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WHEN THE FUTURE SEEMS UNCERTAIN
MY TESTIMONY

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1 week until *Hope Trending*

WELCOME

to Pioneers

“The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him” (Exodus 15:2).

What a wonderful privilege and blessing to know God as our God. And what assurance it is that we can rely on the sure promises of God and that we can come to Jesus just as we are with all our weaknesses and sinfulness. It is His glory to forgive and bind up our wounds. With great hope and expectation, we come to worship the God who loves and saves us.

–Don Dronen

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BEFORE TURNING OFF THE LIFE SUPPORT ...

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Thornton Wilder in his *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* wrote: “Some say that to the gods we are like flies idly swatted by boys on a summer day. Others say that not a hair falls from our head without the will of the Heavenly Father.” But for too many the jury is still out—with the margin between life and death growing thinner with each passing day. And therein lies the mission of Hope Trending. But first this story.

Twenty-two year old law graduate Sam Hemming was riding with her boyfriend on the busy M-6 motorway in England a few weeks ago when suddenly his car flipped over, smashing Sam’s head through the windshield, sheering off an ear, breaking her neck, and leaving Sam brain dead with “no hope of recovery.” Airlifted to a hospital, Sam underwent six hours of emergency surgery and was placed in a medically-induced coma.

Nineteen days later doctors indicated Sam was brain dead and counseled the family “to prepare for the worst and to

switch off her life-support machine.” The family gathered about Sam’s bed with their tearful farewells. The life support was turned off, when suddenly Carol, Sam’s mother, screamed. Everyone froze. Carol pointed at Sam’s big toe—it was wiggling. The medical team immediately reactivated life support, keeping Sam in an induced coma. Days later Sam was given a tracheotomy, and “when her life-support machine was turned off again, she was able to breathe on her own” (www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3814394/Student-22-left-coma-horror-car-crash-saved-wiggled-toe-moments-doctors-turn-life-support-machine.html).

Remarkably eight weeks later she was declared well enough to return home. And today, despite brain damage, Sam has learned how to walk and talk again. (Click on to the above link for pictures of Sam before and after—all with smiles!)

The moral of Sam’s story—don’t pull the plug too soon. Because “where there

is breath, there is hope” (and sometimes hope even when there is no breath at all, as with Sam). Even for a society as utterly confused about God as Thornton Wilder described. Hope.

And who better, may I humbly ask, to point the nation and world to hope than this faith community with hope embedded in the name we call ourselves, “Adventists”—people who joyfully embrace the hope of Jesus Christ and His soon return?

One week from last evening Hope Trending begins its quest to connect the hopeless as well as hope-seekers with the greatest Hope of all. Here are some bullet points (courtesy Rodlie Ortiz) to lock into our seven-day countdown:

- Pick up some of Hope Trending’s custom invite flyers at our Welcome Station(s) this morning and pass them on to individuals who need an uplift of hope in their lives. Sam’s story is a reminder that even when you think the spiritual plug has already been pulled, hope can still ignite a person back into full-orbed life with Christ. It’s not too late to make that invite!

- New resources are available at hopetrending.org/resources for Watch Party hosts (including the custom invite flyer). Click the link that says “Public Flyer (Add an address).” With this resource, a group can click on the white box towards the bottom and customize the address and time of their gathering.

- You can host a Watch Party in your living room, but don’t forget you can also host an online Watch Party. If you have friends that live outside of your local area, invite them to attend an online Watch Party. Inviting them couldn’t be easier. Go to hopetrending.org and click Watch Live. Find a time that is convenient for your friend and then click the invite button. There are experiences across 11 different time zones, so it’s easy to

find a convenient time. Additionally, people will be given opportunities to make decisions online, right from the comfort of their computer or mobile device

- Want to know a way you can reach hundreds of your friends at the same time? In addition to being able to view Hope Trending on the website, you will also be able to view it at the Hope Trending Facebook page. So here’s a two-fold challenge: (1) go to Facebook.com/hopetrending and like the official Facebook page; (2) when the program actually starts, share the video feed from the Hope Trending Facebook page to your own page. By doing that, you’ll instantly be sharing the program with hundreds or even thousands of your friends. There could potentially be tens of thousands of people seeing the program through Facebook.

