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Finding 'Lettering With a Purpose'



FEATURE ARTICLE

Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico | Libna Stevens, Inter-American Division news

Ever since she was a little girl growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, Heidi Cartagena wanted to bless others with her voice by singing or preaching. But she was too shy. It wasn't until she was in college that she found her voice through lettering—the art of drawing letters.

"I had been studying architecture for one year and decided to change to graphic design," recounted Cartagena, a third generation Seventh-day Adventist. "While I was in graphic design, I came upon calligraphy and later lettering."

She enrolled in a lettering course and that launched her ministry to share hope and love to a troubled world. After graduating in 2019 with a degree in graphic design, she got a job while learning all about lettering.

"Sometimes I would spend seven hours straight practicing lettering, many times practicing from 5:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. on a Friday night preparing a Sabbath lettering message," says Cartagena. Cartagena says she was never really good at drawing and remembers her first-grade teacher saying how pretty her penmanship was. She also remembers watching her dad write out her and her sisters' names. "I would take my crayons and draw names over and over."

Lettering became something special because it's something that drew her closer to Jesus, she says. "This has allowed me to get to know Jesus personally and see Him move in my life in an amazing way," says Cartagena. Today, she focuses on lettering full time. Coined as "Lettering with a Purpose" (Lettering con propósito), she says her ministry is inspired from verses she studies in the Bible and her personal day-to-day experiences. She says she listens to music and says a prayer before each lettering design so that it can come out beautiful and touch the hearts of people.

She shares how-to videos, lettering tips, practices and inspirational experiences. She sells agendas, prayer journals, bullets, stickers, mugs, tote bags and more on social media platforms. Her ministry has grown to 6,000 followers on Instagram, 4,000 on Facebook and hundreds on her YouTube channel. But, she says, it's not about the social media exposure. She is motivated by touching people with a message or verse that her followers need to hear at that moment.

"I don't know who is going through a difficult time, but I'm so committed to continue sharing through this lettering ministry because it's definitely a ministry that touches people deeply," says Cartagena. "People let their guard down when they

see something beautiful, a message, a verse, that reaches them."

Cartagena recently took part in a city-wide campaign showcasing positive giant signs in Mexico City. She had met a graphic designer while she was studying and now works at an ad agency in Mexico City. He invited her to take part in a public exposition by showcasing positive and motivational messages that could encourage people who have struggled during the pandemic. "He told me the signs could not have anything religious on them or mention God," says Cartagena. Two of her lettering drawings were accepted for the exposition, which took place at the Gustavo A. Madero municipality close to La Reforma, which is in the heart of Mexico City.

Her lettering ministry keeps expanding. "I keep depending on God and He is helping me grow every day," says Cartagena. It's about sharing Jesus in every possible way you can, she says. "God has expanded my horizons and led me to understand that I don't only want to share Jesus in a digital way but also in a physical way, with products such as a journal, a mug, or the like as a way of testifying anywhere they are."

"I am letting God continue to lead me and speak through my ministry into the plans He has for me each day," Cartagena says.

This article was featured on the Inter American Division website on September 2021 <https://www.interamerica.org/stories/finding-lettering-with-a-purpose/>



FROM THE EDITOR

Are you interested in writing the lead article for the Logos? Please send an email to lsturup@sbcadventist.org.bs



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2021

- 4 Adventist Men Chorale Concert
- 4 IWILLGO "Homeless" Local Church Stewardship Day
- 5 AYA Adventist Youth Awards Prayer Meeting (Joint)
- 11 4th Quarter Youth Day Local Church
- 11 Health Emphasis Day
- 18 CHAM Fun Day
- 23 SBC Festival of Carols
- 24 Music Day (a.m.) Local Churches Christmas Production (All Media Platforms)

JANUARY 2022

- 1 Day of Prayer and Fasting (I Will Go)
- 4 Union Office Reopens
- 5 – 15 Ten Days of Prayer
- 8 Health Ministries Emphasis Day Centennial Consecration Service
- 9 C.H.A.M Council Meeting
- 8 – 31 Centennial Evangelism Campaign
- 8 – February 12 - Footprints of Hope Mega Campaign
- 10 Cayman Islands Conference Year-end Audit
- 11 Turks and Caicos Islands Conference
- 12 Year-end Audit North Bahamas Conference
- 13 Year-end Audit South Bahamas Conference

