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A photograph of two women in medical scrubs standing in a brightly lit hospital hallway. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing dark blue scrubs. The woman on the right has dark hair and is wearing light teal scrubs. They are both smiling at the camera. In the background, there is a reception desk with a vase of yellow flowers.

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Sacred Work

Robert G. Carmen, CEO

When I think about what makes Adventist Health what it is today — a dynamic, driven, God-loving organization — I think of our people and our mission. When I think about what Adventist Health does, I think of Sacred Work.

As you will read in this annual Adventist Health special edition of the Recorder, Sacred Work is demonstrating God's love at every possible level and recognizing ourselves, our work and our coworkers as sacred. As the concept makes its way throughout our system, I am excited to see transformational change taking place for our employees, physicians, patients and communities. We are serving with love.

I hope you enjoy reading our stories of love and, through them, recognize the Sacred Work that our employees do every day.

For example, in excerpts from our recently published devotional book, you'll learn of the great emotional connection our caregivers make with patients and families. From Julie Kline's interactions with a mother who lost her child, to Stacy Wyman's angelic encounter with a frightened surgery patient, these connections leave indelible impressions on all involved. They speak of the legacy of care that our doctors and nurses create on a daily basis.

Stories of Sacred Work abound throughout our company. You'll read about the kindness of housekeepers Maria Castro, Josie Orosco and Veronica Sanchez from Hanford Community Medical Center. These women made a special effort to visit a lonely patient during his extended stay and received flowers from his family for their compassion. And you'll hear about a San Joaquin Community Hospital security guard who

went out of his way to comfort a wheelchair-bound patient outside of the ER in the middle of the night. These extraordinary acts are the epitome of Sacred Work.

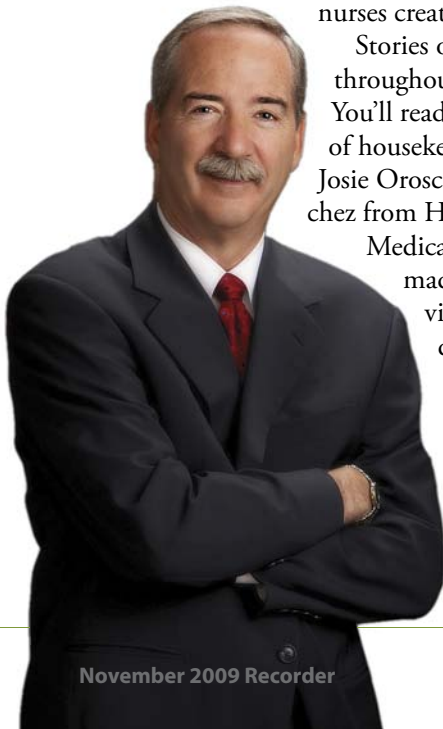
Sacred Work also exists where you least expect. Consider Glendale Adventist Medical Center's spiritual care DVD for doctors, or the first-ever Adventist Health blog written by Central Valley Network CEO Rick Rawson. While these items may not seem sacred outright, they demonstrate God's love through our compassion for and communication with one another.

When I think of these stories, I am reminded of a quote by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., "The original meaning of medicine is not science, it is service. Science can never serve unless it is first translated into a work of the heart." That concept applies perfectly to Sacred Work and to the extraordinary people working at Adventist Health.

I hope you enjoy this spotlight on Adventist Health. If you wish to know more about us and our Sacred Work, please visit www.adventisthealth.org.

Facts about Adventist Health

- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- 17 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- 28 rural health clinics
- 14 home care agencies offering home health, hospice, personal care, medical equipment and infusion therapy services
- Four joint-venture retirement centers
- Nearly 18,000 employees
- More than 2,600 beds
- 109,720 admissions in 2008
- 407,613 emergency room visits in 2008
- 2,093,286 outpatient visits in 2008
- 222,732 home care visits in 2008
- 82,610 hospice days in 2008
- 617,132 rural health visits in 2008
- Provided more than \$3.1 million in free and low-cost services to our communities in 2008





Our Stories:

Adventist Health Comes Alive Through Devotionals

By Shawna Malvini

Humor, tragedy, heartbreak, healing, loss, redemption. As with most health care institutions, Adventist Health is filled not only with patients, beds, doctors and nurses, but also with stories. For each patient that walks in the door and for each clinician that does the business of healing comes a collection of memories and experiences that touch hearts, change lives and demonstrate the healing love of God.

Thanks to the hard work of Adventist Health nursing leadership throughout most of the system's 17 hospitals, a collection of patient care stories came together this year in a devotional book, *Our Stories: Glimpses From Adventist Health*. Below are three excerpts from the book, based on stories written by the employees themselves.

The Least of These

Sarah* was only 14, pregnant and alone when she arrived at the birth center at Sonora Regional Medical Center. She'd never known her father and her mother was a well-known drug addict in her small community. After many hours of pain, including a Caesarian section, she gave birth to a baby boy.

Although a beautiful baby, he began seizing shortly after entering the nursery and it was clear something was seriously wrong. The baby was flown to a nearby NICU, while Sarah remained behind to recover. Testing

revealed that the infant had only a brain stem and would ultimately die.

"Our nursing staff met with Sarah and made the necessary phone calls. Her precious son was brought back to our hospital to be with his young mother to die," said Julie Kline, chief nursing officer at SRMC.

The nursing and social services staff met, all burdened by the sadness of the young mother's plight. "How could we show this girl — who had never experienced meaningful love — what God's boundless love felt and looked like?" mused Kline.

"There were more phone calls and meetings, gentle conversations, hugs and tears," she remembered. "The

beautiful baby boy gently went to sleep in his mother's arms."

"The staff presented Sarah with a beautiful layette, a memory box with pictures, footprints and a lock of hair. A local mortuary donated a casket and a burial plot. The hospital chaplain led a short memorial service, attended by the staff and the young mother," recalled Kline. "This is what God's boundless love looks and feels like."

Angels

"I've always liked the idea that we are the hands and feet of Jesus. For me, the heart and excitement of nursing is to connect with each patient in love, to serve and





offer healing as Jesus did. We serve an awesome God of power, adventure and excitement. He surprises me daily and just when I least expect it, he gives me a wink or a smile, just to let me know he is near,” said Stacey Wyman, an operating room nurse at Feather River Hospital.

When considering care plans for her patients, Wyman addresses their spiritual needs during initial interviews. Often, she offers to pray before they enter the operating room.

“One morning, I glanced at our preoperative assessment sheet and, based on the initial assessment, determined that I probably would not offer my patient prayer,” said Wyman. “As I approached the patient, I began by introducing myself. Without even thinking, I said, ‘Hi, I’m Stacey and I’m going to be your angel today.’”

“I’d never come up with that introduction before,” recalled Wyman.

The patient opened her mouth in surprise and re-

sponded, “That’s funny you should say that, because last night I prayed for an angel to accompany me to surgery today.”

“We both stared in amazement, realizing that God had arranged this divine encounter and that he was indeed, very near,” she said. “We prayed together before her operation, and I was reminded of 1 Peter, 1:11, ‘If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.’”

“Praise God for giving us His words and His strength when we most need them.”

A Pause in the Emergency Department

It was just another day in the White Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department: busy, patients waiting, EMTs ready to transfer patients and head off on their next emergency run.

The boy was 17-years old — handsome, a champion wrestler, a son, a brother, a friend, a student. Moments

before, he was working out. Then, in the middle of a routine PE class, he became weak and non-responsive, finally collapsing.

The 911 call, the EMT run and his arrival at WMMC all happened within 20 minutes. Registered nurse Lynne Whaley arrived in the ER as the code was in progress.

“I was struck by the calmness in that moment, even with every bed filled,” said Whaley, WMMC’s chief nursing officer. “The teamwork was wonderful, each member performing his or her role to save this young man. The student’s coach and principal were there, his mother was in a private waiting room.”

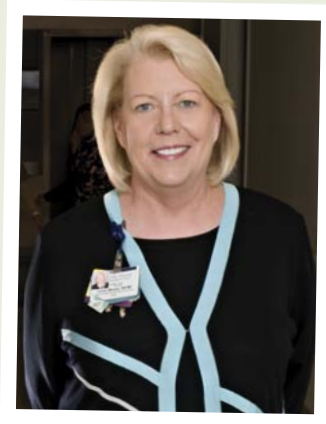
“I first went to the bedside of this beautiful young man and witnessed the emergency department staff and physician working so hard to save his life,” said Whaley who prayed with the boy’s friends and family.

Devastatingly, the young man did not survive.

“What happened next will always keep me grounded in our mission. For just a moment, the entire department paused,” remembered Whaley. “All the families of the other patients knew that a major event had just taken place. Our chaplain came to comfort the staff and lead us in a circle of prayer, and I was overwhelmed by what I experienced.”

“As the staff, physicians and chaplain stopped to hold hands and offer a word of prayer, it was an unbelievable experience to see the families of other patients — without a word — come out from their loved ones’ bedsides to hold the hands of the staff and to participate in prayer,” Whaley recalled. “We paused to pray, then in just a moment, we were right back to taking care of our patients. This was truly a sacred moment!”

** Names changed to protect patient privacy.*



TOP RIGHT: The death of an infant is painful for patients and staff. The labor and delivery staff at Sonora Regional Medical Center showed love and compassion to a troubled young woman who lost her baby. Photo by Shannon Ledford. MIDDLE LEFT: Stacey Wyman, RN, is an operating room nurse at Feather River Hospital. Photo by Courtney Rasmussen. LEFT: Lynne Whaley, RN, is a patient care executive at WMMC. Photo by Shannon Ledford.



What's Spirituality got to do with it?



By Shawna Malvini



Doctors are, by training, scientists. They deal with the physical realm — what they can see, smell, touch, hear — in other words, what they can treat. As empiricists, it might come as a shock to some that an entirely separate dimension — the spiritual — can affect a patient's health. Of course, to Christians, that probably comes as no surprise.

At Glendale Adventist Medical Center, where the mission is to treat the whole person, an interdisciplinary taskforce came together to address this notion of spirituality and health care. How does a patient's belief system affect his or her healing? What questions should a physician ask during initial assessment? When should chaplaincy referrals be made?

To answer these questions, the Spiritual Life Council worked tirelessly on a cutting-edge educational video for physicians called "What's Spirituality Got to Do With It?"

"Our group wanted to assess the needs of our doctors to find out what kind of support they wanted with respect to addressing spirituality," said GAMC Chaplain Bruce Nelson. "Of the 100 physicians sampled, 40 percent indicated they would appreciate more info about spirituality and health."

