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5/13	11:00 a.m. 🖡	5/13 11:00 a.m. Kam Ferguson	Gaylord Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/12	All Day	Нарру	Mothers' Day!
5/25	11:00 a.m. 🖪	5/25 11:00 a.m. David Bolduc	Edenville Seventh-day Adventist Church,
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The Greatest Missionary

Who would you think of if you were asked, "Who was the greatest missionary?"

Paul, the apostle who endured beatings and prison and ultimately gave everything to share His beloved Savior and Friend with those who didn't know Him?

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Or maybe David Livingstone, who fearlessly devoted his life to exploring Africa and taking the gospel to unknown tribes who had never heard of the love of Jesus?

Or Amy Carmichael, who rescued children in India and has been faithfully serving her Lord for over 50 years under difficult circumstances?

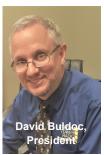
Or perhaps Jim Elliot, who lost his life endeavoring to reach the unreached people of Ecuador, or his wife Elisabeth, who returned to serve the very ones who took the life of her husband?

Could it be JN Andrews, the first official SDA missionary who served diligently, or Lottie Blake, who dedicated her life as a physician and medical missionary to seek and save the sick and hurting?

I submit to you that the greatest missionary, is a Mother.

The mother's work often seems to her an unimportant service. It is a work that is rarely appreciated. Others know little of her many cares and burdens. Her days are occupied with a round of little duties, all calling for patient effort, for self-control, for tact, wisdom, and self-sacrificing love; yet she cannot boast of what she has done as any great achievement. She has only kept things in the home running smoothly. Often weary and perplexed, she has tried to speak kindly to the children, to keep them busy and happy, and to guide their little feet in the right path. She feels that she has accomplished nothing. But it is not so. Heavenly angels watch the careworn mother, noting the burdens she carries day by day. Her name may not have been heard in the world, but it is written in the Lamb's book of life. **AH 244.1**

The true wife and mother ... will perform her duties with dignity and cheerfulness, not considering it degrading to do with her own hands whatever it is necessary to do in a well-ordered household. **AH 244.2**



President's Update

Spring is here, and Strong Tower Radio has begun building our Port Sanilac station. At the time of this writing, the concrete has been poured, and the poles to support the feedline have been set. Our equipment shelter has been delivered and secured to the

foundation. We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers!!! Our electrician is finalizing the last details with the power company to get the electricity to the shelter. Once the electricity is ready, our engineers will install the antennas and the broadcasting equipment. Since the antenna is directional, a surveyor will have to be on-site when the antennas are hung to make sure they are perfectly aligned.

Greenville is next on our list to build. Our antennas are ready to be shipped from Italy, and our transmitter should be ready to ship in another week or so. We have set an optimistic goal of having this station on the air by Camp meeting in June. We are praying the antenna goes through customs without any issues.

The Tower Hill and Owosso stations will be next in line to be built. Their antennas and transmitters have been ordered and will soon be built. *Just a side note:* most of the antennas we have ordered are not off-the-shelf parts; each must be specially constructed. The same is true for the transmitters; they are all built as needed.

We are working with an antenna company to build our Bridgman antenna. The tower we will mount it on must be reinforced to ensure it meets the latest structural standards.

We have experienced some setbacks with the South Haven tower but are pressing forward.

There are several variables with the Manistique and Houghton stations. We have identified several outcomes and are still trying to find the best fit.

Please continue to keep all STR station builds in your prayers.



Changed Lives: Jeremy Swanson

He grew up in the Reed City area as a Baptist, and at about 15, he felt called to preach and began studying the Bible in earnest. Within two years, he became friends with a group whose influence took Development him away from God, much like Jonah (without the boat). He landed in jail more than once and resembled what many would call a typical teenager running from God. All this despite attending church regularly, even running the soundboard at church services, and being in a family that was

very involved in church.

