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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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Inspiration

My satisfaction of a clean tidy house, cupboards and yard has given way to periods of boredom, frustration and anger as this isolation drags on. My frustration with not being able to meet friends for brunch was recently brought into stark perspective.

I listened transfixed to an interview with Nando Parrado, a man I had never heard of or his incredible story. In October 1972 Nando and other young men of a Uruguayan rugby team were among 45 passengers whose plane crashed into the Andes Mountains in Argentina on a flight from Uruguay to Chile.

Nando, injured, survived the crash with others. After 62 days without rescue in the freezing mountains Nando and Roberto Canessa decided to go for help. Without any protective gear he walked for 10 days into Chile, climbing a 15,000-foot mountain to do so.

He eventually made contact with civilisation and was able to tell the world about what has come to be known as the "Miracle in the Andes". After 72 days on 23 December 1972, 16 survivors were rescued thanks to Nando Parrado.

Listening to Nando speak I was moved by his quiet manner as he downplayed his heroic actions and commitment to his friends and fellow survivors. He did not mention any religious faith or strength upon which he relied during his ordeal but I sensed that he was a man of faith who literally put his life on the line in the love and service of others.

Today's Gospel John 16:12-15



But how to respond to the challenge of Nando's example, personally and as an SJA community? We are incredibly fortunate to be an MSC Parish, nurtured by a succession of MSC priests, most recently by our wonderful Fr. Kimi and Fr. Michael.

Perhaps in going forward Nando can be an inspiration to us all to fully embrace our MSC ideal to.....

"Be on earth the Heart of God".

Anthony Noakes

Thank you to the parish team for arranging the plan for weekday mass attendance. it was such a welcome return to live Mass. Your endeavours to keep us in touch through KIT and these Masses are a great sign of your love for us. Judy Netting

What we do to other people can affect their own way of being in the world. In other words, the attention and dignity we give to those around us is the seed of all the relationships in the world.

In a High Spiritual Season – Joan Chittister