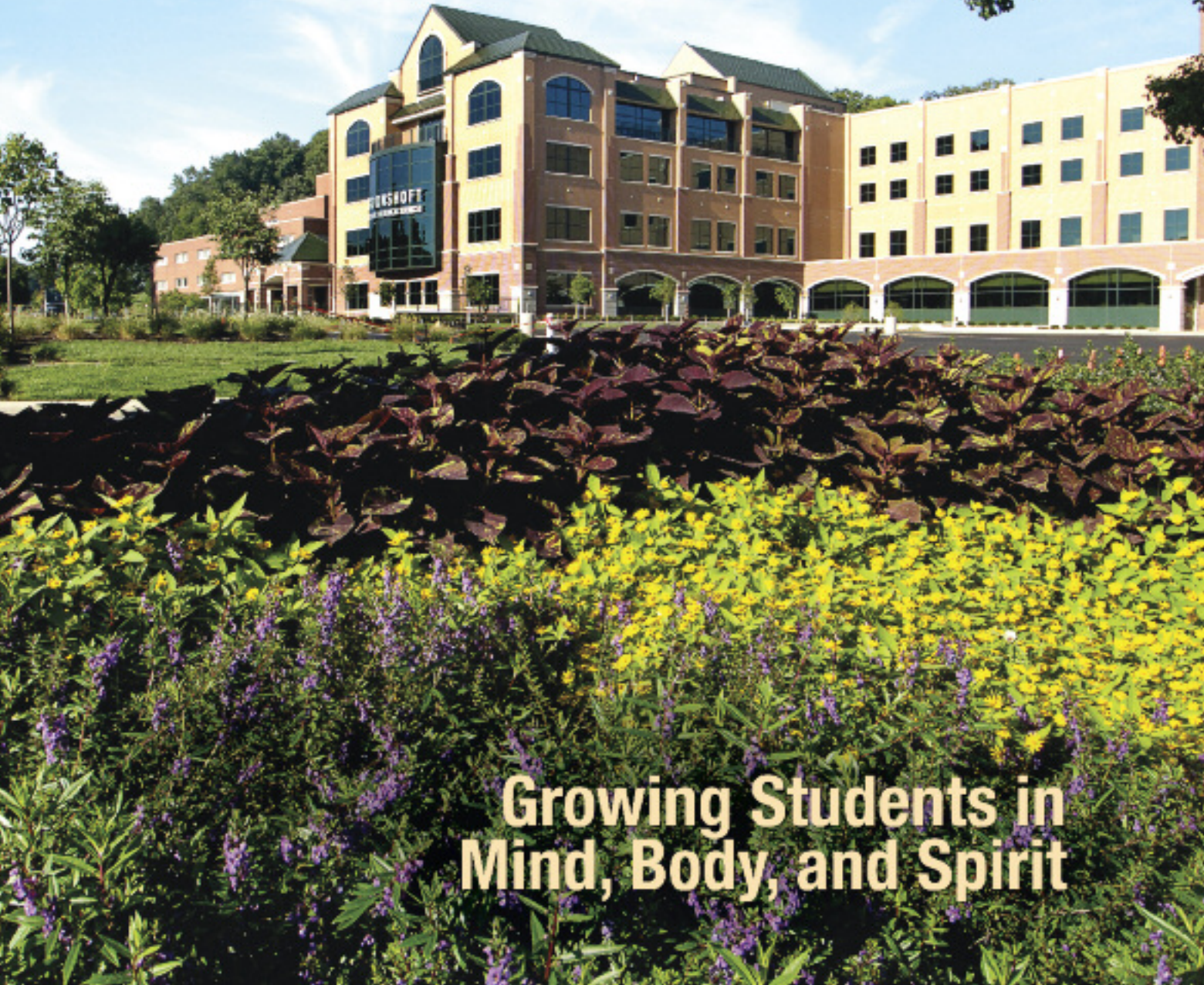


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6,000 and Counting

Ollie Petruzel was living outside Washington, D.C., in a wealthy suburb where teenagers had credit cards, and some drove BMWs to class. Friday nights he and his friends would gather at the nearby McDonald’s restaurant looking for a party. He was one of the lucky ones of the world. He had more than enough money and cars, and what’s more, he had time to hang out with his friends. But when a *Washington Post* reporter asked him how he felt about where he was, he said: “This is the most boring place I’ve ever lived.”



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Perhaps his comment was, in part, a teenager’s pose. But Ollie Petruzel did understand that having everything doesn’t mean you’re okay. Without a purpose that goes beyond consumption and carousing, you’re trapped inside your own ego. Nothing is vivid except what you lack—the sense of significance, passion, and adventure.

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At Kettering College of Medical Arts, our graduates include people like Echo Tuinstra VanderWal. She completed our program in physician assistant studies. Now she, her physician husband, and their four sons spend 10 months a year in a mobile clinic ministry called The Luke Commission. The ministry takes place in southern Africa where the couple meets and attempts to alleviate “a lot of pain and heartache.”

The Luke Commission takes its bearings from Jesus’ story, and the husband and wife who do the work have found significance, passion, and adventure.

Paul wrote, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17, NIV). Jesus walked the Earth when most people were stooped under the lash of oppression. The cross, a symbol of



the Roman Empire’s deadly politics, was all too common along the roads to Jerusalem. The average teenager did not enjoy the luxury of privileged boredom.

Into that world Jesus brought a life-affirming perspective that was as fierce as fire. He wanted all humanity to have life, and have it abundantly (see John 10:10). What He stood for, moreover, was as pertinent to Ollie Petruzel’s boredom as to the lot of people living under Roman cruelty and arrogance.

In Jesus’ view, the abundant life was both generous and hopeful. You had a passion for the whole person—a passion for your own and your neighbor’s well-being. And inside of

that passion, you felt joy. You simply never thought, “This is the most boring place I’ve ever lived.”

One point of the resurrection message is that God approved how Jesus lived and what he stood for. God approved and made sure the vision, and the Man behind it, would never die.

Ever since, some people—not the majority, perhaps, but enough to make a difference—have lived, not for themselves alone, but for others. By God’s grace they have transcended, if not completely overcome, their human sinfulness. And in the faces of others, down to “the least of these,” they have seen the face of Christ, and felt a sacred kinship calling forth a sacred gesture—care.

Soon 6,000 Kettering College graduates will have taken the gospel legacy with them into the healthcare workplace. Some of them have been generous in the way of the graduate whose family names its ministry The Luke Commission. Few have been bored, and most have found significance, passion, and adventure.

That’s what you get when, like Christ, you set out to do something about human need.

Charles Scriven, PhD, is president of Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio.

New Treasurer Joins Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Conference welcomes Pastor Ron Christman, CPA, who began his new role as treasurer



last month. Before accepting this position, Christman served as the business manager for Forest Lake Academy (Fla.) and as the secretary/treasurer for Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), a supporting ministry of the North American Division.

"I believe we have been blessed in answer to prayer to have Ron join the Pennsylvania Conference and our ministry team," says conference president Ray Hartwell. "He clearly is passionate about the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and highly dedicated to its beliefs and purposes." Read more in *Pennsylvania Pen* on page 39.—*Tamyra Horst*

E.E. Cleveland Passes Away

Edward Earl Cleveland, renowned evangelist and Adventist Church leader, died recently at the age of 88. Cleveland served the church for more than 60 years as a pastor, evangelist, church leader, teacher, civil rights leader, and mentor to thousands of preachers. He was known for his catchy sermon titles and his dynamic preaching style that brought thousands to Christ.



"He [did] more to shape the

public preaching of the Seventh-day Adventist message than any other preacher during the 20th century," wrote Harold Lee, former Columbia Union Conference president, in his 2006 book *E. E. Cleveland: Evangelist Extraordinary*, co-authored by Monte Sahlin, director of research for the Ohio Conference.

In 1954, when he was elected associate secretary for the church's Ministerial Association, Cleveland became the first black man to integrate a department at the Adventist World Headquarters. He remained in the position for 23 years, and recounted working for racial equality within world church leadership in his autobiography *Let the Church Roll On*. In addition to writing 15 books, he authored the *Adult Sabbath School Quarterly* twice and wrote numerous articles for Adventist magazines.

Cleveland was born in Huntsville, Ala., and upon graduating from Oakwood Junior College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville in 1941, served as a volunteer pastor in Ohio. His later work there in 1982 resulted in a church plant in Columbus. He conducted evangelistic campaigns in major cities around the United States, including Washington, D.C., in 1958 where 143 people were baptized. In addition, he led meetings in Tanzania, India, Ghana, Australia, Trinidad, and Poland. In a 1959 campaign in Monrovia, Liberia, he baptized the mother of current Columbia Union treasurer Seth Bardu.

At his funeral last month, his nephew, Pastor Harold Cleveland Jr., said, "He was the lion of evangelism; he loved to preach. He leaves behind a son and tens of thousands of 'children' that he

baptized." Those "children" number 13,000, and likely countless others, for the kingdom of God.

ASI Collects \$2 Million for Ministry

The intensity of the Arizona heat matched the fervor of the committed individuals attending the 2009 ASI Convention in Phoenix recently. Despite tough economic times, the more than 2,000 convention attendees, including several hundred children and youth, dug deep and gave more than \$2 million to support 37 ASI-sponsored ministry projects around the world during the next year. "Many of the



projects are buildings—orphansages, schools, churches, health clinics, and television stations—that will enable community outreach," says Ramon Chow (above), secretary/treasurer for ASI. "A number of other projects will train people how to give Bible studies. In the last three years, project recipients have trained 50,000 people to give Bible studies."

Nearly 20 members of the Columbia Union chapter attended the convention. Twelve manned exhibit booths, and chapter president Denise Hayden moderated a panel discussion titled "How Business Gives Birth to Mission."

Norman Reitz, an attorney from Hayward, Calif., was elected to serve a two-year term as ASI's

president. His goal is to double ASI membership and "share the big blessing of ASI with the greater group of church members in North America, and throughout the world."

The 2010 ASI Convention will be held August 4-7 in Orlando, Fla. Learn more at asiministries.org. —*Conna Bond*

Philadelphia Fair Aids Community in Need

A group of Adventists in Philadelphia are offering hope and a helping hand to the many families who are struggling to make it through these hard economic times. Called the Adventist Humanitarian Resource Center (AHRC), this 10-year-old nonprofit organization coordinated the second annual Community Resource Fair at Pennsylvania Conference's Boulevard church in northeast Philadelphia last month. The main goal was to connect underserved and unemployed community members with resources, information, and inspiration.

Supported by 15 churches, 120 volunteers, and a slew of exhibitors, the daylong event drew a crowd of 2,000 residents. They were able to meet with representatives of nearly three dozen governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, civic groups, and businesses such as the PhillyFreeCycle, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, The Lion's Club, Career Link, the Office of Support Housing, Bank of America, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, and the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement.

"The Adventist Humanitarian Resource Center is connecting folks to resources and as much



Buddy Goodwin, pastor for the Boulevard Church in Philadelphia; Deborah Roach, AHRC's corporate secretary/treasurer; Darryl Stovall, AHRC board chairperson; Vernon Bramble, a consultant for AHRC; and 120 other volunteers coordinated a successful community resource fair in Philadelphia.

information as possible to help hurting neighbors get back on their feet and improve the quality of life for their families," said Darryl Stovall, AHRC board chairperson. "Our mission is to empower individuals and families by providing educational support and life enhancing opportunities."

Attendees were also treated to free food, prizes, and health screenings by students from

Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. "This resource fair is about community building," said Deborah Roach who serves as AHRC's corporate secretary/treasurer. "Today we've cultivated stronger ties with community through food, fun, friendship, and financial help."



With the help of Bible worker Lillian Torres (above, right), the event organizers—Allegheny East and Pennsylvania conference members—signed up 70 individuals for Bible studies. Learn more at ahrc-phila.com.—*Darriel Hoy*

Correction

Business owner Tiffany King was incorrectly identified in the September 2009 issue. The *Visitor* staff regrets this error.

From the Pulpit

Imagine the power of one student showing kindness in a classroom. One student standing for right in a school. One student helping a neighbor in the community. One student sharing the love of God with the world. How will you use your power of one this year? Remember, the power of one is exponential when linked with the power of the One. —*Marilynn Peeke, principal of Atholton Adventist Academy in Columbia, Md., speaking to students at an assembly.*



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News From Kettering College of Medical Arts

KCMA Posts Highest Enrollment

Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA), based in Kettering, Ohio, posted its highest opening fall enrollment in the school's 42-year history with 899 students: 563 full-time and 336 part-time. The number outshines the previous high of 823 set at the start of the 2008-09 school year.

The interest in Kettering College was so high for fall semester that the school had to stop accepting applications for most departments in early August. The area experiencing the most growth is the physician assistant master's degree, expanding from 52 students in 2008 to 92 this fall.

"I have been at KCMA for 13 years and have never seen



an enrollment like this," comments Becky McDonald (left), director of admissions.

"We believe winter semester will be very similar and have already begun advising students to apply early."

Students say they're drawn to KCMA not only for its healthcare focus, but also for its small size and personalized attention. "Transferring to Kettering College was the best decision

I ever made, career-wise," said nursing student Nadine Grey (right), a



member of Allegheny West Conference's Ethan Temple in Clayton, Ohio. "Kettering College caters to each student's needs."

KCMA had 510 students at the start of the 2000-01 academic year—the same year President Charles Scriven, PhD, was hired. The school has since jumped 43 percent in total enrollment and 44 percent in total credit hours.

"Our numbers are up because we've really stepped up our recruiting efforts in the Columbia Union and the greater Dayton area," reports Victor Brown, dean for enrollment management. "Also, the current economy is forcing people to retrain for other careers and making them ask, 'What kind of education can I get that will help me obtain a job?' Healthcare is definitely an area that still is hiring."

