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We all face challenges in life—getting along with people, maintaining our health, paying our monthly bills and breaking bad habits. But some of us experience extraordinary struggles, like the ones Amanda (p. 6) and Peter (p. 8) encounter on a daily basis.

Despite the difficulties life has dealt them, these two courageous young people are both committed to focusing on what they *can* do instead of what they *can't*. And they are tenaciously developing their skills and talents as they follow the passions God has placed in their hearts for helping others.

I hope that as you read their stories you will be encouraged to bravely meet the challenges in your own life, whatever they may be.

—BRENDA DICKERSON, editor



ON THE COVER

Amanda Shaver says her dog, named Cow, is her best friend. Story on p. 6. Photo by Honor Warren.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR Dear OUTLOOK,

I read *Taking Spirituality Beyond the Sanctuary* (January issue) with interest because here in Kansas City we have been having that very experience for the past 11 years. When our church, Chapel Oaks, voted to buy land and build in Shawnee, a group of members decided not to move with the church. Instead we began a home Sabbath school in my home.

Throughout the years we have met for two hours, sometimes longer, each Sabbath—praying, singing hymns, studying the Sabbath school lesson, and sharing the joys and trials of our lives. We moved our class to other homes when a decline in health prevented members from getting out. Over the years some of our members eventually went back to church, several passed away, and some moved.

We have always stayed connected to Chapel Oaks, sending our offerings there along with our attendance records. One year we gave a sizable offering when there was a need. The pastor and elders came at different times to give us mini-sermons and communion. We also received our quarterlies through the church.

Our small group has become even smaller during the past year. Recently the three of us decided to finish the quarter's study then go back to church. Just the thought of attending church again, with a large congregation, causes me to be apprehensive.

And I am spoiled. Two-plus hours of studying the lesson will be no more. I know that at church there will not be time to go as deeply into the lesson as I am used to doing with my friends. Yet in the back of my mind is the fact that I know a home group will always be possible, if needed. I know it works. Best of all, I know God was with us all the way!

—SINCERELY, SHIRLEY J. LYNN



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THE CHALLENGE

Part 2

— Evangelistically

Discussing challenges for the 21st century church is an exercise in choosing among a myriad of options. This month I have chosen to focus on evangelism.

Having written much in this column on the great commission, I would remind us that the most succinct summary of that final instruction from Jesus is to “make disciples.”

Within my brief lifetime our culture has dramatically shifted from one in which biblical values were simply and rightly assumed to one in which Christian mores are regularly assaulted. In the towns of my childhood it was not if you went to church, but where. Nowadays not only does the *if* question result in a *no* answer surprisingly often, the response could be downright rude or even dangerous. Today the hedonistic values of the Roman world of the New Testament are clearly on the ascendancy. While Christians are not yet being thrown to the lions in the West the levels of respect for people—even faith leaders—continue to erode dramatically.

So how does one evangelize a world that no longer speaks the language of faith? How

does one use the Bible, its teachings, its prophecies, its history, its expressions of worship to gain the attention of a society that doesn't appear slightly interested? Perhaps these thoughts are bigger than one article can address, yet they are certainly worth considering.

First, it takes more than one method. A study I read some years ago indicated that a prophecy-based evangelistic event appeals to about six percent of the population. Now granted, six percent of 300 million people is a big number and we must not stop trying to reach them with the approach that works best for them. But what about the other 94 percent?

There are some promising new methods. The major health event that took place earlier this year in the San Francisco/Oakland area is an example of how to enter a community of people we would not ever connect with through our traditional approach. Yes, it is only a first step, but repeated engagement yields results. CREATION Health is an outreach method gaining ascendancy in several of our communities. Developed by Florida Hospital and Adventist Health System, it seeks to gain

a hearing in secular culture by appealing to a return to an Edenic lifestyle that results in greater wholeness for the adherent.

Second, it takes a team. Whatever evangelism method is employed in the 21st century will require a full effort by many people in many local churches. And that may require us to look more carefully at the steps involved in evangelism. For an indigenous American (one who was born here) of any race or ethnic background, coming to faith will almost certainly be a stepwise process that takes time. We must declare a level of success in evangelism if at the end of one part of the journey the would-be disciple is one step closer to full faith.

Third, successful evangelism in the 21st century requires involvement with our communities in concerns that matter to them. Our forebears were passionately supportive of anti-slavery movements of the 1840s-1860s. Joseph Bates was run out of town at least once for his abolitionist views. Ellen White was an activist with regard to the temperance issues of her time. We must be involved in the issues that matter to our neighbors if we expect them to pay attention

to the issues that matter to us—but always with a view of discipleship in mind. Always finding ways to nudge our fellow travelers one stop closer to Jesus. And always ready to give account for the faith that is driving it all.

Fourth, we must keep sharing the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. That is still the bottom line.

Fifth, we must be patient. It takes time and engagement to make disciples. After all, Jesus Himself had to leave heaven in order to seek and save that which was lost. And I am so thankful He did.

Thomas Lemon is president of the Mid-America Union.



GOD LOVE YA' MIKE

Four words that changed my perspective about how people ought to be treated by Christians

I grew up during a turbulent time period in the 1970s and was on the receiving end of emotional and spiritual manipulation by a number of well-meaning members. They were doing all they could to help me be the kind of Christian they felt I should be, but I was less than enthused about the tactics they used to nudge me in that direction.

Eventually, I left the church and God in disgust. I was convinced that I could never be the kind of “perfect” Christian that others told me was necessary to finally achieve eternal life. As I looked around at the wagging fingers and knowing looks (every time I said or did something they didn’t appreciate), a pervasive thought ran through my mind: *I really don’t want to spend eternity with these people.*

It wasn’t an angry “show-down at the O.K. corral” type of departure. I just left with a firm resolve that being a Christian wasn’t for me, and I

told myself I would never go back.

Fast Forward. Years Later...

After my wife and I had our first child, we decided that perhaps we should at least attempt to attend church. I had extreme trepidations about going back and our trudge up the sidewalk that day seemed exceptionally wearying. But it wasn’t long until everyone surrounded us with smiles and warmly welcomed our return. I secretly wondered how long it would be until someone would find fault with my long hair or argue with me about doctrines.

Then an elderly woman approached me in the foyer with her hand extended. I had never met her before but from the shy smile on her face I knew she was doing what she could to make me feel welcome. Everyone called her Grandma Hardy. She had a soft New England accent, and as she lightly touched my forearm

I could hear the warmth in her voice. “God love ya, Mike,” she simply stated. She looked deep into my eyes as she quietly spoke those four words and for the first time in a very long time I felt like it might be possible for me to belong.

In the ensuing months after our arrival I would (from time to time) say something that was confrontational, mean-spirited or just plain stupid about the way the church used to be when I was growing up. Grandma Hardy would always touch my arm and softly say, “God love ya, Mike.” It wasn’t put on or manipulative...I could tell she believed every word.

I owe a debt of gratitude to a great number of people who helped me along my spiritual journey over the years that followed. There is one person, however, whom I am especially interested in seeing again—this kind and gracious woman who made me feel eternally loved with four simple words.

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Amanda Shaver (center) is thankful for the understanding and acceptance she receives from James and Tina Moore.

He Carries Me Through

Honor Warren

In nearly six years of attending the Adventist Church, Amanda Shaver has rarely had an enjoyable experience. She doesn't have a problem with the message or the people—it's how the message is sometimes *presented* and how the people are just *there*.

For individuals like Amanda, staying home is a more restful Sabbath experience. Even in her small church she sometimes feels overwhelmed and claustrophobic. When given jobs, she can feel pressured and uncertain. Sometimes these feelings manifest into what seems like rudeness or indifference to her church family, but in reality is a biological response to invisible disabilities.

Amanda has suffered from sensory processing disorder,

schizophrenia and post-traumatic stress disorder every day since she was a young child. Periodically, she also deals with depression and anxiety associated with these conditions, making it hard to function in a setting as simple as a small church service. Although Amanda joined the church at age 20, she wasn't taken seriously because she spent most of her time sitting with the children or writing in a journal.

Caring Enough to Ask

As Seventh-day Adventists and Christians we have an unwritten rule of maintaining self-control over our urges, emotions, addictions and fears. When Amanda joined the church she caught onto this idea and immediately felt as if she was doing wrong. Often angry and afraid, she

would walk out of church and retreat to her addictions of cigarettes and controlled eating. Many times she would leave spiritually unfed simply because there were too many men in the congregation that Sabbath.

Because a concerned member took the initiative to ask Amanda about her struggles, her church family learned that she had a severe fear of men rooted deep in her history of familial abuse. If no one had inquired, her church would never have realized what a victory it was that she asked a male mentor and church elder to baptize her into that welcoming little church.

