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# HisHands Who Are They?

“Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.”  
Ecclesiastes 11:6, TNIV.

Hands are used as a symbol for many things: work, friendship, assisting the needy, unity, fellowship and much more. The Wikipedia Dictionary states that hands “are our chief organs for physically manipulating the environment, from the roughest to the finest motor skills (wielding a club; threading a needle), and since the fingertips contain some of the densest areas of nerve endings on the human body, they are also our richest source of tactile feedback from our environment, so that our sense of touch is intimately associated with our hands.”

When we use our hands for good, our lives are enriched by the sense of touch upon people’s lives. When a Christian is used by God to touch another life the hands become a very fitting symbol. The nail-scarred hands of Jesus have become, over the centuries, a symbol of love and salvation for all. And by extension, when we do the work of Jesus, we become His Hands to spread His love everywhere.

Recently, the term HisHands was coined to describe a new way of life for Seventh-day Adventist churches and members all over the world. This new initiative



encourages every church, company and institution to become focused on mission by sponsoring/sending at least one missionary volunteer somewhere in the world and to host at least one missionary volunteer annually. If every church participated, imagine what might happen. We would have one quarter of a million missionaries (250,000) serving on a full time basis where now we only have hundreds.

We were instructed a long time ago in *Gospel Workers*, p 466: “Why should not the members of a church, or of several small churches, unite to sustain a missionary in foreign fields?” Why not? Think of the millions of people who would be reached for the kingdom with so many missionaries “going.”

When thinking about the implications of HisHands, do not worry about the effect it may have on your local church expenses or your mission offerings. We have the assurance that, “The home missionary work will be further advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off.” —6 Testimonies, p 27.

Not only will the “home missionary work be further advanced” when we focus on the needs

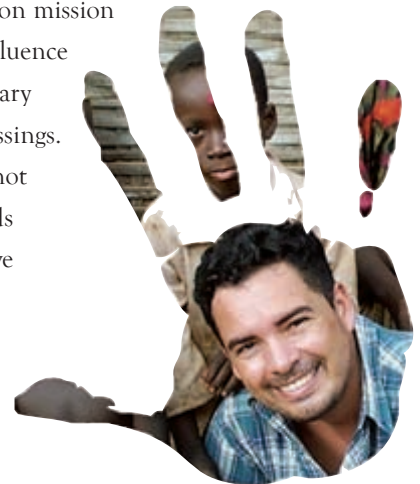


Vernon B Parmenter,  
Associate Secretary, General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists, and Director,  
Adventist Volunteer Center

of others, but also the missionary will be impacted. “Those who take up their appointed work will not only be a blessing to others, but they will themselves be blessed. The consciousness of duty well done will have a reflex influence upon their own souls.”

—Ministry of Healing, p 148.

The reflex influence upon a church when it becomes focused on mission and the reflex influence upon the missionary brings untold blessings. HisHands! Why not become HisHands sharing God’s love everywhere!





The World Needs  
Hands!

Your Hands



## Sister Churches

**I**t was always a dream of mine to go to another country and be a missionary.

Finally I was given the opportunity to do so at the end of the summer of 2005.

I was asked to go to Kaliningrad, Russia, and I was only too happy to accept.

What I found awaiting me was a shock to my system—a different weather system, a different mentality and different foods. However, I like to shock my system.

Adaptation came quickly and even though I do not know the language very well, I feel right at home with my new Russian friends. The city is beautiful with many old buildings still standing and well preserved. There are warming similarities in the

church services and some things that are different. I sometimes sing with the church choir like I did in high school. However, Christianity and

Seventh-day Adventism are fairly new here and the Church faces new

and different problems from what we do in the USA. On that

note, it would be wonderful if you could take a moment to pray

for the furtherment of the truth in all our churches across the

world. I'm really glad that I came here. It's so great to have the

opportunity to see another culture, and to see some sister churches

on the other side of the world.

