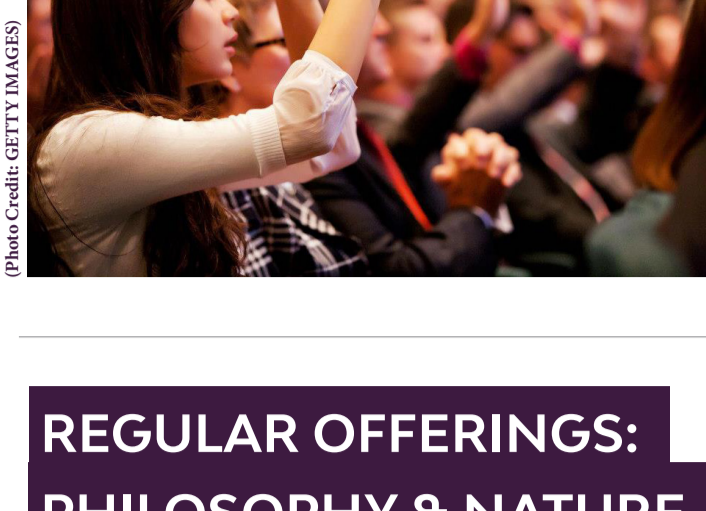




# Matthew 6:33



## EDITORIAL - OBSERVING



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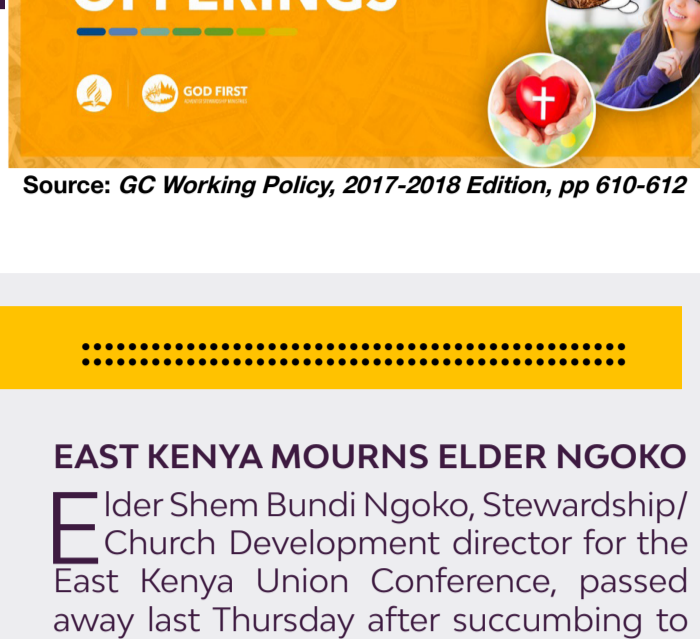
I was born a Seventh-day Adventist, raised in a devoted SDA family, and attended Adventist schools in all levels of my education. I would say that all the SDA principles had been firmly planted and embedded in my brain, veins, and bones, and so I could be considered as a 'pure-genuine' SDA. During my childhood days, SDAs were identified as 'Sabbath keepers,' those who OBSERVE...

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### REGULAR OFFERINGS: PHILOSOPHY & NATURE, PURPOSE, AND PROMISE

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Source: GC Working Policy, 2017-2018 Edition, pp 610-612

### A BATTLE LOST TO CANCER



**EAST KENYA MOURNS ELDER NGOKO**  
Elder Shem Bundi Ngoko, Stewardship/Church Development director for the East Kenya Union Conference, passed away last Thursday after succumbing to his battle with throat cancer. Pastors Aniel Barbe and Marcos Bomfim of the General Conference Stewardship Ministries visi...