The Power of Acceptance

Looking back, Amanda says that what made the most difference for her was

acceptance. The church accepted that Amanda was more comfortable with the kids and she excelled at ministering to them. They saw quickly that she was honest, faithful and had a way with words, so they let her speak. They understood that she had a history, and supported her efforts to reach out to others with a similar history.

In March of 2013 Amanda spearheaded the first Butterfly Project hosted at Peace Point Chapel in Sikeston, Missouri. The Butterfly Project is a self-harm awareness program where community professionals share information regarding mind-body-spirit relationships (www.cuttingdepression.net/butterfly-project). Amanda feels strongly about

Education is power. Education is acceptance, because people aren't scared of it anymore.

this program because she says, “The whole point is to educate the church and the community about mental disabilities and mental health. We also touched on physical issues.”

Amanda's dream was to host an awareness seminar every year, but life brought other plans. While most of her struggles were invisible, Amanda had also suffered physically for several years. In 2014 Amanda was diagnosed with Myotonic Dystrophy, a form of muscular dystrophy, which in Amanda's case is very aggressive. In a matter of months Amanda suffered such intense spasms in her limbs that she broke several bones in her feet and soon gained the unlucky label “wheelchair bound.”

Suddenly, she was unable to manage young children from her heavy power chair or stand at the podium to preach. Sometimes the spasms in her hands kept her from playing her guitar. People who had finally come to terms with her abrasive personality and understood her internal struggles began to look on her with pity, talking as if she wasn't there, and judging her absences from church.

It would be easy for Amanda to become angry with God, angry with her church, and quit attending.

So why does she wake up at 4 am on Sabbaths to physically prepare for the day, practice praise music, and get herself to church week after week? “Because God expects it out of me,” she says. “He told me to. I love Him and He told me to!”

Mercy and Love Ministries Birthed

When Tina Moore, local church elder and Amanda's mentor, invited her to help with a Celebrate Recovery group in the nearby town of Gideon, Amanda went. At first she didn't expect to do anything but fill a seat, yet now she facilitates the female group of 12 attendees. She is good at leading this program because she has herself dealt with addictions and codependency for much of her life.

At the time of her baptism Amanda was struggling with a severe eating disorder. That's when Tina started emailing Amanda a daily Scripture verse. Amanda would spend the day studying the verse and writing down her thoughts about God and herself and then send the message

back. Tina soon realized that Amanda was writing devotionals! Four years later these have grown in depth, along with her spiritual understanding (to read Amanda's blog visit www.mercyandloveministries.com).

One Thing and One Person

Her thoughtful devotionals, her work with parolees at Celebrate Recovery, even her 15-minute praise services are all things Amanda can do. Someone told her she could, God blessed her with talents—and so she does.

Amanda offers this advice to those who may have a disabled family member or a church with no program for disabled individuals: “Find the one thing that is possible to do and do it. If you have a gift and are able to use it for God, you don't need a special program. All you need is one person saying you can do it.”

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Tina Moore

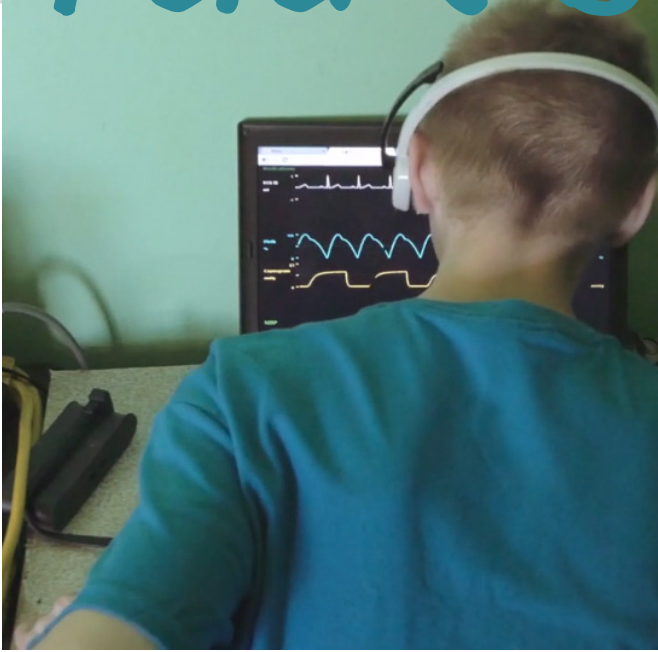
TIPS FOR CONNECTING with people who have special needs

1. Remember that a medication, diagnosis or special need is not associated with a relationship to God.
2. Instead of continuing to invite them to the kinds of functions they repeatedly miss, consider planning something new or simply inviting them to socialize at your house.
3. Be a friend despite their absence at church. They miss their church family when they cannot attend.
4. If you want to get to know them or understand their behavior, tactfully ask or educate yourself about disabilities.
5. When you speak please remember personal space, and also that speaking slowly and loudly only helps people who are hearing impaired.
6. Those in wheelchairs, especially children, love to be on your level. Consider bending down or pulling a chair close.

Disabilities Ministries Quick Start Guide in English or Spanish is designed to help you begin or improve Disabilities Ministries in your local church. Order at AdventSource.org or through your local Adventist Book Center.

Peter's Big Dream

Photos: Courtesy Christian Record Services for the Blind



Peter Foster, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, leans toward his computer monitor, his nose nearly touching the screen. Quickly scanning his patient's vitals, Peter announces the next drug needed to stabilize blood pressure. A moment passes before Peter states that the patient's blood pressure has stabilized and oxygen levels are normal. "He's comfortable now," Peter says with a grin.

Unfortunately, none of this is real. The simulated patient and surgery procedure are part of a computerized training program. Peter Foster isn't a CRNA—not yet, anyway. But becoming a CRNA is a big dream for him.

Peter is a gifted young man who also happens to be visually impaired. The 23-year-old was selected by Christian Record Services for

the Blind to be featured in the Annual Day of Giving project video (www.CRSBday.org).

"I was so excited when I learned about Peter," said Terry Marston, CRSB call center clerk. "It is evident that Peter has the love of Jesus in his heart. We were looking for an inspiring story about an individual who received CRSB reading services and attended National Camps for the Blind."

When Christian Record sent a film crew to interview Peter, they saw firsthand the joyful way Peter approaches life. He was eager to show them his Braille hymnal and led the group in an impromptu song service in his living room. At one point during filming the crew squeezed into Peter's bedroom so he could demonstrate, through enthusiastic laughter, his surgery simulator.

At first glance, Peter seemed fragile to the crew. "I have very small air passages," he explained. "I can't smell or taste food. And it's difficult to swallow." However, when Peter plays the piano or conducts a simulated surgery, his zest for life shines through.

Dual Focus: Music and Medicine

At National Camps for the Blind, Peter enjoys sharing his passions for music and medicine. Camp attendees call Peter "Johann" because he enjoys playing the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Talent night is a highlight of camp for many who attend, and Peter is always ready to perform on the piano.

Peter reads Braille, in addition to print that he can bring close to his face. He particularly enjoys researching medical topics

related to anesthesia care.

Camp nurse Donna Miller said, "Peter considers us an activity. He schedules time to sit with us and have conversations about nursing as a profession and particularly anesthesia care. I would say at times he knows more about my career than I do."

Returning to his monitor, Peter notices that the patient needs more of a particular medication. He scans the screen, makes a few adjustments, and then announces that his patient has completed surgery. "Yesterday I saved four patients," he shares with a chuckle. "It would have been five, but my mom interrupted me."

Jeri Lyn Rogge is assistant to the president for development at Christian Record Services for the Blind.

New VP of Finance Elected for Mid-America

Troy Peoples transitions to new role



Mic Thurber

Troy Peoples is the new vice president of finance for the Mid-America Union Conference, having been invited by the MAUC Executive Committee at its March 19 meeting to serve in that position following **Elaine Hagele's** recent retirement.

Peoples has 25 years of denominational service, having most recently worked as associate vice president for finance of the Mid-America Union Conference located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Prior to coming to the MAUC he served in the Gulf States

Conference for 18 years and for three years in the Wisconsin Conference.

Thomas Lemon, president of the Mid-America Union Conference, said, "We are delighted our Committee has agreed with our recommendation for Troy to become the next vice president for finance. He comes with years of experience as a conference accountant and treasurer, after having received his BBA degree from Southern Adventist University. Troy has demonstrated the desired attitude, the necessary skills and the passion for the job in ways that will make this transition as seamless as possible as we move ahead."

Peoples said he is looking forward to the challenge of helping all the Mid-America Union entities spread the good news of Jesus' soon return by using the finances God has provided to help facilitate ministry at all levels.

Troy and his wife, **Karen**, have been married 25 years. They have one teenaged son, **Brian**.

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Brenda Dickerson is communication director for the Mid-America Union.

What Does the VP of Finance Do?