*Nick Hough (USA),*

*Missionary teacher at English Language Center in Kaliningrad, Russia.*



## Lessons on Life

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in the summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

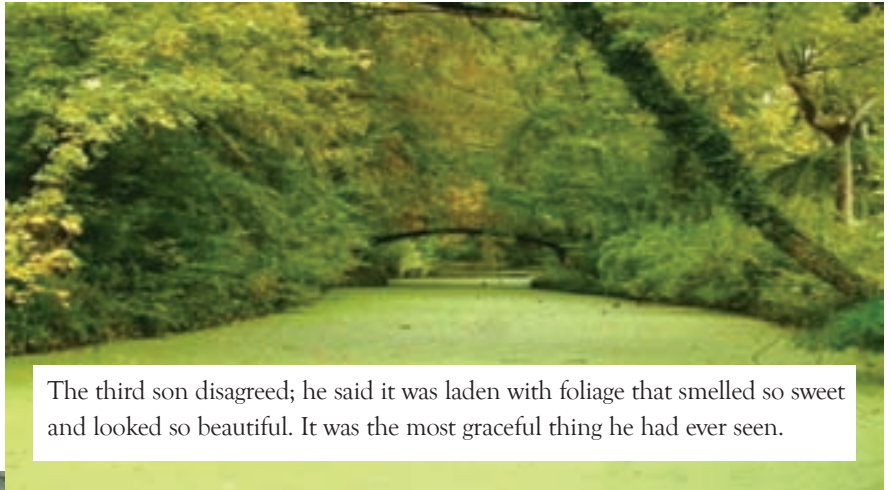
When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.



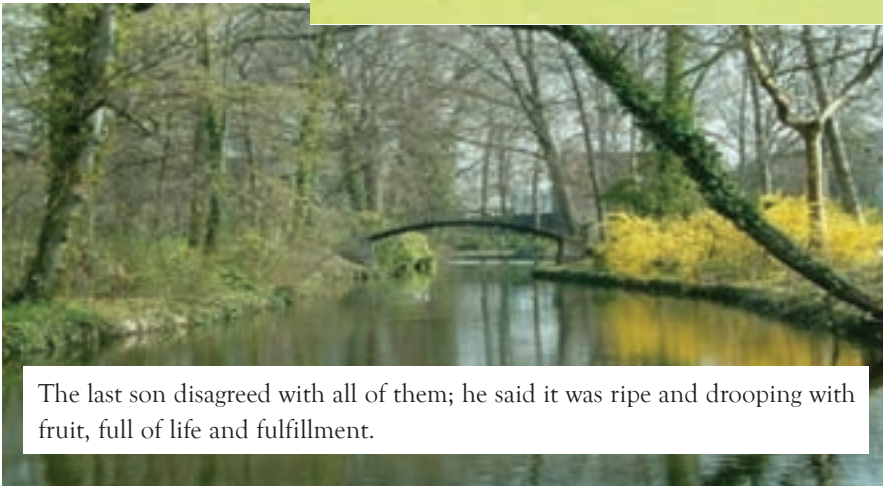
The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.



The second son disagreed and said it was covered with green buds and full of promise.



The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with foliage that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful. It was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.



The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

**Moral:**

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time. Aspire to Inspire Before You Expire!

nigeria





**HisHands Nigeria**  
**Church Members in Training**



John Enang

## Perhaps He Was Poisoned?

BY VERNON B PARMENTER

This story began just a few months ago with a visit to the countries of the Ivory Coast, the Cameroons, Nigeria and Ghana. Pastor John Enang, Associate Secretary of the West-Central Africa Division, and I set out to share the HisHands program with church members and leaders in each of these countries.

God blessed us in so many ways. Despite dangerous and almost impassable roads, canceled flights, tiring days and nights, God kept us safe and in good health.

The day came when I had to say goodbye to John at the Douala airport in the Cameroons. He headed back home to Abidjan and I continued on to Kenya to spread the good news that HisHands would bring to the East-Central Africa Division.

