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Strange Things

“Amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God. They were filled with fear, saying, ‘We have seen strange things today.’”—Luke 5:26, River Bible

The world is weary and longs for something novel. The greatest stranger in the world is Jesus, but He is the least seen and the least spoken of by most people today. If people were to observe Him, they would see many amazing things. His life, death, and teachings are so full of strange things.

In Luke chapter 5, we encounter Jesus in a teaching moment, when a man is brought to Him by way of breaking up the roof of the house to get him into His presence. When they do, in just one short sentence, Jesus pardons the man’s sin. “Young man, your sins are forgiven”—verse 20, NLT. The crowd in attendance, especially the Scribes and Pharisees, thought this very strange.

So Jesus proceeded to practice thought-reading. “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins”—verses 22-24, NLT. Strange and amazing, isn’t it?

But Jesus wasn’t finished with them. He healed the forgiven man of his paralysis and ordered him to pick up and carry the bed which had carried him. Strange and amazing, isn’t it?

Jesus, the Maker of men, who was born among men; the Infinite—an infant. Jesus, the Lord of all serving all. Jesus, the Just One accused, condemned, and sacrificed for sin. Jesus, the Crucified One rising from the dead. Jesus, by His dying, death was slain. Strange and amazing, isn’t it?

It was John Newton who was quoted as saying: “When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there—the first wonder will be to see many people there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people whom I did expect to see; and the third greatest wonder of all will be to find myself there.”

But there is still one more strange and amazing event yet to come. It is described in the book *EARLY WRITINGS* by Ellen G White:

“As the disciples gazed sorrowfully toward heaven to catch the last glimpse of their ascending Lord, two angels clothed in white apparel stood by them and said to them, ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven’ ”—*EARLY WRITINGS*, p. 191. The disciples and the mother of Jesus, who with them had witnessed the ascension of the Son of God, spent the following night in talking over His wonderful acts and the strange and glorious events which had taken place within a short time.

The second coming of Christ! This is the moment to which all creation moves! This will be the moment of all moments—the glorious and triumphal soon return of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This will be, my friends, the strangest and most amazing thing of all. ☺

Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.



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Atlantic Union and Jamaica Union Conferences Enter into a Joint Initiative

In March/April 2015, several Atlantic Union Conference and local conference administrators and department directors joined with the Jamaica Union Conference and its local conference leadership to form a joint initiative. The sister-union relationship between the two unions, where ongoing reciprocation of mission events and projects will be facilitated, will forge opportunities to learn from each other about ways of doing mission and creating evangelistic strategies for their respective territories.

The trip culminated with a joint evangelistic effort on the island nation. Atlantic Union team members conducted week-long meetings in churches in various locations throughout Jamaica, including the two major cities of Kingston and Montego

Bay. Coinciding with “Vision One Million,” a discipleship initiative of the Inter-American Division, approximately 100 persons were baptized as a result of the meetings held.

A similar sister-union relationship was established, and still continues, between the Atlantic Union Conference and the Dominican Union Conference. Through a sharing of mutual resources such as evangelistic endeavors, the Atlantic Union continues to assist in conducting evangelism in the Dominican Republic. Additionally, in 2013, several pastors from the Dominican Republic participated in the largely successful NY13 evangelistic initiative as part of the overall evangelistic strategy for spreading the gospel in New York City.

The Atlantic Union leadership embraced the opportunity to congratulate the Jamaica Union on its 125th anniversary of the inauguration of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Jamaica. A congratulatory plaque bearing the medallion logo of the Atlantic Union was presented to Everett Brown, president of the Jamaica Union, by Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union. Several local conference presidents and officers, as well as officers and staff members of the Jamaica Union were present to witness the event.

The team from the Atlantic Union also took time to take a tour of the Jamaica Union headquarters, where a meal was graciously served. They also visited the campus of the union’s flagship educational institution, Northern Caribbean University.



Atlantic Union Conference president Donald King presents Jamaica Union Conference president Everett Brown with an Atlantic Union lapel pin.



Members of Atlantic Union Conference evangelism team travel by bus to their next destination in Jamaica.



Jamaica Union Conference president Everett Brown, fourth from right, accepts a plaque presented by Atlantic Union Conference president Donald King (fourth from left); they are surrounded by, from left, Levi Johnson, Central Jamaica Conference president; G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president; Milton G. Gregory, Jamaica Union Conference executive secretary; Bancroft B. Barwise, Jamaica Union Conference treasurer; and Arlington R. Woodburn, Northeast Jamaica Conference president.

Following are the members of the team from the Atlantic Union who participated in the joint venture:

Atlantic Union: Donald King, president, and his wife, Lois King, Women's Ministries director; Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary, and his wife, Marilyn; Pierre Omeler, vice president for Haitian/African Ministries, and his wife, Myra; and Dionisio Olivo, vice president for Hispanic/Portuguese Ministries.

Greater New York Conference: G. Earl Knight, president; Henry Beras, executive secretary; Reginald Barthelemy, stewardship director, and his wife, Chilene; Hermann Kuma, pastor; Andy Lagredelle, pastor; H. Orette Mitchell, pastor; and Manuel Rosario, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director.

Northeastern Conference: Daniel Honoré, president, and his wife, Fritze; Oswald Euell, executive secretary, and his wife, Marcia; Winston Stephenson, conference evangelist; and Patricia Langley, prayer ministries coordinator.

Northern New England Conference: Bob Cundiff, president, and his wife,

Tanique; Ted Huskins, executive secretary, and his wife, Cindy; Brian Milano, pastor, and his son, Alex; and Carl Behrmann, pastor, and his wife, Jeannette, Women's Ministries director.

New York Conference: Elias Zabala, president, and Bill McNeil, pastor.

"We thank God for the precious opportunity afforded our team to serve in a prayerful and missional

way" said King, "and for the spiritual enrichment each received by teaming up with fellow administrators, pastors, churches, and members on the beautiful island nation of Jamaica." ①

Information provided by Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president.



Atlantic Union Conference president Donald King, and his wife, Lois King, Atlantic Union Conference Women's Ministries and Ministerial spouses director, visit with young people from the Andrews Memorial church in Kingston, Jamaica.



By Pat Giese

Adventist Education Values Extend Beyond this World

There are those moments in time when you wonder, Why? That's not necessarily a bad question—it's just such a personal one when dealing with issues in one's own personal life. Such issues as when an unexpected death of a loved one occurs, or you experience a personal illness, or you face challenges on your job, or even lose your job. The list could cover a multitude of scenarios.

