

# Things to Know



## Musings from the Word

*John Grys, President*

**T**he cry of the leader: “What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans,” (Dan 2.11).

And what the season we embark on now intends to reveal to the human heart is that yes, indeed, God does live among men. Immanuel. And so, here we are, embarking on the time of year where we may be reminded that in our lives, in our churches, in our world, we are not alone. For us here in Illinois, those longer hours of darkness, those colder days, and the hurry of the season can combine to make us feel like we are overwhelmed. And when we are overwhelmed, we can tend to restrict the aperture of our soul. And there is a pressing that squeezes. All this shrinks everything into becoming prisoners of the moment. And in this prison, we lose sight of much beyond the immediate. This is what happened to the leader in Daniel 2. He could see or feel nothing beyond his immediate situation. And the soul-heat this generated for him drove him to make demands upon people and time that essentially became a threat to those immediately around him. Not only did memory fail...but what memory did reveal to him is that some things in life only come from the gods—and they are absent. The crisis dominated his horizon. This is why in our territory here, we constantly want people not to become prisoners of the moment, driven by crisis. Immanuel reminds us that we can be Christ-driven, not crisis driven. There is One. He is present. And He made himself visible through the presence of Daniel. This season my brothers and sisters, may Immanuel make Himself present through us.

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## Musings from the Field

One of the central places for acquiring Adventist resources is

**AdventSource**

This center, operating out of Lincoln, Nebraska, provides many various types of resources (many of you involved with Pathfinders will recognize this space) along with varying formats. For example, there are resources to strengthen children's ministry, health ministries, and forty other ministries located in the local church. So, take advantage of this bountiful site that can aid in developing your local ministry.



“God has given to every man his work. He expects every follower of His to exert an influence that will tell for the upbuilding of His kingdom. He who is not actively engaged in promoting love and unity and equity is exerting an influence that is opposed to Christ.”

*Special Testimonies B, p. 44*