Not long after I landed in Nairobi the General Conference office phoned and asked if I was alright. I do not usually receive calls from the office in the middle of an itinerary asking if I am in good health. Immediately, I was curious to know why they were interested in my welfare. "Haven't you heard?" they asked. "Pastor John Enang is in the hospital and they do not think he will live. The doctors are not sure what is wrong with him. Perhaps he was poisoned and we were wondering if you were sick too?"

I assured them that I was in good health and as far as I knew there was nothing wrong with me. Several days later I arrived home and the first thing I wanted to know was how my friend John was doing. "Don't you know, the doctors have given up on John. They are not really sure what is wrong with him but his pancreas has shut down and he is in a coma, has been for almost two weeks now and short of a miracle, they do not expect him to survive." I was devastated. I was sorry to lose a good friend and thought that all of our hard work together was about to be lost.

My colleagues in the office had been praying earnestly for a miracle as no doubt others were praying in the West-Central Africa Division. Suddenly it dawned on me what was happening.

John, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, had caught a vision of what the

HisHands program could mean to his home Division. He was most enthusiastic and in every meeting John was on fire, and those who heard him became enthusiastic too. It was exciting to see the glint in the eyes of the leaders and church members as they began to realize what it would mean with hundreds and thousands of missionaries spending a year or more in their own fields.

Now it was clear to me that the Old Devil wanted to put a stop to what was happening in Africa.

As the word of John's illness spread around his Division and the world, the prayers for him became more earnest. His colleagues joined together and laid hands upon him anointing him in the name of the Lord. Slowly but surely John emerged from the jaws of death. The doctors and nurses were mystified. No one had ever recovered from such a severe illness, not in their hospital. John's friends were quick to tell the staff that God had a special work yet for John to do and not even the Devil himself was going to stop him. HisHands is God's program and nothing, nothing can stop Him!

I have just returned from attending the Annual Council of West-Central Africa Division. What a joy it was when the members and leaders of that great Division met on Sabbath afternoon simply to praise God for the miracle He performed in John's life. Please pray with me for John that nothing, not even the devil himself, will stop him as he continues to foster the HisHands program.

*By Vernon B. Parmenter, Editor*

## It's Already Happening in Eastern Nigeria

The HisHands initiative offers another solution to the lack of workers. And if it can happen in Nigeria, where the people do not have much money, it can happen just about anywhere.

BY VERNON B PARMENTER

“Why should not the members of a church, or several small churches, unite to sustain a missionary in foreign fields?”—*Gospel Workers* p 466. Officers of the Eastern Nigeria Union Mission decided that if this is the divine blueprint then it is past time to follow God’s clear and simple instructions. Pastors Gideon Nwaogwugwu, President, and Bassey Udoh, Secretary of the Union, invited Pastor John Enang, Associate Secretary of the West-Central Africa Division, to visit the Union to train the pastors and church members and to launch the HisHands program. What a happy and exciting time it was in September when they all met together for inspiration and preparation for service.

Pastor Enang reports there were 115 participants in the training program. All five

conferences in the Union have appointed HisHands Directors. Five of the institutions have appointed HisHands Coordinators, 64 churches have agreed to sponsor and host missionaries and a group of laymen want to sponsor several missionaries to numerous locations.

Yes, it’s already happening in Eastern Nigeria and God is working mightily. There are 34 volunteers in full-time service, and two want to go to college and train for full-time ministry.

In the city of Okoita, a layman is sponsoring four missionaries for two years. The conference will provide evangelism materials and housing. The volunteers have already spent several months visiting in the homes of the community and now plans are being laid to conduct a reaping series. Another lay person heard of the plans and donated \$800 together with 40,000 tracts and books for the public reaping program. The conference is now confronted with the need to build a church and lamb shelters for the children of the new believers.

The South East Conference is sponsoring eight missionaries to set up a computer center in Odukpani. The center will also offer programs to combat illiteracy and poverty. Health programs are also being presented on a regular basis and crowds are attending. A congregation has already been established and they are looking for land to build a church. The volunteer missionaries are so committed



to this program in Odukpani that they regularly donate part of their small stipends to help defray expenses.

