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### **Be Kind To Each Other**

#### Ricardo Graham

Jesus asks us to treat each other

the same way He treats us.

he word "kind" often seems to be a weak word — neither strong nor descriptive. Sort of like the word "nice," such as, "She is a very nice person," or "We had a nice time." Yet, when we look at the word translated as kind in many of our English Bibles in its contextual setting, it has a definite meaning and a goal for Christians — one that is anything but weak and non-descriptive.

In the book Ephesians chapter four, Paul has a lot to say that is applicable to us in the 21st century, including, but not limited to, the following. We are encouraged to speak truth to our neighbors, be angry without sinning, not to steal but to work as honest laborers, and instead of speaking words that hurt, we are to speak edifying,

encouraging words to each other.

After admonishing his readers not to grieve the Holy Spirit, he also tells us in verse 32, "And be ye kind one to

another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Kindness, tenderhearted and forgiving. What a recommendation from the one who wrote in the same book that we are to put on the whole armor of God, including the spiritual weapons of sword, shield, breastplate and more, because "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," (see Ephesians 6:10-18).

It seems sometimes that we get it a bit confused. Often our passion for the church and things of God get misdirected. Instead of attacking the devil's kingdom to rescue the perishing, we are passionate toward or against each other over issues that are, of course, very important. However, the passion with which we sometimes attack each other's position — be it theological, organizational or social — doesn't seem to result in any one being snatched from the devil's kingdom and welcomed into the family of God, nor does it seem to help anyone's growth in Christ. The church is not strengthened, but weakened.

Don't get me wrong. We often need to speak to each other about many issues of the day, and we need to be clearly understood. And godly passion — being hot for Christ and His kingdom — is mandated over being luke warm. Yet, sometimes it seems, at least to me, that while we have issues to discuss, we fail to be kind and tenderhearted. And sometimes we forget to forgive.

To my dismay, I realize that there have been many times when I have thought and said unkind things. I have also witnessed others in church business sessions, committee meetings and private conversations speaking without kindness, tenderheartedness or a forgiving at-

titude. Reviewing my own failures, and those of my brothers and sisters, saddens me.

Beyond the sadness of the review, it seems that a lack of kindness, tenderness and

forgiveness distances us from one another and prevents that unity that Jesus prayed for (see John 17) and was demonstrated on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit visited in a mighty way (Acts 1 and 2).

While theological orthodoxy is paramount, our discussions and conversations with each other can be set in the framework of kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness.

We do this because this is how Jesus treats us, and because He asks us to treat each other the same way. These fruits of the Spirit bind us together in the love of God. I believe that if we are willing, God's Holy Spirit will teach us how to make this a reality in our homes, churches and communities.

If anyone should be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to each other, it is the sons and daughters of God, Christians. Ellen White wrote, "Kindness and love and courtesy are the marks of the Christian," (*My Life Today*, 178).

I want these marks of Christianity to be more evident in my life; don't you?



# LLU School of Medicine Honors Stop-Smoking Advocate

A Loma Linda resident known worldwide as an originator of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, J. Wayne McFarland, 97, was honored recently as the Alumnus of the Year by the Alumni Association of the School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, at their annual banquet in Ontario, Calif.

The announcement of the award and a citation of his many accomplishments were given by fellow graduate Linda Hyder Ferry of Yucaipa, class of 1979. McFarland graduated in the class of 1939.

Because it is the centennial year for the School of Medicine, the Alumni Association honored one graduate for each decade of the past century. The list included Burton Briggs, George Chonkich, Lloyd Dayes, James Dunn, Roger Hadley, Richard Hamamura, Jeffrey Kuhlman, John Ruffing, Charles Sims and Claude Steen. Most of these people live in the territory of the Pacific Union.

McFarland has been helping people quit smoking for the past 50 years. He is best known in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as cofounder of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, a serious effort on the part of McFarland and an Adventist pastor, Elman Folkenberg, to help people to terminate their smoking habits. McFarland estimates that the plan has helped more than 20 million people around the world to stop smoking.

#### Don A. Roth

The nonagenarian has two daughters, Patricia Foll of Redlands, an interior designer, and Margaret Mc-Farland of Washington, D.C., an attorney serving as general counsel for the District of Columbia Housing Authority. His wife, Dolly, died two years ago. Since then he has been residing in a senior retirement center in Loma Linda.



J. Wayne McFarland proudly displays the Alumnus of the Year plaque presented to him by Linda Hyder Ferry on behalf of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association.

An author and lecturer as well as a physician, McFarland has traveled to most parts of the world in the interest of preventive medicine. Since his retirement in 1980, he has concentrated much of his effort on helping smokers in China quit the habit. He was asked by the Shenyang Municipality of the People's Republic of China to serve as a special consultant on health education. Teaming up with him was another local physician, Harvey Gimbel of Redlands, who now heads up this program for China.

McFarland was born in Brawley, Calif., to Scotch-Irish parents. He received his undergraduate degree at Madison College, in Nashville, Tenn., and his medical degree from the School of Medicine, Loma Linda University. This was followed by a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minn. He is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and is also a diplomate of the national board.

Since graduating from medical school, McFarland has racked up an enviable record of public service. He has been honored by the March of Dimes Polio Foundation, American Lung Association, and International Temperance Society and has been given a citation and medallion of merit by the World Health Organization. He was also named an honored alumnus by the School of Medicine 20 years ago in 1990.

McFarland has traveled worldwide in the interest of preventive medicine. For many years he served as an associate director of the Department of Health of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

During his time with the church's medical program he was chief editor of two health journals, *Life and Health* and *Medical Arts and Sciences*, both published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.



## Church in the Mountains Renovates and Impacts Community and India

Members of the small mountain church at Crestline gathered with invited friends and members of the community on Feb. 20 to celebrate their renovation project. After several years of planning and working on achieving their goal, the church held a dedication service for its completion.

The opening song was written specifically for the event. Various church members presented reports about the building project and stories about how the project developed and how God led. Church officers read the dedication litany.

"As a pastor, I am only there for a short time. The church members are those who really make up the church. So I figured it would make sense if they led out in their dedication service," said Dan Skoretz, pastor. Gerald Penick, president of the Southeastern California Conference, preached about the faithfulness of Rahab, and reminded listeners that safety is found within the home of God. He challenged the church to be this home.

