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## ASDAO

### 2011 Convention June 15 - 20 Louisville, KY

Welcome to the River City! In preparation for the upcoming conference in beautiful Louisville, Kentucky, here is some information you may find helpful in making your travel arrangements.

**Hotel Info:** Please be sure to register early for your hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel located at 1620 Alliant Avenue, Louisville, KY. Reservations at the rate of \$99 + 15.1% tax (double room) per night are guaranteed up until **MAY 15**. Book online or over the phone at (502) 240-0035; [hiexpress.com/EXLOUISVILLEKY](http://hiexpress.com/EXLOUISVILLEKY) under the group name "ASDAO" or Liz Muhlenbeck.

**Activities:** Many activities are being planned that are great fun for the whole family. Louisville offers a diverse experience for all ages and interests. In the works is an afternoon trip to Churchill downs for a tour and a try at your luck with the horses. For more sports-minded activities, golfing and a tour of the famous Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory are in order. If you enjoy more adventurous exploring, Louisville offers many opportunities for antique shopping, museum hopping, and historical interests. Each morning, we'll get your engines revving with a walking club through Papa John's park and kids will enjoy the hotel's indoor pool and fitness center. And yes, we have some wonderful ice cream parlors in the area too!

**Continuing Education:** We are coordinating continuing education in cooperation with the Kentucky Optometric Association.

**Auxiliary Banquet:** Please let me know your preference for the annual banquet. We want to ensure that people's travel plans do not restrict them from participating in the auction.

**Pre-Registration Form:** Sending your pre-registration form below will help in planning group activities and child-care/kids activities. Please return them to Liz Muhlenbeck by **MARCH 15**.

(Please detach and mail to Liz Muhlenbeck, 2014 Waldner Court, Crestwood, KY 40014 by March 15)

### Pre-Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Preference:  Thursday Evening  Sunday Evening

Sign me up for Golf! (Sunday morning)

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At our convention in Atlanta Linda Sanders gave me information about a project she thought we might help with. I would need to contact Bob Butler at Heri Hospital, Tanzania to see what we can do to help. This contact took time. The following is part of Joy Butler's answer to my request for information and a full letter from Bob Butler.

We have already sent to Heri Hospital a new ophthalmoscope, retina scope and battery charger.

Joy states My husband has asked me to tell you about Heri Adventist Hospital in Tanzania where there is a newly trained optometrist. He is a national doctor trained and graduated and now needs equipment to do this specialized work. This is a cash-strapped hospital, as they all are, and the need for equipment is critical. Some equipment will be available in Africa but it would be great if you were able to get some equipment to Heri. We do not have funds to pay for any containers but if there was a way to send some smaller items, it could be helpful. Or, if you were willing to help raise funds to buy such equipment here in Africa, that would be very helpful too.

In December there will be a group of students from Southern Adventist University coming to do some volunteer administrative work in Tanzania for a few weeks. Some will go to Heri Hospital. It could be that they might be willing to bring some items with them.. I will make contact with coordinator, Braam Oberholster, to see if this is possible.

Thank you for your concern and ongoing support for Adventist Health System in Africa.

Joy Butler, Administrative Assistant  
Adventist Health System-Africa  
General Conference-East -Central Africa  
Division of Seventh-day Adventists  
(Following is a letter from Bob Butler, Joy's husband)

Heri serves an isolated and poor community in the extreme north west corner of Tanzania (TZ). I spent 10 days there last week assessing the needs and opportunities.

TZ has different levels of health professionals. There are 3 levels of nurses, enrolled nurses, registered nurses (3 year diploma) and degree nurses. The same applies to doctors. There are Clinical officers like nurse clinicians who deal with simple cases. There are Assistant medical officers, that are a little lower than a doctor and there are fully trained doctors.

For two years Heri sponsored an AMO to study eye surgery and related eye medicine. He can do regular surgery but not complicated cases. He needs to practice eye surgery ASAP so that he does not lose his skills. Heri has no equipment for eye surgery.

We would like to offer a complete eye service that would include optometry.

