

Reflections

A newsletter for members of the NAD Retirement Plan of the SDA church.

“The Impossible”

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For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37.

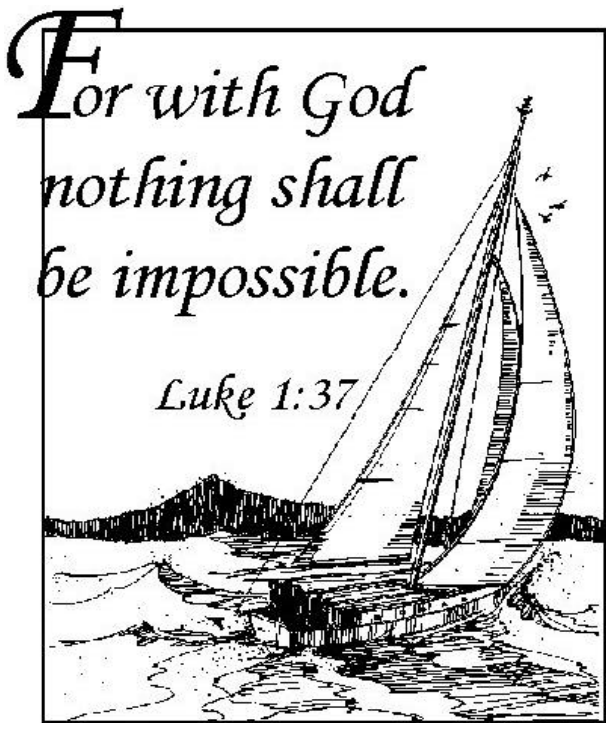
A few months ago, a trip over several continents and by various modes of transportation, caused me to reflect a bit on the wonder of the impossible. As intelligent human beings we tend to think we have a good grasp of what is and isn't possible in the world around us. Yet just when we think we have everything pretty well figured out, along comes Mother Nature and the mysteries of math and physics to show us how unimaginative we can sometimes be.

As I write this, we recently celebrated 100 years of manned flight. As one commentator observed, “Before the Wright brother’s flight, people *really* did say ‘If God had intended man to fly He would have given him wings!’ But afterward they said, ‘Just imagine what might be possible?!’” Standing on the windy top deck of a parking garage at London’s Heathrow airport last November, I joined other awed spectators in watching the very last take-off ever of a Concorde jet. We were thrilled by the impossible, by the fact that thousands of pounds of metal could defy gravity and our sense of what *should* be possible, and soar off into the clouds.

Visiting a friend who lives on a boat, I looked around the marina at the large collection of vessels designed by man to defy our easy assumption that anything heavier than water should

sink. Boats and barges made out of wood, metal, even concrete! Impossible? No, they float, sail, bob, and gently drift atop the water. They only seem impossible to us when we don't stop to give credit to the marvelous twists and turns and possibilities nature is full of by the grace of God.

But God’s sense of the possible doesn’t stop at mere exercises in science and math. Is it possible that we, the humble, stumbling offspring of generations of sinful and flawed humanity can be the ultimate recipients of God’s greatest gift? Do we deserve the incredible lengths He has gone to, to save us, and the eternity He has planned for us? Using our human sense of the possible the answer would have to be no, but God’s love and power make the impossible a possibility and a reality if we accept it.



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Bulletin Board

If you don't read or keep anything else—read and keep these items!

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NEWS NOTES FROM MORT **Contributing Reporter: Mort Juberg**

Riga Latvia ~ More than 100 Adventist church planters met to share their experiences and learn new ways of sharing their faith with the unchurched. Church planting teams from London and Helsinki exchanged ideas with pastors and church planters from the Baltic region.

Keene, Texas ~ Southwestern Adventist University has opened an Ellen G. White Research and Study Center. The new facility joins 17 other centers worldwide and three branch offices in the United States with the main office at the General Conference headquarters.

Mayaguez, Puerto Rico ~ Bella Vista Hospital has celebrated 50 years as an Adventist institution serving the community of Mayaguez and the island of Puerto Rico. Attendees included the children and grandchildren of Dr. William Colby Dunscombe, founder of the hospital. Others in attendance included the first patient on the first day of operation as well as the first twins born in the hospital. The facility has 157 beds.

Miami, Florida ~ Communicators from throughout Inter-America and South America met for the sixth Annual Radio Mundial Adventista-Voz de la Esperanz (Adventist World Radio, Voice of Hope) conference. With more than 50 radio stations using the programming available, the communicators discussed training on technical matters as well as issues and business that will enable the radio work to flourish.

Guayaquil, Ecuador ~ Henry Avellno Rodriguez has received the highest award in television offered in the nation. For the past six years Rodriguez has hosted a nationally televised program called SOS: Solidaridad Para Obras Sociales (Solidarity for Social Work). SOS is a weekly telethon whose goal is to raise funds to help poor people and the sick to recover their health. The program raises an average of \$4,000.00 U.S. per week.

Berkshire, England ~ A two-week television series broadcast worldwide via satellite is reaching people around the world. Called "Evidence" the programs dwelt on life issues and were produced with a secular audience in mind. While the primary audience was the United Kingdom, viewers in 11 countries are tuning into the program, some as far away as South Africa.

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Journaling from Jack

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Speeding Again

Herman took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down. “73”MPH in a “55 MPH” zone. Fourth time this month. How could a guy get caught so often?

When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Herman pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car would just tweak his back side with a mirror as he drove by.

The cop stepped out of his car and approached with that ominous pad in his hand. Suddenly Herman recognized the officer. More than that, the officer was a member of the church where Herman attended. That was worse than the ticket he was sure was coming. They had even played golf together, and on occasion, had knelt side by side in prayer during church services. How embarrassing can it get?

Jumping out of his car, Herman approached the officer. “Hi Bob, fancy meeting you like this.”

“Hello Herman.” There was no accompanying smile.

“I guess you caught me red-handed in my rush to get home to my wife and family after a long hard day at the office.” Herman said with a touch of humility.

“I know what you mean” said the officer, “ you have quite a reputation in our precinct by now.”

“What did you clock me at?” Herman asked, as if it would make any difference at this stage.

“71” said the officer. “Would you please sit back in your car?”

“Now wait a minute. When I saw you I was doing 65 MPH.” Amazing how easy it was to lie again now that he had received four tickets this month.

Flustered and guilty, Herman slumped back into his car and waited for the officer to write out the ticket. It seemed to take a long time and Herman hunched over in his seat as he growled to himself at radar detectors, the police, and the world in general.

Finally there came a tap on the window that Herman had rolled up against the cold wind that blew across the North Dakota prairies. He pressed the button and the window dutifully rolled down so the officer could hand him the offensive ticket.

Herman offered a low sarcastic “Thanks a lot Buddy!” The officer respectfully returned to his patrol car without another word.

Slowly unfolding the ticket, Herman wondered how much it was going to cost him this time.

“Wait a minute, what is this? Some kind of a joke? He said, half out loud to himself. It certainly was no ticket. Herman began to read the note the officer had given him. It read “Dear Herman, once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six years old when she was killed by a car. You guessed it. It was driven by a speeding driver.”

Come to think of it, isn't there something in the Bible about unmerited favor or grace? This story was passed to me by a friend. It made me think about my own driving and my many other grace benefits.

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Don't miss the National Retirees Conference, July 28 - August 1, 2004 on the campus of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD! Exciting guests, old friends, interesting places to visit, and much more! Just fill out the registration form in this newsletter and we'll see you there!

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