"We are very excited about the video," said Dennis DeLeon, M.D., vice president for Medical Affairs at GAMC. "It's one of the first multi-media projects of its kind that deals with the effects of spirituality and health in a way that's friendly and educational."

"As important and intuitive as the spiritual aspect may sound, there's really not much publicly available information that corroborates it, until now," said DeLeon, referencing the pioneering work of Harold Koenig, M.D., a Duke University professor who studies the relationship between spirituality and health.

"A lot of physicians will experience a sense of confirmation, validity and relief. What has seemed so intuitive — how the spiritual affects the physical — is confirmed

by this video," added DeLeon.

"The video is not trying to convince people but rather give permission,"

said Nelson. "It's meant to empower those who understand the importance of spirituality, to give doctors already on board the feeling of permission to incorporate spirituality into their practices."

"Some physicians may be skeptical," acknowledged DeLeon. "They might think that something so subjective has no place in medicine, but the video is a wonderful way to begin dialogue in the medical community."

And as medical research* indicates that almost 80 percent of patients believe physicians should consider their spiritual needs, the video is also a tool to forge a better partnership between physicians and spiritual leaders for improved patient care.

"The opportunity to better integrate spirituality and health means the chaplains, doctors and other caregivers will work more closely together," stated Nelson. "Chaplains can understand more about health and disease. At the same time, doctors can benefit from understanding how health is affected by spirituality."

As the video debuts for GAMC physicians this fall, DeLeon reiterated, "The video was created in order to scientifically and meaningfully support what many church members already know: treatment of a person's medical disease is intertwined with that person's spirituality."

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TOP: GAMC chaplain Bruce Nelson was integral in the development of the video. RIGHT: Dr. Dennis DeLeon stands in front a of map at GAMC of Adventist medical facilities around the world. Photo by Shannon Ledford.



By Shawna Malvini

The Blogging CEO

When you think of technology in a health care context, you might think of electronic medical records, imaging equipment or even surgery robots. But what about using technology to extend messages? Or better yet, mission? As Adventist Health continues to lead the pack with clinical technologies, its team members are using online tools such as intranets, blogs, video and social networking sites to get the word out about mission.

In California's lush Central Valley, produce isn't the only thing popping up throughout the year. Rick Rawson, president and CEO of the Adventist Health Central Valley Network, personally pens posts for his employees. As the leader of Central Valley General Hospital, Hanford Community Medical Center and Selma Community Hospital, Rawson was the first Adventist Health executive to start a blog, and he recommends that his peers get crackin' soon.

"It's a way to really connect from the heart on a personal basis," said Rawson.

Rawson's blog appears on Connect, the intranet used throughout Adventist Health. With a personalized homepage for the Central Valley sites, Rawson aims his posts to directly to employees and encourages commenting. "We've had a groundswell of affirming thoughts," he said. "Lots of comments, especially spiritual references from employees. People affirm why they work here, for a Christian hospital."

"As CEO, I want to connect with my employees," said Rawson. "But it's more eloquent when a peer talks about mission, for example. Listening to fellow employees get the message is more meaningful than me or other leadership members preaching about it."

With a slow start last November, Rawson says he's changed the way he thinks about blogging. "I used to write like it was an article. I waited to be inspired, but I wasn't getting them out quick enough," he said. "Now I've been building discipline into blurbing to so to speak. The format gives me a way to share things that are personal and more immediate."

Pioneering president and CEO Rick Rawson started Adventist Health's first blog to keep in touch with employees at the three hospitals and multiple clinics he serves.



"You know when you strike a cord with people. When you're open, it really resonates with people," added Rawson, who enjoys reading feed-

back from his team. "People are affirming and appreciative. It's like getting 10 thank you notes all at once."

In addition to blog commenting, employees are encouraged to send in questions and comments, which Rawson responds to personally.

With more than 2,000 employees scattered over 36 locations in a 2,500 square mile service area, Rawson uses Connect and his blog to "round" virtually, plus answer questions, share mission thoughts, recognize employees and receive feedback wherever possible.

"The two-way communication and interactivity has been unbelievable," he said. "I just remember it doesn't have to be profound, it just has to come from the heart and be personal."

Find Us on **facebook**

In addition to employee-oriented blogging, hospitals are delving into social media. Led by the corporate office, several facilities have created Facebook pages to keep in touch with current employees, reach out to future team members, share videos with the community and talk about mission in unique ways.



Sacred Works Demonstrate Sacred Work

By Shawna Malvini

“Sacred Work” can best be understood through the words and actions of Adventist Health employees. Whether it is going the extra mile for a coworker, paying particular attention to a struggling patient or simply doing a menial task conscientiously, the work of employees demonstrates the mission of Adventist Health and its sacred work every day.

Care During a Difficult Time

Without regular visitors, extended hospital stays can be monotonous. For Jose*, his three-weeks at Hanford Community Medical Center was especially lonely. Because his wife worked during the day and his family lived more than 30 minutes from the hospital, Jose spent long periods without visitors in his room.

Soon, he drew the attention of housekeepers Maria Castro, Josie Orosco, Veronica Sanchez and Maria Valdovinos who could see Jose was struggling. They prayed with him in his room and made sure at least one of the four visited every day to encourage him.

“We would just go talk to him, and we would try to make him feel more comfortable,” Castro said.

“We wanted him to know someone was interested in him,” added Valdovinos.

After Jose was discharged, the employees received a card and flowers from Jose and his wife, Angela*, in appreciation for their compassion. They join the many Adventist Health employees who demonstrate Sacred Work every day.

A Good Job in Southern California*

As an oncology nurse, Cate Welsh expected to work with adults. “In orientation, I was told we would learn to treat pediatric patients as well. With a young daughter, even the thought of facing cancer in helpless, beautiful, innocent children was more than I could bear.”

Nonetheless, it wasn’t long before Welsh confronted her first pediatric case at Simi Valley Hospital.

A year old when diagnosed with leukemia, Vivian had gorgeous curly blond hair, beautiful skin and a wonderful smile. The central line coming out of her side seemed absurd.

The course of treatment called for Vivian to receive chemotherapy to obliterate her immune system followed by a bone marrow transplant on the East Coast.



Several CVGH housekeepers took it upon themselves to cheer up a lonely patient. For their efforts, they received flowers and praise from the patient’s family. Photo by Shannon Ledford.



Emotionally overwhelmed, Welch tried to focus on doing her job. “I prayed many prayers for Vivian to be restored to health,” she said.

“My supervisor counseled me, saying, ‘This child doesn’t need your sympathy. What she needs is for you to do your job and to do it well.’ I wasn’t sure that was entirely true!”

The treatment succeeded and Vivian’s family moved east. “She disappeared from my life,” remember Welsh. “However, I still cared. I thought of her, hoped for her and prayed for her.”

“One afternoon three years later, a familiar woman came toward me with a beautiful and stylish 3-year-old girl. I finally realized the little girl beside her was Vivian. I was grateful that I had done my job well — and that I had cared. This time, the tears that filled my eyes were tears of joy.”

Wonderful Security at San Joaquin*

For Dick, the security supervisor at San Joaquin Community Hospital, it was just another morning of reviewing security footage from the previous night. The same old pictures ran across the screen: ambulances screeching in and out of the emergency bay, exhausted nurses crawling to their compacts after long shifts, and a steady stream of patients being admitted and discharged. The typical campus scenes from a night in downtown Bakersfield.

She would have gone unnoticed if her pain was not so obvious. Because she was confined to a wheelchair, combating the cool winter air wasn’t easy. The only relief was the hope that her ride would show up soon. But pain has the ability to make minutes feel like hours.

Just when it became almost unbearable to watch, a lone security guard — one of the staff under Dick’s leadership — approached the shaking woman. Going down on one knee, he asked her if there was anything he could do to help her feel more comfortable.

Although her words were indiscernible on tape, the message was clear when he returned with a thick blanket to cover her frail body. Then he opened a bottle of water and gently guided it to her mouth. He never left her side until her ride arrived.

Through his dedicated service, this security guard at SJCH is helping to make it a wonderful hospital where Sacred Work happens at every turn.

**These stories are based upon excerpts from the Adventist Health Devotional Book, written by the employees themselves.*



Pediatric nurses are both professional and caring, working to ensure their tiny patients receive the best care, as well as the warm human touch they need.

Other examples of Sacred Work include:

- An employee food drive at the corporate office in Roseville, Calif., that provided almost 500 pounds of food and \$2,400 in donations to the Placer Food Bank
- Howard Memorial Hospital’s employee-driven focus on environmental improvements that netted the Willits, Calif., hospital an award from nationally renowned sustainability organization Practice Greenhealth
- St. Helena Hospital Clearlake opening a new rural health clinic in Kelseyville, Calif., to continue meeting the needs of underserved populations in rural areas
- Ukiah Valley Medical Center launched the Guardian Angel program where patients can honor caregivers who provide excellent service
- Castle Medical Center’s team of volunteers providing free health screenings and wellness information to community members at the 17th annual “I Love Kailua” town party
- St. Helena Hospital President and CEO Terry Newmyer sharing the mission and health ministry of Adventist Health with award-winning filmmaker Martin Doblmeier



Not a Program, but a Perspective Sacred Work

By Shawna Malvini

In 2007, San Joaquin Community Hospital made a decision that is rocking Adventist Health's world. Using the tenets of *Radical Loving Care* and *Sacred Work* (books by Erie Chapman), the hospital team has initiated a culture shift that is reinforcing mission and changing attitudes. They have embraced Sacred Work.

As discussed in the March 2008 edition of the *Recorder*, "Sacred Work is not a customer service program, it is the language that describes the essence of our place and purpose in this community," said Sandy Wyman Johnson, executive director of Mission and Service. "It's about values and attitudes, not just actions."

According to a manual created by the hospital, "Sacred Work is the expression of God's love in the work we do every day." It's competence, compassion, relationships, integrity, ethics and serving.

In his book *Radical Loving Care*, Erie Chapman states, "So much depends on our ability to appreciate that old man as our very own father or grandfather and to treat him with all the kindness with which we would like to be treated. We are all children of God. This means we are all brothers and sisters in this world."

Emphasizing Chapman's perspective, Johnson stated, "It's a culture of everyone recognizing that no matter what we do, whether waxing the floor, drawing blood

or making executive decisions—our work is sacred because our life and the lives of those we serve are sacred."

As it transforms SJCH, Sacred Work is moving throughout all of Adventist Health touching every hospital and every employee.



