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Son, go work today in my vineyard... *Matthew 21:28*

A Gathering of the Faithful

May 24-27, 2023

"From the days of Adam to our own time, our great enemy has been exercising his power to oppress and destroy. He is now preparing for his last campaign against the church. All who seek to follow Jesus will be brought into conflict with this relentless foe. The more nearly the Christian imitates the divine Pattern, the more surely will he make himself a mark for the attacks of Satan. All who are actively engaged in the cause of God, seeking to unveil the deceptions of the evil one and to present Christ before the people, will be able to join in the testimony of Paul, in which he speaks of serving the Lord with all humility of mind, with many tears and temptations." *The Great Controversy*, 510

"He has so concealed himself from view that many can hardly believe that he exists, much less can they be convinced of his amazing activity and power. They have to a great extent forgotten his past record; and when he makes another advance move, they will not recognize him as their enemy, that old serpent, but they will consider him a friend, one who is doing a good work. Boasting of their independence they will, under his specious, bewitching influence, obey the worst impulses of the human heart and yet believe that God is leading them. Could their eyes be opened to distinguish their captain, they would see that they are not serving God, but the enemy of all righteousness. They would see that their boasted independence is one of the heaviest fetters Satan can rivet on unbalanced minds." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, 294

It is with this realization fresh in our minds that we are preparing to have another camp meeting this year. We are glad that Sister Stephanie Griffin is able to be at our camp meeting to explain how the devil is attempting to take over the Adventist people through a form of spiritualism that is not recognized by many of our people for what it really is. She is also going to have a break-out session especially for women who have to deal with troubled relationships.



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The Review and Herald,
May 7, 1889

We are also happy that Sister Laura Williams and her husband are able to be at our camp meeting this year. Her recorded music has been a blessing to many of our constituents and we are happy that we will be able to hear her sing in person this year.

“As we approach nearer the end, I have seen that in these meetings there will be less preaching, and more Bible study. There will be little groups all over the ground with their Bibles in their hands, and different ones leading out in a free, conversational study of the Scriptures.”
Testimonies, vol. 6, 87

We have seen a little of this in the past few years, but we believe the Lord is going to cause a great increase in small Bible study groups at our camp meetings as we near the end, which we believe that we are indeed nearing.

Because of the pandemic, many people in many companies went home to do their work. When the pandemic was mostly over, these very same people decided that they would rather work from home than return to an office. One of the results of this has been that companies have been hard pressed to find adequate competent workers.

Something not that different has happened in churches. Because of the pandemic, many churches were closed for weeks. Human beings are creatures of habit. When the churches were opened again, many people decided that they could worship at home instead of assembling together to worship the Lord. The effect of all this has had many unexpected consequences. One of these consequences is that there is a more passive attitude toward Christianity by many Christians than there has ever been seen before. It might be a good time to remind ourselves of the following facts:

“We give evidence of the sincerity of our prayers by the earnestness of our endeavors to answer them, to overcome the sins which strive for a place in the life. Our prayers will be ineffectual unless we continually strive to correct that which is wrong and unlovely in our lives. If we ask God to work for us, and then make no

effort to conquer self, our prayers will rise no higher than our heads. God helps those who co-operate with him. We can obtain forgiveness only through the blood of Christ. His atoning sacrifice is all-powerful. But in the struggle for immortality we have a part to act. Christ will help those who pray and then watch unto prayer. He calls upon us to use every power he has given us in the warfare against sin. We can never be saved in inactivity and idleness. We might as well look for a harvest from seed which we have not sown, and for knowledge where we have not studied, as to expect salvation without making an effort. It is our part to wrestle against the evil tendencies of the natural heart.” *The Youth's Instructor*, March 5, 1903

“Said the Prince of life, ‘Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able.’ ‘Agonize,’ says the margin. There are vastly more seekers than strivers. Tame, half-hearted efforts will not ensure success. There must be determined, persevering, untiring effort, proportionate to the value of eternal life, the object of our pursuit. We cannot trust to another to win the crown for us; we must individually fight the battles of the Lord.” *The Review and Herald*, August 23, 1881

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Ibid., May 7, 1889

“God helps those only who help themselves.” *Sketches from the Life of Paul*, 267

“The Lord always helps those who help themselves. The Lord is acquainted with all the circumstances, and will work for those who do their very best.” *The Review and Herald*, September 27, 1887

It is our prayer that God will be honored and glorified by this year's gathering and that His people will be edified.