Every 20 years since 1949, the Crestline church has undergone

#### Enno Müller

renovation. The first ideas about this most recent project started to emerge in 2005. Members wanted more rooms to be able to expand the church activities, including accomodating more Sabbath school classes. During the construction, one room was added and the foyer was extended to also function as a fellowship hall.

"Building projects are always tricky, because everyone has their own expectations," according to Skoretz. "In the process, qualities and characteristics of members are revealed. For our church, this meant three things. First, the members grew together. Second, the camaraderie among the members made them take ownership and all the funds were raised for the project. Finally, the members considered themselves part of the





Sharleen LaJeunesse and Dan Skoretz, pastor, welcome members and visitors to the dedication service.

Church leaders join together and read the dedication litany.



The Crestline church has expanded the front end of their building, which created a new Sabbath school room and more space for the fellowship hall.

world church, and so we decided to help other churches."

Prior to remodeling their own church, Crestline members decided to help build churches overseas. They collected enough money to fund the construction of three churches in India.

"The church belongs to God. Pastors, elders and members carry the responsibility, but in the end, God is in charge," said Tom LaJeunesse, treasurer of the church.

> Tom LaJeunesse, church treasurer, shares pictures and stories of the construction project.





hirty-five little princesses for Jesus walked through a flower covered archway, their eyes sparkling with excitement. As each girl took her seat, a glass slipper with a personal Bible promise was waiting.

The first Girlfriends Unlimited<sup>®</sup> event for the Fresno Hispanic church was held in their fellowship hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 16. Girlfriends Unlimited<sup>®</sup> is a new ministry that strives to connect women within churches. Inspired by the idea, several church members redesigned the ministry to better meet the needs of their young ladies.

"Our group's mission is to befriend girls and give them a place to belong so they will come to believe in Jesus and become more like Him," says Lisseth Pasillas the church's Girlfriends Unlimited" team leader.

Nancy Van Pelt, author and certified family life educator, was the speaker for the evening. "Healthy Steps for Christian Dating" was her topic. After Van Pelt's presentation, the girls were quizzed on what they had learned and pink Bibles were given as prizes. Other activities included crafts and decorating cupcakes. And making new friends.

When Shirley Meyers heard about the event, she thought it was "just perfect" for her "Just for Girls" group ages 8 to 12. Meyers, a member of the Fresno Westside church, started the group to teach girls Kirsten Bolinger



Sisters Alisha and Aleya Smith (left) enjoy meeting their new friends Kendra and Keysa Miranda at the Fresno Hispanic Church's first Girlfriends Unlimited<sup>®</sup> event.

things like manners, how to order at a restaurant, cooking, art, the value of money, and how they speak through their body language. They meet in her home once a month.

Though some of her girls had never worn or even owned a dress, Meyers stood her ground. One girl who was not excited about getting "girlie" told Meyers, "Thank you so much for bringing me tonight."

"None of the girls who attended go to Adventist schools, so this is a great way for them to testify to their school friends about Jesus," says Pasillas. The girls will be encouraged to bring their school friends for future events.

"This is important because our young girls are at a crucial age," says Pastor Antonio Huerta. "Whatever decisions they make in the next few years will make the difference in their lives."

Next on the Girlfriends Unlimited<sup>®</sup> schedule was the conferencewide Girls' Retreat in April, which draws more than 200 teens, ages 13-19. The Girls Retreat has become so popular in its five-year history that the boys requested their own retreat. The first one was a backpacking trip in April.

"I am so excited about having a group of girls to take to the retreat, and we will be wearing our Girlfriends Unlimited<sup>®</sup> tee-shirts, too," Pasillas says.

The new ministry will include Bible study groups, vespers and community service projects. Girls from other Adventist churches will be invited annually to a large social event as part of this ministry.



### **DivorceCare Meets Felt** Needs in Hanford

ackie Bragaw was devastated when her husband of nearly 32 years left three years ago. "I had seen others go through it, but had no idea the emotional devastation that can happen," says Bragaw, Capital Campaign director for the Central California Conference.

She knew she needed support, but no one in her circle of Adventist friends understood firsthand the ruin caused by divorce. Then a Baptist friend invited her to DivorceCare, a growing nondenominational support program for divorcees, founded by Steve and Cheryl Grissom of Church Initiative, each of whom had been through a divorce.

The 13-week biblical seminar and support group was just what Bragaw needed. "It was like someone reached into my soul," she says. The video seminars gave her biblical tools to handle her shame, hurt and anger. The interaction with other divorcees showed her that her struggles were normal. And the daily support e-mails "were like getting a love letter from God everyday."

After completing two DivorceCare courses, Bragaw wanted to share the healing she

#### Shenalyn Page

had found in her home church in Hanford. "In both of the groups I went through, 85 percent of the attendees joined the church where the program was held," Bragaw states. "They found compassion, spiritual connectedness, hope and healing there. I saw how the program nurtured people and felt we needed it in our church."

The Hanford church was eager to add the outreach. "My church has a growing interest in doing things to just bless the community," says Pastor Michael Hufham. The church

Pastor Michael Hufham stands by the banner displayed on the Hanford, Calif., Adventist church. For almost one year, the DivorceCare ministry has been offered to the community through a partnership with a local Presbyterian church. The 13-week course is facilitated by Jackie Bragaw, a member of the local Adventist church.



hosts four Alcoholics Anonymous groups, the Financial Peace University and is looking at ways to impact the area's homeless.

Bragaw teamed up with Hanford's First Presbyterian church, got funding through the Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering, and began advertising DivorceCare to the community. The local newspaper ran an article on the program. The first course was held at the First Presbyterian church; the current one is at the Adventist church. About five people have attended each session.

> DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) is offered alongside the adult program, helping children ages 5 to 12 deal with the aftermath of a divorce. DC4K follows the adult's seminar schedule, but the interactive program is geared to children's needs. At the end of each session, children and parents discuss what they've learned helping them cope and heal together.

"It's amazing how this gateway ministry is opening doors to people's hearts," says Hufham. "We're meeting people in their needs like Jesus did, then inviting them to follow Him."

