

FAITHFULNESS TO HIS WORD



REACH
THE WORLD





100 *Years*
Reaching families for Jesus 1919-2019
Adventist *Family* Ministries

2018 SPRING MEETING REPORT



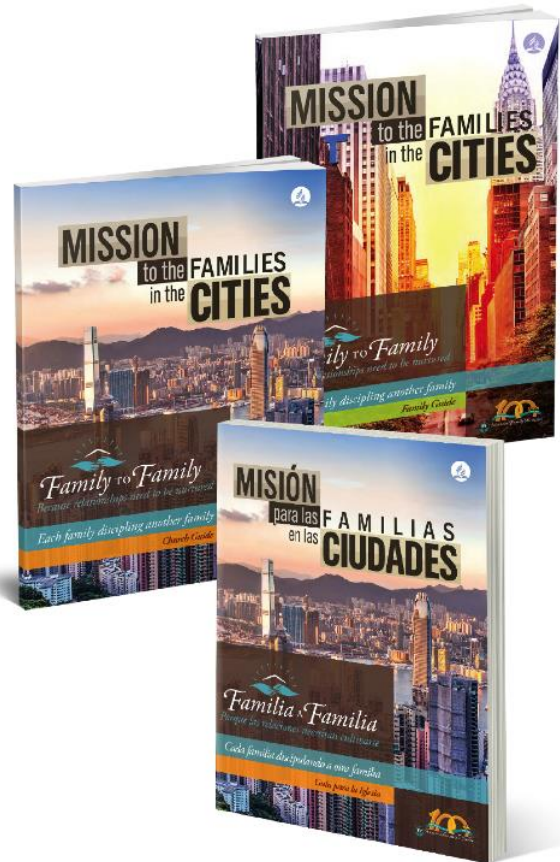


Total *Family* Involvement

The 2015-2020 quinquennium is a dynamic and historic period for the Department of Family Ministries. Dynamic because we have joined the World Church in our own brand of *Reach the World*, employing the tagline *Reaching Families for Jesus: Total Family Involvement* as our strategic focus. The centennial celebration of Family Ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church during October 2019, is what will make this administrative period historic. A truly remarkable reality.

MISSION to the FAMILIES in the CITIES

In our efforts of *Reaching Families for Jesus*, we will conduct eight Family Evangelism Projects during the ensuing quinquennium in Africa, Europe, North America, Oceania, and Southern Asia. The *Healthy Family Relationships Seminars* are focused on helping people build stronger and healthier family relationships as well as becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. We have also developed a year-long curriculum with guides for the Local Church and Families in English and Spanish to work to win families for Jesus.



1. Budapest, Hungary
May 2017
2. Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2018
3. Niš, Serbia
4. Novi Sad, Serbia
5. Budapest, Hungary
April 2018
6. Kisumu, Kenya
May 2018
7. New Delhi, India
June 2019
8. Papua New Guinea
May 2020

