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Dear Mr. Bill Knott,

On behalf of Seventh-day Adventist Kinship, I would like to acknowledge the article entitled, "Listening to Atheists," posted in the January 24, 2013 issue. This article initially caught our attention by the quote from the taxi driver who used derogatory references concerning homosexuality. As you may know, SDA Kinship is an organization that advocates LGBT who have participated in the Adventist community and have felt neglected or ostracized by the church.

We were very impressed that the article turned into a positive message of how Christianity should be focused on loving like Jesus and accepting others, no matter their convictions. Christians often link atheism and homosexuality together, like the Muslim man mentioned in the article, but the author made sure to clarify otherwise. Only through prayer can we truly reach people.

"[I] ask for love and logic as I interview celebrity atheists. I pray that I'll really listen, and make films for my church that will begin to answer the real questions."

In our church, many homosexuals are overlooked and ostracized from the church community. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, but at SDA Kinship we believe our purpose on earth is to love all sinners and accept the unbelieving.

We appreciate the efforts of the Adventist Review for publishing articles that portray Adventism as an accepting community. We would like to thank Grenville Kent for his journalistic ability to professionally state non-bias views of the atheist and LGBT community.

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