That would mean patients that come for eye elsewhere. I am told we can readily employ an optometrist. Rooms have been chosen to provide these services.

The cost of this equipment will exceed \$60,000, if it were purchased in TZ. We are looking for donated new or used equipment so that what remains to be bought is affordable. To put it in perspective the TZ government pays most of the medical staff salaries but not all. The funding for All other expenses comes from an appropriation from the Union (church 1.75% of tithe) and fees. For the year 2009 the fees total TZ Shillings 384,502,185 or US\$284,816, and the appropriation from the Union was TSh 236,129,676 or \$174,911. I think you can appreciate the relative high cost the equipment will be to the hospital. If the surgeon can perform eye surgery it will significantly improve the income of the hospital.

We are searching for donations and funds to obtain this equipment.

Sincerely, Bob Butler CEO - Adventist Health System

Heri Adventist Hospital, Tanzania, is near Lake Tanganyika which is the longest and second deepest freshwater lake in the world. It is a few Kilometers from the Burundi Border and about 70 Kilometers from Kigoma (old Ujiji) where Stanley found Livingstone.

I have ready to send: Binocular indirect ophthalmoscope, Volk lens 20, 78 and 90 diopter lens, super field lens, Schiotz tonometer, cross cylinder .50, Examination Loupe x2.5 mag.

We have given from Dr. Lori Balmer, a friend of Dr. John Eaton, an ophthalmic chair, slit lamp and a Haag-Striet tonometer. Getting these to Heri Hospital is a project I am working on.

Other things that have been requested by Heri hospital are a Auto-Keratometer-Refactor, A/B Scan Optikon. A/B Scan Model Hi Scan and accessories. Maybe you know an ophthalmologist who has a scanner. A new scanner would cost about \$12,000.00. Also a Scanoptics operating microscope with case FO161R, \$6,000.00.

I would suggest we raise money for miscellaneous equipment that has been requested, about \$2,500.00.

Following is the letter I mailed to Dr. Lori Balmer: On behalf of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists and the Health Ministry Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists I would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your ophthalmic chair, slit lamp and Haag-Striet tonometer are appreciated. At the present time Heri Adventist Hospital has an optometrist and needs any type of ophthalmic equipment.

Heri Adventist Hospital, Tanzania, is near Lake Tanganyika which is the longest and second deepest freshwater lake in the world. It is a few kilometers from Burundi Border and about 45 miles from Kigoma (old Ujiji where Stanley found Livingstone).

Sincerely,  
Lowell Meister, O.D.  
Assistant Director Visual Affairs

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Rolland Stickle, O.D.  
ASDAO President

Now that I am sure that you all have been working diligently on your previous assignments of promoting your ASDAO, and Optometry in general by:

-talking up the benefits and joys of belonging to our association and attending our conventions

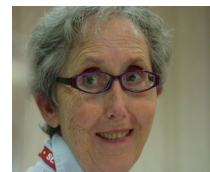
-promoting Optometry as a career to your academy and college friends and acquaintances and representing Optometry at academy and college career day if the opportunity is available

-making definite plans to attend our convention in Louisville this June.

Now, let me add one more bonus or benefit available through your association, Optometric mission trips. If you have never been on one, why are you waiting. It is an action packed experiences of adventure, service to less fortunate, witnessing and much more! I've never heard anyone who has been on one say that they would never go again. I've been on three of them - my adventures included a Taliban threat and a local (Cuban working in Honduras) M.D. who wanted me to donate our ophthalmoscope to him, so he could (I found out later) sell it to purchase drugs that were not for his medical practice. Sure it's a blessing, it's exciting and sure I would like to go again.

So if you are just beginning your career and have some extra time - or if your just ending your career and have some extra time - or if you're anywhere in between - contact Dennis Benedict, whose e-mail and phone # you find elsewhere in this astute journal

**From the Auxiliary  
President**



Carol Stickle

Once again we have passed another important date on our calendar. I hope that each of you have had a good Christmas

holiday and are enjoying the winter. Our next important date that involves all of you that are reading this is the convention in Louisville. We have traveled through that city but have not stopped to get to know the amenities that it offers.