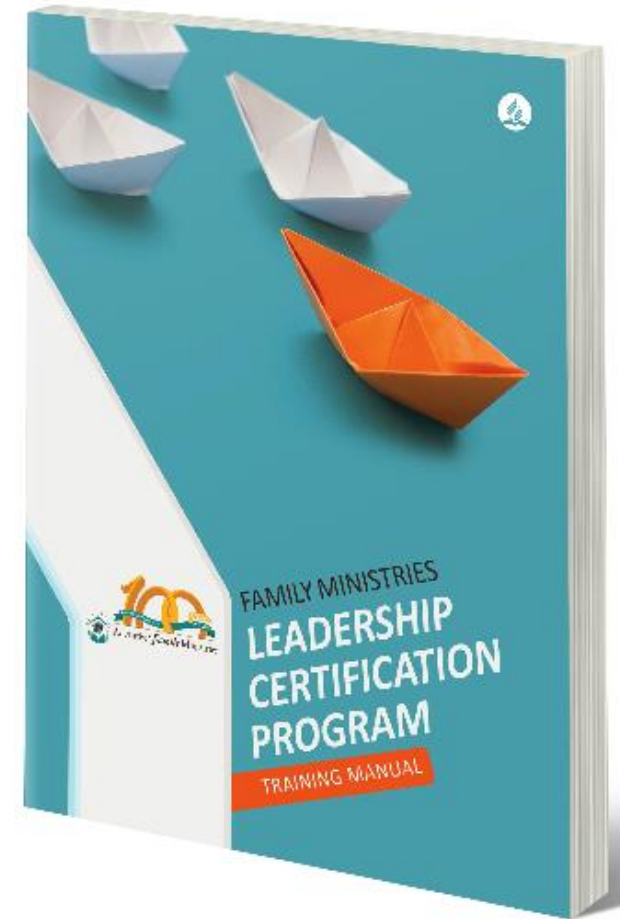


FAMILY MINISTRIES

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The family was created by God as a center for discipleship, nurture, guidance, love, affection, and many other relational realities and it continues to be a principal target of the evil one. To this end the Seventh-day Adventist Church needs a multitude of trained facilitators who can help bring healing to the brokenness in our midst.

This resource will help us accomplish a very important part of this vision as training events proliferate across the 13 world divisions and attached fields. With more hands the work of making a difference will be lighter as we help hasten the coming of Jesus Christ.

