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## Relief Updates

News from the Good Samaritan Department of the General Conference

**G**reetings to all our brothers and sisters with the verses found in Matthew 24:7-8, 32-33: *“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.... Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.”*

During the last few months, the earth has been trembling—causing victims and disaster wherever the earthquakes struck. One of the last large quakes we heard of was in Haiti. Now Chile also has been hit.

The Good Samaritan is an international relief organization, with branches in both Haiti and Chile. We have sent funds to cover first aid (drinking water, food, medicine, and other necessities) for survivors. For reconstruction of collapsed buildings, we will need major financial support and, above all, time. We hope in the near future to be able to build some shelters.

### HAITI

We have received a report from our worker who visited all the damaged zones and, in particular, rural areas that even the larger aid organizations failed to reach. From his report we learned that none of our brethren died, some churches have been damaged and will need repair, and nineteen houses of our members and interested souls have structural problems. Drinking water is lacking in some places because of drought. As a result the planted fields did not produce as much as normal, and food shortages are severe. In a few words, hunger has settled in.

International aid agencies concentrate on the capital city, which, of course, was the most damaged; but as a result the countryside continues to suffer. Even before the quake, the country's problems were great; with this disaster they have increased. At this time, two other brethren are traveling in Haiti, trying to organize the best they can with the aid received from our department.

**CHILE**

In Chile, we have a few workers who are moving to various affected places to help those in need. Drinking water and food are the priority. Because of the earthquake, food prices have gone up; and there are difficulties in finding enough provisions.

Among the Reform brethren, only one fatality was reported—that of an elderly sister. She had been very sick for a long time and died during the quake. No injuries were sustained by anyone else.

Some houses of members are damaged as well as church buildings throughout the whole country. Humanitarian help with bringing in water and food has been organized in Concepcion and in Canete, Rio Claro, and Laja.

Our department has already sent relief funds for the most urgent matters. In the future, however, other needs will become more important. Now is the time to show our solidarity toward both these countries that find themselves facing an emergency of great proportions.

We thank all our dear brothers and sisters, friends, and acquaintances around the whole world for their generosity to the people in these two areas that were hit so terribly.

*(Photo used on front page courtesy of Claudio Núñez, [Wikipedia]. Use of his work does not in any way show his support of this organization.)*

If you would like to make a donation to  
The Good Samaritan, the bank information is as  
follows:  
OPERA SOCIALE IL BUON SAMARITANO ONLUS  
BANK: INTESASANPAOLO, PISTOIA, ITALY  
IBAN: IT87 E030 6913 8006 2501 6951 183  
SWIFT CODE: BCITITMM 151

## Northeastern Field Conference Invitation

Cross Roads, Lebanon Township, New Jersey  
June 4-6, 2010

**Y**ou are cordially invited to attend the Northeastern Field Conference.

**Basic Information:**

- The total cost per person is \$108.00. This includes all meals and lodging from 4 p.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Sunday but does not include linens and toiletries.
- Transportation is available for those who need it from New York and New Jersey to the campground.
- For more information, please call **(718) 931-0592 or (718) 795-3231**
- If you plan to attend, please send an e-mail stating your name, means of transportation, and when you plan to arrive. Also include a phone number so we can contact you if necessary.

[acenep57@yahoo.com](mailto:acenep57@yahoo.com)



**Directions:**

Cross Roads is located in Lebanon Township, 2 miles northwest of Califon, in the northwestern tip of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Because of rural postal delivery, the mailing address is Port Murray. Be aware—there are two different Pleasant Grove Roads in the area! We *strongly* advise that you use the directions below and not those from Internet sites such as Google or Mapquest (even GPS has been known to lead travelers astray). To get the map from Google, use the following: 29 Pleasant Grove Rd., Glen Gardner, NJ 08826. To get the map from Yahoo, use the following address: 29 Pleasant Grove Rd., Port Murray, NJ 07865. Again, the reason for this is that there are two Pleasant Grove Roads in the area.