SAVVY

At the corporate office, the administrative assistants form a group called SAVVY. One of their number, Sandy Forster, created this poem that describes what Sacred Work looks like outside of a medical arena:

SAVVY's Sacred Work

*Sharing in the work of Adventist Health is a great blessing
We the members of SAVVY are agreeing and attesting
It's not just a workplace, a paycheck and a living
It's a family with a mission-compassionate giving
Admin's principle-centered leadership can't be overrated
The empowering of personal growth is greatly appreciated
Whether we're faxing, typing or making copies, etc., we know
A mindset of quality and efficiency for a good value will show
While practicing good stewardship, we bring to bear
In support-related work, the standards of quality care
While we perform our duties and our responsibilities we fulfill
Demonstrating Adventist Health values of service with distinct and good will
A car, a seat on a plane, or a room to reserve
With courtesy and respect, our good name we strive to preserve
It's not just a task or a chore, and it is not mundane
In our way we help communities' health to maintain
Whether formatting a report, or preparing a PowerPoint presentation
We're proud to work in an atmosphere of teamwork and cooperation
The heritage of excellence, a quality like gold
In our various support roles we endeavor to uphold
We honor our system's integrity
It's devotion to wholeness and its spirituality
Adventist Health's ethics and values we are pleased to represent
So, when our day is over, we know it was well spent*

LEFT: Sandy Wyman Johnson talks to Bob Carmen at the Adventist Health Week of Prayer event where Johnson shared her experience with bringing Sacred Work to San Joaquin Community Hospital. BACKGROUND: Photo by Shannon Ledford.



The Calling of Discipleship

Bradford C. Newton, D.Min.; Executive Secretary, Pacific Union

You see them at church on Sabbath. With joyful expectation — gold-edged Bibles still gleaming from the box — they settle into a church pew. Their eyes linger on the thin pages after fumbling to find the book of Joel for the Scripture reading. They sing, “All to Jesus, I surrender,” and you hear not just a hymn, but their public testimony. These are the newly-baptized members of your church, and they have embraced the calling of discipleship.

John calls this experience “first love.” But it need not fade with time! With Divine aid, we may choose to invigorate our zeal. This rekindled calling sets ablaze a new fervor to see Jesus’ purpose fulfilled in every aspect of life. Whether new believer or church leader, this calling is for us all. As in all things, Scripture provides the inerrant guide to applying the three life principles that encompass the calling of discipleship:

Disciples know their Master

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27). Drawing on a familiar scene, Jesus evokes the shepherd with his flock to describe our complete reliance on Him. The shepherd, frequently alone with the flock, was the only guarantee of their safety in the remote and wild places of the land. David, the experienced shepherd, used this image throughout his beloved 23rd Psalm to illustrate the Lord’s care of us. “He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake” (Psalm 23:3). These words remind us that familiarity with Jesus is cultivated by consistent companionship.

How can we hear the Master’s voice and follow Him today? The only proven way is daily time alone with God. When we read the Bible, we hear Jesus’ words to us. Through prayer and petition we open our minds to Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The daily nourishing of this connection yields a harvest of experiential knowledge with the Master.

Disciples emulate their Master

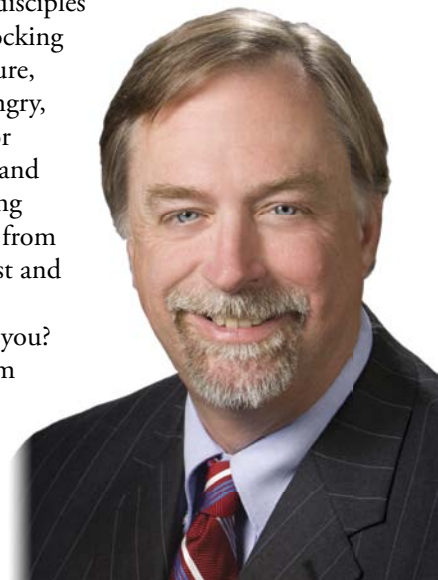
“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps” (1 Peter 2:21). In the popular Christian book, *In His Steps*, Charles Sheldon created the story of people asking in every circumstance, “What would Jesus do?” Peter teaches that discipleship decisions — saturated in our experience with Jesus — produce a growing desire and capacity to fulfill Jesus’ will. What an exciting journey awaits us when we prayerfully surrender exclusive control to His perfect design. That surrender also generates the blessing of treating one another as Jesus intends, “That you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

Disciples cultivate new disciples for their Master

Ellen White challenges us, “By giving the gospel to the world, it is in our power to hasten our Lord’s return. We are not only to look for but to hasten this coming of the day of God” (*Desire of Ages*, 633). Love is giving to others. Naturally, Jesus’ disciples venture into neighborhoods, towns and cities to utilize every means possible to find new disciples of the Master. It may be knocking on doors and sharing literature, providing a meal for the hungry, giving a home Bible study, or simply being a friendly face and voice to a stranger. The calling of discipleship transports us from mere private piety to a robust and engaging public faith.

What does your heart tell you? Does Jesus call you to reclaim the life of discipleship? My prayer is that together you and I answer speedily, “Yes, Lord.”

“God did not save you to be a sensation. He saved you to be a servant.” ~Anonymous



Nathan Andrade Lost a Limb, but Gained a New Life

James Ponder

Things were looking good for Nathan Andrade on the afternoon of May 24, 2003. At 21 years of age, he was in love with Amber Williams, the woman of his dreams, and full of aspirations to become a professional baseball player. Nathan and his buddies were celebrating Memorial Day at Lake Havasu. Little did he realize his life was about to take a drastic turn.

"I was hanging out behind the boat in waist-high water" Andrade remembers, "when another boat came and whacked into me."

That might be something of an understatement. "The boat hit me in the back," he goes on. "My leg caught in the propeller. They had to reverse the propeller to get me out. I was underwater, and they had to hold me above water. I was bleeding profusely; it hurt a lot. I was pretty scared."

Despite his pain and fear, Andrade stayed awake from the time the ambulance was summoned until it arrived. He remained conscious until doctors administered the anesthetic that put him out so they could amputate his left leg from the thigh down.

The doctor on-duty at Lake Havasu Hospital on May 24, 2003, was not an experienced surgeon. In

fact, he was an attending physician, and as he told Andrade later, the operation was one of his very first. Nevertheless, Andrade believes God was watching over him, and the surgery was a success.

Williams was vacationing with her family in Laguna Beach the day of Andrade's accident. "His surgery lasted the whole time it took me to get to Lake Havasu City," she recalls.

Though he lost a leg and a full-ride baseball scholarship to William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, he refused to give up his dreams of marrying Williams, raising a family together, and making a difference for his community through his natural affinity for the game of baseball.

"I played second base in college," he shares. "I was a first team

all-conference player at San Bernardino Valley College."

"That was probably his biggest adjustment," Williams interjects, "learning that he couldn't play ball again. He was thinking of a career in baseball. He had the talent, the drive and the ability. I really believe he could have made it."

Williams shared what Andrade told her when she walked into his hospital room after the surgery. "When I first saw him," she remembers, "the first thing he did was smile and say, 'Everything's going to be OK!'"

Not everyone would have seen things that way. Many people go through a very difficult adjustment period after life-altering tragedies, but Andrade dug deep into his innermost resources and found the strength to go forward.

From left, Amber, Avery, and Nathan Andrade enjoy a moment of family camaraderie. Avery may be too little to recognize her father's heroic response to tragedy, but Amber sees it clearly. "He's one in a million!" she insists.



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“My family, my friends and my faith got me through this,” he insists.

“About a week later,” Williams reminisces, “he was getting pretty mobile, and he said, ‘I can either be depressed, or I can accept it and move on.’ He’s one in a million! He’s very humble.”

Patience is a concomitant of humility, and patience was just what the doctor ordered for Andrade.

“It took about a year to heal,” Williams shares. “His leg wasn’t healing properly, so they had to put a wound VAC in his leg to keep it clean. Had they amputated any higher, he would have been wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life.”

Meanwhile, Andrade was eager to get on with his life and work on those dreams. His persistence paid off. “I got a prosthetic leg,” he remembers. “I learned how to walk. Within a few months, I started coaching baseball out at Carter High School in Rialto.”

The way he saw it, the accident may have taken his leg and destroyed his hopes of becoming a professional athlete, but Andrade was determined not to let it deprive him of his most important aspiration. On Dec. 23, 2005, he asked Williams to marry him and she said, “Yes!” They were married on Sept. 23, 2006, at Etiwanda Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga.

Williams credits providence, not coincidence, for the timing of another important event in their life.

“A really weird thing was that we found out we were pregnant with Avery on May 24, 2007,” four years to after the accident, she reports.

For her part, 18-month old Avery reaches out and pats her daddy playfully on the cheek, then picks up a toy and sticks it in her mouth.

In a perfect world, there would be no accidents and every story would have a Hollywood ending, but even though his life didn’t turn out exactly as Andrade planned it, he’s anything but unhappy. Watching him hug his wife and bounce his baby daughter on his knee, it’s easy to see that Nathan considers himself a very blessed, fulfilled man.

Currently, Andrade works as a call center representative in the Loma Linda University Health Care Faculty Medical Offices. “I like my job,” he smiles.

And even though he won’t be playing baseball anytime soon, he is working toward another important goal.

“I found out about the occupational therapy program at Loma Linda University when we were pregnant with Avery,” he remembers. “It took awhile to figure out what I wanted to do with my life, but now my goal is to become an occupational therapist and work with kids and adults who have been through tragedies like mine.

“I just want to help people,” he continues. “I remember when I was going through therapy, I always had high expectations for myself, and when I fell short, it was always like, well, if I can help others get through their goals, then I can achieve my own as well.”

LLU Medical Center Receives 5-Star Rating

Dustin Jones

Loma Linda University Medical Center was recently recognized as a top-ranked Community Value Provider. Cleverley & Associates, a leading health care financial consulting firm, found that LLUMC operates with a high degree of community value at a low cost, low charge, and uses a strong financial position to reinvest back into the provision of care at the facility.

The findings are part of the new publication, *State of the Hospital Industry - 2009 Edition*. The publication uses selected measures of hospital financial performance and discusses the critical factors that lie behind them. It focuses on United States acute-care hospital industry over a three-year period (2005 to 2007) and uses an exclusive measure called the Community Value Index.



Three SECC Schools Welcome Students to New Facilities

Schools in Palm Desert, Laguna Niguel, and Murrieta all began the 2009-2010 school year in new facilities.

“Each school and each community has its own story with a common theme,” said Don Dudley, superintendent of education. “Each sacrificed much in human and material resources to provide an educational environment that would be a blessing to its students.”