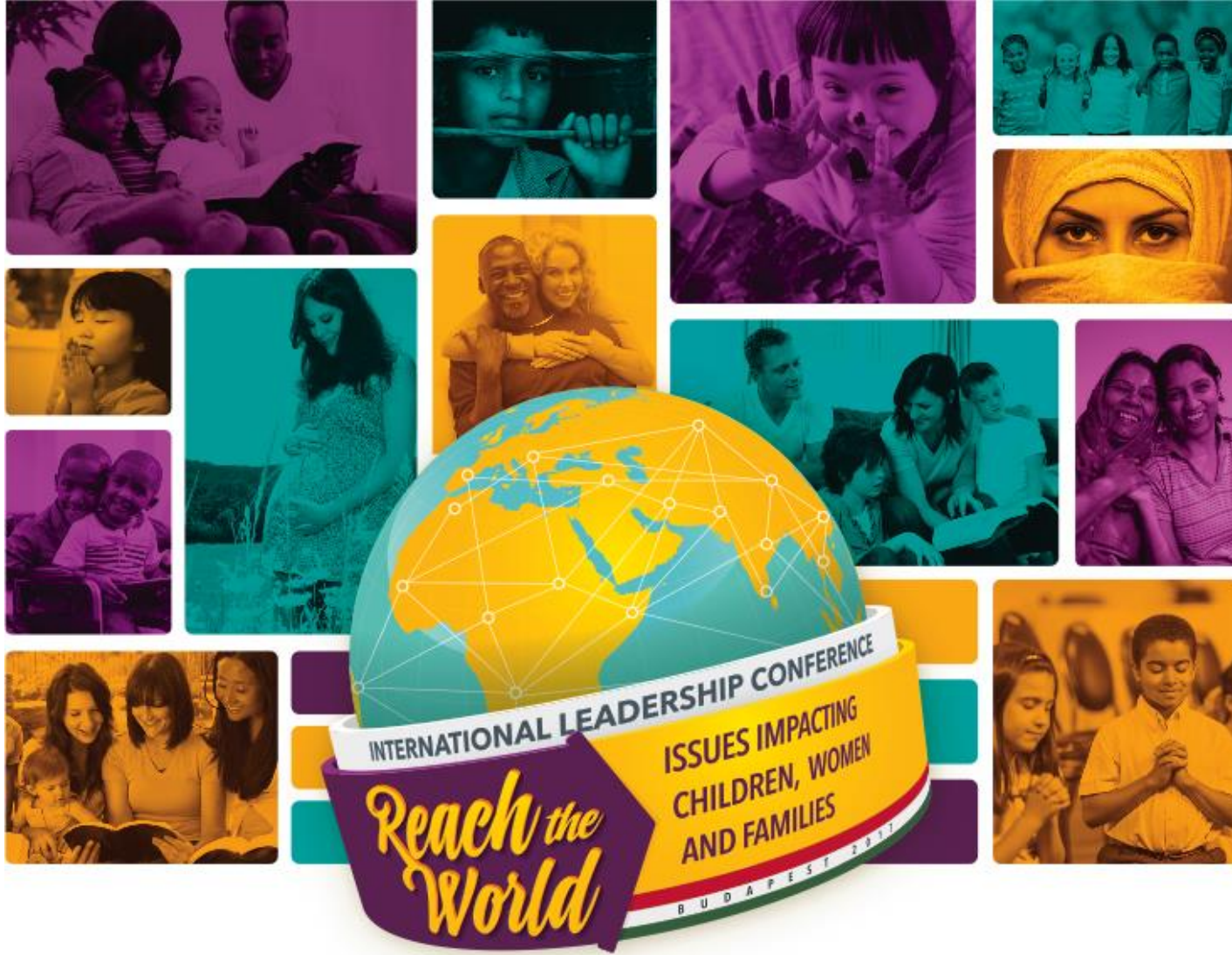




The *Leadership Certification Program* is a 50-hour training program designed to bring the needed skill-set to family life educators throughout the world field. It is available in several languages: English, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish, and will soon be available in Arabic.

There are two levels to complete.
A certificate will be awarded at the completion of each level.





When:
10th to 13th, May 2017

Where:
Budapest Congress Center, Hungary
Novotel Budapest City

Participants:
400 plus leaders from around the world in
Children's Ministries, Women's Ministries
and Family Ministries

The Objectives of this conference was to galvanize the energies and ministry imagination of our colleagues around the world in Children's Ministries, Women's Ministries, and Family Ministries, to get behind the quinquennial strategic plan of *Reach the World*.



TED President's Welcome, Raafat Kamal



Opening Keynote,
Ella Simmons (GC)

Hungarian
Union
President's
Welcome,
Tamás Ócsai



Introduction of Directors, Geoffrey Mbwana (GC)



Plenary Sessions speakers



Ella S. Simmons



Raafat Kamal



George Barna



Geoffrey Mbwana



Kiti Freier Randall



Mark Finley

Family Ministries' Workshops Speakers



Karen Holford



Gábor Mihalec



Ekkehardt Mueller



Virna Santos



ADVENTIST PAN-AFRICAN
CONFERENCE ON

Dynamic RELATIONS

Why we needed this conference?

No doubt, we all have fallen short of God's ideal when it comes to negotiating the first institution established by God at creation—marriage and the family. The truth is, there are no perfect marriages or families, because there are no perfect people. Consequently, it behooves us to examine our marriage and family practices faithfully, to ensure they are honestly aligned with the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

When:

Thursday 1st to Sabbath 3rd,
March 2018

Where:

Adventist University of Africa,
Advent Hill, Kenya

Participants:

About 150 church leaders from the three African Divisions-- among them—Division Presidents, Union Presidents, Union Directors of Family Ministries, as well as University Administrators and Professors of institutions across Africa

Plenary Sessions speakers



Ron du Preez



Kagelo and Boitumelo
Rakwena



Jongimpi Papu



Michael Sokupa

Family Ministries' Workshops Speakers



Sampson and Angela
Nwaomah



Delbert W. and Susana
M. Baker



Blasious Ruguri



Group photo of all presenters and their spouses, as well as ECD and WAD division presidents.

[Photos: Adventist Review/Adventist World]



Ron du Preez, presenting on two topics: Scripture and the family, and polygamy



Jongimpi Papu presenting on the topic of African Traditional Religions.



