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Students Bring Faith and Service to Varsity Sports

Lainey S. Cronk

The scoreboard is important to any team that's practiced hard and played hard, and Pacific Union College's varsity teams (the Pioneers) have taken satisfaction in some excellent scores during current and recent seasons. But the members and coaches of these cross country, volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams say that there's a lot more to a team than winning scores.

In November, the women's basketball Pioneers traveled to Southern California for a Thanksgiving tournament. Between the four games in four days (they won two), the team took holiday spirit to a senior living facility in Rancho Cucamonga.

For more than two hours, the players and coaches mingled with the residents, playing chair volleyball and other games and singing songs. "The atmosphere was filled with energy, laughter and smiles," assistant coach Doug Wilson says. The students helped residents beat their "total hits" record in chair volleyball by over 200, and team member Vanessa Felder sang a solo to a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The visit ended with hugs and even tears. "It was evident the impact the basketball team made on the residents," says Wilson. The director of the home, Carol Warboys, told the team, "There was such friendliness, good-natured humor and love shown by each of

your players towards our residents. It felt that we'd known you for a long time, instead of just a few short hours."

But the players benefitted, too. "I felt like we got much more out of it than what we put into it," says freshman Lacy Jaymes.

The experience also fits perfectly with the program's dedication to making a difference in the community. "It is so important to teach our student-athletes the value of giving back," says Wilson. "We hope to do much more of this."

Another team that found various forms of enrichment was the men's soccer Pioneers, who had a turnaround season and ended in second place in the conference. They started the season with several changes, including head coach Jesus Medina being joined by supporting coaches Carlos Medina and Hernan Granados; the addition of a key player, freshman Randy Castanaza, who had the most saves in PUC history; and four "vocal defenders" who led by instructing teammates from across the field. With these support structures, the team felt more confident. "It took a lot of work, but it's been a pleasure seeing ourselves becoming what we'd hoped to be," says Medina.



Members of the six varsity teams find that sportsmanship at PUC means more than just doing well on the court or field.

But strong playing was only part of the story. The team also showed up as a group in places off the field, such as taking up the offering for a church service or praying together before practices. Team member Jonathan Groschel, looking to create a more spiritual college experience, started the practice of praying together, and he felt that these times of prayers even had an impact on sportsmanship.

Working together, the Pioneers teams hone their skills and their game — and also build school spirit (a midnight meet-the-teams event brought out 600 students), give their members opportunities for service, and build faith and community as teams pray, serve and learn together.



The Oldest Adventist Church in the West Celebrates 140 Years

Kathie Morgan

Photos by Kathie Morgan



Pacific Union President Ricardo Graham preaches the Sabbath morning sermon.

Santa Rosa Seventh-day Adventist Church — the oldest Adventist church west of the Rockies — celebrated 140 years on Nov. 20 and 21, 2009. “We didn’t wait for the 150th anniversary, because Jesus may come before then,” said Senior Pastor Ron Aguilera.

The event began with a Friday evening program, moderated by Aguilera, featuring reminiscences from former pastors Tracy Baerg, Del Dunavant, Duane Grimstad, Gil Labrucherie, Chris Estay and Don Lane. The men talked about the church’s physical plant changes, new ministries, mission projects and the congregation through the years.

“If I had to choose my greatest memory, I’d have to walk down these pews and choose you all,” declared Dunavant.

The program also featured testimonies from those whose lives were changed through the church’s ministry. Dorothy Holmes, a

member since birth, told how much the church family had meant to her through the decades, especially during her times of loss. Describing how God had brought joy through one of those tragedies, Leesa Gomez revealed that two years ago she had visited the church for the first time — to attend the funeral of Holmes’s husband Danny. While there, Gomez heard God’s call in her own life, and soon she was studying for baptism.

Sabbath morning, the pews were full by 9:30 when church member Gary Quackenbush presented a slide program of the church’s history. Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Marsha Vas Dupre read a proclamation from the City of Santa Rosa recognizing the church’s 140 years of service to the community.

Northern California Conference President Jim Pederson and NCC Adventist Community Services Federation President Fredi Jones were on hand to honor Virginia Wright, who recently retired from her position as Santa Rosa ACS director after 40 years.

Amy and Kate Monette help prepare the anniversary lunch.



**NCC Prayer Ministries Advisory Annual Prayer Retreat
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in Your Heart*

**March 19-21, 2010
Leoni Meadows**



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Dorothy Holmes (left) and Leesa Gomez spoke on Friday night about the way God brought joy out of a tragedy.



Peggy Fleming (left) and Mary Ann McPheeters reminisce as they look through church directories.

Pacific Union President Ricardo Graham delivered the sermon, “What to Do Until the Messiah Comes.” “The powerful sermon created a sense that the entire congregation was rapt and we were one, feeding on spiritual truth,” said church member Alice Selivanoff. “He told us to wait, watch and work, and he explained what those words mean to one looking for the return of Jesus.”

Church member Nicole Pinney was moved by the altar call as Graham closed his sermon. “It was a surprise, like all altar calls, as no one knows whom God will call forward.” Four Santa Rosa youth — Janae Crosby, Jeremy Lanier, Nicole Neumann and Adam Woosley — joined the church family through

baptism during the morning’s program.

Following the service, the huge group moved to a nearby veterans’ auditorium for a lunch prepared by dozens of volunteers. Present members met former members, some of whom remembered attending services at two of the church’s former locations. There was much handshaking, hugging and prayer.

After lunch, the Heritage Singers presented a concert at the church. Church member Brandon Verzosa was touched by Max Mace’s parting speech about there being enough room at the table. “It brought to my mind what Christ and Christianity are all about — family built on love, trust and care for each other.”

A Brief History of the Santa Rosa Church

Ron Aguilera

Adventists have been worshipping in Santa Rosa since 1869, just 19 years after California became the nation’s 31st state.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church first sent missionaries to California in 1868. The funds for this pioneering venture came from an appeal that church co-founder James White published in the *Review and Herald*, asking for \$1,000 in donations as seed money to finance western expansion.

The missionaries, early church leaders J. N. Loughborough and D. T. Bordeau, traveled throughout Sonoma County visiting the small settlements of Petaluma, Windsor, Santa Rosa and Healdsburg, meeting the people and sharing the Adventist message.

Some people gave them warm, gracious welcomes, but they also had to face obstacles, including a smallpox epidemic that broke out in the village of Bloomfield, near Santa Rosa. While half of the villagers fled, Loughborough and his coworkers stayed behind to care for the

sick, bury the dead and teach the survivors to care for themselves.

The Adventist outreach ministry formally began in Santa Rosa on April 22, 1869. Later that year, a church was constructed at Second and B Street, a few blocks from the old courthouse. This 30 by 60 foot structure was dedicated on Nov. 21, 1869, the first Seventh-day Adventist church west of the Rocky Mountains. The building survived the 1906 earthquake, but was sold when the congregation moved to a larger building on Orchard Street.

In the 1940s, the former Presbyterian church on Johnson Street was purchased. However, as the church continued to grow, it became necessary to find a still larger meeting place. For about four years in the 1950s, the Odd Fellows Hall on Pacific Avenue was used for Sabbath services while plans were made to build a spacious new church building near downtown. The current church on Sonoma Avenue was built in 1961.



NCC Adventurers Attend Family Fun Weekend

Julie Lorenz

Almost 40 families attended the eighth annual Northern California Conference Adventurer Family Fun Weekend at Leoni Meadows, Oct. 30 to Nov. 1.

The weekend was designed for Adventurers (ages 4 through 9), their parents and siblings to foster family interaction, according to Alice Merrill, NCC associate director of family, children's and Adventurer ministries.

"I see so many families who are totally disconnected," said Merrill. "Often technology — such as cell phones, iPods and DVDs — makes them miss so much of what they could be doing together. To see a family seem to really enjoy each other's presence — that's a huge reward."



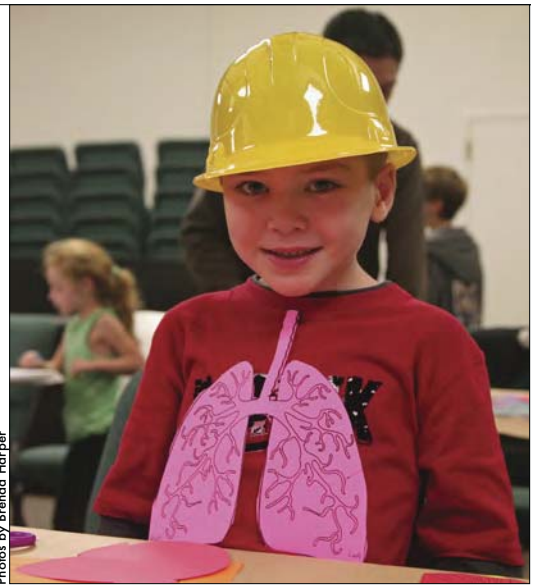
During the weekend, parents and children worked together to complete the requirements for two NCC Adventurer awards (similar to Pathfinder honors) — the Discovering Our Body award and the Safety award.

Friday night and Sabbath, through hands-on experiments, crafts and demonstrations, families learned the wonderful ways God created the human body. Wearing plastic "hard hats," kids and parents constructed life-size models of themselves, complete with colorful internal organs. On Saturday night, families participated in games and an old-fashioned Grand March. On the way home on Sunday, they stopped at Safetyville USA in Sacramento to learn many ways to keep themselves safe.

"I liked everything about the weekend, even the driving [to and from Leoni Meadows], but I liked learning about the body the best," said Mark Felarca, a member of the Vallejo Central Lighthouse Adventurers.

"Our favorite parts of the weekend were the Grand March and Safetyville," said sisters Emelia and Sylvia Fiess, members of the Carmichael Cubs Adventurers.

LEFT: Adina Myles and her kids, Jadon-Lee and Valencia, display the model of the body they made. ABOVE: Family members take turns listening to each other's hearts.



Photos by Brenda Harper

Riley Sumida shows off the lungs he will glue on the paper model of himself.

"At Safetyville, I learned about smoke alarms," said Alexis Kroll, a member of Pleasant Hill Adventurers. "I learned to run out of the house and not come back to get your toys."

"The activities this year — like putting together a model of the body — really called for families to cooperate," said Michelle Manthe, director of the Sacramento-Central Armor Bearers Adventurers, who came with her family. "There were different skill levels involved, but we were all working together to one final goal."

Alexis Im and her mother Lilian work together to earn the Discovering Our Body award.





Stockton-Mayfair Church Hosts a Modern Tent Revival

Kimber Dailey

Last summer, the Stockton-Mayfair church hosted a weeklong tent revival and got a dose of that old time religion designed for today's generation.

