

North American Division Youth Ministries Update

**Youth/Young Adults, Pathfinders, Adventurers, Camp, Master Guides and ACF Ministries
September 10, 2009**

From the Director's Desk

Dear NAD YPAC Network:

COURAGE TO STAND CAMPOREE

To God be the glory for what great things He has done. We want to thank everyone who played an integral part in supporting the 33,000 North American Division pathfinders and supporters who attended the recent International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI. I was extremely proud to be associated with the greatest division on earth. Again, a special thanks to Pastor Ron Whitehead for directing, leading and managing such a huge event (Maybe he will go fishing with me now, LOL!!!).

We praise God that we have not heard of any major accidents and everyone returned home safely. Courage to Stand was a well chosen theme and I am certain that many have been strengthened by its message. We all have highlights and moments that are meaningful to us. My highlight was the baptism. I had the privilege of baptizing a young man from Florida. He was calm until we got in the pool. I was speaking words of encouragement to him in preparation, and just before I baptized him I saw a tear fall from his eye. Needless to say, that did it for me!!! That made everything worth it.

In the days and months ahead, we will be talking about "the BRIDGE". How do we do something with Courage to Stand in our regular pathfinder ministry from week to week? This is a must and our young people expect us to deliver. They are ready. As we plan next year's agenda, please stay tuned for plans and initiatives that we will launch together to impact every local church in the NAD through pathfinder ministries. Big events are great, but if we don't bridge these events to intentional practice in our local community and church, their ministry impact becomes questionable. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how you think we can best make this happen.

CTS NAD 24 Hours Continuous Video - Visit our Adventist Youth Space and Adventist Youth Television and enjoy round the clock CTS sights and sounds. We also invite you to become a member of our Adventist Youth Space Social network – www.adventistyouthspace.com or just get the latest youth ministries news at www.adventistyouthministries.org

Again, thanks to everybody for making an impact in these pathfinders lives.

Blessings,

Pastor JB

INNOVATION 2009 - CHICAGO

I just received the report that this weekend's Innovation Youth Leadership Challenge in Chicago is already our largest pre-registration thus far. Over 225 youth/young adult, pathfinder, adventurer and master guides leaders are getting ready for the leadership challenge. These leaders represent 10 states and 5 out of 9 unions. Pray that God will do His thing. Future Innovation 2009 sites are Brooklyn, NY and Toronto Canada. For more information visit www.adventistyouthministries.org or register at www.Innovation2009.org

NAD GOD-ENCOUNTERS (Young Adult Ministries)

Are you aware of what is taking place around NAD with young adult ministries? Your division coordinator Allan Martin and the YA Advisory are really challenging the SDA Church to meet the challenges and needs of Young Adults. An historic event will take place this weekend with the Carolina & South Atlanta Conferences coming together for the first time on behalf of young adult ministries. Familiarize yourself with the "Ignition" icon at the top of our website. As a leader, you are missing something if you have not seen the latest. Check out <http://www.adventistyouthministries.org/home/young-adult-ministry.html>

JCI WORLD YOUTH PRAYER CONF & YPAC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

You may have heard by now that from April 7-11, 2010, over 13,000 youth and leaders will gather in Columbus, Ohio next year for 4 main reasons:

1. 2nd NAD World Youth Prayer Congress (Just Claim It 2)
2. NAD Youth Ministries Leadership Summit
3. Ignition for Youth Adults
4. Children's Worship Festival

Additional information about Registration, Hotels, Cost, Program Participation, Speakers, Prayer Activities, Creative Outreach Ministries, Workshop, Exhibits, ETC will be coming very soon. **PLAN NOW TO BRING YOUR YOUTH GROUP OR TEEN PATHFINDERS.** Stay tuned to www.adventistyouthministries.org

STEFANI BLACK'S HEALTH UPDATE

Stefani is doing fine. Her cancer has been in remission since April thanks to your prayers. She returned to Oakwood University this fall and is extremely excited. She is trying to make up for lost time by getting involved in everything on campus. We were trying to slow her down, but we gave up LOL. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Thanks again!

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CAMPMEETING

Please pray for James Jr., and me as we travel to Australia to tag-team preach for 10 days of campmeeting. We have never done this before so we are excited. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move on hearts of our wonderful young people there. I will be back in the office September 29.

HOLD ON!!! THEY ARE COMING!!! - Mission Life Guards – John 10:10