# Bob Sanford Touched the Lives of Hundreds of Students

Julie Lorenz

S acramento Adventist Academy eighth grade teacher Bob Sanford passed away Thursday, March 18, due to complications from pneumonia. He had served at SAA for almost 35 years — his whole teaching career — and he impacted the lives of hundreds of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

"Mr. Sanford was a teacher that made a difference and touched the lives of his students ... He changed my life at a time I needed it!" said Brian Watts, who was in Sanford's class as a sixth grader in 1977.

Years later, Sanford was with his still connecting with his students in positive ways. "He taught us many things about God and gave us new perspectives," said current SAA eighth-grader Emily Ann Suani. "He was a good man, and I know that we will be seeing him again in heaven."

Sanford's former students still remember his useful math "shortcuts," his class time devoted to current events, and his geography memorization requirements. "I still think of him every time I see a map of the world," said former student Merrilyn Carey Johnson, who was in Sanford's class in the early '90s.



"Bob will be greatly missed by the SAA students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff. We look forward to the great reunion we will have with him in heaven," said SAA Principal Bettesue Constanzo.

He was also known for his jokes and his delight in telling a good story. "I will never forget all the stories that he told that always began, 'When I was in the Army,'" said Christine Mercer Filipovich, Sanford's student in the mid-'80s.

Sanford grew up in Benicia, Calif., and attended church and school in Vallejo. After graduating from Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, he attended Pacific Union College, where he met his wife Katie Tooley. They were married in 1969. Sanford graduated from PUC the following year, with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in biology.

Drafted into the Army in 1972, Sanford endured some challenging times because he was a conscientious objector who would not work on Sabbath. He spent two years stationed in Germany, where he learned to speak German. When he returned home, he was the only one in the family who could talk to his mother in her original language.

Stateside again, Sanford earned his Master's degree in history from PUC in 1975. He was hired by SAA (then Sacramento Union Academy) that same year.

The Sanfords have two daughters, Amie and Laurie, who both had their dad for a teacher. They enjoyed

being in his class, but they claim he was a bit harder on them than on the other students in order not to show favoritism.

He may have been strict with his daughters at school, but the Sanford clan had a lot of fun together. "Try sitting around the dinner table with six Sanfords," said his niece Kari McKinney. "There was always a lot of great food and non-stop stories and laughter."

Of all his qualities, perhaps the one that people remember the most was his attitude. "Bob Sanford was an extraordinary man. He always

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"Mr. Sanford touched the lives of thousands of students, parents and colleagues over the years he served at SAA. His sense of humor and passion for learning will be deeply missed," said NCC Superintendent of Education Berit von Pohle.



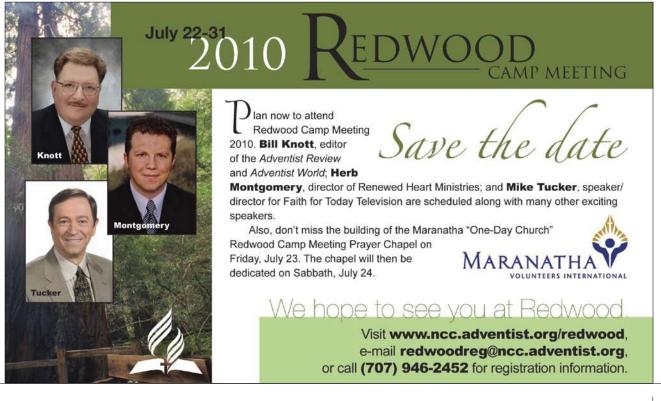
had a positive outlook on life even when it threw him a curveball. He was able to praise God no matter the circumstances," said SAA Principal Bettesue Constanzo.

The week before his death, the theme at faculty worship was praise. "Bob was very involved in the topic as we shared each day how we are able to continue to praise God even in the worst of circumstances," said SAA English and math teacher Kathi Provonsha. "Bob's ability to praise God through his own health challenges and those of his family inspired us all."

Despite his physical trials, Sanford continued to focus on his students. "Even when facing all of his medical crises, his main thought was to get back to school to be with 'his kids,'" said SAA fourth grade

teacher Dolly Jackson. Sanford's family, colleagues, students and friends look forward to seeing him again. "Bob and I spent "He loved teaching and wouldn't consider retiring because he wanted to be in the classroom for as long as possible," said SAA teacher Dolly Jackson.

hundreds of days and thousands of hours together over the past 35 years," said SAA seventh grade teacher Ron Ritterskamp. "I will miss my friend Bob, his stories, and our time together, until the day that God will 'make all things new.""



### Public High School Students Attend Retreat

'm glad our church takes an interest in us," a student commented at the Public High School Retreat held earlier this year. The Youth Ministries Department scheduled the retreat at Camp Cedar Falls and then rescheduled when a major snow storm closed roads. About 70 students enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship during the rescheduled weekend.

"We had 'ice breakers' and played games," said Bob Wong, SCC Youth Ministries director. "It was a fun time. Some students had never seen snow and soon found that shorts would not work for the retreat hike. They were awed by the beauty of the camp grounds covered in snow and the surrounding, snowcapped mountains.

"Our staff mentioned that the students really appreciated the retreat and having a chance to meet other students attending public

#### Betty Cooney

schools. And they made it clear to all of us that they want more retreats."

Representatives from La Sierra University and Pacific Union College shared news of their campuses, student finance possibilities and programs. La Sierra representative Sammy Acosta shared his own personal story about attending public school.

"I worked summers at camp and that is what really did it for me," he said. "I decided to go to LSU, and I could see how important Christian education is. I work there now, and I invite you to come to our school. We will feed you and show you around the campus."

The SCC Youth Ministry Department plans quarterly gatherings for public high school students. On May 15, students are invited to go ice skating in Paramount. For details, call 818-546-8439.







La Sierra University representative Sammy Acosta.

Information is also being shared on Facebook and Twitter so students can stay in touch.

"A pastor called me after our retreat," added Wong. "He said that a student who attended the retreat is now attending his church regularly, which she had not done in some time. She attended the retreat because a friend invited her. We are grateful for the help that family members, friends, pastors and others give to help us get to know each other."

"This is what we need," said one student, "to get together."



