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# THE WEST WEEKLY

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### A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

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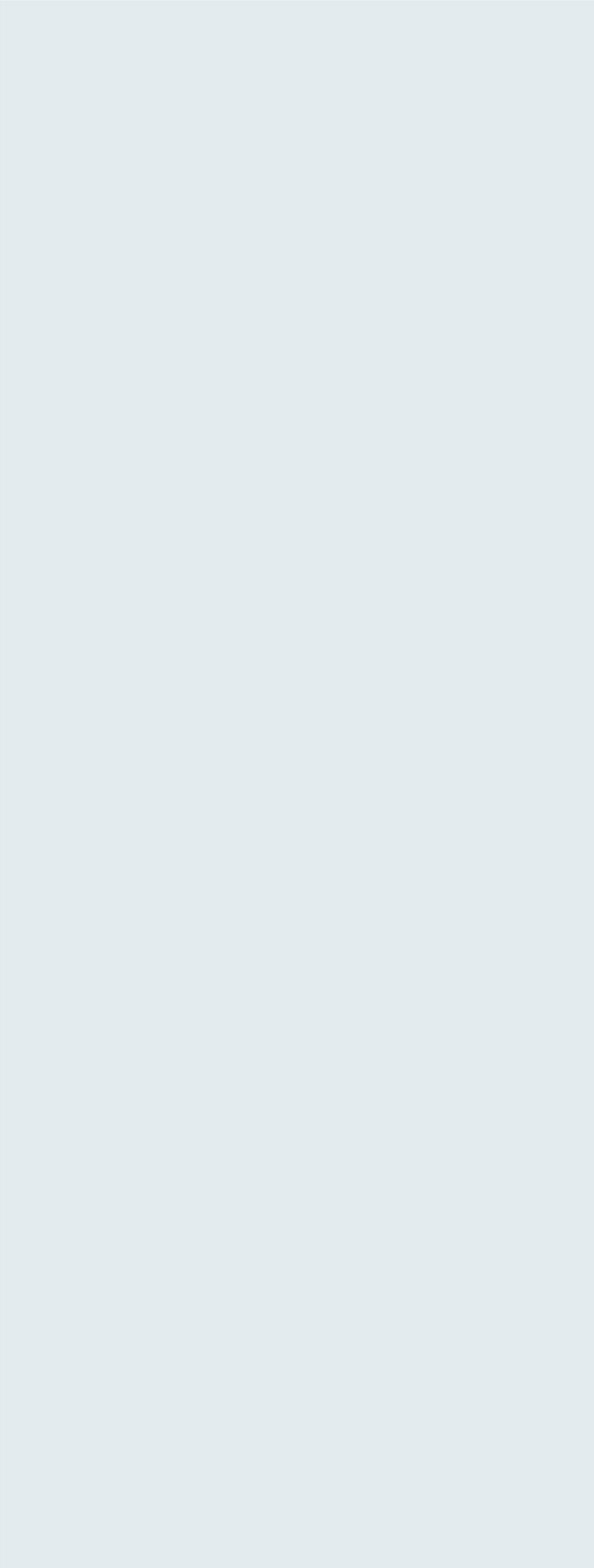


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MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA — The West Jamaica Conference has launched Operation Family First, a strategic evangelism initiative designed to move beyond traditional Tent and Church Campaigns and focus on personal, family-centered witnessing.



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# A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

*Hurricane survivor receives new roof through united church effort*



After winds reaching 185 mph tore through St. Elizabeth during Hurricane Melissa, Beverly Green's house was left almost completely destroyed; its roof ripped away, exposing her to the elements. Out of that devastation, however, a story of hope and compassion unfolded. Today, the elderly member of the Middlesex Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Lacovia District once again has a solid roof over her head and a place she can call home again.

overseas. Through their generosity, approximately \$400,000 was raised to reroof Sister Green's home making her one of the first residents in her community to have her house restored.