Adventist school?" And the reality is that only you, as a parent, can answer that question.

Having to ask the why questions many times, I have come to the conclusion that God is either the blessed controller of all things or He is not! Either He will provide for my needs—or He will not. Either the educational system of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is supported by the Spirit of Prophecy—or it is not!

public school that would bring such honor and glory to God.

Our schools provide so much more than their secular counterparts, if our core values extend beyond this world. In the camp meeting book project, where each SNEC classroom created their own book about a Bible character and a little about themselves, Claudia Hernandez from the Maranatha Regional School describes how Christian education has impacted her own life: "I've been through a lot in the last 12 years. I lost my grandpa, went to Oshkosh, made friends, learned to love Jesus, and came to a Christian school. My life has been so much better with Christ in it."

What a statement. Why Adventist education? The ultimate purpose is to lead our children to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and share what that means to them individually and train them how to share this great news with the world. ☺

"Our schools provide so much more than their secular counterparts, if our values extend beyond this world."

So the question "Why should I choose Adventist Christian education for my child(ren)?" may not seem as critical, yet it is no less important. All the statistics have been quoted; the successes of young people who have gone through the system have reached far and wide. The one-, two-, three-step process has been shared and every month a new approach is given as to the importance of Adventist education, but the question remains—"Why should I put my child in an

In reality, it is the parents who decide how far they will trust God with their child(ren).

Recently an amazing event happened in the Southern New England Conference (SNEC). More than 200 students came to practice a musical for camp meeting called Levite Genes. The students were amazing. So were their teachers. Listening to them sing about God with enthusiasm and power was a sight to behold. Never would you see a performance in a



Patricia E. Giese is the Southern New England Conference superintendent of schools.

Atlantic Union Conference Votes New Youth Ministries Director

The Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee, at its May 14, 2015, meeting, voted to ask Ryan Simpson to serve as the union's new youth ministries director. His responsibilities include emphasis on youth and young adult ministries, including public campus ministries. Simpson succeeds José Cortés, Jr., who is now serving in the North American Division Ministerial Department as an associate director.

Simpson's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Religion from Northern Caribbean



Ryan Simpson is the new Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director.

University, a master's degree in Family Relations from Montemorelos University

in Mexico, and, in 2015, he expects to complete a Doctor of Ministry in youth and young adult ministries at the Andrews University Theological Seminary. Pastor Ryan is also fluent in Spanish.

He previously served the Southern New England Conference as associate youth ministries and family ministries director; the Bermuda Conference as personal ministries, youth, and Pathfinder director; and the East Jamaica Conference as a district pastor, youth/Pathfinder ministries and communication director, and

as a national television and radio presenter.

Simpson is endorsed as an Adventist chaplain by the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and also currently serves as the Adventist chaplain at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with the responsibility of serving Adventist students and staff on campus.

Simpson and his wife, Jo-Ann, a medical doctor, are the parents of three children, Ryan II, Lylah-Elizabeth, and Rachael-Ann.

—GLENER editor

\$32,000 Raised at ASI Atlantic Union Spring Conference

Once again the time spent at the ASI Atlantic Union Spring Conference (ASIAU) was impactful. This year's location was Mystic, Connecticut, where more than 100 people and 15 exhibitors gathered for spiritual renewal, fellowship, sharing, and support.

The theme was "Now is the Time." Participants were yet again reminded of the need to awake out of spiritual slumber and diligently advance the cause of Christ. "We heard many inspiring stories during the Members in Action segments, and new ministries were introduced," says, Greg Perry, ASIAU president. "We were amazed at how many different ways ministries are being used to reach people, and how God is blessing these efforts."

ASIAU raised \$32,000 in donations and pledges to help Projects Steps to Christ, STRIDE, and

Union Springs Academy support the mission of the church in their respective territories. The funds raised exceeded this year's goal of \$27,500. Praise God for the generosity exhibited by those in attendance.

The presenters, Ted Huskins, Northern New England Conference executive secretary; John Lomacang, pastor in Illinois Conference/3ABN; and Lance Wilbur, Tekoa Missions codirector, emphasized the all-important need for participants to make Christ the center of their lives, their ministry, and their doctrine. There is nothing that should deter them from the reception and proclamation of the everlasting gospel. No matter what distractions they face in the world or in the church, they need to stay focused on the cross of Christ and the prosecution of His work.



John Lomacang, pastor in Illinois Conference/3ABN, center, takes in the ASI exhibit area with other participants of the conference.

The nominating committee also met and the chapter members voted into office the newest board members: Cynthia Huskins, treasurer; and Lance Wilbur, interim vice president of communication.

Please spread the word about ASI Atlantic Union, and we hope to see you at next year's spring conference.

Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) is a cooperative network of lay individuals, professionals, business owners, and ministries who collectively support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

—Communication, ASI Atlantic Union Chapter



AUC's Reconciliation and Unity Forum Results in Union-wide Statement

On April 18, during Atlantic Union College's Alumni Weekend, a forum on Reconciliation and Unity was held to address the need to experience reconciliation and healing among all races, cultures, and nationalities.

The panel was comprised of the following members: Donald G. King, taskforce chairman; Duane Cady, Bob Cundiff, Ralph Dawkins, Avis Hendrickson, George Odell, and Juliette Willoughby. Roger Bothwell, a former faculty member of AUC, served as the moderator.

The discussion was open, honest, and encouraged comments and questions from the audience to which the panel members responded.



A Reconciliation and Unity Forum was held during Atlantic Union College's alumni weekend.

"I believe the time has come," said King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees, "for us to set aside, in the spirit of Christ, any feelings of past pains and hurts and allow God to bring true healing to our hearts. Time has a way of healing wounds, but the love of God is the greatest healer."

During the forum discussion, there were apologies made on behalf of different racial and national groups. This was with a clear intent to, once and for all, "bury the hatchet" of perceptions and feelings of prejudice, indignities, and disrespect that have occurred in the past between one another and choosing to focus on unity of spirit going forward.

Avis D. Hendrickson, the new president of AUC, quoted Philippians 2:5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," and said, "When this text is used as a model, we will find ways to embrace forgiveness and create pathways for unity."

After the forum, the statement of resolution and unity below was later adopted by the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees on May 11:

—Information provided by Atlantic Union Conference president Donald G. King

Resolution on Reconciliation and Unity Atlantic Union College

The challenges of diversity at Atlantic Union College have called for the need to experience reconciliation and healing among all races, cultures, and nationalities.