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## SPD UPDATES E-GIVING APP



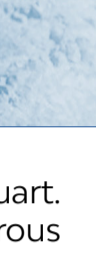
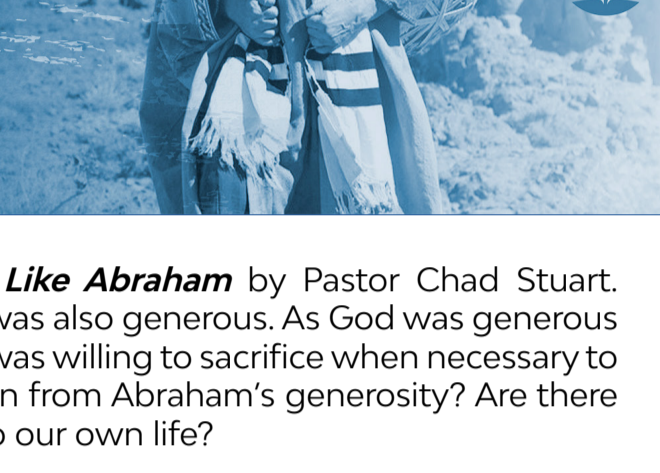
COMING 3RD QTR 2019

The South Pacific Division first launched a smartphone app for members to use when returning tithes and offerings in 2014. The number of members using the app to return tithes and give offerings has continued to grow from 2014 to 2019. Every quarter the number increases as more members switch from cash to ...

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## Give like Abraham

Pastor Chad Stuart



Spencerville S. D. A. Church presents *Give Like Abraham* by Pastor Chad Stuart. Abraham was a devoted follower of God. He was also generous. As God was generous to him, Abraham was generous with God. He was willing to sacrifice when necessary to do what God asked of him. What can we learn from Abraham's generosity? Are there ways that we can apply the same principles to our own life?

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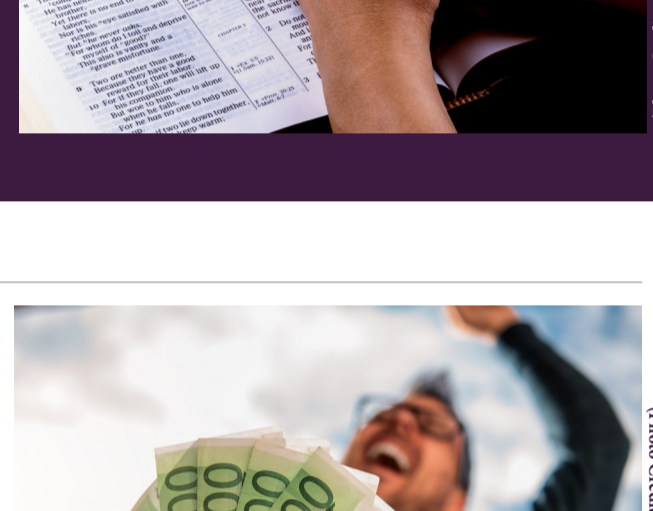
### WORSHIP: GO BEYOND

**Summary:** The job of the leaders is to equip the saints, to fuel the saints into a lifestyle of worship that would, in turn, trigger change in the world.

**Big events, small results**  
Worship is more than just going to church. Worship must go beyond a day of the week. Worship must be a lifestyle. If ...

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This article was written by written by Efrim Smith, Youth Pastor, Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, Tipp City, Ohio, and was Jul-Sept. 1999 issue of the Dynamic Steward magazine.



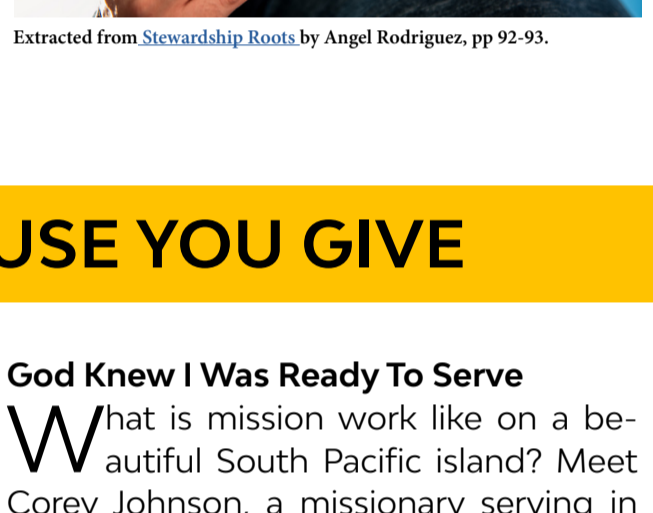
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### ATTITUDE TOWARD GIVING

The collection was a freewill offering, but Paul expected that it be given in the proper spirit. He made a special effort to clarify the meaning and significance of this offering.

**A. Giving Is a Privilege:** Apparently, Paul did not ask the Macedonians to participate in the collection because they were poor. Yet, to ...

