



## Nothing to Fear

**This is the sixteenth installment of a multi-part series taken from Bob DuPuy's book, *Nothing to Fear: The Story of Seventh-day Adventism in the Dakotas*, published in 1983.**

### CHAPTER 5: The Work is Onward - Part 6

In the meantime, the Minnewaukan church was prospering, and under the direction of its Sabbath School superintendent, had organized a "Minnewaukan Missionary Acre Club", with twenty-three persons setting aside portions of land planted in wheat, beans, potatoes, etc., the profit from which was to be donated to the church.<sup>49</sup>

As the work became more thoroughly organized, at a general meeting and workers' institute in Fargo in 1897 the several areas of the work, corresponding loosely to the present departmental structure were given consideration and plans for advancement were laid. Regarding pastoral and evangelistic work, it was decided that each ordained minister would team up with a licensed minister and visit each church, company, and isolated Sabbath-keeper in two months' time, then move into new areas.<sup>50</sup>

In the same year, Fargo received evangelistic attention and the church was strengthened, and a visitor to the Jamestown camp meeting, J.N. Loughborough was impressed with the progress of the work in North Dakota.<sup>51</sup>

Two of the areas entered in 1898 were Belfield (Stark County) and Larimore, where in each case some degree of interest was found. By camp meeting there were an estimated five-hundred Seventh-day Adventists in North Dakota.<sup>52</sup>

The church in Bismarck was growing stronger in these final years of the nineteenth century, thanks in part to the presence of a resident pastor Elder Ells, who lived on the lower floor of a building rented for church meetings at a cost of six dollars per month. "The Hall" - affectionately so named by the members - was located at 408 Third Street. Membership in the Sabbath School had grown from nine or ten to a membership of thirty by 1899, and the church was quite involved in missionary work.<sup>53</sup>

A news note in the March 17, 1899, *Review* mentions the organization of a church of thirty-nine members at South Sykeston (Sykeston is in Wells County, this area was probably in Stutsman County). This was probably the New Home church, in spite of New Home's clerk's record book's organization date of January 1901. The number of charter members on the books is thirty-eight, corresponding closely to the *Review* report.<sup>54</sup> And the

location of New Home's church at that time seems very likely to have been called South Sykeston, since New Home did not get its name until several months later. The discrepancy in the date could be a mistake in recollection as clerks and clerk's books changed over the years, or perhaps a company was organized in 1889 and a church in 1901; early reports were often unclear on the difference.

The earliest reports of Christian education in North Dakota are from this period, at the close of the nineteenth century. The first is from Mary Tallman Staddon, who taught a church school near Hankinson in the winter of 1899. Most of the eight students came from two families who lived a short distance apart. They built a 10 x 12-foot shanty between their homes for the church school and furnished it with crude homemade desks, a blackboard, and a wood stove in which Mary had to start a fire each cold winter morning.

Both she and Maude Weller Bolton, who taught the following year at Minnewaukan's church school, received fifteen dollars per month plus room and board, which was provided by "boarding 'round" with the families of their students, a few weeks in each home.

Mrs. Staddon told of a conference worker who visited the Hankinson school and encouraged the school board to reduce the teacher's exorbitant salary to twelve dollars a month, but the board refused.

Her students, possibly the first church school students in North Dakota, were Ruth, Rhoda, Orpha, and Hazel Strong, Lillian and Rachel Balsor, and Hilda and Johnny Johnson.

Since none of the homes in which Maude Weller "boarded 'round" were close to the school, one of the parents rigged a "covered wagon" sleigh for her to travel to and from school. She and her fifteen students spent two school terms in the little Minnewaukan church school.

Both teachers lived to see some of their North Dakota students become missionaries and other church workers.<sup>55</sup>

At the turn of the Twentieth Century, Adventist believers in the northwestern portions of the state were calling for help. In 1900 a Scandinavian church was organized at Kenmare in Ward County, with seventeen charter members plus fifteen children and four youth, by Elders Henry B. Johanson and W.T. Millman, Dakota Conference President.<sup>56</sup> During the same period, a church was possibly organized at Mohall (Renville County), probably also Scandinavian.<sup>57</sup>

In addition, a church had possibly been organized at Antelope in Stark County by 1902, perhaps incorporating some of the families from Gladstone and Richardton.<sup>58</sup> (See Chapter 8 for another possible location.)