In Ikot Ekpene, 15 missionaries were sponsored to prepare the ground for what was to follow. An evangelistic program reaped 50 precious souls for the kingdom. Two of these missionaries have remained to provide leadership to the new congregation, which meets in a local public school each Sabbath.

A wonderful work is being done, but even so there are clearly not enough workers. The Scripture tells us in Matthew 9:37 that “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” The Servant of the Lord offers a part solution to the problem, “Many of the barren, unworked fields must be entered by beginners.” *Evangelism*, p 48.

The HisHands initiative offers another solution to the lack of workers. And if it can happen in Nigeria, where the people do not have much money, it can happen just about anywhere. You and/or your church can sponsor/host a missionary. If you do, God has promised, “The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off.” 6 *Testimonies*, p 27.



**Top:** Lecture session.  
**Left: (Left to right):** John Enang, Associate, WAD Division; Gideon C Nwaogwugwu, President Eastern Nigerian Union Mission; Bassey Udoh, Executive Secretary, Eastern Nigerian Union Mission  
**Far Left:** computers for use at the mini computer training center in Odukpana.

## A Macedonian Call

Ten sponsored volunteers have agreed to serve in Nembe for one year to establish a church there.

BY GIDEON C NWAOGWUGWU

The Eastern Nigerian Union Mission was recently carved out from the former Nigeria Union Mission. This has become a blessing in disguise. The area is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean in the South, by the River Niger in the West and the Benue River in the North.

In the late 1960's this area was engaged in war with the rest of Nigeria, a war that lasted three years. This geopolitical entity has continued to suffer pronounced discrimination and marginalization from the rest of the country ever since. Although crude oil is abundant, the main economic base of the country, its roads and government infrastructure are the worst in the country.

Medical care in Eastern Nigeria is pathetic. Drugs and equipment are rarely sent to this part of the world. Missionaries from overseas are non-existent. Despite these pitiable conditions, church leadership has been energized by the possibility of *HisHands*. All of a sudden we realized that our greatest resource is right here within our own borders. We decided that we do not necessarily need missionaries from overseas, although that would be marvelous. But we have missionaries right here already in our churches.

We started asking churches to sponsor laymen and women to work in our own territories, paying them a small stipend. Numerous churches responded positively. Immediately we realized that we needed to prepare these new missionaries for service, and training began. Already we have over 100 missionaries ready for service.

Nembe is an island about 300 miles south of Eastern Nigeria, approximately two hours away by a float plane. No Seventh-day Adventists live there. A community of 5,000 inhabitants have resisted the gospel for years. When Elder Vernon Parmenter, General Conference Associate Secretary, and Pastor John Enang, West-Central Africa Division Associate Secretary, visited our Union earlier this year we were inspired to consider Nembe. The Union agreed to sponsor 10 of the trained volunteers to go to Nembe under the leadership of Union Evangelist, Pastor Ikechi C Ekpendu. The *HisHands* missionaries have commenced their work going from house to house introducing people to Jesus Christ. They have agreed to serve there for one year and we pray that God will use them mightily to establish a church.

We are faced with many challenges. We need to purchase a property on Nembe for the new members to worship in. We need speed boats to visit all of the areas of the island that are unreachable by road. We need to build a primary school so that we can educate the children of Nembe. We will need to keep several volunteer missionaries on the island for some time to come so that the work there is established on a solid footing. Perhaps your church would like to help sponsor some of these missionaries.

*By: Gideon C Nwaogwugwu, President  
Eastern Nigeria Union*



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MINI WORKSHOP  
AT ODUKANI.



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# Many Hands Make *Light* Work

## SPONSOR A *HisHands* MISSIONARY

Imagine your church or organization choosing missionary projects, selecting church member(s) to serve as a HisHands missionary volunteer, and raising the funds to send them into service.

Picture, if you can, the exciting stories your church will hear throughout the year—the answers to prayer, people responding to God's call.



