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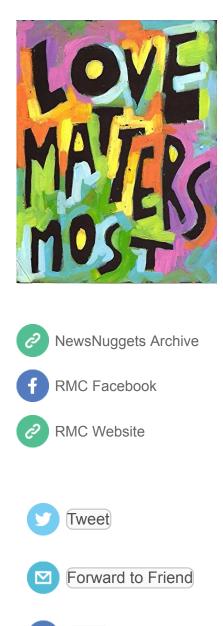
#### **RMC Churches Celebrate Large Baptisms** »

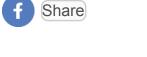
Pastor Juan Estrada baptized 19 new members at Aurora Hispanic Church on September 16, the result of the work of many members. Some came from families and friends of the church, including children; some came from handing out magazines door to door.



One had been attending church regularly with her baptized husband for seven years. At her house one day, Pastor Estrada opened his Bible and a request for baptism flew out in an arc and landed at her feet. When she picked it up and looked at it, she couldn't speak. She tried twice before she was able to say, "Please write my name on the card." [NewsNuggets with Juan Estrada; photo by Maria Estrada showing a few of the candidates]

Chenani (pronounced Ka-nai-nay) Church celebrated 16 new baptisms on September 23. Having just completed a six-week evangelistic series on The Great Conflict, elder and lay pastor Billy Freeny delivered 18 powerful Present Truth messages to these candidates and many others in attendance. Three more candidates will be joining our family soon. These baptisms are a direct result of ongoing ministries, including Bible studies, children's ministry, Prison Ministry, Friday, September 29, 2017









Men's/Women's Ministry, Food Pantry Ministry and our doorto-door ministry. Last year, the door-to-door ministry knocked on doors in the community, prayed with those who opened their doors, and delivered 5,000 Great Controversy books to every home in Green Valley Ranch. These baptisms are the fruits.

God's Three Angels Message must be preached to the world in order for the enemy to be exposed, to loosen the chains of bondage, and to transform lives all around this hurting world.

[Text and photo by Marcos Melendez]

#### SDG Hospitals, Churches, Schools Show Love

**Matters** » Mental Health is the number one health need of the South Denver area, and most of Colorado for that matter. That's why hundreds of volunteers from South Denver Group hospitals, local churches and schools, and others met at Mile High Adventist Academy on September 13 to kick off SDG's annual day of service.

"Love Matter's Most." Former Denver Bronco, Ryan Harris, and Former First Lady, Jeanie Ritter, spoke regarding mental health and motivated the group to take care of each other and serve the people of our communities. Volunteers then departed to paint houses, take blood pressure screenings, work at food banks, give away fresh fruits and vegetables, and perform many other services for under-resourced individuals in our communities. Positive mental health can be achieved through all these activities for both the provider and for those served. We believe that goal was achieved and our mission was fulfilled.

[Jim Feldbush; photo by Rebecca Israel]

Holy Land Experience: Jordan Baptisms and Shabbat in Jerusalem » Twenty-four excited (if not yet awake) travelers boarded an Air Canada flight early Sunday morning, September 3, for a *Journey Through the Holy Land*. Planned and led by Dave and Kim Kennedy of Newday

# Upcoming Events

VOP Boot Camp September 29, 7:00 p.m. -October 1, 9:00 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver) September 30, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction) October 1, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Staff Meeting** October 3, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

# Western Slope Women's Retreat October 6, 8:00 a.m. - October

8, 6 p.m.

#### **GVR Board**

October 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

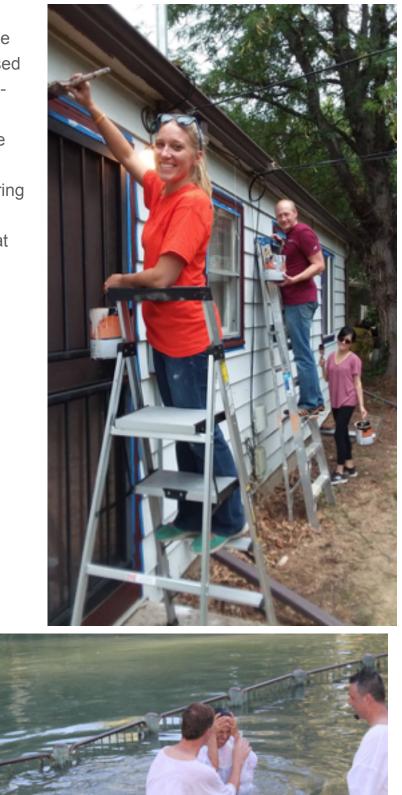
RMC Property & Trust Committee October 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Congress October 20, 6:00 a.m. -October 22, 6:00 p.m

Hispanic Pastor's Meeting (Conference) November 6, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m

**Staff Meeting** *November 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m* 

Christian Church, the trip promised to be a lifechanging experience and two events during the trip, fulfilled that promise.