Three camp meetings were scheduled for 1902, at Carrington (Foster County), Arvilla, and Minot (Ward County). At the Carrington session, on June 24, 1902, the North Dakota Conference was organized with 638 members and 22 churches in virtually every area of the state.<sup>59</sup> Truly, as the pioneers so often reported in the columns of the *Review*, the work was "onward!"

49. *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, July 28, 1896, 475.

50. *Ibid.*, December 21, 1897, 817.

51. *Ibid.*, April 13, 1897, 236, 237, July 6, 1897, 427.

52. *Ibid.*, May 13, 1893, 289; September 20, 1898, 609.

53. *Ibid.*, January 24, 1899, 61; History of Bismarck church compiled from church records and member recollections, 1969.

54. History of New Home Church, compiled from church records and member recollections, 1954.

55. Ethel Young (compiler), *Pictures From the Past* (Washington D.C.: Education Department, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, undated manuscript) 25-28.

56. History of Kenmare church, compiled from church records and member recollections, 1970.

57. See Chapter 7 for the basis of this speculation.

58. See Chapter 7 for a discussion of this and other possible origins and locations of the Antelope church.

59. *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, July 22, 1902, 18,19.

**Next time from *Nothing to Fear*:**

**Chapter 6, "In the Providence of God" - Part 1 by Robert K. DuPuy**

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## Good News and Bad News

"I have Good News and Bad News." My earliest memory of this trope was at the dinner table with my family. We were living in Georgia at the time, and I had just started getting used to life there. I had friends at church and school. One day my dad decided to take the family out for a fancy dinner. He and Mom had strange looks on their faces the entire time that I did not trust. While my brothers and I were eating they dropped the phrase, "Kids, we have good news and bad news." I started to feel uneasy. Despite the existence of good news, the fear of the bad news overwhelmed me.

Do you prefer to hear the bad news first or the good news? I prefer the bad news first so I can leave things on a good note! My father gave me the bad news first: He was being deployed. This was unfortunate because things

were harder when dad was not home. But then he told me the “good news”: We would only be apart for 6 months, because my entire family would be joining him and moving to Ansbach Germany. Now this might sound like good news to some of you, but as a ninth-grade teenage who was just getting used to life this good news was WORSE news.

I ended up enjoying my time in Germany, but this experience at dinner made me think of something. Why do we use the good news and bad news trope? What is the point? I believe the reason is to lessen the blow of the bad news. But in reality the good news is not really that helpful unless it balances out or overpowers the bad news.

In Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 we learn:

- “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless” (verse 1).
- Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever (verse 4).
- All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing (verse 8).
- No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them (verse 11).

The reason life lacks meaning is because we DIE! Whether from old age or tragic accidents, death comes. It does not matter if you become the smartest, strongest, most powerful, or most popular person on earth because it only lasts until you take your last breath. Death is something that comes to everyone.

**The bad news:** You are dying! Biologists tell us that every day, to some extent, each of us are dying. Every cell and atom that is currently in our bodies will die off within the next seven years. In essence, we are experiencing a daily dying of our physical being.

**The good news:** You are being restored! Just as the cells and atoms in our bodies are dying, likewise new ones are being created to take their place. Every seven years, you completely become a different person. So, when someone tells you that you are not the same person you use to be, there is a whole lot of truth in it. I find this whole idea of our bodies continuously dying and being restored a rather refreshing thought. Especially since we know that through diet, exercise, rest, and overall healthier living we can boost this restoration process! But even with this good news, we will eventually experience the bad news.

In 2 Corinthians 5:11-19 we see something different. Jesus changed everything! We learn that Christ died for all and therefore all died. Those that claim that promise get to live for Him - the one who died for them and was raised from the dead! Verse 17 proclaims the best news we have been waiting for, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

**The best news:** You do not have to wait seven years to be made a “new person”! And this time, the “new person” will live forever. The Bible says if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a NEW creature; old things are passed away; all things become new. This best news does not soften the blow of the bad news...this best news reigns victorious! When we share news let’s remember to share the best news, above all else!