The next few years were a dark time for Jeremy. He walked away from God and all that he'd been taught about God, even making fun of Christians. He believed God existed but didn't want to know Him personally. Yet after a time, he started emerging from the darkness and building a business that looked like the success he'd always wanted. He began a friendship with Jamie, the sister of a friend he'd worked with, and things were moving forward nicely, or were they?

In 2019, with all that he thought would bring him happiness. Jeremy felt empty and miserable. "I'm making more money than ever, but I'm drinking every day to forget my misery; there must be more to life than this!" From the world's view, Jeremy had a normal, great life. Such is the world's wisdom.

Early into 2020, the COVID-19 experience gave Jeremy time to reflect further. Not knowing how long the shutdown would last, he planted a garden, and the Holy Spirit used the agricultural cycle to open Jeremy's eyes to his own situation. Humanity started in a garden (Eden) and will be gardeners again in the Earth recreated (Isaiah 66). To go from a handful of seeds that produce enough food from the soil to feed multiple families is the essence of God's creative power. Though he didn't comprehend it then, this experience gave Jeremy direction toward the "more" he wanted yet didn't have.

However, Jeremy's business resumed in only a few weeks, as COVID-19 briefly paused it. Continued on page 5

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The Greatest Missionary (Continued from page 1)

What an important work! And yet we hear mothers sighing for missionary work! If they could only go to some foreign country, they would feel that they were doing something worthwhile. But to take up the daily duties of the home life and carry them forward seems to them like an exhausting and thankless task. **AH 244.3**

Mothers who sigh for a missionary field have one at hand in their own home circle.... Are not the souls of her own children of as much value as the souls of the heathen? With what care and tenderness should she watch their growing minds and connect God with all their thoughts! Who can do this as well as a loving, God-fearing mother? **AH 245.1**

There are some who think that unless they are directly connected with active religious work, they are not doing the will of God; but this is a mistake. Everyone has a work to do for the Master; it is a wonderful work to make home pleasant and all that it ought to be. The humblest talents, if the heart of the recipient is given to God, will make the home life all that God would have it. A bright light will shine forth as the result of wholehearted service to God. Men and women can just as surely serve God by giving earnest heed to the things which they have heard, by educating their children to live and fear to offend God, as can the minister in the pulpit. **AH 245.2**

The wife and mother is doing as significant and important a work as the husband and father. Although one is in the missionary field, the other is a home missionary whose cares and anxieties and burdens frequently far exceed those of the husband and father. Her work is a solemn and important one... But if she works for the best interest of her family, seeking to fashion their characters after the divine Model, the recording angel writes her name as one of the greatest missionaries in the world. God does not see things as man's finite vision views them. AH 235

Mothers, be faithful missionaries! Your work may not always feel grand, and you may not always see the daily victories in the hearts of your children, your husband, or even yourself. Remember, you are not alone in this mission! God is with you, His angels are by your side, and the Holy Spirit is promised to give you all you need. So, press on with faith and courage! (Mothers who) are doing with ready willingness what their hands find to do, with cheerfulness of spirit aiding their husbands to bear their burdens and training their children for God, are missionaries in the highest sense. AH 245

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. **Gal 6:9-10 NKJV**

Happy Mother's Day to this world's greatest missionaries!

Changed Lives: Jeremy Swanson (Continued from page 3)

Two years zoomed by, and he still longed for "more" and now realized God must be who he lacked. But who was God? Jeremy wasn't sure. He hadn't opened a Bible in nearly a decade, yet he prayed to whoever God is that He would reveal Himself to Jeremy to help him figure out the path to happiness.

In February 2022, while Jeremy was home praying, God spoke to him, not with an audible voice, but with a clear and deep impression: "Your past life is the best you'll ever have. With all the sin in your life, despite all the money you're gaining, your life will not get better unless you surrender your life to Me." That was a galvanizing moment for Jeremy. He cried for two hours after receiving that message, and his girlfriend Jamie wondered what was happening as this was unlike him. Upon finally being able to speak clearly, he shared with Jamie all that he'd been wrestling with: the emptiness, praying to God, and what God told him.

