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Talented musicians participate in Ukrainian Festival of Youth Art

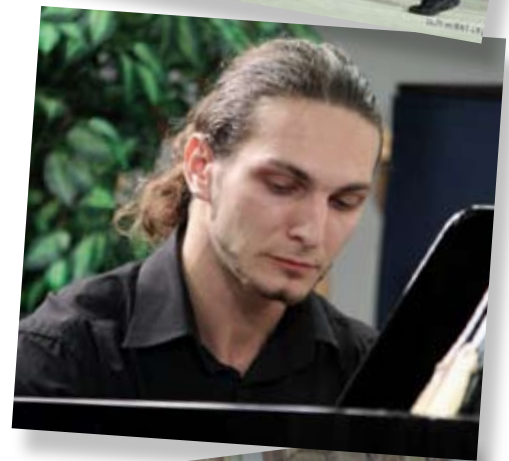
During November 19-21, 2010, the Left-bank Spiritual Center of the Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted the first Ukrainian Youth Festival entitled, "There is Hope," where listeners and participants were blessed by the best young musical talents in Ukraine.

After the ceremonial opening, it became clear that the name "There is Hope" was appropriate for the event. The festival began with adoration and giving praise to the Lord, honoring His Sabbath commandment and worshipping Him as Creator. All participants united in singing praise to God – our true Hope, the only One who is able to give real peace in our anxious world. The words of the festival hymn, "Our Christ – is Hope," were heard clearly throughout the three days, sung with sincerity and solemnity.

Qualifying rounds were held in all Ukrainian Conferences with the purpose of selecting 300 of the best Adventist musicians to participate in the festival. It is worthy to note that young people came to the festival not for competition or for prized places, but in fact the festival's goals were: 1) to find those who wanted to be involved in evangelistic campaigns, satellite programs, and assisting in the creation of art projects with the TV Channel "Nadiya," and 2) to give hope and vital mentorship to those who still need professional growth, that one day they may become a part of an evangelistic service.

Guests from foreign countries were also invited to take part in the festival. Different bands and musicians were invited from Russia, Moldova, and Belorussia. Africa was represented by students from Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya who are currently studying in the Ukraine.

The jury was composed of Dmitry Zubkov – Ukrainian Adventist Mission Service Leader, Vyacheslav Demiyán – TV Channel "Nadiya" Director, and Elena Krupskaya – Director of Intensive Musician course in College of Art and Science. (cont'd on p. 3)



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Youth Alive

*Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division
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This Youth Alive program was organized by the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (ICPA) in partnership with the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Health, Youth, and Education Departments, supported by the local partners. This was the first ever successful Youth Alive training program organized in Seychelles.

For the duration of the program, participants learned so many things on how to develop healthy and positive friendships, more about HIV/Aids and sex, how to help youth avoid at-risk behavior, and involving parents to help their teens make better decisions and how to stay away from at-risk behavior. Participants also learned how to use reversal techniques when faced with peer pressure, and how to cope with stress and utilize Divine power to help them to be victorious.

In addition to these informational activities, the participants did community outreach activities in several districts and donated hampers of goods for less fortunate families who were affected by at risk behavior in their vicinities.

Seychelles Social Development and Culture Minister Bernard Shamlaye attended the opening and the closing ceremonies, accompanied by the Social Development Principal Secretary Linda William and Liaison Unit of Non-governmental Organizations of Seychelles (Lungos) chairman Bernard Elizabeth and vice-chairperson Marie-Nella Azemia.

We received encouraging feedback from non-Adventist facilitators as well as participants. One of them wrote: "I just wish to extend my appreciation for the very interesting program for Youth Alive. Everything was very well organized and I felt like I was home. Your workshop was very fruitful. Now, what I need is to do some serious Bible studying. I don't want to be ignorant. Many people are well versed on the Bible and they are able to defend their beliefs. I want to be able to do that, too."

Thank you to Dr. Kathleen Kuntaraf, the GC Youth Alive Coordinator, together with Pastor Abel Ntep, the Youth Alive national coordinator and his excellent local team for this successful program. **L2U**



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The warm and reverential atmosphere was supported by two presenters: Sergey Stepanyuk – the anchorman of the youth talk-show program “Pospilkuymosya” (“Let’s talk”) and Inessa Kharlamova – anchorwoman of “Ranok Nadiyi” (“The Morning of Hope”).

Victor Alexeenko (the President of Ukrainian Union Conference), Gennady Kasap (Director of ESD Youth Ministries Department), Leonid Voloschuk (Ukrainian Union Secretary) and Vladimir Velechuk (Director of UUC Youth Ministries Department) appealed to the audience about the value of the hope we have in Jesus Christ, and the importance of our personal relationship with Him and our need of serious rededication and revival.

All of the performances aimed to share the hope we have in the plan of Salvation and in Christ’s second coming.

A group of African students named “One Accord” took special attention. Their a cappella singing was in Russian and English and sounded so beautiful, that at the end of the festival one of the members of the jury observed: “Our musical service could be much more effective if we could have at least one African Adventist student in every Ukrainian church.”



At the close of the festival, Vladimir Velechuk (Director of UUC Youth Ministries Department) extended his wish to all participants that their talents would give hope and life to all their listeners and called the youth to revival in the Lord’s service. The final accord of the festival was heard in the words of the hymn “The day of His coming comes soon.” Everyone was united in this common hope as we await His soon return. **L2U**

by Euro Asia Divison
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MY IDENTITY

Help your youth **grow closer to God** and gain a better understanding of who they are, and what **they can become** in Christ.



This year both the Junior and Senior youth readings are focusing on the same principles, but in ways that are relevant to each age group. The 2011 Youth Week of Prayer series will take a fresh look at Jesus’ seven “**I AM**” statements, and gives practical ways we can apply them to life, today.

Plan ahead for this time. Use the ideas in the “Read this First” section to bring alive Jesus’ statements today, as He speaks to us during this special week of prayer and spiritual emphasis.

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- I Am The Light of the World
- I Am The Good Shepherd
- The Resurrection and the Life
- I Am The Door
- The True Vine
- The Great “I AM”
- I Am The Bread of Life
- I Am The Way, Truth, and Life

areli barbosa, new youth ministries director for the south american division

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A promotional poster for 'Impact South Africa 2013'. The text is arranged in a dynamic, overlapping layout. 'impact' is in yellow, 'SOUTH AFRICA' is in green, and '2013' is in yellow. To the right, white text on a dark background describes the event: 'Week long service projects for high school, university students, and all youth and young adults.' Below this, orange and white text lists 'SERVICE PROJECTS JULY 1 - 6, 2013' and 'CONFERENCES JULY 8 - 13'. The website 'www.gcyouthministries.org' is at the bottom left.

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