Desert Adventist Academy

By Betty Ponder

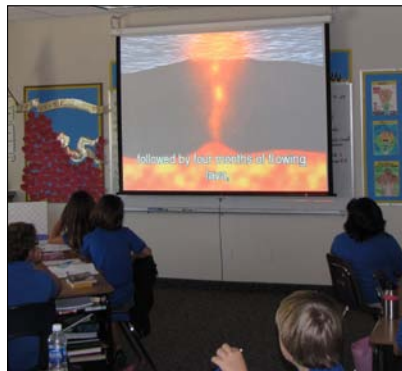
The sparkling new home of Desert Adventist Academy, in Palm Desert, opened Aug. 20 to a record enrollment of 108 students.

The new K-8 facility, designed by Paul Savino, associate pastor of the Palm Desert Oasis church, features large carpeted classrooms with built-in computer tables and state-of-the-art technology. Each classroom contains ceiling-mounted projectors that are networked to the teachers’ computers and DVD players, to enable teachers to display the Internet and other media on a large screen in the front of the classroom.

Desert Adventist Academy, a K-8 school, opened its new building to students on Aug. 20.



Joelyn Foy



Bill Rouse

Fifth- and sixth-graders at Desert Adventist Academy watch a geography DVD. Each classroom contains ceiling-mounted projectors networked to the teachers’ computers.

The six classrooms, kitchen, school offices, library, and offices and board room for the church are clustered around an 8,000-square-foot gymnasium.

Students, parents and teachers are enthusiastic about the new facility. Students and teachers can step into the school at 8 a.m. and walk back out at 3:15 p.m. and never know it has been a hot day in the desert.

According to Bill Rouse, principal, the school exerts a positive influence in the community. “Forty-eight percent of the students are from families that have no connection to the Adventist church other than through the school,” he said.

“These beautiful new facilities are a credit to the Adventist church and its dedication to the youth of the church and the community. It is truly an oasis in the desert,” said Steve Blue, senior pastor.

Laguna Niguel Junior Academy

By Jennie Furness

This year, the first day of school was more exciting than usual for the teachers and students at Laguna Niguel Junior Academy, who entered the doors of a brand-new building.

The original school was built around 1980 and housed grades K-8. The school and church shared the space, and at the end of each week, the teachers and students prepared the rooms for Sabbath school use. In 2004, the school became a junior academy. The addition of grades 9 and 10 brought new space challenges. The high school students met in the church’s community service room while plans for the new building were underway.

The new classrooms were built directly in front of the existing school. Construction began in August 2008. Students watched the building take shape before their

Don Dudley, superintendent of education, talks to Joshua Carpio, dressed as Andrew Jackson, at a social studies fair at Laguna Niguel Junior Academy.



David Tripp



David Tripp



A two-story wall of soaring windows provides natural light for the entryway to Laguna Niguel Junior Academy.

Seventh- and eighth-graders enjoy their new classroom at Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian Academy.

eyes. The building maximizes space, provides plenty of natural light, and is user-friendly for teachers and students.

The new building provides additional classrooms, restrooms and storage, as well as school offices and a state-of-the-art science lab. Preschool and kindergarten now occupy the original building, and there is even space for art and music classrooms.

The school building now stands as a testimony to the dedication of the building committee. These volunteers worked tirelessly with architects, designers, the city and many others to create buildable plans. The commitment of the church and school boards, and their strong belief in the value of Adventist education, made this possible.

Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian School

By Kathy Page

Ordering new desks and more textbooks was a welcome “problem” at Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian Academy.

“We are keenly aware of the difficult economic time and how it

plays out in our community with each of our families. A month ago, we prayed for and anxiously anticipated the return

of our 63 students. Today we are scrambling to make enough room to seat our newest students. What blessings,” said Darena Shetler, principal. Since school opened on Aug. 18, enrollment has increased to 79 students. Shetler had to order new desks and textbooks to accommodate them.

That’s not the only thing to be thankful for at MSACA: “Our new gym and classrooms are totally awesome,” said fourth-grader Summer Egly.

Eight years ago, the Murrieta Springs church made a bold move and planned a full 12-grade, 500-student-capacity academy. The congregation made school construction its top priority



Kathy Page

and pitched a big white tent to worship in while they built the school. Today the classrooms are filled with students, and the new church building is nearing completion. The whole church family has sacrificed financially to support the church and school projects.

The building has four classrooms, but was designed so four more could be added. Plans for adding them are underway. The parents of this year’s eighth grade class, along with the school board, hope that next year MSACA can have a ninth grade.

Murrieta Springs church members worshipped in a tent while building their new school, making the construction project their top priority.



Kathy Page

CORRECTION:

A photo of Tina Lewis (seen here) on page 8 of the October Recorder was inadvertently identified as that of Roxanne Rafanan. We regret the error.





Oakland-Elmhurst Church Links People to Christ

Kathy M. Batchelor

A succession of outreach programs conducted by the Oakland-Elmhurst church in 2009 has been instrumental in connecting people to Christ.

Last April, the church formed a small group, which studied a variety of Bible topics, including prophecy and Revelation. By its last meeting at the end of August, four people were preparing for baptism.

During the summer, the Elmhurst church continued its outreach by way of Vacation Bible School. More than 30 children from the community learned about Jesus through songs, Bible lessons and crafts.

Immediately after VBS, the church, in conjunction with the Hayward church, held a weekly seminar for six weeks at the San Leandro Public Library, which was a culmination of the church's long-term goal to reach out to the community.

"For the last three years, we talked about going into nearby San

Leandro, which borders us in east Oakland, to spread the gospel," said Oakland-Elmhurst Pastor Willie Johnson.

The church's young people are also working to win souls. Recently, a weeklong revival was conducted by youth ages 5-17, with a different young person speaking at each evening meeting and three kids speaking on Sabbath.

Another soul-winning event was conducted by Raiford Woods, speaker and executive director for the Better Living Series Inner-City Training Institute. Two meetings, presenting Bible principles and health messages, were held at the House of Unity in the Eastmont Mall in the heart of Oakland.

"It was a tremendous success, and several of those who attended are now a part of a small group Revelation seminar with baptisms to follow," said Johnson.



Fik Cleaver

Kids enjoy interacting with Vacation Bible School teacher Venus McKinstry.

"We are presently looking for a temporary location in San Leandro to hold group studies on Saturday evenings through the fall and winter, with aspirations of doing a large reaping meeting in the early spring of 2010," said Johnson.

These evangelism efforts have not only linked souls to Christ, but have given the Elmhurst church family a platform to connect with the community and build stronger bonds within the church. "I think when people are working on projects together, it tends to bring you closer," said member Loretta Crum. "But the beauty of working with church members is you have one goal and that is to introduce someone to Christ. It has brought us closer together in fellowship and friendship."

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NCC Office Employees Volunteer for Community Service

Julie Lorenz

Instead of the usual annual summer outing, employees at the Northern California Conference headquarters spent the morning of July 29 volunteering in the community.

NCC administrators, directors and support staff volunteered at five different non-profit organizations within a short distance of the conference office.

One group bagged fresh vegetables, stocked bread and stacked canned food for a nearby Salvation Army church. "I enjoyed the chance to see the way a local charity organization worked," said education department secretary Maricel Felarca. "I would like to do it again."

At Shelter, Inc., of Contra Costa County, volunteers filled children's backpacks with donated school supplies to give to homeless kids. "We also included extra things in each backpack, such as a toy, book,

NCC Executive Secretary Marc Woodson fills a child's backpack with school supplies at Shelter, Inc.



Stephanie Kinsey

video or stuffed animal," said Alicia Butcher, education department secretary.

Several, including NCC President Jim Pedersen, went to Families First, an organization that serves 10,000 children in Northern California every year. They were assigned to organize the agency's Contra Costa County office tool shed and kitchen.

"We took everything out of every cupboard and drawer and organized it," said trust officer Debi Pedersen. "We had to make it child-proof and user-friendly."

Three women helped out at Rescued Treasures, a thrift store that benefits Community Concern for Cats, a local cat rescue organization. Ministerial department secretary Bernadette Johnson enjoyed her task. "I love thrift stores! I didn't bring my purse, or I would have been shopping more than working," she laughed.

A group of volunteers drove to Oakland to help out at Wardrobe for Opportunity, an organization that provides professional clothing and training for low-income people who are looking for jobs. Assigned to inspect suits for quality and size, the NCC group moved quickly.

"They expected that we would check 50 suits during our time there, but we finished more than 150. They were highly impressed by our capacity to get things done!" said Ed Fergusson, assistant to the NCC president.

Trust officer Debi Pedersen and NCC President Jim Pedersen organize the kitchen at Families First.



Stephanie Kinsey

At the local offices of the Special Olympics, volunteers folded letters

and stuffed envelopes for a mass mailing. "They were really nice and very appreciative of our help," said Susan Worley, secretary in the Trust and Property Management department.

After working all morning, the NCC employees returned to the conference headquarters for a quick picnic lunch. Most expressed their satisfaction with the day and their desire to participate in another NCC office volunteer activity.

"We've been looking for ways that our conference headquarters could impact the local community," said Jim Pedersen. "I think our community service day was the start of a new and positive tradition."

"It was incredibly rewarding to call each of these charities and ask if we could help them," said communication director Stephanie Kinsey, one of the event's organizers. "When I visited one, the lady asked for our website and wanted to know more about us. It was a special way our office could reach out to the community."

Student Missionary Heeds Her Own Altar Call in El Salvador

Larry Pena

Photo courtesy Hernan Granados



Each participant presented a two-week evangelistic series at churches in San Salvador.

If you've ever talked to a young person just back from the mission field, you know the story they're going to tell. There's the initial expectation that they're going to be a blessing to others, and then the inevitable sense that God is leading throughout the experience. And then by the end of the trip they realize that they themselves ended up being the ones that were blessed.

But you don't often hear a story like the one of the Pacific Union College student missionary who accepted her own altar call.

Every year for the past seven years, PUC has participated in an international evangelistic trip with ShareHim, an organization that empowers Adventist lay people in ministry through exposure to evangelism. When senior Jaymee Leamer signed up for this year's excursion to El Salvador, she thought she knew what to expect. "I didn't really think about what affect it could have on me," she says. "I only was thinking about how the Lord could use each

of us to change the lives of those around us."

But soon after the preaching got underway, she began to feel inadequate. Her Catholic family had converted to Adventism when she was 12 years

old, and she had never thought to get baptized into her new church. Now, 10 years later, she was hearing the message of her home church with new ears, and from her own mouth.

The preaching experience in the Salvadorian capital city of San Salvador was intense. Each of PUC's 10 student missionaries had their own church, where they were in charge of preaching a two-week evangelistic series. One of the scheduled sermons was on the importance of the baptism commitment. "Giving all of these sermons to my church, telling them how important it is to be baptized and make that choice to stand for the Lord, I felt like the biggest hypocrite of all," she says.