The reconstruction effort was led by Elder Findlay and Shawn Heath, while Ms. Pamela Heath provided meals that kept the volunteers energized throughout the long workdays. Support flowed in from across the island: volunteers from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ocho Rios, and the Moneague District of Churches traveled to St. Elizabeth to lend their time, labor, and financial support.

Led by Sister Hudson, the Ocho Rios contingent joined forces with other volunteers from St. Ann, to further strengthen the relief effort.



*The condition of Beverly Green's roof after the hurricane. :: Photo credit: Devon Heath*

Beverly Green has served her church faithfully for many years, working as Community Services Director, Prayer Ministries Coordinator, and a committed member of the church choir. A widow with no children, she faced the overwhelming loss alone until help arrived. During a post-hurricane damage assessment, Pastor Devon Heath, Personal Ministries Director of the West Jamaica Conference, discovered her situation. Deeply moved, he reached out to church members and friends both locally and



*Volunteers unload building materials from vehicle to begin the construction process. :: Photo credit: Devon Heath*

The director noted that even in the face of widespread destruction, the people of the affected communities continue to show remarkable strength.

“Many survivors have shared their personal stories of endurance, loss, and gratitude. Despite the devastation, the spirit of resilience among the people remains strong. They are smiling, adapting, and pressing forward with faith,” he said.

“The relief and recovery process must continue, not only to meet immediate needs but also to support long-term rebuilding and rehabilitation. This will require a national effort, supported by our diaspora brethren and friends worldwide.”



*Sis Beverly Green, member of the SDAC, Middlesex, lifts her hands in thanks for her newly constructed roof. She is one of the first residents in her community to receive a complete roof replacement since the passage of Hurricane Melissa. :: Photo credit: Devon Heath*

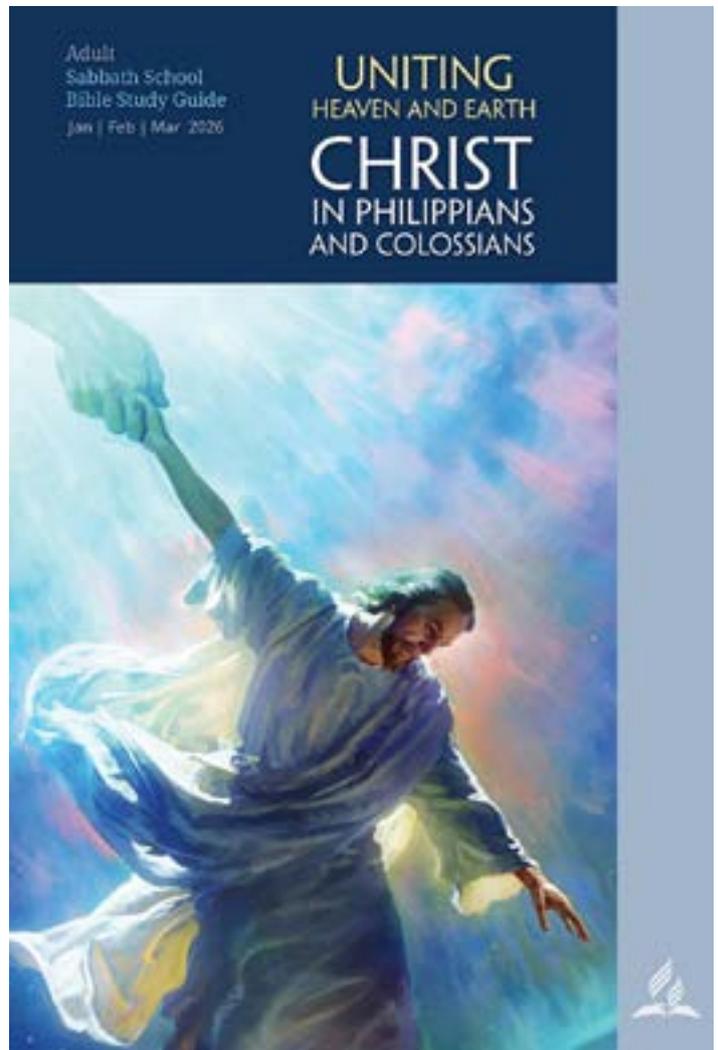
The director appealed for continued support. “We therefore make a heartfelt appeal to all who can assist; whether through donations, volunteerism, or prayer, to join us in this mission of hope and restoration.”

