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New Adventurer Forum

What is it?

What is a forum? It is a part of the NAD Adventurer club website where you can talk to others within an interest in the Adventurer Ministry. It is a cyber community where we can come together and share, ask questions and get resources. Someone else is working on the same project you are and you can share with each other.

Is logging in necessary?

Login is not required if a person just wants to get in and read what other people have to say. Login is required to make comments. The reason for this is to maintain accountability. It is our goal to keep this a clean, positive, healthy place to visit about the Adventurer Ministry.



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What does membership provide?

Create an account will not only allow you to post responses, it will give you membership. You will receive news related to the ministry and notices of new additions are posted to the website.

Who will this benefit?

This is a resource will benefit anyone in the Adventurer Ministry. It will be especially invaluable to people in rural locations or clubs who are just starting for the first time. Adventurer leaders who have been in a while can share their own experiences and ideas.

The Power of An Adventurer's Prayer

Iris G. Ramos, Adventurer's Club Director, Jacksonville Spanish

We are the Ramos family and we've been in Jacksonville, Florida for 4 months. The last 11 years we lived in Texas where we were involved in the Adventurer's ministry for 10 years. When we decided to move to Florida with our two children, a boy that is 4 and a girl that is 3, one of our first questions to our new pastor, German Moreno, was whether or not there was an Adventurer club and a Pathfinders club in the church. The answer was yes. This made our search for a new church a whole lot easier and of course, we offered him our humble help with the clubs.

One of the things we emphasize in our club is the power of prayer. We try to

teach Adventurers to pray even if it takes them an hour to tell God what they want to tell Him. After lots of family prayer we embarked on our trip from Texas to our new home in Florida. This trip more than a thousand miles. We went through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama with no problems.

That changed on our way out of Alabama. Around 6:00PM, we read a sign that said "Due to Hurricane Dennis, gas is sporadic from Pensacola to Tallahassee". So my husband and I made the decision to stop in Pensacola for the night, fill up the gas tank and hit the road early in the morning. At 8PM we stopped for dinner and after that things really got



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interesting.

You see, we could not find a hotel in Pensacola because the only one with a room did not have a parking spot where we could park our van and the trailer we were hauling. We decided to make it to the next town and get gas and rest there. **BIG MISTAKE!**

The truth of the matter was that there was no gas or hotel room from Mobile through Tallahassee. A span of over 300 miles! It was around 1 AM when we realized that! And to make matters worse we were running out of gas in a hurry! Needless to say, we found ourselves without gas, no lodging or human being to turn to in the middle of a state that was unknown to us! Yet we knew that we were not alone as God was with us, his Adventurers.

At 2 AM my son woke up and asked us, "What is going on?" My husband just looks at him and told him: "Papito, we are in trouble. Could you pray and ask Jesus to help us?" And so he did, just like we taught him in the Adventurers club. His prayer was short and to the point. "Jesus, please help us." Then he said, "Papi, Jesus said yes." At that point my husband just looks at me and said, "this is it, no more gas."

By now it was 2:30 AM and we stopped in front of a Holiday Inn hotel in a town we have never heard of. My husband went in and asked if there were any rooms to which he received the same answer he's had been receiving all night. No. He just looked outside and he explained the situation to the nice lady that was behind the counter. She looked at my husband and said, "Well there is no gas in town, at

least to my knowledge. There are a number of people on the street stranded, but let me make some calls."

During one of those calls someone suggested that we use our road side assistance. After a call to them we found out that there was only one station with gas in all the area but it was 14 miles away. How did we make it there? The roadside assistance made the arrangements with a towing company that works 24 hours and about 45 minutes later we had \$5.00 worth of gas in our van; enough to get to the gas station which only had one kind of gas; the regular one that our van uses! "Praise the Lord!" We all said at 4AM and after we put gas in the van and were on our way.

We taught our son and daughter during the Adventurers meetings to trust God and talk to him at all times and so my son did in an hour when we were in need and God answered this 4 year old Adventurer's prayer with Power!

Two weeks later we started working with the Adventurers and Pathfinders clubs at our new church, the Jacksonville SDA Spanish Church and we praise God for he brought us to our new home here in Florida.

Let the little children
come to me; do not
stop them; for it is
to such as these that
the kingdom of God
belongs.



Mark 10:14

Gulfhaven Guardians,

The Gulfhaven Guardians are with the Gulfhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabo Road, in Houston, Texas. Recently they have gone to the Armond Bayou in Pasedena Texas for Pioneer Days. There they learned how early pioneers lived, worked, and dressed.

For their Christmas activities last year they visited the Veterens Hospital and sang Christmas carols and visited with the Veterans. Later they were involved in a "Live Nativity" Scene at their church. They were in a location where people could walk or drive by and see them. For Valetines, the Adventurer Staff and Families prepared a banquet for friends, community and parents.

These are only some of the events they did last year. They are planning on adding new activities.

On-Line Resources

Ever needed your manual, but you left it at home and you go to your meeting right from work?

The manual is now on-line. It has been put into separate locations by topic to discourage people from printing it out. Please note, if one were to assess the cost of the ink for their printer and the paper, they will find that the manual is actually quite reasonably priced.

Another resource is the "Awards" section. The award page from the manual is available in .pdf format. There are also other resources available as they are submitted for the website. These are clearly listed as extra resource material.

Please feel free to make use of the new forum as well. It is exciting to see what is developing in this new on-line community.