"In the Storms of Life, There is an Anchor" was the theme for the meetings, which were held in a red and white, 40 by 80 foot tent on the property where Mayfair's new church will soon stand.

"Mayfair is committed to using every method available to reach souls for Christ," said Pastor Lanston Sylvester. "We conducted a tent meeting to try to cast out a net instead of fishing with poles."

Neighbors came from their houses and sat in their yards to see the services — full of lively music, joyful praise and heartfelt worship. "My favorite part of the week was to see people outside of their homes, sitting in their lounge chairs listening and participating in the service," said church member Stella

Marilyn Williams/Jerrels



People participate in the tent meetings from the nearby parking lot.

Williams. "I watched a young boy, about 10 or 12 years old, ride up on his bike and sit on his bike and listen to the whole service. People felt free to stop and listen without the pressure of commitment."

Speakers included Sylvester, NCC Ministerial Director Ivan Williams, Oakland-Grand Avenue church Assistant Pastor Dexter Thomas, NCC Executive Secretary Marc Woodson and NCC President Jim Pedersen.

The week was filled with programs and activities designed to make a positive impact and bridge the gap between the church and the community. Activities included

a Vacation Bible School program led by Lily Lusk and presentations from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University seminar. "I no longer envy others, because I see what the material things in life cost ... our family, freedom and mental well being at times," said Althea Kever, who attended the seminar.

Nurse Stephanie Walton presented the nightly "Health Spotlight," which focused on diabetes and high blood pressure. On Sabbath morning, Walton and others offered free health screenings.

The week ended with a grand finale as four people were baptized in a portable pool.

"God's Word never returns to Him void," said Sylvester. "I believe the meetings were a blessing to both the community and the members of the church."

Notice of Constituency Meeting of the Northern California Conference

Notice is hereby given that a regular session of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Pacific Union College Church in Angwin, Calif., on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last conference session; to elect for the ensuing session officers, department directors, the Bylaws Committee, and the Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

*James E. Pedersen, President
Marc Woodson, Executive Secretary*



Chowchilla Church Gets an Extreme Makeover Through Prayer

Caron Oswald

As long as I can remember I had struggled with glossophobia — fear of public speaking,” said Ed Walker. “I would break out in a cold sweat, my heart would race like a tiger was chasing me. It felt like I was going to stoke out at any minute.”

For years, pastors encouraged Walker to become a local church elder, but he always declined, convinced that wasn't his gift. But one day while he was knee deep in dirt, working on a piece of farm equipment, Elmer Koronko, pastor of the Chowchilla church, stopped by.

“I need you to be head elder this coming year,” he said, matter of factly. “If it wasn't for your own foolish pride and your worry about what people will think, you would do this.”

With fear and trembling, Walker accepted. “I was on the platform every Sabbath,” he said. “I kept telling others ‘I can't do this.’” People tried to convince him that being up front would get easier, but it didn't. One Sabbath, the phobia was so bad that he prayed “Lord, I'm sick and tired of this. You either fix this, or I quit!” Instantly, the fear was gone.

Real Mid-Week Prayer Meeting

In 2005, Walker's church pastor moved, and, as head elder, he had to take on more responsibility. Lisa, Ed's wife, suggested they attend a leadership training program at the conference office. There they

attended Janet Page's seminar on prayer.

“She took one look at me and said, ‘You don't want to be here, do you?’” said Walker. Then, with a smile, she gave him a pad and pencil and told him to pay attention and take notes. “I thought, ‘Fine, I'll listen, but I'm not taking notes!’”

During the seminar, Pastor Kenny Fraser shared stories of people who walked into his church as a result of prayer. Walker felt inspired.

“Lisa already had a small prayer group that met Sabbath afternoons,” he said. “We decided to move the group to Wednesday night and have a prayer meeting that really was a time of prayer. We prayed specifically for the Holy Spirit, for revival, for new people to come, for those who were not attending, and for workers for the harvest.” He also restructured the Sabbath service to include significant prayer time.

Congregation Doubles

The once thriving Chowchilla congregation, then 150 members, had dwindled to 40 regular attendees. “When we started praying, some members didn't like the new direction and moved their membership, decreasing our regular attendees by almost one-sixth,” explained Walker. “It's like a war, you take a step forward and the devil punches back. It's a real battle.”

But then new people started coming. “We would tell the guests, ‘We've been praying for you to come,’” said Walker. Each new face had an amazing story.

“The first was a couple in their mid-60s, she a former Adventist, he a Catholic,” remembered Walker.

“Next, a commercial pilot and his wife came. They'd been invited to our church by a friend in Oregon. They are now baptized members. Another new member has given out literature to every residence in Chowchilla four times.”

Many others started coming without invitation. Attendance is now between 80 and 100.

Members decided that every visitor should get at least one invitation to lunch at a member's home. On potluck Sabbaths, visitors are personally invited to come and sit with members. Members also give Bible studies.

“The nurture part of this whole thing is really an important issue,” said Walker. “It takes time and effort to keep them. The Lord cannot bring someone





into the church if the members are not ready to care for them.”

School Enrollment Doubles

Chowchilla’s two-teacher church school was the next prayer target. Enrollment had been holding at 20 students for years. The church began to pray that God would bring 30 students, but the numbers weren’t coming.

“It is so easy to doubt,” admits Walker. “But we remained faithful — to PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens).” Their persistence paid off. For the past three years, the school has had 35 to 40 students enrolled.

“When I look back, I can see that during that time, God had to change some things at the school

for us to grow,” said Walker. “It’s the same with the church, too.”

Walker says that the recipe for personal and corporate prayer is found in 2 Chronicles:7:13-14: “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Forty students fill the two-teacher Chowchilla Adventist Elementary School this year. Enrollment had been steady at 20 for years until the church members began to pray together for new students.





Camp Wawona Set to Begin Accredited Outdoor Education Program

Caron Oswald

The first time Elden Ramirez, CCC youth ministries director, visited Camp Wawona, he was awed by the beauty and the endless ministry opportunities.

“Camp Wawona, in the midst of Yosemite National Park, was the perfect place for an outdoor education program,” Ramirez says. “We were lacking structure and certified staff.”

While historically Camp Wawona was a popular destination for school groups, camp staff did not provide educational programming. Conference leaders embraced the vision and the advantages of Camp Wawona offering a nature-based curriculum.

“Developing an accredited outdoor education program would offer a unique experience within

our own camp,” said Ramiro Cano, conference executive secretary.

Three significant changes were necessary to develop an accredited outdoor education program.

First, all camp ministries, including programming, facilities and hiring for both year-round and summer camp would be under the umbrella of the youth department. The youth ministries director would also become the executive director of Camp Wawona. Ramirez became executive director in December 2008.

Second, the year-round staff would need degrees in outdoor education and had to be certified to teach, as well as be willing to perform the traditional staff duties, including house-keeping, laundry, grounds maintenance, etc. Anthony

Handal, year-round programming director, and Derek Wright, outdoor education director, were the first hired.

“Outdoor education strives to connect students with their Creator through the natural surroundings and hands-on experience,” Wright says.

Third, supplementing the remaining camp staff needs without altering the existing budget was essential.

“We were going to need more help and instructors,” Ramirez says. They contacted Adventist colleges and universities to request that Camp Wawona be on the list for student externships. Students usually select those destinations a year in advance.

By August 2009, four student missionaries had signed up. “Every employee has the certified training to assist teaching in the outdoor education program, along with all the other programs and needs at camp,” Ramirez says.

The new state-accredited program begins in March 2010. Ten schools have already registered for the four-day sessions that include subjects ranging from math to land navigation. Lesson plans are designed according to the California State Education Standards.

“How better to take the heart of the child to the very throne of God than through nature,” Cano says. “Through the sounds and sights of God’s creation, His majesty and power become real.”

For additional information, visit www.campwawona.org.

Camp Wawona year-round and outdoor education staff are pictured left to right: Ashley Angelo, Derek Wright (standing) Kristen Malerek, Ryan Kloosterhuis, Rachel Keele, Anthony Handal (kneeling), Donnie Keele, and Mary Ellen Barlow. Patricia Bair, head cook, is not pictured.





Keele Joins CCC as Associate Junior Youth Director

Caron Oswald

Donnie Keele's mission as Central California's new associate junior youth director is simple: lead our young people to be disciples for Jesus Christ. "Every program we do is simply an excuse to build relationships with our youth and make into disciples of Jesus," he says. He recognizes this is no easy task. "So many things compete for young people's attention. We have to capture their hearts and minds so they see a true Christian walk as a serious option for life."

Keele is responsible for assisting with the Adventure and Pathfinders Clubs, and a variety of other junior youth ministries. As a member of the leadership team, he will also help with summer camp programming and various youth events.

"It's fascinating working with people who are still growing and alive," says Keele of teens and pre-teens. "I love the age group. I love their vibrancy, joy and the way they live life to the max."

Keele discovered his love for youth ministry during college. A Communication major at Southern Adventist University (SAU), he took a year out as a student missionary. God sent him to Gem State Academy as assistant chaplain. He hung out, led vespers and did

outreach and Bible studies with them. When he returned to SAU, he knew his calling. Reaching young people for Jesus had become his new passion.

During the summer of 2007, he worked as camp videographer at Camp Wawona. After graduating in 2008 with a degree in Mass Communication and Media Production, and a minor in Religion, Keele worked at SAU as assistant chaplain for a year.

In May of 2009, he married his college sweetheart, Rachel Hopkins. Together they prayerfully considered two calls and felt God leading them to Camp Wawona. Rachel serves as Guest Services director.

"I'm young and inexperienced, but I'm ready to learn," says Keele. "I'm excited about where God's leading and amazed that He's using me in ways I never thought possible."



Donnie and Rachel Keele



SECC Youth Serve in Arizona and on the Gulf Coast

Jocelyn Fay

Four groups of academy students from Southeastern California conference went on mission trips in November, according to Rick Silvestri, associate youth ministries director.

Three groups went to New Orleans to assist with Hurricane Katrina cleanup; the fourth group drove to Holbrook Adventist Indian Mission School in Arizona to build a garage.

At Thanksgiving break during the previous five years, Silvestri explained, the conference youth ministries department has organized a mission trip to Mexico. Participation had grown to as high as 250 students and sponsors. Because of safety concerns, the planning team looked for an alternative location for the 2009 trip. Unable to find one that could accommodate such a large group, the team organized a trip to Holbrook, while four schools found locations for their students in Louisiana or Mississippi.

Approximately 50 percent of the travel funding and some project funding for those who went to the Gulf Coast came from the conference's Katrina relief fund, according to Thomas Staples, conference treasurer.

"There is something special about going on a mission trip just before Thanksgiving," Silvestri said. "The contrast between serving those in need and then seeing the abundance on our Thanksgiving table heightens our sense of gratitude for God's blessing in our lives."

