

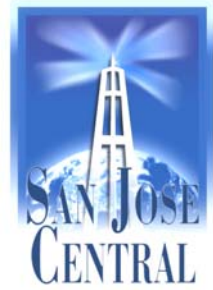
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The Pastor's Corner by Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.

Extra, Extra Read All About It!!!!!! That's right my dear brothers and sisters, you heard it here first! It's not a misprint, misspelling or misunderstanding. Listen and listen closely.

NO MORE EVANGELISM!!! I am feeling just fine, don't worry I am in my right mind, most of the time at least. No more evangelism??? What in the world is going on?? How could I say such a thing? Actually very easily. Fear not, I'm not trying to do some reverse psychology on you either, where by telling you not to do something you in turn would be do it.

Often when we talk about evangelism it's about a project/program that occurs for a certain amount of time and once we've endured such a thing, then we in turn exhale and praise God for bringing such a thing to an end. I love seminars, big

name speakers, fancy flyers in the mail, etc., but that's not evangelism. I say that word (evangelism) and it almost didn't make it out of my mouth, for it's such a long word. It's a word that has no personal connection to it. Can we plan wonderful events that have all the glamour that we think orthodox Adventism should foster? Yes we can, but that's not evangelism. At least not at the root.

What ever happened to what Jesus is doing in your life? Is it that God is asleep, gone on vacation or is He actually moving among His people? Is He moving upon you, guiding you and blessing you? True evangelism is when I tell others what Jesus has done, is doing and will do in my life. You can't put a project on that. You can't say that God only acted way back when, as time has now gone by wondering if there will be a sequel of what God can and will do,

not in the pastor's life or the evangelists' life, but in your life. Not only am I ready to see what God is doing in your life, your family, neighbors & friends are dying to find out. Don't you think people need to start seeing the Jesus in us? That's evangelism!

Is there something that God can't do? No there isn't! Whatever situation that is going on in your life is an opportunity that God gives us to talk about His goodness to you. If it seems like it's raining cats and dogs in your life right now, then get ready to praise God for He has not left you and is in the process of writing your story that you get to tell others. You see, no one can argue with your story, why? Because you saw it with your own eyes. It's time we see Jesus and allow others to see Jesus do the miracles that we know He can and will do.

What to do about Swine FLU?

By Allan R. Handysides and Peter N. Landless

I am worried about the outbreak of the new flu called swine flu. What is it, and how do I get infected?

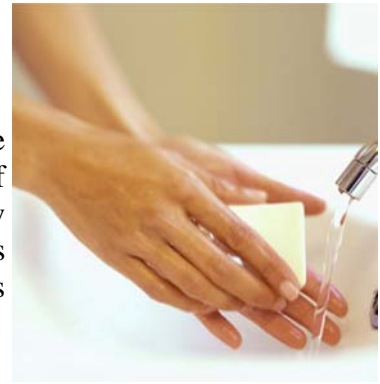
Officially, the new influenza is called H1N1 influenza A. It has genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia as well as avian (bird) and human viral genes.



The virus was first called "swine flu" because it originated in pigs and was spread from pig to pig. Originally confined to pigs, it underwent some genetic changes that made it possible to infect humans. The way this change occurs is related to the way viruses live. They cannot survive for long periods outside the host cells. When the virus enters the host cell, it does so through a special "door" called a receptor. When it is inside the cell, it takes over the host cell to copy its own (viral) RNA. In the process it may pick up and include some of the host's genetic material. If two separate viruses (a human virus and a pig virus) enter the same pig cell, for example, this sets the scene for mutation, or sharing of genetic material, changing the ability of the virus to infect new hosts. In this scenario, a pig virus now is able to infect a human host.

What to do about Swine Flu? (continued)

The virus spreads briskly from person to person, especially because it is “new” to the human immune system. Emergency monitoring of such viral outbreaks is put in place because it is not known how aggressive or serious the illness produced by the new strain of virus will be. The emergence of various strains of the influenza virus makes it necessary to modify the vaccine for each flu season.



