

# The Adventist Home Educator E-Newsletter

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## Editor's Note:

This issue will be a bit different than some of the newsletters you will get in the future. I have a general idea of how to make this newsletter unique and interesting, but I do need participation from others to make this work. I will be sharing ideas that I have after this note. If some sound interesting to you, please let me know... this helps me know how much effort to put into different areas. And if you can share in these areas... please do... it will make the following newsletters easier to compile. Also, if you have ideas for other sections, please share!

The newsletter for AHE has had the goal of educating and encouraging its members. In past years, when this was a mailed out newsletter, personal testimonies were often shared with names and places. Being on the internet has raised the issue of security for our members. To keep this a safe place to share and encourage... I will not be listing any last names... just first names only and the location (state initials).

Some of the new ideas will start as soon as I am able to establish them... in fact, one will start in this newsletter. I will be scouring the old newsletters for some articles that are still applicable to home schooling today and sharing as we have room. This section will be titled... *A Look Back*. I am sure you will be blessed with these articles... as some have brought tears to my own eyes as I read and have been encouraged.

Lastly, to respond to this newsletter, it is not necessary any longer to find my email address. You simply need to hit reply on the message link for the newsletter and you can send your message. It will come back to me and it will not go to the entire list. We set it up so that relating back and forth will be easier for everyone.

Warmly,  
~Melissa

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## Sections to come as interest and participation are shown:

### A Look Back...

Revisiting old newsletter articles

### Local Home School Updates

Sharing activities in your local areas

### Kids' Corner

Sharing your children's stories, poetry, and art

### Book Give Away

Book drawing as books are available

### Foundations

Scripture and counsel for encouragement

### Feature Articles

By editor and guest writers

### Meet Our Members

Look for form to see how you can participate later in this newsletter

### Question of the Month

A question is posed, answered by members and shared in next month's newsletter.

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## Themed Newsletters

Themes will be posted for upcoming newsletters, so you can participate

## Submission Surprises

Scattered\* gifts of appreciation for those who contribute to the newsletter. (previously you got a free issue, but that is no longer the case, since all newsletters are free)

\*scattered means given randomly

## Applications

Struggling with how to apply 'True education' concepts? Check out this section to see how others apply the counsel we've been given.

## Curriculum Reviews

Found a great or not-so-great curriculum...share its pros and cons

## Home School Forms

Share forms that you've created  
(MS Word documents only please)

## Your unique ideas...

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## Form for *Meet Our Members* submissions:

Name (First only will be shared in the newsletter, share full name so editor can keep track of submissions )  
: \_\_\_\_\_

State and/or Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Include as much or as little information about the following questions:

What curriculum have you used or are now using?

How long have you home schooled or plan to?

Did your child (children) ever attend traditional school?

How long have you been Seventh-day Adventists?

Parents' professional status or occupation?

Any special situations? Example: special diet, learning needs, handicapped, foster children, twins, single parent, military, missionary, etc.

What else would you like to say about your home school?

Basically we'd like an introduction of you and how you home school!

Submissions will be added as space allows. Just reply to the newsletter message and send in your submission!

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## Themed Newsletters:

- #145 – Current Issue (January)
- #146 – Reading – Home School Conventions
- #147 – Nature Study - Work
- #148 – College Prep Courses – High School

(If you have a topic of interest, please share so we can add it to our list)

The upcoming themes for the next 3 months will be shared so that if you have anything to share about the theme idea, you will have time to prepare a piece for the newsletter. We are looking for reviews, personal applications of 'True Education', featured articles, resources, and more! As always, submissions are invited regardless of upcoming themes... they may be saved for later, or if a newsletter is a little light, it may be included regardless of the theme of the newsletter.

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## A Look Back...

(Names may have been changed or removed. Personal information may be edited out, indicated by "..."). This article doesn't talk so much on home schooling as we all think about it, but it does talk of judgment which is a character issue as well as one issue that we as home schoolers encounter quite often.

From the desk of the editor...  
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... And after observing...my thoughts are strongly on both (1) diet and (2) misconceptions or lack of understanding that others may have about kids in general, and *our* kids in particular.

As all successful nursing mothers soon find out, you can't feed a breastfed baby on a bottle-feeding regime. And, as serious home schoolers eventually come to realize, true home schooling is *not* just traditional school done at home. Likewise, it has occurred to me many times that the ideal diet is not just a meat-potatoes-vegetable fare with substitutes of vegemeats, soy milk, and egg replacers (though those things may certainly be a part of it). But, like breastfeeding and home schooling, proper diet is a whole lifestyle, distinctly different in both content and format from that of the world or worldly churches.

