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## And you will be my witness

cts 1:8 offers several implications for our youth and their leaders as they participate in the upcoming World Conference on Youth and Community Service to be held in Taipei, Taiwan from December 24, 2007 to January 5, 2008. This Conference will help youth to explore what it means to bear witness to Christ beyond the walls of the traditional church. For the first week the youth will saturate every corner of Taiwan with the love of God through community service.

I like the way Mrs. Ellen White puts it, "the disciples where to be found following the Master, praying, waiting, watching, and working. They were to be representatives to the world of the character of Christ" (RH March 22, 1892). Over 1,500 young people will be in Taiwan to share the love of Jesus to the people they come in contact with. The character of Jesus will be manifested in those projects that are planned for during this Conference. The theme of the Conference tells it all, "It's Time to Love, Serve and Care." There are about 50 service projects that have been identified for this conference.

Following the Service Projects delegate will be convening in Taipei for dynamic workshops that will be offered by top professionals within the Seventh day Adventist Church. God has blessed this church with outstanding minds and our youth will be so blessed with such dedicated presenters. When delegates return back to their homes, they will be equipped to share the love of Jesus in a more dynamic ways.

World class accommodations have been selected for the delegates and Jonatan tells me that the food is second to none. The organizers have made sure that the best vegetarian meal(s) will be served.

The conference will be blessed by powerful preachers...
Mark Finley, Vice President General Conference for Global
Evangelism; Furman Fordham, Senior Pastor(silvia fill
in) Les Pollard, Assistant to the President Loma Linda
University; will share their joys with the Lord through the
Open Word.

There will be many highlights in between that will excite you to love the Lord and serve Him more. On the last day of the conference we will have a musical concert with singing groups representing all divisions. The 100 Years Celebrations will be the climax of this great Conference.

Indeed it It's time to love, care and serve the Lord!



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## week of prayer blessings

prayers blessings has always been a two way street. Just recently I conducted a week of prayer at Linda Vista University in Mexico. As I arrived on the campus of this great school surrounded by green rugged mountains with almost 90% Seventh day Adventist students enrolment I wondered how the week will go.

Each day we had two services, one during the mid day and one around five in the evening. Students came on time and sat during the deliberations with maximum attention. I was very encouraged as a preacher to see so many students carry their Bibles with them during the whole week. They read their Bibles with me as I open the word of God to them.

While I conduct these week of Prayers, I always find myself blessed even more... I read more and research extensively to ensure that the message I deliver will

meet the needs of the University campus. Yes, the campus is blessed but I am also very much blessed by the week of prayer. When I see students rededicating their lives to Jesus Christ and some deciding to follow Jesus for the first time, my heart flows with great joy. That is the main reason for conducting these week of prayers on our campuses. To give the students and faculty members opportunities to meet Jesus in a very personal way and to renew their joys in Him..

I left Linda Vista University with great joy in my heart. The



seven days bonded me with the university family so closely. It was so painful for me to depart. Young people accepted me and spend time with me not as a pastor who came to tell them their sins but as a friend who came to encourage them to stay focused on what God has for them and to know that they are here on earth because God has a purpose for them.

Week of Prayers – have blessings for the preacher and those who are being ministered to. I am so refreshed now as I end up the busy summer assignments. I do encourage each one of us to hold at least one week of prayer in a year. It is a huge blessing to both parties.

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by Baraka G. Muganda World Youth Director

Busy! Busy! Busy! There is the Pathfinder Camporee, the youth congress, the festival of faith, the youth-to-youth meetings, the youth retreat, and all the other youth activities we get involved in.

But there is help! Mr. Mac and Ms. PC; but have they really helped reduce our already busy lives? People are surfing websites; signing up with MySpace, FaceBook, Hotmail, Yahoo, Friendster, and now the latest one—Bebo.

On top of all those "Busy Activities" we still have our daily commitments—deadlines to meet, places to go,

## ľm sooo busy!

appointments to keep, and of course there is the family to take care of. When we become overwhelmed with all the busyness it is very easy to loose sight of what is really important—PEOPLE, families, colleagues, friends, and a smile for the stranger on the street.

2007 is almost over! Let's make a commitment to become more active communicators. Do not become so busy that you have no time for the little things, the ones that need our attention. Sometimes we do not have all the answers, but responding to an email is just a click away; even if it is just to say "I will get back to you later on this matter." Keep the connection open, it makes a difference.

by Hiskia Missah Associate Youth Director

## Travel Plans for October

Baraka Muganda: 1 - 12: Office

17 - 21: TED, Yth Leadership Conf. 23 - 27: TED, Norway Youth Congress

13 - 17: Annual Council

Hiskia Missah: 1 - 31: Office

Jonatán Tejel: 1 - 10: Vacation

11 - 30: Office

# Meet our Guest Speakers

#### MARK A. FINLEY

native of New York, USA, Dr. Finley became a vice president at the 2005 General Conference Session in St. Louis, after serving nearly two years as general field secretary at the world headquarters, directing the Center for Global Evangelism.

Evangelism is where Elder Finley has made his mark on the world, having led in over 100 meetings around the

globe with resulting baptisms numbering in the thousands. His best known association is as a television speaker, first for the *It Is Written* telecast for 20 years and also as the speaker for three *Net* evangelism satellite series, broadcast around the world. He has used his preaching and evangelism gifts to teach others in field schools and evangelism institutes throughout his career. As a vice president, Finley continues his work with evangelism and Adventist television as his primary portfolio.

Dr. Finley and his wife, Ernestine ("Teenie"), have teamed up in ministry throughout the years and also share a family of three grown children; Debbie, Rebecca, and Mark Jr.



### FURMAN F. FORDHAM III

rurman, of Kansas City, MO, is a product of Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education. He attended Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology, and a Master of Divinity degree.

He has served as a youth pastor in Melbourne, Australia, an assistant pastor in Chicago, Illinois, has pastored several churches all throughout the states of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

At the end of 2006, he became a part of the South Central Conference and was introduced as the Senior Pastor of the historic Riverside Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

He has been gratefully married to the former Jennifer Gill for 11 years. God has blessed them with three sons: Furman Fletcher, Irvin Gill, 6, and Jennings Walter, 3.



## Meet our WCYCS Pleannary Sessions Speakers



Ella Simmons General Conference Vice-President



Leslie Pollard Loma Hnda University, Office of Diversity



Paul Tompkins Trans-European Division Youth Director

## Check out our Seminar Presenters

Markie Bazzy Arthur Blinci Balvin Braham Lyndelle Chiomenti Dannie Clarke May-Ellen Colon Corrado Cozzi Karnik Doukmetzian Mark Finley Falvo Fowler Allan Handysides Stefan Hoeschelo Eugene Hsu Gerry Karst Linda Koh Jonathan Kuntaraf Kathleen Kuntaraf Armando Miranda Ella Simmons

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What: Organized by the Northeast Brazil Union Youth Ministries, Mission Calebe I, is a contribution to the Global Mission project, which consists in delivering God's message where the Adventist message encounters resistance to grow

When: November 1 to 4, 2007 Where: Nova Jerusalem Theater

Who: Hundreds of Young people committed to the mission of

the church

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