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Extracted from *Stewardship Roots* by Angel Rodriguez, pp 92-93.

## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



**COREY JOHNSON**  
Adventist School Chaplain  
Palau

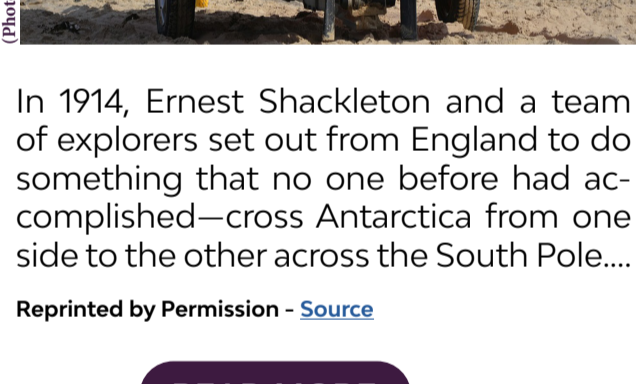
Video courtesy of Adventist Mission.

### God Knew I Was Ready To Serve

What is mission work like on a beautiful South Pacific island? Meet Corey Johnson, a missionary serving in Palau. He enjoys working with children and serves as Chaplain and Bible teacher at the Palau Mission Academy in Palau.

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## ADRA SPD VIDEO SERIES FOR SSL Q3



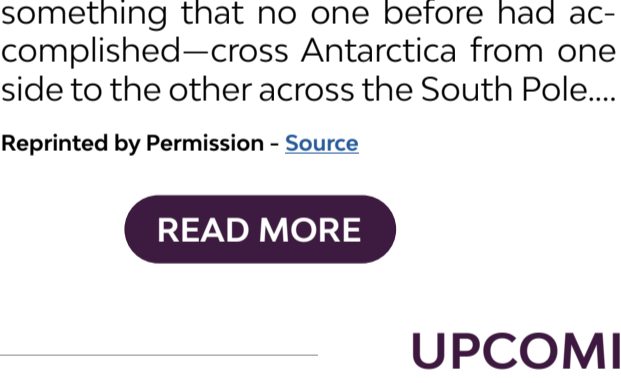
### The Least of These, Quarter 3

Have you enjoyed the Sabbath School lessons and the short videos giving you an insight into the weekly lessons? ADRA South Pacific has graciously produced a video series for The Least of These Sabbath School Lesson, Quarter 3 2019 in support for the Lesson Quarterly.

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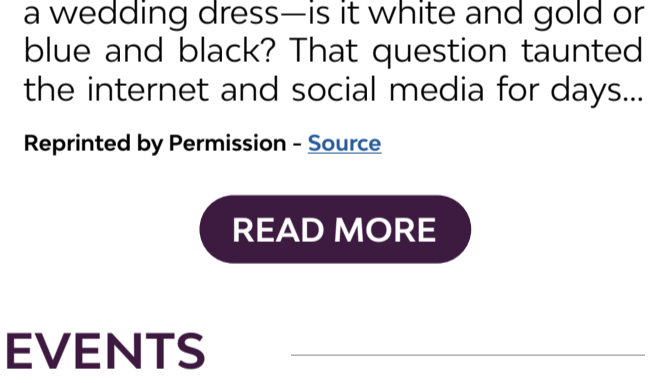


In 1914, Ernest Shackleton and a team of explorers set out from England to do something that no one before had accomplished—cross Antarctica from one side to the other across the South Pole...

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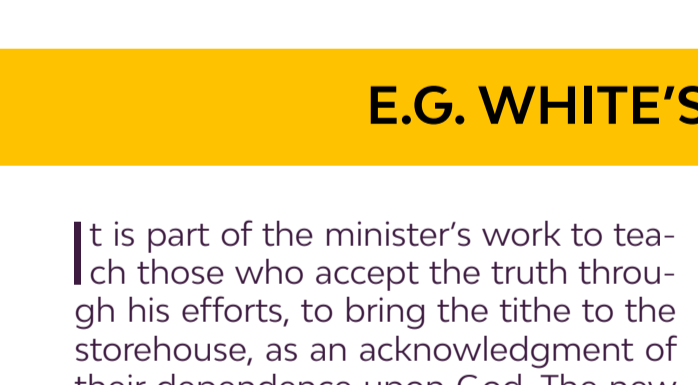