Grounding his message in Scripture, he added, “As followers of Christ, we are reminded of His words in Matthew 25, where He calls us to serve ‘the least of these.’ Together, we can bring healing, hope, and restoration to those affected by Hurricane Melissa.”

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NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

## ADRA Inter-America Charts Strategy To Grow Humanitarian Impact

Leadership plan prioritizes rapid response, stronger systems, and mission alignment.

Facing increasing humanitarian pressures across the Inter-American Division (IAD), the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Inter-America is entering what regional director Ruben Ponce describes as a critical phase of strengthening and renewal aimed at expanding the church's humanitarian reach while building sustainable institutional foundations.

From migration challenges and rapid urban growth to natural disasters and social vulnerability, Ponce says the region demands a response that is both spiritually grounded and professionally structured.



"Inter-America faces growing humanitarian realities," explains Ponce, who was recently appointed as ADRA Inter-America director. "ADRA is called to respond not simply as an aid organization, but as the professional humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, prepared, credible, and capable of serving communities with excellence."

## Leading in Emergency Response

One of ADRA Inter-America's strongest assets is its emergency response framework, developed in recent years to improve readiness across national offices, says Ponce. Since 2022, the system has enabled well-operated country teams to activate or prepare emergency response plans within 24 hours, a benchmark that places the region among the most responsive in ADRA's global network, he says.

The model has already demonstrated measurable impact such as ADRA Mexico, for example, has rapidly scaled organized disaster responses in recent years, becoming one of the most active and structured emergency responders in the worldwide ADRA system.



"Our emergency system is designed for speed and coordination," Ponce says. "That level of readiness allows us to move quickly when lives are disrupted. It places Inter-America among the strongest regions globally in emergency preparedness."

Strengthening this system remains a priority, with plans to expand training, coordination, and operational readiness across more national offices.

## Building Strong Institutional Foundations

Beyond emergency response, Ponce emphasizes that sustainable humanitarian impact depends on strong institutional structures.

A key short-term objective is expanding accreditation and verification processes to ensure national ADRA offices meet international operational standards. These standards promote accountability, transparency, and professional governance, critical elements for

sustaining long-term partnerships and accessing funding opportunities, he says.

According to Ponce, ADRA Inter-America plans to begin accreditation and verification work for four



country offices this year as part of an effort to double the number of certified offices in the territory. With four offices—Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, and Venezuela—already fully accredited, leaders expect to add four more in the coming years.

## Strategic Framework for the Next Five Years

Ponce explains that ADRA Inter-America's direction is guided by a multi-year framework designed to strengthen institutional capacity while expanding mission impact.

"This executive framework outlines the essential elements of the plan," Ponce says, "designed to guide strategic decision-making, strengthen institutional unity, and ensure the Church's mission remains sustainable, visible, and relevant through ADRA." "These priorities are about creating systems that endure," adds Ponce. When structures are strong, humanitarian service becomes more effective, consistent, and mission-centered, he says.



“Our focus now is strengthening the foundational structures,” Ponce says. “Without solid structures, humanitarian work risks becoming temporary. Accreditation ensures credibility, responsibility, and sustainability.”

Where full accreditation is not immediately feasible, ADRA Inter-America is developing an operational licensing framework that allows national offices to function responsibly under defined standards while progressing toward verification. Coordinated with ADRA International and another world division, this initiative provides a practical pathway for strengthening offices that operate with more limited infrastructure while maintaining accountability and institutional alignment.