### Baldwin Park Hosts Community Immigration Forum

he Baldwin Park Bilingual church, under the leadership of Pastor Carlos Acosta, organized a community immigration forum with broadcaster Pepe Barreto as a featured speaker. Barreto, an Adventist, is widedly known in the Los Angeles area Hispanic community for his work as a radio disc jockey for KLOVE and Univision KMEX TV stations. Sharing his own immigration journey from Peru, Barreto spoke words of encouragement directed to young people, especially. "Coming from another country is difficult, but you must keep dreaming, get educated in the language and learn your rights," he said. The broadcaster's words also conveyed his firm faith in God.

With a strong belief in opening the church to the surrounding community, the forum was part of a new phase of outreach that is already paying off.

Since hosting Navidad en el Barrio, a Christmas community outreach that welcomed 500 neighbors and their children, the church has focused on addressing social issues such as unemployment, immigration, education and family. The forum featured local immigration lawyers who updated attendees on current immigration legislation in the U.S. Congress.

About 100 community residents attended the immigration forum.

#### Carlos Acosta

Community residents who attended had the opportunity to ask specific immigration questions during a question and answer session. Daniel Rodela, a member of the Carson Spanish church, shared information about NARLA (National Religious Liberty Association); and Genesis Immigration representatives were also present to provide services free of charge.

"I want to thank the church for providing this opportunity," said community resident Joel Santiago. "I had specific questions that the immigration lawyers answered during the Q&A session — and it did not cost me hundreds of dollars to obtain it."

"This forum was very informative and helpful in my case. I came out with answers to questions I had about my family members," said church neighbor Ana Rosario.



Well known broadcaster Pepe Barreto spoke to the Forum audience.

The church sponsored a spring health fair and will host a cooking class for the community on May 23, a summer job fair on Aug. 22, and a Latina women's social issues event Sept. 2.



#### LOMA LINDA

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### 17th Annual Foundation Gala Raises \$675,000 for Heart Care at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital



A s the group of 11 children made their way to the stage, a line formed by red heart balloons they carried floated above the banquet tables, easily seen by the more than 800 people in the audience at the Riverside Convention Center on Saturday evening, Feb. 27.

The room filled with applause and those who looked closer could read silkscreened words on the backs of the children's matching red T-shirts that revealed a miracle — "I left my heart at Loma Linda."

Onstage they took their places beside Leonard Bailey, M.D., surgeon-in-chief, Children's Hospital, and Teresa Beauclair, mother of the infant known to the world as "Baby Fae."

Though the children had received new hearts and a new chance at life at Children's Hospital, the similarity ends there. For they are each unique, their young lives filled with family and friends and school, sports and hobbies — each child Nancy Yuen

Pediatric heart patients present a check for \$675,000, to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, represented by Michael Kuhn, M.D.

with hopes and dreams of what he or she wants to be when grown up.

While still in his medical residency, Bailey had watched

babies born with heart defects otherwise healthy — die because a matching donor heart could not be found in time.

And in part because of the awareness brought about 25 years ago when he sewed the heart of a baboon into Beauclair's infant daughter, Baby Fae, babies have been added to national organ donor registries and hundreds of children have been given a second chance at life.

The gala was an evening of wonder and celebration, as many in the community joined to recognize the achievements of Bailey, who received the Got Heart! Award. Beauclair was presented with the Courage of Heart Award.

Steve and Cathy Kienle, whose enthusiastic commitment to host Walter's Children's Charity Classic golf tournament, an annual event benefiting Children's Hospital, provided inspiration for the creation of the Children's Hospital Champions for Children program. During the gala, they received the Shirley N. Pettis Award for outstanding dedication and distinguished service to children.

The final award was given to Robert Erikson, a 35-year member of Kiwanis International and a retired educator. Erikson received the Hometown Hero Award for his passion and commitment to improving the lives of children. He was instrumental in establishing the Kiwanis Pediatric Emergency Medical Fellowship at Children's Hospital, a program that trains physicians who specialize in the care of acutely ill or injured children.

Attendees enthusiastically responded to an invitation to fund high-frequency jet ventilators, which have shown amazing benefits in the comfort and healing of some of the most critically ill patients at Children's Hospital.

During the evening's fund-anitem portion, pledges from dozens of attendees were given that will make it possible for Children's Hospital to purchase three of the \$32,000 ventilators.

The foundation gala, a major Children's Hospital fundraising event, raised \$675,000 which will be used for heart care and cardiac equipment. "The success of this gala in the midst of a slow economy," responded Children's Hospital administrator Zareh Sarrafian, M.B.A., "is a testament to the tremendous love and generosity of our supporters in the community."

### LLU OT Department Sends Students into Community Outreach Programs

O ccupational therapy students don't spend all their time in hospitals and clinics. Loma Linda University sends OT students into the community to help kids and adults move past life's difficulties, equipped for a better future. Students are currently doing fieldwork with clients at locations including a domestic violence shelter, a foster family agency and an early childhood intervention program.

"There's definitely a need. To be able to meet their needs feels pretty good," says Daniel Williams, who, along with Chris Vernon, is working at Aspiranet, a nonprofit foster family agency.

Their goal is to help the young men who are in a transitional housing program, which means they are now 18 and about to go out in life on their own. The two master of occupational therapy students help each individual to develop skills for living, such as financial management, job readiness, and self-management. They also encourage those without a high school diploma to get their GED, and they then assist the young men with the process to take the exam.

"It's been rewarding because we get to see a lot of progress and give help they might not have gotten otherwise," says Vernon.

Jessica De Brun and Yvette Paquin work with children at the state-sponsored Screening, Assessment, Referral, and Treatment

#### Heather Reifsnyder

Program of San Bernardino, which intervenes in the lives of kids ages 0 to 5 who have been exposed to drugs, trauma or abuse, and are consequently at risk for developmental delays or disorders. Many toddlers in the program, for example, are not walking, crawling or eating appropriately.

Paquin and De Brun engage the children in play and activities meant to help them develop strength, balance, and mobility, as well as independence in tasks such as dressing themselves. They also do occupational therapy that integrates high levels of sensory stimulation into playing; many of the kids have special needs related to sensory issues.

"Children who have experienced any of these sorts of trauma can demonstrate aggressive, impulsive and hyperactive behaviors," says Paquin. "Occupational therapy can help by teaching the children sensory strategies; for example, having the children use a rope to pull themselves up a slide while lying on their stomachs provides deep pressure to the joints, which can calm them by allowing them to regulate their bodies and emotions."