Students, Staff Serve in Guyana

Fifteen Kettering College of Medical Arts students and three faculty and staff members recently participated in a weeklong mission trip to Davis Memorial Hospital in Guyana, South America. The trip was part of the Global Mission Experience in Cultural Diversity course offered through the bachelor's degree in health professions.

The students traveled to many Seventh-day Adventist churches in Guyana's Georgetown area and presented health fairs with education and screenings for hypertension, diabetes, depression, vision, ultrasound, and HIV/AIDS. Hundreds of residents attended.



The mission trip left a lasting impression on all those who served. One student wrote in his journal: "Experiencing the new culture was definitely something to remember. It felt so good to help the people. It helped me realize that I can make a difference in people's lives. It will also help me understand patients better when I enter the health-care field."—Susan Price

2009 KCMA Enrollment*

247	Nursing
92	Physician Assistant
85	Human Biology
46	Radiologic Sciences & Imaging
39	Medical Sonography
37	Health Professions
29	Respiratory Care

*Department totals do not include general education and certificate program students.

Students Unite for Local Service Project

Kettering College of Medical Arts recently sponsored a local, three-day youth community service experience called The Renewal Project. The venture teamed middle school, high school, and college-aged students from the Dayton and Columbus areas with staff from KCMA, the Ohio Conference, and local churches.

The Renewal Project's beneficiaries were siblings Thurman Chastain and Anita Chastain who have lived in their Dayton home for 56 years. The team was able to provide the Chastains with a freshly painted garage; attractive, low-maintenance landscaping; a new lift chair; and a modern bathroom with features that will enable them to live independently.—Brandon Kennison

PHOTO BY COLIN GATLAND



Spring Valley Academy juniors Matt Webster, Alex Aniton, and Nick DeFranco help renovate a Dayton, Ohio, home during The Renewal Project sponsored by KCMA.

MedKamp Attendees Sample KCMA Life

Last month Kettering College hosted nearly 100 attendees for MedKamp, an annual program designed to give Adventist high school students and their parents a taste of KCMA life.

This was the college's fourth

MedKamp and the second one this year. Last month's event was moved to the fall to give students a chance to beat the March 1 application deadline for most academic departments.

Sunday featured worship, dinner, and ice cream sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Life. The trivia game show "KCMA Jeopardy" was the highlight of the evening, followed by basketball, volleyball, and bowling in the gymnasium.



PHOTO BY COLIN GATLAND

Monday started with several demonstrations, including one by "SimMan," a state-of-the-art, advanced simulator that provides realistic patient-care scenarios. After lunch attendees got hands-on, interactive tours of KCMA's academic departments and skills labs. After the farewell meeting, several attendees left with prizes—iPods and gift cards. See more photos at kcma.edu/medkamp.

Nurses Experience Disaster Simulation

Kettering College's Department of Nursing recently conducted disaster simulations for two groups of nursing students in the Anna May Vaughan Center for Nursing Education skills lab. One group of students came from KCMA's Wellness and Health Alterations in Children course; the other group was Kettering



PHOTO BY LEE ANN YAHLE

Adventist HealthCare Nexterns. The premise for each simulation was the collapse of a building under construction. A large group of acting patients was sent to the KCMA skills lab where nursing students had to set up a command station and triage them. "All nurses have the potential to feel the impact of a disaster at some time in their career," says Amy Jauch, a nursing instructor at KCMA and coordinator of the Nextern program. Kettering's integration of disaster planning and care into the nursing curriculum will help them understand and prepare for their future role.

Staff Promotes KCMA at Camporee



PHOTO BY BETH MICHAELS

Victor Brown, dean for enrollment management, gives Katie Foster and Courtney Ackman from Mountain View Conference's Toll Gate Trailblazers Icee Pops at the "Courage to Stand" International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

What's New?

Books > *The Promise of Peace*
Charles Scriven

Charles Scriven, PhD, considers his book to be a long conversation, a letter of sorts, to fellow Adventists—lost and found—who are



We need a fresh look at what it means, and why it matters, to be Adventist. —Charles Scriven, PhD, in his book *The Promise of Peace*

looking for answers, relevance, and peace. Scriven, a pastor, teacher, and theologian who serves as president of Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio, says if you want to find your way, it's not enough to teach, or even believe, correct doctrine.

“True Adventists take up the same peacemaking mission Jesus did,”

he says. “In joyful anticipation of His return, we *live out* the same faith that He lived out.”

Reviewing church history, biblical examples, and family experiences, Scriven discusses how to live out that faith in today's world. Put on your thinking cap, and order a copy at adventistbookcenter.com.

—Celeste Ryan Blyden

Faith-Based Caregiving in a Secular World
James Londis

Healthcare administrators, caregivers, and even those facing a chronic or terminal illness can gain

some perspective from this book says James Londis, corporate integrity officer at

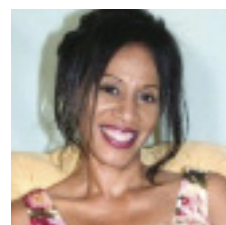


Kettering Adventist HealthCare in Kettering, Ohio. He finally put pen to paper about faith-based healthcare because he sensed “a lack of focus on the part of many Christian caregivers about why their work was ‘unique’ from any other caregiving.” Londis, a member of Ohio Conference's Kettering church, adds, “I hope readers will find a way to renew their passion for caring for the sick in Christ's name.”

To learn the difference between “curing” and “healing,” get a copy of Londis' self-published work at your local Adventist Book Center or at jameslondis.com.

Start Here
Venetta GeVena Kalu

“To eat healthfully, you don't have to sacrifice taste, aroma, or texture to enjoy a good helping of macaroni and cheese, lasagna, meatballs, or cake,” says Venetta GeVena Kalu, ND, MPHA, a member of Chesapeake Conference's New Hope church in Fulton, Md. That's why she spent the past 12 years assembling her regularly requested vegan recipes into her first (but not last!) book.



She also hopes to aid people in living a healthier lifestyle and provides numerous

suggestions and guidelines to help you get “from where you are to where you want to be.”

The 125-plus dishes include Tempeh-Sundried Tomato Wraps and Zucchini Patties. Order the book at drkalu.com, and start cooking up a masterpiece today.



Seven Steps to Amazing Love
Prince Mensah

Dismayed at the way people, even Christians, make mistakes with the gift of love, Prince Mensah decided he could inspire change. A member of Potomac Conference's Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., Mensah hopes “to ignite in



young readers the ability to think through choices when it comes to dating and courtship,” he states. The book uses God's Word “to engage Christian singles on

Keeping Score

2009 ASI Membership

900

Members Across the North American Division

112

Members in the Columbia Union

Source: Denise Hayden, President, Columbia Union Chapter, Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (asiministries.org)

What You Bring to the Table



topics that are dear to their hearts.”

This first of a seven-book series deals with various aspects of relationships, from dating to marriage and after. To learn more about “love molded in the hands of Christ,” get a copy at amazon.com or Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

WholeHealth

Turning Intentions Into Action

You've been meaning to eat more fruits and vegetables, but it slips your mind as you rush to grab breakfast, pack your lunch, and head out the door. You intend to take short walks during the day, but by day's end, the only steps



you took were between the office and the parking lot.

More often than not, people *know* what to do to have better health; they just need frequent reminders to do it.

New research published in the June issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* confirms that regular reminders are successful in producing healthier diet and exercise habits. The study found those individuals who received weekly email reminders increased their exercise level and fruit and vegetable intake and decreased their saturated and trans fat intake significantly more than those in the control group. “These quick alerts remind your

brain of the goals you've set for yourself,” says Barbara Sternfeld, the study's lead investigator.

Like the proverbial string around your finger, setting up simple reminders on your task list or schedule—a recurring alarm

on your phone, post-it notes in strategic locations, or an online subscription to a health news-feed—can turn your intentions into action.—Lilly Tryon, MSN, RN, Adventist WholeHealth Wellness Center

5 Minutes With Kimberly Palmer-Washington

After life delivered Kimberly Palmer-Washington a double whammy—life-threatening, long-term illness and then divorce—the Lord delivered healing. The experience prompted this Allegheny East Conference member of the Community church in Englewood, NJ, to share her encounter with God. Through a joint CD and book release, both titled *Somebody Prayed for Me*, international singing evangelist Palmer-Washington shares her testimony. Here she talks about both:

When did you start singing?

I started singing in church at the age of 8. About 20 years ago, I gave my life to Jesus, and ever since, I have been giving back to God the voice He gave me. Singing is a part of my very existence.



Tell us about the book and CD.

I co-authored the book with my sister Beverly Palmer Hill, a member of Allegheny West Conference's Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio. In it, I share my testimony of restoration and deliverance from an illness that almost



claimed my life. Both the songs and the pages convey that you can search for God with all your heart and know that He will be there. I hope that readers and listeners will pray—like they have never prayed before—and see, firsthand, the wonder of Jesus.

Have you done other projects?

My music has been featured on 15 CDs. I released my first solo CD in 1998, which was titled *Heaven*. In 2001 I released *Wings of a Dove*, and wrote five of the songs on that album. I have also released a DVD titled *Kimberly Live in London*.

What hope do you want to share with others?

That God can do anything if you really believe that He rewards those who diligently seek Him. He is a delivering God.

Learn more about the author/singer and order copies of the book and CD at thisiskimberlynow.com.—Ruth Collins

Mission Accomplished

Kettering College Refines its Fundamental Purpose

It has been more than 40 years since Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) graduated its first class of healthcare professionals. The college started as a dream of the founding benefactor, Eugene W. Kettering, who wanted to create an educational center within Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital. He envisioned a school that would “be involved in preparing young people for satisfying lives of service here, and in other institutions of the world.” Although formal, succinct mission statements were not yet in vogue, nevertheless, early KCMA students understood the focus on healthcare and service within the context of Seventh-day Adventist education.



For the past 20 years, I have known Kettering College from an employee’s perspective. During this time, KCMA’s formal mission statement has regularly been reviewed but seldom changed. Mission statements define the fundamental purpose of an organization, the reason for its existence, but most organizations do not experience profound changes in their *raison d’être*.

A CLEARER FOCUS

The first changes to KCMA’s mission statement occurred in 2003 in response to a deeper under-



standing that the statement should focus on the desired *outcomes* of education rather than the *means* or methods like the previous mission statement. In the case of Kettering College, the outcome was to “graduate healthcare professionals of high character who ... give whole-person care to their patients and generous service to their communities.” In other words, KCMA wanted to put a stake in the ground that would declare to others, “This is what we do.”

While college leaders felt satisfied that greater clarity had been given to the intended outcomes of a Kettering College education, over the next several years, we began to feel that the mission statement did not capture *all* of our basic concerns. Some of the points we wanted to convey more fully were:

- the school’s connection to the Adventist faith—even as a college with a faculty, staff, and student body of significant religious diversity.
- a new emphasis on baccalaureate and master’s degrees to complement KCMA’s existing associate’s degrees.
- the decision to offer a Bachelor of Science in

Human Biology, which prepares students to enter graduate studies in careers such as physician assistant, medicine, dentistry, and physical therapy.

- the importance of healthcare as a ministry.
- the meaning of the concept “whole-person care.”

Our college president, Charles Scriven, PhD, led employees and board members through a series of conversations—face to face, in small groups, and via email—to capture the words and phrases that would represent a purpose the college’s key constituents could enthusiastically embrace. The conversation enriched the final product and created a mission statement we believe will guide KCMA well. Adopted last fall, the statement reads: “Kettering College of Medical Arts, born out of Adventist faith, offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in health science. Upholding Christ, the college educates students to make service a life calling and to view health as harmony with God in body, mind, and spirit.” Those words signify what KCMA’s faith and heritage require.

MISSION IN ACTION

A perfect example of our new mission statement in action came from a recent interaction I had with a nursing student who attends a well-known public university in Ohio. She came to Kettering College to participate in an optional summer externship that resulted from a special partnership between KCMA and Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC). As a Christian, the student was excited about the opportunity to explore how to give spiritual care to her patients—an aspect of care not emphasized at her university. During the eight weeks on campus with Kettering College faculty and KAHC nursing



Kettering College is led by a team of professionals, including administrators (clockwise from upper left) William “W.G.” Nelson, PhD, dean for academic affairs; Jack Burdick, chief business officer; Charles Scriven, PhD, president; Beverly Cobb, PhD, RN, dean for assessment and learning support; and Victor Brown, dean for enrollment management.

preceptors, she was given the opportunity to explore how to live out the school’s mission. As a result, the student said the experience of giving spiritual care and understanding patients’ holistic needs will forever change the way she views her role as a nurse.

KCMA’s mission requires its leaders to accept the challenge of transforming the everyday educational experiences of students so that the words of our statement become the North Star for everything that happens on our campus. We lead to help others succeed.

Beverly Cobb, PhD, RN, is the dean for assessment and learning support for Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio.

Core Curriculum

Seven Academic Programs Prepare Students to Serve

Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) is owned by Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC), a nonprofit system of more than 60 medical facilities in the Dayton, Ohio, area that includes four of the country's top 100 hospitals. Located on the grounds of Kettering Medical Center, Kettering College is a growing institution that currently enrolls more than 800 students, has more than 55 full-time faculty, and 200 adjunct professors and clinical supervisors.

Known nationwide for its strong graduate and undergraduate programs in health sciences, Kettering College is thriving with fully accredited programs. KCMA also offers certificate programs, and Associate

of Science, Bachelor of Science, and graduate degrees.

KCMA provides personalized instruction as well. While learning to assist others and save lives, students have direct access to professors and clinical instructors who strengthen their clinical practice.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Kettering College leaders have developed a curriculum to match the needs of today's healthcare environment. Through the school's affiliation with Kettering Adventist HealthCare, students experience clinical education in a nationally recognized hospital network. Student medical training takes place at more than 140 clinical sites, including all six KAHC medical centers. Students can choose from seven areas of study, each with streamlined coursework and early hands-on experience:

Physician Assistant—The Master of Physician Assistant (PA) studies is Kettering College's first on-campus graduate degree, newly accredited in 2006. However, the department has been educating top-flight PAs since it started in 1973. KCMA is one of five schools in Ohio that educates physician assistants, and it has the only PA department in southwest Ohio.