In the last Fratenerizer we were given a "teaser" of what will be available to us. Whether you like antiquing, there is so much to see in the south, museum hopping or enjoying the green of the golf links, there is something that each of us would enjoy.

I applaud the organizing committee along with Liz in planning for us to use a nice hotle that is within the budget of most of us. We will be booking our stay very soon and hope that you will as well. Just a reminder that we do enjoy the auction. Let's plan for something fun and wonderful that anyone of us would like to take home with us, even though many of us are or wanting to downsize our homes. Looking forward to having you make the convention a very nice place to be in June.

Carol Stickle, Auxiliary President

**I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN LOUISVILLE**



## It's All About Jesus

by Madlyn Hamblin Printed in the Lake Union Herald

One day while viewing satellite TV, Eddy and Dennis Benedict heard Lee Venden preach about having a friendship with Jesus. Dennis says, "His preaching was encouraging, practical and uplifting." When Lee came to Battle Creek Tabernacle in November 2009, Dennis and Eddy decided to attend the opening meeting of Lee's "More About Jesus Revival Seminar." Dennis says, "We could not attend every meeting, so I ordered a set of the DVDs. After watching the series two times, I thought everyone should see these videos."

Rick and Caryn Jordan were at the Benedicts' house one Sabbath afternoon and watched a portion of one video, and they expressed interest in seeing more. Dennis recalls, "We prayed for God to impress us whom to ask to come to our home and watch the DVDs. We saw direct answers to prayer, and soon had a group of people who met most every Friday evening for three months." Out of that small group came a dramatic change of hearts, lives and attitudes.

As the weeks progressed, friendships grew and the group became more unified in learning more about Jesus. "Each member felt comfortable sharing their thoughts and concerns. We all grew spiritually because our friendship with Jesus grew stronger every day," Dennis said. "It was exciting to see how God was blessing everyone with a deeper, loving friendship with Jesus, and to hear how God was answering group members' prayers! I developed a friendship with each member. It was a great blessing having our 'family' together to share with each other weekly." Dennis believes the group was a great support personally and motivated him to have a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus—his Best Friend and Companion—all day long. He says he now enjoys "spending more time in Bible study and prayer to commune with Jesus."

Dennis prayed about how to share this information with more people in the church, and was impressed to share what he learned from the videos with his pastor, Gene Hall. Gene listened intently to Dennis's testimony and expressed an interest in the videos. The pastor enjoyed the first four presentations so much that he and his wife, Cindy, joined the Friday night small group meeting. "They watched most of the remaining videos with our group and were excited about sharing them with the church," recalls Dennis.

Gene told Dennis he wanted everyone to see the videos as soon as possible, so they made plans to show them for three weekends in May and June at the church. Since then, ten families began hosting meetings on different days and times during the week. Some groups have found that studying in the home setting is a great place to build friendships with non-believers and opens doors to renew friendships with members who haven't attended church for awhile. From his experience with the first small group, Dennis says he expects "to see new friendships [formed], increased church unity, increased interest in witnessing and helping with church work, including church offices and leadership." But most important, Dennis believes small group members will have "a continually growing friendship with Jesus who will change their lives."

Madlyn Hamblin lives in Tecumseh, Michigan. She is editor of the Jackson (Michigan) Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter. This story is adapted with permission from an interview between Madlyn Hamblin and Dennis Benedict, O.D., in the October 2010 issue.



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Qualified Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled in an accredited school of optometry in either the US or Canada and completing the 2nd year are eligible may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for the Jr. & Sr. year. You must apply for each year.

All documents must be received no later than JUNE 1. The recipient will be announced during the annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists held the end of June each year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to suspend the award if no candidates are judged to be outstanding in a given year.

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<b>2011</b> Salt Lake City, UT	June 15-19
<b>2012</b> Chicago	June 27-July 1
<b>2013</b> San Diego	June 26-30

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