- And whatever else you do for the next seven days and the nine days afterwards, please pray for Hope Trending and the people God will lead to this event. We’re all well aware that in the end it won’t be the technology or the panel or the host or the speaker that will make the difference—in the end it will be, **“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD” (Zechariah 4:6)**. Hope after all has always been His mission.

And on a personal note, thank you for your prayers for me. Paul’s appeal is mine, too: **“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador. . . . Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should” (Ephesians 6:19-20)**. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight’s blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.

UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

BY KATHLEEN CAMPBELL

The Andrews University Student Missions (SM) program derives its inspiration from Matthew 25:35-36 where Jesus instructs us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and visit the prisoners. Each year, the SM program sends out approximately 30 students to do just that. Harkening back to when the University still carried the name Emmanuel Missionary College, these student missionaries have raised funds to give 6 months to a year of their life in service, offering aid as teachers, medical workers, Bible workers, deans, and so much more; while sharing the love and gospel of Christ.

The Student Missions Department is primarily funded through the generosity of donors, allowing the program to function and facilitate students as they go through the process of becoming a student missionary. This generosity also aids in providing scholarships for the student missionary, as well as support while in the field.

This year the Student Missions Program is celebrating its 55th year of sending out missionaries. Join us in celebrating this milestone and purchase a piece of our 550-piece *Student Missions Anniversary* puzzle. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Student Missions Program and enable us to continue sending student



missionaries around the world for years to come. Each puzzle piece is \$55. Following your purchase, your name will be written on the back of your puzzle piece. After all of the pieces are sold our Anniversary puzzle will be framed in glass, displaying both sides and mounted on campus.

Whatever you can give, small or large, every donation counts. We use that money to pay for care packages, promotional materials, student workers, missionary training, and international phone calls to various mission organizations around the world. Donate online at www.andrews.edu/go/give/2sm



or mail a check to: Andrews University, Office of Development, Missions, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 (Please make checks payable to Andrews University and indicate Donation for Missions). If you are purchasing your puzzle piece be sure to write "a piece of the puzzle" on your check or in the "my instructions" box of the online donations page.

We also always appreciate prayers for the program and its growth, as well as the students who are currently serving. Listed below are the current or soon-to-be Andrews University student missionaries for the 2016-2017 school year. These students

are serving in a multitude of functions all over the world. We encourage you to list them up by name in your daily prayers.

For additional information, contact Chaplain June Price at juneprice@andrews.edu or call 269.471.3211. ■

AU Student Missionaries

- Alex Wilson—*Zambia*
- Anecia Ascalon—*Kenya*
- Anna Rorabeck—*Thailand*
- Beatrice Cho—*Kosrae, Micronesia*
- Brock Schalo—*Philippines*
- Cassy Drew—*Palau*
- Chris Jenkins—*Hawaii*
- Colette Covrig—*Chile*
- Delaneira Kuntoria—*Zambia*
- Elisabeth Schell—*Austria*
- Esther Jeon—*Peru*
- Grace Lee—*Indonesia*
- Hannah Akyiano—*Ebeye, Marshall Islands*
- Hazel Byeon—*Peru*
- Isaac Smith—*Idaho*
- Jackeline Bohorquez—*Ebeye, Marshall Islands*
- Jason Shockey—*Palau*
- Joshua Knowlton—*Philippines*
- Krissy Savage—*Palau*
- Leslie Diaz—*Idaho*
- Lille Smith—*Saipan*
- Matthew Rajaranthinam—*Peru*
- Nancy Kardos-Moldovan—*Ohio*
- Nephtali Eugene—*South Korea*
- Re'Jeanne Greene—*Peru*
- Shaun Haankwenda—*Chuuk, Micronesia*
- Tara Thona—*Kenya*
- Toni-Ann Ross—*Indonesia*
- Wayne Allen Smith—*Spain*

Kathleen Campbell is the Student Missions Assistant Coordinator.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult • Emma Lou Diemer*

Introit *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life • Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Call to Worship Don Dronen

Jesus told his disciples to bring what they had to fill the need.