Nursing—Offering both associate and bachelor degree options, KCMA's Division of Nursing is dedicated to educating highly skilled and caring healthcare professionals in a Christian environment. The bachelor's completion option is available online, making it perfect for working RNs.

"The KCMA nursing curriculum is the vehicle through which our faculty teach nursing students to listen to the spoken and unspoken needs of patients and their families," says Beverly Cobb, PhD, RN, who serves as nursing director. "We teach them about the

nursing profession and its expectations for ethical behavior, competent practice, and contribution to the wider community. We teach them that God loves and values each human being and that, through the service of nursing, we are an extension of God's hands to humankind."

Medical Sonography (Ultrasound)—This is one of the most popular areas of study at Kettering College. Unlike offerings at other schools, KCMA's sonography studies include instruction in all the major specialties: abdominal, vascular, gynecology/obstetrics, and echocardiography. One of only three accredited sonography programs at Seventh-day Adventist colleges across the North American Division, KCMA will transition from an associate's degree to a full bachelor's program in 2010.

Human Biology—The Bachelor of Science with a major in human biology at KCMA offers a unique learning opportunity for students interested in health-related careers such as medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. Graduates with a human biology degree can then apply to a professional school or university to complete the required graduate study necessary for entry into their chosen profession.

Radiologic Sciences and Imaging—Kettering College educates students in a variety of imaging fields, both at the entry level and more advanced application levels. The school offers associate's degree programs in radiologic technology and nuclear medicine technology, as well as bachelor's degree completion and certificate programs in the advanced imaging fields of computerized tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, and cardiovascular interventional technologies.

Respiratory Care—The primary purpose of this field of study is to aid the physician in the diagnostic evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients with lung and/or heart disease. In just two years, a KCMA student can earn an associate's degree in respiratory care, then move on to complete a bachelor's degree with the skills, knowledge, and values required of a therapist in the healthcare system.

"Through our diverse core curriculum, we help prepare students—in mind, body, and soul—to become

caring and compassionate healthcare providers," says Nancy Colletti, department chair. "The respiratory care faculty members have embraced service learning as a means for students to develop the caring attitude required to maximize the emotional and spiritual health of their patients and community."

Health Professions—Kettering College's Bachelor of Science in Health Professions (BSHP) is designed for those who have obtained an associate's degree in allied healthcare and wish to pursue a bachelor's



PHOTO BY JULIE WALLING

degree. BSHP majors, in specific healthcare disciplines, are offered in advanced imaging, medical sonography, and respiratory care, with an emphasis on healthcare leadership/management or teaching.

"The health professions bachelor's completion helps students gain a broader knowledge of healthcare and become leaders in their chosen healthcare fields," explains Paula Reams, PhD, RN, program chair. "Many of the courses have service learning projects, which give students the opportunity to provide service to God's people. One elective course even offers college credit with international healthcare mission experience."

KCMA president Charles Scriven, PhD, tells his students, "When you finish a degree and enter the healthcare workforce, you will meet deeply felt human need every day. You will bring comfort—and sometimes joy—to vulnerable people. What is more, you'll gain professional satisfaction from doing so."

Mindy Claggett serves as the public relations officer for Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio.

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Every Step of the Way

Growing Students—Mind, Body, and Spirit

With influences from its early Seventh-day Adventist heritage, to its modern applications of the health message, Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) adds spirituality to healthcare. Capitalizing on the school's mission statement, physical, educational, and spiritual health all play a role in students' daily activities. As a result, KCMA is building stronger healthcare professionals in "mind, body, and spirit."

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Kettering College provides spiritual guidance to students inside and outside the classroom. Students, faculty, and staff have the freedom to discuss spiritual issues as they pertain to their professions and personal lives. Faculty regularly leads students in devotional thoughts and prayer, and Friday night vespers programs welcome the Sabbath.

The KCMA Campus Ministries department caters to students' spiritual needs through prayer, Bible studies, community service, and worship. Students are intentionally challenged to deepen their faith and relationship with God. "Growing is all about striving for excellence, goals, diplomas, and a solid relationship with our Maker—and we are here to encourage our students every step of the way," says Clive Wilson, school chaplain.

All students take a range of religion courses, including Morality and Medicine, and Spirituality in Healing and Health Care. "These courses encapsulate the philosophy of healing that we believe Scripture speaks to, and help students understand why we do what we do," says W.G. Nelson, PhD, dean for Academic Affairs. "Practitioners face a range of issues in healthcare, and we believe it's important for students to think through these issues, particularly about the place of spirituality in healing and healthcare."



Spirituality at Kettering College is influenced by its leaders on and off campus, including (left to right) Clive Wilson, school chaplain; Karl Haffner, senior pastor at the Kettering (Ohio) church; and Lonnie Melashenko, vice president of Spiritual Services and Missions at Kettering Adventist HealthCare.

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The college is closely connected to the adjacent Kettering church, pastored by Karl Haffner, a renowned speaker and author. Haffner was once senior pastor at the Walla Walla University (Wash.) church and founded three church plants. Last year he collaborated with Victor Brown, dean for enrollment management, to start an alternative Sabbath School class called Freshbread. "We emphasize a discussion format and light contemporary music that we hope will attract a critical mass of students and local young adults to the college," states Brown.

The college is also aligned with the spiritual goals of Kettering Adventist HealthCare's (KAHC) Office of Spiritual Services and Missions. It's led by vice

president Lonnie Melashenko, former speaker and director of the *Voice of Prophecy* radio ministry.

LEADERS OF DISTINCTION

Kettering College's faculty and staff include other celebrated leaders of the church who continue to make indelible marks on Adventist culture and the college community. President Charles Scriven, who once pastored the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., and was a past president of Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, is a respected author. W.G. Nelson is a former president of Walla Walla University and vice president of Southwestern Adventist University (Texas). David VanDenburgh, religion professor, was an adjunct faculty member at Loma Linda University (Calif.) and pastored the Kettering church from 1996 to 2006. James Londis, religion professor and ethics and integrity officer for Kettering Adventist HealthCare, is another former Sligo pastor and has authored three books and several ethics articles.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Kettering College students learn to value God's people and, in their studies and experiences, often discern a call to use their talents and knowledge to serve others—particularly the poor and vulnerable. Whether in downtown Dayton or mission fields abroad, Christian medical work is, at its core, service outreach.

For a global perspective on service and to increase their medical expertise, students can take annual mission trips to Belize and Guyana through the Vaughan-Beaven Service Learning Honors Program. Local outreach projects include: building homes with Habitat for Humanity, collecting food, and participating in health fairs—all of which perpetuate Christ's message to help those in need. As a partner in ministry with the Columbia Union Conference and Ohio Conference, the college also supports efforts such as youth camp meetings, union youth leadership events, the International Pathfinder Camporee, and local church and academy programs.

"We believe that healthcare education puts us at a unique juncture with the Adventist Church and, therefore, the community at large," says Victor Brown. "We want to more fully take advantage of this position and the opportunity to serve."

At Kettering College, faculty, staff, and students

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

Where Are They Now?

David Seidel ('71), a 26-year employee of Kettering Adventist HealthCare, currently serves as vice president of Grandview Medical Center, where he is responsible for clinical and support services for Grandview and Southview Medical Center. An active member of the Miamisburg (Ohio)



church, Seidel serves on numerous church committees. He also used to serve on the Miami Valley Chapter of the American Heart Association Board and the State of Ohio Quality of Cardiac Care Foundation Board.



Although she is currently pursuing her MBA in health-care administration at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.), **Bonnie Peebles** ('06) works as a medical sonographer for Kettering Medical Center in the

echocardiography lab. She is active at the Kettering church, volunteering for Vacation Bible School and earliteen Sabbath School.

live their beliefs. With its dedicated Adventist outlook on healthcare, they are leading students and patients to Christ.

Lauren Bongard Schwarz is a freelance writer for Kettering Adventist HealthCare.

Lessons Learned

What Happens When a Student Mixes Medicine and Missions?

When I arrived at the Belize airport for my service trip—a part of the Vaughan-Beaven Service Learning Honors Program at Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) in Kettering, Ohio—I knew from the warm sun and the moist air that I was in the tropics. But I also knew from my class in international health that a “tropical environment” does not equal a “tropical paradise.”



Belize is a Central American country plagued by poverty, foreign debt, drugs, urban crime, infectious disease, and public health problems such as AIDS. Nevertheless, the service trip confirmed my interest in a healthcare career. It was while in Belize that I began to see the world from a new perspective.

INSPIRED BY KNOWLEDGE

In my international health class at KCMA, we discussed the health problems various regions of the world face. While studying Belize, we were surprised to learn that their citizens share some of America’s common health problems: diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and cancer. In other classes we learned that education plays an important role in disease prevention.

Our team recognized that we could have an impact on the health of Belizeans if we could educate them about prevention. We decided to make posters highlighting various health topics to present at health fairs and grade schools in several towns and at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena. My poster (right) presented the newest version of the food guide pyramid and nutrition basics. At the fairs, we also offered blood pressure checks, body mass index analyses, and free back massages.

The positive interactions I had with residents at the fairs encouraged me about the health situation of Belizeans in general. A baker I met was the most heartening. He described himself as vigilant about his health, and he was very familiar with the principles of a balanced diet. What kind of positive effect must this man have on those around him? He has more contact with sweets than most people and yet possesses the self-control to have balance. I hope that our visit was also an inspiration to him. The grade school students were inspiring



“A great place to gain perspective on my life was from the highest pyramid at Xunantunich,” says the author. “Just like these pyramids were made one brick at a time, I recognized that even small efforts toward making a positive difference will ultimately yield success when blessed by God.”



Mothers and their children receive vitamins from the KCMA team.

because there were always several who could answer questions I posed about nutrition. It was evident that they were learning a lot from their classes and growing in their understanding of health and wellness.

The orphan children at the King’s Children Home in Belmopan were also a source of encouragement. When we gathered with them to sing



and distribute small gifts, they were not selfish. Rather, they were more interested in interacting with us and becoming friends. Meeting these children served as a reminder that people are more important than things, and we should love our neighbors above all the stuff with which Americans are so abundantly blessed.

A MUTUAL REWARD

The reordering of priorities I experienced during my trip to Belize has made me more fit for a health-care career in dentistry. I realize that helping others achieve the best health is mutually rewarding for



At a temporary clinic in a rural Mayan village, one visitor receives a back massage.

the patient and provider. The need for people to make a difference is not always obvious, yet their absence is conspicuous. By caring for others, we ultimately display our love and gratitude to God.

The most important lesson I learned in Belize and during my studies at KCMA is that when we seek to make a positive difference, whether in missions or in our own backyard, God will bless us. Upon my graduation, I plan to help people in the United States; I also hope to continue pursuing missions overseas.

John Fierce is a fourth-year human biology student at Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio.

HAVE YOU FULFILLED A DREAM LATELY?

ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE HAS

THEY FULFILLED IT BY CONSTRUCTING AND OPENING COLUMBUS ADVENTIST ACADEMY IN OHIO.

A church filled with young children and a location on a prominent corner are what inspired parents from the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio, to build a Seventh-day Adventist school. They started with a goal to educate constituent and local children and a prayer to witness to the community. In order to make their dream a reality, they called upon the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF).

With a \$1.2 million loan from CURF, members eagerly built Columbus Adventist Academy (CAA) within eight months. Since opening in 2002, CAA's attendance has nearly tripled and its teaching staff has doubled. Three feeder churches, prominence in the community, and the Precious Jewels Preschool all contribute to its growth.

By answering CAA's call, CURF lived up to its goal of promoting the church's mission. As it has done with hundreds of schools and other entities across the Columbia Union over the past 40 years, CURF provides cost-effective financing to make ministry possible.



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Good Works

How do you know if your new neighbor has kids? Well, you can often tell by the toys and bikes that are in the yard or the noises coming through the walls.

How do you know if the woman in front of you in line at the grocery store is a cook? The items in her shopping basket provide pretty good clues: cooks shop differently than non-cooks.

How do you know if a tree is an apple tree? Look for the fruit—or the leaves or the buds. How do you know if—well, you get my drift.

How do you know if faith in God makes a difference? Like apples on apple trees or good food from a cook's kitchen, faith generally expresses itself in some form.

In Christian terminology the expression of faith is often called “good works,” which is a term that immediately calls to mind the possibility of “bad works,” “mediocre works,” and even “deeply misguided works.” All of which can be observed each day, along with “good works.”

Now many times the discussion at this point veers off into consideration of the question, “Do good works change the way God thinks about you?” I’m not going to get into that discussion today.

I think that good works are the symptoms of a changed life. They are the evidence (in part, at least) that we are who we say we are. To the degree that we attribute the goodness in our life to God, good works are evidence of God’s impact in our lives, and they are testimony to those around us of the truthfulness of what we believe. The New Testament even suggests that good works are an adornment for the people of God—they “decorate” our lives and make us more attractive. (Titus 2:1-10)

Charles Spurgeon, the great English preacher of the 19th century, explained it this way:

“Does not the whole world preach God? Do not the floods and the fields, the skies and the plains, the mountains and the valleys, the streamlets and the rivers, all speak for God? Assuredly they do. A sermon is not what a man says, but what he does. You who practice are preaching; it is not preaching and practicing, but practicing is preaching. The sermon that is preached by the mouth is soon forgotten, but what we preach by our lives is never forgotten.”

William G. “Bill” Robertson
President & CEO
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Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Marks 30th Anniversary

Hospital Celebrates Milestone with Quality Designations for Heart Attack, Stroke, and Cancer Care and Completion of Expansion, Renovation Project

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital celebrates its 30th year of service to its Maryland community this year. The hospital is marking this important milestone with a number of celebrations for its staff and physicians as well as some important achievements that highlight its mission of meeting the health care needs of the community.

