

MISSION: MARANATHA

Annual Convention

September 21, 2024

Sacramento, CA





Program Overview

- 9:45 a.m.** Special Video Feature
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Morning Program
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Afternoon Program, with Reggie and Ladye Love Smith mini-concert

Weekend Announcements

If you have any questions, Maranatha staff members are wearing blue lanyards and will be happy to assist you.

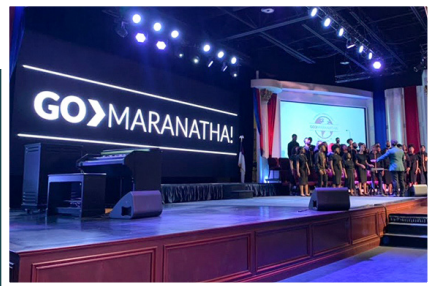
Today's programs will be broadcast live on Hope Channel and streamed live at watch.maranatha.org, Facebook, and YouTube. They will also be available on our app, "The Maranatha Channel" for Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple and Android devices.

Both programs, and each individual speaker and video shown today will be available in the coming days at watch.maranatha.org.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones.

Mini-Convention in Florida!

Tell your friends! Maranatha is headed to the Spring Meadows Seventh-day Adventist Church, near Orlando, Florida, on January 25, 2025. Everyone is invited to a special celebration of missions, featuring updates from the mission field and inspiring volunteer testimonies. Go to maranatha.org/events for more information.





A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

For many of us, this gathering in September has become a tradition—a reunion of fellow missionaries and an opportunity to meet new friends. For those who are new, we are glad you are here, and we hope to work with you in the future.

For all of us, Mission: Maranatha is a celebration of all that is possible when we follow God's call to serve. Through His guidance and your support, over the past year, we have been able to build hundreds of churches, water wells, and schools in 10 countries around the world, while mobilizing nearly 1,800 volunteers.

What a miracle of collaboration and generosity!

Today, we'll be talking about these blessings and how God led us through the year. We have Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from Cuba, Paraguay, Zambia, and the Dominican Republic—all here to talk about how you have helped to bring new hope and joy to their communities, and what work remains to be done.

Maranatha's leadership from Kenya, India, and Peru will share how God continues to move us through the work in each of these countries where the need for places of worship, education, and clean water is great.

And finally, we have six volunteers who will share their testimonies of faith, growth, and transformation—revelations that began on a job site in the mission field and are continuing to develop today.

I hope that the stories from today inspire you to take a leap of faith—either into the mission field for the first time or return to it again. I pray that the Holy Spirit will call you to take the next step in furthering the mission of taking the gospel throughout the world.

Thank you for worshiping with us this Sabbath. Thank you for your support of this mission.

With gratitude,

Don Noble, president



Sabbath Morning

9:45 a.m.

20 Years of Maranatha Mission Stories
Special video feature

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

<i>Welcome & Prayer</i>	Don & Laura Noble
<i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	Reggie and Ladye Love Smith
<i>Digging for the Truth</i>	Arthur Chadwick
<i>Providence in Peru</i>	Elmer Barbosa
<i>"I'll Never Know"</i>	Reggie and Ladye Love Smith
<i>Stepping into Paraguay</i>	Benjamin Belmonte
<i>One God for One Billion in India</i>	Vinish Wilson
<i>Congregational Singing</i>	Reggie and Ladye Love Smith
<i>New Evangelism in Zambia</i>	Evans Manjimela
<i>A Mighty Faith in Cuba</i>	Aldo Perez
<i>Celebrations in Kenya</i>	Anu Kedas
<i>Unstoppable Mission in the Dominican Republic</i>	Teofilo Silvestre
<i>Offering Appeal</i>	David Mack
<i>"I Have Fixed My Mind"</i>	Reggie and Ladye Love Smith
<i>The Eternal Impact of Maranatha</i>	Elbert Kuhn
<i>"I've Seen Jesus"</i>	Reggie and Ladye Love Smith
<i>Benediction</i>	David Shull

Lunch is served in the lobby. Please join us again at 2 p.m.



Sabbath Afternoon

1:45 p.m.

20 Years of Maranatha Mission Stories
Special video feature

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

"I Have Decided" Reggie and Ladye Love Smith

Welcome Julie Lee

Spiritual Surgery Audrey DeWild

How Water Transforms Lives Christina Lloyd

A Lesson in Service Joel Moser

The Ultimate Call Mary Arrick

Concert Reggie and Ladye Love Smith

How Buildings Transform Communities Kyle Fiess

Called to Serve Terry Wallingford

How Schools Transform the Future Karen Godfrey

Abundant Faith Jackie Duffy

"His Grace is Still Amazing" Reggie and Ladye Love Smith

Benediction Laura Noble

Weekend Presenters

Musical Guest

Reggie and Ladye Love Smith

Best known for their Grammy Award-winning performances on Gaither Homecoming television specials and videos, Reggie and Ladye Love have performed in more than 30 countries and in such prestigious venues as the Super Bowl, New York's famed Carnegie Hall, and the Kremlin in Moscow. Reggie is currently a member of the Gaither Vocal Band, which has won two Grammy awards and 23 Dove Awards, and Ladye Love is touring with the band as a soloist on their nationwide tour. In addition to their musical contributions on Gaither Homecoming audio and video recordings, they have released nine duet albums, along with the Reggie Smith Collection solo CD.



Representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church

Benjamin Belmonte, president of the Adventist Church in Paraguay

Elbert Kuhn, associate secretary of the Adventist World Church

Evans Manjimela, education, and public affairs and religious liberty in Zambia

Aldo Perez, president of the Adventist Church in Cuba

Teofilo Silvestre, president of the Adventist Church in the Dominican Republic

Volunteers

Mary Arrick

Arthur Chadwick

Audrey DeWild

Jackie Duffy

David Mack

Joel Moser

Terry Wallingford

Maranatha Volunteers International

Don Noble, president

Kenneth Weiss, chief operating officer

Kyle Fiess, vice president of projects

Karen Godfrey, vice president of advancement

Julie Lee, vice president of marketing

Christina Lloyd, director of television

Laura Noble, donor relations

Elmer Barbosa, country director, Peru

Anu Kedas, country director, Kenya

Vinish Wilson, country director, India

David Shull, board member



About Maranatha

Mission Statement: Maranatha spreads the gospel throughout the world as it builds people through the construction of urgently needed buildings.

2023 in Numbers

Thanks to God's unwavering blessings and the efforts of Maranatha volunteers and donors, this past year we were able to continue bringing the gospel to communities in need worldwide. The following numbers include new construction and renovations.

Churches	416
School Campuses	15 (total worked on)
Wells drilled	686
Wells repaired	452
Other projects:	Renovations at schools and camps in North America, boundary walls, bathrooms
Volunteers	2,461
Mission Trips	60
Countries	10

Where we worked in 2023:

Brazil
Canada
Cuba
Dominican Republic
India
Kenya
Peru
United States
Zambia
Zimbabwe

On average, we estimate a seating capacity for about 150 people in a Maranatha church. Every day of the week, each school campus you have helped build brings learning to hundreds of children. Each individual Maranatha water well changes the lives of 500-1,500 people, depending on the size of the surrounding communities.

2024 Project Scope

Maranatha responds to requests for Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools around the world. As a non-profit organization, the mission relies on your support to fulfill these requests. If you are inspired to help, please make a donation today using the attached envelope. Or go online to Maranatha's website, www.maranatha.org. All donations to Maranatha are tax-deductible.