(a partial job description)

- Institutes and maintains internal controls to safeguard the assets of the union
- Offers counsel to the union and its entities in decisions affecting finances
- Provides timely and complete financial reports
- Develops budgets
- Disperses funds in accordance with policy
- Handles asset investments for the union, including the Revolving Fund
- Manages insurable risks in coordination with Adventist Risk Management
- Provides information on current accounting standards to conference and institutional treasury personnel
- Participates in annual audit reviews

New Pastor to Assist in Hispanic District



Courtesy Galán family

Anthony Galán, pictured with his wife, Paola, and two daughters, is excited to be joining the Hispanic pastoral team working in Nebraska and Iowa.

The Central States Conference is pleased to announce a new addition to the Hispanic pastoral team. **Pastor Anthony Galán** is gifted with a vibrant spirit and a deep desire to serve the Lord with all his might. He hit the ground running his first Sabbath when I had the privilege of introducing him at the Columbus Spanish Church in Columbus, Nebraska.

Galán was born into a devoted Seventh-day Adventist home in Manhattan, New York and spent part of his childhood in the Dominican Republic. He gave his life to the Lord at a very early age and was baptized in 1997. That same year when he was asked to preach for a youth Sabbath he felt the Lord's call to pastoral ministry.

He continued to be a

sought-out speaker due to his natural ability to communicate the gospel to his peers. I personally can attest to such claims, after listening to the sermon he preached in Columbus. I was moved by his genuine, modest and thought-provoking message. He attributes his pastoral development to the different roles in which he has served in past churches, including Religious Liberty director, Youth Ministry director, Family Life director and Education director.

Galán attended Universidad Adventista de las Antillas in Puerto Rico, finishing his bachelor's in theology in 2011. During this time at Las Antillas, he worked in different school ministries and developed a deeper sense of people needing Jesus as

their Lord and Savior. Galán also had the opportunity to work in the school's media department.

Upon leaving Las Antillas he moved back to the States to enroll in school once again, and obtained his master's in pastoral counseling from Liberty University in Virginia.

Galán is grateful that the Lord gave him the opportunity while living in Massachusetts to found a new ministry called Adventista Uni2 en la Misión (Adventists United in Mission) in which he served as president. This ministry focused on preaching the gospel, creating disciples and serving the community. Through this ministry Galán and his team were able to organize civil marches that led to many weeks of prayer and training seminars for

area churches. This ministry promoted unity, evangelism and discipleship among members and also allowed him to broadcast radio sermons for over a year.

Between 2011 and 2014 he dedicated himself to preaching and presenting workshops around Massachusetts and New Hampshire until he received the invitation from the Central States Conference to serve as an associate pastor, assisting **Pastor Pedro Vargas** in his five-church district and focusing mainly on Columbus, Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa.

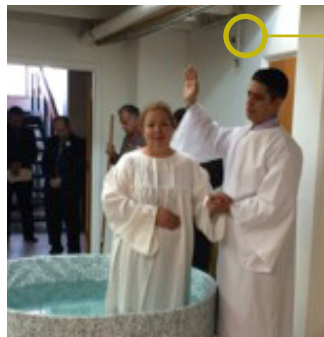
Pastor Galán has seen the hand of the Lord leading him to Central States Conference and feels blessed to be part of such a family. Yet, he says his greatest blessings are his wife, **Paola**, to whom he has been married for seven years, and their two beautiful daughters, **Alicia Paola** (5) and **Ana Paula** (2).

Robert M. Coronado is director of Multicultural Ministries for the Central States Conference and pastors the West Aurora and LifeHouse churches in Colorado.

Aurora West Lives Out Evangelism

Asking, seeking, knocking

Roberto M. Coronado



Pastor Dayner Acosta recently concluded a week of evangelism at the Aurora West Bilingual Church that brought blessings and baptisms.

We at Aurora West Bilingual Church in Colorado have been blessed with God's presence in our midst. We have seen and heard how the Lord has healed, directed and transformed people right before our eyes.

When I first came to Aurora West a year ago I invited the whole church to join me in seeking the Lord through fasting and prayer for one month before making any plans. We ended the month with an anointing service during which the whole church was set apart for a special calling in each of our lives.

I was then able to sit with the elders and church board to develop a tangible vision and mission for our church. We decided we needed a plan to live out our purpose of snatching souls from Satan's claws. So we set up a team of Bible instructors and I told the church family that we were going to make altar calls every Sabbath. Those who responded would be enrolled in a baptismal Bible study. I also told them that we were going to have baptisms every month.

Aurora West is not defined as a church that

does evangelistic campaigns, although we do and we believe in them, but Aurora West is a church that lives out evangelism. Many pastors might say that we don't have enough resources to do evangelism. But I believe if God gives us a vision, He will give us His provision!

At Aurora West Bilingual, we don't own our building. We rent a Lutheran church and are at the mercy of their activities when it comes to using the facilities for our church life. We dream of having our own building where we can worship God, lift up Jesus, empower people through the Holy Spirit, and continually baptize without interruption. If you as an individual or church feel impressed to help us through a special financial gift to obtain our own building, kindly contact me at multicultural@central-states.org. I am simply asking, seeking and knocking!

Read this article in its entirety at outlookmag.org/knock-knock.

Roberto M. Coronado is director of Multicultural Ministries for the Central States Conference and pastors the West Aurora and LifeHouse churches in Colorado.

From Bibles to Bikes

Sharing Christ around the globe



More than 30 pastors are now using mountain bikes to reach their churches in Africa and India.

After **Jesse Caffey** served for 25 years at Christian Record Services for the Blind in Lincoln, Nebraska he was called to a new ministry. "In 1993 the Lord asked me to retire from my work at the foundation," said Caffey. "But I didn't want to retire."

Twice during that year Caffey fell asleep while driving, and after both times he clearly heard a voice saying, "I want you to retire at the end of the year."

Although people questioned why he was retiring when he was in good health, Caffey obeyed the voice. Since then he has been in ministry with his wife, **Vernice**, leading a movement to collect and ship Bibles to Africa, Cuba and other areas around the world where people are hungry for the Word of God.

It all started one Sunday morning while watching **Dwight Hall** talking on 3ABN about the four million people

in Africa who wanted Bibles. *Imagine living in a world without Bibles. How would you learn about Jesus or share the gospel truth with seekers?* they wondered. "Many were going without food for two and three days in order to get one Bible," said Caffey. "My wife and I decided we could help." So they started gathering Bibles, along with books by Ellen White.

Just when the requests for Bibles started slowing down, God presented a new challenge. There were pastors in Africa who served multiple churches and had to walk several miles to each location. By the end of 2013 the Caffey's had collected 30 mountain bikes for pastors in Africa and India.

To learn more about Jesse Caffey's life read his book From Darkness to Light.

Brittany Winkfield is communication director for the Central States Conference.

Courtesy Central States Conference

Academy Seniors Help at Holbrook

Photos: Sharon Heinrich



Dakota Adventist Academy seniors spent their class trip at Holbrook Indian School in Arizona, making improvements to the campus and sharing God's love with the students.

The senior class of Dakota Adventist Academy chose to spend their spring break/senior class trip at Holbrook Indian School, an accredited grades 1-12 Adventist boarding school for Native American students in Holbrook, Arizona. The trip from Bismarck, North Dakota took the seniors through a stadium, a candy factory, a petrified forest, the Grand Canyon and many more adventures throughout Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

The seniors finally arrived at the HIS campus, enervated but excited to help wherever needed. On Monday they recarpeted a few sets of bleachers for the gymnasium. They also began to clean out the shop for **Mr. Andrew Boaz**. A few seniors worked on a new building being

constructed for classrooms and meetings. This group had to sift dirt in order to have smooth dirt around pipes in the ground. A small group also enjoyed using a sledgehammer to demolish a set of stairs in order to make a handicapped ramp. These jobs lasted through Tuesday.

On Wednesday the seniors began putting up sheetrock, insulating the walls, and pouring concrete in the new building. A few students enjoyed a slight reprieve from hard labor by having a pottery lesson. During this time they picked out small pots, set them onto a wheel, and painted them by spinning the wheel and touching the paintbrush to the pot. After they made rings of color they used a scraping tool to make designs. Many chose the traditional designs, while a

few got creative.

On Thursday some of the students again got a break by helping the younger classes with either reading or career poster boards. After lunch a few helped with carpentry work in the shop, while others helped move bikes and did manual labor on the building behind the school cafeteria. They also had the opportunity to participate in a horsemanship class before supper.

The seniors intentionally tried to interact with all the students. A few seniors with gymnastics training were helping the Holbrook children learn simple moves; piggyback rides were given often; and many of the seniors enjoyed playing volleyball, basketball and dodgeball with the kids during their rec time.

Overall, the main mission

was being a help and a guide to the children of Holbrook. This is why the class decided to donate \$6,000 for purchasing new desks for the classrooms in the new building. The seniors wanted to show God's love to the students.