“This anniversary is about celebrating the past 30 years as well as looking to the future to ensure that we are prepared to carry out our mission over the next 30 years and beyond,” said Shady Grove Adventist President Dennis Hansen.

Designations Demonstrate Quality Care

Earlier this year, Shady Grove obtained three designations that highlight its commitment to delivering high-quality care to patients suffering from a heart attack, stroke or cancer. This past spring, Shady Grove became the first hospital in Montgomery County, and only the fifth in Maryland, to receive Cycle II Chest Pain Center accreditation with PCI (primary percutaneous coronary intervention) from the Society of Chest Pain Centers

(SCPC). In order to receive this designation, the hospital demonstrated its expertise in delivering quality care to cardiac patients by meeting or exceeding several stringent criteria. The hospital also completed an on-site survey by the SCPC.

Also this year, the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems granted Shady Grove five-year designation as a Primary Stroke Center. To achieve this, Shady Grove’s stroke care team demonstrated a number of key elements to enhance care to stroke patients, including an acute stroke unit, an integrated emergency response system and 24-hour neurosurgical and neuroimaging services.

Finally, the Shady Grove Radiation Oncology Center, which is part of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, received three-year accreditation by the American College of Radiology (ACR). This rigorous process and accreditation signifies excellence in care and safety and adherence to nationally accepted standards of care. Only a very small number of centers are ACR accredited.

“Achieving these important designations for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital is a wonderful way for us to mark our 30th year of serving the com-

munity,” Hansen said. “These designations are the result of the collaborative commitment of our staff and physicians to provide high-quality compassionate care.”

Expanding to Meet the Needs of a Growing Community

Just in time for the anniversary of its actual opening in December, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital will complete an impressive four-year expansion and renovation project. The hospital moved the first unit to its new 207,000-square-foot tower in late 2007. This year, for the third and final phase of the project, which included

the renovation of more than 50,000 square feet in the hospital, Shady Grove celebrates the openings of several new areas, including:

- ❖ New, larger pediatric emergency department
- ❖ New, expanded neonatal intensive care unit (see story on the right for more on the new NICU)
- ❖ New, expanded wound care center
- ❖ Expanded labor and delivery department
- ❖ New lounge for obstetricians, providing a “home away from home”
- ❖ New first floor concourse that includes a new conference center and space for patient registration.

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Opens New Unit for Critically Ill Babies

After years of careful planning, in early August Shady Grove Adventist Hospital officially opened its new, expanded neonatal intensive care unit. The state-of-the-art unit offers more space for specially trained experts to deliver high-quality care to some of the smallest and most critically ill babies in Montgomery County, Maryland and surrounding areas.

“A NICU is a place of healing where specially trained experts and the latest technology are used to nurture the tiniest babies and help them grow stronger until they are ready to take their next steps home,” said Dr. Kim Iafolla, Medical Director of Shady Grove’s NICU and a neonatologist. “Shady Grove’s larger NICU gives our physicians and caregivers important space to provide care to these tiny patients to help them grow, gain strength, and bond with their families.”

With the move, Shady Grove’s NICU increased from 28 to 37 beds. In addition, the new unit provides more room for each bed and for the numerous families who spend time visiting their babies. The new NICU also has more isolation rooms, procedure rooms, a reception area, and rooms for parents to spend the night with their babies.

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital’s NICU is designated as a level IIIB, which means that it has a broad range of pediatric medical subspecialists, trained staff, and specialized equipment to provide care to newborn infants. Babies who receive care in the NICU are generally born with extreme prematurity (28 weeks’ gestation or less),

extremely low birth weight (1000g or less), or with severe and/or complex illnesses.

Shady Grove’s NICU offers some of the most advanced procedures and services to critically ill babies in the region, including whole body cooling and nitrous oxygen therapy. Since opening in 1996 Shady Grove’s NICU has cared for more than 8,000 babies.



Construction of the original Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in 1979.



Shady Grove Adventist Hospital celebra 30 años de servicio

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital celebra este año 30 años de servicio a la comunidad de Maryland. El hospital está marcando este hito tan importante, lo mismo que algunos logros notables que destacan su misión de atender a las necesidades de salud de la comunidad, con varias celebraciones para su personal.

“Este aniversario tiene que ver con celebrar los 30 años que han transcurrido lo mismo que mirar hacia el futuro para asegurar que estamos preparados para llevar a cabo nuestra misión durante los próximos 30 años y todavía más”, ha dicho el presidente de Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Dennis Hansen.

Reconocimientos que demuestran calidad de atención médica

A principios de año Shady Grove obtuvo tres reconocimientos que destacan su dedicación a proveer atención médica de calidad a los pacientes que sufren de ataques cardíacos, apoplejía o cáncer. Esta primavera, Shady Grove llegó a ser el primer hospital en Montgomery County, y el quinto en Maryland, en recibir la acreditación de Cycle II Chest Pain Center [centro ciclo II de dolor cardíaco] con PCI [intervención percutánea primaria] de la Sociedad para Centros de Dolores Cardíacos. Para recibir este reconocimiento el hospital tuvo que demostrar su pericia para proveer atención cardíaca de calidad al cumplir o exceder los criterios designados. El hospital también cumplió con una evaluación en el local por la misma sociedad.

También durante este año el Instituto de Sistemas de Servicios de Urgencias de Maryland concedió a Shady Grove el reconocimiento por cinco años como un centro principal para apoplejía. Para conseguir esto, el equipo de apoplejía de Shady Grove demostró un número de elementos claves para mejorar la atención a los pacientes con apoplejía, incluyendo una

unidad de apoplejía aguda, un sistema integral de respuesta a urgencias y servicios neuroquirúrgicos y de neuroimagen disponibles las 24 horas.

Además el centro de oncología de Shady Grove, recibió una acreditación por tres años del Colegio Americano de Radiología. Este riguroso proceso y acreditación demuestra excelencia en la atención médica y la adhesión a las normas de atención médica reconocidas nacionalmente. Solamente un número muy pequeño de centros son acreditados por el Colegio Americano de Radiología.

“Obtener estos reconocimientos es una manera maravillosa de celebrar nuestro trigésimo aniversario de servicio a la comunidad”, ha dicho Hansen. “Esos reconocimientos son el resultado de una dedicación colaborativa por parte de nuestro personal para proveer atención médica de calidad”.

Crecer para atender las necesidades de la comunidad

Justo a tiempo para celebrar su aniversario este diciembre, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital va a terminar un proyecto de expansión y renovación que ha durado cuatro años. El hospital ha trasladado la primera unidad a la nueva torre de 207.000 pies cuadrados a finales del 2007. Este año, para la tercera y última fase del proyecto, que incluye la renovación de más de 50.000 pies cuadrados del hospital, Shady Grove celebra la apertura de varias áreas nuevas, incluyendo:

- ❖ Un nuevo y más amplio departamento pediátrico
- ❖ Una nueva y más amplia unidad de cuidado prenatal intensiva
- ❖ Un nuevo y más amplio centro para atención a heridas
- ❖ Un más amplio departamento de partos
- ❖ Una nueva sala de estar para obstetras para que “se sientan en casa”
- ❖ Un área nueva que incluye un centro de conferencias y espacio para la registración de pacientes.



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Capitol Hill Member Shares Faith Through Lectionary



As a liturgist for the first ecumenical African American lectionary, Michelle Riley Jones (left), minister of music and worship for the Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., is in a unique position to provide a Seventh-day Adventist perspective to a variety of faith groups. She gained this opportunity through her work with Martha Simmons, president and publisher of *The African American Pulpit* journal.

With the goal of creating new national conversations concerning the use of Scripture in worship and preaching, Simmons commissioned world-renowned scholars and worship leaders to assist in the creation of The African American Lectionary. The lectionary was launched December 2007.

This project has become a resource for churches nationally, providing coherent worship-planning strategies for pastors, worship leaders, choir directors, etc. Simmons founded and oversees the project and partners with the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and Vanderbilt University School of Divinity (Tenn.). Jones has been involved with the project since its inception.

“In my role as one of the three liturgists for the project, I write for the lectionary,” Jones explains. “I have been able to provide an Adventist perspective to the project. I have authored several prayers, litanies, and multimedia and drama concepts.” These writings will also be compiled into a series of books.

Jones also identifies other writers and oversees their contributions, which has enabled her to include Seventh-day Adventist pastors, ministers of music, worship leaders, and musicians from throughout the Allegheny East Conference and beyond. For more information, visit theafricanamericanlectionary.org.

Community Church Celebrates 25 Years of Ministry

“Stones of Remembrance” was the theme of the weekend as Community church of Englewood, N.J., under the leadership of Richard P. Campbell, celebrated their 25th anniversary. Twelve ornamental stones, representing major highlights in the church’s storied history, were placed at strategic locations in the main sanctuary.



Richard P. Campbell, pastor of Community church, celebrates the church’s 25th anniversary along with former pastors Alvin Kibble and Joseph Hutchinson.

The event began Friday evening as the members participated in the Communion service. Sabbath morning was one of enthusiasm and joy as guests, members, and friends were ushered into a spirit-filled worship service to celebrate and honor the One who led every step of the way. Alvin M. Kibble, vice president of the North American Division and a former pastor of the church, wove an intimate history of Community church into the fabric of his sermon. Titled “Don’t Forget to Remember,” he urged all in attendance to remember from whence the Lord has brought them.

The Sabbath hours were filled with rejoicing and abundant praise. Community church’s singing evangelists Dwight Anderson, Kimberly Palmer-Washington, The Remnant Singers, 3Ms, and two old favorites—The Emmanuels and the AYS Chorale—blessed the gathering with music. Members old and new, along with the many visiting friends, filled the beautifully decorated banquet hall for a delicious meal. In the afternoon, the re-enactment of the popular play *Time of Trouble* reminded members to engage in serious preparation for what lies ahead. Sunday culminated the weekend with an annual church picnic for fun and fellowship.—Debra Jackson

Emmanuel-Brinklow Member Honored for Health Work

Congratulations to Kathy Coleman, cardiac and vascular outreach coordinator in the Health and Wellness Department at the Rockville, Md.-based Adventist HealthCare. A member of the Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., she was recently honored for her work with the African American Health Program (AAHP) during its 10th anniversary summit celebration.

Coleman is a charter member of the AAHP, which was created by Maryland's Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services in 1999 to eliminate health

disparities and improve the health of African Americans in the county. She currently serves as vice chair on the AAHP Executive Committee.

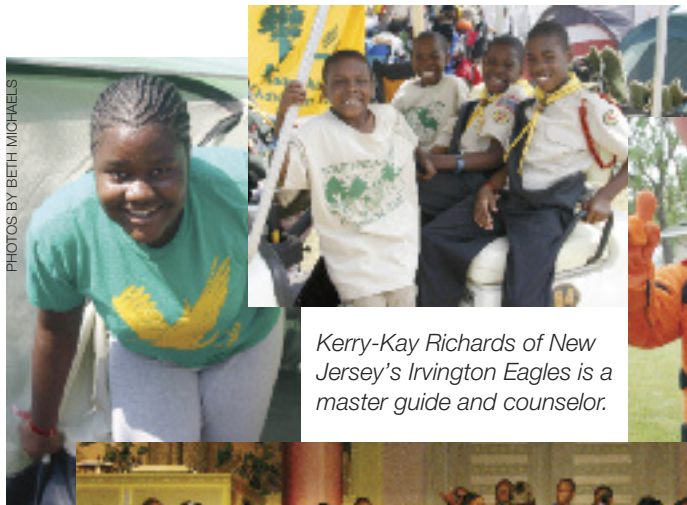
The AAHP began as four coalitions that focused on the areas of infant mortality, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and oral health. Coleman was the community chair for the Diabetes Coalition, sharing her expertise to formulate community programs that address diabetes. Working with Linda Goldsholl, dietician and staff chair, the coalition evolved into the monthly Diabetes Dining Club. This program offers the support that diabetics need to



live successfully with their condition. It has also grown from one to three dining clubs, offered at several area community centers and churches.—Lydia Parris

Area Pathfinders Make a Strong Showing at Oshkosh

With more than 35,000 Pathfinders descending on Oshkosh, Wis., for the "Courage to Stand" International Camporee, Allegheny East Conference Pathfinders made a strong showing. More than 1,300 area Pathfinders represented their local churches at the quinquennial event. Here's a glimpse of what they experienced:



Adventurers and Pathfinders from the West Philadelphia Sequoia club commandeer a golf cart: (left to right) Shae-Michael Brown, Levar Parkins, Shamar Brown, and Mathew Parkins.



Jeron Fyfield of the Breath of Life church in Fort Washington, Md., pauses with Tony the Tiger, who gave away Kellogg's pins.



The 3-year-old First Indonesian Eagles club from Plainfield, N.J., made their first trip to the camporee. Director Julia Sulu (front) said attending the camporee helped her focus on recovering from cancer.



The Allegheny East Conference Mass Choir provides music during a special Columbia Union service.

Temple Emmanuel Sets City on Fire for Jesus

Temple Emmanuel in Youngstown, Ohio, recently held a parade and block party to fire up the city for Jesus. Pathfinders led the parade by marching from the church to the nearby Princeton Elementary School. Charles Hudson, a longtime community activist and member of Temple Emmanuel, organized the event. Community activists, community artists, and city leaders were in attendance.



"The event has sparked a fire that will blaze through Youngstown," said Russell Fields, pastor of Temple Emmanuel.

Wendy Webb, superintendent of schools, and Anthony Catell, school board president, thanked the church for bringing the community together. They both commented on looking forward to the renewed community interest for the upcoming school year.