From Joppa (called Jaffa today), they traveled by bus to Tiberius in Galilee and then to the Jordan River to an area where John may have baptized Jesus. Many wanted to be rebaptized there as a rededication. While the baptisms were in progress, a man and woman approached the group, indicating their desire for baptism. They wanted a Spanishspeaking pastor.

A Spanish speaker, Pastor Dave talked with them about their desire and then completed the baptisms. With contact information shared and photos sent, they parted. Who knows how God will work for them in the future? He sent the Newday group half way around the world to minister to this couple.

# **Story Guidelines: We** want to share your

**News!** » News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer. Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

The tour ended in Jerusalem where events at the end of Christ's life occurred. On Friday evening, all twenty-four entered the modest home of a modern Jewish family for *Shabbat of a Lifetime*, a particularly memorable experience. The living room was mostly empty except for tables large enough to seat about 30.

The couple explained the traditions they observe to welcome the Sabbath and provided a lavish five-course meal complete with vegetarian options. After leading their guests in traditional Jewish Sabbath songs, they displayed a Talmud, each page containing Scripture surrounded by commentary written by rabbis.

The excitement and passion for God, Judaism and the Sabbath displayed by this family was contagious. Not only do they open their home almost every week, but they have organized about 100 other families to do the same. [RMC*News* with Wilton Helm; photo by Wilton Helm]

Arvada Church Responds to Needs Left Behind Hurricane Irma » An intrepid group of volunteers from Arvada church spent the last week traversing southwestern Florida to help those whose lives were disrupted by Hurricane Irma. With a trailer full of donations in food, hygiene products and cleaning supplies, the group drove 40 hours to reach their destination.



Chainsaws revved, sweat dripped, and people swapped tears for laughter. God was praised as Kim, Georgina, Jasmine, Efren, Zack, Ricardo and Milos put their lives aside to serve those affected by the hurricane. Ricardo quit his job in order to go after his boss wouldn't give him the time off.

The group is making plans to found a ministry that will be active in Arvada community when crisis hits - snowstorms are around the corner. "Helping the helpless, Jesus' specialty, will be our purpose!"

[Milos Tomic; photo by Efren Reza]

#### A Pale Horse Rides to Explore the Martin Luther

#### 500th Anniversary in Churches Across North

**America** » Trust in organized religion has declined significantly in recent years. In fact, the Pew Research Center recently released a report revealing that the Christian share of the population fell eight percent between 2007 and 2014.

People are eyeing the Christian church with suspicion and some even feel betrayed by the news they hear about religion throughout



the world. Are their fears justified? Did something go wrong at the dawn of Christianity?

Starting Oct. 27, churches across North America will explore these questions by studying the Bible's predictions for Christianity's future. In addition, stories from the 1,200 years that led up to Martin Luther's Reformation will illustrate this topic perfectly as the world celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church.

A Pale Horse Rides, hosted by Voice of Prophecy Speaker/Director Shawn Boonstra, will take a documentarystyle, Bible-based approach to this topic. Boonstra recently traveled to Europe to make history come to life and introduce an intriguing group of ancient barbarians who mysteriously became Christians during the collapse of the Roman Empire. "By studying the history of Christianity, we can learn what may be the best chance for its future," said Boonstra.

This series will address questions such as:

• What happened to the Christian churches outside of the Roman Empire?

• How, exactly, did our ancestors become Christians?

• How does the Bible deal with the fact that Christians are often less than Christ-like?

• What would the church look like without the merger of church and state?

• How can Christianity still insist that it's the religion of Jesus when we all know that Christians ran torture chambers and burned people at the stake?

Like last year's *Shadow Empire* series on the life of Constantine, *A Pale Horse Rides* will involve both documentary-style and live elements, featuring a local moderator. All are welcome to attend this free event, and at many locations, attendees will receive a copy of Boonstra's new book, *A Pale Horse Rides*.

"During *A Pale Horse Rides,* you will learn the stories that paved the way for Martin Luther's Reformation and how they continue to echo through the lives of every person on earth today," said Boonstra. "I hope you will join us for this intriguing study!"