This was also the focus of the workshops for the week. They touched on friendship factors such as trust, approachability, and caring for others (based on Dakota Adventist Academy's catchphrase: *Building Friendships for Eternity*). However, the seniors were definitely the ones touched during this week as they learned to care for the teachers, students and faculty at Holbrook.

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Jessica Hunold is a senior at Dakota Adventist Academy.

Dakota Conference Hosts Charity Run



Natasha Lund

The second annual Dirt Kicker Charity Run is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The first annual Dirt Kicker Charity Run was held during the Dakota Conference camp meeting in June 2014. Since a Conference Constituency Session was scheduled for Sunday, the run was held Friday morning at 8:00 am. It was a cold, windy day but most of the 58 registered walkers and runners for the 5K, 10K and half marathon braved the weather to participate. The route presents a very challenging, hilly, gravel, back-road run with an elevation climb of 969 feet.

Several people from the community participated, including the current North Dakota attorney general's wife. Considering the terrain, run times were amazing. Two of those winning their race category chose as their award an introductory

flight lesson from Bismarck Aero Center worth \$97, in which two family members could also ride along on the introductory lesson.

Proceeds from last year's run allowed \$2,590 to be donated to the Ruth Meier Hospitality House in Bismarck, an organization that provides housing and support services to assist the homeless and low income in achieving self-sufficiency.

At the request of community participants, and because there is no constituency meeting scheduled, this year's race will be held Sunday, June 14.

Visit the website at www.dirtkickerrun.com for more information.

Jacque Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.

Dakota Conference Camps

The experience of camp is not just camping with friends, but enjoying the full experience with staff, programs, friends, and the best part, with Jesus! Our theme this year is:

*Adopted by The King
a Journey with Jesus.*

Flag Mountain Camp, SD	
June 21-28	Junior Camp
June 28-July 5	Teen Camp

Northern Lights Camp, ND	
July 6-12	Family Camp
July 12-19	Junior Camp
July 19-26	Teen Camp



Dakota Conference Campmeeting

June 9 - 13, 2015

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Miracle Radio Station Begins Broadcasting

God answers prayer years in advance

Courtesy Joseph Perricellia



KHIJ is now on the air 24 hours a day around Ottumwa and Agency, Iowa.

The Ottumwa Church in Iowa first started the process of launching a radio station 10 years ago by raising \$3,000. However, the project fell flat, was eventually abandoned, and the funds were donated to 3ABN. Ten years later the opportunity to have a radio station revealed itself again. God moved in mighty ways to see that this time the station would become a reality.

The largest obstacle to overcome was the \$30,000 needed to erect the building, purchase the equipment and cover the labor cost associated with the station. Even though the church members desired to have the station as a witnessing opportunity to the community, the project was facing an uphill road. The small congregation had sacrificed and was able to raise about \$5,000; however,

that still left us well short of our goal. So we did the only thing we could—pray that God would provide the needed funds.

Little did we know that God had already answered our prayer years earlier! Thanks to the selfless and thoughtful estate planning of a church member, the exact amount we needed of \$25,000 was on its way to the Ottumwa Church for the radio station in a matter of days.

KHIJ 106.3 FM is now on the air and rebroadcasting 3ABN Radio, with additional local programming, 24/7. KHIJ stands for Hope In Jesus and covers Ottumwa and Agency, Iowa, which is approximately a 6-10 mile radius around the church.

Joseph Perricellia pastors the Ottumwa Church in Iowa.

Sedalia Pathfinders Assist Their Community



Christine Armantrout

Sedalia Adventurers and Pathfinders collected clothes to help the people of Ukraine.

The Sedalia Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs have committed to helping their Missouri community with various monthly outreach projects in 2015. We have six Little Lambs/Eager Beavers, led by **Lauretta Oetman**; 12 Adventurers, led by **Molly Baslee**; and 15 Pathfinders, led by my husband, **Ben**, and myself.

At the beginning of the year Baslee heard of an opportunity through a co-worker to gather clothes for people in Ukraine. The kids decorated donation barrels and spread the word among their family and friends. At the end of the drive a 10-by-10 foot crate was filled with clothes for infants, children and adults. As a result, the woman who had asked for help was grateful for the club's willingness to show kindness and wants to know more about our church.

Next the kids took on the challenge of assisting a local animal shelter and collected more than 400 pounds of dog food and 100 pounds of cat food. The staff at the small shelter were greatly appreciative of the large donation and interested to know what church the kids attended. They told us that food for small shelters, although very much needed, is often overlooked.

Most recently the Adventurers and Pathfinders learned more about the work of the local law enforcement's DARE and K9 Units. During the presentation two officers showed the kids how dogs help police find drugs. They also explained how drugs can negatively impact kids' lives.

Christine Armantrout is co-director of the Sedalia (MO) Pathfinder club.

Students Work to Help Local Food Bank

Courtesy Geraldine Markham



The Bourbon Seventh-day Adventist School in Missouri held its annual Food Drive last fall with students placing grocery bags on doorsteps of houses around the school with a note explaining the process. The following week the students, teacher and volunteer drivers picked up the bags containing nonperishable food items. A Fall Festival was also held at the school where more items

were collected. In total 377 items were donated to the Bourbon Food Pantry.

Pictured from left to right: **Christie Tucker** (Home and School Leader), **Anne-Marie Tucker** (8th grade), **Kaitlyn Reinhardt** (7th grade), **Kameron Beckett** (6th grade), **Olivia King** (3rd grade), **Araina Markham** (3rd grade), and **Geraldine Markham** (teacher).

Saved to Serve



Iowa-Missouri Conference
Camp Meeting

June 2-6, 2015

Sunnydale Adventist Academy
Centralia, Missouri

www.imsda.org/campmeeting



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Author and retired
Andrews University
Professor



Stanley Patterson, PhD
Chair of the Dept. of
Christian Ministry
Andrews University



Naomi Striemer
Author, Singer,
Songwriter
June 6, 2 p.m. concert



Jeff Wilson
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New Rangers at Camp Arrowhead

Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference



The Fish family—Gary, Vicki, Alex and Jaelyn—are looking forward to what God has in store for them at Camp Arrowhead.

Gary and **Vicki Fish** of Glendive, Montana are the new rangers at Camp Arrowhead in Lexington, Nebraska.

Last year Gary’s family held their family reunion at Camp Arrowhead, and while there Gary shared with **Steve Schaffner**, former ranger, his dream to serve as a camp ranger. Steve told Gary that he and his wife were preparing to pursue other adventures and the position for managing the 300-acre seasonal camp was open.

Vicki and Gary prayed and

when the position was offered to them they decided to accept it. “God has a plan for us when we get there,” Vicki said, “and we can’t wait to see what He has in store for our family!”

For more information about Camp Arrowhead visit www.camparrowheadlexington.com.

Regina Harvey is a member of the Hastings Church in Nebraska.

AACP Recognizes Camping Excellence

John Treolo



Travis Sager, conference youth director, recently received the Norm Middag Award of Excellence in recognition of dedication to Seventh-day Adventist Camp Ministries in the Mid-America Union.

The Adventist Association of Camp Professionals awarded the plaque to Sager, director of Broken Arrow Ranch.

For information on 2015 summer camps visit www.ks-ne.org/youth.

KS-NE Conference calendar

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT www.KS-NE.org

- May 1-3** : **Pathfinder Camporee**
Woodland Acres, Seward, NE
tsager@ks-ne.org
- May 10** : **Union College Graduation**
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- May 24** : **CVA & MAA Graduations**
- May 27-30** : **Camp Meeting**
Lincoln, NE



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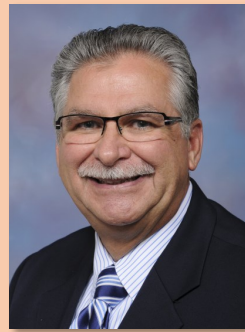
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*Religion Department Chair
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Revelation Speaks Peace to Thousands in Minneapolis

Series Translated in Seven Languages



Pastor Gelgelu translated the seminars for Oromo language speakers listening at multiple locations.

It was amazing to see people from all walks of life flocking to the auditorium at the Minneapolis Convention Center to hear what Bible prophecy says about the future of our world. I was taken by surprise on the opening night, Feb. 27, to see the auditorium packed. I was also surprised by what I witnessed when I went to the translation booths, where interpretation was being provided in six languages.

As I was getting ready to start interpreting the first night, a request came to connect Oromo language speakers in Portland, Seattle and other places to the seminar via teleconference. I thought I was going to interpret only to people

in the auditorium at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Little did I know that people were packed in a teleconference room to listen to the message from **Pastor Shawn Boonstra**.

I learned that people are extremely hungry for the word of God, and in particular, to learn the way Seventh-day Adventists interpret the books of prophecy. Through their network they have created a way to hear the words of love and peace from our loving God.

