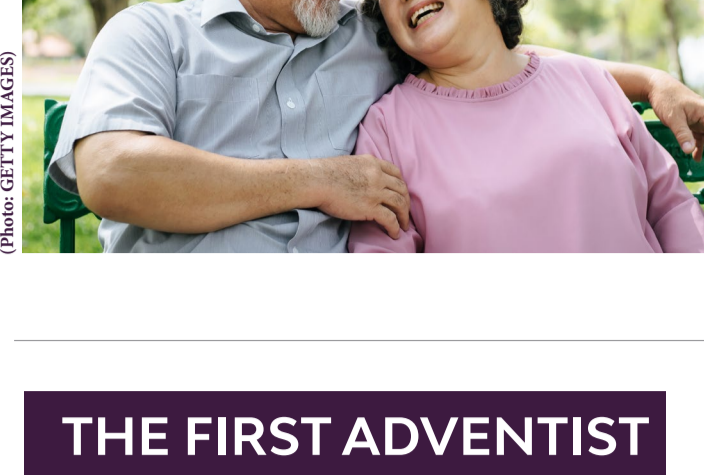




# Matthew 6:33



## EDITORIAL - CHERISHING



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One of the people I love the most is my wife. The reason is not only because she is the mother of my beautiful children, or because she is my only lifelong companion. It's because I know for sure that she loves me "to the moon and back." Those are the words she always says, and I believe her—not because I generally tend to believe what people say, but because she proves she loves me through her actions.

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### THE FIRST ADVENTIST WEEK OF PRAYER— STEWARDSHIP

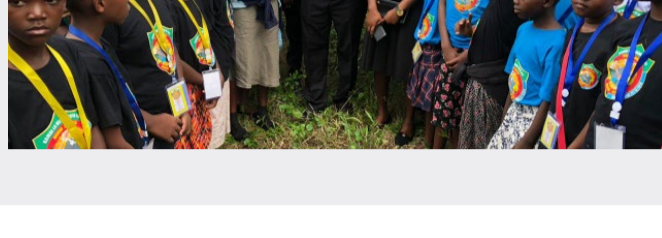
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"Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1 (NKJV)

### STEWARDSHIP IN THE BUSH



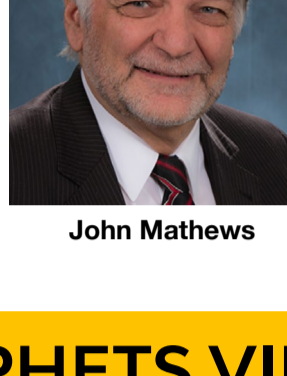
The youth in the South-East Tanzania Conference (ECD) decided to conclude the year 2018 in the bush. They spent December 12-22, 2018, in the bush of Ruvu, Mlandizi Pwani, in Tanzania, studying stewardship lessons under the theme: "God First," translated in Swahili as "Mungu Kwanza."

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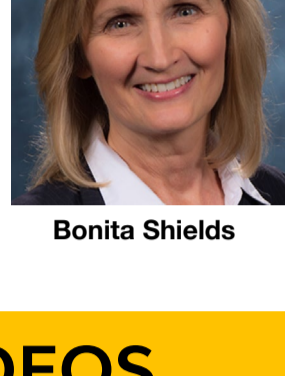
### NEW DIRECTOR IN NAD

Bonita Shields was voted as the new director of NAD Stewardship Ministries during the 2018 Year End Meeting, following the announcement of the retirement of John Mathews, effective January 31, 2019. Bonita joined the NAD in February 2016 and previously served as associate director.

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John Mathews



Bonita Shields

## BELIEVE HIS PROPHETS VIDEOS



A new three-minute video is launched every day on the Facebook page of the GC Stewardship Ministries, commenting on the daily Bible chapter suggested by the "Believe His Prophets" Bible reading plan. In accordance with its 2017-...

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Pastor Carter shares several reasons why he is a Seventh-day Adventists. Reason 1: He is a Seventh-day Adventist not because the church is perfect. Hope you enjoy listening.

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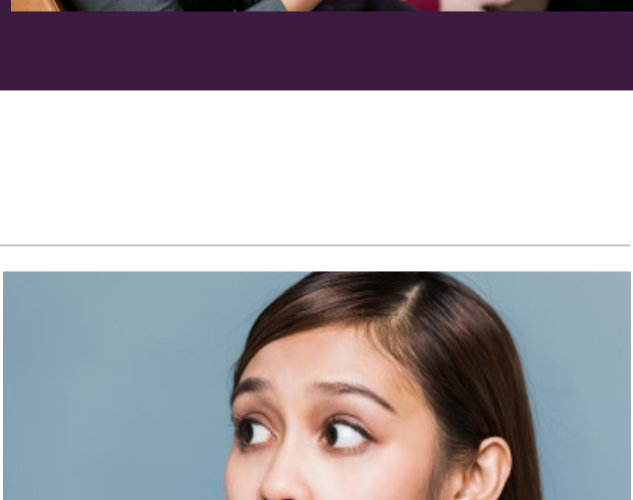
### THE VALUE OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING

When I first visited the central African country of Chad many years ago, church leaders told me I was the first person from the General Conference to ever visit them. They said it made them feel they weren't forgotten.

Back then I didn't know much about the...

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This article, written by Garry Krause, Office of Adventist Mission, was previously published in the Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 18, No. 2, Apr-Jun, 2014.



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### FEAR-IMPEDIMENT TO GENEROSITY

"I was afraid" (Matt. 25:25, first part)

Fear is part of our existence, and it does not take into account age or social standing. It entered into this world along with sin, and we will get rid of it only when sin is eradicated. There are so many ways in which fear manifests itself: fear of loneliness, ...

