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## Team of McDonald Road Members Experience Mission Adventures in Tanzania

By Janice Parker, guest contributor

The first Sunday in August, 11 members of the McDonald Road Church started on their adventure to Tanzania, Africa to put on a "Share Him" evangelistic program. The McDonald Road team was joined by Larry Muth, who helped Andrew Donesky at his evangelistic site.

After two days of flying, the team landed in Dar Es Salem, where they joined others for an orientation on leading the evangelistic meetings. Thursday morning, the team took an eight hour bus trip to Dodoma, the capital city of Tanzania. There in Dodoma, the McDonald Road team called the Cana Hotel "home" for the next three weeks.

After settling in, the next big task was to prepare three sermons and health talks for the six sites. For four of the speakers, this was a new experience. They had not preached or worked with an interpreter before. God blessed each one of the speakers, giving them words to say and taking away their nervousness and fear.

The Devil was alive and well, making computers and projectors mess up and the electric power go off. He also sent a girl pos-

sessed with demons. God and His angels were there too, and more powerful than the Devil. The team learned to pray and trust God and He always came through and the meetings went on as planned.

We are so proud of the young people who preached, gave health talks, presented children's stories and music and shared Jesus with the children of Africa.

There were two meetings in other cities of Tanzania-- Morgordo and Dar Es Salem. By the end of the three weeks, over 500 people had been baptized in these three cities and many more are preparing to be baptized.

We want to thank all our church family for their prayers for us. We could feel them surrounding us. Thank you to Tom McDonald for all his help raising money so we could go and each of you who also helped financially. Many souls will be in the kingdom for what McDonald Road has done through this mission trip. -Orville, Odel, Andrew and Christina Donesky; Jim Norten; Jack and Janice Parker; Derrick, Yani, Kyle and Calab Raymond.



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## Get Acquainted Haystack Supper and Vespers

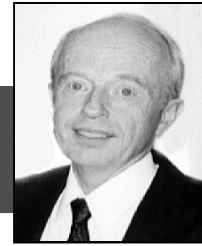


Sabbath, November 4

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

At the McDonald Road Family Center

# Pastor's Challenge



Pastor Don Gettys

## How to Say "No" to the Nominating Committee

Our church nominating committee will call many of you in the next few weeks. If they call here is how to say NO:

### 1. "I Don't have time."

This one is easy. The only problem is that you have to hide if you are caught attending ball games or wasting time doing other things. You might have to resort to playing golf at night so no one will see you wasting your precious time on such an activity. You might have to buy lights for your bike.

### 2. "I have never done that before."

This reason works very well. Too bad you did not think of it when you applied for a drivers license or your marriage license. Or how about being a parent. Had you ever done that before?

### 3. "Others are more qualified."

Very true. You may not have a degree in being a Children's leader. What qualifies you to be a Christian leader? Willingness is the biggest qualifier. Jesus said: I will supply your every need.

### 4. "I have already held that job for the last 2 years." "Get someone else."

What if Jesus had said that after 2 years in his ministry?

The point is there are many common excuses. What a person must do is seek God's wisdom on the matter. Let God guide your decision. Be involved somewhere. Give your best to the Master. Consider that the nominating committee may be God calling. When God calls you, say: Here am I, Send Me!



## Manna

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## Sermon Schedule

- "It's High Time to Wake Up" Sabbath, October 7  
• by Pastor Don Gettys
- "Sailing to Cyprus" Sabbath, October 14  
• by Pastor Don Gettys
- "In Pisidian's Pulpit" Sabbath, October 21  
• by Pastor Paul Carlson
- "Dodging Stones" Sabbath, October 28  
• by Pastor Don Gettys

## There Is a Rest

By Adrian Boyer

### I

There is a Rest for God's Redeemed  
Beyond the spacious Skies,  
Where they shall dwell in perfect Peace  
In Heaven's Paradise.  
And None shall mourn nor feel Forlorn,  
Or be in Jeopardy  
Of Satan's subtle Strategems  
Thru all Eternity.  
For these have waited on the Lord,  
And were by Grace secured-  
They kept the Faith despite sore Trials,  
And to the End endured.

### II

The New Jerusalem that stands  
Foursquare on Twelve Foundations  
Will be the Home of all the Saved  
From every Tribe and Nation.  
The City Gates shall not be closed,  
For there shall be no Night,  
Nor will they need the Sun or Moon  
For God will give them Light.  
And from the throne of God there flows  
A River crystal clear  
With Waters of Eternal Life  
Thru out the timeless Years.