It spreads by droplet infection from respiratory secretions; viruses are readily propelled into the air in large numbers when people cough and sneeze, and this is the most common way in which we become infected. The virus tends to linger for a time on surfaces such as desks, door handles, stair rails, and, of course, hands.

What can I do to avoid being affected?

There is no vaccine available yet, but the hope is that one will be ready within the next few months. But even then, one needs to practice appropriate measures to decrease the chances of infection:

- * Cover your nose and mouth when you cough. Discard used tissues.
- * Wash hands regularly with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. One can also use alcohol-based hand sanitizers to clean the hands.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, because germs spread very readily this way.
- * Avoid close contact with people who have the flu. This is especially important to practice when you yourself are ill with the flu.
- * Stay home for seven days when you are sick or until you have been totally symptom-free for 24 hours.
- * Follow school and work closures as well as recommended public health measures for your region. Avoid crowded places as much as possible.

What are the symptoms of H1N1 influenza A?

They are the same as seasonal flu with fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, chills, and fatigue. A significant number of people with this flu have complained also of nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. As with seasonal flu, some individuals have been very ill and some have died as a result.

Has the world's reaction to this new virus been excessive?

No, it has not. The pattern of a pandemic cannot be predicted as it unfolds over at least a two-year time period. We are still in the early days with parts of the world entering the peak flu season and others approaching it. We need to be wise, prudent, and vigilant.

Source: Adventist World, August 2009

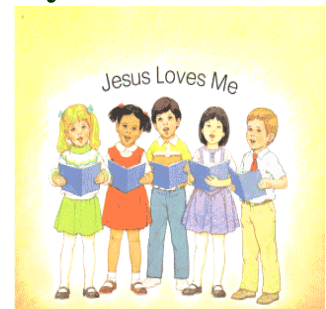


According to a survey of Adventist Church members in the North American Division that was published in the Adventist Review (Oct. 11, 2007), a large number of Adventists have suffered some kind of abuse. Those responding to the survey reported controlling and demeaning behavior (61%), intimidation and physical violence (42%), sexual victimization (26%), resource deprivation and leveraging the children (22%), and potentially lethal actions (9%)

On August 22, we will focus on abuse prevention and how to help those who are currently in abusive situations. Dorothy Macey will be our special guest speaker.

August Birthday Celebrants

- 2 Jonathan Manivanh
- 3 Flora Rodrigues
- 11 Valerie Celaya
- 15 Amy Celaya
- 16 Elena Varela
- 18 Tino Linhsamout
- 22 Joshua Mora
- 24 Josip Benko



Children's Choir

A new and exciting **Musical Opportunity** awaits your children. We will be starting a **Children's Choir** where our children won't only sing, but **SIGN** to the songs. Children 6-12 are welcome to join us. Our first practice will be the Sabbath of August 15 after church potluck.

Bible Study

The original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible had no punctuation as we know it. The punctuation in our Bibles was supplied by the translators, and in some cases may not accurately reflect the intentions of the original writers.

Look up the following texts, preferably in the KJV or NKJV:

Luke 23:43

PROBLEM: Did the thief on the cross die and go to heaven together with Jesus on that same day (Friday)? (see John 20:17)

SOLUTION: Place the comma after, instead of before "today."

Matthew 5:17, 18

PROBLEM: Is it till heaven and earth pass that nothing shall pass from the law, or is it till all be fulfilled? Or do these occur at the same time?

SOLUTION: In verse 18 end the sentence with the word, "law". "Till all be fulfilled" starts a new sentence continuing on in verse 19.

Isaiah 53:2

PROBLEM: Did Jesus grow up before the Father as a tender plant or as a root out of dry ground?

SOLUTION: "tender plant" is the end of one sentence. "And as a root out of dry ground" begins a new sentence. Change the colon (KJV) or period (NKJV) after the word, "ground", to a comma.

- By Timber Zwonkin



Health Nugget

I know from testimonies given me that sleep is worth far more before than after midnight. Two hours good sleep before twelve o'clock is worth more than four hours after twelve o'clock.