The three featured topics will be: "Rome Is Burning," "Barbarian Fire," and "An Underground Movement," and it all begins Oct. 27.

Find the *A Pale Horse Rides* location near you at www.palehorserides.com.

# PRAYER CORNER

Plan now to participate in Fourth Quarter's day of fasting and prayer on Sabbath, October 7. You will find resources for this event at <u>revivalandreformation.org</u>. Scroll down slightly on the home page to "important dates." The focus this quarter is "Fighing for Our World." Even if your church is not participating as a whole, why not consider fasting and praying as a family, small group, or individually. Let's blanket our world with intercessory prayer! "Go, and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

We are adding another prayer opportunity for our conference! You are invited to join us this coming Thursday, October 5, 7-8 pm at <u>605-468-8026</u>, access code 1010801# This will be right before the North American Division all night prayer call, so you are also invited to join that call: <u>404-891-6338</u> access code 772937# 8pm-4am MST.

# **CELEBRATE YOUR PASTOR**

Just weeks away, the month of October will offer the opportunity to recognize pastors throughout Rocky Mountain Conference in a special way. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to express special appreciation to the pastors God has allowed to impact lives within our church. A time to surprise your minister with a special moment showing how meaningful their leadership is to your congregation and community.



Time to plan something special and let your creativity shine in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a - "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Voice of Prophecy Boot Camp with Shawn Boonstra

Where: Mile High Academy – 1733 Dad Clark Dr., Littleton When: Friday – 7 to 9pm, Sabbath – 9:30am to 6pm & Sunday – 9 to 12:30pm ~ September 29 – Oct 1

Shawn Boonstra and the VOP Staff will conduct a special training weekend in preparation for the upcoming Denver Revelation Speaks Peace series in January 2018.

Presentations by Shawn Boonstra Prepare, Believe & Pray

Seminars and training in: Sharing your Testimony ~ Making Visits What They Believe ~ Unity in the Body ~ Gaining Decisions

Specific training for: Discover Bible School Coordinators, Student Record System Coordinators and Prayer Coordinators



# International Sabbath



# International Worship Service September 30, 2017 10:30 am

Featuring: Filipino Choir A Russian Choir African International Choir La Vida Indian Mission Children's Choir A Special Feature on Rwanda With Special Guest Speaker, Pastor Florin Liga of Romania





The next issue of *Inside ASI is in the planning stage* and are looking for fresh, inspiring stories from business owners, professionals and ministries.

The theme for this issue, which will come out in November, is **He Must Increase**. This issue will be distributed at GYC in Phoenix, Arizona. Folloiwing are the types of articles that we need.

Stories on how you share Christ in your marketplace (400-800 words);

Articles on Health (400-800 words)

Spiritual Insights (400-800 words)

The deadline is October 15. Please email your articles with photos to communications @asiministries.org

# International Worship Celebration » Colorado

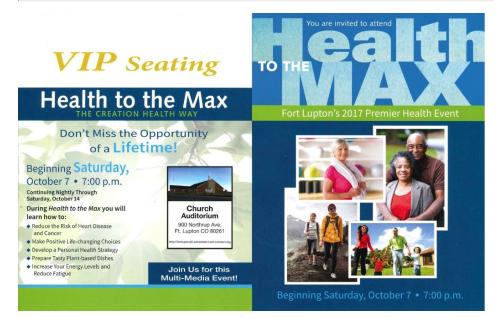
Springs Central Church is hosting its fifth annual International Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m. **September 30**. This international worship service includes music from a Kenyan and a Filipino choir, Russion quartet and La Vida Indian Children's Choir. The service will feature Dr. Florin Liga of Romania as guest speaker. A Taste of the Nations International Luncheon will follow the service at 1:30 p.m. in the Springs Adventist Academy gymnasium. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

**Denver South Church »** The traditional Feast of Lights concert is coming to Denver South Church December 1, 2. You are invited to join us again as we prepare for this holiday event. **Friday night rehearsals** will take place from 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. October 6. A **mini-retreat** will be held November 3 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and November 4 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. with orchestra. November 26: Rehearsal with orchestra from 2 - 4:30 p.m. November 30: Dress rehearsal from 6 - 9 p.m. December 1: 6 p.m. call; 7 p.m. concert

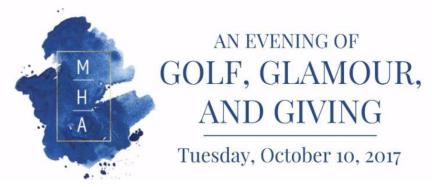
December 2: 3 p.m. call; 4 p.m. concert Music packets will be distributed at the first rehearsal. For more information, contact Douglas Macomber at 303-744-1271.