Arizona

Thirty people from San Diego Academy and the Loma Linda Indonesian and San Diego South Bay churches went on the Holbrook trip. They settled in on Thursday, Nov. 19, after a drive of more than 500 miles. Friday morning they joined the school's students and faculty for brunch, then went to work on a four-car garage for the school's faculty to use. The foundation had been poured the week before, so it was ready to be framed up.

"Since many of the students had never been

on a mission trip before, it was exciting to see them learn how to pound a nail without bending it over," Silvestri said.

On Sabbath, the group participated in the worship service at the campus church. That afternoon they explored and hiked in the Petrified Forest National Park, 18 miles from the school.

"Sunday and Monday were long work days," said Silvestri. "Some of our students also did painting projects, helped assemble Thanksgiving baskets, and spread gravel. After breakfast on Tuesday the groups loaded up and headed home."

Mississippi

Seventy-five students from Loma Linda Academy and Redlands Adventist Academy traveled to Mississippi to help provide relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina. With the help of local individuals and organizations, student work teams learned about the crushing devastation that still lingers four years later; about the hospitality and resilience of people who have lost nearly everything yet continue on; and about working hard in construction, cleaning up and helping a survivor finally move into her new apartment.

The students put finishing touches on the home of a woman named Doris, pouring concrete and completing ramps and siding. Claudine Malimban, a sophomore at LLA, recalled: "A memory that had

La Sierra Academy student Maggie Matye takes "house guts" from apartments to waiting dumpsters. Her attitude of cheerful service typified the mood of the entire group. "We saw that we made a positive difference," she shared.





the most effect on me was when I saw our group carrying Doris in her wheelchair up the stairs to see her house because the cement was still wet. I walked into the house and saw her looking around. That really touched me.”

Another project was Theo’s house. Theo had lost almost everything, including his wife, as a result of Katrina. Jordan Harris, a sophomore at RAA, was impressed with Theo’s Southern hospitality: “We built a lean-to, cleared brush out of a backyard, and built a cement walkway. Theo and his sister were filled with joy and thankfulness.”

Students recounted learning new attitudes toward life, such as the importance of appreciating the things they have and not complaining. As LLA junior Vernée Norman put it, “I learned from [a woman we met] that things weren’t important and that we should treasure things that last, like relationships, especially our relationship with God.”

The group that went to Holbrook worshipped in the mission school’s church on Sabbath morning, then went hiking in the Petrified Forest National Park. Photo by Jesse Silvestri.

Louisiana: La Sierra Academy

“We usually go to Mexico, but this year, we chose to help with Hurricane Katrina cleanup, where help is still desperately needed,” shared Steve McClain, La Sierra Academy science teacher and coordinator for the school’s annual mission trip.

For six days, 58 students and 13 adult supervisors helped clean a flood-damaged 20-unit apartment complex adjacent to the canals. The

apartments had been given to the local Baptist church to create transition housing. The bottom floor, flooded and mildewed, needed materials hauled out. The second floor hadn’t been damaged, but the occupants had left and never returned, leaving behind personal effects. Although looters had trashed the rooms, there were still poignant reminders that humans had lived there and left in haste.

“When I walked into the abandoned apartments, I was moved by the personal belongings left behind,” shared senior Gabriela Bolivar. “I was moved specifically by the pictures. These

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Rick Silvestri and Chip Gifford work on the garage at Holbrook Adventist Indian Mission School.



Loma Linda and Redlands Adventist academy students helped a woman who lost her home during Hurricane Katrina move into her new apartment. Standing are Elizabeth Rempel, Stephen Lawson, Shandelle Lasta, Andrew Kim, and Ryan Elsmann; seated are Jenny Clegg, Jaci Shultz, and Chris Lawrence.



Chris Dudley

people left not only their belongings behind, but the evidence of memories and happier times.”

“Before coming here to New Orleans, the hurricane was only a statistic to me,” said sophomore Sarah Lancaster. “But I got to meet the people and realize there is a human side to this disaster.”

“Our group’s stated mission, our purpose, was to assist in cleanup,” affirmed McClain. “But we want most of all to create a mission mind-set in our students. And if we don’t create that service-oriented mission mind-set now, they’ll think of disasters on the other side of the world, or even in the States, as someone else’s problem. But our students worked hard, found their personal source of strength, and in so doing, came back to LSA changed.”

Jesse Silvestri



Louisiana: Escondido Adventist Academy

“I knew this was an experience in which I would witness God to others. Little did I know that I would be the one who would be witnessed to, and by the people I least expected,” said Amanda Navarrete. She is an Escondido Adventist Academy student who went to New Orleans with 51 other students and nine adults.

“For the first day, I went through the motions. Tape up walls. Paint. Tape up more walls. We were painting the New Orleans Seventh-day Adventist K-8 school. The day seemed endless, and I questioned why God led me there.

“My turnaround came on Sunday, the third day on the mission trip. We were sent to downtown New Orleans with \$5 to spend on lunch. But the lunch wouldn’t be for us. It’d be for a homeless person that we asked to lunch. We were to hang out with them and talk.”

Many of the students on the Holbrook trip had never been on a mission trip before and had never learned to pound nails. These young women are nailing siding in place on the garage their group constructed.

Navarrete continued, “My friend Karissa and I finally got a man to agree to get some lunch. When we gave him the sandwich, he immediately started to share with others. He explained, ‘If I share with others, I’m doing something good. And if I do something good, that will come back at me. It’s a cycle.’ This blew me away.

“After we said our goodbyes, as we were walking, a man called out, ‘U.S. veteran, homeless. Please help.’ Enter witnesses number two and three. These two men had been on the streets for a while and were extremely grateful for the sandwich and our company. After telling about their tragedies, they started talking about God and how we need to put all our trust in Him. They strengthened my faith so much more than I would have thought possible. I saw God working through them. I saw the other side.”

For information on future mission trips and to see a video of the Holbrook trip, go to seccyouth.com and under the Ministries tab click Power Mission Trip.

Doug Herrmann, Rick Silvestri, Judith Nelson, and Amanda Navarrete contributed to this article.



LLA Fifth-Graders Aid Tsunami Victims

Shawna Campbell

Tuesday morning, Sept. 29, 2009, was the beginning of an ordinary day in Loma Linda. But that morning, many miles away in the Samoan Islands, tsunami waves struck, taking many lives.

One student in Fabiola Guzman's fifth-grade classroom at Loma Linda Academy learned that family friends were missing on one of the islands. This heightened all the students' concerns for the Samoan people. The children prayed with Guzman; then they brainstormed how to help provide the children of Samoa with clean clothes, comfortable shoes and new toys.

Guzman contacted the parents of her student, and with their help they planned an emergency collection to take place in only 48 hours — a challenging, but not impossible, task for one teacher and 26 students.

The children quickly created more than 50 posters to put up on all three LLA campuses, requesting

clothing, towels, shoes, blankets, food, money, and of course, prayers. The students were awed as their prayers were answered. With the help of church members Meshach and Linda Soli, from the Yucaipa Samoan church, Guzman's class gathered enough items to fill a 40-foot container that was shipped out October 15 to the Samoas-Tokelau Mission in Apia, Samoa.

"It felt so good to be able to help someone we don't even know," said fifth-grader Sidney Puni. "I was happy that so many things were collected to help my people, the Samoans. This service learning project helped me to learn that we might not have silver or gold, but we do have clothing and other things that people need more than we do and we should share."

The students wrote in their Bible journals how they felt about what they had learned from this project. "We began by telling other people our plan," wrote Alexa Zuti. "Then

we passed out notes and put up posters with all the information. It was nice that people really cared about Samoa, and they were



Mia Santiago holds the poster she made that asks for donations to help the Samoan tsunami victims.

willing to give their things to help people they didn't know. I truly enjoyed this activity."

Meshach and Linda Soli have helped provide feedback and communication to Guzman's class from family and friends connected with the mission office in Samoa. They discovered that the mission itself was spared from any major damage; however, many people who work or attend there or live nearby suffered severe losses.

The mission developed a method of fair distribution when the container from LLA arrived along with two other containers. The appreciation and thanks were overwhelming and were passed on to the class through the Solis.

"Service learning projects are such a big part of what we do and who we are here at LLA, especially when the students come up with the idea and make things happen themselves," said Datha Tickner, vice principal. "This will be an experience this fifth-grade class will never forget."

Photos by Shawna Campbell



Fabiola Guzman (second row, red shirt) with her fifth graders from Loma Linda Elementary show some of the posters the class made and a sample of the bags of clothing and toys they collected for the Samoan Adventist mission.



Congregation Celebrates Jewish Holidays

Alan Reinach

Congregation Beth Ohavey Torah celebrated Hanukkah in December at the Thousand Oaks church with a party, traditional foods, music, stories and games. In retelling the Hanukkah story and the miracle of the restoration of the temple, the speaker reflected on how Adventists are called to restore God's name and His true Temple today.

Congregation Beth Ohavey Torah ("the house of those who love the Torah"), a ministry of the church in Thousand Oaks, follows a traditional Jewish liturgy to provide opportunities for Jews and Christians to worship together and learn from one another.

This past year, services conducted for Passover, Rosh Hashana and Hanukkah brought Adventist members and their Jewish friends to enjoy deeply spiritual worship services, together with gourmet Jewish cooking courtesy of Christa Reinach.

For the Feast of Trumpets, the blowing of the shofar occurred four times during the service, with worship leader Reinach noting that each blast corresponds to the four final messages of the angels of Revelation 14 and 18. As Rosh Hashana calls Jews to repent before an annual Day of Atonement, so too, the antitype calls on the whole world to repent in anticipation of Judgment Day. Thus, the speaker concluded, "This holiday is a wonderful opportunity for Adventists



C. Elwyn Platner

(L. to r.) Danielle and Elizabeth Dexter, Rachel Hyman and Eli Reinach enjoy a dreidel game at the 2009 Hanukkah party.

to review our prophetic calling and ministry, and to teach our children what we believe."

Consistent with Adventist doctrine and policy, the Congregation Beth Ohavey Torah does not advocate that the biblical feasts be "kept" or "must" be observed in a legal sense. Instead, the feasts become opportunities for fellowship, spiritual insight and blessing.

"I have enjoyed attending some of the services at Beth Ohavey and the High Holiday celebrations," said Nancy Vargas. "I appreciate the Sabbath happiness and calmness that this congregation has shown,

and the sense of openness and acceptance for people who have questions. The 'please come as you are' attitude is a nice experience when visiting a church."

The congregation began 2010 eager for the arrival of Paul Lippi from New York to lead out in weekly services. Recording artist Rachel Hyman will assist as cantor for the congregation by combining music ministry and Bible work (www.racheljoyhyman.com).