Whereas,

The Reconciliation and Unity Taskforce appointed by the college has put forward the following ideas for addressing the issue of reconciliation, healing, and unity at Atlantic Union College:

1. Create a new and safe Christ-like culture at AUC that includes graciousness, dignity, respect, and love.
2. Ensure that this culture is made a priority in the hiring process for faculty and staff.
3. Schedule town hall meetings throughout the union territory to share the principles of reconciliation and unity.
4. Revisit the principles of reconciliation and unity annually at the Alumni Association weekend.
5. Consider having an ombudsman for the AUC student body to monitor and mediate issues of tensions that may arise.
6. Engage the non-Adventist community in the demonstration of graciousness, dignity, respect, and love, and

Whereas,

Unity in the Body of Christ is a fundamental belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which states:

The church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning, and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures we share the same faith and hope, and reach out in one witness to all. This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God, who has adopted us as His children. (Rom. 12:4, 5; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Matt. 28:19, 20; Ps. 133:1; 2 Cor. 5:16, 17; Acts 17:26, 27; Gal. 3:27, 29; Col. 3:10-15; Eph. 4:14-16; 4:1-6; John 17:20-23.)

Therefore,

Be it known that the leadership of Atlantic Union College, starting with the members of the board of trustees, is committed to upholding the principles and spirit of this resolution as well as to encourage its adoption throughout the college constituency.

"It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies"—Zechariah 4:6, NLT.



Ministerio Hermandad Company Celebrates Latin Diversity

Bermuda may be small, but the island is rich in diversity, especially within the Latino community.

Ministerio Hermandad recently celebrated this richness during their inter-cultural services conducted by Edwin Carrasco, a pastor in the Greater New York Conference. Carrasco led Friday vespers, the Sabbath School study, and preached the sermon during the worship service.

During his visit over the weekend of May 16, the native of the Dominican Republic met, interacted with, and befriended many Hispanics, even in their homes. Some of them expressed a desire to attend Ministerio Hermandad—the Hispanic company based at the Warwick church.

“He is a personable pastor,” said David Pearman, an elder at Ministerio Hermandad company. “We were blessed by his ministry to us.”

Carrasco engaged everyone in a lively Sabbath School discussion. The English speakers could participate freely in the lesson and the worship service, thanks to the translation provided by two of Ministerio Hermandad’s founding members, Loida Ratteray and Sandra Stowe.

From the start, family members and friends (and even friends of friends) poured into the fellowship hall, bringing with them the joy of worship and a desire to fellowship in their native tongue.

The buzz of excitement spread through the air when a colorful parade of flags opened the worship service. Pearman represented Bermuda well as he bore the Bermuda flag while



Pictured are several of the members of the Ministerio Hermandad company who celebrated Latin diversity on May 16.

dressed in pink Bermuda shorts and a navy jacket. Other members and guests followed, proudly wearing the national outfits or colors of such native countries as Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Peru, respectively.

“We are all a part of God’s family, and I thank God for that privilege,” said Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president and interim pastor of the Warwick church.

Testimonies of praise and expressions of thankfulness for God’s protection and provision were offered by members of the congregation, and four other members gave brief testimonies about their experiences of adjusting to their new lives in Bermuda.

Ministerio Hermandad member, Isis Guerrero Wellman, also a founding member of Ministerio Hermandad, provided a unique perspective about emigration to Bermuda. “Bermuda has become the home of people from around the world, and while many cultures could be missing

home and their families, Bermuda becomes the home that fills that void and brings cultures together under one roof,” Guerrero said. “Celebrating them together helps us to understand that in God’s eyes we’re all one, and together, with God’s guidance, we can make this world and Bermuda a better place.”

In preparation for the morning’s message, Restoration Ministries church member Steven Easton ministered in song. Although he does not speak Spanish, his bilingual rendition of “Draw Me Close to You” touched hearts.

In his message, Carrasco taught directly from the Bible, taking the time and care to ensure each listener had an opportunity to receive the message of the morning—that to know God is a progressive action.

After the speaker delivered the spiritual food, the Ministerio Hermandad members and visitors fellowshiped together over a potluck lunch of country specialties, each labeled in Spanish and English.

Months of planning and prayer culminated in this



PHOTOS: RICARDO CLARKE

Edwin Carrasco, a pastor in the Greater New York Conference, speaks to the members and friends of the Ministerio Hermandad company during the Latin diversity celebration.

vibrant, spirit-filled service and everyone who helped to make the weekend a success was a blessing.

The members of the Warwick church pray that their families and friends met Jesus on that special day or made a decision to reacquaint themselves with His love and compassion.

Ministerio Hermandad meets in the fellowship hall of the Warwick church each Sabbath at 10:00 a.m. for Sabbath School and worship.

—Sherma Webbe Clarke, member, Warwick church



Macedonia Church Welcomes First Female Pastor

Earlier this year, the Macedonia church was filled to capacity with family, friends, and former members of the newly-installed pastor, Julian Jones-Campbell. Ebenezer Agboka, Greater New York Conference treasurer, began the triune litany of installation by reading the duties of love, leadership, and challenge to the church and pastor, with alternate responses from Jones-Campbell and the Macedonia members. With her husband, Patrick Campbell, also a pastor, at her side, Jones-Campbell pledged to continue preparing congregants for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Jones-Campbell comes to Macedonia from the Wakefield church and has preached in five countries, as well as on the African continent, where in a 10-day evangelistic meeting in Ghana,



Julian Jones-Campbell is the newly-installed pastor of the Macedonia church in Hempstead, New York.

she led more than 80 people to Christ. Before entering the ministry, Jones-

Campbell was a registered nurse and she is currently studying for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University. She cites her husband as her dearest asset.

Jones-Campbell's sermon was titled "Are You Ready?" taken from Revelation 22. The words spoken by God in verse 11: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still" caused some soul-searching among the congregants.

The church members have pledged their support and look forward to working together as they await the glorious return of their Lord and Savior.

—Heather O'Garro, communication leader, Macedonia church

Queens Spanish Church Participates in New York Health Impact Day

On Saturday April 18, about 70 members of the Queens Spanish church (Corona), actively participated in New York Health Impact Day in conjunction with the Greater New York Conference Health Ministries Department. Approximately 1,500 copies of HEALTH AND WELLNESS were distributed in the Corona area.

More than 300 people received free blood pressure screenings. In addition, about 180 people completed surveys and indicated an interest in receiving health information, materials on parenting and family, and Bible studies. Close to 70 members and friends of the church participated in this important missionary activity, led by the Queens Spanish church Health Ministries and Publishing Ministries leaders, Lili Urrutia, and Humberto Donayre.