### III

On either Side the Tree of Life  
Grows tall and wondrous fair,  
And on its Boughs Twelve Kinds of Fruit  
Each Month this Tree will bear.  
The Ransomed of the Ages walk  
Upon the Streets of Gold,  
And occupy the Mansions there  
Where None shall e'er grow Old.  
There is a Rest for God's Redeemed,  
A Time when Toil will cease,  
And all the weary Saints of Earth  
Will dwell in perfect Peace.

## "Mail Matters" Update

Updates from McDonald Road's Service Personnel Ministry

By Ann Davis, military personnel ministry director

AM2 Adam Lockwitz, U.S. Navy, mentioned in one of his emails how ready he is for the Tenn. VOLS Football season to begin. He will be home in time to catch most of the games. He said the last two months, which are winding up as I write, should be good ones. In one of his emails he made a surprising statement about Singapore. One has to pay \$12,000 to get *permission* to purchase a car! The cars cost around \$35,000 on the average. They can keep the car for ten years and have to go through the whole process again because it is illegal to have a car in Singapore older than ten years old!



AM2 Adam Lockwitz

contributed photo

will be able to give more information when I receive her next e-mail. The Olivers just arrived late August.

I am going to put together booklets with e-mails from some of our troops who have written several emails directly to our church family. I will place them on the *Mail Matters* table as I complete each one.

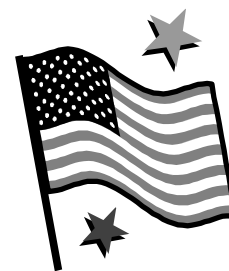
If anyone has any information regarding Spc. Josh Oliver please let me know.

Thank you to those who made a donation to our military fund. God knows who you are. May he bless you for caring!

Pfc. John Boehmer is back from deployment. He spent some time with his parents in Fletcher, NC and a week with his sister who lives in Florida. Pfc. Boehmer also emailed a *thank you* to the church family and friends who have been contacting him during his time away. Boehmer is at Camp Pendleton which is bordering San Diego, CA. God is to be thanked to have brought every single one of the troops we have been praying for safely home.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Stephanie Torgerson, U.S. Air Force, Germany, and her dad, Chaplain Steven Torgerson, U.S. Air Force, are attempting to coordinate their next assignment in the same country. Please pray that will happen if God thinks it is best for all concerned.

Yeoman 2 Nicole Oliver, U.S. Navy and husband Anthony who is also in the Navy, are now settled in their home in Japan. They will be assigned there for three years. Yeoman Oliver will be working with NCIS, which is the criminal justice department in Japan. I



## Support Our Troops!

*Get Involved with McDonald Road Church's Service Personnel Ministry*  
Contact Ann Davis, Service Personnel Ministry Director, at 396-2966 or e-mail her at [scottsmom1983@yahoo.com](mailto:scottsmom1983@yahoo.com) for more information on how you can help.

## Jesus Is In The Neighborhood

-Anonymous-

Ruth went to her mail box and there was only one letter. She picked it up and looked at it before opening, but then she looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter: "Dear Ruth: I'm going to be in your neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit. Love Always, Jesus."

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer." With that thought, Ruth remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents—five dollars and forty cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least."

She threw on her coat and hurried out the door. A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk..leaving Ruth with grand total twelve cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, can you help us, lady?" Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags "Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kinda hungry and, well, if you could help us. Lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, okay lady, I understand.

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## Mere Existence is Unacceptable, Part II

*As Seventh-day Adventist Christians Living in the Last Days, We Are Called to Serve Jesus in the World and in the Church*

By Melissa Turner, editor

We've all heard the jokes like "How many engineers does it take to screw in a lightbulb..." or "How many lawyers..." or "How many doctors..." But when it comes to reflecting on our church family, I wonder, in no joking manner, "how many can get involved in the work and how much can we get done once everyone is involved!"

McDonald Road Seventh-day Adventist Church, like many Christian churches in this local area, is a nuclear powerhouse, full of energy that is only partially tapped. With nearly 1,000 church members on record, what could this church do? Or maybe I should ask, what could this church family not do?

Imagine this: it takes 10-12 member teams to work on a Habitat for Humanity House per day. What if all 1,000 McDonald Road Church members participated in such a project? Over the course of one day, we could have participated in helping build 100 Habitat homes. Amazing! And this is just one tangible proof of the power of our numbers. Granted, not everyone is physically capable of participating in a Habitat project. But every member of the McDonald Road Church family has a part to play in God's work both in the world and in the church family. We are called both to evangelize the world and to serve God in the body of Christ, each using our own unique God-given gifts and talents to uplift the church family (I Corinthians 12).