To join the group's email list and receive notices of scheduled services, e-mail ajreinach@gmail.com.



Church Marks 50th year and a Pastor's Passion for Evangelism

Betty Cooney

The Valley Crossroads Church celebrated its 50th anniversary with joy — and with tears for the loss of beloved senior pastor, Reginald Robinson, who recently passed away. “Though our hearts are heavy,” said Pastor Benjamin McPhaull, “we have the blessed hope that one day we will see our pastor and others who have died in Christ.”

Morning presentations mingled fond recollections of the church's history with looking forward in mission; quotes reflected Robinson's passion for evangelism. “Our purpose for being in the neighborhood for 50 years is not simply to come to church,” he had said. “I want to make this church into an evangelistic center.”

That determination resounded throughout the day, with members and leaders accepting the theme as their calling.

“As this church moves more toward being an evangelistic center,” said personal ministry director Edly Atherley, “we pledge that this church will do His work in this neighborhood.”

Head elder Richard Davis, Sr., provided a historical overview, from the church's start in a rented pink church. “We needed a place on our own,” he said, “but we were a small group. Pastor Robert Andrews was able to purchase and build. Then the State of California had to have that property. ‘The Lord is leading — there's a cloud over Israel,’ he said. When it lifted, the people moved. When it settled over a pasture, what were we going to do?”

Pastor James Middleton led the church in purchasing its current

site. “The Lord directed us to this strategic corner,” noted Davis.

“No doubt we are in the midst of a battle,” McPhaull reflected when introducing the morning speaker. “This week, as many of us had a desire to lay down our weapons, Elder C. D. Brooks — a four-star general in battle — reminded, ‘Jesus has already won the battle!’”

“Plans were made for the Revelation seminar held just before this anniversary celebration,” said Brooks. “After our pastor's death, it was suggested that we could put these plans off. Pastor Robinson was already planning a spring campaign two weeks before his illness. We must celebrate that by accepting that mission and carry on the work that he began.”

(L. to r.) Local elders Howard Cush and David Perkins; Interim Pastor Benjamin T. McPhaull; C.D. Brooks, evangelist and founder, Breath of Life Television; Adolphus Garnett, Greater Los Angeles Region director; local elders Mark Minor, Cesar Cerna and Timothy Simpson; Frederick Settle, director of music.

Betty Cooney





Burbank Church Invites Community to Centennial Events

Betty Cooney

Jan Kaatz



A Burbank resident shows off the free backpack she received at the Fun Family Festival.

The Burbank church held its 100th anniversary celebration service Nov. 21, 2009. Pastor Jan Kaatz and the centennial committee leadership planned the centennial with an outreach focus. “We did not want to look back,” said Kaatz. “We wanted to take this opportunity to forge ahead and bring this gospel message to the city of Burbank.” The church is celebrating with monthly community service events for its Burbank neighborhood between August 2009 and July 2010.

“To make the connections in planning and hosting 12 events for

the Burbank community, and to be able to connect with city officials, has been a very rewarding experience,” said Kaatz.

Brad Newton, Pacific Union executive secretary, spoke at the anniversary service. “There was a social impact of the gospel. The message of the Good Samaritan story - that we are all one - challenges us today,” he added. “No place on earth can this be modeled better than in the church. We won’t do it perfectly, but we strive.”

The anniversary year kicked off in September 2009 with an outdoor Family Fun Festival, offering

carnival-type games, food, prizes and free school backpacks to the first 100 kids arriving. Successive events announced to the community addressed various community concerns: personal safety, health, marital relationships, jobs and more.

“A church neighbor came to the festival and other events with her three children,” said Ellen Kaatz. “She also has visited our church a few times. She told me, ‘I like the feeling I get at your church. No one minds when my kids are being kids, and I appreciate that when I come to church, the whole church is friendly to me.’”

As outreach coordinator of a community-oriented congregation, LaViva Primm is heavily involved in the anniversary events. “The Family Fun Festival drew the largest attendance ever, including about 100 children,” she said. “One family had such a good time they didn’t want to go home!”

“I am grateful to belong to a church that is celebrating its anniversary with the community. It is a gift to be able to help people from so many different walks of life.”

“Many people from the community accepted the glow sticks we handed out for Halloween,” said Rhoda Arriola, “and returned later for the Christian magician show we sponsored as a safe alternative activity.”



Santa Clarita Evangelism Focuses on Children

Greg Hoenes

Santa Clarita church children's ministry director Debbie Hittle launches the children's ministry section of the church's website (santaclarita.adventistfaith.org) by affirming the church's commitment to the spiritual development of children. "Based on the realization that parents are the primary spiritual mentors for their children, our children's ministry programs minister to families as well as children," she said.

"With Barna's research finding that 93 percent of 13-year-olds identified themselves as Christians*," said Pastor Greg Hoenes, "the church agreed our time and evangelistic dollars would be best spent evangelizing children."

The church hired Hittle half-time, updated nursery/mother's facilities, and invested time to develop programs for children. "Seeing families with young children become active as members and helping with the ministry is gratifying," Hittle said. "Non-Adventist spouses have gotten involved.

"With the church's long-term commitment to children's ministry, many teens in high school and college help with children's ministry when they are home. This shows continuity of effect. We believe commitment to provide for

children's needs with age-appropriate programs from birth to youth has made our church connected and complete as it grows."

From four to eight leaders per Sabbath school division were recruited to improve supervision and elevate security, reducing class cancellations and increasing teacher diversity.

The church engaged childcare providers, creating "Jesus' Kids Daycare" for ages 1 to 5, allowing parents to focus on the worship service. Biweekly, a "Children's Sanctuary: Hands-On Church" for ages 4 to 6 and 6 to 9 offers a Bible story, hands-on material and more.

"I teach an annual baptismal prep class and Kids in Discipleship, a preparatory program focusing on parent mentoring for children's spiritual formation," the pastor noted. "Our current cycle involves a parent-training course and nine

months meeting weekly with families. VBS programs appeal to families struggling to attach to a church, with tangible benefit to youth volunteers."

Rebekah Cassell and Melody Cardenas co-lead the Adventurer program added to complement Santa Clarita's strong Pathfinder club. "Parents involved teach what we know. Instruction is God-centered and so integral to our growth," explained Cassell. "We are an active Adventurer club to keep our church going."

"The church has grown from 243 to 304 in five years," added Hoenes. "Our children virtually are all being baptized before age 14, staying through as involved youth. This is definitely working for us!"

**"Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions," page 33, George Barna.*

Rebekah Cassell



Adventurer Jacob Scotto calls 911 to aid victim B. Scott Cassell, and Linda Scotto receives triage during a class teaching children how to respond in an emergency.

Samoan Evangelism on Oahu Impacted by Lavea'i Ministries

Faatupu Roe & Lorilynn Laupola

Lavea'i Ministries, a newly formed evangelism ministry team based in Sacramento, Calif., plans to take an active role in evangelism among the Samoan communities in North America and potentially the South Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand. Pastor Fred Toailoa founded and directs of Lavea'i Ministries.

One of the group's first areas of focus is Hawaii. "The members of Lavea'i Ministries are deeply inspired by the growth potential in the Samoan communities in Hawaii," explains Toailoa. "We are confident that God is using Lavea'i Ministries in a powerful way. Lavea'i Ministries are primarily made up of lay men and women who have dedicated their lives to changing lives and winning souls for the kingdom."

Lavea'i Ministries, in cooperation with Pastor Siasoi Tolai of the Waipahu Samoan church and Pastor Mike Asuega of the Samoan-Tokelau church, has led 49 people to commitment through baptism. "We come out to a church, or some other location, ahead of time in order to provide evangelism and training for church members," explains Sue Viko, Lavea'i Ministries Bible worker. "We then participate in home visitations to meet and greet, build relationships, and provide Bible studies with community members with the hope of building trusting relationships."



Candidates prepare for baptism.

Workers use materials translated into the Samoan language to reach the Samoan communities through Bible studies and public evangelism.

The ministry hopes to break the barriers of subcultures, generation gaps and changes within the Samoan culture itself, says Toailoa.



Notice of Constituency Meeting of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Quadrennial Constituency Meeting of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 25, 2010, at Hawaiian Mission Academy, 1438 Pensacola Street, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports, to elect conference officers and the Executive Committee, and to transact other business as may properly come before the constituency meeting.

Each organized church shall be represented by one (1) delegate and one (1) additional delegate for each forty (40) members, or major fraction thereof.

*Ralph S. Watts III, President
Robert H. Lloyd, Executive Secretary*



SSAS Students Volunteer at a Tahoe Wildlife Center

Claritza Karry

On Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, the students of Silver State Adventist School in Reno had the opportunity to participate in their first community service project at Wildlife Center, Inc.

Staff and parent volunteers drove the students about an hour to North Lake Tahoe where the shelter is located. There students cleaned animal cages, improved the grounds, cleaned cabins, changed signs and held different animals. "It felt great knowing that I helped some animals for the winter," said seventh-grader Julie Beckett.

The students learned about the shelter, which takes in abandoned and hurt animals, rehabilitates them, and eventually releases them back into forest. The center invited the students to come back twice a year. "It was really cool helping out," said fifth-grader Bryana Bustillos.

"We want the community to know that SSAS is a lighthouse on top of the hill shining for Jesus," said Claritza Karry (principal/teacher).



Tasks included cleaning inside and out.

Sparks Commits to Family Ministry for 2010

David Solomon Hall, Sr.

The Sparks, Nev., church has a new Family Ministries director, and with her comes a renewed focus for those needs. "When I was asked to serve as Family Ministries director, before I could even respond, ideas for the upcoming year began to flood my mind," says Connie Hall. She chose "2010: Our Marriages are Going to Win!" as the theme for the year.

Hall has scheduled date nights, book clubs, seminars and much more for the year. The January event, held New Year's Day, attracted 14 couples. The prayer and dedication service, based on Proverbs 16:3, focused on committing each

marriage to God. Couples came to participate in a prayer and dedication service with the focus being to commit their marriages to God in 2010. "Commit your plans to the Lord and they will be successful," the verse commands.

The service began with a welcome, prayer, singing and a reading from a book about doing the right thing. "Last night, my wife and I went home smiling," reported head elder Kenneth Dupree, Sr., during church the next day. "What a wonderful experience!"

"Thank you for a marvelous program and for encouraging us to commit our marriages to the Lord," said Mayra Lindberg.

"We are very excited," said Leah Dupree. "In 2010, Leah and Kenny Dupree Jr.'s marriage is going to win."



Russell and Mayra Lindberg brought baby Lucas to the event.