The leadership of the Minnesota Conference has done a wonderful job of coordinating the resources in the conference to facilitate this program. The

excitement I saw among the volunteers, pastors and Voice of Prophecy staff was contagious.

The critical question for me as pastor of the Oromo Church in Minnesota is how more of the thousands of Oromo language speakers in the Twin Cities can be reached because of the *Revelation Speaks Peace* seminar. My prayer is that people will respond to the voice that bids them take part in God's blessings. Only God can do that; we must stay focused and pray that the message presented continues changing lives.

Desta Gelgelu pastors the Oromo Church in Minneapolis.

Hispanic Membership Increases

In preparation to join the last week of *Revelation Speaks Peace* meetings the week of March 21-28, our Hispanic churches conducted 10 evangelistic series across the Metro area. The churches brought in seasoned evangelists/pastors to conduct these meetings for two weeks. We had 258 visitors and 12 persons asking for baptism. The Hispanic ministry team has asked the Lord for 88-100 baptisms from these meetings. On March 28 the Hispanic ministry launched a reaping harvest meeting for one week with **Pastor Julio Chazarreta** of the *El Centinela* magazine of Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Pastor Yulian Tinoco is Hispanic Ministries coordinator for the Minnesota Conference.



Yulian Tinoco

Highlights from the Largest Adventist Reaping Event in the Twin Cities' History



Attendees packed the Minneapolis Convention Center night after night to learn what the Bible says about the future of Planet Earth.

One of the language translators in our meetings said, “I have been a Christian since the 1980s but this is new! I am so excited and eager to learn not only for myself but for my community who is thirsty for satisfying truth.” He explained that he has been to Bible school, worked with the Jesus film, and been a leader in his community, but what he was learning through translating the *Revelation Speaks Peace* messages was completely new to him. He was amazed that the Bible contained so many historical details and truth for

human questions.

A security officer from the convention center had also been listening intently to the messages. A Voice of Prophecy staff member noticed and offered her a CD and some other materials. She declined with the explanation that she could not accept anything while on duty or she might lose her job.

Two days later on her off night she was sitting in the auditorium! The staff member spotted her, greeted her by name, and handed her the material she had declined earlier. I believe this message

will change her life.

Another individual from a different Christian denomination was attending the meetings every night. It was obvious he felt conviction. One day while talking with **Shawn Boonstra** he said, “I enjoy your meetings but I am not becoming an Adventist.” Later while presenting the message on the judgment Boonstra asked, “If something happened today, would you be on the Lamb’s side or not?”

After the meeting that man was rushed to the hospital when he suffered a mild heart

attack. Two days later he was back, having just gotten out of the hospital and still wearing his IV bandages. It was a relief to see him and we praised God. I strongly believe that this brother will not be able to run away from the truth forever. Please pray for him, and others like him, that these meetings will have a positive ripple effect for years to come.

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Brian Mungandi is vice president of administration and communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

Students Work and Preach in Santo Domingo

Photos: Courtesy Clint Watson



Students from Mile High, Campion, Vista Ridge academies and public and home schools work together erecting the steel frame for a church building.

A March 4-17 mission trip for 43 students from the Rocky Mountain Conference to the Dominican Republic resulted in an entire church painted inside and out, rebar tied for a church foundation, concrete mixed and poured, and a steel frame erected.

The students, age 14-17, also preached more than 120 sermons. The Dominican mission effort was coordinated by **Jamey Houghton**, director of the Kaleo Project, who has led several mission trips over the past few years.

“The amount of energy expended for Jesus was enormous,” commented **Carol Bolden**, one of several sponsors accompanying the group. “They truly were student missionaries as they spent 13 days being a light to the Dominican Republic, preaching and working on building two churches,” Bolden added.

A group of students worshipped the final Sabbath in the Chirino Adventist Church in the capitol of Santo

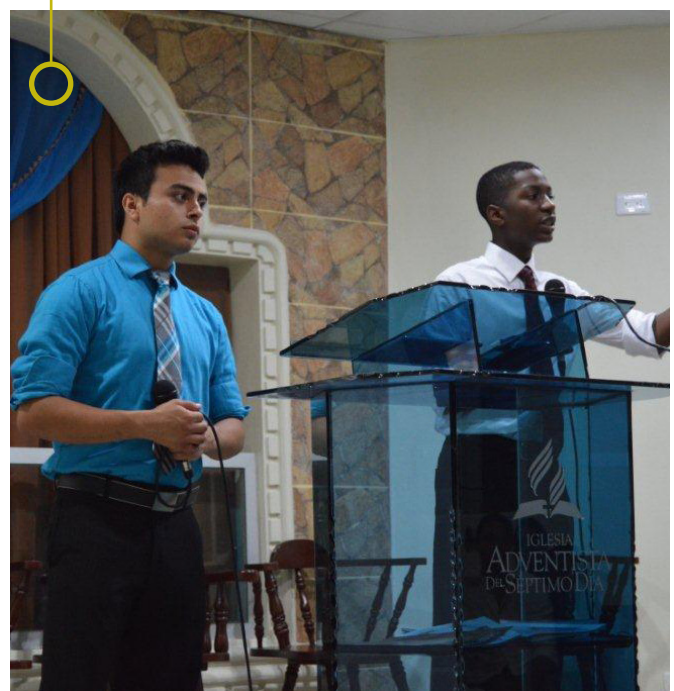
Domingo. This was a special Sabbath for them as they had painted the sanctuary themselves. Others rejoiced as baptisms took place in the 15 churches around Santo Domingo where they had preached.

When all was said and done, 85 Dominicans gave their lives to Jesus and are looking forward to His coming. And the students are forever changed after being a part of the great commission. The participating students and their sponsors represented Mile High, Vista Ridge and Campion academies, along with public and home schools. As they landed in Denver, many were busy planning another mission trip next year.

Editors note: Since the group’s return 50 more individuals have been baptized as a result of the students’ efforts.

Rajmund Dabrowski is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference. Carol Bolden is a communication assistant.

Joseph Smittick, right, translates as Julio Chavez-Casanova preaches one of the 120 sermons presented by students.



Denver Medical Team Serves in Nepal

Students Bless Belize

Courtesy GHI/Centura Health



A medical mission team from Centura Health recently returned from a two-week sojourn to Nepal. “Their mission was to provide free-of-charge surgery for women who suffer from pelvic organ prolapse,” said **Greg Hodgson**, Centura’s Global Health Initiative director.

Working in partnership with Adventist Scheer Memorial Hospital, located east of the Kathmandu valley, immediately after arrival the team provided medical services to 46 Nepali women. “These women came to the hospital with the hope that they would receive surgical treatment for their prolapse condition. After they were screened, 29 were selected for surgical intervention,” Hodgson reported. He added that the patients came from 34 villages, most within the Kavre district and arrived with a family member or friend to be a caretaker and companion.

The Colorado and Nepali teams worked hand-in-hand during the project. **Dr. Vidya** and her Nepali team worked

in one room while **Dr. Amanda Meyer** with a combination of Nepali and US team members worked in the other.

Six members of the Colorado team included Dr. Amanda Meyer, OB-GYN and surgeon; **Lee Graham**, CRNA for anesthesia; **Sherman Powers** and **Lynda Kithil**, operating room nurses; **Kathy McCracken**, recovery room nurse; and Greg Hodgson.

Included in the project team was also a group of student nurses from the Scheer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. “By the end of the trip we all had bonded as family,” Hodgson said.

Hodgson summarized the mission as a great opportunity to provide support for Nepali women. “Learning is a two-way street, and information and experiences were exchanged as on previous trips,” he added. “This was an extraordinary cultural experience for team members.”

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Greg Hodgson is Centura’s Global Health Initiative director.



Bill Hay

They mixed mortar, cut and laid blocks, wrestled with rebar and poured concrete. They painted two buildings and held a Vacation Bible School for the children of San Pedro and dozens of children who rode the bus to the VBS site.

This group of 58, made up of students from different schools in the Rocky Mountain Conference, including 34 students from Campion Academy, along with a mixture of people of all ages and walks of life, blessed the country of Belize for the 11th year and made a big impact on Belize Adventist Junior College.

Under the leadership of **Jim Lynch**, they attacked three major projects: continued work on the library where they lifted hundreds of cement blocks to the second story; erected a storage/garage building which was completed to the roof installation stage between Sunday and Friday; and painted two buildings—the big Spanish campus church

and San Pedro’s Community Center, the focal point of San Pedro. This was where VBS was held nightly, located next door to land donated by townspeople for the new San Pedro Adventist Church.

One group handed out 3,000 *Steps to Christ* books and the whole group held the 9th annual Great Shoe Giveaway for the local people of San Pedro. More than 60 new girls’ dresses and a dozen boys’ shirts made by **Judy Olson**, former Campion dean of girls, were given out to San Pedro’s poor.