Michael Sokupa presents on marriage dynamics in Africa

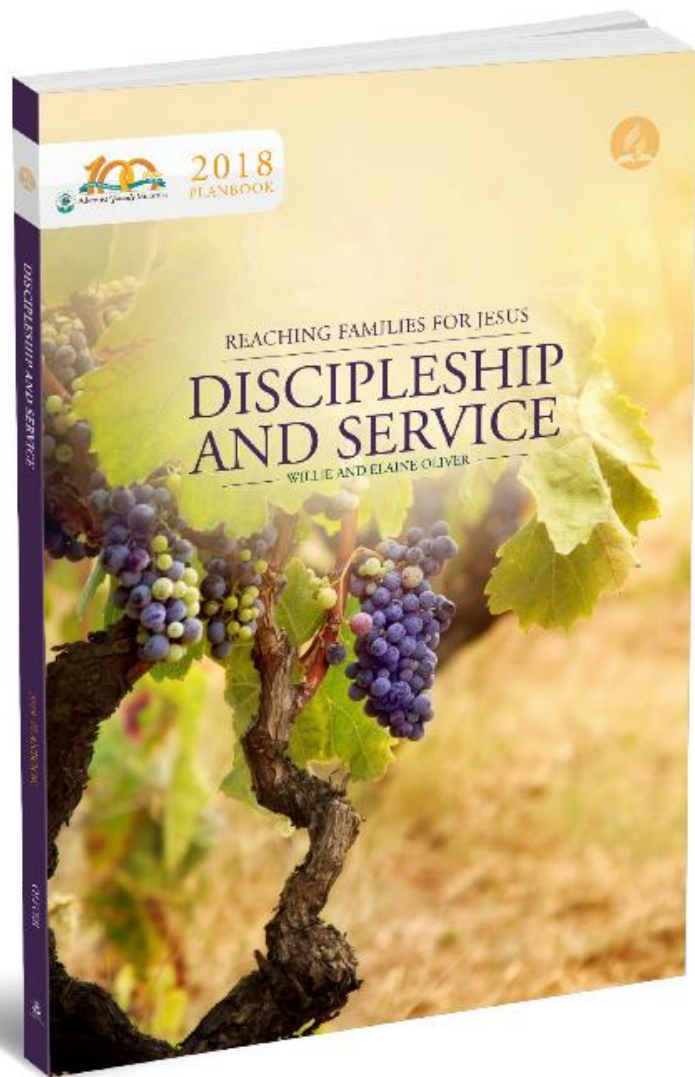


Drs. Kagelo and Boitumelo Rakwena presenting on the topic of dual career marriages.



Blasious Ruguri, ECD president and AUA chancellor, welcomes participants.





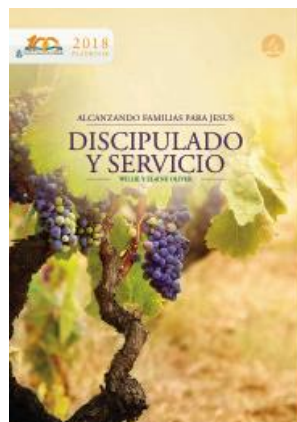
REACHING FAMILIES FOR JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE

WILLIE AND ELAINE OLIVER

This Planbook is for pastors and ministry leaders in their work with families in and out of the church. We hope the resources found in this volume will help develop healthier families, which invariably result in healthier churches that can reach the world with power and joy to help hasten the coming of Jesus Christ.