*Worship Thoughts by Pr. Marveen Gentillon, associate pastor of the Hermosa / Rapid City / Spearfish church district.*

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## Dakota Campmeeting: June 9-12, 2021

To see speaker bios and register for a room online, visit: [www.dakotaadventist.org](http://www.dakotaadventist.org)



In 2021 all adult seminars and meetings will be held in the gymnasium. Because of the new wood floor, only the school-owned folding metal chairs can be used as they are capped to prevent scratches. Attendees may want to bring a chair cushion to enhance their experience.

Campmeeting 2021 will be livestreamed. To find, type the following into your computer/device's internet browser: [dakotaadventist.org/campmeeting](http://dakotaadventist.org/campmeeting)

Or visit the Conference website at: [www.dakotaadventist.org](http://www.dakotaadventist.org) > Communities > Campmeeting

<b>Dakota Campmeeting 2021</b>				
<b>Day / Time</b>	<b>Wednesday - 9th</b>	<b>Thursday - 10th</b>	<b>Friday - 11th</b>	<b>Sabbath - 12th</b>
<b>7:30 - 8:15</b>		<b>Breakfast Served in Cafeteria</b>		
<b>8:30 - 9:45</b>		Ed Dickerson "Written for You!"	Elder Ron Carlson "The Autopsy of a Dead Church"	<b>9:15 - 10:45</b> Sabbath School "New Covent Sanctuary"  <b>10:50 - 12:20</b> Church Service Dr. Chris Holland "Hope Lives"
<b>9:45 - 10:00</b>		<b>15-Minute Break</b>		
<b>10:00 - 11:15</b>		Richie & Timi Brower "God's Design for Marriage"	Ed Dickerson "From Bible Tourists to Bible Travelers"	
<b>11:15 - 11:30</b>		<b>15-Minute Break</b>		
<b>11:30 - 12:40</b>		Elder Ron Carlson "Church Health is Not an Accident"	Richie & Timi Brower "Our Extreme Marriage Makeover"	
<b>12:30 - 1:30</b>	<b>Check-in Begins</b>	<b>Lunch Served in Cafeteria</b>		
<b>2:00 - 3:15</b>		Ed Dickerson "Stories Within Stories"	Elder Ron Carlson "Priorities of a Healthy Church"	<b>2:00 - English Room</b> Anointing Service  <b>3:00 - 5:00</b> Round Table Richie Brower, Timi Brower, Ron Carlson, Ed Dickerson, Chris Holland, Mark Piotrowski, Facilitator, Mark Weir
<b>3:15 - 3:30</b>		<b>15-Minute Break</b>		
<b>3:30 - 4:15</b>		Richie & Timi Brower "Converting Our Marriages"	Dr. Mark Piotrowski "Reigniting God's End Time People"	
<b>4:15 - 5:30</b>		<b>Free Time</b>		
<b>5:30 - 6:15</b>		<b>Supper Served in Cafeteria</b>		
<b>7:00 - 8:30</b>	Dr. Chris Holland "Our Only Hope"	Dr. Chris Holland "Challenging Hope"	Dr. Chris Holland "Hope Reignited"	<b>7:00 - 9:30</b> Hall of Remembrance Music Concert: The Emmanuel Quartet Closing Remarks
<b>8:30 - 9:30</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>			
Sabbath Schedule Differs; Sundown is 9:37; ABC opens 9:45				

## Children & Youth Ministries 2021

Departments	Cradle Roll / Kindergarten	Primary	Juniors	Youth	Young Adults
<b>Leaders</b>	Brienne Engelhart	Pr. Roy Morris	Pr. Darrel Lindensmith	Pr. David Werner	Pr. Kris de Bruin
<b>Age Location</b>	Birth - 5 years History Room	Ages 6 - 9 Choir Room	Ages 10 - 12 Band Room	Ages 13 - 17 Upper Chapel	Ages 18 - 30 Girls' Dorm Chapel
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	7:00 - 8:30	7:00 - 8:30	7:00 - 8:30	7:00 - 8:30	NA
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	9:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	9:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	10:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	NA
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	9:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	9:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	10:00 - 12:00 2:00 - 5:00 7:00 - 8:30	7:00 - 8:30
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<b>Please pick up young children at close of meetings.</b>					

