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“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

- Matthew 19:26

Youth Adventure in Belize

A group of 32 teens and staff from the McDonald Road Church arrived in Belize for the 2008 mission trip only to be welcomed by rain the first weekend there. What a surprise! As the work week rolled around and the group began the building projects at Eden Primary Seventh-day Adventist School in Santa Elena the sunshine came out and the group worked in 90 degree weather most days. By the end of the week, the group had constructed a house, similar to the structure built on last year's Belize Mission Trip, in four days!

The Eden school has been experiencing a number of break-ins and vandalism. With the presence of one of the teachers' families living nearby on the school property, the school is looking forward to having greater security for its property. On Friday, the school children and staff joined with the McDonald Road group to celebrate a dedication of the new building with singing, prayers, and gifts.

The mission group also helped construct sidewalks connecting the school buildings and some of the teens helped tutor the students at the Eden school—just in time for some national examinations coming up the following week—which the teachers greatly appreciated.

The Vacation Bible School in the nearby village of San Antonio was a great success with nearly 200 kids showing up by the end of the week. Teens who attended last year's Belize Mission Trip were especially excited to see some of the kids they met last year returning to this year's VBS program.

The Belize Mission Trip team will share their exciting story during a vespers program April 5. We hope to see you there!



Photo by Melissa Turner

The McDonald Road mission team constructs a house so one of the teacher's families at the Eden school can live on the campus, with the hope of preventing vandalism and break-ins at the school.

- Melissa Turner, youth leader

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Pastor's Challenge

The Expert in the Impossible



Pastor David Cook

God is good at the impossible. I was reminded of this a few weeks ago when I was traveling to Belize. In the course of a few days I saw Him do a number of "impossible" things. Let me share one of them.

I had been driving for two days in a van we were donating to the Adventist hospital in Belize. I had just dropped off my wife, Kristen, who traveled the first leg of the journey with me. I dropped her off at Houston's Airport and set out pick up Wilhem Garnett, an employee of the hospital we were donating the van too. He would help me drive.

When I reached the parking garage, I was dismayed to discover that the van was too tall for the garage! How would I ever find my driver? I was told I had to keep circling until he came out. Yet, he was expecting me to meet him in the airport! How would he know to come looking for me? And the lane I was allowed to drive in was the farthest from the door he would come out. Even worse, there was a steady stream of busses and vans driving between my lane and the door. He would never see me!

As I drove, I prayed for help. I reminded God that He is able to do the impossible. I asked Him to do that for me. Then I remembered the paging system. Soon I was talking to the operator at the airport on the phone. But I could not remember Wilhem's last name! Then they told me to do something I really didn't like. They wanted me to go to "Departures" where they would send him. It made sense since I would be able to park in front of the door there (at least for a few minutes). I was just afraid that he would miss the page and be left looking for me at "Arrivals." I felt like I had no choice, though, and followed instructions.

I managed to park directly in front of the door. I was nervous because the police were shooting cars away all around me. Amazingly, they ignored me!

I waited for at least two hours (okay, it was ten minutes, but it felt like two hours). Finally, Wilhem came sauntering through the door like he owned the airport. He grinned and got in.

"Boy am I glad to see you," I said. "Did you hear the page?"

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Sermon Schedule

- "Be Lion Alert, Not Lion Dessert" Sabbath, April 5
- by Don Gettys
- "Look and Live" Sabbath, April 12
- by DonGettys
- "When a Band-Aid Isn't Enough" Sabbath, April 19
- by Paul Carlson
- "Why Me Lord?" Sabbath, April 26
- by David Cook

Church Business

The Expert in the Impossible - *continued from page 2* -

"The what? No, I didn't hear a page."

"How did you know to meet me in 'Departures'?"

"Well, I went out the door at 'Arrivals' and said to myself, 'This doesn't look right.' So I went upstairs and walked right out the door and found you. I didn't have to wait one minute."

Praise God. He took an impossible situation and made it possible. That first miracle gave us courage to survive even crazier things we faced going South. Later we dealt with suspicious U.S. cops, a burned up transmission, a failed border crossing, corrupt border agents, bad brakes, and Mexican army checkpoints. Each time we faced a tough situation, we remembered what God did at the airport. And each time he made the impossible possible.

It reminds me of Luke 1:37, which says, "For nothing is impossible with God."

Do you have an impossible situation? Let me recommend Someone who can help you with it.

- Pastor David Cook

The Church Board Minutes, Financial Update, and Membership Transfers are not available in the online Manna Highlights. If you would like to know this information, please contact the McDonald Road Church office.

Samaritan Center Needs:

Right now the Samaritan Center needs: spaghetti sauce, pancake syrup, condiments, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, deodorant
If you can help with these items, bring them to drop-box in the church lobby, take them to the Samaritan Center front desk during office hours, or call 238-7777, ext 23, to make other arrangements.