Available in six languages at family.adventist.org/planbook



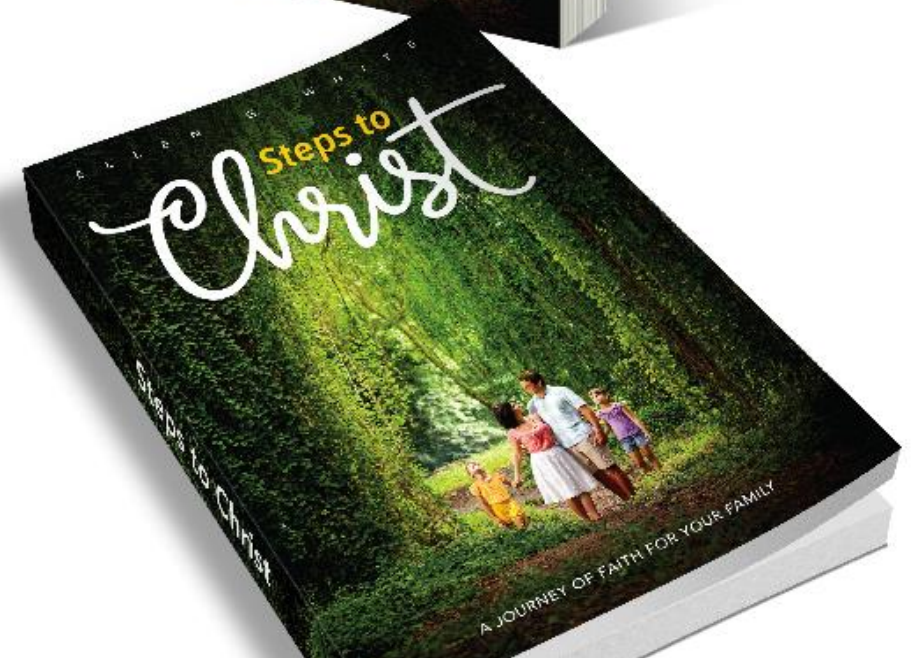
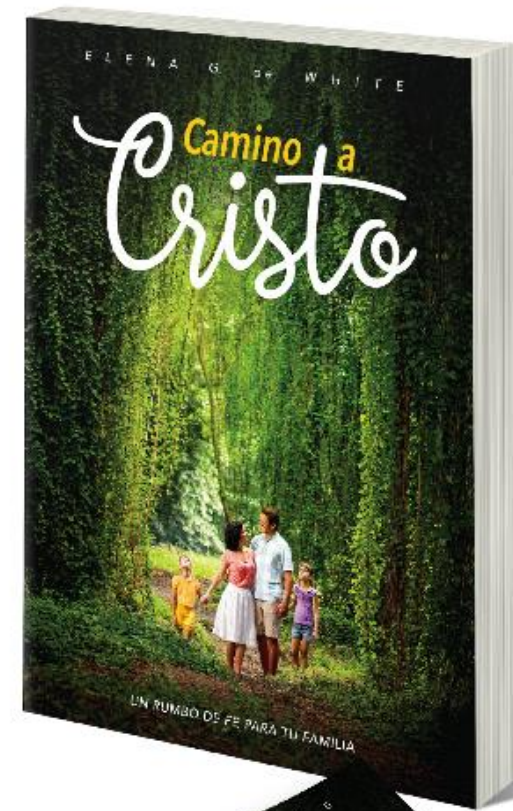
Steps to Christ

*A Journey of Faith
For Your Family*

The year 2017 marked the 125th anniversary of Steps to Christ, a book that is probably the most widely circulated of the many volumes written by Ellen G White. It has been translated into at least 165 languages and is considered to be one of the most widely distributed religious books in the world.

Family Ministries, among many General Conference Departments participated in the commemorative reprint of this book.

If you are interested in the Family Ministries edition, please contact the GC Department of Family Ministries.