Telethon Raises \$86,000 for MAS-TV

Phil Draper

Phoenix airwaves are now saturated with the gospel message in both English and Spanish through two new Adventist television stations.

The 150,000 watt MAS-TV (Mas Alla Del Sol Television) reaches 150,000 Hispanics in the greater Phoenix area via cable. Financial donations from members and viewers keep these stations on the air.

Currently, programming consists of content from 3ABN, HOPE TV and LLBN, plus some local programs. Future plans call for having recording capabilities in the Chandler church and another in one of the west churches where local programs can be featured.

During recent economic downturns, budgeting has been challenging, and management is looking for creative ways to attract new, regular donors for the stations.

Pastor Giovanys Quintero proposed to the MAS-TV television board that they host a telethon to raise money for the station. After



Jose Marin, Hispanic coordinator for the Arizona Conference, prepares for the telethon that raised \$86,000 for MAS-TV.

prayerful consideration, the board said, "Let's go for it!"

A special committee was commissioned to work on the telethon for the Spanish station, which began broadcasting in August 2009. The Dec. 12 event, uplinked live via satellite, attracted 1,000 people to the Phoenix Central Spanish church. More than 100 people worked as volunteers. Pathfinder clubs helped to facilitate parking,

take care of the children, and see that crowd control was in place.

Valeria Estrada and Dr. Carlos Lopez; Isabel Fritzler and Fernando Dominguez; Daylin Ruiz and Tony Avila; and Cinthia Riffel and Pastor Giovanys Quintero hosted the program. One pair worked each of the four hours. While one person introduced the guest singers, the other promoted and tracked donations.

Guest performers included Jose O'Campo from California, Tony Avila from California, Evidence from Texas, Junior Kelly Marchena from Florida and Marissa Martinez from Arizona. Local churches also provided talent.

Jose Marin, Arizona Hispanic coordinator, was excited as he watched the telethon hosts telling real stories



Singers for the telethon included Marissa Martinez (center) and many nationally known and local performers.



Co-hosts Giovanys Quintero and Cinthia Riffel encourage viewers to call in their pledges.

of how people's lives had been changed because of the stations, as well as the mission of the stations. "There is so much work to be done, and people are eager to support this television outreach, even in these troubled economic times," he said.

Marchena challenged the viewers: "Who wants to donate \$1,000? Bring your offerings to God who gives us everything, and we give Him so little in return." As a result, several viewers who were watching the telethon called in to donate \$1,000 each.

He then challenged, "I need seven people who want to give \$5,000 to Jesus!" Eight people accepted his invitation.

Marchena used some very direct appeals. He told how God impressed him in a California meeting that there was a lady who was about to enter the church. She had \$7,000 and would bring all that money to God at that telethon. A call came

in, and a woman exclaimed, "Yes, I am that lady!"

A viewer called in wanting to give a laptop computer to be sold for the telethon. Two people donated automobiles.

An elderly lady decided to give \$5,000. "I don't know how I am going to reach this promise," she said. "Work is not good. This promise will help me have more faith and be closer to God."

By the close of the telethon, more than \$11,000 was donated in cash and \$75,000 in pledges.

Some feel their donations had an immediate, tangible return. After the telethon, a member who owns an auto repair shop in Phoenix attended a special dinner hosted by MAS-TV for Hispanic professionals. At the dinner, he decided to give an additional \$1,000.

A few days later, the Hispanic ministries department of the conference received a phone call from someone at a large English-speaking church asking for the name of the mechanic. They were looking for an honest mechanic to recommend to their members.

"In these times, it is unsafe to leave our children alone in front of the television," explained Marin. "MAS-TV reaches Phoenix Hispanics with reliable, educational, varied and inspiring programming suited for all ages. We provide a respectful Christian approach to physical,

mental, social, spiritual and family life."

Local programs will cover the following topics: customs, culture, sports, education, spirituality, geography, history, Christian research, youth, women, crafts, motivation, Christian music, kids programs, healthy lifestyle and more.

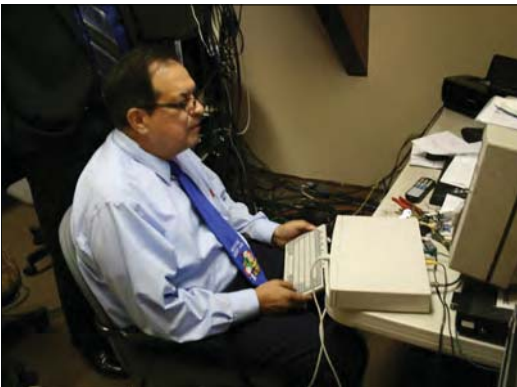
"The new programs are in their beginning stages," Marin continues. "The scripts are being planned and the human resources and needed equipment are being put in place. The production equipment is working with very limited resources and the help of volunteers. As a non-profit organization, our channel is supported by gifts. We hope viewers will want to make a difference in their community by helping with this outreach."

Programming is also available online at www.masalladelsol.tv.



Marta Gervasio

Gabe Romero lends his technical expertise to both Hispanic and English-speaking Adventist television stations in Phoenix.



Phil Dropper

LLU School of Nursing Professors Research Diabetes Management in Local Community

Dustin R. Jones

New research conducted by Loma Linda University School of Nursing professors is helping to uncover the growing burden of diabetes in the United States.

Edelweiss Ramal, Ph.D., R.N., assistant professor of nursing, School of Nursing, presented the initial findings of her research, titled “Barriers to Diabetes Self-Care Management in Latinos in San Bernardino, California,” at the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle in Geneva, Switzerland, in July 2009.

Ramal’s study qualitatively identified barriers to lifestyle changes that promote self-care management in Latino diabetic persons. These are individuals who have been referred to and/or attended part or all of the diabetes classes at SACHS-Norton Clinic in San Bernardino.

According to Ramal, the escalating rate of diabetes among Latinos is alarming.

“The incidence of diabetes is increasing dramatically in the community of San Bernardino,” she says.

Latinos represent the largest ethnic group (46 percent) in San Bernardino (U.S. Census Bureau, 2006). A group of master of public health degree students conducted a needs assessment at a local clinic for this at-risk group. This was followed up with observations made by the investigators while conducting diabetes classes among this population. Both interactions indicate the need for a contextualized lifestyle approach to diabetes management.

“We want people to learn to control their diabetes,” says Ramal. “It requires a change in lifestyle that is often difficult. This includes building a support group and other activities so that they don’t feel isolated.”

Data was obtained over 12 months by audio taping focus group discussions of two to eight participants per group, with a total of 30 to 40 participants. The discussions were guided by a theory-based protocol and moderated by the investigators. The data was transcribed for analysis without associating personal

information of participants other than general data, such as venue of focus group, date, total number of women and men, age range, and number of classes attended.

Ramal hopes that their research can improve diabetes education for this at-risk group.

“Our findings show me that we need to dig deeper and continue this research,” she says.

Previously, the clinic offered individual education for adults and children as part of its health education services. These services include information on hypertension, lipid management, weight management, and general nutrition. The education classes help to improve the level of diabetes self-care related to lifestyle. The group is also currently in the planning stages to begin teaching courses at La Escuelita, a project of the LLU Community-Academic Partners in Service program, in order to benefit members of the community who may not be clients of the clinic.

The educators have also added meal planning and food demonstrations with a high-fiber, low-fat, plant-based diet as part of the program.

Ramal is excited about the future of this program and is currently working on an article about the findings, in addition to a research grant.

“I have always had a passion for educating others on diabetes and diabetes management,” she says.

Lead investigator Edelweiss Ramal, Ph.D., R.N. (standing, right), assistant professor of nursing, School of Nursing, listens as Raquel Garcia leads one of the test groups in food preparation. Also pictured is Kathie Ingram, M.S., R.N. (sitting, second from right), associate professor of nursing.



LLU School of Nursing

Businesses, Students Mix It Up at Meet the Firms

Darla Martin Tucker

Business graduate student Patricia Green handed out résumés to three different prospective employers on Oct. 29, 2009. But she didn't have to travel far.

Accounting firm Eadie and Payne, LLP, investment firm Edward Jones, and payroll outsourcing firm Paychex, whom Green approached for possible employment, were all represented at the La Sierra University School of Business event called "Meet the Firms." The annual affair is a business mixer for students where they can learn the ropes of mingling with the corporate world and where companies seek candidates for jobs and internships.

Green, who is studying general management, law and policy, attended Meet the Firms "to hopefully seek employment and to become knowledgeable of the opportunities that are out there," she said.

She was among roughly 100 students from the university's School of Business who converged on the event held at the LSU Alumni Center. They arrived dressed in their business best, résumés in hand, hoping to land jobs or internships.

In all, about 37 companies in accounting, finance, management and other fields sent representatives to talk to La Sierra students during Meet the Firms, providing a chance for students to brush up against the world of business, build conversational skills and network.

Businesses and organizations represented included Adventist

Health System, Northwestern Mutual, FMC Financial Management, Milan Capital Management, Sunbelt Business Brokers, Riverside Habitat for Humanity, the City of Riverside, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Paychex. Adventist Health from Florida and Kettering Medical Center each held separate meet-and-greet events for the students in the days following Meet the Firms. Adventist Health from Northern California held a recruiting event Nov. 18 for accounting majors, seeking to fill full-time positions and summer internships.

The School of Business requires juniors and seniors to attend Meet the Firms. Freshmen and sophomores may attend to earn colloquium credits, said Cheryl Bauman, student services coordinator for the School of Business.

"I haven't done this before so it's real world experience to meet people who might be your employer," said Alexandre Schmidt, a junior political economy and marketing major.

"It's a little overwhelming. But it's a great experience talking to prospects. Being able to network helps you out," said sophomore Ricky Kim. He's majoring in religious studies and pre-dentistry, but is considering switching out pre-dent for a marketing degree. He's looking for summer internships "out in the real world" and discovered possibilities at Loma Linda University and Adventist Health System.



Nathan Vigna
Nearly 100 business students converged on the LSU Alumni Center last October to meet representatives from approximately 37 companies. The students used the annual Meet the Firms event to hand out résumés and hone their business networking skills.

Todd C. Landry, a partner with the Ontario office of Redlands-based accounting firm Eadie and Payne, LLP, fielded questions and collected resumes from eager young students. Landry was looking to fill two or three staff accounting positions that pay approximately \$21 to \$22 an hour, he said.

It was the company's first experience recruiting at Meet the Firms. "It's very nice. This is a nice event," Landry commented. Landry is one of seven partners at the Inland Empire firm of Eadie and Payne. The accounting organization learned about Meet the Firms through one of La Sierra's business school graduates, Liam Pillay, who works at Eadie and Payne as a staff accountant.