Temple Emmanuel members were easily identified as they dressed in red and white clothing. There were several booths and a prayer garden where individuals could have a member pray with and for them. The children played games based on biblical themes. Thomas Scott, Peppi McGhee, Walk of Faith and Temple Emmanuel choirs, community poet Janerall Brown, and local gospel rap duo High Noon entertained and inspired the crowd of more than 350 people.

Westside Youth Take Church to Streets

Curiosity was piqued when the Mann family, members of the Westside church in Cleveland, started distributing flyers to their neighbors advertising a Saturday afternoon "on the green." There was a buzz in the community wondering just what the event would involve.

The mystery event was the Westside church's Adventist Youth Society (AYS) meeting, which the Mann family agreed to host in a large field next to their home. Olietunja Mann (right), who had already been sharing his faith on his block, shared the idea

with a few neighbors who wanted to take part in the preparation. The neighbors mowed and manicured the vacant lot, built a 10 feet by 14 feet screen, donated a grill, and then eagerly awaited the big event.

Once everything was in place and the youth began to sing, all the neighborhood kids flooded the lot. They took a seat, learned some new songs, and participated in AYS. After sunset movie night started, and Maria Mann began giving out the popcorn and soda. The grill was fired up, and more goodies were available for the asking.

Several adults were thrilled with the outcome. "This is great—a safe place for the kids to be on a Saturday night, and it's free!" someone exclaimed. The youth are already planning another, larger event, this time to be held in the church's parking lot.



New Pastor to Join Glenville Church

MyRon Pelote Edmonds (right) was recently tapped to become senior pastor at the Glenville church in Cleveland. He comes to Allegheny West Conference (AWC) from South Central Conference where he was the senior pastor of Oaklands Park church in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Pastor Edmonds is passionate about preaching and leading people to Jesus Christ. His personal motto can be found in Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (NKJV).

Edmonds is a graduate of Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pa.; Oakwood University (Ala.); and Andrews University (Mich.). He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry with a concentration in Family Ministries from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews.

Pastor Edmonds is married to his high school sweetheart, Shanee' Arthurs, DDS. They are the parents of 6-year-old daughter Teylor and 4-year-old son Camden.



Worthington Central Korean Welcomes Pastor

Worthington Central Korean church in Ohio recently invited Choong Hwan Lee to serve as their senior pastor. Lee was born in South Korea. He is a graduate of Sahmyook University (South Korea), the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.), and is now pursuing a Doctor of Ministry from the seminary.

Lee brings years of pastoral experience to AWC. He served as director of several departments in the West Central Korean Conference, a district pastor, and as a senior pastor for three churches. He has preached in Indonesia, Russia, and India.

Pastor Choong Hwan Lee; his wife, Yun Kyung Kim; and their children—Daniel Yea-Joon Lee (16) and Joanna Yea-Ryung Lee (14)—will minister at the Worthington Central Korean church in Ohio.



Melrose Avenue Church Hosts Free Community Shopping

If Ellen White is correct when she says, "He who gives to the needy blesses others and is blessed himself in a still greater degree" (see *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 9, p. 253), then members of the Melrose Avenue church in Roanoke, Va., are blessed beyond measure.

The church's Adventist Community Services department, under the leadership of John Word, recently sponsored a free clothing giveaway, a fruit fest, and a concert by The Moyer Brothers.

The event was well advertised in the neighborhood with signs, posters, and flyers that proclaimed free shopping for all. Even on a rainy Sabbath afternoon, several

community members took advantage of the giveaways. There was no limit on how many pieces one could take but five or six items seemed to be typical. The favorites appeared to be suits for men and women, shirts, skirts, blouses, and children's clothes. The number of items given away totaled 150, with 75 pieces distributed a few days prior to the big event.

Visitors received watermelon, cantaloupe, grapes, and a bottle of water. Many of those who stopped by for clothes stayed for the concert, ate their fruit, tapped their feet, or clapped their hands to the soul-stirring music provided by local and national gospel group The

Moyer Brothers. The evening inspired several visitors to register for the church's Revelation seminar.

With members and friends constantly donating to the church's food pantry and clothes closet, Melrose Avenue can continue to meet the needs of anyone calling on them for help.—*Jean Mill*

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Organized for Mission

For early Christians, the church was organized to fulfill its mission. Time, talent, and treasure were utilized for this accomplishment. The structure of the church was not developed, and then the mission crafted to complement it. Rather, when the structure was actually built, its purpose was then to facilitate the mission. It was no different for early Seventh-day Adventists. Once the mission was understood, the organizational structure was developed to enable the church to accomplish its mission.

Our early leaders saw the need for organization very quickly, as it was essential, and nothing could be accomplished without it. However, over the course of time, then, as now, it is possible for the mission to grow dim and the organization to continue on, sometimes existing to merely perpetuate itself. Therefore, it is crucial for churches to periodically examine their structures to determine if they are embracing and enhancing the mission of Christ. Seventh-day Adventists have long understood that no organizational structure is perfect; adjustments should be made to keep the church in tune with, and relevant to, its era.

Sometimes we become slaves to perpetuating the past. "We have never done it that way before," is heard far too often and in too many of our churches. Is your church organized to fulfill its mission, or are things done simply because they have always been done that way? Is your church bound by tradition, or, like our early pioneers, is structural change occurring when it is needed in order to better support the mission? I am not advocating change for change's sake. I am asking that we organize effectively and efficiently to finish the work God has called us to do. This is one of Chesapeake's greatest challenges!



Rob Vandeman
President

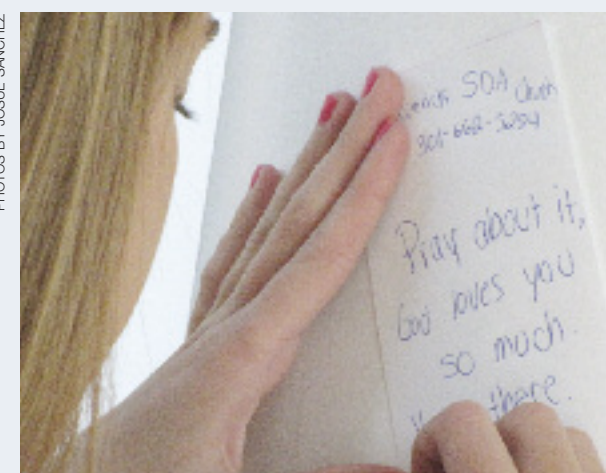
Rallies Emphasize How Much God Values Youth

Two recent conference-sponsored regional youth rallies drew teens from Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia—and some from as far away as Queens, New York. The events were designed to remind high school students that God highly values each one of them.

The first rally took place at Eastern Shore Junior Academy in Sudlersville, Md. Presenters from A Door of Hope, a Wilmington, Del.-based Christian abstinence



Youth at the recent Frederick, Md., rally insert notes into helium-filled balloons and release them as a community outreach project.



A teen adds the church telephone number in an encouraging note she hopes will be found by a neighbor in need.

group, tackled tough topics ranging from the progression of physical intimacy in a relationship to sexual abstinence. About 70 youth came to participate and attend a concert performed by a local Christian band.

Another rally held at the Frederick (Md.) church drew more than 150 young people. Willie Ramos, an ordained minister and popular youth speaker, used the Bible and real-life examples to show that Jesus will go anywhere, even "out of bounds," to reach us. Eight teens made the life-changing decision to be baptized.

Teachers Sharpen Classroom Management Skills

Chesapeake Conference's Office of Education recently held an in-service training to conduct new teacher orientation and to train conference teachers and administrators

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As part of the classroom management training offered at the recent in-service, teachers volunteer to lead group exercises. Joyce Barber, elementary teacher at the Susquehanna Adventist School in Perryville, Md., models non-verbal cues for the group.

in new programs and curriculum. A significant portion of the workshop was devoted to immersing the group in the ENVoY (Educational Non-Verbal Yardsticks) model of classroom management. ENVoY trains teachers how to be effective, respectful managers and helps principals and staff

change the cultural environment of a school into a calm, respectful, and highly productive learning center.

"The training has helped me realize my own assets and liabilities as I manage students," says Beverly Waln, the second-grade teacher at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Silver Spring, Md. "I think the ENVoY method is going to revolutionize the atmosphere in our classrooms. We are learning how to positively affect the behavior of all students—the kinesthetic, visual, and auditory learners—to achieve an environment conducive to learning."



Jacqueline Messenger, associate superintendent of Chesapeake Conference schools, facilitates a lively discussion at the teacher in-service training recently held at the Columbia Union Conference headquarters in Columbia, Md.



Jennifer Ewers (left) and Heather Hastick, teachers at the Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School in Rosedale, Md., enjoy playing the role of students while a colleague practices techniques.

Michael Grinder, a veteran teacher and founder of the ENVoY program, used extensive observational research—6,000 classroom observations—to identify the seven non-verbal techniques used by the best teachers. He calls these techniques the Seven Gems of Classroom Management, and they are the foundation of ENVoY. These non-verbal cues put the focus on the use of influence rather than power to garner the attention and cooperation of students. Grinder's program proved effective in 2006-2007 during a yearlong study conducted in seven schools by the University of Houston.

Jacqueline Messenger, associate superintendent of Chesapeake Conference schools, is excited about the program. "We are always on the lookout for good tools to help teachers effectively provide the quality education that is a hallmark of our Adventist schools," she says. "We are pleased to provide this valuable resource to our educators."

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New School Year off to a Great Start

Each school year has a tone of its own, and I'm thrilled to report that the current year is off to a wonderful start. The first few weeks and months of school are always filled with lots of activities and events. It is during these events that the "personality" of the student body begins to emerge. After observing students engaging in these activities, classes, and workshops during the past several weeks, I can attest that the personality of this group of students is great. I'm so pleased with the students that we have at Highland View Academy (HVA). They are energetic, enthusiastic, academically motivated, friendly, and seem genuinely happy to be here. I hope you enjoy some of the highlights below and that, through them, you begin to get to know our students.



Sheri Tydings
Principal

Year Begins With Commitments, Baptism

Highland View Academy students greeted a new school year with a series of events designed to build excitement for learning in a fun and caring spiritual atmosphere. Many participated in the school's annual Commitment Weekend, which was designed to start the school year with a solid spiritual tone. It also emphasized the need for each student and faculty member to make personal commitments that would make them successful this year.



Jordan Corecces ('10) and Bobby Jepson ('11) participate in the school's annual Commitment Weekend service at Highland View church in Hagerstown, Md. Pastor Sergio Manente encouraged all to allow God to help them develop into the best versions of themselves.

The Student Association picnic included a tractor pull, car push, and baby bottle feed. After lunch the students walked to the pool at the Mt. Aetna Camp and Retreat Center for events that included a synchronized swimming routine, a race for fastest swimmer, and a penny pick up race. All classes participate



Sophomore girls strive to win a tug-of-war contest.

in these events in hopes to earn points toward the campus cup, which is awarded at the end of the school year.

Sabbath morning was a joyous occasion at the Highland View church. Pastor Alvin

Payne of the Frederick (Md.) church, baptized senior Marvin Anyona (above) as dozens of his family and friends bore witness. "Of all the events that can occur during a school year, baptisms are absolutely the highlight!" said Principal Sheri Tydings.



New Faculty Members Welcomed

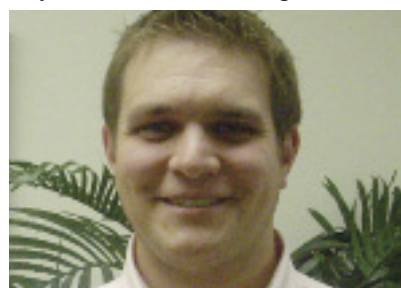
John Henline Jr. is serving as the boys' dean, athletic director, and physical education and health instructor. He has worked in Seventh-day Adventist education for 14 years and says that one of his



main goals as a dean is to establish a renewed atmosphere of commitment in the dorm. "I want all of the guys to be proud of what they can accomplish," he says.

Henline and his wife, Carey; 9-year-old son Trey; and 4-year-old daughter Mikala relocated from Keene, Texas.

Kenneth Turpen graduated from Highland View Academy in 2003 and returned to begin his professional career in education. In addition to working as the assistant boys' dean, he is teaching Bible 1



and Bible 3. Turpen completed his bachelor's degree in physical education and health at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) in May. I loved HVA as a student and I think it is a great school," Turpen says. "I am very excited to be starting my career on the campus I love and I'm enjoying my experience very much."

Serving as the new girls' dean is **Allison Koch**. Koch recently



earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education from Union College (Neb.). Her primary goal for the dorm is to create an atmosphere where the girls feel like it is their home—one in which they can be proud.



Coming most recently from Midland Adventist Academy (Kan.), **Denison Sager** is the vice principal and geometry teacher. He also directs Campus Ministry programs. He is married to Jennifer and they have a 19-month-old daughter Denali.

"My family moved to HVA because we wholeheartedly believe this is where God wanted us to be. We are really excited about all the possibilities at HVA," Sager said.



Darcy de Leon actually began work at HVA in April. After serving for 10 years with ADRA, he and his wife,

Judy; 2-year-old son Christian; and 15-month-old daughter Gabriella moved to Smithsburg, Md. He is the school's business manager and student work coordinator.

Sergio and Nancy Manente (not pictured) come to HVA with lots of passion and energy for ministering to young people.

Nancy teaches Bible 4, English as a Second Language, and Freshman Seminar. She is becoming known for her compassionate and creative spirit and is already making a difference in the lives of students.

Sergio serves as pastor of the Highland View church and teaches a leadership class at HVA. In addition to pastoring several churches, he taught leadership at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa. He is also the co-founder of True Wind, an organization that hosts leadership conferences for youth.