## HOST A *HisHands* MISSIONARY

Imagine another church or organization sending you a full time HisHands missionary volunteer to help spread the gospel, free of charge to your church!

Imagine what could happen - you could choose to receive an assistant pastor; the youth might be given a new leader; your church might receive a full time Bible worker or an evangelist.

The possibilities are endless!

## SERVE AS A *HisHands* MISSIONARY

Is God calling you to serve as a HisHands volunteer missionary? Ask your church to sponsor you to serve at home, somewhere in your country or in your division, or overseas! It will change your life and the lives of precious souls.



Your Hands ..... HisHands

cameroon

# Cosendai Adventist University Urgently Needs Your Help!





**Left to right:** Bassey Udoh, Executive Secretary, Eastern Nigerian Union Mission; Paul-Marie Moulema Douala a faculty member in the department of Business Administration; Dr Lucile Sabas, Rector (President of the Adventist University Cosendai); John Enang, Associate, WAD Division

## URGENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT COSENDAI UNIVERSITY

**Position Title:** Director for Administration  
**Call ID:** WAD.COS.2006.03

**Position Title:** Construction Supervisor  
**Call ID:** WAD.COS.2006.04

**Position Title:** Director of Public Affairs, Alumni & Protocol  
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# Botswana

## Doctors with Mission

Nayra Tenorio is a student in her last year of Medicine at the River Plate University in Argentina. She finished her pregraduate community service year at the Adventist Hospital in Kanye, Botswana, Africa.

BY NAYRA TENORIO

**M**y dream has always been to work in Africa, no matter what the country as long as it was Africa. I do not know why I chose Botswana. I believe that God placed that dream in my mind. We should only be influenced by His will and put Him first so that we can enjoy the abundant blessings that He has for our lives.

Botswana is a beautiful country of desert-like climate, with the same seasons as my home in Argentina. It is strange that one can meet donkeys, goats, and sheep in the streets.

When I arrived, the missionary families from the Philippines adopted me like a daughter. The church is like this: wherever you go, no matter what corner of the world you visit, you will find your family. The church is your family.

In the beginning, the people in the community watched me from head to toe very seriously. Shortly afterwards, I learned how to greet the people. My first words were “domela ma” (to

women) and “domela ra” (to men). Once I greeted them in their language, their faces changed. They smiled and greeted me in return, showing the happiness that they felt when I spoke something of their language. Little by

little, I incorporated more words into my speech. The natives speak Tswana and English in Botswana. The schools teach in English and the people who receive some level of education communicate in both languages.

I never felt lonely in Kanye. God was always with me and the people always tried to make me feel at home. Even the cooks of the hospital would ask me every so often what I wanted to eat.

My job in the hospital consisted of giving health education lectures in the rooms of the patients with their families present. The subjects revolved around the prevention of HIV and the care of the sick. My other task was giving spiritual counsel to the patients who came for HIV tests.

When I arrived I did not know that I was in “the country” that had the most HIV cases in the world. The country has less than two million inhabitants and approximately 20 percent suffer from HIV. I was also involved in the HIV patient control department, assisting close to 60



patients every day with their medications and checking its effectiveness. The programs for fighting HIV in this country are very good and the control and prevention programs are a great help. The first patient that I saw die with HIV was a baby who was scarcely eight months old. His heart throbbed strongly, wanting to continue living, but slowly it softened and there was nothing that could be done to save him. I felt very powerless and sad. Lamentably, HIV has no cure and the best that we have to combat it is prevention. For those who have already contracted the virus, we can help them by preventing infections, pointing them to God, and above all, embracing them as human beings who need love and affection.

Being a missionary is the most beautiful experience in the world. I felt the presence of God at all times. It is also marvelous to learn about different cultures. If language is a barrier in preventing one from being a missionary, God bridges the gap.

As children of God, we have a great task to do in this world and that is to preach His Word so that Jesus can come the second time. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

*By: Nayra Tenorio, a River Plate University student from Argentina.*



## In the Middle of the Night

For three nights in a row Emily awoke at 2:00 am with a sense that something was wrong.