Members of the Queens Spanish church participate in New York Health Impact Day by distributing literature and copies of HEALTH AND WELLNESS in the Corona, New York, community.

A much larger literature distribution event is planned for September 19, during which 98,000 books are expected to be distributed throughout Queens County. Area churches are encouraged to get involved by donating toward the purchase price for a box of books (\$65/100 books) by marking their tithe envelope "BOOK MISSION PROJECT 2015."

—Luis Fernando Manrique, pastor, Queens Spanish church



Ebenezer Church Reaches Out to the Community

Members of the Ebenezer church in Brooklyn, New York, and Lincoln Smith, the church's pastor, donned their T-shirts on Sabbath, May 30, and headed outdoors to meet and greet members of the Brownsville community. They shared the love of Jesus and His Word using tracks and books.

The members of the community responded well, accepting the handouts, completing surveys, and commending the church on its excellent community programs, such as the food pantry and weekly hot meal programs.

The members were doubly blessed and those visiting from other churches indicated that they were inspired to take the initiative back to their home churches.



Ebenezer church members spend time in their community sharing literature, books, and the love of Jesus.

—Zinee Frederick, communication secretary,
Ebenezer church

Macedonia Missionaries Respond to “Children Go Where I Send Thee”

In an era in which low levels of morality seem to be the order of the day, Macedonia church is blessed to have two young adults willing to devote themselves to learning more about spreading the gospel.

Raisa Luma interrupted her college studies, which afforded her time to be trained as a Bible worker in classes at the NETS Evangelism Center at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. While there, she participated with students from different states to be trained in a variety of techniques essential to soul winning. The students, split into teams, spent afternoons doing fieldwork in a nearby working-class community in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Luma and the NETS students conducted a Health Expo and sponsored many other community engagements, including in-home Bible studies, door-to-door visitation, and vegan cooking demonstrations. These programs attracted a significant number of the target population and yielded a harvest of people interested in Bible studies.

After college, **Stanton Rolle**, found himself empty, “vainly using employment, church offices, and girls to fill the longing that only Jesus can fill.” He enrolled in a Landmarks of Prophecy seminar with Doug Batchelor. During the program, Rolle found that in-depth Bible study and knowing Jesus personally made life exhilarating. Now motivated to do

more, he began giving Bible studies in homes and shared the “Good News” with many, including drug addicts and a suicidal former Marine, all of whom were attentive and requested prayer.

At the seminar's end, he volunteered to go to Nepal, to further enhance his training. In the natural beauty of the village shadowed by Mount Everest and the Himalaya Mountains, Rolle preached nightly with a translator. The many children who came consistently were enthralled with the Bible stories and songs with accompanying body motions. Largely Hindu, a religion that teaches reincarnation, the villagers readily accepted Jesus' promise to return to take believers to paradise. The number grew from six to

11 baptismal candidates.

When it was time to return to America, Rolle was approached by Benita, age 10. Before he departed, she asked several questions: “Does Jesus love the little children?” “Do you love us like Jesus?” Her final query was heart-wrenching, “Will you remember me when you go to America?” Rolle answered all in the affirmative and promised she could come to visit him later, which prompted a beautiful smile through her tears.

The missionary spirit embodied in the actions of these two youth are reminiscent of the words from the well-known Negro Spiritual, “Go Tell It On the Mountain.”

—Heather O'Garro, communication leader, Macedonia church



Students at Parkview Junior Academy Reach Out to the Local Fire Department

The Bible says in Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good,” and students at Parkview Junior Academy (grades K-2), have been learning just how sweet God’s love is in their lives. Since November 2014, with the help of parent volunteer Jennifer Baker, students have been in the kitchen twice a month learning to cook and bake recipes that are healthier versions of traditional dishes. Most importantly, the Healthy Hearts Culinary Program aims to teach students the importance of making healthy choices for God, and being strong for Him. Pumpkin Pie Parfait, Guacamole, and Rice Krispy Bars are only a sample of some of the dishes made so far.

At the end of April, the students baked more than 100 “reduced sugar oatmeal raisin cookies” for the local fire department in Solvay, New York, to show and



Students at Parkview Junior Academy are ready to deliver more than 100 cookies that they baked for the local fire department in Solvay, New York.

share God’s love with the men and women who risk their lives every day. The students in grades K-2 are also in the process of starting a garden with food that will ideally be able to be used for more culi-

nary creations. In the future, the Healthy Hearts Culinary Program looks forward to doing more community outreach projects.

—Sonia Parks, Grade 1-2 teacher, Parkview Junior Academy

12 USA Students Inducted Into the National Honor Society

We should be proud of the students in our schools and their strides to make their mark on the world. Academically, our schools can boast an advanced curriculum, a healthy student-teacher ratio, and a spiritual climate that gives our children every chance to know Jesus.

Union Springs Academy (USA) is just such a school, and the education team at the academy continues to give the USA students every advantage possible in Adventist education. On April 17, Union Springs honored the USA students who are members of the National Honor Society. The official ceremony took place at Friday night vespers in the

Union Springs church, and was attended by students, parents, faculty, and constituent members.

Twelve members of the Union Springs Academy Chapter were honored that evening, along with 12 new inductees. Members from the 2015 graduating class included Hailey Hornbeck, Luvia Martinez, Eh Gay Moo, Shanice Smith-McPherson, and LeAnne Weber; 2016 graduating class members are Jonathan Baker, Emalee Ballweber, Annelise Burghardt, Kenneth Fraker, Mu Hsee, Ruth Htoo, and Alyssa Walter.

Inductees recognized include students from the 2015 graduating class, Jordan Tamaleaa; the 2016

graduating class, Laurean Blakes, Eh Dar, Moise Ntekereze, Say Wah Paw, Sarah Pitcher, Juliana Smith, and Jalen Tamaleaa; and from the 2017 graduating class, Roberto Collado, Tha Dah, Tha Blay Paw, and Eden Strachan.

Bradley Booth, former New York Conference superintendent of schools, gave the induction address and challenged the students to become famous for Jesus. He cited many examples of Adventists in our educational system who have gone on to become famous athletes, musicians, politicians, actors, preachers, and missionaries for Jesus.

The theme text for the evening was Proverbs 9:10:

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

The schools in the Atlantic Union are ideal places for our kids to grow spiritually, socially, and academically. We should be proud of the accomplishments of our students, and thankful to God that He continues to bless our schools. Like Jesus’ prayer, our prayer for our young people should be, “My heart’s desire and prayer . . . is, that they may be saved.”—Romans 10:1. That’s what Adventist education is all about.