- 15 Year-end Audit
- 15 Religious Liberty Day
- 18 Special GC Session
- 22 Adventist Youth Society Online
- 25 – 27 Family Ministries Certification
- 28 – May 7 - One Hundred Days of Prayer
- 29 Monthly Baptism Day
- 29 – February 19 - International Evangelist Campaigns
- 31 – February 4 - Ministerial Family Week of Prayer



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

As we draw closer to the end of the year 2021, and prepare to welcome in the new year, 2022, I am asking that we give careful attention to the following dates and unite in prayer regarding them.

1. December 31, 2021 - Launch of the Atlantic Caribbean Union/ATCU 2022 Prayer Initiative. We are requesting that you make this a part of your New Year's Eve praise and worship service. Please take a few minutes to introduce the prayer cards which will be sent out electronically to you. Encourage every member to save it on their phones or computers for easy access. You will be hearing more from me on this as we draw closer to the end of year.

2. January 1, 2022 - Day of Prayer and Fasting. This date has been set aside by the General Conference for Adventists in every country to unite in prayer, giving God thanks for His preserving and protecting care; and to seek His presence and blessings upon us throughout the year 2022. Let us reflect on our prayers and take them to the God, who is longing and anxious to bless His people.

3. January 5 - 15, 2022 - Ten Days of Prayer. This is an annual event that benefits the Church around the world. It will begin exactly ten days before the start of the mega evangelistic campaign which will involve all the English-speaking unions of the Inter-American Division. We will be having Evangelist Glen Samuels from the Jamaica Union as our speaker for this campaign. Let us unite in praying for the preacher and for the success of this campaign as we prepare for breaking the glass ceiling in evangelism (in the English-speaking Unions). The Ten Days of Prayer will end on the very evening that the Footprints of Hope Evangelistic Campaign begins. What a glorious opportunity for us to do more for God at this time, than we have ever done before.

-Pastor Kenny Deveaux, President, South Bahamas Conference.



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND Evangelistic Rally

You are invited to attend a special evangelistic rally on Sabbath, December 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. This rally is in preparation for the "Footprints of Hope to the World" Gospel Series, beginning on January 15, 2022. The zoom link is below. All members are asked to be in attendance. Meeting ID: 939 9155 7642 Passcode: 522241

-Administration.

ATCU QUINQUENNIAL MISSION SESSION

The Atlantic Caribbean Union announces its quinquennial Mission Session to be held on December 8, 2021, at 8:30a.m. Delegates will be attending virtually, to receive reports, to elect departmental directors, elect the executive committee and vote plans for the next five years. Members may view the session proceedings LIVE at www.atcunion.org.

-Administration.



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For over 100 years, Adventist Community Services (ACS) has provided aid in MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS, DIRECT RESPONSE, and LONG-TERM RECOVERY EFFORTS following disasters in many parts of the world. ACS, has worked with the local conferences and ADRA to equip volunteers to serve and assist the community, providing disaster assessments, sheltering services, donation management, home reconstruction, and emotional and spiritual care.

Partnerships such as this, are vital to your local ADRA Bahamas office as it increases our response rate and ability to respond. Please consider being trained with ADRA Bahamas, so YOU can assist in responses. Your generosity will help to ensure ADRA volunteers and Adventist churches in partnership with ADRA, are ready to respond to people's immediate needs such as a warm meal as we would have done in Grand Bahama with the Freeport Seventh-day Adventists Women's Ministries and Community Services Department immediately following Hurricane Dorian. On December 18th, our Church will be collecting funds for the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering, which helps ADRA respond immediately to disasters as they occur. *Get the latest updates at facebook.com/ADRABAS.*

-Ms. Shavonne Sherman
Communications & Marketing Manager
ADRA, The Bahamas.



BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday December 5, 2021, at 6:30p.m.

This week's Bible Class features Dr. Martin Hanna of Andrews University. His topic is "The Mind of Christ" Part 2.