The reward, De Brun says, comes from seeing the looks on the faces of caregivers as they see their child making progress, or feeling the relief of having their child's problem identified with a plan for treating it.

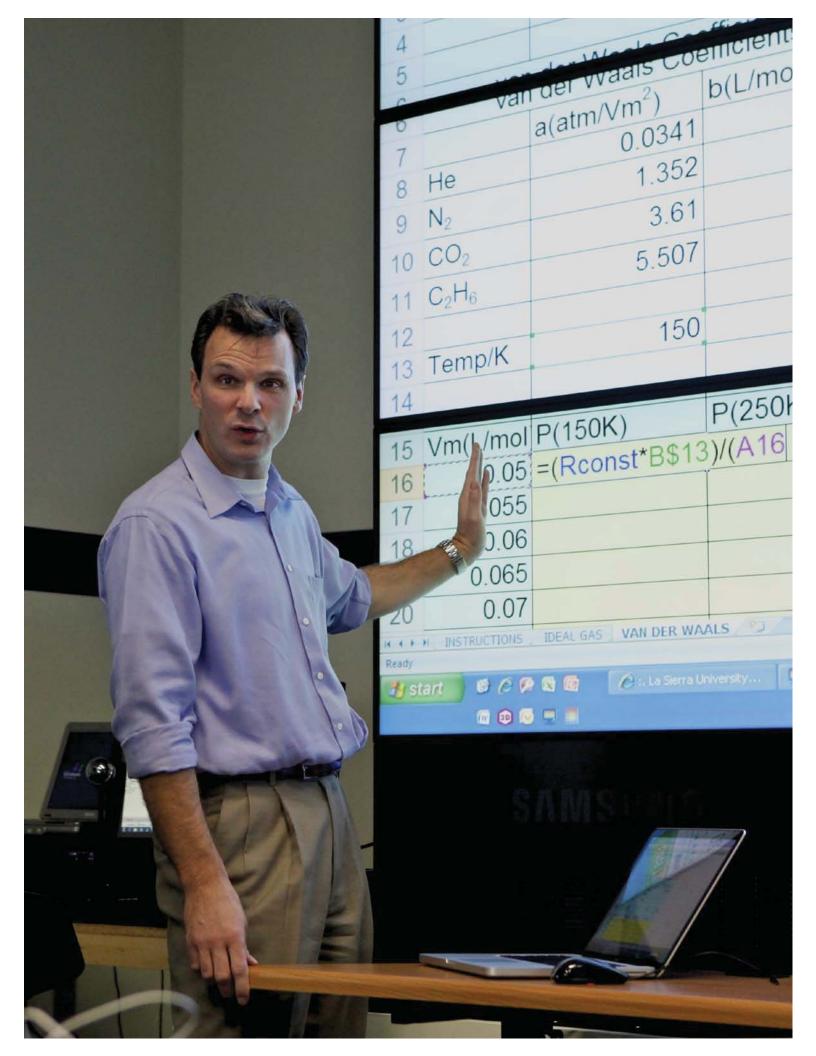
Ipuiniuesea Eliapo and Amy Hedgecock have been doing



Some occupational therapy students doing fieldwork in the community include (back row from left) Ipu Eliapo, Amy Hedgecock, Daniel Williams, Chris Vernon, (front row from left) Jessica De Brun, Yvette Paquin, and Emily Pinkerton.

their fieldwork with residents at a domestic violence shelter in Riverside County. They run various groups with the women, aimed to help them build full and balanced lives. The help is useful, one of the women says, noting that it can be hard for women who've been in abusive relationships to pick up and start over.

"These community-based projects have been exceptional learning experiences," says Liane Hewitt, Dr.P.H., chair of the OT department. "All the MOT students have shared that working within their community has many challenges and many opportunities for which they are thankful to be a part of."



LSU

### High-Tech Video Wall Classroom Clicks Up Learning Curve

Most people have likely never seen a huge, threedimensional model of a molecule spread out over 13 flatscreen, high-definition monitors. Until recently, chemistry students at La Sierra University used their imaginations to visualize the makeup of such tiny elements. They're now learning with a very high-tech alternative.

Room 231 in Palmer Hall, one of La Sierra's original older buildings, has morphed into a shiny, high-tech universe. The new room is now called the Interactive Digital Learning Collaborative. A bank of nine flat-screen, 18-megapixel video monitors looms above rows of modern chairs around matching, v-shaped computer desks. Two flat-screen monitors on each facing wall provide additional viewing opportunities and are linked to the bank of nine displays at the front of the room.

Specialized software allows teachers at a control computer to move high-resolution Internet or other digital images to some or all of the flat panel screens simultaneously, zoom in and out and perform other viewing functions.

Teachers can also wirelessly connect up to 12 laptops to the wall monitors, allowing the display of

#### Darla Martin Tucker

gigantic, moveable images. It is all the product of Hiperwall Inc. in Irvine, a spinoff of the University of California, Irvine.

The Interactive Digital Learning Collaborative has greatly aided learning experiences during General Chemistry II, said student Nathaniel Sullivan. "It allows a student to see the complex molecules in 3-D on a huge display for easy analysis. Before, students had to visualize mentally how atoms interacted to form these complex molecules," he said. "Once a molecule is on the screen the other students can help evaluate its properties together."

Hiperwall's video wall systems have been used for trading floors, command centers, the power industry and other venues. La Sierra's classroom is the company's first academic client. "Ours is the first installation of its kind anywhere," said Nate Brandstater, associate professor of chemistry who discovered the system

at a technology conference. "Students walk in this room and see this system; their jaws drop."

La Sierra University funded about half the cost of the video wall system with a federal education grant obtained through the office of U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Riverside). Donations covered the remaining cost.

La Sierra's new Hiperwall video wall system and the learning experience it is affording Sullivan and other students concludes Brandstater's six-year search for just the right technology to enhance the learning experience. "I knew immediately, this is exactly what I want," Brandstater recalled.

The 13 displays are integrated through an Ethernet network designed and installed by Neal Lawson, La Sierra's manager of infrastructure. The video wall classroom, which includes a surround-sound audio system, may also function as a digital art gallery or conference center with video conferencing possibilities.