Community Members and Employees Support Adventist Health Hospitals

Shawna Malvini

In times of economic uncertainty, when some families are faced with the decision to put food on the table or pay bills, it is hard to think about charity. And yet, from food to health care, many of America's non-profit organizations provide vital services for their communities. Adventist Health is no different. Every year, the company and its hospitals provide millions of dollars in free and reduced-cost health care, more than \$310 million in 2008*.

While charities across the country are seeing reduced giving, as much as 10 to 20 percent according to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, Adventist Health has been blessed by many gifts, large and small. Every dollar given and every minute spent volunteering represents resources that help further the company's mission.

St. Helena Hospital Receives Largest Donation in History

Some people just love to help out and have volunteerism deeply ingrained. One such person is St. Helena resident Mabel Johnson. A long-time volunteer, Johnson

has logged more than 3,500 hours at St. Helena Hospital, most recently managing the Northern California hospital's Volunteer Project Center. But she wanted to do more.

And so, in the latter part of 2009, Johnson and her late husband, Wayne, made an \$8 million gift to the St. Helena Hospital Foundation. The Johnsons' gift, an irrevocable trust to benefit St. Helena Hospital, represents the largest charitable contribution in the hospital's history.

"My late husband, Wayne, and I cherish this community, which has been home for more than 80 years," said Johnson, a volunteer at the hospital since 1996. "There are not many organizations that can benefit everyone, but St. Helena Hospital is one that can. Providing this gift was an ideal choice for us because the hospital is so central to the lives of so many residents."

"Having an excellent hospital is a huge advantage, not only for our local community, but for the whole region as well," she said.

The Johnsons' commitment to the community is to help maintain the most advanced technology at St. Helena Hospital through the future purchase of new medical equipment and information technology, explained Elaine John, president/CEO of the St. Helena Hospital Foundation.

"Mabel and Wayne's extraordinary gift will help ensure that patients and families continue to experience the high quality health care rarely seen in a community of our size," John said. "We owe them a great deal for their vision, planning and articulate giving."

In recognition of their generosity, the hospital is naming its newest building the Johnson Pavilion. The 24,000-square-foot structure houses the Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center and the Pavilion Surgery Center.

"We are overwhelmed and forever grateful," said Terry Newmyer, president/CEO, St. Helena Hospital. "The Johnsons' exceptional generosity will benefit our community for many years to come. Their spirit of community involvement is a model for us all."

Mabel Johnson seals her commitment to an \$8 million gift to the SHH Foundation. Pictured from left, Chuck McMinn, chair, SHH Foundation; Mabel Johnson; Elaine John, president/CEO, SHH Foundation; and Terry Newmyer, president and CEO of SHH/SHC.





SJCH President and CEO Bob Beehler speaks at the grand opening celebration for the Aera Clinic, the outpatient portion of the Grossman Burn Center.

San Joaquin Community Hospital Receives Major Donation for Burn Center

Committed to providing burn care for Kern County residents, in 2009, San Joaquin Community Hospital partnered with the Los Angeles-based Grossman Burn Center to develop state-of-the-art inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities in the Bakersfield hospital. With a fundraising goal of \$1.5 million to support the project, the hospital team was overjoyed when Occidental Petroleum Corporation offered a gift of \$200,000 in early November.

SJCH Vice President Jarrod McNaughton thanked the oil company for its generosity, noting the gift brought the hospital development fund to \$1.2 million, just shy of its target.

“It’s really huge for our community,” McNaughton said. “A world-class burn center will help families of burn victims avoid frequent and expensive trips to distant facilities and also provide immediate, top-level care for patients.”

The inpatient burn center, a permanent five-bed facility, is already up and running on the third floor of the hospital’s south tower. The Aera Clinic, an outpatient facility, provides necessary follow-up treatment. Previously, patients would travel to either Fresno or Los Angeles to receive care.

Mission in Action

Community members and organizations aren’t the only ones helping to continue the mission of Adventist Health. Every day employees, physicians and volunteers band together to give back to their communities.

Want to get involved? All 17 Adventist Health hospitals appreciate volunteers! Check out their respective web sites by visiting www.adventisthealth.org.

* Facts taken from the 2008 Adventist Health Annual Report, the most recent information available. To see the report, visit www.adventisthealth.com.

- Adventist Health Central Valley Network employees and physicians from the Community Care Dinuba,



Caruthers and Selma Central clinics provided more than 700 Thanksgiving meals to patients in need this holiday season.

- On Oahu, a single mother and her family enjoyed a safer and more comfortable holiday season, thanks to Castle Medical Center associates and the facility’s community service Kahiau Project. Thirty-five hospital associates, friends and family members gave many hours of their time and talents to make much-needed repairs to the family’s home.
- Employees, physicians and volunteers at Feather River Hospital made sure that Paradise, Calif., families were well stocked over the holidays. The hospital’s annual Gift of Giving Campaign funded approximately 240 meal boxes, each containing supplies for a complete Thanksgiving dinner.
- Simi Valley Hospital and other local businesses joined forces to provide ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal for more than 1,000 needy families. Hospital employees also helped prepare and distribute the meals to the Southern California residents.
- Sonora Regional Medical Center staff donated more than 24,000 pounds of food to Sierra foothill food banks as part of the Food for Families holiday drive.
- White Memorial Medical Center Foundation Board members and volunteers collected more than 5,000 toys for the Los Angeles hospital to give to local children and children treated in Cleft Palate, Pediatrics, Emergency and NICU during the holiday season.



Ed Fergusson Joins PARL as Associate Director



Ed Fergusson

Alan J. Reinach

The Pacific Union Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty formally welcomed Ed Fergusson as its newest member Dec. 1, 2009. He'll serve as associate director for the department and legislative affairs director for the Church State Council.

Fergusson holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and a B.A. in theology from Pacific Union College. He began working for the Northern California Conference in 1981 as a pastoral intern in Hayward. After completing his degree at Andrews, he worked in evangelism in Chicago and Sacramento. He has served as pastor in the Alturas/Surprise Valley District, Alameda, Tracy and most recently Roseville. While serving in Alameda, Fergusson worked with lay people to establish the East Bay Chinese church and the San Leandro Fil/Am church. In 2001, Fergusson became the assistant to the president of Northern California Conference.

Fergusson has been married to Anne (Hoellig) for 28 years. They have identical twin sons, Michael and Joseph, who are graduates of Pacific Union College with plans to begin Loma Linda Medical School next fall. Anne is a retired nurse. The Fergussons make their home in North Natomas near Sacramento. In his spare time, Fergusson loves to explore back-roads and hiking trails.

Fergusson says he is determined that in every interaction with people, they will be encouraged to a closer

relationship with Christ. "My passion is to build up God's kingdom," says Fergusson. "Earthly governments are temporary, but God's kingdom is forever. I hope that in the work I do at California's capitol, I can make a kingdom impact for God.

"Religious Liberty is too often seen as a cause unto itself. This work is about the freedom to lift up Jesus as the answer to our world's problems. Look at countries that lack our basic rights. How is Jesus to be shared without freedom?"

"These are important times regarding the erosion of freedom

and especially religious liberty. I am excited to have the opportunity to be involved in this critical work at this hour of history."

In addition to monitoring legislation in the five states of the Pacific Union, Fergusson will be working to build a grassroots response ability that could effectively impact both state and national legislation.

Church State Council Launches New Website

Ed Fergusson

The Church State Council has launched its brand new website, designed to be a gateway to all things related to religious liberty. Need help with a Sabbath work problem? Want the latest news on legislative initiatives? All this and more is available online at www.churchstate.org.

Through the website, visitors can catch up on the latest developments in religious liberty legislation, download podcasts of Freedom's Ring Radio broadcasts, or read blogs by leaders in the field. They can also see a calendar of upcoming events or schedule a speaker for a church or community. Sample letters are available for pastors or church members dealing with Sabbath work problems. The Urgent Actions Required section explains how to get involved with religious liberty initiatives.

Visitors may sign up for Liberty Bell, the e-mail newsletter of the Church State Council. And they can join the North American Religious Liberty Association. The website also has an extensive resource area where visitors can purchase books, DVDs, brochures and other materials for their own education or to share with others. There is even a section dealing with urban legends about religious freedom issues.





“Just Claim It!” NAD World Youth Prayer Conference Scheduled for April

NAD Youth Ministries Department

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America will host its second World Youth Prayer Conference April 7 through 11 in Columbus, Ohio. Themed “Just Claim It: Experience the Power of Prayer – Claiming Communities for Christ,” youth from all over the world will participate in the event designed to help them claim the power of God in their lives.

Crime, violence, drugs, and sexual immorality have plagued many

homes, communities, schools, and even churches. “The purpose of this prayer congress is two-fold,” said James Black, Sr., director of youth ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. “First it will draw serious attention to the challenges of senior youth by reintroducing them to a love relationship with Christ. Second, it will empower them to reclaim their cities through service to others while bringing a message of hope.”

This spiritual experience is expected to draw more than 15,000 attendees. They will participate in a five-day prayer journey to “Just Claim It” in the name of Jesus. In addition to the 120 hours of organized prayer, organizers have coordinated 15 workshop tracks (180 workshops), a special community mission project called “Just Make-Over,” speaking opportunities for teens called “Youth Preach-Out,” drama



presentations focusing on biblical prayer encounters, biblical floats parade, and a music festival with a special feature of the 300 voices JCI Mass Choir accompanied by a 250 piece orchestra and recreation. Translations will be provided for international attendees.

To ensure the JCI impact in every community, special invitations have been sent to the President of the United States, his cabinet, members of Congress, the Senate, governors, state legislatures, mayors, city councils, community activists, and world leaders of every nation. “We want leaders to come and have our youth lay hands on them and pray for their leadership,” said Black. “Also, delegates are encouraged to bring non-Adventist relatives and friends to JCI - this voids the ‘it’s just for us’ mentality. It’s time our youth know that their prayers can literally impact the entire world.”

To raise seed funds, organizations have established a donation initiative called Dreamers 100.

For more information on the conference, registration, schedule details, or to be a volunteer, visit www.jci2.org, e-mail info@jci2.org or call 301-680-6420.