This effort also includes updating governance agreements between ADRA and church unions, clarifying roles, and aligning operations with regional mission priorities.

Looking ahead, ADRA Inter-America’s multi-year strategy includes building a more robust regional structure to support program development, monitoring, emergency coordination, and communication.



The plan also envisions establishing specialized representation hubs designed to strengthen partnerships with international donors and humanitarian organizations. These hubs would enhance the region’s ability to secure resources, coordinate large-scale initiatives, and support national offices.

“This is about preparing ADRA for the future,” Ponce explains. “We want a structure capable of sustaining growth, expanding partnerships, and delivering professional humanitarian service across the territory.”  
Integrating Mission and Humanitarian Service

A defining element of ADRA Inter-America vision is deeper integration between ADRA and the broader mission life of the church. He envisions collaboration

with local congregations, Adventist universities, and volunteer networks to position humanitarian service as a central expression of faith.

“The goal is not only to strengthen an organization,” Ponce says, “it’s to strengthen how the church serves. ADRA should be present wherever there is need, working alongside ministries, youth, education, and health initiatives to transform communities.”

Professional volunteer engagement, especially through Adventist educational institutions, is expected to play a growing role in expanding outreach.



Ponce describes the current period as both demanding and full of potential. While humanitarian challenges are intensifying, he believes Inter-America’s strong church presence and community networks provide a powerful platform for growth.

“This is a moment of reinvention,” he said. “The challenges are real, but so is the opportunity to build something stronger, more professional, and more impactful for the future.”

For Ponce, ADRA’s mission ultimately extends beyond church membership.

“Our responsibility is to serve people,” he said. “Every community we reach reflects God’s compassion in action. When we strengthen our structure, we expand our capacity to change lives.”

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**February 11, 2026 | Miami, Florida, United States  
| Libna Stevens, Inter-American Division News**

# JOB VACANCIES



West Jamaica Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

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# CALENDAR OF MISSION 2026

FEBRUARY

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|------|---|-------|---|
| 1-28 | <b>CELEBRATIONS - Emphasis on Exercise</b>                                    | 15-21 | <b>Christian Home and Marriage Week</b>   |
| 1-28 | <b>Stewardship - Emphasis on Man as Manager</b>                               | 17-18 | <b>Jamaica Union Conference Session</b>   |
| 1    | <b>Parish Connect - St. Elizabeth</b>   | 18    | <b>Public Holiday - Ash Wednesday</b>   |
| 1    | <b>Launch of Parish-based EYEs Mentorship Training Series</b>                 | 21    | <b>Operation Family First, Living the Mission Baptism Day</b>                   |
| 1    | <b>Communion with God - Hour of Prayer</b>                                    | 21    | <b>Elders' Appreciation Day/ Elders' Certification</b>                          |
| 7    | <b>Community Services Day</b>   | 22    | <b>Clerks, Auditors, Treasurers, Elders &amp; Pastors' Workshop - St. James</b> |
| 7    | <b>Lay Preachers &amp; Bible Workers' Federation Rally - St. Elizabeth</b>    | 22    | <b>Prayer Breakfast - Security Forces</b>                                       |
| 8    | <b>Online Trust Services Workshop</b>   | 28    | <b>Convention - Westmoreland</b>  |
| 8    | <b>Parish Connect - Westmoreland</b>  | 28    | <b>UNASSIGNED (other parishes)</b>  |
| 10   | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>  |       |   |
| 14   | <b>Church Clerk 7th Sabbath Attendance Count</b>                              |       |   |
| 14   | <b>UNASSIGNED</b>   |       |   |
| 15   | <b>Clerks, Auditors, Treasurers, Elders &amp; Pastors' Workshop - Hanover</b> |       |   |
| 15   | <b>Online Child Preacher's Training</b>                                       |       |   |
| 15   | <b>Parish Connect - Hanover</b>   |       |   |
| 15   | <b>Pastors &amp; Elders Mission Seminar - Westmoreland</b>                    |       |   |

# CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

## WEST CONFERENCE PARISH CONFERENCE

Theme: "GROUNDED IN FAITH, FOCUSED ON THE MISSION, BRINGING HOPE"

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Seventh-day  
Lucea, Hanover

February  
**15**

**CANCELLED**



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# JAMU EVENTS

FEBRUARY

## CLOSING NOTICE

The Offices of the Jamaica Union Conference will be closed from **Tuesday, February 17** to **Thursday, February 19, 2026**, to facilitate our Union Session.