Offering Schedule

April 5	Local Church Budget
April 12	Christian Record Services (NAD)
April 19	Local Church Budget
April 26	Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

Reaching In

Omnipotence

By Adrian Boyer

How stately are Thy Courts, O Lord,
And wonderful Thy Ways.
The Angel Choirs and Seraphs sing
They everlasting Praise.

Thy Regency extends beyond
The stellar Constellations,
Encompassing the Universe,
And all Thy vast Creations.

God made the Spheres
and Hemispheres,
And set the Earth in motion.

He formed each mighty
Mountain Range,

And filled the vasty Ocean.

Eternal is Thy Sovereign Realm -
For Time and Space with Thee
Are but a Moment when compared
To all Eternity.

Our God Who is Omnipotent,
Enthroned in Splendor reigns
Beyond the distant Pleiades,
And interstellar Chains.

Of all the gods that Men devise,
Of Gold or Wood or Stone,
The God Who framed the
cosmic Vaults
Of Heaven is Lord alone.

Pathfinders Participate in Drill Team Day

McDonald Road Pathfinders competed in the conference-wide Drill Team Day at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn., on March 16. At the event, teams don't compete against each other, but rather against a point system. Each team starts with 500 points and if they do something incorrectly or leave out an element of the routine, points are deducted. All the teams that stay above a certain point level are awarded first place.

McDonald Road had two teams participating.

The Precision team (teens) received first place and the General team (juniors) received third place.

The Pathfinders had to compete in two rounds at the Drill Team Day. Compulsories, which included a list of required moves in a certain order, came first.

The second half of the day was Free Style. During this part, the teams are free to come up with whatever marching moves they want. The judges are looking mostly for creativity and how well the put it together.

From a parent's perspective on the event, Pam Lewis shares, "It really gives the kids a sense of pride, accomplishment, and teamwork. You cannot do this on your own. They've been able to work together as a team and accomplish this."

- Rebecca Brooks



Photo by Pam Lewis

Paul Irwin (back row, left to right), Kyle Dawson, Tyler Hartman, Jimmy Fine, Kristen Moores and (front row, left to right) Abby Burchard, Redmond Bandy, Chance Johnson, and Savannah Ellitt made up the General Drill Team.



Photo by Pam Lewis

Paul Irwin (back row, left to right), Ryan Morse, David Hensel, Heather Peel, and (front row, left to right) Jessica White, Christy Morse, Katie Lewis, and Abigail White were on the Precision Drill Team.

Reaching Out

Maranatha Volunteers Work in Chile

Seventy Maranatha volunteers, including some from McDonald Road Church, arrived at the beautiful campus of the Adventist university in Chilean, Chile on Feb. 6, 2008. The volunteers built two churches for two fast-growing church companies in the towns of El Shady and Coihueco. At the construction sites, medical and eye glass clinics were able to help over 100 people were each day. Vacation Bible Schools were also held at the construction sites with about 150 children attending. It was reported that perhaps 90% of the children had never been to church and didn't even know how to pray. The volunteers also painted several bathrooms in the student housing on the university campus.



Photo contributed by Janice Parker

- Janice Parker *The Vacation Bible School held during the mission trip allowed more these children to learn about Jesus' love for them and the plan of salvation.*

Sharing Him Outreach Events in April

Have you heard the buzz? It's the sound of the Evangelizing Outreach Teams of our church. And this month, a flurry of sowing and reaping events are due to launch.

The Harvesters are having an archeology seminar. And many other sowing events have already been happening, including a small group Bible study on the book of John that the Glove group is sponsoring.

Both of the Agape and the Christ in Action groups are planning on evangelistic seminars in members' homes. The Disciples of Christ will be having meetings in the St. Andrews Community Center in downtown Chattanooga, near Temple University. The Reapers will have their crusade in an upstairs room at Nick Van Zyl's dentistry office.

The Young Crusaders, a group with members from 11 years old to late-teens and led by Randy Folkenberg, will have evangelistic meetings beginning April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Young Crusaders' sixteen-night schedule is every night April 25-May 2 and then May 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16 (includes Wednesday nights). You are welcome to support our young people with your prayers and attendance.

If you have any questions, ask any of the leaders (see the list of groups and their leaders' contact information below). Don't just sit on the sidelines. Get involved in some way!

