

# The Central Messenger

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## Pastor's Corner

### by Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.

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Recently I heard a speaker talk about how it's easy to view other people, especially those closest to us in ways that are not accurate. We all have relationships with other people, whether it's close or not so close, there is a relationship. When our buttons get pushed or we get offended by the other person it is very easy to view them as the ENEMY. In reality they are our friends. Let me take that a step further, they are a fellow brother and sister because the Father is our God.

Satan would like us to view each other as the enemy when it's actually Satan that is the enemy! Whether it's your spouse, you need to view them as: your fellow child of God, friend and angel. Or maybe your father,

mother, sister, brother and church member. They are all children of the Most High God. They are purchased of God by the blood of the Lamb. And they too are our fellow angel. Angel? Yes, that's actually what they are. You remember those angels that got kicked out of heaven when Satan rebelled? The redeemed get to take their spot! Ellen White writes "By the power of His love, through obedience, fallen man, a worm of the dust, is to be transformed, fitted to be a member of the heavenly family, a companion through eternal ages of God and Christ and the holy angels. Heaven will triumph, for the vacancies made by the fall of Satan and his host will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord."—Upward Look 61.

When was the last time that we came to church ready to worship with other angels?

When was the last time we viewed our spouse as an angel? Viewing those that are closest to us and not so close to us, to view them as angels that we are may actually help us treat each other just a little bit nicer and probably more objectively too. We may just even smile more when we talk to each other. No, these other people are not our enemies, Satan is the enemy. But we have been loved by One who died for our sins while we were yet sinners. Try telling the one that you may be having an interesting time with right now that they are not your enemy and neither are you their enemy and maybe, just maybe we should pray together? You'd be amazed what happens when both of us together talk to our Father, the one who knows the whole story and loves us anyway.



## Bible Study

What are we saved by? 1 Corinthians 15:1,2. What is this “gospel”? verses 3, 4. How else is the “gospel” also characterized? Romans 1:16. What kind of power is this? verse 20. Does this mean that God’s creative power is involved in our salvation? Psalm 51:10, 12. What other scriptural evidence do we have of this? II Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:15. (Note: for those using the KJV, the word “creature” means something created.)

Now, how do we tie together Paul’s characterization of the “gospel” in Romans 1:16, with that in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4? 1 Corinthians 1:18 (Note: The Greek word translated “preaching” or “message” is the same as that translated “word” in John 1:1-3,14.) Therefore it is the “word of the cross” which creates in us a clean heart.

How does this tie in with what we saw last month concerning God’s method of creation? Psalm 33:6,9

- Timber Zwonkin



## May Birthday Celebrants

- 10 Frank Dela Cruz
- 10 Rei Enoveso
- 12 Ida Mae Davis
- 22 Fieron Frank
- 23 Madelyn Lacayo
- 29 Barbara Diaz



## Youth Mission Adventure

Youth Mission Adventure has two great opportunities for multigenerational family members who enjoy working together constructively by helping others. The projects starts from July 31-August 10 in Honduras and from September 17-October 5 in the Solomon Islands.

The projects include construction, evangelistic meetings, and children’s VBS programs. They plan to operate medical, dental , and eye clinics, and therefore are in need of trained personnel. The Solomon Islands Project are still in need of construction coordinator, children’s ministry director, dental team coordinator, medical outreach director, and head cook. Please contact charlenew@thequiethour.org or call 1-800-900 9021, (909)793-2588. Or visit [www.thequiethour.org](http://www.thequiethour.org)



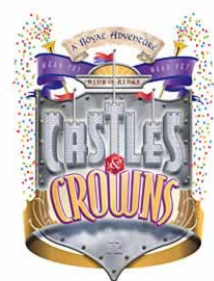
## Health Nugget

The best food for the infant is the food that nature provides. Of this it should not be needlessly deprived. It is a heartless thing for a mother, for the sake of convenience or social enjoyment, to seek to free herself from the tender office of nursing her little one.

The mother who permits her child to be nourished by another should consider well what the result may be. To a greater or less degree the nurse imparts her own temper and temperament to the nursing child.

*Ministry of Healing, p. 383*

## Vacation Bible School



The Children’s Ministries Department is still looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School this summer. Please sign up and be a part of this wonderful ministry.

## Spring Volunteer Projects

Project #2: May 18-21 Soquel Camp Meeting

Skills Needed: Carpentry, Electrical, Painting, Plumbing, General, and lots of helpers.

For more information, contact Caron Oswald at [coswald@cccsda.org](mailto:coswald@cccsda.org) (559)347-3181

## Cyclone Nargis Devastates Myanmar: ADRA Expands Response

Silver Spring, Maryland— In a continued effort to assist the survivors of Cyclone Nargis, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has committed at least \$235,000 in emergency funds for immediate disaster relief, and is providing food assistance and medical supplies to communities in the hard-hit Irrawaddy Delta region in southern Myanmar.

In partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), ADRA has begun the distribution of 20 metric tons of rice to an estimated 20,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Laputta, a rice-trading town in the delta which has become a refuge for thousands of people who escaped low-lying villages after a devastating 12-foot storm surge swept away homes, destroying, in some instances, more than 95% of buildings. ADRA's food distribution activities are expected to increase in the following days, as more supplies become available.

ADRA International, through a partnership with World Emergency Response (WER), shipped 20 medicine packs containing medical supplies valued at

approximately \$129,000 to be used by a medical team already providing first aid assistance to residents of an isolated part of the delta. Each pack provides about 1,500 treatments from mixed medicines, antiseptics, and antibiotics. In a separate shipment donated by Heart to Heart International, ADRA has sent 150 lbs. of medical supplies, including broad-spectrum antibiotics, analgesics, vitamins, topical creams, oral rehydration salts, anti-amebic drugs, bandages, and disposable vinyl gloves.

ADRA's emergency response is centered in the devastated Irrawaddy Delta region, which suffered the most damage as a result of cyclone wind speeds reaching more than 120 mph. By some estimates, between 63,000 to 100,000 people have died or are missing, and more than 1.5 million people have been left homeless and millions more have been affected and left vulnerable to diseases.

Downed trees, debris, and widespread flooding have hampered transportation efforts to and from affected areas in the delta. In



many instances, reaching affected communities has only been possible by boat. Fuel has also become scarce, resulting in long lines at local gas stations.

On Sunday, May 4, a state of emergency was declared across five regions, including Yangon, Irrawaddy, Pegu, Karen and Mon, in which 24 million people live. On Monday, foreign ministry officials said they welcome international aid and relief items, such as roofing materials, plastic sheets and temporary tents, water purifying tablets, blankets, and mosquito nets.

Updates will be released as ADRA's response efforts expand.

To send your contribution to ADRA's emergency response effort, please contact ADRA at 1.800.424.ADRA (2372) or give to the Myanmar Cyclone Fund at [www.adra.org/](http://www.adra.org/)

-Source: facebook.com CAUSE: ADRA

## Worthy Student Applications


Worthy student applications are now being accepted for the 2008-2009 school year. If you want your child to attend a Seventh-day Adventist School and need help with the tuition fees, please fill out an

application and turn in all paperwork required by May 31, 2008. Please ask Cindy Logan for a copy of the application packet. It is important that all paperwork required be included in the appli-

cation to be considered for financial assistance.



# May 2008

| Sun           | Mon   | Tue  | Wed                             | Thu       | Fri                      | Sat   |
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| <b>11</b>     | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group | <b>14</b><br>7pm Prayer Meeting | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> Sunset: 8:09pm | <b>17</b> Sunset: 8:10pm<br>SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.<br>3pm—Bible Marking Class<br>6:45— Vespers |
| <b>18</b>     | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b><br>7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group | <b>21</b><br>7pm Prayer Meeting | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> Sunset: 8:15pm | <b>24</b> Sunset: 8:16pm<br>SP: Pastor Rodriguez Sr.<br>6:45— Vespers<br>Outreach Sabbath             |
| <b>25</b>     | <b>26</b><br><b>Memorial Day</b><br> | <b>27</b><br>7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group | <b>28</b><br>7pm Prayer Meeting | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> Sunset: 8:20pm | <b>31</b> Sunset: 8:21pm<br>SP: Helen Varela<br>6:45— Vespers   |
| <b>June 1</b> | <b>2</b><br>7pm— Elder's Meeting  | <b>3</b><br>7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group  | <b>4</b><br>7pm Prayer Meeting  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b> Sunset: 8:24pm  | <b>7</b> Sunset: 8:25pm<br>SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.<br>6:45— Vespers                             |
| <b>8</b>      | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group | <b>11</b><br>7pm Prayer Meeting | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> Sunset: 8:28pm | <b>14</b> Sunset: 8:28pm<br>SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.<br>6:45— Vespers<br>Outreach Sabbath        |



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Sabbath Services: Sabbath School: 9:20 am  
Divine Worship: 10:50am

**Mission:** Our mission is to spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ to our community through the power of the Holy Spirit and to provide an affectionate and welcoming place of worship in the unified and spiritual body of Christ through prayerful Bible study and involvement in soul winning and hospitable activities with the goal of preparing ourselves and the city of San Jose for the second advent of Jesus Christ.

**Vision:** We, the San Jose Central Church through the power of the Holy Spirit, strive for an environment filled with unified disciples who work diligently for the cause of advancing the Kingdom of God.