## Small Groups

One thing we as a church lacked all through 2020 was fellowship with one another. With a whole year of lacking in that area I thought it would be important to have that back at the forefront once it was safe. I began mulling over the idea of our Mandan Church having a small groups ministry. Thinking about what it would look like and how it would happen, I began to pray on it. Small groups seemed like the perfect way to get us back to fellowship opportunities and to encourage one another, so I set out to gauge the interest of the Church. I received enough responses back and suggestions for groups that I began planning. The Lord really supplied the next steps. Without needing to ask anyone, leaders began stepping forward. Before I knew it we had a bible study group, a walking group, a women's group, and a men's group - all with passionate leaders ready to go headfirst into the ministry. Our small groups ministries have been meeting for about a month now and they have been just what our church family in Mandan needed. It was amazing to see the Holy Spirit work so intently in this ministry.

Small groups were how Jesus operated. The twelve Disciples was in fact a small group that learned together and did ministry. Is there a better example to follow than what Jesus did for ministry? Yes He did preach corporately, but the primary impact of His ministry was made through small groups and relationships with people. I encourage you to try a small group within your church or community. Even the simple practice of diving into scripture with a smaller, more intimate group will lead to amazing results. Praise God for small groups!



## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

*Article by Pr. Jason Woll, associate pastor of the Goodrich / Mandan / McClusky / Turtle Lake church district.*

## Jesus, Our Best Friend

He came into my classroom like a watermelon seed, sweet, but when you tried to contain him he would squirt away. It was a little after the beginning of the school year when he joined our school. Most of the curriculum he did easily, however our Bible class was geared mostly for standard Seventh-day Adventist students. He was neither standard nor Adventist.

We have a tradition in our classroom to have a “class pastor” every day who says morning, lunch and dismissal prayers, and gets to be line leader all day. It’s an honor to be the pastor on your day. Of the seven students in our room, four had never prayed or had any idea what it meant. He was one of these. To change this I start out praying for them, then after a time we do echo prayers, this is where I pray a phrase and they echo it, then it progresses to them starting the prayer and me filling in any gaps, and so it went. I thought he was doing well.

Then one day not to long after he arrived, we were talking about Jesus' soon return when I said, “Won’t we be glad when Jesus comes?” Then he blurts out, “I don’t know Jesus, but my dad is coming to visit this weekend and that’s cool!”

I made a shift in Bible plans.

We started at the very beginning of who God is, what He has done for us, and how very much He loves us - all



with lots of stories and projects. Soon he, and all the others, learned to pray and were so happy to be learning about “our best friend Jesus” and His love for us.

Sad to say tough times came into this little man’s life. The family was going through some changes, yet he always came to school cheerful and eager to learn, especially about his new friend Jesus. Soon he was saying prayers that made my eyes water and he would boldly stand up proclaiming to all his love for Jesus. And so we ask for your continued prayers for our church schools as we all go on learning about “Our Friend Jesus”.



*Article by Betty Hay, lower grades teacher at IHAS. Photo by Janna Wright, head teacher.*

## **Work Bee at Flag Mountain Camp**

Sunday, May 30 dawned clear and bright - perfect conditions for the 2021 spring work bee at Flag Mountain Camp (FMC).

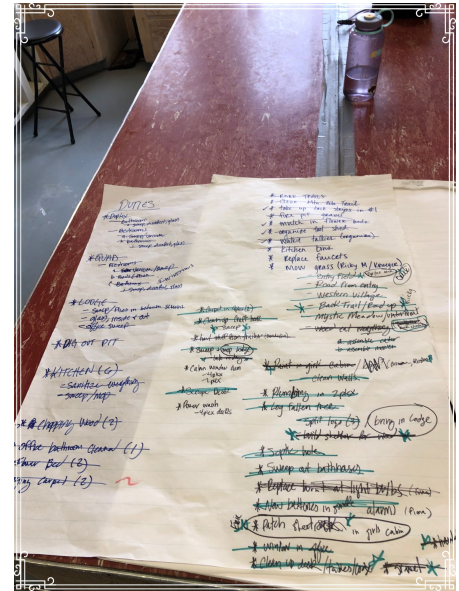
Located deep in the Black Hills of South Dakota, traveling to FMC involves driving a fair distance on winding, gravel roads and, for almost the last two miles, a rugged forestry service trail. This trip alone qualifies attendees as dedicated individuals who care about this camp and the ministry it offers young people.