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John Grosboll
Director of Steps to Life

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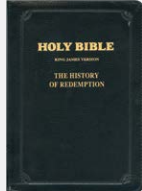
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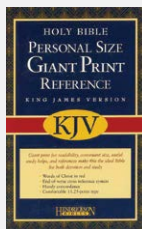
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Briefs from the *Mission Fields*

Thanks be to God for His protection and guidance

It is only your continued contributions that have enabled Steps to Life to make funds available for the following projects in the wider mission field. Know that nothing could have been accomplished in any of these areas without the means you have provided. To continue your support of these and similar efforts, please mark your donations *Missions*.



An artist's rendering of the new worship center in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Bolivia

Pr. Domingo traveled to La Paz, Bolivia, the first week of April to witness the closing work on the construction of the ministry center there. The resulting facility will truly serve as a beacon of light and hope in Bolivia. This facility will serve as a center for the work for much of South America.

Mexico

The City of Guadalajara

In mid-March, Pr. Domingo traveled to Guadalajara to assess the final stage of construction of the new ministry center. As word has spread throughout Mexico's second largest metropolitan area, more and more people are showing interest in present truth. What began several years ago as a small home church has grown into a major presence in Guadalajara.



Jediael Rosales-Aguilar prepares to broadcast a present-truth message from his home studio, which will soon be replaced when the worship center is completed.

Ghana



Joseph Class-Peters has worked with Steps to Life since 1995.

In late March, shortly after returning from Mexico, Pr. Domingo was on the road again, this time to Ghana, to meet with the architect who is designing the new office and outreach center in Accra. The architects proposed plans were tweaked a bit to meet expected needs and construction was set to begin. Completion is expected in late summer.

Kenya

The "i"s have been dotted and the "t"s crossed as far as the ministry center in Kenya is concerned. The building is furnished and operational. Several students in the training program for ministers and church leaders are using the center for their studies and we will soon have a dedicated team of workers for sharing the three angels' messages in Kenya.

Zambia

After finding a suitable location, work in Zambia is hastening on apace. The property has been fenced (a legal requirement), and a well has been dug. This facility will serve as an outreach center for Zambia, Uganda, and Malawi.

Panama

In February, Pr. Domingo spearheaded an effort at a meeting in David, Panama, to unify the work in Central America, meeting with representatives from Panama, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. Much progress was achieved in agreeing to work together to spread present truth.

Nigeria

Central:

The ministry center and orphanage are now operational, being fully furnished and fully staffed. We are especially excited to have this opportunity to train up a generation of workers for the Lord. A full report will be provided by Pr. Domingo once the dust settles from his many travels.

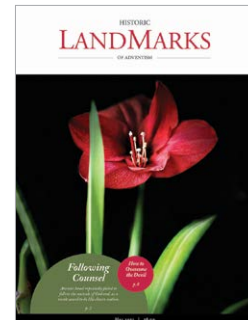
Eastern:

Construction has gotten off to a slow start here, but at a meeting of the board of directors of the Free SDAs of greater Nigeria during Pr. Domingo's visit in late January, goals were established and deadlines set that will allow for marked progress.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

OF ADVENTISM

in May



If you're a subscriber, you've probably received the May issue of *LandMarks!* If you're not a subscriber, you can access the

magazine online at www.stepstolife.org and share the magazine electronically.

We are called to victory. The very object of divine compassion is uplifting the fallen humanity to victory. But we have to do our part. Several articles in this issue may come to the rescue. The article "Following Counsel" portrays the mistakes of the Ancient Israel people, which they made on their journey. The author is asking: Are we making the same choices?

The devil is a master deceiver and he knows each of us intimately. If he knows us so well, how can we possibly prevail against him? Read "How to Overcome the Devil."

This issue of *LandMarks* includes all the regular sections, including the Health Nugget. This time this regular series focuses on honey. Is it a clean food? Read and find out how honey is produced. You'll learn how flower nectar is converted into honey.