BY KEITH RODMAN

Emily awoke at 2 am with a sense that something was wrong. As she became aware of her surroundings she felt sure everything in the house was fine. The feeling seemed to overwhelm her and she could not get back to sleep. Was God trying to tell her something? Was it her mom far away in California? She got out of bed, went to her computer and checked her e-mail. There was nothing. Urgent news would not come in an e-mail anyway. Later that morning she called her mom to see how she was doing. There were no problems and none on the horizon for her.

The next night at 2:00 am there was the same awakening and the same strange feeling. She had recently retired; life was full of happiness and joy. But what was it? Could it be one of her married children or perhaps a grand child? Because it was the middle of the night she did not want to call anyone. Besides, if something was urgent wouldn't they call her?

Unable to sleep, she again returned to her computer to check her e-mail. There was nothing but the usual junk mail and a few notes from some old friends. After what seemed hours, sleep finally returned to her. Calls to her family later in the day indicated that everything was fine and mom should not worry so much.

The third night it was the same 2:00 am awakening. This was not fun! Emily poured out her heart to the Lord, requesting his guidance and relief from this strange awakening. Again she returned to her computer to check e-mail (hadn't she done this just before she went to bed?). This time there was a



message from someone she did not know. Should she open it, risking the chance of getting a virus?

Of course she opened the e-mail. There it was: THE CALL. But hadn't she retired? Wasn't she too worn out to serve? Besides the writer was someone she had never heard of; and he wanted her to become a principal, and not just of a small school as was her last school, but a K-12 school. And where was this place, in the middle of the Pacific on some atoll she had never heard of? And, oh yes, it was a volunteer job with just a stipend. Who in their

right mind would come out of retirement to do that?

Oh, and another thing, there was her husband Bill. They had only recently been married and He had returned to Jesus only a few years before. Bill had a good job and was not planning on retiring for three more years. Was she to leave him? In the middle of the night her mind was swarming with excuses and reasons to delete this crazy message. But why had she been awakened at 2 am for three consecutive nights? So she would not miss this e-mail from the other side of the world?

Strangely enough she soon fell into a deep sleep and had the best night's sleep she had had in 72 hours. The morning's explanations to Bill brought more questions and some serious discussions.

There was just no way that Bill could leave his job and what about the family debts? This was a crazy idea. But hadn't he told the Lord earlier this year he would serve him any way he could? That is why he had taken the job of head deacon in the small church that really needed him.

Emily quietly reviewed the e-mail but gave no answer. Bill contemplated out loud and all the family told them they would be crazy to even consider it. Wasn't it time for them to kick back and enjoy life? THE CALL was ever present in their minds. After about 10 days Bill had worked out almost everything. He could retire and start drawing his pension. He could be debt free and there was a buyer for the house. Emily's mind was also made up. If Bill would come, she would do it.

Fourteen days after my e-mail was written I was beginning to think my inquiry for a principal was at a dead end. Perhaps the e-mail

address was no longer valid. Who would give up retirement to be the principal on an atoll only half a mile wide and 30 miles long?

In the middle of the Guam night my answer came: "Yes, we are willing to come for two years of volunteer service."

What would you have done???

A young man in the Bible was awakened in the middle of the night with a strange call. I'm sure you all know the story of Samuel being called by the Lord night after night. Samuel thinks that the priest Eli needs his help. After the third call Samuel recognizes that the Lord is calling him and answers with the words "Speak, for thy servant heareth." (I Samuel 3:10). [BBE: "Say on, Lord; for the ears of your servant are open".] It took several calls for Samuel to know it was the Lord, but Samuel did answer THE CALL.

Many others in the Bible heeded God's call. Some of the calls were by Kings (Daniel), some by angels, others by Jesus himself (Zacheous). Some CALLS came in the daytime, others at night.

Will you hear God's call for your life? Will you heed God's call when you hear His voice?

The current missionary volunteers in Micronesia have heard God's call and are serving with distinction.

