabbath of the month in 2019 Gary, Pako and Andres invite you to join us via Facebook wherever we are around the world as we pray for God’s vision and provision found in Acts 1:8! #GH20 #impact”

# OYIM University 101

**1). OYIMU is basic training for OYiM**—it's a pre-recorded Training Series you can download from [youth.adventist.org](http://youth.adventist.org) and go through with your OYiM Team. Each video comes with a worksheet for team involvement. \*OYiMU is a supplement not a substitute for local training. We do not believe we know more than the local field. Because of this we recommend the following program.

Morning Worship  
OYIMU Training Videos and Worksheets (2 Videos)  
Lunch  
Social Activity  
Local/Contextualized Training  
Dinner  
Free Time  
Evening Worship

**2). OYIMU is a “face to face” Experience**—although it is pre-recorded and available online—at [youth.adventist.org](http://youth.adventist.org)—Authorized OYiM teams should meet in person and go through the minimum five-

day training. Why? So, they can CONNECT with God, each other, OYiM leaders, Youth Directors and their mission!

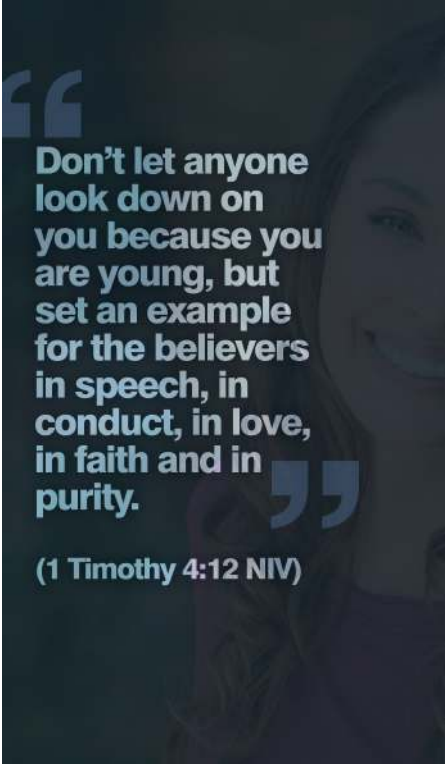
**3). We do not recognize OYiMs that have not been approved through their Divisions or Union Youth Department.** For a list of the Division OYiM Coordinators go to [youth.adventist.org/OYiM](http://youth.adventist.org/OYiM).

**4). OYIMU should be Enjoyable!** Psalms 16:11 says “You have made known to me the path of life. You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand for evermore.” Reaching the cities of the world in these last days is serious but this does not mean it can't be a fun adventure! There should be time set aside daily during OYiMU for socializing and fun!

**5). OYIMU should end with a dedication service!** This could be done Friday night or during church the next day! Leaders from the local Conference and Union could be

present to pray for and encourage the young OYiM missionaries!

**Why OYiMU?** Because we have been told through Spirit of Prophecy that the work will be finished though youth who have been “rightly trained.” Messages to Young People p. 196. Once you are finished with OYiM University your OYiM should launch asap!



**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.**

**(1 Timothy 4:12 NIV)**



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