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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, my wife Kathy and I are traveling to one of our most difficult assignments yet—Japan.

During the month of May we will be joining 161 church leaders and volunteers who will preach multiple full-message evangelistic series all across Japan. Jesus is coming soon—and we have to get the message out there!

Adventist World Radio has been faithfully broadcasting throughout Japan for several months now, preparing the way for these meetings, and I can't wait to share with you what God will do!

For many years, Kathy and I have been recruiting volunteers and church leaders who are willing to travel to different places around the world to hold evangelistic meetings. Anyone who feels impressed can join us—young and old alike. Our youngest volunteer has been 9, and our oldest 85. All have preached their own evangelistic series—many for the first time!

Let me share with you a recent experience that makes all the sacrifice and hard work worthwhile.

CALLED TO AFRICA

Kathy and I met Daryl and Mary Jo several years ago at a church potluck and encouraged them to join us on a mission trip, something they had never considered doing since they seldom even attended church.



Kathy and I love to watch lay volunteers gain confidence as they preach the Adventist message in far away places.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” (Ephesians 3:20 NKJV).

That night, they called us to say they had been unable to stop thinking about our offer, and felt God wanted them to go to Africa.

After making some arrangements with their medical business, they went with us to Kenya. Daryl preached a full evangelistic series and Mary Jo gave the health talks every evening.

Later, Daryl told me that as he preached, he was transformed. Many things that he had not really believed or understood about our prophetic message, he suddenly grasped as he shared it with others. He became very excited about the Adventist message and fell in love with Jesus all over again.

But there's more. Daryl and Mary Jo's medical business, which hadn't been doing well, suddenly began to flourish. They made several more trips to Africa, each time with new projects in mind: a water purification system for the people near Lake Victoria, a feeding program for orphans whose parents had died of AIDS, and an irrigation system with solar energy for growing vegetables for the orphanage.

GOD KNOWS IT ALL

But I've saved the best for last. A few months ago, Daryl shared with me an experience that shook him to the core.

He was back in Kenya preaching another evangelistic series in a mountain town.

He had cleared the hillside and set up loudspeakers so the villagers could hear even if they couldn't go to the meeting site. The meetings were progressing well, with a large crowd in attendance. Then a week into the presentations, when he spoke about baptism, an older lady approached him after the meeting and said, "I want to be baptized." Her name was Esther, and she told Daryl the most amazing story.

"I remember a dream I had 51 years ago..." she began.

Daryl's ears pricked up because he was 51 years old himself. The lady continued, "I was asleep and dreamed that I heard an American's voice that echoed all around the mountain behind my house. God told me in the dream that when I heard that voice, I would know it was the truth."



Daryl listens to Esther tell about the dream she had 51 years ago.

She went on, “The first time I heard you speak, and heard your voice echo around the mountain, I knew it was the voice I’d heard 51 years ago. So I know this is the truth, and I want to be baptized.”

Daryl was moved to tears and so excited as he recounted the story to me. He said, “To think that God knew me and knew of this moment even when I was first born 51 years ago!”

I was moved, too. I realized that God had orchestrated our encounter with Daryl and Mary Jo in that potluck all those years ago. God knew we would encourage this dear couple to venture into mission work. He knew how they would be able to help the orphans with food and pure water. He knew of the solar-powered irrigation system that would help the orphanage grow their own vegetables. And He knew many would be led to Christ by their ministry. God knew it all!

God knew before you were born what your hurts, needs, and joys would be today! What an awesome God! He knew us before we were born. He knew we would learn the precious truth we know today, and He commissioned us to share it with the world:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)

God knew the role each one of us would play in spreading the gospel message. You may be unable to go with us into the mission field as we preach the message and set up new radio stations, but your prayers and support are just as important, because they make these projects possible.

I was encouraged by Daryl’s story, because as we begin this historic evangelistic event in Japan we can have the assurance that God knew of it years before we planned it!

By the time you receive this letter, we’ll be back from Japan and on our way to Zambia, where during the month of June we will hold 1,000 evangelistic meetings throughout the capital city of Lusaka and more in nearby Livingstone, all prepared for by Adventist World Radio broadcasts. This is an AWR360° Broadcast to Baptism project at its best.



We are planning 1,000 evangelistic meetings in Zambia during the month of June!



Your Adventist World Radio has been announcing the meetings with special programming since January, preparing the way for people to attend. That's what AWR360° is all about: working together to lead audiences from broadcast to baptism! I can't wait to share the stories that God is preparing, because He is always working on behalf of His children, just like He did for Daryl—rewarding our efforts and leading people in amazing ways into the knowledge of His truth.

Thank you for making a significant difference in the lives of millions around the world. Because of your kindness and support, people like Esther can be led by the Holy Spirit to hear the good news that Jesus is coming soon!

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duane McKey".

Duane McKey
President



P.S. As we work on the front lines of evangelism, God goes before us preparing the way, just like he did for Daryl. God loves to surprise us beyond what we think is possible. Please pray for our team at AWR, for the people who have just heard the Adventist message in Japan, and for those in Zambia who are right now getting ready to hear the gospel message. I can't wait to share their stories with you!