We will reopen on Monday, **February 23, 2026**.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted.



Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
JAMAICA UNION CONFERENCE

# CONFERENCE EVENTS

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WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

**OPERATION FAMILY FIRST**  
Church Officers Reaping Initiative(CORI)/CELP

## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER & Witnessing

**JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

-  Each church member should choose seven (7) non-Seventhday Adventist family members to fervently pray for each day.
-  Each department should be assigned a special day to give leadership.
-  Each church member should earnestly work to lead at least one family member to Christ in baptism and nurture.
-  Recommended prayer times: **6 a.m. | 12 P.M. | 6 p.m.**  
(Participants may choose other convenient prayer times.)
-  The grand baptism day for every family to celebrate at least one from each family is **February 21, 2026.**

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# CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



West Jamaica Conference  
invites you to

## Latter Rain Mission Convention 2026

**Theme:**

GROUNDING IN THE BIBLE, FOCUSED ON  
THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE

Starting @ 9:15 a.m.

### CONVENTION SITES:

February  
**28**

#### WESTMORELAND

Seventh-day Adventist  
Church, Footprints  
Westmoreland

March  
**7**

#### ST. ELIZABETH

Seventh-day Adventist  
Church, Santa-Cruz  
Main Street, Santa Cruz  
St. Elizabeth

March  
**14**

#### HANOVER

Seventh-day Adventist, Lucea  
Lucea, Hanover

March  
**28**

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# YOUTH DEPARTMENT

MARCH



communion  
in action

GLOBAL YOUTH DAY 2026

MARCH 21ST, 2026



# EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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With Pastor

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6:45 P.M.

**7**

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SATURDAYS  
**@ 9:00 A.M.**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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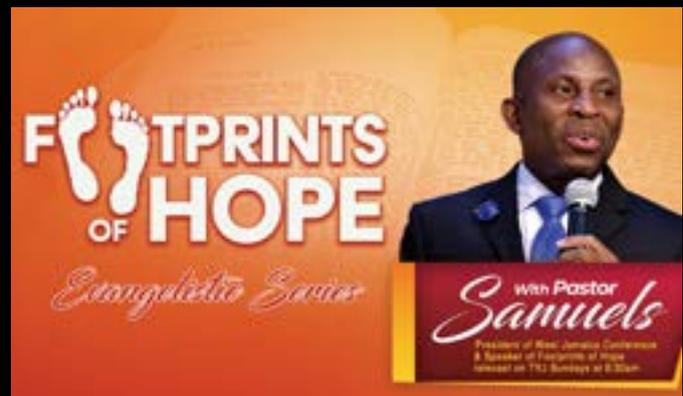
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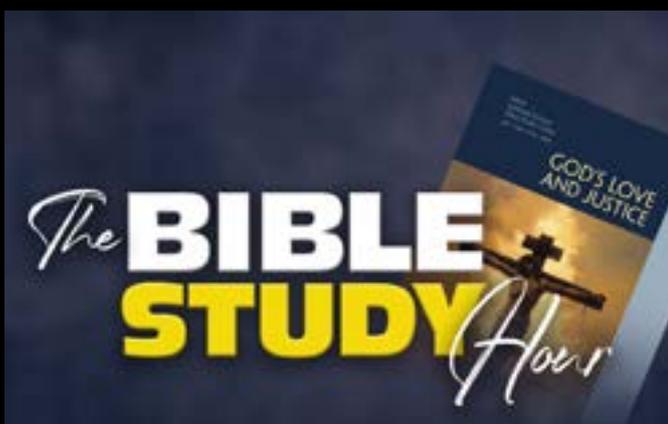
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Online Worship Experience || Morning Session || Sabbath, February 7, 2026