Already on campus were students from Pine Tree Academy in Maine, who had arrived several days earlier as part of their senior class trip. Working with Dakota Conference youth ministries leadership, the students had already made progress working around the camp between day trips to see the various attractions of the Black Hills. Joining the students Sunday were about 20 members from local churches, volunteers of a variety of ages



helping improve the camp with their hands, backs and hearts. One local church member volunteered to stay for the remainder of the week to paint the lodge's deck.

Practically every type of construction skill was available, including carpentry, plumbing, and floor covering. Work on the boy's dormitory showers was already in progress, promising a beautiful and modern upgrade. Other improvements included cleaning and organizing buildings, mowing and trimming the grounds, clearing and splitting logs for firewood, and one crew that worked removing fallen timber and logs from Castle Creek to allow the youth campers a clear path for kayaking. One member brought out a track-hoe to get started on the new septic system. At the end of the day, it was easy to see that Flag Mountain Camp was a much improved environment – and volunteers slept well that night after a hard day's work!



Thanks to all who took the day to volunteer their labor for this project. You've made a difference in helping provide a safe and beautiful environment for this vital youth ministry!



Article by Mark Seibold, Dakota Conference VP of finance and member of the Flag Mountain Camp Committee. Photos by Brooke Melendez, camp director, and teachers from Pine Tree Academy.



## Youth and Young Adults - Summer Camp Message

If your child would like to attend camp and has not yet registered, please get them registered as soon as possible. Our camps are filling up and we are anticipating a full and fun summer. **Registration will close at Midnight on June 9, 2021.** If you need help with registration or with finances, please reach out to us at: [dakotayouthandyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:dakotayouthandyoungadults@gmail.com). We want every child to have the chance to attend one of our beautiful camps!

*Message from Ricky & Brooke Melendez, Dakota Conference camp directors.*

## Mandan Church VBS: The Glad Scientists VBS

Do you like science? I don't know how anyone couldn't after meeting Dr. Michael Emmett McScarry, head glad scientist at Creation Laboratories. He's inviting you to join him and his team for a week filled with fun and faith. There will be great games, cool crafts, exciting experiments and more! Dr. McScarry will introduce your child to the gladdest scientist of all - Jesus. It's all happening on **June 21-25, 6:00-8:00pm** at the Mandan Adventist Church.

Learn more and register at:

[mandansdavbs.wordpress.com](http://mandansdavbs.wordpress.com)

Or contact Charles Metz, Mandan Adventist VBS Director, at: 701.301.7703 or [cmetz2021@gmail.com](mailto:cmetz2021@gmail.com)



## ABC Located at Dakota Conference in Bismarck

**Tuesday - Thursday: 3:00 - 5:30 pm** (If you happen to be in town during other hours, please stop by. We will try to accommodate.)