We bring what little faith, hope, and love we have to Christ.

Then let us ask God to bless and use it to be enough.

Let us worship God in trust he will provide for his people!

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2*

Invocation Ben Martin

Hymn of Praise *The God of Abraham Praise • 11*

Congregational Prayer Don Dronen
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music *I Have Come to You • Robert Reid*

Hope Trending Ben Martin & Bryan von Dorpowski

Tithes & Offerings World Budget/Voice of Prophecy
Wake Up! A Voice Is Calling • Wayne Wold

Children's Story Melody Collins

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4 NIV • James & DeLauna McKee

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

WE STUDY

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Song Service Rachel Sauer

Opening Hymn *Balm in Gilead* • 475

Welcome & Prayer Judy Aitken

Scripture John 3:16, 17 & Luke 19:10 • Judy Aitken

Endorsement Service Chaplain Timetta Wilson
presided by Chaplains Washington Johnson II & Art Slagle
Assistant Directors, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries,
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Offertory *He's My Friend* • David Lantz III

Bible Study "The Great Controversy" • Classes

Theme Song *Make Me a Blessing*

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson
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Benediction Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Elizabeth Wilson, mezzo soprano; Joshua Goines, piano

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As We Begin

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult • Emma Lou Diemer

Praise

The Power Of Your Love • Lovely Lord • Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayer

Don Dronen

Hope Trending

Ben Martin & Bryan von Dorpowski

Tithes & Offerings

Wake Up! A Voice Is Calling • Wayne Wold

Children's Story

Melody Collins

Worship in Music

I Have Come to You • Robert Reid

Sermon

"Moving Forward When the Future Seems Uncertain: My Testimony" • Rodlie Ortiz

Hymn

I Will Follow Thee, My Savior • st. 1-3 of 623

Benediction

Don Dronen

As We Depart

Be Not Afraid (from Elijah) John Darwall

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Richard Aguilera; PIANO: Alex Aguilera

VOCALS: Richard Aguilera, Elena Weiss, Natalie McArthur, Samuel Saint-Phard, Veronica Rivas

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Charles Reid, tenor

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 7:18
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:06

PIONEER PULPIT

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TY GIBSON

Things Hoped For
1st—PMC Sanctuary
2nd—Howard Performing Arts Center

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1ST—JOSÉ BOURGET

The Great Opportunity—More Or Less

2ND—HOPE TRENDING

Howard Performing Arts Center

FINANCIAL FEATURE

VOICE OF PROPHECY

Many people have come to know their loving Friend, Jesus, through radio ministry. As a leader in religious broadcasting for more than 85 years, the Voice of Prophecy (VOP) focuses on God's love and heralds the soon return of Christ—providing hope to broken people and guidance for daily living. Founded in 1929 by H.M.S. Richards, the VOP is one of the 18 SDA organizations to benefit from today's loose offering and your gifts that are designated for the World Budget. Thank you for your support!

Refreshments After Church

The Family Life Committee invites you to stop by for a refreshing drink after second service. If weather permits, juice will be served outside near the statue. In case of rain a serving table will be set up downstairs near the hospitality desk.

Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

TOMORROW • 1:00 TO 3:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

We will have guest speaker, Suzanne Renten (Oronoko Charter Township Clerk), at our next meeting and potluck. Her topic will be "Election Day: What Happens at the Polling Stations on Election Day?" This will include a question and answer period. For more information contact Ralph Wood (rcwood90@gmail.com).

An Invitation to Prayer for Hope Trending

OCTOBER 9-12 • 7:00 TO 7:30 PM
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in this shared global mission to proclaim Christ to this generation.