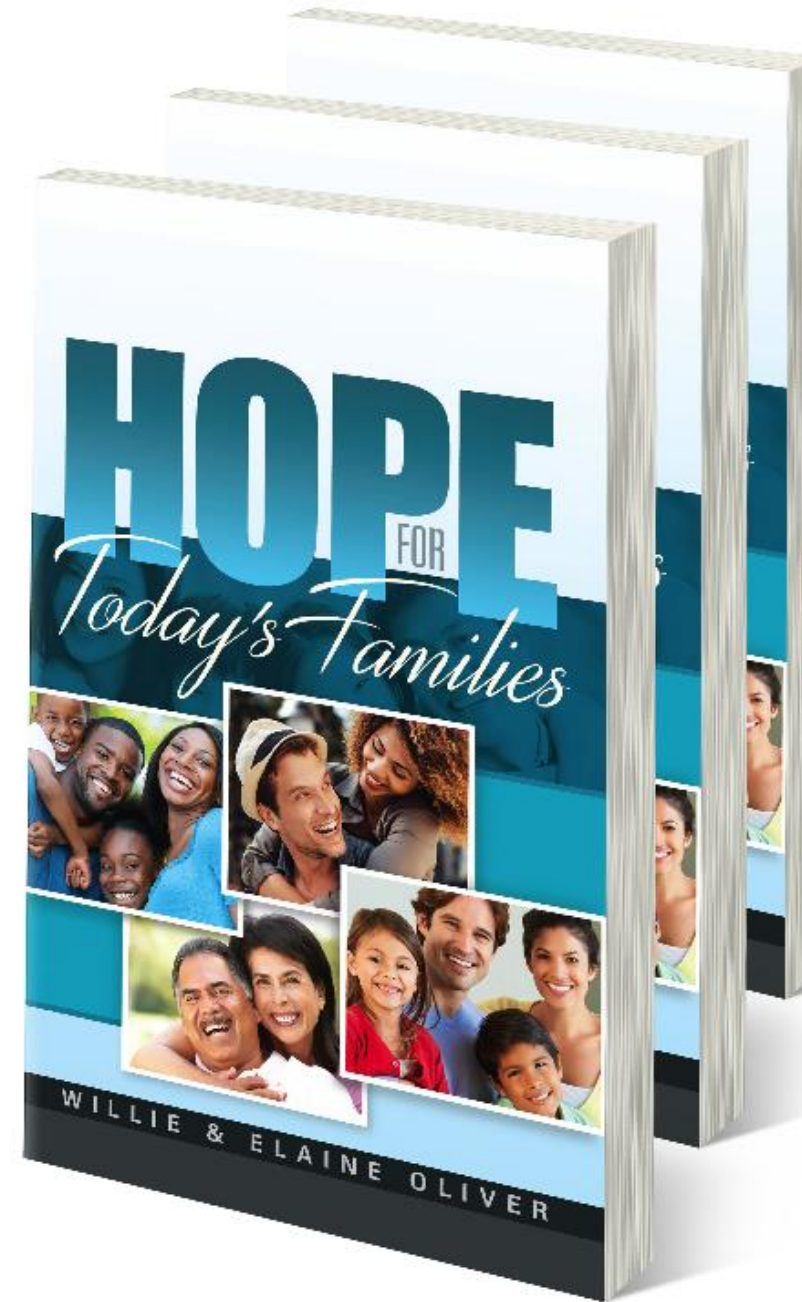




WORLD MISSIONARY BOOK OF THE YEAR

The **2019 world-wide missionary book** of the year will focus on families. It will be translated in the many languages where the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a presence. This book will give each member an opportunity to build bridges with their relatives, friends, and neighbors around the holy institution of marriage and family created by God Himself.

Written by GC Directors of Family Ministries, Willie and Elaine Oliver.
To get copies of this book contact your Division or Union Publishing
Ministries Department.





REAL *Family Talk*

with Willie & Elaine Oliver

Strengthening Families and Inspiring Hope

Real Family Talk gives us a place to talk about family dynamics, and share tools to strengthen our marriages and families. Our discussions are family friendly, biblically rooted, and designed to spiritually enrich your life.



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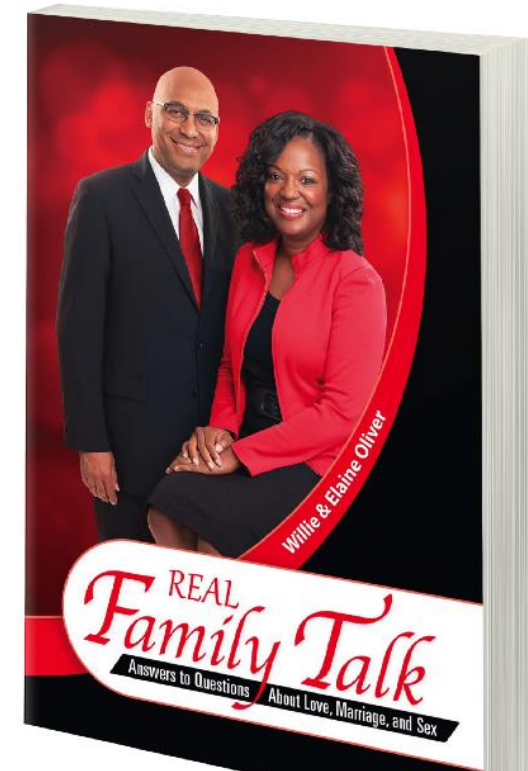
Sundays, 8 pm EST, or anytime online
at realfamilytalk.hopetv.org

REAL *Family Talk*

Answers to Questions About Love, Marriage, and Sex

In *Real Family Talk*, Willie and Elaine Oliver answer questions from real people with problems just like yours on dating, doctrines, infidelity, parenting, and sex -anything and everything relating to relationships.