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This article, written by Ioan Campian Tatar, was previously published in the EUD monthly newsletter. You can find it by clicking [HERE](#).



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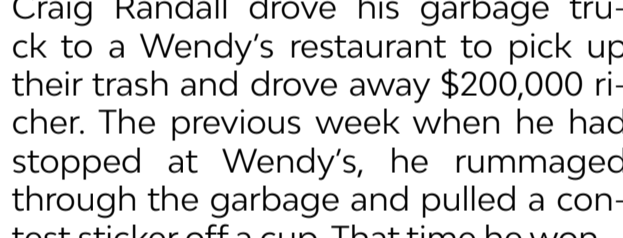


In a recent post on his blog, Mike Glenn wrote: "The Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told a story of thieves who broke into a jewelry store and didn't steal anything; they simply rearranged the price tags. The next morning, the expensive jewelry was sold as junk, and ..."

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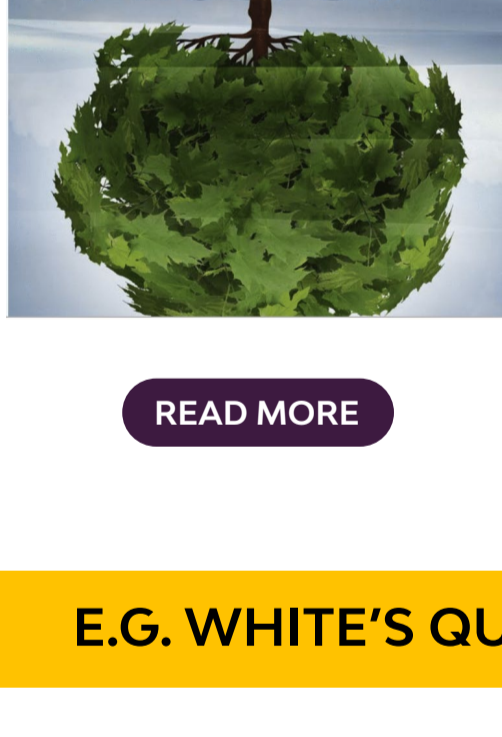


Craig Randall drove his garbage truck to a Wendy's restaurant to pick up their trash and drove away \$200,000 richer. The previous week when he had stopped at Wendy's, he rummaged through the garbage and pulled a contest sticker off a cup. That time he won ...

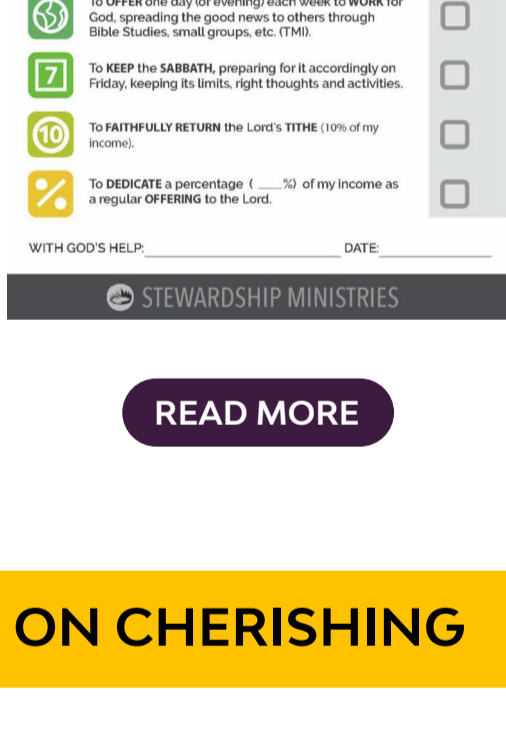
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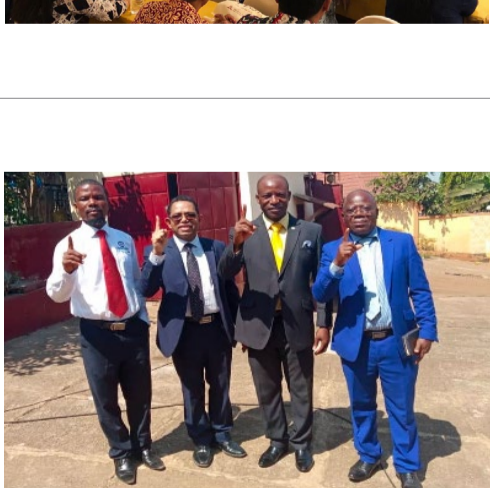
Never are we to rely upon worldly recognition and rank. Never are we, in the establishment of institutions, to try to compete with worldly institutions in size or splendor. We shall gain the victory, not by erecting massive buildings, in rivalry with our enemies, but by cherishing a Christlike spirit—a spirit of meekness and lowliness. Better far the cross and disappointed...

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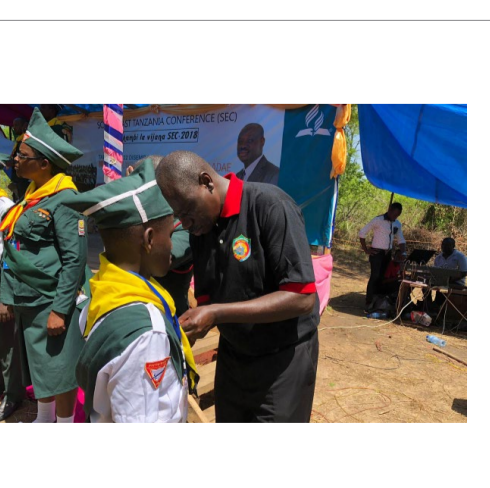
**SSD GOD FIRST SEMINAR WITH 286 PASTORS AND ELDERS OF MINAHASA CONFERENCE IN EAST INDONESIA UNION CONFERENCE, JAN. 22-24, 2019.**

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