I think back to the incredible appeal our early Adventist pioneers lay before us to get involved in church work. Review Adventist heritage and you will find farmers, students and even young people who were not able to finish school. But in these young lay people's weakness, God made them strong keepers of the faith in His church and world-

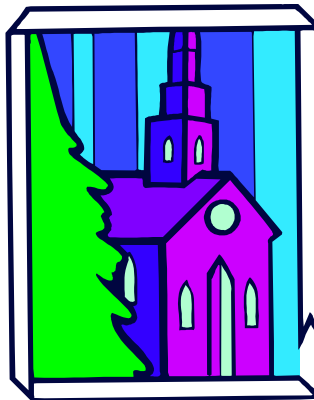
wide work. Paul reminds us that we can experience this same vigorous energy and strength from God: "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness,'" (II Corinthians

12:9). With this reassurance we as the body of Christ need to step forward and take hold of the work God has for us to do as the last days church.

As a church family, we have a built-in organizational structure that can help us in our work. We're not called to do everything or even several things individually. We are called to recognize the one or two

things God has created us and prepared us to do--whether it be running the audio-visual equipment on Sabbath morning or delivering bulletins and taped sermons to shut-ins, teaching primary Sabbath School or working with the pastors to give Bible studies to new believers. We all have a part to play, no matter how young or old, whether we be male or female, home-bound or physically capable. There is a place for us in the body of Christ. Paul says, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it," (I Corinthians 12:27).

Just like this church is a power house of energy and talent for reaching the world for Jesus, it is also full of equally capable workers who can serve within the church family, being lay ministers to this local church body. Just like our families operate in our own households, each of us church members has a part to play in serving in our church's household, giving of our time and talents to the church as to Jesus Himself. We have been called to take action. Mere existence is not acceptable.



## Critter Corner

Uncle Burney's

### "Pompano Pods"



The Pompano fish mom goes somewhere along the Gulf or Atlantic coast, and lays thousands of eggs on the grassy bottom. After thousands of mother Pompano lay their eggs, millions of little pompano hatch out all by themselves. Mom has gone back out to the open ocean leaving the little ones to raise themselves. How in the world is a little fish suppose to learn on its own? Well, guess what? All these little Pompano break up into pods or little schools. Now instead of just one lonely little fish there are many little friends swimming together. They learn to swim in a tight, straight formation and how to turn very quickly and to go in the opposite direction. It's like follow-the-leader all day long. Nature has implanted into their tiny little brain cells what food to eat and how to run from enemies.

As these millions of babies grow they also join in larger schools and head for the open ocean. There they have to learn very fast how to avoid danger. They form their own little schools that swim so fast they are hard to see. The school stops only for food. As soon as a pod spots a colony of mole crabs, commonly known as sand fleas, they all break for lunch. With mouths made for crunching up crab shells it's not long before they are full of crab sandwiches, then it's back to fast-forward. These little fish grow to be up to 15-20 inches long and travel the shallow waters just off the shoreline. Here they

are able to spot the mole crabs as the crashing surf churns up the bottom where the little crabs hide. Many times as I have waded out to surf fish, schools of Pompano dart past me. All these Pompano are moving in the same direction and all turning at the same time and all showing their bright silver sides.

The oceans of the world are full of many kinds of schooling fish. Large schools act as protection. There is safety in numbers most of the time. When a predator comes to get just one fish for a tasty bite, the whole school scatters causing mass confusion and many times the predator gets nothing. On the other hand, some large whales or dolphins would find it hard to get enough food if it weren't for the smaller fish in large schools.

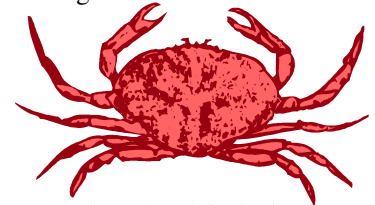
There is balance in nature if man would only let nature takes its course. Our Creator has provided for even the smallest of creatures to have a means to survive, even without a mom or dad around to teach them. I am just very thankful that I don't have to stay in school all my life just to stay alive, aren't you? Our moms and dads show us what we need to know, so learn well. Let's thank our Creator for moms and dads who take the time to teach us.

## Water Wonders

### "Giant Spider Crabs"

A Story by Mrs. Janice Parker

Rab, the Giant Spider Crab, lays still on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean floor. His oval-shaped body and orange-colored, bumpy shell blends well with his surroundings. Long, spindly and orange with white spots, Rab's jointed legs look like those of a spider. He has ten legs, two look like large claws. These legs can span as much as 12 feet in length.