—Education department, New York Conference

Smoke Detectors Save Lives, So Does Jesus

The Roosevelt Pioneers and the Westvale Warriors Pathfinders came up with an interesting way to give back to the community and save lives. This year, the Pathfinders in the Syracuse area thought of a way to do a community outreach and witness at the same time. When Daylight Saving Time comes, there is always a message broadcasted through the media to change your batteries in your smoke detectors, because smoke detectors save lives.

John Livergood, pastor of the Roosevelt church, was brainstorming during a church board meeting to find ways to introduce the church to its neighbors. He mentioned that giving out batteries for smoke detectors would be a good idea, since Daylight Saving Time is the time of year that everyone

should replace their batteries. The Roosevelt Pioneers were willing to help with this project and deliver the batteries with a message.

Soon batteries were purchased and Pathfinders were packaging batteries in zip lock bags with a card that read, "Just a friendly reminder from the Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Pathfinder Pioneer Club to change your smoke detector battery. Smoke detectors save lives, so does Jesus. See John 3:16."

During a Bible Bowl Experience at the Westvale church in Syracuse, Steven Wheeler, the director of the Roosevelt Pioneer Club, was talking to Lisa Whitlow, director of the Westvale Warriors, about the community outreach project that they planned to do for the month of March. Whitlow



The Roosevelt Pioneer Pathfinder Club members reach out to area residents and deliver batteries with a note from the church.

liked the idea of giving back to the community and planned to do the same thing with her Pathfinders.

On March 1, Pathfinders from both clubs started to hand out the batteries and found the experience quite interesting. A lot of the Pathfinders would get a comment like, "I thought you were going to ask me for some-

thing, but instead you are giving me something. Thank you. What a great idea!"

The Pathfinders hope that the message handed out to their neighbors will spark an interest and save both lives here on earth and in the life hereafter with Jesus.

—Communication staff, Roosevelt church

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NEC Administrators Visit Adventist Offices in Jamaica

On Wednesday, April 1, Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, had the privilege of visiting the Jamaica Union Conference headquarters in Mandeville, Jamaica. He joined Oswald Euell, Northeastern Conference executive secretary; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president; and G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president, to celebrate the adoption of the Jamaica Union as a sister union to Atlantic Union.

Following the ceremony, the conference and union administrators visited the Northern Caribbean University campus before returning to their respective evangelism sites to preach for the evening. Following the completion of a baptism in Spanish Town, Honoré commented on what a

blessing the week had been.

Honoré and Euell also met with officers of the Central Jamaica Conference in their Spanish Town office. Honoré presented a check for \$5,000 to Levi Johnson, Central Jamaica Conference president, to support Adventist Community Services projects in Central Jamaica. The funds were raised through Ingathering by Northeastern Conference members.



Visiting Central Jamaica Conference and its president, Levi Johnson, second from left; are Northeastern Conference administrators, Oswald Euell, executive secretary, left; Daniel Honoré, president, right; and Greater New York Conference president, G. Earl Knight, second from right.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference

Conference Holds One-day Workers Meeting

Principals, Bible workers, pastors, and Northeastern Conference office staff came together on March 25 for a one-day spring workers meeting at the Ebenezer church in Freeport, Long Island. It has been customary in the past to hold spring workers meetings for two to three days, but in order to accommodate schedules and travel time, a one-day meeting was arranged.

During this meeting, the administrators gave updates on conference matters, including newly-organized churches and recent pastoral relocations.

The spring workers meeting began with a timely devotional message by Melwyn Mounter, Ebenezer church pastor. He reminded everyone of his or her call, their placement, and the



Northeastern Conference pastors pray and lay hands on the three administrators, Daniel Honoré, Oswald Euell, and Edson Bovell.

need to be accountable. “We must be ambassadors of Jesus Christ, and if we say that God is leading in

our lives, we should let God lead,” Mounter said.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Melwyn Mounter, Ebenezer church pastor, delivers the morning devotional thought at Northeastern Conference’s spring workers meeting.

Music Conference Explores Cross-cultural Music and Worship

The second annual Music Conference, sponsored by the Northeastern Conference Ministerial Department, was held April 17-18 at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Queens, New York, with more than 170 registered participants. A pre-conference musician's clinic was held on April 16 at the Community Worship Center (formerly Springfield Gardens church) with presenter Wayne F.A. Bucknor, associate professor of piano and chair of the Oakwood University Music Department.

Under the leadership of Ainsworth Joseph, Northeastern Conference Ministerial director, the conference brought together multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-lingual music ministry leaders, musicians, praise teams, and members from around the Northeastern Conference to explore the topic "Cross-cultural Music and Worship: Bridging the Divide." Joseph has observed that there is need for greater inclusive-



Pictured are committee members and presenters who participated in the Northeastern Conference's Music Conference.

ness and tolerance in the church's general approach to music and worship.

The keynote speaker for the opening plenary session was Cheryl Wilson-Bridges, who spoke on the topic "Deeper Praise: Music, Majesty & Mayhem." Wilson-Bridges serves as the pastor for worship at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland. Other plenary speakers and workshop presenters were: Orville Brissett, pastor, who has

served as a workshop clinician for worship and leadership conferences; Wayne F.A. Bucknor; Marcos Cruz, director of the Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Department Praise and Worship Ministry, who serves at the Zion Bilingual church in Manhattan; and Nicholas Zork, minister for Worship and the Arts at Advent Hope church in Manhattan. Zork is a singer-songwriter, composer, recording artist,

collaborative liturgical musician, and presenter on topics in theology, worship, and the arts.

The overarching goal of the conference "was to provide information and inspiration that challenge perspectives and be the catalyst for meaningful change," Ainsworth Joseph said.

—Milton Haynes, M.D., Music Conference Committee member, Northeastern Conference

Four Inmates Baptized as a Result of Prison Ministries Program

Monroe County Jail in Rochester, New York, became the site of God's handiwork when retired pastor Edwin Thoms baptized four inmates. Prison ministries is one of the commitments made by the Tabernacle of Joyful Praise mission.

Two years ago Edwin Thoms and the members of the Tabernacle of Joyful Praise mission were asked to assume the Prison Ministries program from Cornice Williams, Western New York Personal

Ministries president, Brenda and Joseph Rhyne, Tabernacle of Joyful Praise Mission elders, and Ernest Jones, who previously coordinated the ministry.