Let me quote a few words from the Blog of a young student missionary serving with Emily this year. These are the actual words, unedited by me. She writes:

"To people who have never been student missionaries, or missionaries at all, and their misconceptions:

I am not doing anything you can't do.

There's a stigma placed on Student Missionaries that puts us on top of some holy,



unrealistic pedestal. I know that to be true, because before I was a volunteer, I had the same sorely mistaken ideas. You think that life has stopped for the Student Missionary, yet somehow mysteriously moves on for you.

Life doesn't stop for us, either. Sisters graduate from high school, couples get married and break up. Friends have babies. Parents get divorced.

We are not perfect. Things didn't magically change when I became an volunteer. I still curse sometimes and I don't glue on a happy face when I'm sad. But I'm sad a lot less.

This is hard. Each person out here walked away from everything to do this, all the while planning to get nothing in return.

I can't speak for them, but I can—and will—speak for myself. I walked away from the best friends I've had since fifth grade. Fifth grade. I walked away from a surrogate mother, a chosen family, a job I loved. I walked away from a school that's changing my life and a potential relationship that could've been the one, if you believe in that sort of thing. [And really, who of us doesn't believe in that sort of thing?] I walked away from my parents crumbling marriage and the support system that would've gotten me through it.

For what? \$200 a month and a 56K internet connection that costs us six cents a minute? Rules about not touching the opposite sex because the [locals] will assume that we're having sex? Rusty nails and crying children and no friends for what?!

It's all worth it. You won't know until you come yourself, of course, though. You won't know what it feels like to have second grade girls hurl themselves at you every time they see

you or swim in a million tiny fish that look like glitter.

Until you come yourself, you won't know what it's like to serve God with every fiber of your being, even when you can imagine a million other things you'd rather be doing.

He blesses. He cares. His road is not easy, but his burden is light.

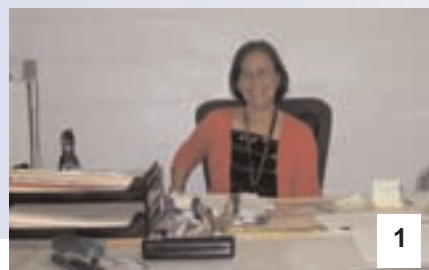
We are no different than you. We are not qualified, but we were called. Called as many of you are being called right now.

I'll ask you the question you most need to hear right now: God needs your help. Will you go?

#### **Conclusion:**

This year there will be over 600 volunteer openings posted on the Adventist Volunteer Service web site. Over 120 of them will be in the Guam Micronesia Mission.

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1. Emily Mayang Waterhouse
2. Volunteer Michael Moore
3. Volunteer Adam Pardy
4. Raising the flag
5. Volunteer Jillian Interlichia
6. Volunteer Sarah Heinrich



## “HisHands”

### The Nuts and Bolts

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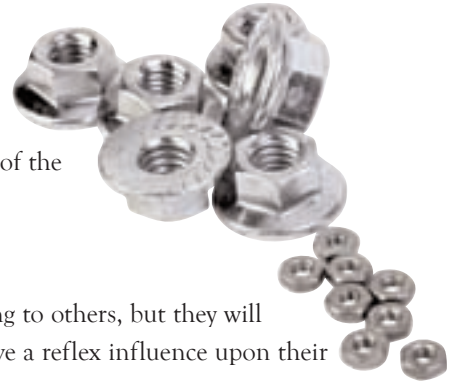