Even though Rab is the largest crab, he uses his hard shell and camouflage to protect himself. He also puts sponges and other animals on his shell to help him hide from his enemies. Octopi are his worst enemy. Man is also one of his enemies. Rab and his family are a delicacy when steamed and salted. There is up to fifty pounds of food in the legs and claws of one Giant Spider Crab.

The Pacific Ocean side of Japan is the only place where Giant Spider Crabs live. Rab usually stays deep in the water where it is cool and dark. In the spring, he will come up to shallow water to mate and then he will go back down to around 1,000 feet to the ocean floor where he feeds on shellfish and dead animals.

Rab's compound eyes are in the front of his body and there are two thorns that stick out between them. He breathes through gills that are located under the shell that covers his back.

Research, decorating and food are some of the uses humans have for the Giant Spider Crab. They are gentle and some are used for pets and live in large aquariums.

Even though Rab lives down deep in the ocean, God cares for him just like He cares for you and me, no matter where we are.

## Coming: October Fest 2006

Come to the 2006 October Fest at McDonald Road Church, Sunday, October 15 for flea market bargains, good food, good music and supporting mission efforts.

Gates will open at 6 a.m. for flea market vendors. Please no food or drink vendors. There will be food sales available. You may reserve a spot by sending \$15.00 to Tom McDonald or just pay when you get there. All proceeds from space rental go to support McDonald Road church mission trips.

The flea market will go from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Along with the flea market there will be food sales. Richard Hickam and the Greater Collegedale School Systems will put on a concert at 5 p.m. There will be food and drinks to purchase. Bring your favorite lawn chair and enjoy the concert.

## “Jesus” continued from page 5

Thanks anyway.” The man put his arm around the woman’s shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart. “Sir, wait!” The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them. “Look, why don’t you take this food. I’ll figure out something else to serve my guest.” She handed the man her grocery bag. “Thank you, lady. Thank you very much!”

“Yes, thank you!” It was the man’s wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering. “You know, I’ve got another coat at home. Here, why don’t you take this one.” Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman’s shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest. “Thank you, lady! Thank you very much!”

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn’t have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox. “That’s odd. The mailman doesn’t usually come twice in one day.” She took the envelope out of the box and opened it. “Dear Ruth: It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat. Love Always Jesus.”

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

## Church Camps Out at Cades Cove in November

By Kathy Oliver, social committee leader

Imagine if you will crisp cool air, the smell of a campfire burning, your friends close by laughing and talking. Imagine spending quiet time with God. Praying and worshiping in the beauty of a bright cool fall day. If that sounds inviting to you then come and join us at Cades Cove campground for the fall church campout.

Many have asked about making reservations. After October 31 it isn’t possible to make reservations at the Smoky Mountain National Park Campgrounds. However there are plenty of camp sites. There are no electrical hook-ups, however, you may use generators. The cost of camping ranges from \$17-\$20 per night.

We will have a suggested menu for the weekend. In case you aren’t quite sure what that means it is simply this, if you wish to eat with the group bring the ingredients for the foods listed and we will cook together. The menu will be posted in the bulletin for three weeks prior to the campout.

We have some great activities planned. One of the best will be the “weed walk.” It will be led by Ila Hatter. Ila, known as THE LADY OF THE FOREST, is an interpretive naturalist, artist, wildcrafter and gourmet cook with more than 25 years experience teaching the cultural heritage of native plants. She is a staff instructor for the UTK’s Smoky Mtn. Field School, among other organizations. She has been featured in major newspapers, magazines and TV shows. Ila is very knowledgeable and can teach so much about wild edibles and medicinals. I know you will enjoy the time we spend with her.

We have so much planned I just know you will have a blest weekend. Come and enjoy learning about God from His second book, nature. Come camp with us or just come and join us for the day! Townsend, Tennessee is close by with hotels and cabins available.



## Southern Adventist University Celebrates 50 Years of Nursing Education

On October 29, Southern Adventist University’s School of Nursing will commemorate 50 years of nursing education with two programs the community is invited to attend.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop: Nurses and other healthcare professionals are invited to join us for an interactive workshop that will help prepare us for potential disasters in the local area. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Southern’s Iles P.E. Center. The cost is \$75 per person (or \$275 for a group of five).

Golden Anniversary Gala: A formal gala will be held at the Chattanooga Hotel in

downtown Chattanooga at 6 p.m. The program will include a fun-filled look at nursing for the last 50 years, with keynote speaker Thomas W. Merry, Captain in the U.S. Navy, and entertainment by Epic Brass. All are welcome to attend. Tickets start at \$75. Proceeds go to the Campaign for Health and Healing to help provide a wellness center and expanded nursing facilities for Southern students.

For more information call 236-2940 or register online at <http://nursing.southern.edu>.