"The goal here," said Brandstater, "is to come up with as many wonderful applications of technology in the classroom as possible."

Teachers can project information on nine huge flat video screens in La Sierra University's new Interactive Digital Learning Collaborative. The high-tech classroom is located in Palmer Hall.



LEFT: Nate Brandstater, associate professor of chemistry, spearheaded development of La Sierra University's newest technologybased classroom. Photo by Natan Vigna.

# **Students Mentor Local Children**

ast winter, after Pacific Union College education professor Margo Haskins spoke to the campus about "the importance of showing God's love in tangible and real ways," she got to thinking that she needed to bring something meaningful to the campus to get people involved.

Haskins was inspired by a program Pastor Bill Loveless started in Washington, D.C., to mentor at-risk children. Haskins held an informative meeting and was surprised to see 26 PUC students eagerly waiting to join and tutor at two local schools. "We have premed students, history majors, all

#### Eirene-Gin Nakamura

different kids of people," Haskins says. "They're all excited because it takes one hour once a week, and it can impact the life of a child forever."

Sophomore biochemistry major Anthony Yeo has been tutoring since last year and has found that mentoring helps him combat stress while helping in his community. This year, he's mentoring a quiet fifth-grader. "It's almost like a game trying to get him to open up," Yeo laughs. "But I really enjoy

> PUC student Anthony Yeo enjoys the mentoring relationship he's building with a local fifth-grader.

spending time helping him; it's very rewarding." He's also received an unexpected side benefit: a potential career shift. "I'm now seriously considering a career in pediatrics," he says. "And that's something I hadn't thought of before."



### **Nursing Expands Its Reach**

his year, Pacific Union College started a new program in collaboration with Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa, a hospital where many PUC students do clinical rotations and seek employment after graduation.

QVMC hopes to achieve Magnet Status, with 100 percent of nursing leaders and 65 percent of staff nurses having at least a BSN by 2013. The PUC nursing department offered to set up a special RN to BSN program, allowing QVMC nurses to continue working while

#### Lainey S. Cronk

taking evening classes to complete bachelor's degrees.

PUC provides the program courses and teachers, and QVMC provides classroom space and tuition support for their employees. The program isn't easy for nurses juggling full-time work, families and classes, but classmates become like a supportive family.

For many of them, it's also a rare opportunity. Roxanne Renshaw

The collaborative program gives nurses in Napa a chance to complete their degrees.

explains that this program was "a great opportunity to obtain a goal I made when I graduated with an associate's degree in nursing way back in 1996. I was the one that could not afford a BSN degree program back then. The program allows this goal to become reality for me."



### **Program Encourages Prayer at L.A. Hospital**

Prayer is an essential part of treating patients at Adventist Health, reflecting the organization's mission of whole person care, body, mind and spirit. At White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, the influence of prayer comes alive through the Praying Hands Ambassador Program.

Each morning, Shirley Welch pauses at the end of food preparation to pray over the patients' meals. Welch, a shift leader for Nutritional Services at WMMC, prays that the food will bless the patients and meet their nutritional needs. This is just a small part of the Praying Hands program, which affects all parts of patient care.

Edgar Urbina, director of Chaplaincy Services, believes prayer is essential in patient care, and started the Praying Hands Ambassador Program to organize the hospital's prayer life. "As a faith-based institution, WMMC encourages prayer as an element in the spiritual life of our facility," Urbina said.

The program incorporates prayer into the daily life of employees at WMMC, and more than 40 people are currently participating. Of these participants, Urbina commented,

"They are sensitive to the spiritual needs of patients, their family, visitors and staff."

Two parts of the program that involve all Praying Hands Ambassadors are the code blue announcement and birth chimes. A code blue Elaine Valles is an information technology specialist at WMMC.

Emily Young

signals that someone in the hospital is in cardiac arrest. Whenever a code blue is announced over the hospital intercom,

the Praying Hands Ambassadors stop their work to pray for the patient and the patient's family.

This aspect of the program is especially significant for Praying Hands Ambassador Mike Leal, a shipping and receiving clerk at WMMC whose father died after going into cardiac arrest at WMMC. "When I hear code blues, I get shivers," Leal said. "It brings me back to the time when my father passed away. I've been in their shoes. I know how they feel."

However, not all of the prayers in the program are for healing. In fact, the birth chimes signal prayers of thanks.

"When the birth chimes come on, the Praying Hands Ambassadors pray for the infants," stated Kerry Park, M.D., an OB/GYN at WMMC. "It's great. It's their first prayer as they come into this world."



The birth chimes are the highlight of the Praying Hands Ambassador Program for Elaine Valles, an Information Technology specialist at WMMC, and she also sees the positive effects of the program all around the hospital. "Prayer is very important in a hospital environment," Valles said. "When someone has prayer offered for them, there is a sense of divine presence in their room. I think it's tangible to those who are willing to open their hearts to it."

The Praying Hands Ambassador Program is not meant to replace personal prayer, but rather to add the needs of patients and fellow staff members to employees' personal prayers. The program also helps busy employees remember to take time out of their busy schedules to uplift the patients at WMMC in prayer.

# Arizona Offers 2010 Summer Camp Meetings in Both English and Spanish

#### Phil Draper

The Arizona Conference conducts both English and Spanish camp meetings for members and guests at Camp Yavapines in the mountains near Prescott. Well-organized programs provide for guests of all ages. "We've been approached by some who asked us to consider cutting programs like camp meeting," says Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile. "But the responses of our members tell us that camp meeting is a blessing they look forward to — and need. And I agree. This is a nine-day spiritual feast that is worth the price! And with God's blessings, we will continue offering a rich roster of Spirit-filled, Bible-believing preachers and musicians."

English camp meeting begins June 11 and continues through Saturday night, June 19.

#### **English Camp Meeting Guest Speakers:**

- Jim Pedersen, president, Northern California Conference
- Dick Duerksen, Maranatha Volunteers International
- Greg King, theology chair, Southern Adventist University
- Jose Rojas, director, Office of Volunteer Ministries, General Conference
- Charles White, Camelback pastor, great-grandson of Ellen G. White
- Dr. Stuart Seale, lead author, *The Full Plate Diet*, Lifestyle Center of America
- Lonnie Melashenko, director Chaplin Ministries, Kettering Adventist Hospital
- Earl Canson Jr., pastor, Fresno-Westside Church, Fresno, Calif.

