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From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: COURAGEOUS FAITH IN VULNERABLE TIMES - When we feel vulnerable in our culture and communities because of our Christian faith, we can turn to Esther for the wisdom we need to continue living faithfully. Join Groundwork as we study Esther 1-4 to learn how to have courageous faith in vulnerable times. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

A FEW GOOD LIZARDS - In this week's episode, "A Few Good Lizards," Liz and Lucille think they will have no problem finding 50 good people in Terrene, but as they meet with friends and family, they find it is not as easy as they thought. Will Morrie, Grandpa Anole or Granny Anole even make the list? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Valentine Card Collection to share with family and friends. kidscorner.net/activities

FAMILY FIRE - FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Disability Concerns

MEDICAL AID IN DYING - Canadians have been given two weeks to provide feedback on how far to extend access to medical aid in dying. Take this action alert by Monday, January 27, 2020 to contact your elected official: p2a.co/4YoY3Eo If you would like to connect with us on this topic, please contact the Disability Concerns Ministry team: bjones@crcna.org or mstephenson@crcna.org.

From Faith Formation Ministries

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP - "Pausing with children to read and to wonder about meanings in words and in illustrations of Bible stories is a spiritual practice," writes Elizabeth Caldwell in *I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible*. For a list of some wonderful Christian picture books the Faith Formation Ministries team loves and recommends, visit tinyurl.com/FFMpicturebooks. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

SHORT-TERM MISSION, CLOSE TO HOME - Are you looking for a robust volunteer experience but don't want to be away from home for months? Consider volunteering for up to three weeks with World Renew Disaster Response Services this winter or upcoming spring. Volunteer by yourself or with a friend or spouse to repair homes for disaster survivors who are still waiting for help. Make new friends from across the country and make a real difference. Contact Diana Marquez at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or 800-848-5818 to find your fit.

From Resonate Global Mission

GLOBAL PRAYER SAFARI 2020 - Join Resonate Global Mission for the Global Prayer Safari 2020. We'll be traveling and praying in the United States, from New York City to Washington D.C., Baltimore, and cities in between. Prayer is foundation to mission work! Learn more about this experience by visiting www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/safari.

From Other

COLOSSIAN FORUM - Join us today, Sunday, January 26, at 7 pm at The Lantern (1401 10th Ave. SE), where we'll be pleased to host Chris DeVos of The Colossian Forum as our first speaker for Engage Calgary - a new initiative to host public lectures and dialogues that encourage churches and individuals to engage in missional conversation. The topic will be on how to have authentic, loving conversations on HARD topics. For more info email Rich at rbraaksma@crcna.org

Heart of God Tour - There are still a few spaces left for participants and support staff on the annual Heart of God Tour of Israel. Designed specifically for people with special needs like Down Syndrome or on the autism spectrum, the trip will run March 30-April 8, 2020. Some scholarship funds and special offers for Canadians are available. Get the details and sign up by January 30 at underthefigtree.org/tours/heart-of-god/