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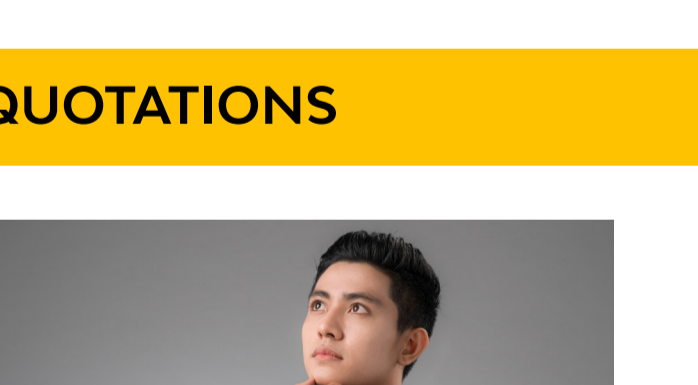
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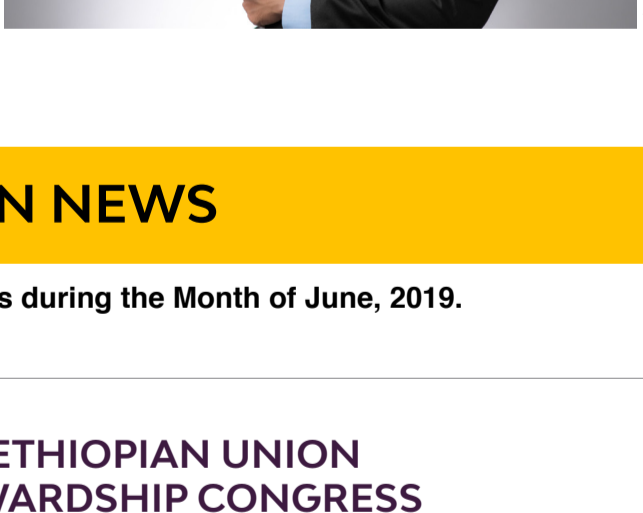
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## E.G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS

It is part of the minister's work to teach those who accept the truth through his efforts, to bring the tithe to the storehouse, as an acknowledgment of their dependence upon God. The new converts should be fully enlightened as to their duty to return to the Lord His own. The command to pay tithe is so...

—Counsels on Stewardship, p. 105.

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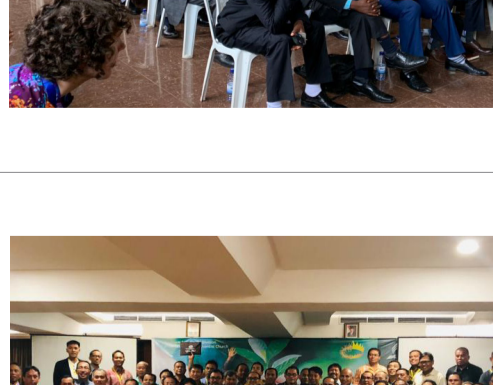
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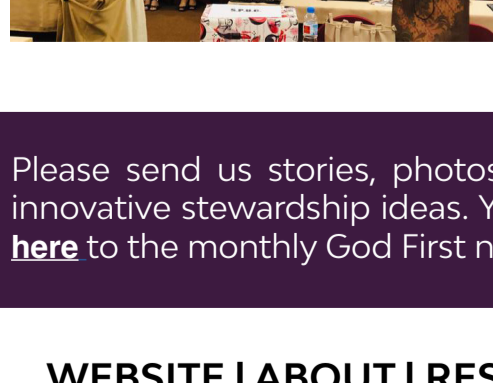
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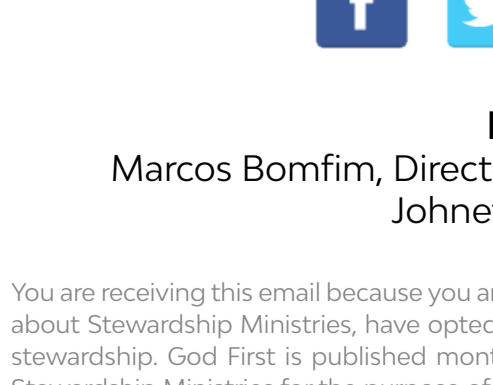
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