**From the South:**

1. Take NJ Route 31 North (intersects I-95 & I-295 on the north side of Trenton).
2. Follow Route 31 North through Flemington and continue toward Clinton.
3. Two miles after crossing over I-78 at Clinton, TURN RIGHT onto Route 513 North.
4. Follow Route 513 North through High Bridge and continue on Route 513 North into Califon.
5. In Califon, after the A&P store on the left, TURN LEFT onto Sliker Rd.
6. Go 1.5 miles and TURN RIGHT onto Pleasant Grove Rd.
7. In less than a mile, Cross Roads will be on your left.

**From the Southwest (Allentown, PA, region or Phillipsburg):**

1. Take I-78 East into New Jersey at Phillipsburg.
2. Continue on I-78 and exit onto Route 31 North (Exit 16) toward Washington, NJ.
3. Use directions above, "From the South," beginning with direction 2.

*Alternate route from Phillipsburg area (through Washington)*

1. Take Route 22 East to 57 East toward Hackettstown.
2. About 4 miles after leaving Washington, take a right onto Penwell Road. Follow this road for 3 miles.
3. Make a right onto Califon Road and follow it for about 2 miles. This becomes Pleasant Grove Rd.
4. Cross Roads is on the right.

**From the Southeast (Jersey Shore area):**

1. Take Garden State Parkway North.
2. Exit at I-287 North (also West) immediately after crossing over the Raritan River Bridge.

3. Follow I-287 to I-78 West (toward Easton, PA).
4. Take Exit 24 and make a right off the ramp onto County Hwy. 523 North toward Oldwick.
5. After about 6 miles, take a left onto Fairmount Road (Rte. 512) and follow through Califon for 4 miles.
6. Turn right at T onto High Bridge-Califon Rd. and then take a quick left onto Sliker Road.
7. Follow Sliker Rd. for 1.6 miles and take a right at Pleasant Grove Road.
8. The camp is a mile ahead on the left.

**From the Northeast:**

1. Take I-80 West from the New York City metro area.
2. Take Exit 27 and follow Route 206 South into Chester (about 8 miles).
3. In Chester, take a right onto 513 West and follow it for about 10 miles into Califon.
4. In Califon, right before the A&P store, TURN RIGHT onto Sliker Rd.
5. Go 1.5 miles and TURN RIGHT onto Pleasant Grove Rd.
6. In less than a mile, Cross Roads will be on your left.

**From the Northwest (Pocono Region and Western Pennsylvania):**

1. Take I-80 East and enter New Jersey at the Delaware Water Gap.
2. 4.5 miles into New Jersey, exit I-80 onto 46 East.
3. Follow 46 for about 10 miles into Buttzville, and then TURN RIGHT onto Route 31 South.
4. Follow 31 for 6 miles into Washington and then TURN LEFT onto Route 57.
5. In about 4 miles, take a right onto Penwell Road. Follow this road for 3 miles.
6. Make a right onto Califon Road and follow it for about 2 miles. It becomes Pleasant Grove Road.
7. Cross Roads is on the right.



# International Youth Conference in Israel

Yapci Trujillo, Leader of the Media Department SME/ASDIMOR TV

A golden opportunity is here! Spend one week in Israel with youth from around the world. Visit historic sites, such as Bethlehem, Nazareth, Qumran, and more, that will bring the Bible alive for you. Walk where Jesus walked, and be blessed.

A video advertisement has been prepared by the Youth Department of the General Conference regarding the International Youth Conference at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/asdimores#p/u/1/SPpA20Ewy1U>

For more information, contact Pastor Jose Giner at [josevginer@yahoo.es](mailto:josevginer@yahoo.es)



## 2010 Calendar

- **June 4-6: Northeastern Field Conference at Cross Roads, Lebanon, New Jersey**  
See pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.
- **July: Canadian Field Conference**  
See [www.imssdarm-bg.org](http://www.imssdarm-bg.org) for more information.
- **August 3-11: International Youth Conference in Israel**  
For more details, visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/asdimores#p/u/1/SPpA20Ewy1U>
- **August 18-22: Western Field Conference at Leoni Meadows, Grizzly Flats, CA**  
See Reservation Form on last page of this newsletter.

# Small Cloud Christian School's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

News from the Education Department  
by Margie Seely, AU Education Leader

**O**n January 30, Small Cloud's staff and students gathered with friends, family members, and one local newspaper reporter for a special praise service. We came to honor the God who makes *all* things possible and who has for fourteen years sustained us. Our theme was "Hope," and with word and song we shared the hope God gives us when we walk in His light.