AA Alumni Weekend

OCTOBER 14 & 15
ANDREWS ACADEMY

Come and reunite with your Andrews Academy family! Join us on Friday at 7 PM for a vespers program. Then again on Saturday (9 AM—Continental Breakfast, 10 AM—AA Instrumental Groups Concert, 11:15 AM—Alumni Worship Convocation, 12:30 PM—Honor Class Photographs & Fellowship Haystack Luncheon). Local Alumni please bring the following according to last name **A-D** Chips, **E-G** Cheese, **H-J** Lettuce, **K-M** Tomato, **N-P** Olives, **Q-S** Sour Cream, **T-V** Salsa, **W-Z** Brownies/Cookies.

Mission Trip to Honduras

Join the youth missions team December 9-21 as they go to the REACH orphanage in Honduras to conduct a special day-camp ministry for about 150 children. The application deadline is very soon and there is room for only 3 more people so contact Glenn Russell (glenn@andrews.edu) right away for more information.

Open House

OCTOBER 16 • 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
8665 GEORGE AVE, BERRIEN SPRINGS
Jim and Diane Ford invite you to an open house to celebrate the marriage of their son, Jonathan, to Ana Carolina Brasil.

Scrapbooking Together

OCTOBER 16 • 1:00-6:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Start working on your Christmas projects or work on other projects. Bring your supplies and favorite snack and we'll supply the chocolate and prizes. If you have questions, contact Sherrie Davis at sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you carrying a heavy load? The Journey to Wholeness group is a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, 12-step meeting. This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of obsessive thinking and compulsive activity (addiction) and is a safe place for healing. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—please join us. For more information (meeting locations and times) text 269.313.1677 or 240.346.5204.

Center for Adventist Research Book Sale

OCTOBER 17

CENTER FOR ADVENTIST RESEARCH
JAMES WHITE LIBRARY—LOWER LEVEL

Large Adventist used book sale. Hundreds of Adventist books of all types, including Ellen White writings.

Annual Fall Hayride

OCTOBER 23 • 5:00 TO 8:00 PM
FIVE PINES ON SMITH RD

Join your PMC family for our annual hayride event! A bonfire, hot dogs, chips, hot drinks, and s'mores will be provided. Donations will be accepted to cover expenses. For more information email judynday2@hotmail.com or baltazar@andrews.edu. —*Family Life Committee*

Hope Trending Sabbaths

OCTOBER 15 & 22

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join us for the 11:45 AM service at the Howard Performing Arts Center both of the Sabbaths during Hope Trending. First service and Sabbath School will be held as usual in PMC. Open seating held from 11:15 to 11:45 AM (no tickets required).

Church Photographers

Looking for volunteer church photographers. This opportunity involves taking pictures of Baptisms and Baby Dedications and occasionally a special event. You do not have to be professional but able to take good pictures and have a good camera. If you're interested, contact Jackie Bikichky at bikichky@pmchurch.org or call 471.3972.

Pastor Appreciation Month

The month of October is designated as "Pastor Appreciation Month." At Pioneer we are grateful and very blessed for all the pastors who serve this congregation magnificently. During this time we want to let them know how much we have benefited from their ministry. The elders of the church plan to do this formally, but we are asking each one of our members to choose one of the pastors who has been especially meaningful to them in some way this past year and either send them a note or offer them a word of encouragement, so they know that their ministry has been appreciated by all of us.

God's Hands 4 Kids

We are looking for volunteers to launder clothing that has been in storage in order to give to foster kids. Email godshands4kids@gmail.com for more info.

Join a GROW Group

GROW Groups are here again! Let's take the opportunity to invite others to join us as we connect with each other and with God. There is a GROW group for everyone! If not, consider leading one for Spring 2017. If you find a group that captures your interest, we encourage you to sign up via a one-step online registration. Visit www.pmchurch.org/grow to find a great list of available GROW groups.

Three Pianists Concert

OCTOBER 23 • 4:00 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(475 GREEN AVE.)

ArtsBridge presents the Three Pianists Concert and Exhibit at the First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor. Performers include pianists Masashi Sekioka, Susan Burkholz, and Jean Prosper. Teens from WaterStreet Glassworks Fired Up! program will also display and sell their glass art. For details call 269.925.7075 or find them online at www.firstpresbh.org or Facebook.

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