#### **English Camp Meeting Musicians:**

- Rudy Micelli
- The Melashenko Four
- Jaime Jorge





ABOVE: Jim Pedersen LEFT: Dick Duerksen



#### ARIZONA



Alejandro Bullón

he theme for Arizona Spanish camp meeting is "Preparando el Reino de Dios." The camp will begin Aug. 2 and continue through Aug. 7 and is also held at Camp Yavapines in Prescott, Ariz.

Hispanic Coordinator Jose Marin has prepared a special program for the Spanish camp meeting that will focus on how to grow the kingdom of God.

Marin gives a special invitation to all who would like to attend the Spanish camp meeting: "The interest of our church members for this camp meeting has surpassed our expectation. This year the Pacific Union, under the leadership of Pastor Jorge Soria, and the Arizona Conference are teaming up to transform Arizona camp meeting into a 'training for missions,' celebration and an inspirational week. We have a week filled with activities for the entire family and believe this will be an unforgettable experience. If you have always wanted to grow in your walk with Christ and be ready for Jesus, you must attend this camp meeting!"

#### **Spanish Camp Meeting Guest Speakers:**

- Alejandro Bullón, evangelist and author
- Elizabeth Talbot, speaker, The Voice of Prophecy
- Armando Juarez, Hispanic Coordinator, Nevada-Utah Conference
- Benjamin Carballo, youth director, South Mexico Union

#### **Spanish Camp Meeting Guest Musicians:**

- Undivided
- Jessica Landaverde

For more information about Arizona Conference camp meetings, visit www.azconference.org or www. vidanueva-az.com.





Rudy Micelli



ABOVE: Elizabeth Talbot LEFT: Lonnie Melashenko



# Las Vegas Church Ministers to the Community

ast fall, the Living Water Fellowship church, near Las Vegas, Nev., provided a Thanksgiving dinner for a low income housing division as part of an outreach ministry. The free event included a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, live Christian music and giveaways. The dinner was intended to serve over 400 people.

"I've done this same project before, and this is one way of bringing the entire church together as it requires over 90 helpers and lots of pre-planning," said Elmo LaPorte, who led the project. "This particular project is designed for everyone involved to be able to serve others, but more importantly, to show these families who are in need that they are loved and that people really do care. It is through our daily lives and our actions that many people will find Jesus Christ, our Lord and

Lindy Garcia

Savior." The families arrived, sat at thoughtfully decorated tables and were served dinner. Numerous worship teams played music and sang praise songs during the dinner. More than 500 blankets and hundreds of clothing items were distributed. Families also left with free bread, dinner rolls and cookies. Leftovers were taken to the local Las Vegas Rescue Mission later that evening.

Sister churches assisted by lending additional tables and chairs, preparing or providing food or by volunteering as helpers.

"Families asked, 'Can you come back again next year,'" said Lindy Garcia. "It felt wonderful to be able to help out those families."

The Living Water Fellowship church provided Thanksgiving dinner for residents in a low income housing complex.



### Youth Leaders Become Better Equipped to Lead

eading by Listening, Learning and Loving" was the theme for the Hawaii Conference children and youth leaders Hand 'n Hand training weekend. Jackie Bishop, children's pastor at the Loma Linda University church, ushered in the weekend's activities in her keynote address, "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Guest speakers also included Pastor Sam Leonor, La Sierra University campus chaplain, and Honolulu Central's youth pastor, Jon Clark, who joined Bishop in presenting a variety of seminars dealing with needs facing Hawaii's children and youth leaders.

Feryl Harris presents a workshop using the VBS materials High Seas.



#### Billy Moorhouse

Attendees were given tips on how to make Jesus the focal point in all their teaching, how to love the unlovely, how to treat volunteers, how to reach kids by incorporating all learning styles, how to lead without putting listeners to sleep, how to begin a home ministry, how to minister to youth in today's culture and how ministry fits into postmodern society.

Departmental directors Jesse Seibel and Feryl Harris gathered island leaders who are committed to providing meaningful, spiritual nurture to kids. The program was full of variety. Sean Ramos and Friends from Maui provided music. Students from Kailua's Campus of Hawaiian Mission Academy presented a dramatization of the life of Samuel. Aiea's praise team, YPAC (Youth/ Pathfinder/Adventurer Club) sang of their love for Jesus. Diamond Garcia, 12, of Waipahu testified of his desire to serve Jesus in ministry. Nathaniel Bourne shared about the week of fun he had at Camp Waianae.

Joyce Garrigus and Howard and Shawn Ritchie were recognized in honor of their devotion to youth and their volunteer spirits.

"It is thrilling to see new leaders getting excited about being trained to explore new ideas for leadership



Joyce Garrigus received special recognition for her devotion to the youth of Hawaii.

in children's and youth ministries," said Seibel, Hawaii Conference youth director.

The final meeting of the weekend included a review of resources and an appeal to leaders to conduct one of this year's Vacation Bible School programs, reminding them that VBS is one of the most effective evangelical opportunities available. Camp Waianae's summer program offers another avenue for young people to connect with Jesus.

"The most exciting outcome of an event such as this is to witness the excitement of a leader who is enthusiastic about putting something they have learned into action," said Harris.

### **Adventist Doctor Also a Politician**

Ed Fargusson

nspired as a young person by a statement in *Messages to Young People*, page 36, that encourages young people to "aim high" including sitting "in the deliberative and legislative council," Alan Nakanishi decided over a decade ago it was time for him to enter the world of politics to be a witness for God. "This gives me access and influence I would not have any other way," Nakanishi declares.

"We are all called by God," Nakanishi explains. "No matter what profession or work we do, we are all to be witnesses for Him." He described how God opened doors for him by a meeting with then Congressman Richard Pombo. The congressman was impressed by Nakanishi's life story and introduced him to others who also were impressed. Nakanishi won a seat on the Lodi city council in 1998. In 2001, he became mayor of Lodi, and then in 2002, he was elected to the California Assembly where he served for six years. He is currently working for the Board of Equalization, which oversees the state's tax system, and he is running for the 2nd Board of Equalization District that covers the eastern side of California, from the Oregon border down into a portion of Los Angeles.