In regard to being misunderstood or judged wrongfully, we expect it from "outsiders". But it is especially disconcerting to find it among fellow believers, whether we are the accusers or the accused, whether dealing with children or other adults.

"How often serious difficulties arise from a simple misunderstanding, even among those who are actuated by the worthiest motives; and without the exercise of courtesy and forbearance, what serious and even fatal results may follow... While it is important on the one hand that laxness in dealing with sin be avoided, it is equally important on the other to shun harsh judgment and groundless suspicion..."

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“No one was ever reclaimed from a wrong position by censure and reproach; but many are thus driven further from the right path and led to harden their hearts against conviction. A spirit of kindness, a courteous, forbearing deportment may save the erring and hide a multitude of sins...

“Even under false accusation those who are in the right can afford to be calm and considerate. God is acquainted with all that is misunderstood and misinterpreted by men, and we can safely leave our case in His hands.” (PP 519-520)

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## Book Give Away

November Winner: Michele-Ann S.

Home Style Teaching; A Handbook for Parents and Teachers by Raymond and Dorothy Moore. Michele-Ann, I will be emailing you for your mailing address so I can send out the book!

January Book Give Away

This month we will be giving away the book The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook ; A Creative and Stress-free Approach to Homeschooling by Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore.

This is a lightly used book. No highlighting, just a pencil note written in the back under the blank “notes” pages, could easily be erased.

To get your name in the drawing, simply reply to this month’s newsletter message and include your name and email with the words “January Book Give Away”.

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## AHE Website

The website has been taking much of my attention the past month. Coralyn V. has been busy the past few months designing the new website. In January, we needed to move the website from it’s old server to the new one. We hadn’t completed the new website, but it is functioning. There are some pages that still need editing and a few that still need creating. I’ve been busy trying to back up files from the old site and creating new ones for the new site... and it’s been a lot of work behind the scenes. Please be patient as you look through the new site and if you see any bad links, spelling errors, etc., please pass them along to Melissa (me) so I can fix them. [onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net](mailto:onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net)

Take a look at the new site at the same address it was before... [www.adventisthomeducator.org](http://www.adventisthomeducator.org) You will see some new features that were added, and a few that possibly are missing. We’d love your thoughts on the new website to see if we’re going in the right direction with design and information presented. Just email me at the address above and pass along your comments. ~Thank you! ~Melissa

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Coming Soon! Be watching this spring for the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the AHE Handbook. The handbook is currently in the editing process of publication. Watch the website for more details! [www.adventisthomeducator.org](http://www.adventisthomeducator.org)

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## AHE Resources

**AHE Handbook** - Available currently by e-book. The handbook is a compilation of ideas shared between other Adventists. This book is currently unavailable. The 25<sup>th</sup> edition is in the editing process and we hope to have it for you in the next few months. Check out the website for more details on our resources.

[www.adventisthomeducator.org/](http://www.adventisthomeducator.org/)

**AHE e-Newsletter** ... You are reading it now. Short monthly articles to encourage you with home schooling. Sharing ideas among friends in a topical format. When email lists are too much for you, a monthly newsletter can encourage you and help you feel connected among friends. The newsletter tries to present information in such a way that it is clutter free.

The **AHE-List** is a place for Adventist homeschoolers to come together for friendly and informative discussion about home education from birth through high school. With an emphasis on true education, we share our ideas and experiences relating to teaching methods, learning styles, scheduling, curriculum choices and many other homeschooling topics. This is a place where we can help others along their homeschooling journey and also learn some new things ourselves. Susie is our moderator and she does a great job keeping the list on topic for homeschooling discussions. To join, send a blank email to:

[AHE-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHE-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**AHE-Living...** is a friendly place for sharing encouraging words as we work together to create grace-filled, loving homes and pure hearts for the Kingdom. This is a place to visit about child rearing, home decorating, healthy cooking, health and wellness, family relationships, spiritual growth and family worships, sewing and crafts, gardening and flowers, and other topics near and dear to our hearts. LaDonna is our moderator and she does a great job keeping the list a warm and cozy place to join together with friends. This is a supplemental group affiliated with AHE; a place where we can discuss all aspects of Christian living. You will need to be a member of the AHE-list in order to join. To join, visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AHE-Living/>

**AHE-Swap...**if you have curriculum to purchase or to sell, here is another outlet for getting the word out. To join, send a blank email to:

[AHE-Swap-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHE-Swap-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**AHE Teens...**is a place for our teen children to interact with other Seventh-day Adventist homeschoolers. To join, parents need to send an email to Melissa at [onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net](mailto:onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net) with their children's names, ages, and email addresses.

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The AHE website moved to a new server in January of 2010. We are still in process of formatting, so please forgive us for any incorrect links or pages; and please share with us if you find any mistakes. Thanks