



### A Word in Season . . .

Speaking about Elijah's experience during a time of severe drought, the Bible says that "the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook" - 1 Kings 17:6, NIV.

The cliffs and caves of Pangna, Thailand, had always intrigued me; yet, when we traveled through that picturesque area, we never had time to stop and explore them. My husband had preceded me back to the U.S.A., and soon I would follow. It was visit the caves now or never.

My 14-year-old son and two of his friends agreed to go with me on my excursion over the mountains. In Pangna we dug fossils from the seashore beds; we explored the mysterious caves and tried unsuccessfully to find a way to scale the cliffs. The villagers were not even curious about how to climb the intriguing pink stone walls that crowned their village in majesty.

When we left for home, we fell in behind a logging truck loaded with giant teakwood logs struggling up the steep grade. We could not overtake the truck because of the winding road. I was concerned lest the motor overheated, so stopped to rest the engine for a while. We got out to stretch our legs. The first thing I noticed was a dark liquid running down on the asphalt from our motor. It was water. We opened the bonnet and saw that the water pump belt had broken. What could we do now? Here we were in a mountain jungle where no one lived, and at least 10 miles from a village.

It was past noon, and my growing boys were very hungry. Traffic was sparse, and we could not leave the car unattended. We decided that Payop, the oldest boy, would hitchhike to the next town to try to find a water hose that would fit our car. I flagged the first vehicle that appeared.

"What's the trouble?" asked the driver. When we showed him, he opened a box in his truck and pulled out a water hose - exactly what we needed. He put it on; it fitted perfectly! We went on our way,

rejoicing for the miracle hose the Lord had sent. God can send bread by ravens as He did for Elijah, or a water hose by a trucker. He specializes in the impossible.

- Ruth Watson.

### Food for Thought . . .

"Faith is not belief without proof but trust without reservation" - Elton Trueblood.

### How do you view everyone else? . . .

"Frank Capra, who directed *It's a Wonderful Life*, was asked years ago about the central message of his classic film. After thinking a few moments, Capra responded, 'I believe the real message of *It's a Wonderful Life* is this: that under the sun, nothing is insignificant to God.' Now, when you watch the movie again, you know that everything that happens has intended and unintended consequences. Everything, because it happened, causes something else to happen. Everybody in that story is important, because he or she relates to everyone else. Nothing is insignificant under the sun to God.

*Perhaps you need to be reminded, not only that you are important to God, but also that everyone around you is significant to Him, too*" - Jack Akkerman.

### Services of the Church: -

**Bible Study/Discussion** . . .

Saturday 10:00 am

**Children's Class** . . . Saturday 10:00 am

**Family Worship** . . . Saturday 11:15 am

**Church Family Fellowship** . . .

First Saturday

afternoon in each month after the Worship Service and a fellowship meal.

**Bible Study & Prayer** . . .

Monday 7:30 pm

We operate a child protection policy.

Marriages - Child Dedications - Believers

Baptisms - Funerals

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## Baptism of Paraplegic in the Sea



Special baptism in the sea as filmed by a Greek TV Channel

Becoming ill with a rare spinal-cord disease did not stop John getting baptized. Despite being restricted to a wheelchair, his father and a church friend carried him into the sea for the very special ceremony on Monday, 2 September 2019. Adding to the joy of the service, his father also joined him in being baptized at the same time, along with another friend.

How did these three individuals make this decision to commit their lives to Jesus Christ? They are all members of a Bible Study Fellowship that has been meeting for over a year at the Seventh-day Adventist Church community center in Katerini, northern Greece.

As postmodern people, they were attracted to study in a group that is free from the formalisms that are often to be found in an organized church structure. While meeting in this way, they found themselves motivated by love for the Lord and a growing closeness with other members of the fellowship.

They met every Saturday afternoon to engage in Bible study, discussion, raise questions and seek answers while on a common journey of spiritual growth and maturity. This led three of the group to make this choice for Christ.

The baptismal service took place on Katerini beach, where they were joined by friends, including a film maker from a Greek Christian TV channel, *Bible Media TV*, that broadcasted the event. In this way, they officially and publicly gave their hearts to Christ.