In preparation for this program, each student spent time in prayer asking God which Biblical examples should be presented at the program. As a result, we had several mini speeches about the way God gave hope to Adam and Eve, Noah, Job, and Joseph during the darkest moments of their lives. The program concluded with a presentation about the hope that Jesus Christ has provided for us today and throughout all eternity.

We serve an amazing, all-powerful God who loves us and knows us by name. He asks us to trust Him with whatever difficulty we are facing. He *will* help us!

## Speech by Mikey Petrovich, age 12

Almost two thousand years after creation, the world was filled with wickedness. People were drinking, fighting, and killing. God knew he had to put an end to it.

But there was one man, named Noah, who found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God asked Noah to build an ark, so Noah immediately began.

It took him over a hundred years to finally finish the ark. The length of it was about four hundred fifty feet; the height, forty-five feet; and the width, seventy-five feet.

After it was completed God sent angels to guide animals into the ark. Then came the hard part—trying to get the people into the ark. There were no angels to put them in because God never forces anyone to do anything.

When Noah did invite them, they all mocked him and refused to enter into the ark. Only Noah entered in, with his family, and an angel closed the door behind them.

A whole week went by and nothing happened. No rain fell. No flood began.

Was God telling the truth? Was a flood really coming? Then suddenly the clouds began to darken, and flashes of lightning struck here and there. Large drops of water fell from the sky. People rushed to the ark and yelled for Noah to let them in, but it was too late. The door had been shut and it was over now. The waters were rising and eventually covered everything. Outside the ark everything perished.

Noah was in that ark for about a year, until they finally hit land. Noah, his family, and also the animals were all exuberant to be out of the ark.

Noah had to have hope that what God had said was true. Because of that hope (and faith) Noah, his family, and all the animal kinds were saved. I hope I can have that same hope and faith that Noah did; don't you?



SCCS students—Back row, l-r: Mikey, Davey, Andrew, Andriana, and Mariana; Middle row, l-r: Megan, Viviana, Nikki; Front row, l-r: Stephen, Maya, Alyssa, and Armando

Reservation Form

Seventh-day Adventist Church Reform Movement—Western Field Conference
International Missionary Society

Leoni Meadows Christian Camp and Retreat Center—August 18-22, 2010

Deadline for Registration: August 6, 2010

When completed, return this form with payment to: Leoni Meadows Christian Camp and Retreat Center
P.O. Box 400, Grizzly Flats, CA 95636
Fax: 530-626-8524

(Make checks payable to Leoni Meadows or include credit card information for Visa, MC, or Discover at bottom of page)

Personal Information (Submit one Reservation Form per family)

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Check which nights you are staying: [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday [ ] Saturday
Check here for [ ] Day Only (If Day Only, proceed to Meal Order)

Family Attendance: How many people are in your family group?
\_\_\_\_\_ # Adults (ages 11+) \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (ages 4-10) \_\_\_\_\_ # Infants (ages 0-3)

LODGING SELECTION: Please check your choice of lodging:

[ ] LODGE ROOMS (all linens provided) We prefer: [ ] 1st Floor [ ] 2nd Floor
[ ] Single Occupancy (1 person) \$58.95/night
[ ] Each additional person \$9.00/night How many extra in room? \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Family Occupancy (3-4 people) \$76.95/night
(Immediate Family only)

[ ] CABIN (1-5 people; no linens provided) \$41.40/night
Each additional person (up to a total of 8) \$ 8.10/night How many extra in cabin? \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] CAMPGROUND (1-6 people) \$18.00/night
(Full Hook-up RV and/or tent sites) Lodging Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Meals (ages 11+) – \$9.00/meal

Wed., Aug. 18 # of Adult Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
Thurs., Aug. 19 # of Adult Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
Fri., Aug. 20 # of Adult Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
Sab., Aug. 21 # of Adult Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
Sun., Aug. 22 # of Adult Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Meals Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child Meals (ages 4-10) – \$6.20/meal

Wed., Aug. 18 # of Child Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Child Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Child Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
Thurs., Aug. 19 # of Child Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Child Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Child Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
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Sun., Aug. 22 # of Child Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ # of Child Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # of Child Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Child Meals Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee \$ 5.00

Address/City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ V-code: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Send payment with this Registration Form

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