



The Adventist Review for kids, and those who always will be kids at heart

A "Nobel" Experience!

My name is Gabriel David Correa, and

I am reporting for *KidsView*. As I was watching TV with my family, we saw that President Jimmy Carter was chosen to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. My dad, who is a pastor of the Adventist church in Oslo, thought I could interview Jimmy Carter for *KidsView*. We called William Johnsson, the editor of the *Adventist Review* and *KidsView*. Pastor Johnsson was excited about the idea of my talking to Jimmy Carter and writing an article. My father tried to get press credentials, but the government of Norway said no.

In fact, they were very strict. They

said to my mother, "No means no." At first I thought that I had lost my chance to meet Jimmy Carter, but then my father said that to a reporter "no" means "yes." So we decided to stalk him (just kidding!).

On the afternoon of December 9, right after school, we rushed to the Grand Hotel, where Jimmy Carter was staying. After a long wait, I began to think that I would not get to see him. Suddenly I began to see many famous faces. First I saw Chip Carter, Jimmy Carter's son, but since it was my first time seeing someone famous, I got a little nervous and did not get to say hello to him.

Then my dad pointed Dianne Feinstein

Gabriel David Correa, 11, Oslo, Norway



out to me and said, "She is a senator from California."

I rushed over to meet her. She was very nice. I said to her, "My name is

Gabriel, and I am a reporter for *KidsView*, an Adventist magazine."

She said, "Oh!" and then asked me where I came from. I told her New York. She asked me if I liked the winter days, and I said, "Not so much." Diane

Feinstein even called her husband over and said, "Come, I want you to meet Gabriel." She then introduced me to her husband, Richard Blum. He was very nice too. She allowed me to take a picture with her. After that came

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What's a Nobel Prize?

It's a prize given each year by the foundation of Alfred Nobel. Established in 1900, the foundation gives prizes to encourage people who work for the interests (good) of others. There are prizes awarded in peace, literature, and science. President Carter was given on in peace this past December.



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The next evening there would be a peace concert in Carter's honor. My mom didn't think we could go because the tickets are so expensive, but as my dad says, a reporter never takes no for an answer. Surprisingly, my dad and I managed to get two tickets—and right up front! Carlos Santana was one of the performers at the

concert. I wanted to interview Carlos Santana, because he has the Milagro Foundation, a foundation in which they help underprivileged youth, such as children without parents and victims of violence. We waited awhile at the hotel where he was staying to see if we would catch him going out too, but then we had to leave for the concert. We

were enjoying the concert, and then came the intermission. I had an idea. "Dad, we could catch Carlos Santana backstage!"

My dad said, "I don't think they will let you in. It's impossible." But I said, "A reporter never takes no for an answer." I went up to the security people and asked if I could talk to Carlos Santana backstage. The security people said: "Wait right here." I saw a man in a black suit come toward me. He said, "Come with me, please." He took me to this kind man who knew English as well as I did. I followed him. As I was passing by the dressing rooms of the performers I could see their name tags. First I saw Willie Nelson, then Sissel Kyrkjebo, a famous Norwegian singer, then Carlos Santana. I was sweating from nervousness. I

went into his room. He had his hat on, as always, and as I was about to sit next to him, I thought, *this is going preeeetty good*. I introduced myself as I did before and asked him about the Milagro Foundation. He was very willing to tell me about the many projects they work with. As we were finishing, he quoted another musician: "Notes are more powerful than bullets."

After the concert we went back to the Plaza Hotel, and I met several more famous people, including Willie Nelson. Then I saw Jessye Norman come through the revolving door of the hotel. I just had to meet her. When I met her, she said, "Hello, darling."

"I am a reporter from KidsView. May I have your autograph and picture, please?" I asked.

Ms. Norman is an honorary ambassador to the United Nations and a

wonderful singer. After that whole experience I could not wait to get home to tell my brother, Sammy, and my mother, Lillian. Just think of all the people I have met!

Before we left for home two British reporters came up to me and asked, "Did you get Santana?" I showed them my signed program, and they shook my hand and one of them said, "Congratulations; you did better than I did." The other one said, "Brilliant, just brilliant!"



Posing with Chip Carter.

What can you, as a child, do for Jesus? At a meeting in Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, a city east of Moscow, children and teens not only learned how to witness to others, they also talked about how they taught their parents and friends—who didn't believe in God—about Jesus Christ.