“Mission trips change our kids,” said **Bill Hay** “and they come back with a great sense of gratitude for their country, their church, their school, their families and the privileges they enjoy.”

One participant summed up his experience saying the trip to Belize was “not a highlight, but rather *the* highlight” of his life.

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Bill Hay is a member of the Campion Church.

Union College Introduces Four-Year 100 Percent Renewable Scholarship

New scholarships make Union a top value in Adventist education

For some students, studying at an Adventist college seems like an impossible dream—especially when state subsidies make a public university education appear much more affordable. But Union College's new scholarship program could change all that. Starting this fall (2015-16) freshmen will be eligible to receive new four-year 100 percent renewable scholarships from \$6,500 up to free tuition.

"We want Union College to be accessible to everyone," said **Nadine Nelson**, vice president for Enrollment and Student Financial Services. "This new scholarship will make the Union College experience much more affordable and help families better plan their finances for all four years of school."

The Adventist quality advantage

"This new scholarship can make a significant difference

for students who want to experience the tremendous benefits of Union College but are considering a public university for financial reasons," said **Vinita Sauder**, president of Union College. "We believe a top quality Adventist education should be affordable for everyone. This new scholarship package makes that possible."

The scholarship plan, based on high school academic performance, includes two new levels for high achievers—students with a high school GPA of 3.75 and above and ACT scores of 29 or above. These students can earn \$13,000 per year or even free tuition.

Expanding access and opportunity

According to Sauder, a significant part of the college's strategic plan calls for finding ways to expand access and opportunity to a Union College educational experience so

more interested students can attend. "We're built to deliver an amazing learning experience that is on par, and in fact surpasses, what a public university offers," she said. "In the last 15 years, more than 60 of our students have become top executives in the healthcare and hospital field, with thousands more employed in health science fields. These new scholarships will allow more students to enjoy the unique educational experience we offer."

Ricky Amimo chose Union because he wanted more than career preparation. "Union is preparing me for a future as a physician assistant in many ways," said the junior pre-PA major who also works as a head resident assistant in the men's residence hall. "The classes I'm taking are tailored specifically to my career path and teaching me skills I will eventually need in my field. But you can find that at any school. Union stands out—spiritually, by preparing me to take on any task with God at my side; socially, by allowing me to be part of a variety of campus community events; and as a future leader, by offering so many leadership opportunities on campus."

Union plans to phase in the new program by offering it to all new students enrolling in Fall 2015. By 2019, all students will be covered under the new scholarship plan.

To learn more about Union College's new four-year 100 percent renewable scholarships, visit us online at www.ucollege.edu/financial or call 402.486.2504.

Ryan Teller is director of public relations for Union College.

Union College's new scholarship packages

KEY:

- **Scholarship type**
- High school requirements
- **Renewable award**
- **Four-year total**

Board of Trustees Scholar*

GPA 3.9 (GED 750) and ACT 32 (SAT 2120)
FULL TUITION!
 \$85,000+

Presidential Scholar*

GPA 3.75 (GED 700) and ACT 29 (SAT 1940)
\$13,000
 \$52,000

Academic Excellence Scholarship

GPA 3.5 (GED 650) and ACT 27 (SAT 1820)
\$11,000
 \$44,000

Academic Honors Scholarship

GPA 3.25 (GED 600) and ACT 23 (SAT 1590)
\$9,000
 \$36,000

Academic Merit Scholarship

GPA 3.0 (GED 550) OR ACT 20 (SAT 1410)
\$7,000
 \$28,000

College Achievement Scholarship

Admission Criteria
\$6,500
 \$26,000

**To be eligible to renew each scholarship, Union students must maintain specified academic standards and be enrolled for at least 12 hours each semester.*

Start Your Nursing Education Now

Union College introduces an early admission track for nursing program



Courtesy: Union College

At Union College, Heather Boone found a nursing program committed to helping her fulfill her calling.

Do you feel called to be a nurse? Check out a nursing program where graduates pass the national licensure test on the first attempt at a much higher rate than the national average. And don't worry about two-year waiting lists.

For **Heather Boone**, it seemed like her dream of becoming a nurse had all but disappeared. Headed home to Salem, Oregon from a nearby private college after her teachers told her she wasn't cut out to be a nurse,

she wondered what God had in mind for her.

The daughter of an emergency room nurse and a recovery nurse, Boone really never considered any other profession. But it wasn't until she found herself back home working as a certified nurse assistant and taking classes at a community college that she truly discovered her calling.

"I got a job working in an emergency room," Boone recalled. "That's where I really fell in love with nursing because

I actually saw what nurses did."

But even after doing the right things—gaining experience and improving her grades—Boone ran into what many would-be nurses discover: a two-plus-year waiting list to get into nursing school.

Start on the right track

In fall 2015, Union College is launching a program to help change that—the Early Admission Track. In most schools, a student must complete all the prerequisite general courses before even applying to the nursing program, and are then relegated to wait for an opening.

Now incoming freshmen can apply for the Nursing Early Admission Track as part of the Union admission process. If they meet high school grade, ACT score and course prerequisite requirements, new freshmen will be guaranteed a spot in the nursing program when they finish their first three semesters of general education classes.

"Very few schools offer this type of admission track," said **Nicole Orian**, chair of the Division of Nursing. "Early admission guarantees that these incoming freshmen can be assured a spot in the program. For most students and their parents, that is great peace of mind."

You're going to school where?

Boone decided to consider nursing school in Nebraska because she had family here,

and stumbled upon Union in a Google search. "I wasn't expecting to come to Union," she said. "It was kind of a shot in the dark." But last summer she found herself moving into an apartment in Lincoln and enrolling in classes.

At Union she found the academic support she needed to be successful. "I had never known teachers to actually want my success," Boone explained. "I came from a school where they tried to weed people out. I never had my transcripts reflect what I feel in my heart until I came to Union."

Scholarships for nurses

As part of the new scholarship package of four-year 100 percent renewable scholarships for new students enrolling in fall 2015 and beyond, Union has made it more affordable for students to study nursing.

Now freshmen enrolling in the nursing track are eligible to receive an additional yearly scholarship of \$2,500—that's \$10,000 over four years. Students are required to have a qualifying high school GPA and must maintain a qualifying college GPA to be eligible.

"Nurses are the backbone of the American healthcare system," said Orian. "Investing in these students is our commitment to the future of nursing."

To learn more visit ucollege.edu/nursing/earlyadmission.

Ryan Teller is director of public relations for Union College.

Young Women on the Move

SMH helps bring CREATION Health principles to schools

Eating nutritious foods, exercising and taking time to relax is not just a challenge for adults, but for kids and teenagers as well.

To help girls learn more about how to live healthy, vibrant lives, Shawnee Mission Health is teaming up with local nonprofit Young Women on the Move to provide after-school programs at eight middle schools in Kansas City, Kansas.

Young Women on the Move provides education and learning activities for high school and middle school girls with the goal of helping urban youth gain the resiliency and motivation to overcome barriers to optimum health and well being. Eating healthfully and staying active are two of many challenges these teens face.

The partnership with SMH began in 2013 when **Mary Beth Gentry**, founder and executive director of Young Women on the Move, was honored at SMH's annual Speaking of Women's Health Conference.

"For quite some time we were needing a medical advisor to guide us on adolescent development and health," says Gentry.

Gentry later met with SMH

Spiritual Wellness staff to learn about CREATION Health and incorporating the principles into the school presentations. CREATION Health focuses on eight components of wellness: choice, rest, environment, activity, trust (faith), interpersonal relationships, outlook and nutrition.

"Being multifaceted humans, we can't just take care of the physical without looking at our emotional and spiritual sides," says **Mark Stoddart**, SMH administrative director of Spiritual Wellness. "It's a well being philosophy that focuses on the whole person."

During the past year **Kathi Jo Williams**, SMH chaplain and Community Outreach coordinator for CREATION Health, held presentations for high school students at the offices of Young Women on the Move. Some of those girls are helping to lead the presentations alongside Williams and acting as mentors for students at the middle schools.

The eight weekly presentations at the middle schools began in March 2015. Teachers are asked to help recruit students who would be interested in attending the program. Williams says the main goal is to teach the girls

that small changes can make a big difference.

"There are things we can do to improve our health," says Williams. "You don't have to do them all. You just have to start somewhere. If you start exercising 15 minutes every day, you'll start exercising longer. Those benefits will motivate you in your healthy habits so that you keep making more changes."

Gentry hopes those changes can help improve the health of the community in both the short term and long term. In 2014 Wyandotte County, which includes Kansas City, Kansas, ranked 96 out of 98 counties in the state in health outcomes in a report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"Many kids have limited access to healthy foods or an economical, safe place to exercise," says Gentry. "We help them learn about why it's a problem and how they can be advocates for their own families."

The kids learn about healthy habits and how they relate to their own lives. They discuss

why it's important to get outdoors, get a good night's sleep and monitor their sugar intake.