Zoom Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673
Passcode: 592256

-Pastor Lynden Williams,
Bible Studies Coordinator.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT SAVE THE DATE

December 11, 2021 @4:00p.m. – The annual *Agape Praise* will be held in conjunction with the Youth Ministries' Park & Praise – Christmas Edition.

Location: Bahamas Academy Field, Marshall Road.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy a time of praise.

Note: Protocols will be observed. Persons will be allowed to sit by their own vehicles.

December 18, 2021 @ 6:30p.m. – C.H.A.M Night of Fun & Games (Virtual) | Ages 4 – 15 years. Zoom information will follow.

-Mrs. Lavern A. Sturrup, Director, Children & Adolescent Ministries Department.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

We are happy to announce the launch of the SBC MEDIA NETWORK's social media platforms, specifically Facebook and Instagram pages, on Friday December 3, 2021. Available on these platforms will be radio and television shows from *WORD SBC 88.3FM* and *ATV658*, program schedules, promotional ads for upcoming events within our Conference and other surprises. Be sure to follow, like, and share the pages on the launch date to be able to get the information on what we have to offer, directly as its loaded. Please support our efforts as we seek to share the gospel to all the world.

-Mrs. Lavern A. Sturrup, Director,
Communications Department.



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Adventist Health Professionals (AHPA) and Health Ministries Department End of Year Social

You are all invited to the End of Year Social for AHPA and Health Ministries Department on Sunday, 12 December at 2:00p.m, Camp BamiVoca, Marshall Road. COVID19 protocol will be enforced. To RSVP call or WhatsApp 465-9515 or 455-2373 by November 30, 2021. A small donation is required. Part proceeds will aid the Mary Ingraham Home.

-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix,
Health Ministries, Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Devotional Update

Ladies, the Devotionals are ready!

Please give your interest for a copy to your Local Leader so that we can begin the ordering process. Please note that all sale proceeds will be used for Women's Ministries Community Outreach Programs in 2022.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Pause & Pray Special Edition
December 22nd, 2021 | 12:00p.m.-12:30p.m.

Prayer Focus: The Joy of Giving and Being a Good Steward

Zoom ID: 98113813577

Password: 094045

Women's Ministries Holiday Gift Boxes Give-Away

Please see your Local Leader for details on how you can participate.

Remember to Pause & Pray with us virtually each Wednesday at noon.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.
bs --Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Park & Agape Praise Christmas Edition

In Conjunction with the Children & Adolescent Ministries Department.

Sabbath, December 11, 2021 @4:00p.m.

Pray and prepare for a blessing!

Invite your family and friends!

Stay tuned for more details!

-Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.

MONTHLY BURIAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday December 6th, 2021, at 6:30p.m at the Grant's Town Church Annex.

Note: There has been five (5) deaths for 2020 and six (6) for 2021.

Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. - Elder R. Henry Moncur.



AGAPE CHURCH VIRTUAL CONCERT

"The Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a Virtual Evening of Praise and Thanksgiving in Song on 5th December 2021. *Featured: Special Guest Artists, Spoken Word, Soul-stirring Music and more.*

You are invited to join us at 7:00p.m LIVE on Facebook and Zoom. Zoom ID#947 701 9895 Password: Agape.

Come and share this inspirational night with us!" – Mrs. Lyndell Hanna, Assistant Clerk.



Grant's Town Holiday Toy Drive

The Adventist Youth, Family, Community Services and Children's Ministries of the Grant's Town Church are hosting a Holiday Toy Drive for children of the Bain and Grant's Town community between the ages of 4 - 12. Toys or donations can be dropped off at Grant's Town Community Service Center Mondays & Wednesdays – 8:00a.m – 12:00 p.m., Tuesdays – 8:00a.m – 3:00p.m, Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00a.m – 12:00p.m. Donations will be accepted until December 19th, 2021. If you would like further information, please contact 456-3546 or 454-0816. – Ms. Scharlee Thompson.



EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Music Department of the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to "An Evening of Praise & Worship with Open Praise & Friends" on Saturday, December 18th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church, Great Britain Street, Flamingo Gardens. Please come and be blessed!! A love offering will also be collected. (Covid protocols will be enforced).



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