

ASI Mid America Newsletter – October 2017

Note From our President – Barbara Taylor

Dear Mid America ASI members,

I pray that you had a wonderful summer and that those of you who attended the National ASI Convention in Houston, are still feeling the blessings. Sadly, shortly after our convention, Houston was inundated with floods and devastation. Our motto for next year is: "Mission Alert – Sound the Alarm." Seeing all the closing events around the world and here at home, we know that our mission is urgent. We must sound the alarm. Please plan on joining us for all the Rallies and Convention, as I know you will be inspired, encouraged, motivated and blessed.

Blessings, Barbara Taylor, Mid America ASI President.

Sharing Christ in the Marketplace

It is that time again to share news and updates with our ASI Mid America members and friends. We sincerely hope that the Lord is blessing you in your ministry efforts. ASI-MA is here to support you, encourage you, and be a resource for you. If you have any projects you are working on or mission related items, please feel free to share them with us. Send us your thoughts, ideas and comments to karenp@asi-ma.org. We store all our newsletters on our website at www.asimidamerica.org so that they may be shared with your friends, family, and churches.

Upcoming Rallies

ASI-MA is excited about the upcoming events that are scheduled for our Union. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend:

1. **Kansas City Rally** – will be held at the SDA Multicultural Church for the Community in Kansas City, Missouri, on Friday, November 17, 2017, and Sabbath, November 18th. Scott Ritsema from the Belt of Truth Ministries will be our featured speaker. See flyer.
2. **Lincoln, Nebraska Rally** – will be held at the Piedmont SDA Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Sabbath, February 24, 2017. Phillip Sizemore, SDA pastor from Springfield, Missouri, will bless us as our speaker. More to come on this!

MISSION ALERT SOUND THE ALARM!

“I must be about my
Father's Business”

Luke 2:29

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 17 & 18

SDA MULTICULTURAL CHURCH
9820 RAYTOWN RD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64134
2017 ASIMA RALLY

FRIDAY 6:30PM - HOW SATAN WILL USE MUSIC TO
DECEIVE THE LAST-DAYS MASSES

SABBATH - TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS

AFTERNOON 3:30PM - CONFORMED TO THE COUNTERFEIT REALITY

VESPER 6:30PM - HOW TO ESCAPE THE PLEASURE TRAP



Presentations By:

Scott Ritsema
Belt of Truth Ministries

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Upcoming Convention

2018 ASI-MA Annual Convention – will be held in Denver, Colorado, at the Ramada Plaza, from Thursday, April 12, 2018, through Sunday, April 15th. Our featured speakers will be **Pastor Peter Neri** from Las Vegas, Nevada, and **Jon Wood** from Jesus For Asia (JFA).



Pastor Peter Neri is a convert from Catholicism. At the age of 26, he attended an Evangelistic Meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, and was baptized following the meetings. He has taught church school, pastored for 35 years in six states, and has been Ministerial Director of the Indiana Conference. He is currently the Senior Pastor of the Paradise SDA Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. His wife's name is Jennie, and they have two married sons, Roland and Samuel, and three grand-dogs!

ASI-MA will be using the same sight to register for the Convention. To register go to: www.asimidamerica.org. Use ASI-MA for special rate.



Pastor Jon Wood

Jon Wood is President & Co-Founder of Jesus for Asia, Inc. with his wife, Natalie. JFA is an ASI Member SDA Supporting Ministry. They have passion for reaching the unreached and for re-engaging the church with foreign missions. They are parents of two children – James and Mary Ann.

When Jon was two months old, his parents took him to New Guinea where they were missionaries for five years. Jon has experienced mission fields in Africa and Asia, as well as North America.

JFA facilitates over 50 projects around Asia – including India, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, and other more closed countries. These projects cover areas of education, evangelism, missionaries, and media. He has also produced a 13-part series for the GC Office of Adventist Mission called "I Want This City," with Pastor E. Douglas Venn, who was church planting in Bangkok, Thailand, at the time. Check out more on their website: www.Jesus4Asia.org

ASIMA Ministry Highlight

Our ASI ministry member, Eden Valley Institute, will be sponsoring a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. They will be helping to renovate a building to be use as the Administrative Offices of the Bethel Institute in central Dominican Republic. They will also be holding a reaping evangelistic meeting for a church plant that currently is doing 50+ bible studies a week. A Week of Prayer will be conducted at the local church campus.

All are welcome to join them! The dates of the trip are November 13 – 28, 2017. The cost will be for airfare plus \$300 for in-country transportation, food, lodging, and outings. One of these outings will be to see the Old Town where Christopher Columbus built a house and church between 1511 – 1537 and to a white-sand beach. The \$300 can be sent to Eden Valley Institute, 9325 World Mission Drive, Loveland, CO 80538. If you are interested, please contact Leasa Hodges at leasach@gmail.com.