Littleton Church » You are invited to a luau, "A Taste of Polynesia, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 7 at Mile High Academy. Enjoy delicious foods from the Polynesian Islands, special guest entertainment displaying the cultural dances of the islands, and a fire dancer! Fun for the whole family! FREE. Donations will benefit the worthy student fund of Littleton SDA Church.

**Colorado Springs Central Church »** You are invited to join us for our annual Fall Week of Prayer at Colorado Springs Central Church. Virgil Covel, director for ministerial, evangelism and church ministries for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, will speak under the theme, "The Way into a Powerful Prayer Life." The week will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, with an evening of praise and worship. It will continue through Friday evening and conclude on Sabbath, October 21, with an afternoon session. A FREE meal will be served from 5 - 6 pm in the church Fellowship Hall each Tuesday through Friday before the program. Worship will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with praise music, dynamic preaching, and effectual fervent prayers. A special program for children in grades K-8 will be held during Week of Prayer. For more information, contact the church



**Fort Lupton Church »** Health to the MAX, a multi-media event will be held at the Fort Lupton Church beginning at 7 p.m., **October 7** and continuing nightly through Saturday, October 14. Enjoy these video presentations by Mark Finley, MA, D Div., Ernestine Finley, BA, BS, and Des Cummings, Ph.D steering your toward a healthier lifestyle. Develop a personal health strategy while reducing the risk of heart disease and cancer and making positive life-changing choices. Learn to prepare tasty, plant-based dishes and increase your energy levels and reduce fatigue.



TOPGOLF -- 10601 E Easter Avenue, Centennial CO 80112

Ready for an evening of laughter and fellowship with your fellow Mile High parents and individuals in the community? Then RSVP now to attend the Mile High Academy Annual Benefit and be a part of one of the school's biggest fundraising events for the school.

The venue this year is at Topgolf. But, luckily for some of us, you don't have to claim to be a golfer to come have fun, indulge in amazing food, a silent auction and a must-see live auction, where attendees battle it out to see who can get a must-have item. We don't think we need to remind last year attendees about the battle for the signed Broncos football.

And your kiddos' classrooms get involved too. While the kids don't attend the event - babysitting is offered through the school - it's always fun to see what each class has sweated

over, designed and created for the auction. We have the most amazing, talented kids, and you'll want to come see their work on display.

http://events.readysetauction.com/milehighacademy/mha2017

Costs to Attend? \$100 per person \$175 per couple \$20 per kid for babysitting



PIE (Parent's Involved in Education) Night at Daystar Christian School » Former Bronco player, Antwon Burton--#93--will speak at 6:30 p.m. October 12 at Daystar Christian School. Open to the community, this event is for all ages. The emphasis will be on the importance of physical activity for a successful education and life. Community professionals will share their professional expertise on this topic. Invite your family and friends to join us for an evening filled with fun, learning and, of course, pie! The school is located at 3912 O'Neal Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81005. For mor einformation: daystarchristianpueblo.com or 719-561-9120.

**Denver West Church** » A Pale Horse Rides will be shown at Denver West Church at 7 p.m. October 26, 27, and 28. Hear the untold stories from the 1200 years that paved the way for Martin Luther's Reformation. The final evening of the series is Reformation Sabbath (see below). You won't want to miss a single night! The church is located at 290 South Quitman Street, Denver 80219.

#### CELEBRATING THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION -- 1517-2017

On **Sabbath, October 28, 2017**, Denver West Church will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the **Protestant Reformation**. Beginning at 9 a.m., the event will include a documentary about Martin Luther, the Reformer who dared to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Pastor Ruddy Vivanco will share his experience visiting the Wittenberg Castle Church. Lunch will be served. The blessings of this day extend into the evening with the final presentation at 7 p.m of "*A Pale Horse Rides*."

For more information, please email Patricia Armijo at <u>parmijo07@hotmail.com</u>.

**Campion Church** » Campion's Family Life Ministries Life Development Center learning opportunity for enrichment and personal growth is open to church members and the community beginning September 6 and continuing **each Wednesday evening at 6:30 until October 18**. These seminars will include:

\*Financial Peace University taught through Dave Ramsey videos; \*Grief, Death and Loss: How to Help Yourself and Others, facilitated by hospice chaplain Mark Atwood and professional counselor Sandy Eickmann; \*How to Study the Bible, taught by Dick Stenbakken, EdD, \*My Bible and I: Difficult Bible Texts Explained. This question and answer seminar will be led by a panel.

