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## Mission-focused Vacation Edition July-August 2020

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#### **Mission-focused Vacations!**

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Kamil Metz

I love the anticipation of an upcoming vacation, and I love the opportunity for family bonding and the spiritual impact it can make. What can you do to have a mission-focused vacation this year?

Here are a few ideas: Read missionary books—One of our family's favorite activities when traveling is reading missionary books. It is a great and inspiring activity.

Visit church/Christian landmarks—Visit special landmarks associated with Christian church pioneers. Imagine reading about the ancient Waldenses and later walking on the very trails they ran, in search of a safe hideaway. These Christian heroes of faith will inspire your family.

Share Christian GLOW tracts—You can share those tracts as you travel and interact with others. After your meal, when you shop, when you meet people, you will always have a chance to share a GLOW tract and let your light shine.

Ministering in a local church—Contact the local church and see how your family can serve. If the church is in need of a pianist, my wife or daughter would be available. We could share a mission report, and I may even be asked to preach! If they have an outreach planned that Sabbath, you can support that as well. Another good way to connect with the church family early is to attend their prayer meeting.

Befriend another family—When you meet another family on vacation, if they are open to it, share literature with them and stay in touch via social media or other means.

Pray and brainstorm about your mission-focused vacation! I'm certain you'll come up with great ideas. Resting and sharing Jesus, is there anything better than that?



David Bolduc

#### **President's Perspective**

Summer vacations are often the highlight of the year. Getting away from it all and seeing new parts of the country, leaving work and the responsibilities of life for a few days is good for everyone. I have always enjoyed going for a

long drive with my family, seeing the different parts of the United States. Jesus sometimes told His disciples to take a break from the press of the crowd. But even when we are away from home, we still need to take the message of Christ with us.

Pray for Divine opportunities while traveling. Have a nice word for the truck drivers when you stop at a rest area or a gas station. Maybe even buy them a snack. Thank them for staying on the road while our nation was shut down. Literature can appropriately be given out. I use the word 'appropriately' carefully. Mrs. White says we should spread our literature like the leaves of autumn, but no one likes to rake up the leaves from the neighbor's tree day after day.

There seems to be one theme across our nation and across the world right now, and that is compassion. All of us are God's children. We all come from various backgrounds but we all have one Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His own words (John 3:16,17) everyone has value. What will heaven be like with so many people who have made life's journey following and trusting Him? Everyone there will be glad their journey on earth is over. But while their journey through this sinful world is over, their journey with Jesus will continue throughout all of eternity!

There in Heaven, and then back here on earth, we will be heavenly ambassadors, taking the message of Christ with us to the ends of the Universe. Now is our time to practice being good ambassadors for Christ! Isn't that what Strong Tower Radio is doing?!

#### **Changed Lives**

Myles Trowbridge, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., had several aunts whose favorable Christian influence helped form his early perceptions of God. As a young boy, he often attended church with them, yet upon entering adulthood he parked God on the proverbial shelf.

At the company where Myles worked, he had an engineer friend with whom he had occasional in-depth conversations. They explored inventive ideas, and also delved into spiritual topics. This engineer was a Christian and had six brothers who were all Christian ministers.

In 2012, Myles visited the same retired engineer friend to purchase some equipment from him. As they completed the



transaction the man shared a story with him. With a twinkle in his eye, the man relayed the story's key element where a mother told her son 'you is what you is, you ain't what you ain't, and if you is what you aint, you ain't what you is." The punch line hit Myles directly. If you're a Christian, be one. That watershed moment launched Myles into search mode hunting for real Christian discipleship, As Jesus said, "strait (difficult) is the way that leads to life."

After retiring, this engineer friend sent Myles a book – *RG LeTourneau: Mover of Men & Mountains*. The autobiography described the industrial inventor who made God his business partner and accomplished amazing things. Myles read the book. One day, while working on his country property, he kept being impressed to go see the great things LeTourneau had accomplished in Longview, TX. Myles later realized the Holy Spirit was the One prompting him!

Myles traveled to TX to see what LeTourneau had done. He found a hospital, a college and a technical training center, all funded by LeTourneau inventions and industries in partnership with God. Myles was favorably impressed, yet unsure how it applied to him and mulled it over occasionally.

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#### Do We Need More Billboards?

We want to keep the STR Grand Rapids billboards on high volume freeways, plus add more in your community? Only one week is left on this current contract which can be extended at the present discount rate!

We are exploring similar contracts throughout Michigan. Can you visualize an STR billboard on every high-volume Michigan city freeway? Do you see the vision? Contact Tom at 616.550.3555 or Tom@StrongTowerRadio.org ASAP!

#### **Have You Heard?**



STR is now streaming! Whenever you are traveling outside the Strong Tower Radio's broadcast footprint (over 1/2 of Michigan), or your work/home radio doesn't get a good signal, you can go to StrongTowerRadio.org and click on the streaming button!! Won't you consider supporting our streaming service with a donation? (It costs us about \$2 per listener.)



#### **Camp Meetings!**

Three camp meetings this year, we hope! STR aired our 1st virtual radio camp meeting from June 12-20, the Michigan

Conference and Village Seventh-day Adventist Church's virtual camp meeting. Then June 21-27, Strong Tower Radio had their own virtual camp meeting! The third will be the U.P. Michigan Camp Sagola camp meeting over the Labor Day weekend, September 3-7. Check out Misda.org for more information.

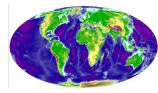


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#### **Reaching the World**

Jesus loves people! He enjoyed people watching and often shared insights from what He observed. One day He sat in the Jerusalem temple watching people

give funds into the offering box as they entered. He noticed a woman throw in two small coins.[1] The Holy Spirit revealed this woman's identity and status to Jesus.

Jesus audibly noted to His disciples, this woman had given more than the rich whom they'd also observed giving much larger monetary gifts. Jesus then told them why: those with more income gave out of their abundance, while she gave all she had. Jesus teaches us that God values our



Kam Ferguson

giving not based on amount, but instead upon our motive and the proportion given. He also illustrates faith. Do we trust God when His work calls for more of our income than we expected? Will we give first, or from what remains at month's end?

We live in challenging times. Will we hold back, or press forward to meet God's call? Strong Tower Radio is pressing forward, by God's grace, and invites you to join us in a monthly partnership. Whether \$5 or \$500/month, the gift has value. Depending on your income stream, God may value the \$5 gift more than the \$500! What is God calling you to give Strong Tower Radio?

Kam Ferguson, Development Director
[1] Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4

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