Ways to Pray for Missionaries

1. **Pray for Open Doors** – “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message.” Colossians 4:2-3
2. **Pray for Boldness** – “Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.” Ephesians 6:19
3. **Pray That God’s Work Will Spread** – “Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:1
4. **Pray for Protection** – “Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord.” 2 Thessalonians 3:2
5. **Pray for Effective Ministry** – “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5
6. **Pray for Travel** – “And then he told them, “To into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” Mark 16:15
7. **Pray for Refreshment** – “Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” Matthew 11:28-30
8. **Ask the Lord how to pray for them!**

Devotional

A GIFT FROM GOD

By Karen Phillips, ASIMA VP of Communication & Marketing

“At Gibeon, the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” 1 Kings 3:5

We've all had someone ask us at some point in our lives what gift we would like – be it for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc. Much of the time we don't give it much thought and say the first thing that comes to our minds. Usually it is some material possession or trip to a place we've always want to go.

But what if God asked you what you wanted? Wow! That would be amazing, wouldn't it? This is exactly what happened to Solomon. He answered God in 1 Kings 3:9, “So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” The Lord was pleased with this and stated He would give him a wise and discerning heart plus both wealth and honor that would equal none other. There was a condition on this gift though. God would give him a long life also if he would walk in obedience to Him and keep His decrees and commands as David, his father, did.

So, was wisdom the best thing to ask of God? Wouldn't it have been better for Solomon to have asked for a holy character? If we look at Solomon's life we can see that the apostasies he committed by marrying foreign wives and offering sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. Ellen White states in her book Education, Chapter 25, “Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings.” She goes on saying, “God's plan of life has a place for every human being. Each is to improve his talents to the utmost; and faithfulness in doing this, be the gifts few or many, entitles one to honor.”

Solomon had wisdom but he did not use this to build character. Since God has given man the gift of free choice, a holy character is something all can attain by the power of the Holy Spirit. But it is our choice – to pray and choose to build this character or not. We look at Solomon's choices and see that even all the wisdom from God could not save him. Salvation is dependent upon being committed to obeying God's laws and submitting to his commands.

Because of Solomon's misuse of God's gift, the twelve tribes of Israel were permanently divided into two kingdoms – the Northern and the Southern. It saddens us to read this, and we wonder if it could have been different. But as we apply these principles to our lives, we ask, “Are we using the gift of free choice to build our characters to glorify God?” If not, what divisions are happening in our lives or in our ministries because of this lack of a holy character?

Yes, the ultimate gift is God's gift of free choice. Let us ask Him to help us use it wisely here on earth so that we may have the character God desires us to obtain as we enter the heavenly kingdom.

Health Nugget

Benefits of Activated Charcoal



Miracle
Ingredient?

1. Poison Antidote
 - a. Has a negative electric charge – this is what causes positive charged toxins and gas to bond with it.
2. Detoxification of heavy metals
3. Relieve Gas and Bloating and reduces inflammation
 - a. Binds gas byproducts in foods
 - b. Cuts down on amount of gas produced by beans and other gas-producing foods
 - c. 2 capsules in between meals
4. Lowers cholesterol
5. Rids body of candida and parasites
6. Eliminates Tooth Stains
 - a. Absorb plaque and microscopic compounds that can change them
 - b. It changes the pH balance in the mouth
7. Cures a hangover and alcohol poisoning
8. Cleansing from the effects of toxic mold
9. Filtering water impurities
10. Promotes a healthier digestive system
 - a. Take 10 grams of AC about an hour and a half before each meal for 2 days
 - b. Up water intake – if weigh 180 pounds then drink 180 ounces of water
11. Clears your complexion
 - a. 1 capsule of AC, 2 tsp aloe gel, 2 drops tea tree oil
12. Prevents premature aging
 - a. Help support healthy adrenal glands.
 - b. Take two capsules each day following exposure to toxins
13. Treats bug bites, bee sting, mosquito bite, fire ant bite, spider bite, etc.
 - a. Mix a capsule with half a teaspoon of coconut oil

Drink ample amount of water throughout the day because it can cause dehydration and/or constipation.

Do not take any other supplements or medicines within a couple hours of taking AC.

COOKING FOR A HEALTHY LIFE

TEMPEH WITH BRUSSEL SPROUTS



1-2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL

1 MEDIUM ONION – DICED

3-4 CLOVES OF GARLIC – MINCED

1 PKG TEMPEH – CUT IN QUARTERS, THEN IN HALF, THEN IN SMALL PIECES

1 BAG OF BRUSSEL SPROUTS – WASHED AND CUT IN HALVES

2 CUPS OF BABY CARROTS – CUT IN SMALL WEDGES (optional)

LEMON JUICE – 2 TABLESPOONS

1 RED PEPPER – CUT IN LARGER CHUNKS (IF YOU DON'T HAVE RED, USE OTHER COLOR)

4 TABLESPOONS OF SOY SAUCE (or sea salt to taste)

½ CUP OF WATER

1-2 TABLESPOONS STONE GROUND MUSTARD

1 INCH PIECE OF FRESH GINGER – GRATED – SQUEEZE OUT JUICE

HANDFUL OF CASHEWS – as you like

Heat olive oil in large sauce pan and saute onions and garlic. Add tempeh and brown for several minutes stirring occasionally. Add Brussel sprouts and carrots & cover pan cooking for 5 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle lemon juice evenly over pan. Stir. Then add red pepper and cook an additional 2 minutes.

While cooking, mix together soy sauce, water, ground mustard, and grated ginger. After red pepper is cooked, pour mixture over pan. Gently stir in. Add cashews and cover – letting it simmer for a couple minutes. Serve with rice, noodles, quinoa, couscous, millet, etc. (Recipe by Karen Phillips)