Lidia Neikurs is the adult in charge of children's ministries in Russia. She believes that the purpose of children's ministries is not just so kids can have fun. It is really to help young missionaries learn to serve God. At these meetings the children got to prove that they can do ministry.



At the meeting a special thing happened. A group of pastors who will start 300 new churches in Russia also attended the meetings. The children formed a small



circle around each adult pastor and his wife and prayed for their ministry and the specific needs of the

city where the new church will be. This time the children dedicated the pastors!

In addition, an 11-year-old boy gave a short sermon. Each week he brings at least one new person with him to church. He said that he had once been a thief, but his life changed when he gave his heart to Christ. He urged the other children to become missionaries in their own families and towns.

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In North America, February is known as Black History month. It is a time to focus on the contributions of those who are of African descent. In the United States they are called "African-Americans." Here are some who have made a difference, and throughout this month's calendar are many more. See if you can find them all.

Marian Anderson, singer
 Frederick Douglass, editor
 Martin Luther King, Jr., leader
 Thurgood Marshall, judge
 Lionel Hampton, musician
 Booker T. Washington, educator
 Arthur Ashe, athlete
 Harriet Tubman, conductor

Chinese New Year
 The Chinese give each year a name. This day is the beginning of the year of the sheep.

Groundhog Day. If the groundhog sees its shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, spring will come soon!

Bill Knott's birthday
 He is an associate editor of the *Adventist Review*, which means he plans, writes, and edits articles for the magazine.

Rosa Parks' birthday
 She would not give her bus seat to a White rider and was arrested. Read more at www.holidays.net/mlk/rosa.htm.

He was the "Home Run King." He hit 755 home runs, had 2,297 RBI, and 6,856 total bases in his career.

"Babe" was a left-handed hitter who played for the New York Yankees. He invented the baseball bat.

Negro History Week was celebrated for the first time February 7-14, 1926. In 1976 it became Black history month. This month was chosen to pay tribute to two Americans: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

A meteor weighing more than 1 ton (2,000 pounds!) fell in Chihuahua, Mexico, in 1969.

Toothache Day
 If you brush your teeth and hum "Happy Birthday," you brush them as long as they are supposed to be brushed. Try it!

Jonathan Jacob's birthday
 He turns 11 today, attends John Nevins Andrews school, and is in fifth grade.

First Legal Black Protest. In 1644, 11 Black men in New Netherlands asked for their freedom, since they had served more than 17 years. (New Netherlands was a company that would later become the state of New York.)

He was the 16th president of the United States and is known for his leadership during the Civil War.

The NFL Boston Redskins move to Washington, D.C., in 1937.

Kim Maran's birthday
 She's an assistant editor of the *Adventist Review* and works on *KidsView*. It's also Valentine's Day. Tell someone today they are special.

William Miller's birthday
 He preached of Jesus' soon return. Some followers later began the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Joe Frazier became the world heavyweight boxing champion in 1970.

President's Day celebrates the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, U.S. presidents.

The planet Pluto was discovered in 1930 by astronomer Clyde Tombaugh. Pluto is the only planet that has not been visited by a spacecraft. It takes it 249 years to orbit the sun.

William (his real name) was born in 1940. He was one of the most important Black songwriters, singers, and record producers in the 1960s.

Graysville Academy opens in Tennessee in 1892 with 23 students. Today it is called Southern Adventist University and has more than 2,000 students.

Love your pet day. You know what to do.

Created in 1926 by the Girl Scouts, this is a day to think of others. Count the windows in your house and give 10 cents for each as an offering.

Roy Adams' birthday
 He is an associate editor of the *Adventist Review*. Find his name and others on page 4 of the adult magazine.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first African American woman to become a doctor. She graduated from the New England Female Medical College.

Quiet Day. Maybe this would be a good day to go to the library and see how quiet you can be. Did you know the blue whale is the loudest animal on earth? Find out why.

National Pistachio Day
 Ever heard of a pistachio nut? The name is pronounced "pa-stash-e-o." They are small, and they have just a little bit of green color on them. Try some today!

Polar Bear Day. Wouldn't you like to hug a big furry polar bear? Or slide down a snow mountain on its back? Heaven will be full of fun things to do with animals. Can't wait!

The U.S. Congress authorized Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to go on a trip. They left in 1804 to explore the American West. The trip took 2 years, 4 months, 10 days, and was 8,000 miles.

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