

*"Someone asked him, 'Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?' He said to them, 'Make every effort to enter through the narrow door. . . . People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 13:23, 29)*



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Dear AWR Friend,

I have found that it is in our darkest hour when God's light shines the brightest—because our extreme necessity is God's opportunity!

The world is in upheaval. The pandemic continues to ravage our cities even as the economy tanks and civil unrest is felt everywhere. This old ball of mud is groaning under the weight of 6,000 years of sin, crying out for justice and healing.

The news media tells the world what Satan is up to—no good—but *our* job is to tell the world *what God is doing!* Have you noticed that every time Satan throws something like this crisis at us, God turns his curses into blessings for us? Yes, what a time to be alive! It's like God has catapulted AWR into the 21st century! Fasten your seatbelts, because I have so much to share with you that I don't know where to begin—and it's all *fantastic* news, because God's light is shining brighter than ever!

Let me share just a little of what is happening right now, both here in America and around the world through the work of Adventist World Radio.

## WORLDWIDE EVANGELISM

In March, when everything stopped as the world sheltered in place, we knew our radio programs would continue uninterrupted—beaming God's truth to the world. And yet we felt God was calling us to do more—but what could we do from home?

### A worldwide evangelistic series, of course!

And that's what we did. Getting everything ready in three weeks wasn't a sprint or a jog—it was a marathon! But with the whole team working together, we got it done! Our very own Cami Oetman preached a two-week, full-message, no-holds-barred evangelistic series that could be watched free of charge on various media platforms—including YouTube, Facebook and our website. We made it available to anyone and everyone around the world, and the responses blew us away!



## HIGHLIGHTS

- When the series began, we were flooded with thousands of emails from around the world. People had prayer requests, Bible questions and messages of every kind. It was impossible to manage these with our limited staff, so we sent out an SOS to our world community of Adventist believers. The response was incredible: more than 10,000 young people responded, volunteering to help answer the emails and messages and pray with those calling in!
- As we go to print, we have received **more than 1,220,566 views** from people in more than **25 countries**, with the main viewership being right here in America! Other countries have included the Philippines, Nigeria, South Africa, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Fiji, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Namibia, Indonesia, South Africa, India, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, Qatar, and the list goes on, including several countries closed to the gospel message.



*Cami Oetman, AWR's vice president for advancement, shared exciting Bible messages—right from her home.*

## GLOBAL RESPONSES

The messages we are receiving are truly inspiring. Here are just a handful:

**QATAR:** “Thank you for the detailed and satisfying answer to my questions. Amazingly, I have closely followed the Bible teachings now more than ever before with your presentations clearing many of the doubts I had before about Christianity. In the past, I have been a follower of God, but now I have some light of who God is and His plans for mankind. May God Almighty shine the light on me so I may know His truth.”

**IRAQ:** “I thank God for the opportunity to listen to AWR. I need Jesus and the Holy Spirit to fill my heart and change me so I can experience peace in my life.”

**SOUTH AFRICA:** “I’ve just finished listening to the authentic Seal of God presentation and I’ve heard the truth. My family and I struggle to keep the Sabbath. Please, can you pray for us?”

**ROMANIA:** “I contacted a friend from the USA. He is a well-known musician who is an agnostic and a skeptic. He is watching the series and asked me some questions about God and I answered them as best as I could. I pray the Holy Spirit works on his heart and on me to be a good friend.”

**THE PHILIPPINES:** “I believe that God has changed my heart. I accept Him as my Lord and Savior.”

**FROM AN ADVENTIST LISTENER:** “I am so blessed for watching the series *Unlocking Bible Prophecies*. My faith became stronger and I am now very sure that I belong to the true church and true flock of God.”

**USA:** “Last night for the first time I watched your episode, ‘The Great Controversy,’ and was able to download the first 12 episodes.”

**USA:** “I have been deeply touched by the presentations and have made a complete 180° turn. I grew up Adventist but I have not been in good and regular standing. During the pandemic, I started to yearn for fellowship and I found your series. What a blessed 14 days it has been!”



*A group of viewers who streamed our series from Ruacana, Namibia.*

**AUSTRALIA:** “I’ve just watched all your Bible prophecy shows. I really enjoyed them and understood them. I would like to be baptized as soon as possible. I live in Queensland, do you have any churches here?”

**NAMIBIA:** “We are 49 adults and several children who are gathering on a farm every day to listen to Cami’s presentations. We haven’t missed a single one!”

**USA:** “My husband works on Saturdays and his normal days off are Sunday and Monday. I also elected to have the same days off for our family. After listening to tonight’s broadcast, I realize that we need to make some changes. Please pray for me so we can do just that so we can honor the Sabbath starting Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset. Thank you.”

**UNKNOWN COUNTRY:** “I have been following the Hare Krishna religion for the past 12 years, and the Vedic religion and way of life. I have been very serious in my study, spending hours every day studying the Vedic scriptures and the Sanskrit language. I have given my life to the movement, moved into a temple and become a monk, a missionary and everything. Only since this past Sabbath did I start to seriously look at the message that ‘Jesus died for our sins.’ Ever since then, things have changed for me. But I am confused. As I have been studying Hare Krishna, many of the things I learned there seem to contradict the Bible and it is creating a divide in me. I plan to rewatch your videos, to really get an understanding of what is being said and learning from them. Thank you so much for this wonderful message.”

The messages continued, with thousands of prayer requests. The top concerns were family, health and financial problems. Anxiety and depression were also a frequent theme in their messages, and several suicides were prevented with prayer and words of hope from our staff and volunteers.

By the time the series was over, we had received and answered more than 15,000 messages, texts, phone calls and live chats. So far, more than 4,400 people have requested follow-up Bible studies.

The amazing thing is that this is an evangelistic series that keeps on giving, because all of Cami’s presentations are on our website—as well as YouTube and Facebook—to be viewed free of charge at any time, so the responses continue! Gone are the days when you had to purchase a set of VHS tapes or DVDs of an evangelistic series to share with others. Now all you have to do is share the link ([awr.org/bible](http://awr.org/bible)), and all the presentations can be viewed.

 **SHARE:** [awr.org/bible](http://awr.org/bible)





We would never have attempted this series had it not been for the pandemic. God can use the most adverse circumstances to reach people in the most unexpected ways.

And if we have learned anything, it's that the world is ripe for harvest! Evangelism is alive and well, because people are desperately running to and fro searching for the knowledge of God—a knowledge that God indicated would increase at the end of time. (Daniel 12:4)

We have a special prophetic message to share, and the world is ready to receive it. God is calling people from all walks of life. Jesus said, "Many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 8:11)

God is calling those people today. He invites us—you and me—to share in the plan of salvation by inviting them to that great feast that will soon take place. He is not calling only the spotless—He is calling all who are willing to come and receive His robe of righteousness.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing movement that is preparing the world for the soon coming of Jesus. What a day that will be when He returns and we can sit at that banquet table. We may have many regrets in life, but we will never regret having helped lead others to Jesus.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

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



Duane McKey  
*President*

P.S. What a time to be alive! Yes, there is extreme distress and desperate need in the world today, but opportunities to share the gospel message—our full prophetic message—are exploding! People want answers, and God's Word can provide them if we are just willing to share them. Thank you for making this worldwide series possible. We couldn't have done it without your prayers and support. Jesus is coming soon—and that's the greatest news of all!