**Friday: ABC & office closed**

## Campmeeting ABC Hours:

**Located at Dakota Adventist Academy:**

June 9 5:00p-6:30p; 8:30p-9:30p

June 10 9:00a-6:30p; 8:30p-9:30p

June 11 9:00a-6:30p

June 12 Sundown-11:00p

## Summer Book Sale

Kansas/Nebraska & Dakota ABC

June 1 - July 18, 2021

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>SALE</u>
Growing in Jesus, vol 1	Mark & Ernestine Finley	12.99	<b>9.99</b>
Growing in Jesus, vol 2	Mark & Ernestine Finley	12.99	<b>9.99</b>
Growing in Jesus Handbook	Mark & Ernestine Finley	9.99	<b>7.99</b>
Rediscovering the Glory of the Sabbath	Jo Ann Davidson	22.99	<b>16.99</b>
Risen: Find Hope in the Empty Tomb	Clifford Goldstein	24.99	<b>19.99</b>
The 144,000	Marvin Moore	20.99	<b>16.79</b>
Through the Eyes of the Ancients	R Deean Davis	19.99	<b>15.99</b>
Three Cosmic Messages	Mark Finley & Loren Wade	15.99	<b>12.79</b>
Hope's End Time Secrets	Mark Finley & Loren Wade	19.99	<b>15.99</b>
Understanding Daniel & Revelation	Mark Finley	29.99	<b>19.99</b>
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Approaching Armageddon	Steve Wohlberg	14.95	<b>10.99</b>
Living 28: Fresh Perspectives on Practising our Faith	J Stackelroth, editor	15.99	<b>12.79</b>
9 Habits of Healthy Christians	Julian & Annette Melgosa	14.99	<b>11.29</b>
Thirst for God	Miguel Valdivia	14.99	<b>11.29</b>
Stormy Seas	Wendy Armfield	14.99	<b>11.29</b>
In the Name of Jesus	Ron Clouzet	18.99	<b>14.99</b>
40 Days: Prayer on the Spirit-Filled Life	Dennis Smith	13.99	<b>10.99</b>
Preparing for Your Marriage	Claudio & Pamela Consuegra	17.99	<b>14.29</b>
Enriching Your Marriage	Claudio & Pamela Consuegra	24.99	<b>19.99</b>
Last Call	Bradley Booth	19.99	<b>14.99</b>
Playing the Devil's Game	Cathy Law & Becky Rogers	14.99	<b>11.29</b>
Kidnapped in Angola	Victoria Duarte	19.99	<b>15.99</b>
True Stories of Changed Lives	Dan Serns	10.99	<b>8.79</b>
Far Away from Home	Josip Kavur & Clive Nash	15.99	<b>12.79</b>
Sisters in Arms	Sukeshinie Goonatilleke	19.99	<b>15.99</b>
What We Believe: 28 True Stories	Laura Samano, editor	13.99	<b>10.49</b>
Guide's Greatest Brave Believer Stories	Lori Peckham, editor	12.99	<b>10.39</b>
Tucker Digs In	Randy Fishell	13.99	<b>11.19</b>
Dollars and Sense from Grandmother	Kathy Reid	8.99	<b>6.79</b>

## Dakota Conference Calendar

Offering schedule is in purple.

June -

- 3: Dakotans Pray (7pm)
- 5: [Local Church Budget](#)
- 9-12: Dakota Campmeeting at DAA
- 12: [Dakota Evangelism](#)
- 13: Dirt Kicker Charity Run at DAA
- 14: Conference Office Closed - Recovery Day
- 16-20: Cub Camp (ages 8-10) at Flag Mountain
- 19: [Local Church Budget](#)
- 20-27: Junior Camp (ages 11-13) at Flag Mountain
- 26: [Worthy Student](#)
- 27: Dakota Executive Committee at Conference Office (10am)
- 27-Jul 4: Teen Retreat (ages 14-17) at Flag Mountain

For more scheduled events, please see the calendar on the Dakota Conference website: [www.dakotaadventist.org/events](http://www.dakotaadventist.org/events)

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## Blessed & Kept

May generosity abound in you.

May the generosity of Jesus guide your hands to open towards others.

May you spill your time, possessions, and money as if the storehouses holding those resources were infinite.

May you give no thought to how those storehouses will be refilled.

May you come to see your earthly treasures as the fading mist that they are.

May you find a truer delight, a truer certainty in the one who offers you living water.

May the generosity of Jesus guide your heart to open towards others

May all your emotional energy be available for those that need a touch of care

May you give yourself to the work of extending grace even when it seems your energy is depleted.

May you follow Jesus into the joy of being replenished by God after emptying yourself on behalf of God's children.

May the generosity of Jesus guide your mind to open towards others

May you reject the categories your mind puts people into.

May you see each individual not as a republican or democrat, not as smart or uninformed, not as Christian or Muslim, but as a unique human being with unique perspectives and stories.

May you consider the experiences of others before casting judgment on them.

May the generosity of Jesus guide your feet to come home after a day of hard work.

May you rest this evening.

May your soul find nourishment in the love and care of a good God.

May the generosity that you have spilled throughout the day be restored so that you may continue to share in the generosity given to you every day.

*Written by Casey Bartlett.*

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## June 3 Dispatch Photo



*Photo taken by Rob Carlson north of Dakota Adventist Academy in Burleigh County, North Dakota.*

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