To Be Continued, next month!



We're seeking a dedicated & organized **Office Manager** for God's team at Strong Tower Radio.

Prefer, (but not necessary), experience with a non-profit or faith-based organization, knowledge of accounting/financial budgets & familiar with media-related operations.

For more information contact Joy.Corliss@StrongTowerRadio.org.

Plug in to STRONG CURRENT EVENTS Here are the May 2024 Strong

Here are the May 2024 Strong
Tower Radio program highlights:
Natural Remedies Workshop
with Linda Clark at the 13th St



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Cadillac Church. Early Pioneers' Social Engagement

Interviews with the editor of Liberty Magazine, the Director of Religious Liberty (North American Division), and a professor of church history. Our multipart series on The life of Dr. Arthur Weaver. The Fisheries Division (of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources) fish egg and milt harvest, on-location at the Muskegon & Little Manistee Rivers. Digging Your Bible (Bible and Archeology for all

Digging Your Bible

ages) May 24th and 25th at the Clare Seventh-day Adventist Church. **Restoring Gospel Medical Ministry** series from the Right Arm Revival at Village Church. **Farm Stew For Kids** with Joy Kaufman

It is almost camp meeting time, June 14 to 22, and Strong Tower Radio will be there! See you in the exhibit tent, at the seminars, and in the main auditorium presentations!

Following camp meeting is county fair season here in Michigan. If you want to represent Strong Tower Radio at a fair or festival, contact Tom by calling/texting 616-550-3555 or writing to tom@strongtowerradio.org.

Additionally, Janice Cleary is looking for volunteers to help staff their booth at the July 15-20 Barry County Fair. You can reach Janice at janicecleary1942@gmail.com or by phone/text at 269-804-9959.

Are you looking for official Strong Tower Radio apparel or accessories? Visit our new STR gear store at StrongTowerRadio.org/str-gear or click the "STR Gear" pop-up on our website. Your order goes directly to our supplier and embroidery team who will ship directly to you! Don't wait, order yours today!

The Great Controversy book continues to be distributed statewide! Last month, nearly 50,000 copies were delivered in the Lansing area alone and with every copy a Strong Tower Radio bookmark is included! The Youth Rush book delivery program distributes both throughout the summer. Praise the Lord!

Truth or Narrative

I was recently in a Bible study where the creation account, indeed the entire Bible, was referred to as God's narrative. The word narrative is defined as "a spoken or written account of connected events, a story, nonfictional or fictional." As I later pondered that usage, my resistance grew. Particularly in the past few years, we have seen a fast-moving trend to



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use the term 'narrative' to reference a person's view of a given event or situation.

In colleges and universities, from public figures, and frequently in the media, you hear statements such as "You're telling a different narrative" or "that's your narrative." The underlying premise? "You aren't speaking truth; you're telling me the version you want me to believe." This reflects the postmodern view that "there is no absolute truth. My truth is for me; your truth is fine for you."

God calls His people to stand graciously and firmly upon the bedrock of eternal truth, Jesus Christ, the Word. The absolute truth of God's Word is the only foundation upon which we can safely build our lives; all else is shifting sand. A house built on sand collapses under pressure, just as souls relying on their own truth will ultimately crumble when tested.

Daily, you & I have the opportunity to show the world what a life built on God's Word resembles. Many greatly expand their circle of influence by supporting Strong Tower Radio, where God's character is proclaimed through eternal truth broadcast 24/7/365. Listeners are tuning in and leaving various human narratives, or blends of truth and human tradition, to follow Jesus Christ. As promised, the Holy Spirit leads into all truth, and He's reaching many through radio waves! Listeners may walk through the door of your church this Sabbath. Thank you for wisely investing in the currency of souls!

Make a plan to stop by the Strong Tower Radio Exhibit booth during the Michigan Camp meeting and say hello. We love to make new friends and reconnect with old ones (not that our friends are old!). We would love to pray for and with you (as God directs). See you then!