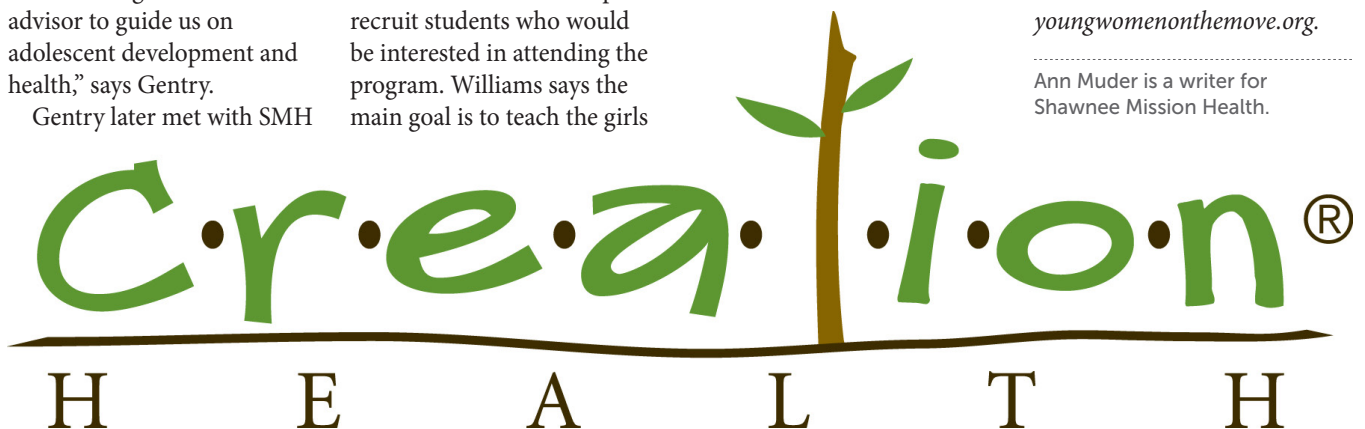
"We talk about it from an adolescent point of view," says Gentry. "We don't have lectures, but we provide active, hands-on learning. For example, our presenter might bring in a soda bottle and the girls would calculate how many sugar cubes would equal one bottle."

Gentry hopes the girls who attend the program will be eager about coming again in the fall. In addition, girls are planning dinners and programs for the parents to help them learn about CREATION Health and provide a chance for them to get involved.

"I believe that if you start with children you'll reach their families as well," says Williams. "If we can teach them a lifestyle that helps them to be active we'll have the opportunity to change generations following."

To learn more about Young Women on the Move or to see a video produced by the girls on CREATION Health visit youngwomenonthemove.org.

Ann Muder is a writer for Shawnee Mission Health.



Porter Welcomes New CEO



Courtesy Dean family

Morre Dean is the new chief executive officer of Porter Adventist Hospital and president of AHS's Rocky Mountain Region. The Dean family (l-r) Tyler, Katrina, Morre and Jillian.

Morre L. Dean, FACHE, was named chief executive officer of Porter Adventist Hospital and president of Adventist Health System's Rocky Mountain Region, effective March 30. Morre has dedicated his life to service in Adventist hospitals for more than 25 years, serving most recently as chief executive officer for Parker Adventist Hospital.

If ever there was an Adventist version of "local boy makes good," Morre fits the bill. He was born at Porter Adventist Hospital and raised in Denver. He attended Mile High Academy in the shadow of Porter and at age 16 started working in the mailroom as a messenger.

During his first few months on the job he met **Ron Sackett**, then president of Porter Adventist Hospital. The conversation they had

impacted Morre's career passion from that day forward. "I have the best job in the world," Sackett told him. "Every day I get to help people who make a positive impact on other people's lives." From that moment on it was Morre's goal to become a hospital CEO.

Gradually his responsibilities expanded, and by the time he graduated from Mile High Academy he had held four jobs at Porter: opening the health club, answering phones, making deliveries throughout the hospital, and working in the Patients Business Office.

Morre attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. After graduating with degrees in accounting and management he landed a three-year finance residency at Florida Hospital in Orlando. While working at Florida Hospital, he had the opportunity to interview with **Mardian Blair**, then president

of Adventist Health System. Mardian said something that remains emblazoned in Morre's brain today: *Morre, if you want to succeed, you've got to want to own the company.*

"That might seem like a strange thing to say about a not-for-profit, church-owned hospital," says Morre. "But I understood him to mean that you have to pour your heart and soul into it every day. You've got to have the passion to run a hospital like it was your own business. You have to own the successes and the failures. You have to care about it as if it were your own."

For many years Morre poured his life energy into the ministry of managing Adventist hospitals across the county. Today he is excited to be "back home" at Porter where it all started.

"Working in an Adventist hospital is definitely a ministry," shares Morre. "The beauty of a faith-based, not-for-profit organization is that when it is successful and the bottom line flourishes, the local community benefits and not just shareholders. Money is reinvested to provide more and better services to benefit the community."

Morre has a strong belief that Adventist hospitals, schools and local congregations have amazing opportunities to band together and accomplish things in the community that none could accomplish alone. "That's what *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ* is all about," says Morre, speaking of the Adventist Health System

motto. "It's about touching lives with healing. Every day thousands of people enter the halls of our institutions seeking care, and no matter what type of care they need, ultimately what they want to receive is love and compassion. And that's what we are here to do."

Randy Haffner, president of Adventist Health System's Multistate Group and former president of Porter Adventist Hospital, says, "I have had the good fortune of working with Morre in various capacities over the last 25 years. Given my high respect for him and my deep personal attachment to Porter, the South Denver Group Hospitals and Centura Health, it gives me great joy and comfort to know that Morre will carry forward our mission and the stewardship entrusted to us to meet the healthcare needs of our community."

Morre and his wife, **Katrina**, have two children who both attend Mile High Academy. **Tyler**, 18, graduates this year and **Jillian**, 15, is a freshman.

In partnership with the hospital's Board of Directors, Morre has initiated an active search for a new chief executive officer at Parker Adventist Hospital.

This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health, where he serves the five Adventist hospital campuses in Colorado. It was written by Mark Bond.

FAREWELL

Anderson, Mary "Saba" S., b. Dec. 20, 1932 in Farmington, NM. d. Dec. 29, 2014 in Grand Rapids, MI. Member of Grand Haven Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include husband Lewis; children Jonathan, Eric and Gina; 2 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren. She taught in Adventist elementary schools and colleges.

Barstad, Keven, b. June 10, 1957 in Bismarck, ND. d. Jan. 26, 2015 in Mandan, ND. Member of Mandan Church. Survivors include parents; fiancée Cheri Johnson; sons Asa and Heath; 2 brothers; 3 grandchildren.

Brakke, R.J., b. Jan 31, 1929 in Spearfish, SD. d. Feb. 26, 2015 in Sheldon, ND. Member of Fargo Church. Survivors include wife Alice Mae; daughter Jonna Greene; son Ron; 1 sister; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Brunken, Walter, b. Apr. 10, 1920 in Danville, IA. d. Jan. 12, 2015 in Burlington, IA. Member of Burlington Church. Preceded in death by wife Marian; 4 siblings. Survivors include daughter Susan Dixon; 4 grandchildren. He was an Army Air Corps veteran serving at the rank of corporal.

Christian, Gloria O., b. Aug. 21, 1929 in Philadelphia, PA. d. Sept. 28, 2014 in Englewood, CO. Member of Denver South Church. Preceded in death by 1 sister. Survivors include husband Ed; daughters Connie and Marlene; sons Ed and Mark; 2 sisters; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Cram, Fred, b. Oct. 25, 1930. d. June 28, 2014 in Broken Bow, NE. Member of Broken Bow Church. Survivors include wife Rosie; daughters Alisa Reinoehl, Kerry Gunther, Carolyn Fisher and Cindy Nekuda; sons Ted and Jack; 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Creitz, Shirley A., b. Aug. 1, 1946 in Colorado Springs, CO. d. Mar. 1, 2015 in Pullman, WA. Member of Pullman Church. Preceded in death by parents; 2 brothers. Survivors include husband James P.; daughter Anne Carpio; sons James A., Steven, Scott and Randall; 14 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Crone, Hazel "Alberta," b. July 12, 1925. d. Jan. 24, 2015 in Pawnee Rock. Member of Great Bend (KS) Church. Preceded in death by husband Francis; son George; 2 brothers; 2 grandchildren. Survivors include daughters Virginia Jacobs, Hazel Johnson, Tammy Hammond and Darlene Kaupke; sons Clifford and Irvin; 5 siblings; 26 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great-grandchildren.