Footprints of Hope | with Pastor Glen O. Samuels



Bible Study Hour || 1st Quarter || Lesson 7 February 14, 2026



Stewardship 360 || Playlist || 2026

# WHAT HAPPENED WHEN GOD CHOSE A CAREER PATH FOR ME

HOW A HESITANT STUDENT CAME ACROSS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT THE ARABIC HOPE CHANNEL.



The studio of Al-Waad (the Arabic Hope Channel), on the campus of Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon. [Photo: Marcos Paseggi, Adventist Review]

I've been working at Al-Waad (the Arabic Hope Channel) for almost two years now, but my journey here didn't start in the media. I first studied accounting at Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon, then stopped and moved into electromechanics and general electricity. At that point I was simply looking for a side job. Roni Haddad, an Al-Waad employee back then, recommended me and introduced me to Moises Cordova, Al-Waad's audiovisual manager.

When I started, I honestly didn't know anything about audiovisual work. I loved taking pictures, but I had no experience with video editing, recording, or hosting. The beginning was very hard. The learning curve was steep—but over time, something clicked. I remember thinking, I see myself here. I can find myself here.

## A Momentous Decision

That's when I decided to switch my major to graphic design. My studies helped me understand the tools, software, and creative process, but the real learning happened on the job, through daily practice.

As I worked, I became aware of how effective and impactful this work is to ministry, and I longed to see digital ministry expand in my home country of Egypt. Now this is more than a job for me; it is a calling, and everything I do—studying, working, and gaining experience—is focused on preparing to build the work in Egypt.

A big part of digital ministry and my own journey has been figuring out how to reach people—what topics to talk about, where to post, and how to grab attention. Many ideas didn't work. For example, one video showed a boy holding a Bible and saying, "This is your way, your life," but it didn't explain what that meant or how to start reading, and it didn't reach many people. Other videos sounded too commanding; instead of inviting curiosity, they didn't engage the audience well, either.

## Finding a Formula That Works

Recently something unexpected happened: One topic began drawing

more engagement than everything else combined. On November 12, while checking video insights, I noticed one short had reached about 1,000 views—far more than usual. I immediately called Moises and said, "We figured out something that works."

The video was very simple: a short quote from an audiobook about angels helping people in the end-times.



At first we had posted it only on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. Later, when we started using TikTok, the views grew even more. Within a week the video passed 1,700 views, and we knew it was time to focus more on angel-related content.

YouTube recognized Al-Waad when they surpassed 100,000 subscribers.

[Photo: Marcos Paseggi, Adventist Review]

We found an Ellen G. White compilation on angels, which Moises shared in English, and I translated into Arabic for our program called "Beauty of the Word." With no budget, we had to be creative about how to present the content. Moises suggested collaborating with Jessica, a vlogger with more than 3,000 followers. She agreed to help write scripts in her own style and record videos. Recording finally started on November 27, and we posted daily.

## Amazing Results

The results were beyond anything we expected. The first video posted on December 2 reached more than 1,800 views in two days. By the end of the week, some platforms passed 2,000 views, setting a new kind of record for Al-Waad.

To test whether people were watching because of the presenter or the content, we had an Al-Waad colleague, Shereen, who had never been on camera before, record videos. Her video reached 3,300 views on YouTube, confirming that the increased views were less about the influencer and more about the content itself.

Our plan now is to create more videos with Jessica, and others with Shereen, that follow the book's chapters. So far we've completed three chapters with Jessica and are continuing to build content with Shereen.

I am grateful for God's leading in my vocational life in ways that enable me to share hope with others in effective ways.

Abanoub,\* Middle East and North Africa Union, and Adventist Review

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