After receiving clearance and training, the mission members visit the prison every fifth Sabbath. Two sessions of singing, preaching, and testimonies are provided by church members who are separated from the inmates with guards surrounding the perimeter.

Charlotte Thoms, Atlantic Union Conference

Disabilities Ministries director, gave the Real Truth Bible studies. There were nights when the guards stopped talking to hear stories about the creation of man, the second coming of Jesus, the incarnation of Christ, the blessings of Sabbath worship, and the forgiving nature of God. One of the guards shared that he would attend the baptism, although it was his night off.

The baptismal pool was the size of a coffin, with one-third of the space for the

feet. The other two-thirds was where the baptismal candidate sat and laid back as the pastor stood on the outside to ensure the candidate could be immersed.

Each candidate was presented with the New King James Version of the Bible, the CONFLICT OF THE AGES series, STEPS TO CHRIST, and PRAYER.

—Communication staff, Tabernacle of Joyful Praise mission



Camp Lawroweld: A Full Circle Ministry

Across the North American Division, summer camp programs operate pretty much on the enthusiasm, energy, and dedication of the teenage or early-twenties staff who work as cabin counselors, kitchen help, lifeguards, and more. Stop for a moment and consider the challenges these young people face as they carry out an array of new and daunting tasks.

Firstly, they are in a position of power and influence as role models for the youth who attend camp and, as such, their every move is closely observed and mimicked by the young campers.

Secondly, they are learning to work in a tightly scheduled environment with multiple authority figures, including the camp director, associate director, parents, pastor, cook, etc.

Finally, they are still working out who they are and how they relate to their many peers who are working at camp, including many of the opposite sex. Put simply, the young people that staff Adventist summer camps are under an enormous amount of pressure, and Northern New England Conference's new youth ministries director, Mark Tamaleaa, sees



Camp Lawroweld youth staff members include Jordan Tamaleaa, Adam Boyd, Zach Owen, Nicole Onciulescu, Amy Pekar, Mindy Tamaleaa, and Jalen Tamaleaa.

that as an opportunity.

“Camp is a lot of fun, but it also has a purpose—fundamentally, it exists to bring young people to Christ,” says Tamaleaa. “And that category—young people—absolutely includes our cabin counselors and camp staff. If the young people who make our camp run are going to be effective spiritual mentors to campers at a time of high stress, then they need to have their own spiritual mentors.”

Tamaleaa's concern extends beyond immediate

witnessing. “Being on camp staff means that these young people are going through periods of high personal growth, and thus it is doubly essential that they have spiritual counselors who will help them grow in the right direction—now and in the future. Essentially, the ministry at Camp Lawroweld should complete a full circle and should encompass the leadership, the staff, and the campers, with each group providing a blessing to the others.”

Tamaleaa recently added a camp staff spiritual counselor position to the roster at Camp Lawroweld and describes the responsibilities of the position broadly. “The staff spiritual counselor position will probably be shared by several people over the course of the summer, and some of those people will be pastors and some will not. But overall, it is essential for the counselor to be able to connect with the young people that staff the camp. The counselors

should be able to sense which kids need to talk and unburden themselves. They need to be able to talk about dating, about relationships, about peer conflict, about the use and abuse of power, and how to deal with stress. And more than anything else, the counselor needs to be able to help young people talk to kids about Christ. The spiritual counselor position really is a critical one.”

“The bottom line,” says Tamaleaa, “is that camp should be an intensely fun experience while being an intensely meaningful one on a spiritual level. And it should be all of those things for our campers and our camp staff. If we can make the spiritual life of our camp staff richer, then we will make the spiritual life of our campers richer. And if we do that, then we are fulfilling our primary objective as a camp.”

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference



Mark Tamaleaa, Northern New England Conference Youth Ministries director, center, takes a photo with staff members Autumn Mott and Jalen Tamaleaa.

Radio Broadcast Ministry in NNEC Keeps Growing

Using radio to spread the good news in Northern New England continues to gain in popularity. To date, almost 15 percent of the churches in the conference either have their own radio station or share one with a sister church.

The most popular approach to radio broadcast

the opportunity and filed for licenses. Each church had to complete a license application and engineering study, as well as raise money to prepare to buy equipment and put up an antenna.

The latest news of success with the process comes from Living Word Ministries in Charlestown,

“Almost 15 percent of the churches in the conference either have their own radio station or share one with a sister church.”

media is with a low-power FM station. Last year, the FCC opened a brief window of opportunity for new licenses in low power stations, and several churches in Northern New England jumped at

New Hampshire. Living Word Ministries is a media ministry sponsored by the Charlestown company. Living Word recently received its approval and license from the FCC to set up and operate a low-power



The Charlestown company has purchased a wind tower and is disassembling it and moving it to repurpose it as their new radio station tower.

FM Radio station in the Connecticut River Valley. The signal has the potential of reaching 40,000 residents

and will broadcast Christian programming downlinked from 3ABN and LifeTalk Radio, as well as local programming from the portable studio that is being built by members of the company.

The license is the realization of a dream that dates back three years, and allows the Charlestown company to start broadcasting as WLWM at 105.7 on the FM dial by mid-August 2015. The company is rejoicing and sees the license as an answer to many prayers to expand the Lord’s work in this area.

The radio broadcast will compliment local TV channel 28, the 3ABN downlink broadcast from nearby Mt. Ascutney, Vermont.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

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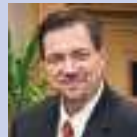
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1,200 Pathfinders Attend Annual Camporee



Glorimar Teixeira

Pathfinders from the Southern New England Conference convene at Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York, for their annual camporee.

Pathfinders from around the Southern New England Conference (SNEC) convened at Camp Berkshire

in Wingdale, New York, for the annual camporee May 15-17. Approximately 1,200 youth assembled at the

camp, generously provided by the Greater New York Conference, for a weekend of events and activities.

The featured speaker was Arizona Conference pastor and Camp Winnekeag staff alumnus, Ben Lundquist.

Three Pathfinders chose to show their faith by being baptized in the camp pool. Many others came forward as well, in response to the call to give their lives to Christ.

Conference youth leaders agree that the SNEC Pathfinders have outgrown the camp in Lancaster and see the situation as a positive. "This is a good problem," says David Dennis, SNEC president. "We praise the Lord for the strong Pathfinder program in the conference, and for the many parents, volunteers, and area coordinators who tirelessly work for the children in our churches."

