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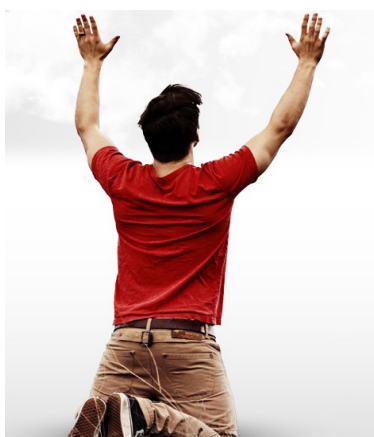
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“MAKARIOS” – SUPREMEY BLESSED



### Stewardship Ministries Advisory

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#### Editorial - “MAKARIOS”

One of the darkest moments in my life was when I got very sick about a year ago. Upon hearing the doctor’s prognosis on my future health condition, as a result of the illness, my world turned upside down. I felt like standing at the entrance of a dark and long tunnel, where there was not even a single spot of light.

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#### New Union STW Director

We welcome Kheir Boutros and his family to the Stewardship Ministries department.



Kheir serves in the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission (MENA) as associate treasurer and also Stewardship Ministries director. He is married to Lorelle and has a four-year old daughter, Amanda.



#### Count Your Blessings

Sermon by  
Doug Batchelor

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#### THIS IS THE TIME TO GIVE

Marquis de Lafayette was a French officer who provided invaluable assistance to George Washington and the struggling American army. After the war was over, he returned to France and resumed his life as a farmer of many estates. In 1783, the harvest was a terrible one, and there were many who suffered as a result. time to give.”

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#### Quotations on God’s Blessings

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“God will either give you what you ask, or something far better.”  
- Robert Murray McCheyne - [www.ChristianQuotes.info](http://www.ChristianQuotes.info)

“Concentrate on counting your blessings and you’ll have little time to count anything else.”  
- Woodrow Kroll - [www.ChristianQuotes.info](http://www.ChristianQuotes.info)

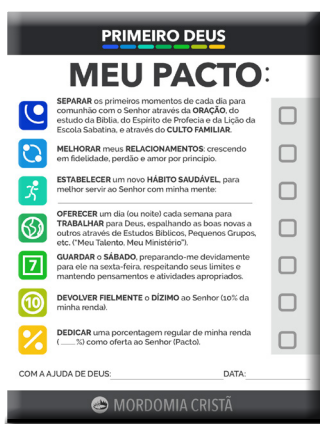
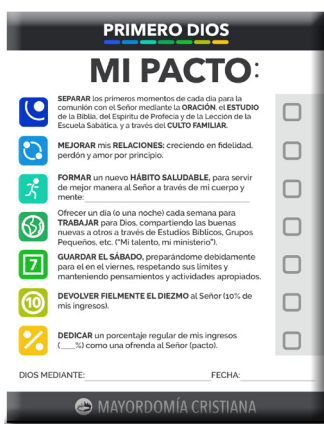
“However many blessings we expect from God, His infinite liberality will always exceed all”  
- John Calvin - [www.ChristianQuotes.info](http://www.ChristianQuotes.info)

“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.” - Deuteronomy 28:2

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#### God “Bless” You!

Recently, my wife sneezed, and I said “God bless you”. Then, for some strange reason, I began to ask myself what I meant by “God bless you”. I know there is some folklore behind the saying, such as “sneezing out your soul”, and someone has to say “God bless you” for God to “put it back in”. But, I’ve sneezed many times with no one around - and I’m still here. Reprinted by permission from Bob Jones, Northside Bible Church, Jacksonville Florida

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### Division News (View More)

#### Regional Advisory - Rwanda (ECD)

#### Holy Convocation - Malawi (SID)



The Malawi Union Mission invited 140 of their 170 homes to work together in one city - the Holy Convocation week. Result: 2,980 homes visited and 11,624 persons together in one city, 7 points of our Stewardship Visitation Agenda. Learn more about the visitation agenda at [Adventist Stewardship Ministries Visitation Agenda](#).

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