CALENDAR

October

- 13 College Fair, 8-9:30 a.m.
HVA Gymnasium
- 16-18 Leadership Retreat
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19-23 Week of Prayer
- Oct. 27-Nov. 1 Home Leave

November

- 6 Senior Recognition
- 6-7 Parent Weekend
- 8 Pancake Breakfast
9-11 a.m., HVA Gymnasium
- 14 Academic Bowl
- 23 Community Service Day
- 24-30 Thanksgiving Break

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MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

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Putting the Brakes on Cravings

Do you find yourself falling backward regarding your health? Maybe you know you should be exercising, and the doctor wants you to lose 30 pounds. Instead, you sleep in and don't have time for breakfast.

Why do we *not do* what we should and *do* what we shouldn't? Does taking care of our health really matter? In *Ministry of Healing*, Ellen White says, "The body is the only medium through which the mind and the soul are developed for the up-building of character. Hence it is that the adversary of souls directs his temptations to the enfeebling and degrading of the physical powers. His success here means the surrender to evil of the whole being. The tendencies of our physical nature, unless under the dominion of a higher power, will surely work ruin and death" (p. 130).

These are somber words, but by God's grace we can change. *Desire of Ages* tells us, "The [Savior] was faint from hunger, He was craving for food, when Satan came suddenly upon Him" (p. 118). Satan was able to overcome us through Eve by insinuating that God wouldn't hold anything so appealing from us. So he tried to overcome our [Savior] by using the same tactic. This temptation was for Jesus, to get Him to doubt His Father's character and to prove He was divine. Instead of defending Himself, Jesus died to Himself and said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). His love for you and His Father kept Jesus clinging to His Father rather than giving in to His craving for food.

The next time we are craving something, let's recall our wonderful Savior dying to Himself because of His love for us. Die to self that Jesus may overcome in us.



Daniel Morikone
Health Ministries
Coordinator

Toll Gate Takes "Right Arm" to Appalachia

Right Arm Ministries/Appalachian Wellness (RAM), a health and temperance organization sponsored by the Toll Gate church in Pennsboro, W.Va., recently started several new programs for sharing the gospel by meeting the physical needs of people.



Earlier this year, RAM hosted Healthy Kitchen Lifestyle series, a four-week cooking school at a local Methodist church. As a follow-up to the cooking school, James LeVos, MD, MPH, RAM's medical director, and Toll Gate members Art Calhoun and Bill Clarke, MPH, presented an eight-week diabetic seminar. Seminar participants agreed to continue meeting once a month to report their progress.

At county fairs, RAM sponsors a booth where Lindah Mavave, a massage therapist, gives chair massages, sells books, and provides free literature. Home visitation is RAM's largest outreach program. LeVos and Mavave visit the homes of individuals who request assistance in changing their lifestyle habits.

Mavave believes strongly in the book *Ministry of Healing*, which states, "the relief of their physical needs in the home is one of the greatest avenues of reaching souls" (p. 53).

"This home visitation program has seen wonderful results as people become 'more prepared to listen as His Word is opened,'" she says.

Lindah Mavave, a massage therapist, works with Right Arm Ministries/Appalachian Wellness to minister to people in their homes.

Elkins, Toll Gate Pathfinders Baptized in Oshkosh

It really came as no surprise when two Mountain View Conference Pathfinders made a decision to stand for Christ at the recent "Courage to Stand" International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis. Already deeply spiritual, Pathfinders Elliott Ackman of the Toll Gate (W.Va.) church's Trailblazers, and Chryston Alley of the Elkins (W.Va.) church's Black Bears, joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism.

Ackman, 11, a homeschooled fifth-grader, already holds Pinewood

Derby and downhill skiing honors. However, at the camporee he earned peacemaker, edible plants, reptiles, and Native American village honors.

Alley, 16, and her family, encountered the Adventist Church when she enrolled at the Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.Va. She was also baptized while in Oshkosh.

"Seeing the story of Esther was such a meaningful experience for her," said Marvin Tenney, who directs the Elkins Pathfinder club along with his wife, Lenora.



Chryston Alley (left) and Elliott Ackman made a decision for Christ at the International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

Churches Unite to Build Home for Cumberland Member

Building a house near Paw Paw, W.Va., may not be what one typically thinks of as a mission trip, but that is how Cumberland (Md.) church member Gary Kasekamp views the "Rose Project."

While visiting Rose Estep, a new church member, Kasekamp felt impressed that he had found his "mission trip." For nine years, Estep lived in an 8-by-40 trailer, half of which was rendered unusable as a result of a flood. Heated by a space heater, the trailer also had no functioning plumbing and no stove. Estep cooked on a hotplate.

Inspired by the idea of using volunteer laborers and donations to

build a small cottage for Estep, Kasekamp gathered support from not only the Cumberland church but also the Adventist churches in Romney, W.Va.; Frostburg, Md.; and Oakland, Md.

"When he first approached me," said Estep, "I thought it was wonderful. I thought it would be a great testimonial to how God takes care of us."

Each Sunday members volunteered their time, equipment, and supplies to make the building project a success. Many of the individuals who helped with the physical labor were new church members. To Kasekamp this was the best part. "We aren't just helping one person," he said. "We're helping the whole church grow closer to each other. I know the Lord is in it, and it's all to His glory."

After approximately 40 days of work over 10 months, Estep's new home is now complete (right) with a plaque above the front door that reads, "The House That Love Built."



Cumberland (Md.) church member Rose Estep sits in front of her trailer, which was damaged as a result of flooding.

Mountain View EVENTS

October

- 2-4 Women's Retreat
Valley Vista
- 16-18 Church Planting Seminar
Valley Vista
- 23-25 Singles Retreat, Valley Vista
- 26 Executive Committee
Conference Office
- 30- Pathfinder Workshop
- Nov. 1 Valley Vista

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Keeping Students Grounded in Christ

In 1628 the Vasa ship, one of the most well-built and powerful battle ships made to that date, was heading out of Stockholm Harbor in Sweden. It had taken three years and an estimated 64 acres of oak trees to build. The king had both commissioned and designed this great ship. At its dedication, the ship held many dignitaries and their wives as the sails were hoisted and the ship began its voyage. But in all the excitement, a sudden squall caught the Vasa's crew by surprise. The ship listed over, filled with water, and sank less than a mile from port. What went wrong for that great ship made of the best materials? The answer is simple physics: too much weight on the decks and too little weight in the hold.

Today as we prepare our students for life, are we making the same mistake? We want our students to have all the knowledge of the world; we want them to have the best of everything. We spend time worrying about having the right classes, the right teachers, and the best programs. We all want sports programs, advanced placement classes, fantastic class trips, and a host of electives. Don't get me wrong; I want my students to have a rich and challenging school experience. But in the scheme of eternity, what is below decks is what will enable our students to make full use of the top decks of their lives. Without the weight and depth of character that comes from knowing Christ, our lives will be turned upside down. If we do not ensure that the children of our church are grounded in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the third angel's message, they will be like a beautiful ship setting sail without sufficient weight of character to weather the storms of life.

We are in a battle for the souls of our youth. Each young person in our church is a precious commodity; without them the future of the church seems bleak. Let us work together to provide quality, Christian education for our children so they will be able to compete with the best on this Earth while sailing with confidence toward the new Earth.



Robert Stevenson
Principal

Students Meet Old and New Friends

Another year is under way at Mount Vernon Academy (MVA), and students and staff are excited to be back on campus. Both new and returning students are eager for experiences that will further their academic and spiritual development. The MVA family looks forward to growing closer in their relationships with one another, but most importantly, God.



David McMillen ('11) and Jeanmark Kessler ('10) welcome each other back to school.

Lacie Short (left) embraces junior Allison Cuva.

Emily Evans ('12), Anthony Madison ('13), Kaydra Bailey ('13), Aden Muniz-Lugo ('13), Joshua Stone ('13), and Zach Keen ('13) greet each other at the annual Student Association handshake.

Parent Weekend Slated for November

Friends and family of Mount Vernon Academy and its students are invited to attend the school's annual Parent Weekend, which will be held November 6-8. The event will begin Friday evening with a special Communion service for parents and students. The weekend will include music performances, the Student Association's Fall Festival, and parent/teacher conferences. For more information, call (740) 397-5411, or visit mvacademy.org.

School Welcomes New Staff Members

This year, in addition to gaining a new principal, Mount Vernon Academy recently welcomed three new faculty members.



As music director, David Nino (above) teaches several choirs, hand bells, and band. Through his 18-year teaching career, Nino has taught at Seventh-day Adventist institutions in Colombia, Jamaica, and, most recently, Miami. Nino has served as a clinician for a variety of musical events and enjoys

arranging, writing, and recording music for his students.

Tina Stevenson—pictured below with her husband, Robert, and children Sheree ('12) and Alex ('11)—is currently enjoying getting to know the students while teaching Physical Science, Algebra 1, Life Skills, and sponsoring the Yearbook. Stevenson graduated from Andrews University (Mich.) with a bachelor's degree in health science. She has been teaching for the past 10 years in various Adventist academies and strongly believes in the quality of Adventist education.



A native of Bowie, Md., Chelsea Burrows (above) recently graduated from Oakwood University (Ala.), with a bachelor's degree in theology with a concentration in pre-counseling/pre-chaplaincy ministry. She serves assistant girls' dean and freshman Bible teacher.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

October

- 10 Senior Recognition
- 11 Sunday School
- 11-13 Midterm Exams
- 12 College Fair
- 14-18 Home Leave
- 18-22 College Days/
Government Trip
- 25 ACT

November

- 2 MVA Board Meeting
- 6-8 Parent Weekend
- 10 PLAN Testing
- 20-29 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 5 Campus Family
Christmas Party
- 13 Student Association
Christmas Party
- 15-17 Semester Exams
- 19 Christmas Concert
- 19- Christmas Break
- Jan. 3

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Committed to Quality Christian Education

I recently met with all of the teachers, principals, and the superintendent of education for the New Jersey Conference (NJC). It was a meeting imbued with an extraordinary spirit of work. The commitment of this army of educators, most of them young and supported by several experienced teachers, was simply humbling. We all agreed that our objective is always to provide our children with quality Christian education.

And to do that, all we really need are the following ingredients: a Christian educator filled with the desire to teach and dedicated to his or her mission, and one student or group of students that would like to learn. Jesus demonstrated it. He didn't teach in sumptuous buildings like the rabbis. And yet, never has there been a greater Teacher.

I also took time at the meeting to emphasize that New Jersey Conference schools must be places where our children are safe and free of abuse: physical, mental, sexual, and all other threats. Our schools are where parents can send their children with the certainty that they are in good hands. The superintendent and myself will also frequently visit each school to ensure these standards are being upheld. Some visits will be announced, others will not.

I truly believe that if our educators go before their students every day, filled with the spirit of the Great Master, the great revolution of quality Christian education will be produced in New Jersey.



José Cortés
President

11 Pathfinders Baptized at Camporee



Of the 11 area Pathfinders who gave their lives to the Lord at the "Courage to Stand" International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., six belonged to the Piscataway Eagles. Why are the Eagles so on fire for the Lord?

"I believe it is because all Pathfinders attend a Friday night Bible study and discussion, which allows us to help nurture their faith," said Keith Camacho, director of the Piscataway Eagles and head elder for the Piscataway church.

"One of the most moving moments of the baptisms was seeing Pathfinders thank their parents. The parents are also deeply involved in the club,



so seeing their sons and daughters commit to the Lord was exhilarating for them," he added.

The Monmouth Mariners and First Filipino Royal Knights each had one member baptized. Three of the youth who were baptized did not belong to a club.

More than 550 NJC Pathfinders, staff, and parents attended the camporee.—*Taashi Rowe*



Mount Holly Church Hosts Two Community Days

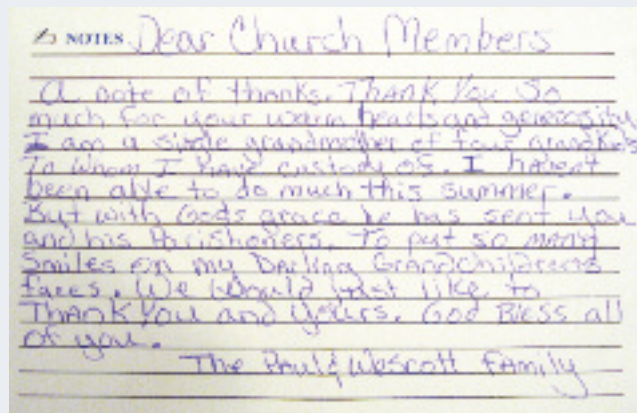
With a tornado watch and heavy rain setting in, the Mount Holly church really could have canceled their second annual community day. But after distributing flyers three weekends in a row, members did not want to disappoint those who were looking forward to the event. So they prayed and the rain ceased just as the activities were scheduled to begin. For the more than 60

visitors who attended, the day was a blessing as evidenced by the thank-you notes received (right). Guests enjoyed water slides, free vegetarian food, a clothes bank (left), and health screenings.

"We wanted our neighbors to know that we are here to help and that we care," said Pastor Tom Dunham.

"This area is financially depressed," explained Andrew Oswari, head elder. "This was our way of reaching out and giving our neighbors a day of fun without asking for anything in return."

A few weeks later, the church held



a second community day for those who stayed away because of the rain. Some 40 new visitors attended that event. Even though getting converts was not the goal of the day, 11 people signed up for Bible studies.—*Taashi Rowe*



Filipino Colporteurs Bring Gospel to New Jersey

For Pastor Joseph DeGuzman, a native of the Philippines, crossing the Pacific Ocean 100 years after the first Seventh-day Adventist Church was established in his homeland was a little bit of tit for tat. "An American started the work in the Philippines, and I wanted to share God's ministry here," he explained.

DeGuzman (below, right), and six other Filipinos are working in partnership with the Review and Herald Publishing Association in

Hagerstown, Md., as literature evangelists. They started in May 2008 and have traveled to West Virginia, Connecticut, New York, Florida, North Carolina, and are now canvassing homes throughout New Jersey.