SUNSETS

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	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Alturas	5:24	5:33	5:42	5:50
Angwin	5:37	5:45	5:53	6:00
Calexico	5:19	5:26	5:32	5:37
Chico	5:33	5:41	5:49	5:57
Eureka	5:40	5:49	5:57	6:05
Fresno	5:30	5:37	5:44	5:51
Hilo	6:16	6:20	6:23	6:25
Honolulu	6:24	6:28	6:31	6:35
Las Vegas	5:12	5:19	5:26	5:33
Lodi	5:33	5:41	5:49	5:56
Loma Linda	5:24	5:31	5:37	5:43
Los Angeles	5:28	5:35	5:41	5:48
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Reno	5:25	5:33	5:41	5:49
Riverside	5:25	5:31	5:38	5:44
Sacramento	5:33	5:41	5:49	5:56
Salt Lake City	5:51	5:59	6:08	6:16
San Diego	5:25	5:32	5:38	5:44
San Francisco	5:39	5:46	5:54	6:01
San Jose	5:37	5:45	5:52	5:59
Tucson	6:01	6:07	6:13	6:19



EndItNow Continues to Gain International Support Against Violence

Nadia McGill/Adventist News Network

Malawian national and regional leaders and thousands of community members participated in a 15-day campaign to end gender-based violence this month.

The campaign is part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's global anti-violence campaign, EndItNow, coordinated by the Women's Ministries Department and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

The campaign's closing ceremony reached 20-plus villages in the Mulanje District of Southern Malawi and included awareness-raising poems, songs, dances and dramatic presentations.

"The campaign has helped to sensitize people to understand their rights," said ADRA's Women's Empowerment Project (WEP) Manager Andiyesa Mhango. "There are laws in place to protect those rights, and

[a] need to report any abuses of those rights to the relevant authorities."

The WEP has been active in Mulanje since April 2007,



working to empower women, promote health and basic rights, and help establish personal means of income.

Representatives from the Malawian Ministry of Gender, Child Welfare and Community Services, the National Initiative for Civic Education, and the Mulanje District Police attended the closing ceremonies.

Gideon Mothisa, guest of honor and district labor officer for the Mulanje District, thanked ADRA for its leadership in the campaign, urging fellow representatives to make a stand against violence.

Participants also took part in a mile-long march, carrying banners and signs promoting human rights

and the elimination of violence against women.

ADRA Programs Director Michael Usi commended the representatives and community members for their efforts to curb gender-based violence, promising that ADRA would continue to work with local organizations and communities in order to reduce violence in the surrounding areas.

EndItNow was launched in October 2009, and is currently collecting 1 million signatures from supporters in 200 countries and territories, which will be presented to the United Nations.

Learn more about EndItNow, visit www.enditnow.org.





Bert Beach Looks Back on the Evolution of Adventist World Church Sessions

Ansel Oliver/Adventist News Network

Bert Beach, 81, is tied for holding the record for a living world church officer who has attended the most Adventist Church World Sessions.

Now held every five years, the gathering is a business session for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The 2010 Session will occur in Atlanta June 23 through July 3.

Beach, former director for the church's Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, has attended 14 sessions. Former church President Neal Wilson has also attended 14.

Beach was 17 years old when he served as a pageboy at his first session in 1946, held at a church in Takoma Park, Md. At the time, there were about 600,000 Adventists worldwide. By comparison, there are now some 16 million members, and this summer's session in Atlanta will be held in a football stadium.

Adventist News Network: How has the atmosphere changed since sessions have transitioned to being held in basketball arenas and now in football stadiums?

Bert Beach: The atmosphere is different now in the sense that there's much more professionalism you might say, the way things are more organized. It must be because it's much larger and we have, of course, much more experienced people when it comes to communication, for example -- people who really are professionals.

ANN: What other roles have you had at General Conference Sessions?

Beach: Beginning 1954, I was a delegate at the General Conference Session and participated rather actively. ... I did a lot of translation. I would translate for people because I knew Italian, German, English, French, and so delegates would come and they didn't know English in those days. They know more English now. ... At later sessions, I was the official at the General Conference who was in charge of protocol for the guests from other churches and from the government.

ANN: How does the Adventist Church's world session compare to meetings of other denominations?

Beach: It's a very big meeting compared to other denominations. First of all, most churches around the world are not world churches. Obviously the Roman Catholic Church is a world church, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, so is the Salvation Army, but most churches are national churches. Let's say the United Church of Canada, the Church of England, the Southern Baptist Convention, these are not world churches in the full sense of the word. They form alliances with other churches of the same belief.

ANN: What people or discussions over the years stand out in your mind?

Beach: We had some colorful people speaking at General Conference Session sometimes. ... We had the meeting about the ordination of women, I think it was in Utrecht [Netherlands in 1995]; two sessions actually dealt with it. I still remember long lines of people. They had to line up at two different microphones. One was for those who had announced that they were in favor, and those at the other microphone who had announced they were against, so they could balance. The chairman would ask [a representative] from one microphone and then from the other. I'm not so sure those speeches were that helpful, really, because I think most people had made up their minds. Things are debated really at Annual Council and at the meeting of the officers even prior to Annual Council.

ANN: What is the real business that takes place at session?

Beach: Many think in terms of elections as the important thing. And that is important. ... The Church Manual can only be edited or revised, amended at a General Conference Session. At session it takes hours of discussion to deal with the Church Manual.



CALENDARS

Arizona

AREA BIBLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR PATHFINDERS (Feb. 6) Info: Karen, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

POSITIVE AGING SEMINAR (Feb. 21) Stewardship/Trust Services. Info: Betty, 480-991-6777, ext. 132.

3 ANGELS PRISON MINISTRY MEETING (Feb. 27) Community Service Center, 1320 N. 15th St., Phoenix. All are welcome. Info: Florence, 480-991-6777.

ASI EMPHASIS SABBATH (March 6) Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus, Phoenix, with guest speaker, Brad Newton, executive secretary for the Pacific Union. After lunch, "Members in Action in Arizona" will be featured. Info: Dick Knipple, 480-515-9757.

ARIZONA WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT (March 14) Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus, Phoenix, with guest speaker Paula Reiter, director of the Nedley Depression Recovery Program. Info: Sylvia Hayashi, 623-535-0059.

Central California

WOMEN'S RETREAT (Feb. 5-7) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Pat Curtis, 559-642-2396 or 1patcurtis@gmail.com.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT (Feb. 5-7) Tenaya Lodge. Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC CONVOCATION (Feb. 10) Bakersfield. Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

MARRIAGE RETREAT (Feb. 19-21) Pismo Beach. Info: Liseth, 559-347-3176 or lpailas@cccsda.org.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RALLY (Feb. 26-27) Fresno Central Church. Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

PRAYER MINISTRIES TRAINING (March 7) Central California Conference office. Info: Janet, 559-696-3692 or japage@cccsda.org.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEEN RETREAT (March 12-14) Camp Wawona. Info: David Dean, 650-766-2096; Earl Canson, 209-321-9863; or wflowers@cccsda.org.

ADVENTURERS' FAMILY FUN DAY (March 21) Fresno Adventist Academy. Info: Norma, 559-347-3174 or nwillar-real@cccsda.org.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP #1 (March 21-28) Info: Bonnie, 559-347-3189 or bvillagas@cccsda.org.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP #2 (March 28-Apr. 4) Info: Bonnie, 559-347-3189 or bvillagas@cccsda.org.

La Sierra University

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK (Feb. 9-11) LSU church, 11 am. Info: 951-785-2090.

OPERA SCENES (Feb. 27-28) Concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

PAUL J. LANDA MEMORIAL LECTURE ON FAITH AND LEARNING (Feb. 20) 4 p.m., LSU church. Featured speaker is Rabbi Suzanne Singer, educator for Riverside's Temple Beth El. She'll speak on "Judaism's Mandate to Engage in Social Justice." Info: 951-785-2041.

3RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ONE-ACTS (Feb. 24, 25, 27, 28) Showcases student talent in an evening of one-act plays featuring student directors and actors. Features James Weldon Johnson's series of sermons of old-time black preachers, "God's Trombones," accompanied by live music. 8 p.m. Matheson. Info: LSUdrama@lasierra.edu.

FRANCES BARNARD MEMORIAL OBSERVATORY (Feb. 5 and 19) Gaze at the stars weather permitting, 8-11 p.m. Info: 951-785-2273.

WORLD MUSEUM of Natural History. Sabbaths, 2-5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2209.

STAHL CENTER MUSEUM of World Culture. Sabbaths, 2-5 pm. Info: 951-785-2041.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP. Friday nights at 7:45 at LSU. Info: 951-785-2090.

Northern California

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT (Feb. 5-7) Leoni Meadows. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

NORTH COAST YOUTH RALLY (Feb. 13) Willits church, 399 West Mendocino Ave., Willits. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

"A PROPHETIC WORD" (Feb. 13-27) Sunday, Tuesday, Friday. Speaker Dr. Lanston Sylvester. Stockton-Mayfair church, 5 W. Swain Rd., Stockton. Info: 209-477-5222; www.mayfairsda.org.

HISPANIC MARRIAGE RETREAT (Feb. 19-21) Leoni Meadows. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1292.

"MID-DAY WITH EVA RUTLAND" (Feb. 20) 3-5 p.m. Author of *When We Were Colored* and other books.

Stockton-Mayfair church, 5 W. Swain Rd., Stockton. Info: 209-477-5222; www.mayfairsda.org.

"IDENTITY CRISIS" YOUTH RALLY (Feb. 27) Skyline High School, 12250 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (Feb. 26-28) Sacramento area hotel. Info: Rob or Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798 or purvis4@comcast.net.

ACADEMY CHORAL FESTIVAL (March 4-6) Final concert on March 6 at 5 p.m. Lodi-Fairmont church, 730 S. Fairmont Ave., Lodi. Info: Coreen Hicks, 925-685-4300, ext. 1264.

Pacific Union College

COLLEGE DAYS (Feb. 11-14) Seniors from Southern California academies visit the campus to participate in spiritual, academic, and social activities. Info: 707-965-6425.

"NEW WORK" ART SHOW (Feb. 13) "New Work," an exhibit featuring the work of visual arts faculty, will be on display through March 14. The opening reception on Feb. 13 is at 7 p.m. at Rasmussen Art Gallery. Info: 707-965-6303.

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ACADEMY BAND FESTIVAL (Feb. 24-27) Academy bands participate in on-campus workshops. The concluding concert takes place on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in Paulin Hall. Info: 707-965-6201.

WELLNESS SEMINAR (Feb. 27) Adventist Health study investigator and epidemiology professor Larry Beeson will present "Living Longer and Better: The Health Experience of California Seventh-day Adventists." Scales Chapel, 4 p.m. Info: 707-965-6330.

Southeastern California

SECC INTERMEDIATE HANDBELL FESTIVAL (Feb. 4) 7 p.m., Palm Desert Oasis church, 74-200 Country Club Dr., Palm Desert. Info: 951-509-2313.

WINTER CAMP MEETING (Feb. 5, 6) 7 p.m. Friday, Palm Springs church, 620 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, Filipino mime choir; 9 a.m. Saturday, Sabbath school, Desert Chapel, next door to church; 10:45 a.m. Saturday, worship service, Desert Chapel, Tim Mitchell, senior pastor of the Pacific Union College church; 2 p.m. Saturday, Palm Springs church, Heralds of Hope men's chorus concert. Info: palmspringsadventistchurch.org or 760-327-5112.