- Manuscript Releases Vol. 7 p. 224

Global Mission Donations Up Despite Economic Downturn

Despite the flagging global economy, the Seventh-day Adventist world church is reporting a 13 percent upswing in Global Mission donations for the first six months of 2009, compared to the same fiscal period last year.

"This is encouraging news," said Gary Krause, director of the Office of Adventist Mission. "This trend shows our supporters are digging deeper and making greater sacrifices."

The growth in giving also illustrates the conclusions of several recent surveys suggesting that faith based organizations may continue to fare better amid the recession than other non-profit entities. The 2009 Giving USA Foundation survey found that while two-thirds of public charities experienced decreased donations in 2008, religious organizations reported an increase of 5.5 percent. While the climb came slightly later for Global Mission, which experienced a lean year in 2008, donations to date for 2009 look promising, Adventist Mission leaders said.

"This increase is coming not so much from new donors, but from our regular donors who are giving even more," said Nimfa Sumagaysay, donor response manager for Adventist Mission.

A survey conducted by Wilson Research Strategies for Dunham+Company indicates a similar pattern of giving, reporting that 60 percent of those who attend religious services more than once a week (about 27 million Americans) intend to give the same amount in 2009, while 14 percent say they intend to give more. Along with donations received by mail, Global Mission is seeing an increase of online donations. "We're trying to make it as convenient as possible for people to make contributions," Sumagaysay said.

"There are so many projects that need funding in order to reach people," said Homer Trecartin, Adventist Mission director of planning. "The generosity of our donors makes the crucial difference between starting a project now or waiting until the economy improves."

- Laurie Falvo/Adventist Mission/ANN

Amazing Fact!

On November 8, 2008, Jim O'Neill, 65, suffered a stroke that left him totally blind while at the controls of his small plane. Flying alone at 15,000 feet over North Yorkshire, England, O'Neill frantically radioed a mayday alert from his Cessna. Thankfully, a military training plane was in the air nearby. It's pilot, Wing Commander Paul Gerard, flew within 300 feet of the stricken pilot and established radio contact. Then using a series of very carefully chosen words — "turn left, a little right, reduce power, 10-percent flaps" — the RAF pilot guided the disabled aircraft down. The Cessna landed at high speed, bounced twice, and stopped safely at the very end of

t h e r u n w a y .

Let us then explore the guiding power of the Word of Life and how each one of us can save people from crashing into eternity unprepared.

- Source: amazingfacts.org



August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 6pm—Elders Meeting 7pm—Board Meeting	11 7pm—Merle’s Bible Study Group	12 7pm—prayer meeting	13	14 Sunset: 8:01pm	15 Sunset:8:00pm 9am—Prayer SP: Pr. Tony Rodriguez Jr. Baptisms Potluck Sabbath Children’s Choir 5pm—MBA Vesper
16	17	18 7pm—Merle’s Bible Study Group	19 7pm—prayer meeting	20	21 Sunset: 7:52pm	22 Sunset:7:51pm 9am—Morning Prayer SP: Dorothy Macey
23	24	25 7pm—Merle’s Bible Study Group	26 7pm—prayer meeting	27	28 Sunset: 7:43pm	29 Sunset:7:41pm 9am—Morning Prayer SP: David Miguel
30	31	September 1 7pm—Merle’s Bible Study Group	2 7pm—prayer meeting	3	4 Sunset: 7:33pm	5 Sunset: 7:31pm 9am—Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. Potluck Sabbath
6	7 	8 7pm—Merle’s Bible Study Group	9 7pm—prayer meeting	10	11 Sunset: 7:22pm	12 Sunset:7:21pm 9am—Morning Prayer SP:Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.
13	14	15 7pm—Merle’s Bible Study Group	16 7pm—prayer meeting	17	18 Sunset: 7:11pm	19 Sunset:7:10pm 9am—Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. Potluck Sabbath

Sunset times taken from <http://www.sunrisesunset.com> for location: San Jose, CA



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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.