As literature evangelists, they knock on doors offering prayer, Bible studies, and books. However, they also take an active role in local churches. DeGuzman says they offer to preach and sometimes lead Sabbath School classes.

"I have had a wonderful experience in New Jersey," Pastor DeGuzman says. "I remember one particular day when I had not sold one book. It was late and all the lights in the neighborhood were out. So I prayed about it, and when I opened my

eyes I saw that one house still had lights on. When I knocked on the door, a woman opened it and told me she had been waiting for me. She said she had always wanted a book of Bible stories and did not know where to get one. After we spoke and prayed together, I shared with her not only *The Bible Story* series, but several other books!"

Group members include Erwin Hernando, Nelson Antonio, Antoinette Campones, Sonny DeGuzman, Erma DeGuzman, and Rachel Batikan. Their work is already bearing fruit. Six people have joined the church in New Jersey as a result of studying with group members.—*Taashi Rowe*

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Columbus Ghanaian Pastor Appointed to Local Coalition

With the appointment of one of their members to a local coalition, Seventh-day Adventists recently received another opportunity to witness on behalf of God's grace and His message, as well as minister to the needs of suffering people and communities. Pastor Isaac Boateng, senior pastor of the Columbus Ghanaian church, was recently selected to officially represent the Adventist Church at the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence. Boateng has played a key role in the Ghanaian church's Sonlight Community Services, an education and social work agency helping families in Columbus.

The coalition includes representatives of key institutions in healthcare, government, media, social services, business, and major religious communities in central Ohio. It works to identify unmet needs, expand services and resources, recommend legislation and public policy, measure the results and develop a community-wide campaign to promote a no-violence culture in the greater Columbus region.

"We are supportive of these goals," Monte Sahlin, director of Adventist Community Services for the Ohio Conference, wrote in a letter conveying Pastor Boateng's appointment to Frieda Gilyard, coalition director. "He has been empowered to communicate with the other pastors in central Ohio on your behalf and do all that we can to mobilize our congregations in support of coalition initiatives."



Pastor Isaac Boateng of the Columbus Ghanaian church was recently appointed to the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence.

Galion Member Wins Young Playwright Contest

Fourteen-year-old Makayla Tyree, a budding playwright and member of the Galion church, was recently named one of three winners of the first Ohio Young Playwrights contest. Tyree's script, "2021: The Fight for the Truth," is based on her original short story.

Tyree was one of several Ohio students in grades 6-12 who responded to an invitation to submit original, fully formatted scripts from 10 to 20 pages long, with a cast of no more than six actors. Of the more than 100 scripts received, Tyree's was one of nine finalists chosen. She then worked one-on-one with a mentor—an experienced playwright—who revised her script for final judging. Unlike all the other finalists, Tyree's winning play emphasized a Christian perspective. It was staged recently at the historic Renaissance Theatre in downtown Mansfield.

Homeschooled since the first grade, Tyree has been working through the Christian Filmmakers Academy curriculum with the goal of learning the process of filmmaking from concept to screen, and producing and directing an independent film. She feels blessed to have been given the opportunity to work as script supervisor for a Christian film company, Sanctum Entertainment. They are shooting an inspirational film, *The Free Ride*, at various locations around Ohio.

Tyree, a baptized member, is very active in the Galion church as the Web administrator, bulletin producer, guitarist, and PowerPoint creator for praise music. She has helped with community projects throughout the district and enjoys being involved in Women's Ministries events.—*Amy Tyree*



Makayla Tyree is a young Adventist using her talent for script writing to share God's love with others.

Conference Welcomes New Ministry Leaders

Travis Dean (below) was recently welcomed as the new bi-vocational pastor of the Lancaster church. Pastor Dean earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). He enjoys helping people understand God's Word and assisting them in their Christian journey. He and his wife, Cesilia, have two children: Elijah and Abigail.



Edward Marton (below) was welcomed as the new pastor of the Mansfield church. Pastor Marton; his wife, Mariya; and their children, Levi and Leyla, previously served in the Cleveland Hungarian and Brooklyn district for the past eight years. What Pastor Marton most enjoys about ministry is the "privilege of seeing lives transformed by the grace of God and seeing



Christians passionately serving the Lord."

Patrick Mazani (not pictured) recently joined the Xenia church as a bi-vocational pastor. He also works as a chaplain at the Hospice of Dayton. Originally from Zimbabwe, he served there in various capacities as a pastor, high school teacher, and the conference's education and Sabbath School director. Pastor Mazani holds bachelor's degrees in theology and religious studies from Andrews University (Mich.) and the University of Zimbabwe, and a master's and doctorate in religion from Andrews. His family includes his wife, Mathrine; daughter, Vimbai; and two sons, Ishe and Junior.

Elliot Smith (right) has joined the staff at the Kettering church as an associate pastor. He served as the chaplain at Spring Valley Academy in Centerville for the past three years. He previously served as a youth/associate pastor in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and as a therapist at Union College (Neb.) and nearby CEDAR Youth Services. He has bachelor's degrees in social work and theology from Union College, and a Master of Social Work from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Pastor Elliot and his wife, Jackie, have two children: Chloe and Cole.

Arturo Solarte (not pictured) is the new bi-vocational pastor of the Dayton Spanish church. He previously served as a pastor in Puerto Rico for many years. He holds a bachelor's degree in theology from Colegio Adventista de Estudios Superiores in Costa Rica. Pastor Solarte and his wife, Neyla, are looking forward to being an integral part of the advancement of the Spanish Adventist ministry in the Dayton area.



Kim Potter (above) is the new manager of the Adventist Book Center (ABC) in Mount Vernon. She comes to Ohio from Montana, where she managed the Montana Adventist Book Center for the past three years. Kim replaces Aggie de Castro, who transferred to the Adventist Book Center in Glendale, Calif. She is excited to be in Ohio and looks forward to serving the needs of Ohio Conference members. Call Potter at (800) 643-5714 to have the ABC Bookmobile come to your church or school.



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New Treasurer Welcomed

The Pennsylvania Conference welcomes Ron Christman, CPA, who recently joined the staff as treasurer. Christman's commitment to serving God through a combination of business and pastoral ministry skills is shown through the various roles he has held. He served as the business manager for Forest Lake Academy (Fla.) and as the secretary/treasurer for Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries. He began his ministry as a pastor for the Texas Conference, eventually moving to Kentucky to serve as vice president and chaplain for the Pleasant Grove Hospital near Louisville.

"I believe we have been blessed, in answer to prayer, to have Ron join the Pennsylvania Conference and our ministry team," says conference president Ray Hartwell. "He clearly is passionate about the mission of the Adventist Church, and is highly dedicated to its beliefs and purposes. He is committed to helping our conference advance the calling of the mission of Jesus to seek the lost and carry the Seventh-day Adventist hope forward."

Christman holds a Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern Adventist University (Texas), and two degrees from Andrews University (Mich.): a Master of Arts in Religion and a Master of Business Administration. Christman is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

He and his wife, Joyce, a healthcare chaplain, have two adult sons. Ray is a pastor in the Texas Conference, and Rick is a church planter in Florida.



Ron Christman (pictured with his wife, Joyce) accepted the call to become Pennsylvania Conference's treasurer.

Three Churches Organized

President Ray Hartwell recently welcomed members of Emmanuel church in Reading, Shekinah Haitian church in Manheim, and Phoenixville church into the sisterhood of Pennsylvania churches.

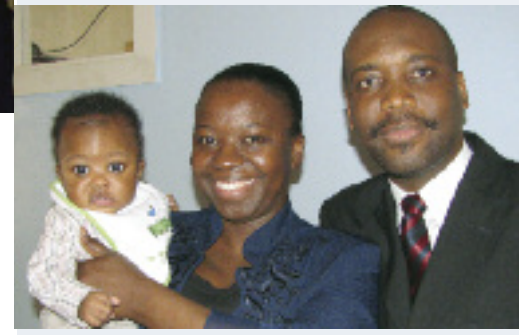
The Emmanuel church began in 2004 as Emmanuel's Place, a bilingual church plant in the inner city of Reading, supported by the Kenhorst Boulevard church. Lay pastor Miriam Vega Vargas leads this growing congregation as they minister to the needs of the Hispanic community in Reading.

Beginning as a Sabbath School class meeting at the Lancaster church, a group of Haitians quickly grew into a church plant. This year they were organized into the Shekinah Haitian church. Under the leadership of Pastor Darnel Marius (left with his family), this new church moved into their permanent facility



in Manheim this past spring with a strong desire to reach the Haitian community in Pennsylvania.

The Phoenixville church (above) began in 2002 with just five people meeting every Sabbath in a member's home. Within a few weeks, word got out and others began attending. Before a year had ended, the group outgrew the home in which they were meeting and started holding services in a rented church in Phoenixville. Pastor Buddy Goodwin soon joined the group, and together they ministered to their community and shared Bible studies. They grew to a membership of 51, with even more in attendance each week. "With each step we have taken, we have been a witness to the marvelous miracles and blessings of God," states first elder Lamar Schlotterer.



Prison Sentence Enables Inmate to Witness

In November 2008, Sean Fairbrother was sentenced to a maximum of three years in a Pennsylvania state prison for a misdemeanor. His family was devastated—they had expected probation and a fine for this first offense. Six days prior to sentencing, Fairbrother's wife, Tara, gave birth to a son. She was now left alone to raise three children.



Sean and Tara Fairbrother turned a difficult situation into an opportunity to witness to others about God's love and forgiveness.

Determined to make the most of the situation, they prayed for a way to reach the lost in this dark time. While in the Camp Hill State Correctional Institute, Sean distributed literature sent to him by his wife and their pastor from the Danville church. He witnessed to murderers and gangsters, and inmates nicknamed him "Moses."

After being transferred to the Waymart State Correctional Institute, he handed out almost 80 *Amazing Facts* Bible study lessons. Some inmates began sending the studies home to family members.

As a result of studying the Bible with inmates, the desire for an Adventist church in the prison grew. Tara, contacted Pastor Tom Cusack of the nearby Honesdale church, who began working with her to plant a church within the Waymart prison. Fifteen inmates are already interested in attending services. "This is a mission field ripe for harvest!" shares Tara.

Knitting Class Weaves People Into Prayer Meeting

The El Camino Mission group in Easton continues efforts to reach their community for Jesus. Members have intentionally sought ways to connect with their community by using their gifts and talents.

Last year members began offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. So far over 30 of their neighbors have graduated after

attending classes on Mondays and Thursdays. Many of these students have begun to worship with the congregation on Sabbath mornings.

Ruth Cortes, Children's Ministries director, recently added her talents to the group's outreach efforts. During a break between ESL classes, Cortes started a "Make Your Own Scarf" knitting class. The classes were held on Wednesdays, an hour before prayer meeting, which every guest also attended.

The knitting classes will be offered again, and this fall Cortes will add a country wood painting pattern class.—Cesar Mercado

Teaching knitting classes is just one of the ways that the El Camino Mission Group in Easton is connecting with community members.

While it is hard for the family to have Sean in prison, they are encouraged that God is using their situation to help others who are going through similar circumstances.

What's happening

October

- 4 Constituency Session
Blue Mountain Academy
- 10 Really Me Teen Conference
Holiday Inn, New Cumberland
- Youth Leader Training
Conference Office, Reading
- Share-Him Rally, *Philadelphia Boulevard Church*
- 10-11 Teachers Meetings
Blue Mountain Academy
- 17 Share-Him Rally
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- Share-Him Rally
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- 24 Share-Him Rally
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- Share-Him Rally
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- 30- Nov. 1 Fall Women's Retreat
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November

- 13-15 Equipping University
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Potomac People

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Filipino Capitol Installs Long-Awaited Pastor

After more than a year of waiting, the Filipino Capitol church in Beltsville, Md., recently welcomed Pastor Lemuel L. Niere in a brief but solemn installation ceremony led by Pastor Bob Banks of Potomac Conference. Niere replaces Mars Sigue who accepted the call to serve as a missionary in Uganda.

Niere previously served the Glendale Filipino congregation in California as senior pastor for eight years. His more than 30 years of employment by the church includes serving as hospital chaplain, church pastor, mission evangelist, conference executive secretary, and editor-in-chief of the Philippine Publishing House in Manila, Philippines.

He and his wife, Cheryl, have two children: Adam Derek, a college freshman at Andrews University (Mich.); and Nicole Gem, a junior at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md.

The Filipino Capitol church was organized in November 1992, and currently has 200 members.—Ana Faigao



Pastor Lemuel Niere and family kneel during his dedication prayer with church leaders.

Courthouse Road Church Makes Mission Partners

Marcela Charris, Louann Hallock, and Gina DeRusha were worried. It was five minutes until their 3 p.m. Zumba exercise class was to begin. Looking out at the huge, nearly empty gym, they realized that this was not the turnout for which they had prayed.

When Charris met Rick and Jessica Johns a few months before, she had shared with them her hope to teach a two-hour version of her popular, Latin exercise dance class to raise money for a good cause.

Little did Charris, who was not a churchgoer, know that the cause would involve supporting the Courthouse Road church in Richmond, Va. Johns (right), the

church's pastor, excitedly shared Charris' idea with the rest of the members. They believed this would be a perfect opportunity to raise money for the SDA Hospice Center, a church-sponsored HIV/AIDS ministry located in Cambodia. The hospice doubles as a church on Sabbaths. Courthouse Road members are committed to erecting a new building for the ministry.

Faced with an empty gym, Charris approached Pastor Johns and shared her concerns. He offered a prayer asking the Lord to bring people to the class. By 3:03 p.m., God heard their prayers, and there was a long line out the door and out into the school's parking lot. At the end of the two hours, not only were thousands of calories burned, but hundreds of dollars raised for the church's mission project. Nearly 140 people attended, and when they heard about the project, some donated more than the \$10 entry fee for the class.