On the night of the baptism sermon, after wrapping up the message and giving the altar call,

Jaymee began to weep. "I stepped down from the podium with a number of the other members of the church and decided it was time to make that choice," she says. The local pastor who was translating for her didn't know what was going on, until she explained her situation. He finished the call for her, and invited the audience to join the speaker in committing themselves to the Lord.

On the last day, the group's leader, Hernan Granados, a pastor and PUC residence hall dean, baptized Leamer in the pool of the hotel where they were staying. Over 1,200 Salvadorians had made the same commitment during those two weeks. "It's funny, because when you volunteer for the mission trip, you're supposed to be baptized. Somehow she fell through the cracks, and nobody checked it," says Granados. "God showed us, 'I'm in control here, not you.' It was amazing to see that."

Jaymee Leamer's preaching experience with ShareHim led to a decisive moment in her own life.



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and Social at CCC

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at CCC

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January 10
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Central Church

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at Tenaya Lodge


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Hispanic Women's
Retreat at Tenaya Lodge


Women's Retreat
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Message from the President

Janet and I had the incredible joy of being present for the birth of our second grandson in September. What an amazing Creator/Designer God we worship and serve! (By the way, we feel Sean Michael must be the smartest, sweetest, and cutest baby boy ever, right next to his big brother Daniel!)

Watching a pregnancy develop and a baby come into this world has to be one of the most convincing arguments against the theory of macro-evolution by natural processes. If God says He created all life in six literal 24-hour days and then rested on the seventh day, I believe Him!

This all reminds me of a story written by a friend of mine, Kermit Netteberg.

Once upon a time there was a very strange wolf. He liked sheep so much that he wanted to become one. But whenever the wolf would try to join a flock of sheep, the sheep would run away, bleating as though they were about to be killed.

The wolf was very discouraged. Then one day he found a sheepskin. "I'll put it on and then the sheep will accept me," he thought.

He slipped his wolf body into the sheepskin. It was too small, his legs were pinched and his back twisted. When he tried to walk, he'd fall. "This is going to take some getting used to," he thought. "I'm not good enough to join the flock right now. I'd better practice walking so I won't look like a phony."

He fell many times before he mastered the peculiar both-legs-hop of sheep. Finally, he felt he was good enough to join the nearest flock.

He casually sauntered over and stopped at the flock's edge. He noticed they were eating grass. He'd never tasted grass. "I might as well

find out what it tastes like, since I want to be a sheep," he reasoned and tore off a mouthful.

He almost gagged.

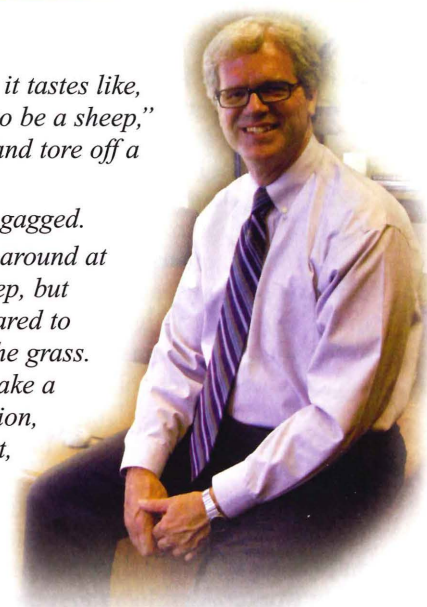
He looked around at the other sheep, but they all appeared to be enjoying the grass. Wanting to make a good impression, he gagged out, "Hey, this must be the best grass I've ever eaten."

Startled, the sheep backed away. One of the older sheep said, "He surely doesn't sound like a sheep to me." This made the wolf sad because he was trying his best to be a good sheep. He decided to keep his mouth shut and stay close to the edge of the flock.

Noon came, and the sun grew very warm. The sheepskin, which looked so inviting in the morning, grew very confining and very hot. Sweat began to run down his face and shanks. But he didn't mind. He knew he had to make a few sacrifices in order to become a sheep.

The afternoon sun grew even hotter. His zeal to become a sheep flagged. He wanted to make a few changes. "I'm mighty hot," he complained. "I could sure use a tall, cooling drink about now." This time no one said he didn't sound like a sheep.

The strange wolf stayed the whole day. In the evening he hopped in his best sheep hop to the



First evangelistic series held at Bay Area Japanese school

by Caron Oswald with Mark Duarte

For 27 years, the Mountain View Japanese Adventist church family has operated the Saniku Gakuin Japanese School. And for as many years, they have tried to share God with the parents of the students.

A huge breakthrough happened this past September! The first evangelistic outreach series was held for the parents of Saniku students.

“We were so happy to have our first school evangelistic series. I was praying for at least 10 people to attend, but God more than surpassed my expectation and sent many more. On the last night total attendance was about 90 people packed into the school media center,” says Nobuko Shiraishi, church member and Saniku School board chair.

The outreach began on September 3 with a practical Bible-based seminar on health given by our Japanese Bible worker Atsushi Yamamuro. The second seminar on mental health was presented by Hiroshi Tabuchi, currently a doctorate candidate at Loma Linda University and experienced in years of counseling in Tokyo. His topic was “The Counseling Mind: Key Methods for Bringing up Children.”

Finally, a well-received, three-part series titled “What is the purpose of life?” was taught by Pastor Masumi Shimada, director of education for the Japan Union. “I was personally really thankful how Pastor Shimada reassured every one of God’s love and acceptance,” Shiraishi says.

“We had 15



Parents of the Saniku Gakuin Japanese School students and members of the Mountain View and San Francisco Japanese churches pack the school’s media center for the first evangelistic outreach planned for the Saniku families.

Saniku School parents request Bible studies, 10 in Japanese and five in English. That is a major breakthrough!” says Mark Duarte, church pastor. “The students have a daily Bible class, but reaching the parents is the greatest challenge.”

In their secular and materialistic society, most Japanese claim no religion. Though Buddhism is an imported religion there, it has a much longer history and much of what is considered Japanese tradition finds its origin in Zen Buddhism or in the Country’s indigenous religion of Shintoism.

It takes the average Japanese person three-10 years to make a decision to become Christian. When

sent by their companies to live overseas, they are more open to other religions than when in the tightly culture-regulated society in Japan.

The school, which began at the church with only one teacher and student, grew rapidly and now is a full-fledged school in compliance with the Japanese government Ministry of Education. The present enrolment is 430 students in K-ninth grades.

“Students are children of Japanese ex-patriots who are sent to work in the Silicon Valley by various companies like Sony, Toshiba, Sanyo, and Fujitsu. Since they eventually have to return to Japan, their children need to maintain their Japanese education,” Duarte explains.

School staff and church members prayed and worked together to make these meetings a reality. Members of the San Francisco Japanese church also attended in support. In survey responses, attendees expressed high interest in more seminars on education, healthful living and parenting. Adds Duarte, “This is so wonderful, a result of many, many prayers.”



Atsushi Yamamuro, a traveling nurse by profession, has taken a year off to serve as the Bible worker for the Japanese church. His evangelistic presentation was on the importance of a good night’s sleep since so many of the health and mental health issues people face in their fast-paced lives have their roots in not sleeping well. He skillfully tied his presentation to the Book of Daniel and other biblical references.

Young adults put careers on hold to serve God

by Caron Oswald

Amanda Goad and Ricky Camacho, new graduates from Souls West, the Pacific Union's two-year College of Evangelism located in Scottsdale, Az., joined the CCC GLOW* leadership team in September. Though there was no money for a salary, each signed on for nine months – to work for practically nothing.

“Life is not about income, it is about expenses,” Camacho says. “GLOW is such an opportunity to activate church members. Anybody can do it.” He is passionate about advancing Jesus' second coming. “The Holy Spirit won't be poured out in the last days until most of the church is working.”

They are supporting themselves by selling books door-to-door three days a week. “Our project goal is to bring in \$100 a day,” Goad says, quickly adding, “You can't go out saying I need this to pay the bills. I pray, ‘I know You [God] will take care of me. Who do You want me to meet?’” Camacho agrees. “God is faithful in canvassing. I believe he will provide for what I need.”

From the GLOW ministry, they receive free Magabooks so 100 percent of sales are theirs, a \$200 monthly housing allowance, some mileage, and some cell phone expenses. Goad is sharing a studio apartment with Heidi Bryant, assistant director of the Literature Evangelism department. Camacho is sleeping on a mattress on the living room floor in Nelson Ernst's apartment. Ernst is director of GLOW.

Sabbaths and Sundays Goad and Camacho are in churches, working with members door-to-door. In their extra time, they help out as needed for other GLOW ministry needs.



Ricky Camacho and Amanda Goad

Camacho, 24, from Madera, Calif., turned down full-time employment at La Sierra University and several full-time Bible worker positions to work in Central. In 2004 he was attending Fresno City College studying film production. Then his father was killed. “My priorities really changed,” he says. “I want to be ready to see my dad [when Jesus comes] and to prepare others. GLOW is such an opportunity to activate church members.”

For the past five years, Camacho has worked in the summer Student Literature Evangelism program. “It was a real struggle to go to Souls West because my mom was on dialysis. But she has a new kidney now,” he says. His four brothers and one sister helped out a lot.

Goad, 20, from Bisbee Arizona, learned about Souls West while

attending Thunderbird Academy. “Actually, I thought I would never do door-to-door canvassing because I was so shy. Then someone said to me ‘It is only 10 weeks out of your life, and you are doing work for God, and making money for school,’” she says. “It was hard and challenging and I needed that in my Christian walk.” That was five years ago and now she is hooked. “It [literature work] is what I feel God has called me for.”

Though her parents wish she was closer to home, they are very supportive. “Dad calls and prays with me once a week,” Goad says. “There will always be Bible worker opportunities, but working with GLOW is such an opportunity.” Already, she is rich in experiences. “It has taught me to think what do I need, not what do I want,” Goad says. “To ask God what He wants me to do with the money I earn in the field.”

Neither consider their decision a sacrifice. “When you think about the pioneers and what they did – wow! I'm not doing anything. They were so faithful!” Camacho says.

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shepherd. "Do you think I am a good sheep?" he asked.

"You're no sheep at all," the shepherd replied.

"What do you mean? I wear my sheepskin all the time. I eat grass like the other sheep. I hop around like the other sheep. I think I'm a pretty good sheep."

"You're not a sheep," was the second reply.

"Well, what do I have to do to become a sheep?" the wolf asked.

"If you want to become a sheep, you'll have to be born again."