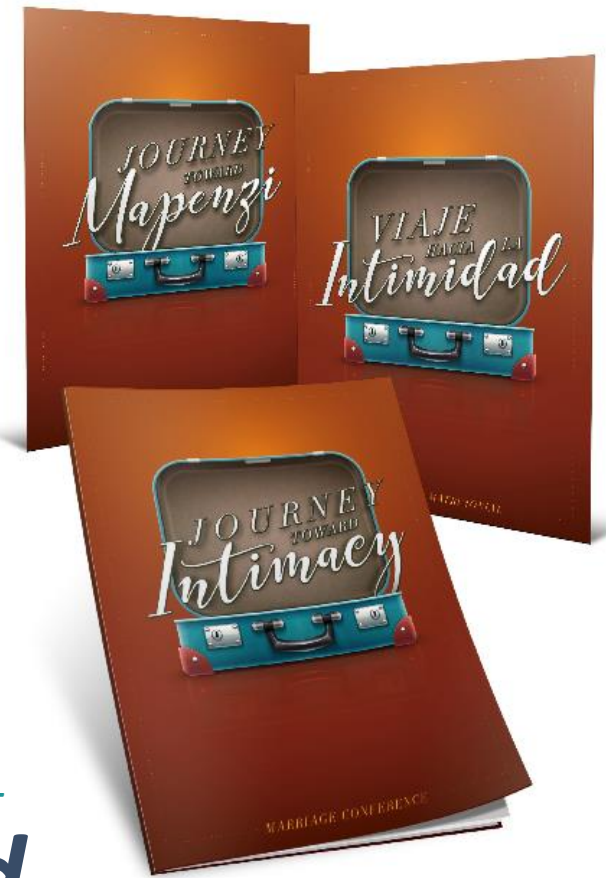
Get the book at your local Adventist Book Center.



MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Journey Toward intimacy

Journey Toward Intimacy will take couples on a journey to discover or rediscover God's plan for oneness in marriage—the intimacy they desired and hoped for when they first married. Christian couples must fight against the natural drift toward growing apart which leads to loneliness and despair in marriage. Husbands and wives can become intimate friends, lovers, and allies for a lifetime. Come and join us on this Journey Toward Intimacy.



A ONE-DAY CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE COMMITMENT

From This Day Forward

This seminar is crafted in detail to serve couples who are committed to making their relationship the best it can possibly be. Everyone is invited to get comfortable, and be prepared to keep an open mind and an open heart. The prime goal is for couples to leave with rejuvenated aspirations and commitment to their relationship, *From This Day Forward*.

To learn more about the seminar and conference contact the Family Ministries Department of the General Conference.



CONTINUOUS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND THE NAD DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

Historically since 1975, a family strengthening event has been held on the campus of Andrews University, originally sponsored by the School of Education, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, **the Departments of Family Ministries of the General Conference** and the North American Division Department of Family Ministries, or a combination of these entities. The purpose has always been to educate our constituencies about the importance of ministry to families in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This conference is especially tailored for pastors, family life professionals, directors of Family Ministries, and church members.

Learn more about the conference at: andrews.edu/familyconference

ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RESEARCH & PRACTICE



**Family
FINANCES**

JULY 19-21, 2018

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DR. JOHN MATTHEWS

An ordained minister, his ministry has included serving in Florida, Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, and Nebraska. He has conducted stewardship and family finance seminars throughout the North American Division since 2010. John is a graduate of Southern Adventist University and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University. He is the principal author of the 2018 Adult Sabbath School Quarterly, *Live Stewardship... Live Happy*, co-author of *Smoky Mountain Rescue*, recorded the gospel CD *Keeper of My Heart* and along with Janice the force behind the *Stewardship Jack* book series.