If you would like to attend one of these courses, please register by calling 970-667-7403 so that sufficient books and handouts can be available. Childcare will be provided, but you must register for this as well to insure adequate care providers. All classes will meet in academy classrooms.

ACS Disaster Response Training » Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response training will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 22 at the Campion Church Fellowship Room. Become certified in donations management. This training is recognized by FEMA and the State of Colorado Emergency Management. Your cost of \$25 covers a manual, pizza lunch and photo ID. Please plan on attending. For questions, contact Cathy Kissner at <u>cathyk@rmcsda.org</u> or 970-201-3799.

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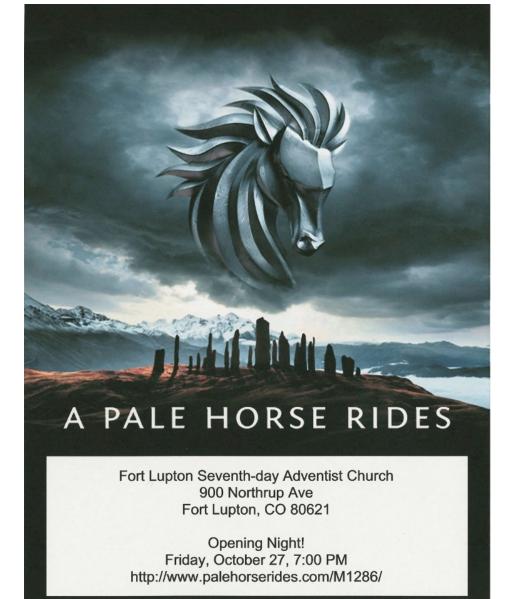
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La Vida Mission Supply Drive » A new needs and wish list for La Vida Mission is now available here. The truck will pick up items from churches beginning Sunday, **November 5** and delivering the items to La Vida Mission on Wednesday, November 8. See the supply drive schedule here. If you have furniture or larger items, please contact Cathy Kissner before your day of delivery so that plans can be in place for loading your items. Thank you for your help in supporting La Vida Mission.

# Success with Resistant, Unmotivated and Disruptive Kids »

Have you ever heard a child say, "I'm not doing it! You can't make me!"? Join Dr. Charles Fay on Tuesday, November 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Arvada Center as he provides practical solutions that will change your life!

At this fun-filled event, you will learn:

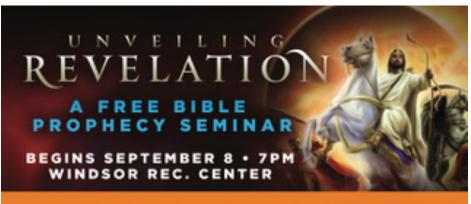
- How to build cooperative relationships with resistant kids
- Tips for dealing with youth who argue, manipulate and try to control others

- Strategies for staying sane with kids who constantly test limits
- How to remain loving while not becoming a doormat

Discover why, for over 40 years, the Love and Logic Institute has been recognized as the trusted leader in the area of helping parents and professionals bring the best out of challenging kids.

Arvada Center is located at 6901 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada 80003. The cost is \$99, which includes a \$10 non-refundable deposit. Register online or call 800-338-4065. **Graduate-level credit**: One semester credit hour **Offered by**: Brandman University

Credit Cost: \$95.00 (payable to Brandman University)



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*Unveiling Revelation,* a seminar hosted by Carlos Munoz, is taking place at the Windsor Rec Center from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning **September** 8.

The seminar will move to Windsor Middle School Cafeteria, 900 Main Street (Hwy 392) for the following dates: **September** 23, 25, 26, 28, **29, 30** and **October 2, 3, 5. 6, 7.** No meetings will be held on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. For more information, call 970-330-1330.

#### Twin Peaks Church » CELEBRATING LIFE IN

**RECOVERY**, a 14-week program presented by Cheri Peters, takes a biblical approach to restoring people to sanity. Participants will be part of a supportive group who will open up to each other and to God, allowing His Spirit to lead them into healing. Begins August 17 and continues every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. **through November 16** at the Twin Peaks Church, 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027.

# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Campion Academy** » is looking for a part-time English teacher with a master's degree and SDA certification. To apply, send your resume to Don Reeder at

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We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday.** 

# Please send all your submissions to

#### nuggets@rmcsda.org.

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines,

see:<u>http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/</u>
--Editor

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