Sometimes I try to behave like a Christian rather than letting Jesus live inside of me and change my heart and actions from within. In 2 Cor. 5:17, Paul describes being born again like this: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

In *Desire of Ages*, p. 668 there is a beautiful description of the new heart experience our Savior has for each one of us. "All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses."

I want to live every moment through my wonderful Creator and Redeemer! Let us pray for each other as we share this journey together.

Your brother in Jesus,



New strategy for local church evangelism taught at one day Bible worker training

More than 80 people attended a one-day Bible worker training on September 29 at the Central California Conference office in Clovis. Strongly emphasizing laying involvement, local church Bible workers were encouraged to bring their active church members. More than half the group were local church members.

"This was our biggest Bible worker training event ever," says Karen Hamilton, field Bible worker coordinator. Currently 44 Bible workers are in local churches supported by the local church and the Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering.

The full day had one topic: Building a team to build God's kingdom in your community. How to mobilize, coordinate and utilize all the diverse gifts of your church members was presented by Bible worker Benjamin Bernard and Pastor Manuao Mauia from the South San Francisco and San Jose Samoan




churches.

Bernard shared about the dramatic growth of members actively involved in evangelism (from 30 to more than 100) and the successful evangelistic series preached by Mauia resulting in 33 baptisms. The San Jose Samoan church just completed the same growth model. On Sabbath September 26, 16 new members joined the church, increasing membership by 50 percent.

It's a new paradigm for outreach here. "When evangelism took place, the members dropped their work, asked for leave and came together

to serve God full-time," explains George Johnson, special outreach projects director. "You don't just show up in the evening. Between 18 to 36 members did the intensive daily work during the Samoan meetings."

"It was a very productive day," Johnson says about the training. "Seed was planted that will result in a change in strategy from a lone ranger approach by pastors and Bible workers to an approach that includes many members using their gifts for God in all the areas of need. It's a multi-level approach." 



Shirley Chipman

Victory in the Valley: Redefining Evangelism

Shirley Chipman

The 2009 Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations and Affiliates Convention was held in Scottsdale, Ariz., July 29 to Aug. 1. Insightful speakers, dynamic training sessions and sacred music highlighted the 20th annual event. President Dolby Knott welcomed attendees from across the United States and Canada and thanked the Arizona Conference and Pacific Union for hosting the seminar.

Music for the four-day session included Michael Harris, Walter Arties, Phil Draper, Mary Norman, the Sweethearts and many local participants.

More than 27 professionals presented workshops on prison evangelism and community outreach. Frank Barton, director, Florida Prison Ministry; Daniel McManus, volunteer chaplain, Virginia Correctional Center for Women; and Ron Williams, evangelist, Southwest Region Conference, taught courses for basic, intermediate and

Chaplain Sarahlynn Bristow and volunteer coordinator Lin Armstrong represented the Phoenix Lower Buckeye Jail.



Shirley Chipman

advanced APMOA certification, as well as many other classes.

“Dr. Mack Wilson is a speaker I especially appreciate,” said Gloria Felton, who has been a part of prison ministry for many years. “His studies on the mind of Christ make me realize that changing our minds and desires to be like His is most important for each of us and for those who are incarcerated.”

Banquet speaker was Sarahlynn Bristow, chaplain, Lower Buckeye Jail.

Three special awards were presented at Saturday night’s banquet. Eugene Taylor received a plaque for his years of dedicated service as Arizona Conference Bible School director, work on the Arizona Advisory Board, and visits with inmates, services and baptisms conducted.

Lester Patterson received APMOA’s premier award for outstanding service in prison ministry. He spent many of his active years as a dedicated volunteer conducting services, visiting inmates in jails and prison, and meeting cell-side with inmates on one-to-one visits.

Patricia Aguilara received an award for her leadership in the Spanish prison ministry work. She, in turn, presented plaques to Bristow and volunteer coordinator Lin Armstrong and all chaplains in the Arizona prison ministry program from Eterna Roca Prison Ministry.



(L. to r.) Dolby Knott, APMOA president; Jim Rickabaugh, Millie Fearman, and Daniel McManus, vice presidents; and Tony Anobile, Arizona Conference president.

“We welcome any layperson or pastor interested in innovative and personal seminars,” said McManus. “Our goal is to network between community outreach, prison evangelism and lifestyle changes that introduce methods to get churches and conferences involved in these much needed ministries.”

Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile was grateful for the professionalism he noticed while attending the seminars. “These people really mean business,” he commented, “and are to be commended for the work they do to bring Jesus and the gospel message past prison bars. I know many men and women will be won to the kingdom through their work.”

The 2010 convention will be held in Orlando, Fla. Anyone with an interest in prison ministries or community services is welcome to attend.

TOP LEFT: Eugene Taylor received an award for his years of service in prison ministry in Arizona from current director B.J. Warren.



Watts Company Has New Hope

Betty Cooney



Denise Johnson

Watts Pastor Al Dyson, left, and Michael Johnson, right, prepare to baptize Dorothy Edmundson. "Our mission is to reach men, women and children for Christ in this depressed section of Los Angeles and let them know that God can supply all of their needs according to His riches in glory," Dyson said.

In early spring of 2008, the Greater Los Angeles Region Evangelism Committee of Southern California Conference sent out a Macedonian call: Pastor Al Dyson, Watts' pastor, was distressed because the Watts Company in Los Angeles had only a handful of members attending.

The committee called on Michael Johnson to be a Bible worker for Watts. Michael and his wife, Denise, share a passion for evangelism. Since January 2008, their End Times Like These Ministries has conducted lay training for Southern California Conference and its cLAim evangelism initiative. Scores signed up, wanting to become lay evangelists and Bible workers. Seven-week training sessions are designed to help them achieve those goals.

Since the Johnsons' ministries' usual approach is to set up the church as an evangelistic center, a church-ministries partnership seemed ideal. "The issue with Watts, however," said Johnson, "was that there were no members to implement a center."

End Times Like These Ministries infused the struggling church company with previous ministry graduates, fully trained and dedicated to evangelism. The graduates adopted the congregation and plunged in. In early April, a decision was made to also bring in Oakwood University students. Following a seven-hour crash training course and the mailing of 10,000 Bible study invitations, 250 requests were received. The Oakwood students diligently followed up. Thirty graduates emerged from the Bible course, and three baptisms.

The missionary team continued to work with interested persons, some of them from other areas, until about 42 people were attending in Watts. On Nov. 30, 2008, the evangelism committee held a

health fair in Watts, where they signed up an additional 30 community residents for Bible studies, including children.

"Our lay evangelist training course is to be an online course," Johnson explains. "We are working to get it accredited with Griggs University. This training has changed the lives of hundreds of lay persons who had been pleading to learn how to win souls and for training to do that.

"We celebrated the Watts Company's 20th anniversary on Aug. 15 of this year, at a time when 35 to 60 were attending on Sabbaths," Johnson said. "Many are returning members; some are coming from the community. We now call our group the 'New Hope' church in Watts. It is, indeed, a hope-filled time for this church company that has struggled for so long to survive."



Ted Minor

Michael and Denise Johnson co-direct the "End Times Like These" Ministries (www.endtimeslikethese.org).



East West Language School Marks 40th Anniversary

Dennis Imai

How do we reach the Japanese and Japanese-American communities in the South Bay and meet the needs of these diverse communities?" Shinsei Hokama asked himself in 1962. He had just been appointed pastor of Gardena Japanese-American Adventist Church.

In the 1960s, many Japanese companies chose the Gardena-Torrance area as the base of their North American operations. Executives served three to four year terms, then returned to Japan. Because of differences between school systems, their families usually stayed in Japan, which created terrible hardships for them.

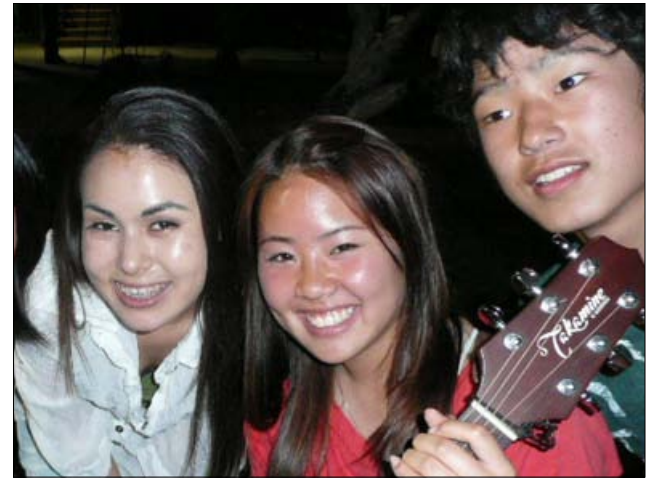
To try to meet these challenges, Hokama and Mr. and Mrs. Akira Nakamura started an innovative afternoon program providing both Japanese language and cultural

education. Native Japanese teachers using textbooks provided by the Japanese government taught students in Japanese.

The solution to these challenges was celebrated on Sunday morning, May 17, 2009.

More than 200 Japanese community members, alumni, faculty and students gathered to mark the 40th anniversary of East West Language School.

In 1969, the East West Language School was accredited by the Japanese government, so students



Three of the dozens of alumni who returned for the anniversary celebration.

received the same academic training and credit as students in Japan. This enabled the executives of companies like Honda and Toyota to bring their families to America without sacrificing their children's education.

American-born students

also enrolled to learn Japanese language skills and culture. This was so successful that the original seven students grew to more than 120 in just one year. Although school enrollment peaked at 500-plus students, the current enrollment hovers near 200, due to competition from secular schools.

At the celebration, current Principal Toshihiko Matsuoka emphasized that the East West Language School maintains its original mission reflected in its Japanese name, "Saniku Tozai Gakuen," which refers to the three aspects of life: the physical, the mental and the spiritual. Tozai refers to our goal of connecting the East to the West," Matsuoka shared. "Gakuen is the Japanese word for school."

The anniversary also celebrated the creation of a spiritual community for sharing the love and practical benefits of the gospel. Students are shown with teacher Chiiko Nakasato, center.





Repeat Offender Finds Jesus at Recovery Church

Caron Oswald

All he had going for him was a God that wouldn't let go and a faithful, praying mother. "She'd been praying for him all his life."

Two days sober and just days out of prison, 35-year-old George Mailhot walked into the Friday night Recovery Church meeting at the Sunnyvale church looking for a better life. On Sept. 12, 2009, Mailhot was baptized, celebrating his one year anniversary of sobriety and his new life with Jesus.

Many other milestones preceded Mailhot's life-changing conversion. Drug use at age 15. The first arrest in 1993 for felony drunk driving and possession. Two stents in county jail. Prison for seven years for possession of methamphetamine. Back to prison in 2004 for drug trafficking and distributing.