"I believe God can use anything to reach people, even Zumba, and there is no telling what He will do with the friendships we will be making with our neighbors. It's fantastic that the community is helping us build our church," Johns said.

For more information, visit courhousesda.com. —Taashi Rowe



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Nearly 140 people in Richmond, Va., exercise to raise funds for the Courthouse Road church's mission project in Cambodia.

Potomac People

Oromo Company Officially Recognized

It was a beautiful Sabbath afternoon when the Oromo Company was officially recognized and welcomed into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The group's 50 Oromo-speaking members are eager to reach the more than 5,000 people of Ethiopian origin residing in the Washington, D.C., area, who also speak the language.



Leaders from the Potomac Conference, Columbia Union Conference, and North American Division joined the dedication held at the Takoma Park (Md.) church. Conference president Bill Miller gave the address and encouraged the group to stay the course and remain true to their calling and purpose. The group's pastor, Ed Polessa, also baptized three new members into the faith.



Amicus Lifestyle Seminar Yields Church Attendees

Soon after hosting their first lifestyle seminar in 2008, the Amicus church in Ruckersville, Va., found their outreach niche. Since realizing that people were ill-informed about how to prevent and control certain lifestyle-related diseases, the church has hosted several such seminars and cooking classes, which have drawn consistent interest.

Their most recent seminar, which centered on controlling stress, drew more than 35 people to the Amicus church's fellowship

room. Attendees learned about the connection between diet and stress, and the foods that should be avoided, or added, to a healthy diet.

During each of the four evenings, participants were given a sample of delicious, healthy, nutritious food, followed by a cooking demonstration given by Ayumi Hashimoto, an Amicus church member. A seminar video was also shown to give more details about the proper diet. Each evening concluded with small group discussions and presentations by Doris Hernandez, a member of the Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md.

Later several of the visiting participants attended Sabbath morning services and voiced their appreciation for the messages given there and at the seminars.

Seminar leader Helen Perozo and other members pray that the friendships formed through these seminars will lead to decisions for Christ. —Sue Endres



Courthouse Pathfinder Almost Misses Camporee

After her brother, Alex, accidentally ran into Brianna Richmond with a van, the Courthouse Road Pathfinder from Richmond, Va., almost missed this year's "Courage to Stand" International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis. Hear her story in the *Visitor's* September podcast at Columbiaunion.org.



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SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

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Our Daily Prayer

As the faculty and staff at Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) prepared for the new school year, our daily prayer was to ask the Lord to lead us as we guide our students to Him. We know how important our jobs are—to model strong Christian morals and values to our students. That is why we continually ask for God's leading in all that we do.

As I sat in pre-session meetings days before school started, one particular Bible verse kept going through my mind: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Prov. 22:6, NIV).

It is our prayer that, as we teach our students, whether it is in the classroom or on the ball field, they will remember the lessons we taught them and remember the love that Jesus has for each of them.

We ask that you pray for the SVA staff as we work to bring each student into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ this year. Please also pray that the hearts and minds of our young people will be open to receive the Holy Spirit.



Jan Osborne
Director of Alumni
and Development

NEWS

90 New Students Added

SVA's 90 new students met classmates and staff at the annual handshake that took place the first day of school. The evening ended with the staff serving ice cream sundaes to the students, followed by an outdoor showing of a *Veggie Tales* video.

School began in earnest the next day, with 238 students finding their way to classes and work.



During their first day on campus, students and staff engage in the handshake, a time-honored tradition at SVA.



Freshman Brady Griffin is one of 90 new students at Shenandoah Valley Academy.



Sophomores (left to right) Leah Guldin, Lauren Sanchez, and Laurissa Morgan were excited to reunite with old friends in the new academic year.

New Staff Joins Academy Family

In addition to welcoming new students, veteran SVA staff members also welcomed new teachers. New teachers include Julie Copiz, an SVA graduate from the Class of 1998, who is teaching art; and Drew Rester, who teaches English as a Second Language and Basic Christianity. Abigail Nugent, Tammara Quiles, and Brody Wiedemann ('07) are new taskforce workers.

Other new support staff include Cindy Champion and Juanita Martin in the business office, and Ron White in the technology department. Rita Miller has switched from working as a supervisor at the Rubbermaid Industry to assisting Kelly Menhardt, head dean, in the girls' dormitory. With more than 100 girls in the dorm, Miller and Menhardt will keep plenty busy this year!



Shenandoah Valley Academy staff members patiently wait for students to arrive for registration.

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Would We be Missed?

A pastor once asked the question, “If your school no longer existed, would it be missed?” At Takoma Academy (TA), we take this question to heart. As a Seventh-day Adventist school, we feel it is part of our core purpose to empower students to live a life of selfless service. Christ’s example clearly shows us how to be *in* the world and not of it, constantly serving the community in which we live.

Through acts of service, we know that we will make an impact on our community. Our works will reveal to them the mission and purpose of our Adventist institutions, ultimately introducing them to the selfless sacrifice of Christ. It is our intention that the Lord will see our efforts and say, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” (Matt. 25:35, NIV).

To answer the original question, I would say, “Yes!” Takoma Academy would definitely be missed because of our commitment to serve our community. Because we understand our obligation to improve the world in which we live, we are ready for a life of service.



David Daniels
Principal

NEWS

Campus Family Cares for the Community

The TA community is trying to help a small number of the more than 6,000 homeless people in the Washington, D.C., area through the newly created Care First closet on campus. Students and staff are collecting donations of clothing and nonperishable food, which will be distributed to the homeless once each month. Through this ministry, TA’s students will experience firsthand the joy and satisfaction that comes from helping others.



Peter Roberts ('10), Student Council pastor; Melvyn Hayden, campus chaplain and religion instructor; and students Jasmin Wilson ('12) and Noelle Callahan ('12) sort clothing for this month’s Care First outing. The school invites readers to drop off nonperishable food and clothing to help with this community service project. Other outreach activities include feeding the homeless, visiting nursing homes, and providing toys for needy kids.

Pastor Melvyn Hayden III, TA’s campus chaplain and religion instructor, is coordinating this outreach project. “There is no better witness to our community than a gift of love that meets an immediate need,” he explained.

Campus Cares for the Environment

One of God’s first assignments for man was to care for the Earth. As a result, a group of TA teachers is banning together to find ways to make the paradigm shift from being a conventional high school (unsustainable system) into a green school (sustainable system). They are looking for ways to save energy, utilize more recycled materials, carpool, and cultivate a large garden to provide organic food for the cafeteria.

Calendar

October

- 1 Yearbook Portrait Day
- 3 Fall Hike
- 6 School Closed (Teacher In-Service)
- 12 School Closed (Columbus Day)
- 13 School Closed (Teacher In-Service)
- 14 PSAT Test and College Fair
- 18 SAT Test, 8 a.m.
- 26 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 29 Academy Day

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Defining a LEGACY

Several years ago, a short statement became very popular in our country. It simply said, “Be patient, God isn’t finished with me yet.” When reflecting on that statement and thinking about student life on the campus of Washington Adventist University (WAU), I am reminded that the finishing and refining process occurs for several reasons. One of those reasons is to pass on to others what we have learned.

The word LEGACY is the theme for our student life activities this year at WAU. It is an acronym meaning LEadership, God, Actions, Commitment, and You. We have challenged our student leaders to develop goal-setting, communication, trust, accountability, and leadership skills within the context of a God-led life; and to leave this same legacy with their fellow students.

The ultimate mission of Washington Adventist University is to leave a Christ-centered legacy with our students. As our student leaders learn to use the gifts and talents God has measured out, I ask for your prayers for that legacy they are attempting to leave with their fellow students. May we all have clarity in knowing that God isn’t finished with us yet!



A. Jean Warden
Vice President for Student Life & Retention

Office of Ministry Introduces Strategic Plan

Without strategic vision, institutions perish. That is why the WAU Office of Ministry believes a strategic plan is a valuable tool in planning spiritual life on campus. The WAU Spiritual Master Plan (SMP) is a 13-page document outlining the key strategies for guiding all activities related to campus ministries at WAU.

The comprehensive plan addresses the spiritual formation process that shapes and disciplines the lives of each member of the campus constituency. According to the SMP, “having the mind of Christ; Christ being formed in us; Christ living in us daily; walking in the Spirit; and being taught and led by the Spirit, as we daily encounter God” is the objective.

“Get a Life—The With-God Life” is the overarching theme of spiritual life for the 2009-10 school year. The



Worship leaders pause in prayer before leading out in Week in Spiritual Emphasis, part of WAU’s Spiritual Master Plan.

following is a brief overview of some of the activities and initiatives that address a student’s spiritual needs:

Weeks in Spiritual Emphasis—A standard on Seventh-day Adventist college campuses, the fall Week in Spiritual Emphasis will highlight WAU’s own religion faculty and launch the “Get a Life” theme for the school year.

Pastoral Ministry Team—To augment the access WAU students have to spiritual mentors, Gary Wimbish, vice president for ministry, has engaged a team of regional church pastors to minister to the WAU learning community.

Spring Short-Term Mission Trips—WAU students will travel to Tanzania during spring break to minister in partnership with Global Vessels, a nonprofit organization that operates an orphanage in East Africa.

Summer Evangelism Opportunity—On May 2010, WAU students will travel to Ethiopia with a faculty sponsor to preach for a ShareHim evangelistic campaign.

Takoma Academy Partnership—Wimbish is also working with nearby Takoma Academy to establish an exchange partnership between the two schools.

The WAU Spiritual Master Plan couches programs and activities in a well-defined plan for effecting deep spiritual change in the lives of young people on campus. Read the full document at wau.edu/smp.

Juniors, Seniors Invited to University Experience 2009

Washington Adventist University will hold University Experience 2009 (formerly College Days) this month to showcase opportunities for students contemplating higher education. The fun, informative event has been expanded this year in several ways.

For the first time, high school juniors are invited. Because families need adequate time to plan and prepare for higher education, the junior year of high school is the best time to visit colleges and universities.

The university is also offering a choice between two dates. Session I, planned for Monday, October 5, is designed to accommodate families and groups who live or go to school within a reasonable driving distance and do not need overnight lodging. Session II, planned for October 18 and 19, will begin on a Sunday evening and is the date of choice for families and groups traveling from longer distances within the Columbia Union.

High school juniors and seniors who do not attend an academy in the Columbia Union are also encouraged to attend University Experience 2009 for either session.

For more information on University Experience 2009, email Enrollment Services at enroll@wau.edu, or call (800) 835-4212.

First University Freshman Class Welcomed

As this school year started, there was something extra special as the campus sprang to life with the arrival of the first Freshman class of Washington Adventist University. More than 100 students attended orientation, registered for fall classes, moved into residence halls, and attended the five-day First Year Experience program, which helps students successfully transition from high school to college.

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Students enjoyed the First Year Experience dinner—a time of welcome, fellowship, and ceremony celebrating first-time students and their families.



Following dinner, families had the opportunity to say their goodbyes on the campus commons.



First-year students symbolize the start of their academic journey by walking through the "Gateway to Service"—a ritual they will repeat in reverse at graduation.



Marcellus Cobb, who attended the Washington Adventist University summer program, leads the FYE Students' Charge just before their ritual walk through the "Gateway to Service."

Calendar

October

- 3 ReUnion Concert
- 5 University Experience I
- 5-9 Missions Week
- 10 Heritage Singers Concert
- 18-19 University Experience II

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	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Nov 6
Baltimore	6:36	6:26	6:16	6:07	5:00
Cincinnati	7:09	6:58	6:48	6:39	5:31
Cleveland	6:55	6:44	6:33	6:24	5:17
Columbus	7:01	6:51	6:41	6:32	5:24
Jersey City	6:25	6:14	6:04	5:55	4:47
Norfolk	6:38	6:27	6:18	6:10	5:03
Parkersburg	6:56	6:46	6:36	6:26	5:19
Philadelphia	6:30	6:19	6:09	6:00	4:52
Pittsburgh	6:49	6:38	6:28	6:19	5:11
Reading	6:33	6:22	6:12	6:03	4:55
Richmond	6:41	6:31	6:22	6:14	5:06
Roanoke	6:51	6:41	6:32	6:24	5:17
Toledo	7:02	6:51	6:41	6:31	5:23
Trenton	6:28	6:17	6:07	5:58	4:50
Wash., D.C.	6:38	6:28	6:18	6:09	5:02

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He Shall Direct Thy Paths

Like most high school seniors, I dreamt about leaving home to attend college. I knew my parents wanted me to choose a school that was located in a rural setting—a place that offered a full breadth of academic and spiritual growth. However, I wanted to attend a college that was located on a large campus and near the hustle and bustle of city life.



I spent my first year at Andrews University (Mich.), but changed my major and had a difficult time trying to figure out my next step. I remembered Proverbs 3:5,6, and asked God to direct my paths. His path led to Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) in Kettering, Ohio.

I was not prepared for the small campus or the unique structure of a college building combined with a dormitory. But the teachers were exactly what my parents had in mind—compassionate, caring, and competent. They spent many hours reminding us that how we treat our patients—from the youngest to the oldest—is important.

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Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (Prov. 3:5-6).

a welcome basket from a church member. It contained cookies, a writing pad, and a card with an open invitation to her home. I remembered my prayer and knew that the Lord was directing my paths. He had led me to a community that was involved in the social, academic, and spiritual growth of its students.


Kettering College became the gift that kept giving. In 1989 I graduated as a respiratory therapist, then completed the physician assistant program in 1992. I met my husband there, and both of our children were delivered at Kettering Medical Center, the hospital that shares its campus with KCMA. As a family, we still worship and participate in a variety of activities at the church.

From my experiences at KCMA, I have grown to be very comfortable in my professional and spiritual walk. I freely share my Christian values with others. I'll never forget praying and singing with a hospice patient who later gave his heart to God. Because of my training at KCMA, I am a mentor for students, an advocate for patients, and I remain dedicated to caring for others. Truly God has directed my paths.

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