JUNIOR HIGH BIBLE CAMP (Feb. 5-7) Pine Springs Ranch. Info: 951-509-2266.

SECC JUNIOR HIGH CHORAL FESTIVAL (Feb. 19) 7 p.m., Memorial Chapel, University of Redlands. Info: 951-509-2313.

PASTORS' KIDS RETREAT (Feb. 19-21) Pine Springs Ranch. Info: 951-509-2260.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VBS WORKSHOP (Feb. 21) Orange church, 1310 E. Walnut St., Orange. Info: 951-509-2260.

SECC CHURCH TREASURERS WORKSHOP (Feb. 21) SECC office. Info: 951-509-2243.

DISABILITIES MINISTRIES WORKSHOP (Feb. 27) 3-5 p.m., Paradise Valley church, 2701 E. 8th St., National City. Speaker: Charlotte L. V. Thoms, North American Division coordinator for people with disabilities. Info: 951-509-2337.

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Southern California

CELEBRITY CHEF MARK ANTHONY (Feb. 4) "Dinner & a Message" is a live vegetarian performing arts cooking show. 7 p.m. Living Stones church, 6235 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta. Free; offering. Info/pre-reservations: Polly Truex, 805-642-5387; www.ChefMarkAnthony.com.

CELEBRITY CHEF MARK ANTHONY (Feb. 18) "Dinner & a Message" is a live vegetarian performing arts cooking show. 6:30 p.m. Ventura church, 6300 Telephone Rd. Come early; space is limited. Free/donations. Info/pre-reservations: Polly Truex, 805-642-5387; www.ChefMarkAnthony.com.

JOB INTERVIEW & RÉSUMÉ WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP (Feb. 21) Presenter, LaViva Primm, director, Access Center for PATH Achieve/Glendale. 2 p.m. Burbank church, 710 S. Glenoaks Blvd. Info: 818-848-7051.

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Alumni Reunions

LAAA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (March 12-14) Honors all Lynwood Academy/Elementary alumni and sponsors the first Lynaires Reunion. Theme "Reunited: Many Experiences, One Purpose." Honor classes: '60, '70, '80, '90 '00 and '10. Info: alumnilaaa@gmail.com.

LOMA LINDA ACADEMY is honoring the class of 1960 and 1985 (April 10). Events start at 10:30 a.m., Chan Auditorium. Info: Mary Morgan, 909-796-0161, ext. 3313, or www.lla.org.

CORRECTION: MAPLEWOOD Academy West Coast Alumni Chapter Meeting (Feb. 14) 10 a.m. Lunch served at noon, \$10. Dues \$4, Azure Hills church, 22633 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace, CA 92324. 909-825-8611. Info: rachel.hill@cox.net or 619-420-2816.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE celebrates its 128th homecoming (April 16-18) Honor classes are '40, '50, '60, '70, '80, '85, '90, '00 and 2010. Visit www.puc.edu or call the alumni office at 707-965-7500.

PUC PREP ALUMNI WEEKEND (April 30-May 1) Friday vespers, featuring class of '60. Sabbath church, guest

speaker, John McVay. Potluck lunch. Afternoon open house, McKibben Hall. Sat. night, class reunions. Honor class years end with 0 and 5.

"YE OLDE" CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY Reunion (June 3-6) Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA). Honor classes: '30, '40, '50, '60. Details forthcoming via postal service. Contact the GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net.

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BULLOCK, VIOLA JUNE (SIMS) — b. June 9, 1920, Bloomington, Ind.; d. July 18, 2009, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: son, Brian; sister, Callie Trimble; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

CAMPBELL, JANNETTE — b. June 29, 1946, Wichita Falls, Texas; d. Nov. 3, 2009, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jimmie, Jason, Joshua; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

DARNELL, LONA RUTH — b. May 19, 1916, Asheville, N.C.; d. Nov. 14, 2009, Yucca Valley, Calif. Survivors: son, Wayne.

EMBURY, MARJORIE — b. May 19, 1928, Winsor, Ontario; d. Nov. 9, 2009, La Habra, Calif. Survivors: son, Glenn; daughter, Karen Lucchesi; three granddaughters, two great-granddaughters.

FELIX, ALBERTO — b. April 8, 1936, Tempe, Ariz.; d. Nov. 10, 2009, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: son, Albert; two grandchildren.

GORMAN, JOHN WILLIAM — b. Feb. 27, 1917, Minneapolis, Minn.; d. June 22, 2009, Kennewick, Wash. Survivors: sons, John, William; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

HORNING, LUA EDNA — b. March 6, 1913, Laton, Calif.; d. Dec. 26, 2009, Healdsburg, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Carol Leach, Lua Lee Stockler; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. Served as school teacher in Hilo and Hawaiian Mission Academy Elementary.

KNOCHE, KEITH B. — b. Sept. 28, 1948, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Nov. 23, 2009, Palm Springs, Calif. Survivors: father, Philip; sister, Kitsy Rooker. Served as a pastor and an evangelist in Northern and Southeastern California, Ohio, Arkansas, Louisiana conferences; Pacific Press author and Chapel recording artist.

LAMPASI, JOSEPH — b. July 14, 1923, Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. Nov. 22, 2009, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Irene; son, Jim; daughter, Laura Wagner; four grandchildren.

MADISON, CEDRIC LAMAR — b. Nov. 28, 1961, Crossett, Ark.; d. Nov. 13, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Julihana; son, Richard Hardin; daughter, Nicole Hardin; one grandson; mother, Mary Carter; brother, Perry Robinson; sisters, Vera Galloway, Tracy Brown. Served as youth pastor of the Mt. Rubidoux church and pastor of the Hope Community and Del Rosa churches in the Southeastern California Conference.

MC ALEXANDER, THEDA — b. March 22, 1926, Portland, Ore.; d. Sept. 28, 2009, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Lee Roy Richard "Rick"; daughters, Barbara MacLaughlin, Gloria Lockridge, Melinda; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

MEYER, FRANK J. — b. April 29, 1925, Bisbee, N.D.; d. Nov. 16, 2009, Irvine, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jo; son, Michael; daughter, Susan Waggoner; six grandchildren.

MORRISON, CLARICE — b. Feb. 25, 1953, Napa, Calif.; d. Nov. 15, 2009, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Terry; sons, Abelardo Muzquiz, Xavier Muzquiz; daughter, Elisa Muzquiz; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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MULLEN, HARRIS EDWARD — b. April 16, 1924, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Oct. 22, 2009, Wildomar, Calif. Survivors: wife, MaryLou; son, Chris; daughters, Shelly McCall, Cindy Beltran. Was an evangelist, teacher and pastor in the Southeastern California Conference, most recently pastoring the Homeland church.

MUNGUIA, GLORIA (DAUGHARTHY) — b. Dec. 6, 1942, Mexico City, Mexico; d. Oct. 14, 2009, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: daughters, Patricia Giambra, Kathleen Fish, Georgina Johns; seven grandchildren.

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ODELL, DENNIS ROCKNE — b. Aug. 17, 1949, Walla Walla, Wash.; d. Oct. 30, 2009, Carlsbad, Calif. Survivors: wife, Eva Jean Aaron; sons, Rory, Robert; father, Donald; sister, Karen Odell-Clements; brother, Laurence.

PIHL JR., KAI HAROLD — b. Sept. 27, 1916, Omaha, Neb.; d. Sept. 12, 2009, Lincoln, Calif. Survivors: wife, Joyce Emma; son, Thomas; daughter, Aprille, SueAnn Mikrut; two grandchildren.

Served as a missionary doctor in Penang Hospital in Malasia.

REISWIG, ELLA LUCILLE (KELLY) — b. Aug. 8, 1918, Lebanon, Ind.; d. Nov. 1, 2009, Yakima, Wash. Survivors: sons, Richard, Brian, Ron; daughters, Kay Prunty, Rita Holton; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

ROBINSON, P. EUGENE — b. Sept. 5, 1944, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Oct. 16, 2009, La Quinta, Calif. Survivors: wife, Cheryl; son, Brent; daughter, Wendy Chiodo; two grandchildren. Served as a teacher in the Rocky Mountain and Southeastern California conferences.

SMITH, LINDA HANNAGAN — b. Nov. 12, 1948, Logansport, Ind.; d. Nov. 22, 2009, San Dimas, Calif. Survivors: husband, La Monte; sons, Monte, James; daughter, Misty; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON, GORDON W. — b. Dec. 19, 1923, College Place, Wash.; d. Nov. 12, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Elaine; son, Jay; daughters, Susan, Janet Strausbaugh, Julianne; five grandchildren. Served as a physician at Loma Linda University Medical Center for 45 years and president of the School of Medicine Alumni Association.

TSENG, YANG FA — b. Sept. 20, 1916, Kowloon, Hong Kong; d. Nov.

11, 2009, San Jose, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Tian, Sharon Un, Susan; six grandchildren.

VINE, KENNETH — b. Sept. 24, 1923, Bournemouth, Dorset, England; d. Oct. 31, 2009, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: wife, Betty; daughter, Judy Fisher; one grandson. Served as a teacher and administrator at Adventist educational institutions in Lebanon and the United States, including La Sierra University.

WEST, MARY ANN — b. Nov. 21, 1919, Hibbing, Minn.; d. Oct. 24, 2009, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: sons, Terry and David Trambly.

WHITLOCK, JAMES MONROE — b. Sept. 28, 1920, Jefferson, Texas; d. Dec. 12, 2009, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Audrey; son, Gary; daughter, Lynda Randolph; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Practiced family medicine in Takoma Park, Md., and Redlands, Calif., and served on the faculty of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

WYMER, HAL — b. April 8, 1922, Lindsay, Calif.; d. Nov. 14, 2009, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carleen; sons, Dale, Tim; daughter, Debbie Butler; 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

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—DEBRA MAROVITCH, 2008 GRADUATE IN GLOBAL STUDIES, 2009 MISSIONARY IN CHINA AND AFGHANISTAN.



The year Debra Marovitch served as a student missionary in Mexico proved pivotal to her future. She knew then she wanted to dedicate her life to improving the lives of others. So she joined La Sierra University's new global studies program. She graduated in 2008 and took off the next year to teach English in China and in war-torn Afghanistan.

La Sierra's professors gave the young student "a foundation and the encouragement to serve," she says. And they prepared her for the world's challenges by prompting her to know the reasons behind her faith. "At the end of the discussion they always came back to the heart of the matter being Christ, salvation, that we are loved and put here with a purpose," says Marovitch. "It was a good steppingstone for life after college."

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