—Communication staff, Southern New England Conference



Glorimar Teixeira

The Dedham Temple Emmanuel Pathfinder Club, along with other Southern New England Conference Pathfinder clubs, participate in the parade.



David Dennis

Pathfinders practice tying knots at the Southern New England Conference annual Pathfinder camporee at Camp Berkshire.

Church Pastor Ordained as Local Elder

The Greater Boston Chinese Church celebrated a wonderful event on May 9. Moses Fang, pastor of the church, was officially ordained as a local elder for the congregation. Church policy dictates that pastors who are yet to be ordained must be ordained as elders in order to baptize, perform marriage ceremonies,



David Dennis

Members and friends of the Greater Boston Chinese church pose for a group photo with the new pastor.

lead in Communion service, and ordain others in the church. Fang publicly thanked God for leading in his life and expressed joy in serving as pastor.

—David Dennis, communication director, Southern New England Conference

Evangelism Conference Participants Learn to Go Change the World

Someone once remarked, “As Adventists, we breathe, sing, and live evangelism.” Perhaps this remark encapsulates what Adventists do as a movement. Centered on the Gospel Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20 and the three angels’ messages in Revelation 14:6-12, proclamation of the good news (BAKER ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE, p. 730) has been and continues to be the tenor and fabric of the Advent movement.

As part of the effort to continue this thrust, the Southern New England Conference (SNEC) has been conducting annual evangelism conferences to train pastors as well as church members. This year’s conference took place at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, May 8-10. Approximately 156 participants converged from various churches across the Southern New England Conference territory as well as the Greater New York and Northern New England conferences. Among the participants were pastors, conference officers, and church members of the varied levels and departments of the local churches.

Designed around the theme “Go Change the World,” presenters covered areas that included both traditional and non-traditional approaches of outreach and evangelism. Topics included “Influencing and Holding People in the Church,” “Innovative Steps for Effective Soul Winning,” “Matthew 24 Being Fulfilled as We Watched,” “Evangelism Lifestyle” (small groups), “Comprehensive Health Evangelism,” “A Workable Plan to Assimilate New Members,” and more.



Participants converged from the various churches across the Southern New England Conference territory as well as the Greater New York and Northern New England conferences for the annual evangelism conference.



Ron E. M. Clouzet, North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) director, speaks to the participants at the Southern New England Conference's annual evangelism conference.

The keynote presenter was Ron E.M. Clouzet, North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) director. The Sabbath worship speaker and seminar presenter was Ainsworth E. Joseph, Northeastern Conference ministerial director. Other seminar presenters included SNEC pastors Ernan Norman, Felix Maijub, and Edgardo Herrera; Lance Wilbur, Tekoa Missions co-director; Scott Christiansen, Northern New England Conference Trust Services and communication director; and David M. Dennis, SNEC president and communication director.



Ainsworth E. Joseph, Northeastern Conference ministerial director, delivers the Sabbath worship message at the Southern New England Conference's evangelism conference.

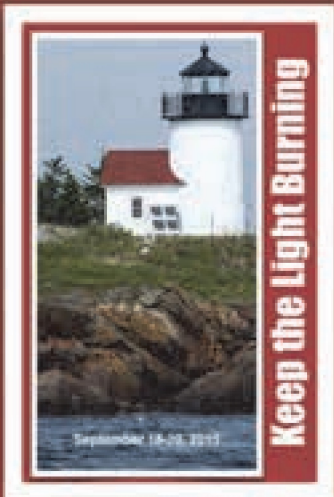
One highlight of the conference occurred on Sabbath afternoon when a group of 22 went to the neighboring town of Gardner to conduct door-to-door visits, putting into practice what they learned during the weekend. Gardner church pastor Einar Rom led this program, and the group distributed pumpkin bread and flyers about the church’s evangelism center, “Peoples’ Place.” The visitation allowed participants the opportunity to have firsthand experience as they visited residents, the fire department, the police

station, and other community centers in the neighborhood of “Peoples’ Place.”

Feedback from participants indicated that they were reenergized and recharged for evangelism and outreach. We anticipate that as pastors, church leaders, and members come for training, the Holy Spirit will guide them as they go back to their various communities to engage in the work of advancing His kingdom.

—John K. Amoah, ministerial/evangelism director, Southern New England Conference

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The keynote speaker for the worship service on Sabbath is Linda Mills Farley '65. A luncheon will be held at the Chan Shun Dining Commons, with tickets available in advance or at the door. Please make your meal reservations and purchase your tickets in advance on our website at www.slaalumni.org or if you have questions, contact us at contact-us@slaalumni.org.

After lunch at 3:00 p.m. honor classes will have the opportunity to take photos, visit, and update each other. Vespers will be at the Village Church with a musical program, including an original composition by Earl Raney '80.

The Saturday evening program will be a "Back to the '60s" theme with music from the '60s. Alternatively, the traditional basketball game of students vs. alumni for women, followed by the same for men. Make your travel plans to include the banquet on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. to get all the information about the SLA building project.

Honor classes are years ending with 5 and 0. We are looking forward to seeing you there and catching up with all our classmates.

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OBITUARIES

CARNEGIE, Dwight Anthony Constantine—66; b. Feb. 28, 1949, in Alexandria, Jamaica, West Indies; d.

May 1, 2015, in New York. He attended Kingsway high school in Jamaica and South Lancaster Academy and Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts. He later returned to the college and to serve as director of financial aid and recruitment. He was a member of various denominational boards and committees including the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee, Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees, and the Northeastern Conference Executive Committee. He is survived by his wife, Lynna Carnegie; daughter, Kelly Randolph-Nottingham (Jason); son, Adam Carnegie; father and step-mother, Anthony and Shirley Carnegie; siblings Randolph, Margaret, John, Ruth, Peter, Naomi, and Stephen; and a host of other relatives.

JORDAN, Helen Gertrude—101; b. Sept. 21, 1913, in Elizabeth, N.J.; d. October 18, 2014, in Sterling, Mass. A graduate of South Lancaster Academy, she was a longtime member of the Fitchburg church in Fitchburg, Mass.

RILEY, Rebecca Daphne—92; b. Sept. 18, 1922, in Beaufort County, S.C.; d. Jan. 16, 2015. A graduate of Oakwood College (now Oakwood University), she devoted more than 40 years as a teacher at the R.T. Hudson School in the Bronx, N.Y. A longtime member of the Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, N.Y., she worked with the Pathfinders as well as in many other church departments in various capacities. She is survived by two brothers, Curtis Cupit Grant (Annie Mae) of the Bronx, N.Y., and Robert Lee Grant (Linda) of Mount Vernon, N.Y.; three sisters, Wilhelmina Riley, Angie Grant, and Sarah Grant, all of Mount Vernon, N.Y.; and a host of other relatives.