Canada

Camps and retreat centers

United States

Churches
Schools
Camps and retreat centers

Peru

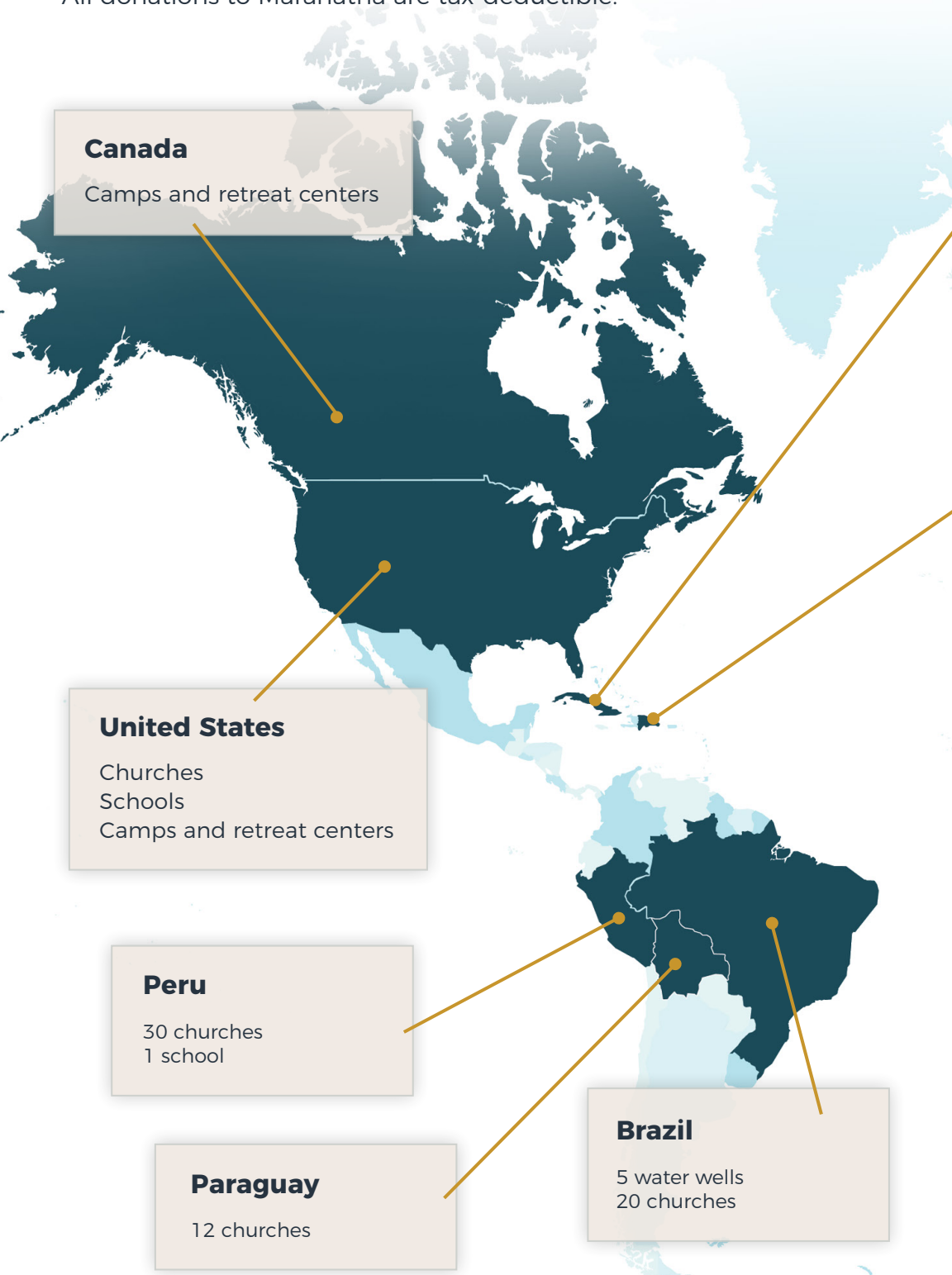
30 churches
1 school

Paraguay

12 churches

Brazil

5 water wells
20 churches





A world map with five countries highlighted in dark blue: Cuba, Dominican Republic, India, Kenya, and Zambia. Each highlighted country has a callout box with a gold line pointing to its location on the map. The callout boxes contain text about the number of churches, schools, and wells in each country.

Cuba

Churches

India

30 churches
2 schools
100 wells

Dominican Republic

10 churches
Ciudad del Cielo
10 wells

Kenya

100 One-Day Churches
2 schools
40 wells

Zambia

100 One-Day Churches
3 schools
100 wells

You Can Support the Mission

As a non-profit organization, Maranatha relies on the support of volunteers and donors to fulfill our mission to provide urgently needed buildings around the world. Here are some ways you can help Maranatha. Make a donation using the envelope provided or scan the QR code to give online.



The \$10 Church

This simple program invites you to give just \$10 a month to go toward the full construction of a church. The combined \$10 donations of thousands of supporters provide enough funds to build one church a month—sometimes more!

The One-Day Church

The One-Day Church program provides a steel roof and frame, leaving the congregation to complete the walls with local materials. One share is \$1,500; complete sponsorship starting at \$7,500+ (depending on location).

Churches and Schools

Maranatha offers several church designs that include floors, windows, doors, roof, and sometimes additional rooms. The cost, size, and style will depend on the country, congregation, and budget. Starting at \$30,000 for churches; call for full cost of a classroom.

Water Wells & Wellspring

Maranatha has drilled more than 3,000 wells in our history and providing clean water is a significant part of our mission. Full sponsorship of a water well starts at \$10,000. Or give to our Wellspring program, which asks people to commit to a monthly gift to go toward drilling new wells and maintaining existing ones.

Volunteer

People interested in service can volunteer with Maranatha in two ways. The first is by joining a project that Maranatha organizes in full. The second way is by recruiting your own team and having Maranatha help with the details. We'll locate a country site, assign a project, help you with lodging and food, and share our in-country staff as a resource during the trip.





Stay Connected

To sign up or learn more, scan the QR code to go to maranatha.org/connect. Or fill out an interest card at the Marketing table in the lobby.



Weekly Email

Sign up to receive weekly email updates about what's happening in the mission field, upcoming volunteer opportunities, and other stories about Maranatha.

Facebook and Instagram

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see volunteer project reports, news about upcoming events, and behind-the-scenes photos of our work. Instagram handle: [@gomaranatha](https://www.instagram.com/gomaranatha)

Read the Magazine

Receive our quarterly magazine, *The Volunteer*, to read feature stories on our work in the mission field, along with calendars about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Watch Our Mission Anywhere, Anytime!

All of Maranatha's videos, on demand

The Maranatha Channel App

Download for Apple, Android, Amazon Fire TV and Roku.

watch.maranatha.org

View all episodes and other segments online.

Maranatha Mission Stories

Our inspiring half-hour television program on the work of Maranatha.

Broadcast Channels (all times Pacific)

3ABN

Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

Hope Channel

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.



New Podcast!

Meet the many people of Maranatha in our new podcast, "Inside Missions." Each episode tells the story of a Maranatha person—about their life, their journey to Maranatha, and how missions has impacted their lives.

Listen on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music, and anywhere else you listen to podcasts. Watch episode recordings on YouTube.

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