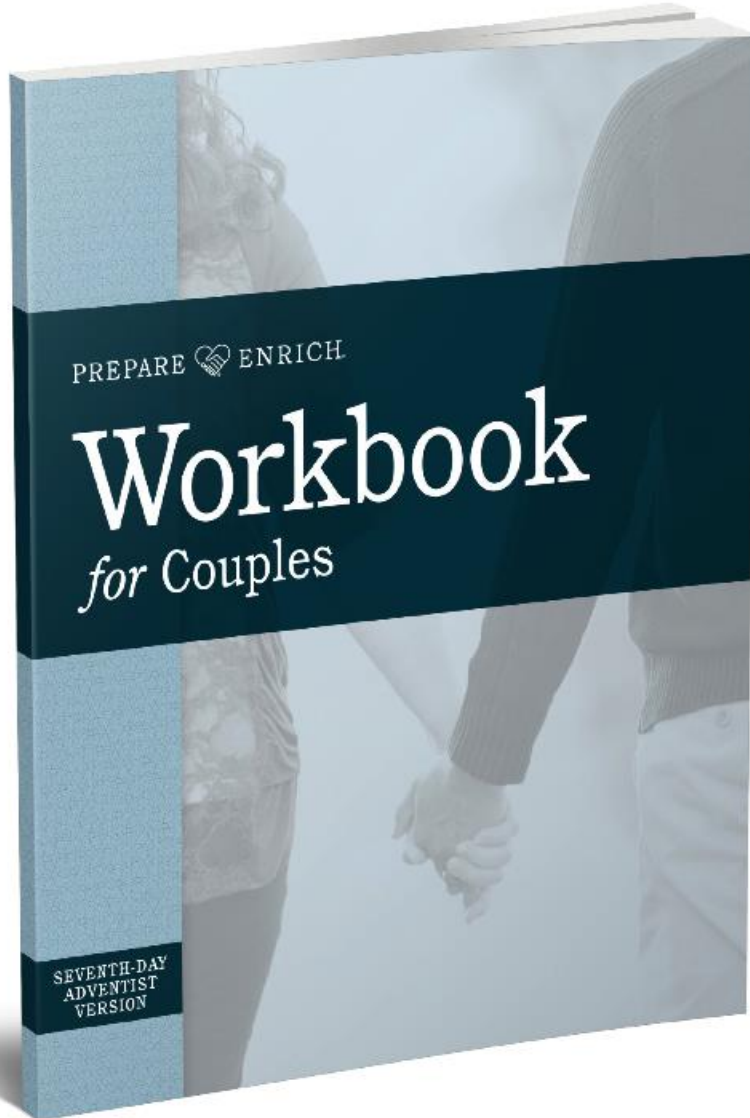
DR. & MRS. BEN & MARY MAXON

Born in Caracas, Venezuela of missionary parents, Ben Maxon has spent much of his pastoral ministry in the Northwest and Southern United States. Fluent in Spanish, he also gravitated back to his roots in South America to serve in two missions there. Dr. Maxon held the position of Director of Stewardship at the World headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists from 1995 to 2004. During this time, he discovered and developed a new paradigm emphasizing biblical stewardship from a discipleship perspective and shared this vision with the world church. Currently Ben is serving as Senior Pastor of the Paradise California Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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PREPARE ENRICH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST VERSION

Family Ministries is very pleased to offer the Seventh-day Adventist version of the PREPARE/ENRICH *Workbook for Couples*.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has enjoyed a close relationship with PREPARE/ENRICH for many years, and has translated or helped translate the materials into German, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, and Spanish. **Every Division Director of Family Ministries has been certified as a facilitator of this program**, and most of the Union Directors of Family Ministries, as well as many Conference Directors and Pastors around the world.

For training information, please check with your Division Director of Family Ministries.



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