You can receive a complimentary subscription of this spiritually uplifting magazine.

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Camp Meeting 2023 Speakers Schedule

Wednesday May 24, 2023	Thursday May 25, 2023	Friday May 26, 2023	Sabbath May 27, 2023	Children's Meetings: Barbara VonKriegelstein
Registration begins at 3:00pm	7:00 - 8:00 am <i>Private personal prayer and devotion time in the sanctuary</i>			Juniors/Teens for Christ: Janet Headrick
	Serving Breakfast 7:30 – 8:30 am			
	9:00 - 10:15 Dr. Mike Snyder	9:00 - 10:15 Stephanie Griffin	9:00 - 10:15 Pr. Domingo Nunez	STL Book Room: North end of Basement
	Break			Friday, 4:00 – 5:30 pm Breakout session with Stephanie Griffin for women in difficult relationships
	11:00 - 12:30 Stephanie Griffin	11:00 - 12:30 Jonathan Bennett	11:00 - 12:30 Pr. John Grosboll	
	Serving Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm			
	1:45 - 2:30 Dr. Mike Snyder	2:00 - 4:00 Communion/Baptism Pr. Domingo Nunez	1:45 - 3:15 Concert - Laura Williams	
	Break		Break	
	3:00 - 4:15 Jonathan Bennett		3:30 - 4:45 Jonathan Bennett	
	Break/Snack Bar 4:00 – 5:30 pm		Watermelon 5:00 – 5:45 pm	
5:45 - 7:00 Pr. Domingo Nunez	5:45 - 7:00 Dr. Mike Snyder	6:00 - 7:00 Pr. Domingo Nunez Mission Report		
7:15 - 8:30 Pr. John Grosboll	7:15 - 8:30 Stephanie Griffin	7:15 - 8:30 Pr. John Grosboll	7:15 - 8:30 Pr. John Grosboll	

In this newsletter you will find both a speakers' schedule and a registration form for our 2023 camp meeting.

If you plan on taking advantage of our food service, please be sure to complete the reservation form so that we have some idea of the amount of food to prepare. There is no charge for the meals, although we have considered charging when you register but fail to show up, which causes unnecessary waste.

There will be two speakers this year who have not presented before: Stephanie Griffin and Jonathan Bennett, and one, Dr. Michael Snyder, who spoke in 2018.

Sister Griffin was thriving as an emergency room nurse when she came under the influence of the spiritual formation movement. After nearly nine years she was well on her way to

becoming a spiritual director before God intervened. Having been delivered from the depths of this false revival and its mystical practices, Stephanie now shares her deep understanding of its dangers and reveals its false teachings. She will not only speak during the open sessions, but will also host a breakout session Friday afternoon "for women in difficult relationships." You might want to check out her website at www.sgriffin.org.

Brother Bennett leads Advent Books in the U.K. He is well on his way to achieving his goal of offering every household in the British Isles an opportunity to receive a copy of *The Great Controversy*. Advent Books was established in 1994 by Jonathan at the age of 16. From those early days God has expanded the work in a big way,

enabling Advent Books to reach millions of homes and send out thousands of books and Bible studies. His website provides an interesting history of his work. www.adventbooksupdate.com/history_of_advent_books.html.

Dr. Snyder emphasizes the relationship between your diet and your spiritual growth, noting that for your mind to operate at its best, your body must also as well. His presentations always provide "food" for thought.

And of course, our two local pastors, **Pr. Grosboll** and **Pr. Nunez**, will provide excellent spiritual food, as always.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's camp meeting. If you can't attend in person, visit our website, www.stepstolife.org, where the presentations will be live-streamed.

CAMP MEETING 2023

May 24-27, 2023

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Meals

This year meals are complimentary.
Enter quantity for each meal.

	Breakfast	Lunch
Thursday, May 25		
Friday, May 26		
Sabbath, May 27		
Sunday, May 28		

Although there is no charge for meals, we need an accurate count for meal preparation. Please register by May 1, 2023.

Because of limited preparation facilities, we are unable to accommodate special dietary requirements.

- Please register as early as possible to facilitate our planning.
- Six inspiring meetings and one mission report have been planned for each day.
- Please advise when you register if you desire to be baptized.



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