***Dupper, Harold H.**, b. Jan. 27, 1925 in Beebe Draw, CO. d. June 19, 2014 in Fort Collins, CO. Member of Fort Collins Church. Preceded in death by daughter Lynnetta. Accompanied in death by wife Wanda. Survivors include sons Harold, Bob and Ron; 4 siblings; 7 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

***Dupper, Wanda L.**, b. Sept. 11, 1933 in Muscatine, IA. d. June 19, 2014 in Fort Collins, CO. Member of Fort Collins Church. Preceded in death by first husband Louis Kempkes; daughter Louise Kempkes; 1 sister. Accompanied in death by second husband Harold. Survivors include daughter Diane Fliss; son Mike Kempkes; 1 grandson; 1 great-granddaughter.

Huber, Dorothy "Maxine," b. June 16, 1926. d. Nov. 22, 2013. Member of Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Survivors include daughters Linda Knoell, Monica Cross and Lori Miller; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 7 step-great-grandchildren; and 1 step-great-great-grandchild.

Inglis, Itandewi, b. Aug. 8, 1962 in Edinburg, TX. d. Nov. 2, 2014 in Castle Rock, CO. Member of Aspen Park Church. Preceded in death by father; 1 brother. Survivors include husband Robert; son Caleb; mother; 4 siblings.

Keson, Genevieve D., b. July 31, 1915 in Manfred, ND. d. Oct. 12, 2014 in Rugby, ND. Member of Manfred Church. Preceded in death by husband Erven; son Ardean; 2 sisters. Survivors include daughter Arlys; 2 brothers; 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Leonhardt, Waldemar H., d. Dec. 30, 2014 in St. Paul, MN at the age of 84. Member of St. Paul Eastside Church. He authored a book called, *The War Within*.

Maline, Stanley G., b. Mar. 2, 1925 near Gothenburg, NE. d. Jan. 14, 2015 in North Platte, NE. Member of Gothenburg Church. Preceded in death by infant daughter; 4 siblings. Survivors include wife Bernice; children Judy Little, Cheryl, LuAnne Barner, Ronda Kreifels and Randy; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren. Stan served in the U.S. Army from June 1945 to November 1946.

Maloney, Billie, b. Aug. 22, 1929 in Pittsville, MO. d. May 24, 2014 in Lee's Summit, MO. Member of Lee's Summit Church. Preceded in death by 3 brothers. Survivors include husband Norman; children Patricia Juncos, Michael Maloney, Ann Halim and Kim Fogarty; 1 sister; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Means, Mildred, b. Aug. 5, 1920. d. Nov. 24, 2014 in Fruita, CO. Member of Fruita Church.

Survivors include daughters Lillian Anderson, Elaine McGinnis and Ruth Handley; son Paul Arpke; 3 brothers; 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Oien, Kenneth W., d. Dec. 16, 2014 in Wayzata, MN at the age of 86. Member of Minnetonka Church. Preceded in death by wife Olive. Survivors include daughters Patty Briscoe and Teresa McTaggart; sons Michael and John; 7 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Olson, Russell R., b. Dec. 12, 1951. d. Nov. 29, 2014. Member of Minnetonka Church. Survivors include daughters Krista, Joanna and Rebecca; 6 grandchildren.

Rodacker, Darlene B., b. Feb. 12, 1932 in Forbes, ND. d. Jan. 20, 2015 in Bakersfield, CA. Member of Hillcrest (Bakersfield, CA) Church. Survivors include husband Virgil; daughters Kristi, Beth and Edyth; son Tom; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

SUNSET CALENDAR	Colorado	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
	Denver	7:54	8:01	8:07	8:14	8:19
Grand Junction	8:07	8:14	8:20	8:26	8:32	
Pueblo	7:50	7:56	8:03	8:09	8:14	
Iowa						
Davenport	8:00	8:07	8:15	8:21	8:27	
Des Moines	8:12	8:20	8:27	8:34	8:40	
Sioux City	8:25	8:33	8:40	8:48	8:54	
Kansas						
Dodge City	8:30	8:37	8:43	8:49	8:54	
Goodland	7:40	7:47	7:53	8:00	8:05	
Topeka	8:15	8:22	8:29	8:35	8:40	
Minnesota						
Duluth	8:18	8:27	8:36	8:45	8:52	
International Falls	8:28	8:38	8:48	8:57	9:04	
Minneapolis	8:18	8:27	8:35	8:43	8:50	
Missouri						
Columbia	8:01	8:08	8:14	8:21	8:26	
Kansas City	8:11	8:18	8:24	8:30	8:36	
St. Louis	7:53	7:59	8:06	8:12	8:17	
Nebraska						
Lincoln	8:23	8:30	8:37	8:44	8:50	
North Platte	8:40	8:47	8:54	9:01	9:07	
Scottsbluff	7:53	8:01	8:08	8:15	8:21	
North Dakota						
Bismarck	8:53	9:02	9:11	9:19	9:27	
Fargo	8:37	8:46	8:55	9:04	9:11	
Williston	9:08	9:18	9:27	9:36	9:43	
South Dakota						
Pierre	8:45	8:54	9:02	9:09	9:16	
Rapid City	7:56	8:04	8:12	8:20	8:26	
Sioux Falls	8:29	8:37	8:45	8:52	8:58	
Wyoming						
Casper	8:06	8:14	8:21	8:28	8:35	
Cheyenne	7:56	8:03	8:10	8:17	8:23	
Sheridan	8:13	8:21	8:29	8:37	8:44	

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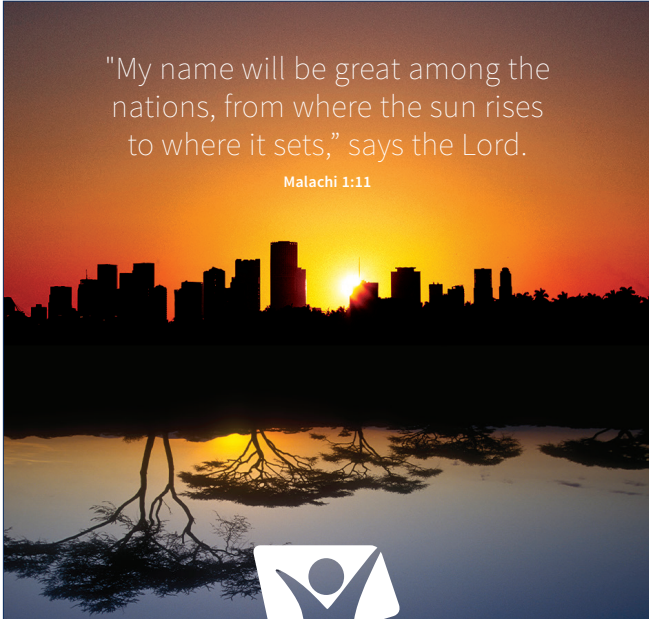



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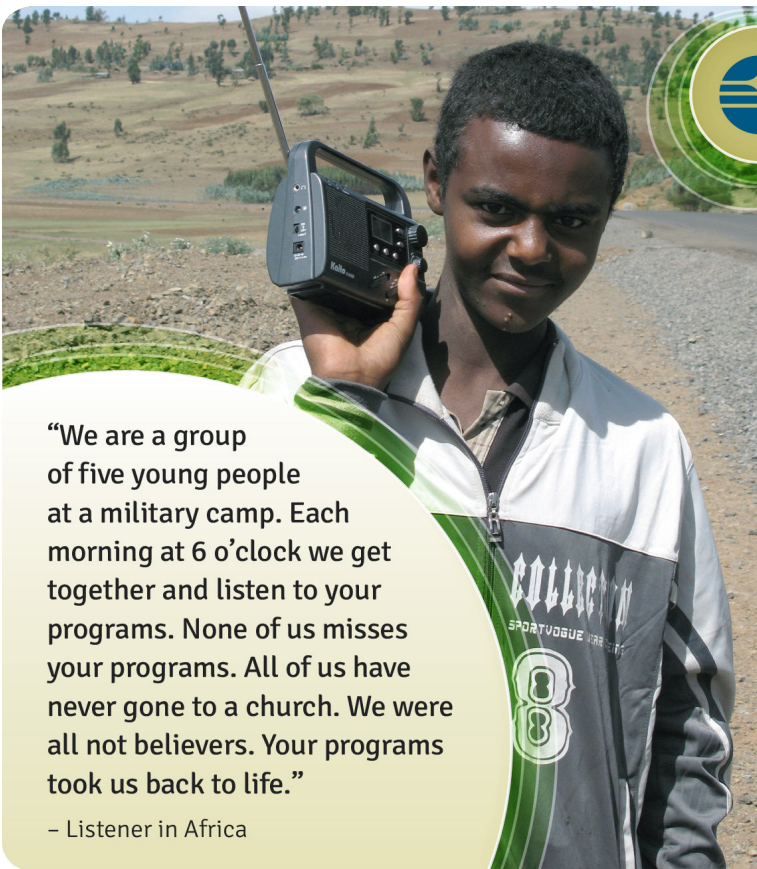
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