Whether at San Quentin, Soledad, Delano or Folsom, prison was a way of life. "It didn't bother me. I could get anything I wanted in prison," he says. "Narcotics, alcohol, cell phones, you name it. It's easier to go back to prison than stay on the street. It's part of my lifestyle."

Before his Sept. 3, 2008, release, Mailhot had been reading a Bible he'd found. "There were no other books to read, and I was in my cell every day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. I read it, loaded [on drugs] or not," he explains.

By his release, he'd spent almost all of his adult life in prison. All he had going for him was a God that wouldn't let go and a faithful, praying mother. "She'd been praying for him all his life," says Rob Colon, Sunnyvale church pastor and a recovering addict. Hearing of Mailhot's release, Colon invited him to Recovery Church.

This time Mailhot was ready. "I hit bottom. I got tired of going to prison, and I wanted to learn a new way of life," he says.

Recovery Church

Recovery Church grew out of an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting hosted by the Mountain View Central church and led by the associate pastor. When the pastor moved, church member and recovering addict Todd Deskins took the lead. Now in his early 40s, Deskins has been sober since he was 21.

In time, the Friday night AA meeting became a Bible study group, which grew into the Recovery Church outreach. Deskins asked Colon for assistance. "As a person who's been through recovery, I was more than happy to help," Colon says.

The Recovery Church ministry relocated to the Sunnyvale church two years ago. The Friday night worshippers can be heard by the neighbors as they roar into the parking lot. Most of the attendees are ex-bikers.

Between eight to 15 people attend each week. Recovery Church is advertised through word of mouth and friends inviting friends. Some join in the Sabbath morning worship service, too.

"This ministry has made us more tolerant," Colon says of his church congregation. "Sitting side by side are members in their Sabbath best and guys dressed in torn jeans and leather jackets. Someone with a six-figure

Pastor Rob Colon prays with George Mailhot, right, before his baptism.





income can sit next to a Harley guy and both worship together. That's the big difference."

There is a strong common bond. "Despite the varying socio-economic levels, we still have this in common — we are all sinners. At church we are on the same level. We all fall short of the glory of God," Colon adds.

Opportunities to help those in transition are another benefit for the congregation. "Not only do we welcome them in fellowship, but it is also nice to help them as well," Colon says.

Another Milestone

The first week of October, Mailhot was released from parole. This was the first time since he was 15 that he is not on parole or probation. His parole officer was astounded. "George, you are the only person I've ever had that has made it," he told Mailhot. "You are the only success story I've ever had." Then he asked Mailhot if he'd help with the officer's other guys.

Mailhot is completing his GED with As and Bs and plans to attend college. He's discovered that he is a whiz at math. "I can complete math problems in my head and before the equation is written," he says.

"Before, I tried to get clean for everyone else — my parents, my parole officer. This time it was for me," Mailhot says. "I have fun now. My worst day clean is better than any day I was loaded. God kept me alive for a reason."

"We are here to help people be ready when Jesus comes," Colon says. For Mailhot, it is all or nothing. "All that matters is that I'm right with God."

George Mailhot (center, in blue shirt) shares the joy of his baptism with a few of his Recovery Church friends.

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Hawaii Pastor Learns Lessons During Mozambique ShareHim Project

Rezeile Loretag



Pastor Eliezer Graterol points to a hole that was dug in the ground that was to be used as a baptistry.

to learn to invest in the treasury of heaven and be grateful for what we have,” says Graterol.

Hunger for the Word of God

As a coordinator for these campaigns, one of Graterol’s responsibilities was to visit each church and make sure everything was running properly. It was exciting for him to see each of these sites packed every single meeting, despite external factors, such as rain or a long distance walk. Many of the church members were standing outside listening to the message through the windows or doors in order to give their seats to visitors.

At each evangelism site, local members prayed for the speaker, for the visitors, and for the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Evangelism is taking on a new perspective in the Hawaii Conference, spurred by the Year of Evangelism, when most of the conference churches have been committed with a renewed passion to reach the lost for Christ. Church members have been making a difference ministering to the people and spreading the good news.

With the support of the Hawaii Conference and under the sponsorship of ShareHim, Hawaii Pastor Eliezer Graterol coordinated 27 evangelistic campaigns in Mozambique, Africa, this past summer. He shares four of the many practical lessons he learned.

We Have Too Much

There is no doubt that we have been witnessing the biggest financial crisis in our country since the Great Depression. Some have lost their jobs and houses, and many

have experienced bankruptcy. If the thought that poverty, misery and instability have hit your mind consider the following:

- Every 3.6 seconds one person dies of starvation in the world.
- Each flush of the toilet uses the same amount of water that one person in a developing country uses all day for washing, cleaning, cooking and drinking.
- More than half of Africa’s people lack access to safe drinking water.
- 37 percent of the now 16-year-olds will die before they reach the age of 30 in Mozambique.
- 60 percent of the church members in Maputo (the capital city) cannot read nor write.

If you lost your job and your house, but you have water and at least one meal a day you are very blessed. “I believe this is the time



As in many of the local churches, the majority of the visitors were children and young people.

With standing room only, members listened to the sermon from the church's main entrance.



One night in one tiny church, there were 360 people, 240 of whom were visitors. "Let's pray together that we may experience this same revival here in our homeland and our churches may be packed with people hungry for the Word of God," said Graterol.

Young People

Of the 27 speakers in this Share-Him campaign, 24 were between 22 and 36 years of age. They preached daily sermons, encouraged and mobilized the church for evangelism, visited people, and contributed new ideas and plans. In many of the local host churches, the young people were the ones leading the campaign ground work. They provided special music, ran the platform, and welcomed

visitors. Furthermore, the majority of those baptized were between the ages of 13 and 26. Young people were preaching the gospel, young people were active in church leadership, and young people were listening and responding to the good news.

"It reminds me of Ellen White's statement," said Graterol, "that 'With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come — the end of suffering and sorrow and sin.'"

Evangelism

The church members in Mozambique understand that evangelism is the work, privilege and responsibility of every believer and not just the

clergy. Most ministers in Mozambique have 25 to 60 churches to nourish. Some churches do not even know their minister. But this is not an excuse for discouragement or disappointment; on the contrary, it is a motivation to move forward and make a difference in the community for Christ.

Church members were encouraged to bring their friends to the meetings and study the Bible with them. At each site, prayer groups were daily interceding for the speaker and the visitors. As a result, 656 were baptized.

"Evangelism," Graterol says, "is not one event, but a lifestyle. Let's remember that it is not an option, but a command. I hope that we all, as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the territory of the Pacific Union may say like J.N. Andrews our first missionary, 'My heart is entirely bounded to this work. I do not have any other desire than the one to live for the service of God.'"



Student preachers from Adventist University of Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Summer Camp Changes Lives

David Solomon Hall, Sr.

“This place is really nice,” she decided. “He is going to have a great time, and I think I am, too.”

Young people from Utah, the Las Vegas area and Reno descended on Wolf Mountain Camp in Grass Valley, Calif., for the 2009 Nevada-Utah Conference summer camp July 5-12.

Counselor Paulette Martinez wanted to be involved because the event was her son’s first time away from home. “This place is really nice,” she decided. “He is going to have a great time, and I think I am, too.” Campers, ranging from fifth to eighth grade, were able to swim, play basketball in the pool, fly on a zip line, practice archery and look at animals. They spent time getting to know each other and learning about God’s creation and His creatures.

Larry Unterseher, conference president, and his wife, Rhonda, spent part of a day with the campers and encouraged them to enjoy themselves as they learned more about Jesus.

Pastor Ron Torkelsen from the Carson City church led music and the services for the week. He taught campers lots of new-to-them songs that he had used in his ministry many years before. Through his stories, young people gained a better understanding of Jesus’ love for them. Seven campers decided to be baptized.

Australian Pastor David Edgren, along with his wife and three children, came mid-week and spoke to the young people. Each camper and counselor received an autographed copy of his book, *The Serpent Scroll: Adventures in the Bible*.

“Why does camp have to end?” asked campers Ike’esha and Julie. “We are having so much fun!”

TOP RIGHT: Campers learn about archery.
BELOW: Campers and staff gather for a group picture.



Fall Seminar Supports Biology Students as they Navigate Issues of Faith and Science

Larry Becker

La Sierra University's Biology Department opened the current fall quarter with 400 students enrolled in various biology classes. More than 200 students have declared themselves as biology majors, a 20-year high.

During the current fall quarter, a new general biology seminar will focus on guiding these students through the ongoing dialogue between faith development and scientific investigation.

The new seminar series runs concurrently with the fall quarter's general biology class and is required for students planning to continue in the first-year biology sequence during winter quarter.

"Members of the biology department, the School of Religion, and university administration have been meeting for many months to address the need to help entering biology students make an appropriate transition into the post-secondary study of biology in the context of their faith journey," says Warren Trenchard, La Sierra University provost.

"This general biology seminar (BIOL 111A) will allow students to explore a variety of topics with scholars from biology, religious studies, and the Geoscience Research Institute, including the role and function of science, the importance of faith, and the relevant doctrinal positions of Seventh-day Adventists."

The seminar was designed to achieve several important goals:

- Introducing students to the university culture as a community of ideas
- Acknowledging and building on the faith background of students entering the biology program
- Aiding students' understanding of the nature of knowledge, its sources and acquisition
- Guiding students to a comprehension of the practice of science, and what it can and cannot accomplish
- Supporting students as they constructively relate to science and religion
- Providing helpful tools in the formulation of students' worldview

The new seminar builds on the university's long-standing commitment to providing a balanced, rigorous curriculum in the sciences while introducing students to Seventh-day Adventist understandings of creation, centered in the Genesis account, which reveals the Creator as a personal and loving God. Seminar topics include such themes as: the philosophy of science; the Seventh-day Adventist teachings on the biblical doctrine of creation and the faith journey of students; faith and the intellect; and constructing a world view including faith and science.

La Sierra University remains committed to be of ongoing service to the church in the important conversation of faith and science. That conversation continues to grow more complex throughout the students' educational journey as they progress into biomedical professional studies or graduate programs focusing on advanced research in these fields. Graduates serve the church and the world with distinction. La Sierra enjoys a long-standing partnership with Loma Linda University, enabling students significant access to move directly into the health profession programs of their choice.

"As faculty in this Seventh-day Adventist university we respect and affirm each student's faith journey and seek to expand faith in our Creator as students continue their quest for truth," says Dr. James Wilson, chair of the biology department. "From that foundation, we prepare students for success in graduate and professional schools and in their careers."