- Paul Carlson

Evangelizing Outreach Teams

<i>Agape A</i>	Leaders: Anders family	anders.jay.pam@att.net; 396-9730
<i>Agape #1</i>	Leaders: Smith Family	davidandphyllis@earthlink.net; 503-863-7129
<i>CIA – Christ In Action</i>	Leaders: Orville & Odil Donesky	728-3004
<i>DOC – Disciples Of Christ</i>	Leader: Tom McDonald	tdkmcdonald@yahoo.com; 280-0788 or 314-7370
<i>Glove – God's Love</i>	Leader: Harold Peters	harold-peters@comcast.net; 503-2153 or 503-2768
<i>Harvesters</i>	Leader: Bill Dean	wmariedeane@centurytel.net; 396-4704
<i>The Reapers</i>	Leader: Nick Van Zyl	nvanzyl@centurytel.net; 396-3989 or 667-2098
<i>Young Crusaders</i>	Leader: Randy Folkenberg	rands201@yahoo.com; 236-4850
	Assistant Leader: Pastor David Cook	pastordave@mcdonaldroad.org; 236-4467

Kids' Corner



Jungle Jaunts with Jack and Jerry

Oscar turns the van around leaving the area where the Blue Monkeys live. "Where are we going now?" asks Jerry, "Do you remember seeing all those colorful birds on the way here?"

"We are going to see if we can find some of them," replies Oscar.

Jack and Jerry get out their binoculars to scan the area as they ride. "Look over on the left," calls Jerry. "What are those mud looking towers? They must be three or four feet high."

"Those are termite or 'white ant' mounds," answers Oscar. "It is too bad you won't get to see an anteater. They come out mostly at night and can make quite a meal out of a termite mound like that. The ant eater's long, sticky tongue can lick up a whole bunch of ants or termites in one sweep. Keep your eyes on the scenery and you might spy some other interesting things," admonishes Oscar.

Coming around a curve, Oscar slows the van down. "Keep your eyes open boys, we are in the area where the parrots live. We are looking for a

special parrot that is well known in this area. See if you can guess which one it is," says Oscar.

"Look to the right," shouts Jack. "I see a lot of colorful birds in that big tree. What beautiful birds -- red, green, blue and yellow. Are these the birds you want us to find?"

"No, those are Biddies and they are smaller than the birds I am looking for," replies Oscar.

"I see a parrot that I have seen in a pet shop," says mother. "Look up in that big tree on the right. It is grey and has a large red spot on its tail. I think they are called Congo African Grey Parrots."

"You are right," says Oscar. "And it is the parrot we are looking for."

Jack gets out the Wild African Animals book and reads: "The Congo African Grey Parrot is medium sized, about 12 inches long. It is mostly grey. Its wings are a darker grey and its rump a pale grey. A featherless patch of skin surrounds its eyes and is whitish to light grey. The head and neck feathers are a pale grey which gives it a scalloped appearance. The Congo African Grey Parrot's tail is a bright cherry red. The African Grey feeds mainly on fruit, nuts, and green leafy matter. They live in the rainforests of West and Central Africa and are one of the most intelligent birds.

"They are very popular as pets or companion parrots. Some have been known to have a vocabulary of many words. These parrots can associate human words with their meanings. They are common in pet shops. They make good companions, but are a very high-maintenance pet. They require a lot of personal attention. An African Grey Parrot of five years can copy the words of a five year old child."

Jerry gets out his note pad and writes Congo African Grey Parrot. "This is the first bird we have on our list," he says.

"What will we see next?" wonders Jack.

- Janice Parker

Fill in the blanks using the numbers and letters below:

Foxes have _____ and the _____ of the air have _____, but the Son of Man
 has _____ to lay His _____. Matthew 8:20

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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Connecting

The New Member Spotlights are not available in the online Manna Highlights. If you would like to know this information, please contact the McDonald Road Church office.

What's Happening

Homeschoolers: Would you be interested in receiving the e-mail exchange for Collegedale-Area Homeschoolers? This will be an e-mail service only, for the purpose of exchanging information with other local homeschoolers. It will be free of charge. If you would like to be included, Please send an e-mail to me at: CAHemail@aol.com Type "Subscribe" in the subject line, and please send your name and phone number. If enough people are interested, I will start sending out e-mails in a few weeks. Thanks, Teresa Breedlove.

Looking for an outreach opportunity for your Sabbath School, Bible Study, or Youth Group? Summer is on its way, a great time to volunteer and coincidentally the Samaritan Center's busy season as well. Have fun with your friends and make a difference in your community at the same time. Hours of service Sundays 12:00-4:00 April-July. Call Michelle Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator, at 238-7777, ext. 24, to schedule your group today.

Room In The Inn: Would you like to become a mentor for one of the ladies at *Room In The Inn*? You could be a great help to these women as they work on building a new life for themselves. If you would like to help with this new program or would like more information, please contact Sheryl Baker at 396-4220 or 987-6882 or leave a message with the church office.

A Building To Last - Relationship Seminar: April 12-18 at the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whether you are single or married, you can learn how to create enduring relationships and how to share your life with someone. Register by calling 396-2134 or emailing schoonar@southern.edu. The seminar is free and child care will be provided.

Manna Deadline: If you are planning to submit something for the May issue of the Manna, please send it in by April 10.

Regular Programs

Weekly Worship Services
First Service
Saturdays at 8:50 a.m.

Second Service
Saturdays at 11:25 a.m.

Sabbath School
Saturdays at
10:00-11:20 a.m.

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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