1. “We have a great work to do by cooperating with Him as His helping hands.” Upward Look, page 76
2. “Why should not the members of a church, or of several small churches, unite to sustain a missionary in foreign fields?” Gospel Workers, p 466
3. Every church/institution sponsors a minimum of one missionary annually
4. Every church/institution hosts a minimum of one missionary annually
5. Each church/institution needs to appoint a focus group to make this a reality—
  - Raise funds
  - Select missionary/s
  - Arrange **commissioning** service for missionary/s
  - Organize **training** for missionary/s
  - Mentor missionary/s
  - Select missionary projects to sponsor and host
  - Monitor and guide host project
  - Promote program
6. HisHands missionary defined: “A baptized Seventh-day Adventist, at least 18 years of age, who is willing to devote his/her gifts on a full-time basis, preferably for a period of six months to two years, to serve in some form of witness to spread the gospel.”
7. Sponsorship will include the following expenses: fares, accommodation expenses, stipend, insurance, visas, medical examination fees, evangelistic resources, etc.
8. Sponsorship does include prayer for and regular communication with the sponsored missionary.
9. Missionary project ideas: church planting, door-to-door visitation, public evangelism, Bible studies, teaching, medical and dental care, building construction, office work, etc.
10. Resources available from your Home Division HisHands Coordinator: Administration Handbook, Host/Sponsor Handbook, Missionary Handbook, Training Handbook (resources for preparing to be a missionary), a CD with all of the Handbooks as well as PowerPoint programs for launching HisHands in your church, a DVD, advertising brochure and Passport to Mission (a cross-cultural training course).
11. Note the “reflex influence” and what it will mean to your church/institution/missionary:



- **The Church/Institution Family –**

“The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off.”—6T 27



- **The Individual Church Member –**

“Those who take up their appointed work will not only be a blessing to others, but they will themselves be blessed. The consciousness of duty well done will have a reflex influence upon their own souls.”—Ministry of Healing, p 148

## Expected Results from the HisHands program:

Sending and receiving at least one missionary volunteer per year per church/institution as a HisHands missionary will have the following results:

### The sending church/organization—

- Expects and receives regular reports from the missionary and is blessed.
- Doubles its prayer and financial support.
- Develops greater dedication to Mission and to the world Church.
- Becomes a pool of potential missionaries to serve at home and abroad.
- Develops a new vision of what can be done.

### The HisHands missionary volunteer—

- Derives a sense of satisfaction from serving.
- Learns what true giving means.
- Is blessed by the experience.
- Sees a broader perspective of the world.
- Learns to value other cultures and new ways of doing things.
- Has a chance to enlarge his/her Christian family and make new friends.

### The receiving church/organization where the HisHands missionary volunteer works—

- Receives material and spiritual aid they would otherwise never know about.
- Is exposed to the care and interest of missionaries.
- Is blessed.
- Gains a new perspective on the world outside their local area.
- Invites individuals to join God’s remnant Church who are disciplined by the missionary volunteer.





Your Church can Sponsor and Host a  
HisHands Missionary.

You can Become a HisHands Missionary  
Volunteer!



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[www.hishands.adventist.org](http://www.hishands.adventist.org)

# 2007 volunteer opportunities

## Argentina

ACA Assistant  
River Plate Adventist University

## Lebanon

Assistant to the Chaplain  
Middle East College/University

## Gambia

Farm Manager  
Jeswang SDA School

## Norway

Assistant Dean of Boys  
Norwegian Junior College

## Germany

Assistant for German Language Course  
Friedensau University

## South Africa

Gym Manager & Physical Trainer  
Helderberg College

## Grenada

Media Specialist  
Grenada Family Network

## South Korea

ESL Teacher  
Korean SDA Language Institute

## Hong Kong

English Teacher/Pastor's Assistant  
Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Church

## Sudan

Communication Specialist  
ADRA/South Sudan

## India

Elementary Teacher  
SDA Residential English High School

## Thailand

Director, Transl. & Lang. Research Center  
Mission College

## Indonesia

ESL Teachers  
Adventist English Conversation School

## Trinidad

Vice President for Development  
Caribbean Union College

Listed are samples of volunteer opportunities for 2007 at the time this issue went to press. There are currently hundreds of volunteer opportunities available throughout the world, and more become available each day! For the most current information on these and other volunteer positions, visit us online at: [www.adventistvolunteers.org](http://www.adventistvolunteers.org). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact your division volunteer coordinator for more information. Your home division will process your application.



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- Experiencing sights and sounds of a new culture you've only dreamed about.

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