## Editorial

In this month's edition of *The Link*, we bring you an interesting cover story of a recent baptism in Greece. If you would personally like to witness a Biblical-style baptism by immersion, you are welcome to do so on the 7 December (see the advertisement below).

Once again, we shall be holding our annual carol service for the community in the evening of 21 December; so please plan to come along and share in this festive occasion as we offer our praise to God for the precious gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. As we have done in previous years, there will be the opportunity to make a contribution in our fund-raising for the East Coast Hospice that is soon to be built in Gorleston.

An inspiring news story of Adventist Youth is also included. Having served in the Balkans during that wartime, and having witnessed some of the horrors that took place, this story brings warmth to my heart. I am sure it will to yours too.

As we approach this season, minds often focus on the pleasures we seek; but we are reminded that the Christ-child was born in order to bring redemption to the inhabitants of this world. May it be a time for personal reflection, commitment and thanksgiving to God for His "unspeakable Gift" - *Editor*.

### You are Invited to Come and Watch a Baptismal Service

Saturday 7 December at 3pm  
Seventh-day Adventist Church, Burnt Lane,  
Gorleston

A warm welcome awaits you



Believer's baptism by immersion is the Biblical method as practiced by John the Baptist and endorsed by Jesus.

It is a public testimony of faith in Jesus Who died for our sins and rose for our righteousness.

It demonstrates the dying to our former way of life, being buried and rising to a new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## Vegetarian Cooking Demonstration



At the recent cooking demonstration held in the function room at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Burnt Lane on Sunday 10 November, the group enjoyed a delectable meal after the four demonstrators had successfully presented their dishes - and how tasty they were! [Featured from left to right]: Izabela prepared *Sweet & Sour Tofu Balls*; Pearl presented a dish of *Veggie Pasta Bake*; Norma made *Vegan Paella*; and Justin did an *Italian Veggie Cottage Pie*. Each of the attendees received a printed set of recipes and were delighted with the beautifully prepared meal that was rounded off with a fruit crumble with custard or ice cream!

Your Invitation to our Annual Community Carol & Candlelight Service

**Christmas Community Service**  
Great Yarmouth Adventist Church  
48 Burnt Lane, Gorleston, NR31 0PG  
(Website - [greatyarmouth.adventistchurch.org.uk](http://greatyarmouth.adventistchurch.org.uk))

*Immanuel*  
GOD WITH US

Saturday December 21st at 7pm  
With Refreshments and Collection  
for East Coast Hospice

## Invasion of Love Reconciles Divided Community



War separates - often for years even when the conflict is over and 'peace' is restored. Distrust, hurt and pain have to be overcome. Adventist youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina see themselves as part of that bridge building process.

Joining together from across the country, Adventist volunteers were joined by their willing friends to spend five days in Jajce, a town divided on strict ethnic lines since the Balkan conflict.



While civil authorities work at reconciliation projects, more is needed. For this reason, a church plant in the town is building a grassroots initiative with the help of the youth. Entitled, 'Invasion of love', the project is based on a 'contact hypothesis', a theory which states that people are more inclined to bridge their differences if they are working towards a common goal. For the second year running, the first week of August saw 25 volunteers offer free car washes, paint park benches, clean up areas of the town, and give away free ice-cream and flowers. On the health front, they offered citizens free blood pressure and blood sugar level testing. In addition, they visited with the police, with NGOs working with special needs groups and, on the final day, organized a peace walk.



"We made a great impact in the city and an even greater impact on the participating volunteers," states Božidar Mihajlović, President of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Conference.

Partial funding for the project came from the Trans-European Division (TED) Mission board of Seventh-day Adventists. "I am so excited to see young people working together to make a real difference in their community," states Daniel Duda, who oversees the work of the board.

Part of the rationale for TED support is in seeing the value of Adventist and other youth working together towards a positive community goal, to encourage citizens of Jajce to be proud of their town and community, to build self-esteem, and to assist in a process of reconciliation. Jajce is located in Central Bosnia and Herzegovina with a population of around 30,000 inhabitants. They look forward to a return visit from the youth next year, and to a continued process of growing together.