LSU has developed a web page outlining the important reasons that students should consider studying biology at La Sierra. That information, as well as comments from biology department alumni, can be found at: lasierra.edu/departments/biology/important_reasons.html.

BACKGROUND: Biology students study in the state-of-the-art Price Science Complex. Photo by Natan Vigna.

California Con Con Likely

Alan J. Reinach, Esq.

Even the most laid back Californians suspect something is seriously amiss with state governance. Those who are paying attention know the state's budget deficit is not simply the result of the current economic situation, but is payback time for years of deferred budgetary reality. So it should come as no surprise that polling indicates very strong support for anticipated ballot measures to authorize a constitutional convention, known as a "con con."

The *L.A. Times* supports a con con, having identified various structural impediments to good governance. These include the super-majority requirement for budget approval; safe electoral districts that encourage the election of extreme partisans in each party; and the dominant influence of both corporations and labor unions, especially those representing state employees such as the prison guards and teachers unions.

Constitutional conventions are inherently risky. Everything is up for grabs. Con cons subject even the most fundamental rights to the democratic process, with no guarantee that our most basic rights will continue to be respected.

We are beginning to

hear concerns about how a con con may impact religious freedom. This is a good news/bad news scenario. There are both risks and opportunities. To understand them, we must first take stock of existing constitutional norms.

religious freedom claims for the past 15 years.

The court has been influenced by the U.S. Supreme Court, which reduced the First Amendment's free exercise clause to a virtual dead letter in the infamous peyote case

The good news, then, is that a con con would give us the opportunity to improve a currently dismal situation. The bad news is that a con con could ratify the status quo, and permanently reduce the status of religious freedom.

The constitutional protection for the free exercise of religion is in a state of almost complete disrepair. The problem is not with the existing constitutional text:

Article I, § 4 of the California Constitution reads, in pertinent part: "Free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference are guaranteed. This liberty of conscience does not excuse acts that are licentious or inconsistent with the peace and safety of the State."

The problem is with the California Supreme Court. While declaring it does not know what this language means, the court insists it does not mean what it says. What the text says is that religious activity is protected until and unless it seeks to justify acts that are licentious or implicate peace and safety concerns. This court has often ruled against

in 1990. The result is that religious freedom is no longer protected as a fundamental right either by the U.S. or California constitutions.

The good news, then, is that a con con would give us the opportunity to improve a currently dismal situation. The bad news is that a con con could ratify the status quo, and permanently reduce the status of religious freedom.

When and if the time comes for a con con, the active involvement of those who care about religious freedom will make all the difference. Eternal vigilance remains the price of liberty. The best way to stay informed and to become actively involved is through your religious liberty membership organization, the North American Religious Liberty Association. You can join on the web, at www.religiousliberty.info.





CALENDARS

Arizona

ADVENTURER FUN DAY (Nov. 1) Indian School Park, Scottsdale. Info: Elda Diaz, 602-793-9873.

HEALTH BY CHOICE, NOT BY CHANCE (Nov. 4-8) Presented by Creator's Lifestyle with Dr. Roger Gallant at Camp Yavapines, 2999 Iron Springs Rd., Prescott. Info: Gerry, 928-445-2162.

MUD MADNESS SPRINT TRIATHALON (Nov. 8) Sponsored by area churches, education and youth departments, and more. Limited to 150 participants, this is open to anyone ages 7 to adult. Register: Karen Glassford, 480-991-6777.

LIVE VEGETARIAN COOKING SHOW (Nov. 8) "Dinner & A Message" with Chef Mark Anthony at the Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus, Phoenix. Free program begins at 1 p.m. Info: 602-971-6010.

LIVE VEGETARIAN COOKING SHOW (Nov. 9) "Dinner & A Message" with Chef Mark Anthony at the Mesa Palms church, 6263 E. Thomas Rd., Mesa. Free evening program. Info: 480-985-3140.

SABBATH KEEPERS MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY (Nov. 15) Phoenix chapter

meets every third Sunday of the month. Info: Anthony, 602-317-2136, or anthony.skmm@gmail.com.

PATHFINDER DIRECTOR PIA TRAINING, PART 2 (Nov. 21). Info: Karen, 480-991-6777.

THREE ANGELS PRISON MINISTRY (Nov. 28) Meets at the Community Service Center, 1320 N 15th St., Phoenix, 3:30 - 5 p.m. All are welcome. Info: Florence, 480-991-6777.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT (Dec. 5) 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale, 7 p.m. Info: Sherrie, 480-948-3300.

ANNUAL RETIREE CHRISTMAS DINNER (Dec. 6) Conference Office, 13405 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Reservations: Shirley, 480-991-6777.

Central California

DISASTER CHAPLAINCY CREDENTIAL (Nov. 1-5) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Liseth Pasillas, 559-347-3176 or lpasillas@cccsda.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING (Nov. 8) Clovis church. Info: Susan Schwarz, 559-347-3183 or sschwarz@cccsda.org.

A SEASON'S MUSICAL "JESUS, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR" (Dec. 5) Fresno Central church. Conducted by Dr. Helen Sprengel-Lutz. Two performances at: 10:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Info: 559-2331171 or office@fresnocentralsda.org.

FRESNO CENTRAL CHURCH 50-YEAR CELEBRATION (Nov. 14) Inviting all friends, former members and pastors. Lunch planned. Info: 559-233-1171 or Fresnocentralsda.org.

La Sierra University

UPCOMING LSU MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS INCLUDE: THE FALL ORCHESTRA CONCERT (Nov. 8); the Fall Wind Ensemble Concert (Nov. 14); and the Fall Band Concert (Nov. 16). Concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Hole Memorial Auditorium. Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2036.

MICHAEL J. ELDERMAN EXHIBIT (Nov. 9 - Dec. 10) Brandstater Gallery features the Elderman's photography, including his work documenting the renovation of Riverside's historic Fox Theater. Info: 951-785-2170.

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAY (Nov. 11) Students are

invited to come check out the campus. Info: 800-874-5587, ext. 2422.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT (Dec. 4) Presented by the LSU Department of Music, 7:30 pm, LSU church. Info: 951-785-2036.

FRANCES BARNARD MEMORIAL OBSERVATORY (Nov. 6 and 20) Gaze at the stars, weather permitting, 8-11 p.m. Info: 951-785-2273.

WORLD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28) Open Sabbaths 2-5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2209.

STAHL CENTER MUSEUM OF WORLD CULTURE (Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28) Open Sabbaths, 2-5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2041.

"A TUNA CHRISTMAS" (Dec. 2,3,5,6) LSU Drama presentation, Matheson Hall. Info: 951-785-2241 or lsudrama@lasierra.edu.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP, Fridays, 7:45 p.m. LSU church. Info: 951-785-2090.

Northern California

OPERATION GLOBAL RAIN (Oct. 29-Nov. 7) Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Ten days of prayer. Info: Damon Washington, 916-381-5353.

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KOINONIA WOMEN'S RETREAT (Nov. 6-8) Leoni Meadows. Info: 530-626-3610.

"ONE VOICE, ONE VISION, ONE MISSION" WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (Nov. 7) Chico church, 1877 Hooker Oak Ave., Chico. Speaker Raquel Costa Arrias, GC Associate Director for Women's Ministries. Info: 530-342-7777.

VETERANS DAY SABBATH (Nov. 7) Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. All veterans and their families are invited! Speaker will be Phil Willis, Jr., an Army chaplain. Dinner will be served. Info: 916-381-5353.

CHRISTIAN EDITION MEN'S CHORUS EVENSONG CONCERT (Nov. 20) 7 p.m. Lodi-Fairmont Church, 730 S. Fairmont Ave., Lodi. Info: 209-334-1844.

SANTA ROSA CHURCH HOMECOMING (Nov. 21) Inviting all friends and former members to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the first SDA church west of the Rockies. Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham to speak at morning service. Heritage Singers concert after lunch. Info: 707-578-8883 or www.santarosasda.org.

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HISPANIC PRAYER RETREAT (Oct. 30-Nov. 1) Pine Springs Ranch. Info: 951-509-2333.

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ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL AREA SEMINAR, BLYTHE (Nov. 7) 3-5 p.m., Blythe Spanish/English church, 415 E. Barnard St., Blythe. Presenters: Rudy Bermudez, SECC adult Sabbath school director, "Growing the Church Through Sabbath School"; Jocelyn Sonsona, CLAIM field game and facilitators' certification. Spanish translation available. RSVP by Oct. 26: 951-509-2237.

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CHAPIN, EDWARD ALLEN – b. June 9, 1931, Alma, Neb.; d. Aug. 29, 2009, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Audrey; son, David; daughters, Dorothy Ring, Beth Porter; five grandchildren.

DAHL, ANDREW – b. July 1, 1916, Loyalist, "Alberta," Canada; d. Sept. 14, 2009, Lancaster, Calif. Survivors: son, Rockne; brothers, Arthur, Alfred; sister, Adina White; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Served as a pastor in Northern, Central and Southern California.

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MCELMURRY, ORVILLE S. – b. Nov. 26, 1915, Elkton, Mich.; d. Aug. 25,

2009, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Annetta; son, Douglas; daughters, Sharon Cemer, Cheryl; step-daughters, Kathleen Carter, Lorraine Ehrler.

MEAD, HELEN – b. Feb. 27, 1911, Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; d. Sept. 13, 2009, San Luis Obispo, Calif. Survivors: sister, Luella Hardy; niece and nephews. Served as teacher in New York and Southeastern California conferences.

MONCRIEFF, JACQUELINE J. – b. July 20, 1930, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Aug. 30, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; sons, Melvin, Scott; two grandchildren.

MORRISON, MYRON "MIKE" JAMES – b. Dec. 16, 1922, Blue River, Wis.; d. Aug. 23, 2009, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dorothy; sons, Dale, Allen Boyer; daughter, Tonia Kulp; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

NELSON, BEN – b. Feb. 6, 1920, Parson, Kan.; d. Sept. 3, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Fern; son, Steve; daughter, Barbara Bing; four grandchildren.

REYNOLDS, JAMES LLOYD – b. Aug. 7, 1943, Vallejo, Calif.; d. Aug. 24, 2009, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Linda; son, Jamie; daughter, Alliree; five grandchildren.

SANTINI, MARGUERITE – b. May 9, 1910, Montrose, W.V.; d. Aug. 20, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Edythe Beglau; two grandsons.

STARNER-WELTER, LILLIAN (EILETA-LARSEN) – b. Feb. 3, 1930, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Lawrence; son, Larry Jr.; daughters, Elita Dare, Betsy Velely; brother, Walter Larsen; six grandchildren.

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