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Signs of The Times Magazine

Jennifer's Story shared by Scott Cady

"In 2005 I started reading in my spare time and realized that the **Signs** magazine at the Post Office was free and full of information about Jesus and the truth. At first I didn't believe what I read and then the more I read the magazines I thought 'this must be what it's really like to be a Christian, these testimonies couldn't be fake.'

I continued to read, looking forward every month to the new issue, not knowing which denomination published this magazine. I gave a copy to my mom to read and told her how I couldn't wait every month for a new issue. After reading for a few months I started looking at the small print to see who published it. To my surprise it was the Seventh-day Adventists. 'Who are they I thought?' and then started asking the people who attended church if they knew who the Seventh-day Adventists were and no one could tell me anything about Adventists.

So I went to the public library to research not only the Seventh-day Adventists but other denominations as well. But God impressed me to find out where the nearest Adventist Church was located. I looked in the phone book. I found an Adventist Church in the city 15 miles away. I think there is every denomination in our small town except the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

I asked my brother to attend with me because I didn't want to go to a strange church by myself. Both of us were very impressed with the way we were treated by the members and also by what we heard. My brother recognized one of the members from riding the city bus with her. She came over to us and introduced herself and asked if we would like to have Bible studies with her at her home.

We both agreed to study with Jean, but I told her that I had just started receiving the Discover Bible Guides in the mail. I had sent in an enrollment card that I found in the **Signs** Magazine. Jean suggested that we all study the guides together. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that she was the Discover Bible School Director. She was the one that was sending the Discover Bible Guides to me and was my instructor!

As we studied together, my brother would leave his Discover Guides lying around the house and my mother would pick the guides up and read them. Mom became very interested and started asking questions about various topics. I invited her to go to Bible study with us so she began studying with our study group. Eventually, my mom agreed to attend church with me and has been attending ever since and was also baptized right along with me on the same day!

You can imagine how I feel to have my mom accept Jesus and be baptized with me. I see God's blessings all the time now. I never knew Jesus before and always felt left out when anyone talked about Him, especially in grade school. I always wanted to be loved by Jesus, but didn't think that I was good enough. Now I know better! I'm growing every day in Jesus.

I now tell different people about the **Signs** magazine and I leave them at different places. Last fall I had a job delivering coupon booklets throughout the neighborhood and I would also give them a **Signs** magazine and a DVD that our pastor duplicates for us. This is just one of the ways God answers my prayers to do his will. I now am a caregiver for the elderly which gives me the opportunity to leave magazines at the retirement center and also the homes of the elderly."

From Your HR Department

Remember to Track Your Wellness Points!

Accelerate plan members—You have until July 31 to track 10,000 wellness points to qualify for Accelerate in 2022. Log your points on the app within 7 days of your activity, or within 14 days on the website. You can even download the app for easy tracking. If you have trouble navigating the new platform, visit <https://virginpulse.zendesk.com/hc/en-us> or ask Kelly Lewis in HR.

Retirement Auto-escalation

On July 1, your retirement contribution will automatically increase 1% unless you contribute 7% or more already. This increase will be reflected on your July 14

paycheck. To change your contribution rate: Call 866-467-7756, or log on to www.empowermyretirement.com with your user name and password

- Choose Account at the top of the page
- Choose Contributions under the Adventist Retirement Plan menu
- Select Edit to change your contribution rate.

If you have any questions, please contact HR

Extended Sick and PTO Hours Banks Update

Thank you for your continued patience. Part-time employees' PTO banks are now accurate, but full-time employees' PTO banks are still being resolved. All extended sick banks are now accurate.