RUF, Barbara Butler—92; b. Sept. 4, 1922, in Somerville, Mass.; d. Feb. 18, 2015 in Collegedale, Tenn. She graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1944 with a B.A. in English and later earned a master's and doctorate in the same major. She taught for 18 years at Southern Adventist University where she achieved the rank of Professor Emerita of English. She was married for 68 years to Rolland Ruf who pastored for many years in various conferences including the Greater New York Conference from 1946-1952. She is survived by her husband, Rolland Ruf of Collegedale, Tenn.; sons Rolland Ruf, Jr. (Tina) of Reading, Pa., Warren Ruf (Jane) of New Haven, Conn., Stephen Ruf (Jodi) of Collegedale, Tenn., grandchildren, Adam Ruf, Rebecca Ruf, Sarah Ruf, and Amanda Ruf.

Ron B. Halverson, Sr.

January 18, 1938 – May 15, 2015



Courtesy of Lee Bennett

Ron B. Halvorsen (Halverson), Sr.—77;

b. Jan. 18, 1938, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. May 15, 2015, in Crystal River, Fla. He grew up in the asphalt jungle of New York City where he waged turf wars on its brutal streets in the notorious Beachcomber Gang, and boxed his way to a Golden Glove Championship in the ring. He gave his heart to God in 1954. He attended Atlantic Union College and studied to become a pastor.

While there, he met Carrol LaMountain and they married in 1957. He wanted people to focus on the story of how Jesus redeemed his life from the dead-end street to give him the gift of eternal life. His obsession for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ made him a force for God. It was his love for people that made him a force for good. He and his wife traveled around the world as a team for 58 years sharing the Good News, resulting in thousands of people giving their hearts to God. He served the Lord as a dynamic preacher, author, and prayer warrior. His love for Christ never waned or wavered even during life's darkest moments. His love for family was generous, faithful, and constant. He was their leader, shepherd, protector, mentor, hero, and friend. He was a friend to anyone searching for the hope of a better life. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carrol LaMountain Halvorsen; two children, Ron Byron Halvorsen Jr., (Buffy Vercio) and Diane Caryl Halvorsen (Peter Tschlis); four grandchildren, Ronnie Byron Halvorsen III (Josie Thamas), William Byron Halvorsen (Donielle Anavitarte), Kelsey Diane Halvorsen Berkhiser (Ricky), Stephanie Beth Halvorsen Parrish (Doug Parrish), and two great-grandchildren, Noah Grey Halvorsen and Katelynne Diane Halvorsen.

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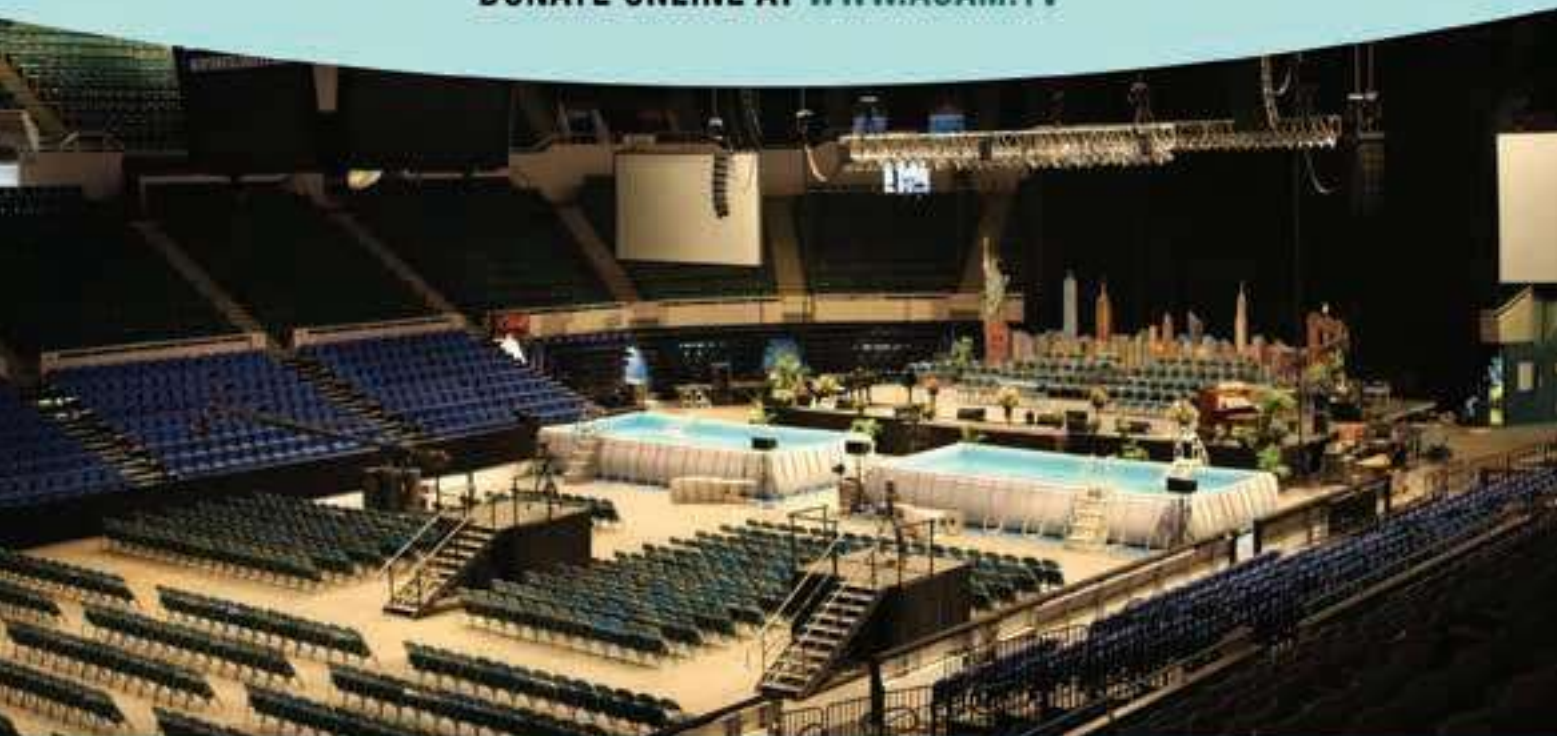


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