Nakanishi was born in the Tule Lake Relocation Camp in Northern California during World War II. A neighbor lady at the camp witnessed to his family about the Seventh-day Adventist message.



Alan Nakanishi poses in front of the California capitol building.

After the war, his family moved to the Sacramento area where a Japanese Adventist church was just starting. Baptized at 15, he went on to Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He did his internship at USC Medical Center, and then spent two years in the military. Since 1971, he has practiced in Stockton, Calif., and is co-founder of Delta Eye Medical Group.

Early in his life, Nakanishi became very ill and was informed that he might not have long to live. Feeling discouraged, he prayed and fully committed his life to God. Since that time, he has focused upon living out that commitment. Nakanishi does not campaign on the Sabbath and represents the standards of a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. "I try to live Matthew 5 by bringing glory to God and serving my fellow man," Nakanishi explains. He and his wife Sue have three children and five grandchildren and are members of the Lodi English Oaks church.

Nakanishi advises people not to enter politics unless God calls them. It is hard work with many temptations. He encourages everyone to "be the best at whatever God calls you to do so you will be an effective witness. Be a good lawyer, doctor, mechanic, teacher or janitor. Raise your kids well. Then consider politics if that is what God wants." He also encourages those who are called to politics to begin small, such as the city council or even the local school board.

"Remember, it is all about serving God," says Nakanishi. "Being a doctor is more meaningful to me than being a legislator."



### **Union Committee Plans Evangelism**

Gerry Chudleigh

Though income was down a little less than three percent in the first quarter of 2010, members of the Pacific Union Conference executive committee in March spent the largest part of the quarterly meeting discussing and approving ways to encourage and foster evangelism.

Probably the most innovative was the creation of a new organization with a novel name: Pacific Union Conference Young Adult Evangeliving Institute. The organization was proposed by young adults, mostly from the Central California Conference. According to the written proposal, "An annual convention will be organized to be a catalyst for creating an 'evangeliving'

lifestyle ... where evangelism is not an event but a lifestyle." And the organization will provide "year-round evangelistic support and training to young adults and their churches."

The most innovative was the creation of a new organization: Pacific Union Conference Young Adult Evangeliving Institute.

In order to keep this young adult organization closely tied to the denomination, they requested, and the committee approved, an oversight committee made up mostly of church leaders not in the target age group. Members voted include: Arnold Trujillo, chair; Larry Carter, Jerry Page, Ariel Torres, Donna Richards, Thaine Creitz, Brad Walton, VicLouis Arreola III and Gerard Kiemeney. This oversight committee will appoint a planning committee, made up mostly of young adults, who will do the actual planning. The organization will be self-supporting, so no budget was requested or voted.

In another no-cost action, the committee appointed Bill Krick, already literature ministries director for the CCC, as director of SOULS West and associate director of the Pacific Union literature ministries program, working with the director, Larry Carter.

And in another action related to literature ministry, the committee voted to buy from Pacific Press, for \$11,000, the rights to eleven GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) evangelism tracts. According to Arnold Trujillo, Pacific Union vice president, "Ownership will allow the union to translate the witnessing tracts into other languages, to have them printed by the lowest bidder and to print them in much larger quantities."

Two ordinations/commissionings were approved, both from the CCC: Moises Guerrero and Ivor Myers. Seven ministerial scholarships were approved: from the CCC, Godfrey Miranda and Zachary Page; and from the Southern California Conference: Manuel Arteaga, Kevin Camato, Christopher Chong, Derick Littrell and Branden Stoltz. Four were approved to pursue Doctor of Ministry degrees: Ron Pickell, from the Northern California Conference, and Mike Kim, Rogelio Paquini

and Ed Sammons, from SCC.

Brad Newton, Pacific Union executive secretary, reported that at the end of 2009, membership in the

union stood at 219,828, an increase of 3,773 (1.75 percent) from a year earlier. "Every conference experienced some growth," said Newton, "and Hawaii had twice the number of baptisms as in the previous year."

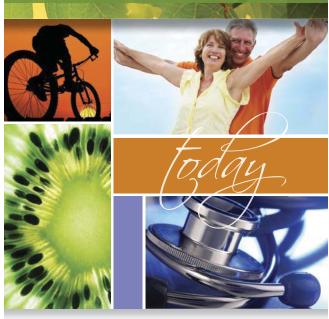
Ted Benson, Pacific Union treasurer, noted that while the union budget — the amount of money actually spent at the union office — was below budget in 2009, the amount actually spent was below budget by an even larger amount, resulting in a small gain. In other good news, the educational endowment increased from \$6 million to \$8 million because of a new distribution formula adopted one year ago to make the amounts available more predictable and constant. And good earning from the Evangelism Endowment Fund produced \$436,000 for evangelism projects around the union.

In answer to several inquiries, Benson was happy to report that funds are still available to churches and schools for building projects. As usual, those wishing to borrow should make application through their local conference treasury department.

The executive committee's next meeting will be May 12 at La Sierra University.

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**PATHFINDER FAIR** (May 14-16) Central Valley Christian Academy. Info: Norma, 559-347-3174 or nvillarreal@ cccsda.orq.

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING (May 16) CCC office. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or Ipasillas@cccsda.org.

CAMP WAWONA VOLUNTEER PROJECT (May 16-19) Come for one or more days, meals and lodging included. Info: Caron Oswald, 559-347-3181 or coswald@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT (May 21-23) Camp Wawona. Featured speaker: Pastor Manuel Moral, "Como Sobrevivir... el Fin." Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

PARENTING SEMINAR (May 23) CCC office. Featured speaker: Dr. Rene Quispe. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or Ipasillas@cccsda.org.

**YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE** (May 29-Sept 4 except July 17) Lower River Amphitheater. Sponsored by the Central California Conference. Info: Edie and Ray DeFehr, 209-586-4325 or rayandedie@mlode.com.

#### La Sierra University

**CECIA GARCIA, SOPRANO** (May 2) Student Recital Series concert; 7 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

**ART SENIOR SOLO SHOW OF NICHOLAS SANCHEZ** (May 10-20) The Brandstater Gallery.

**"THE MIRACLE WORKER"** (May 12,13,15,16) A dramatization of the life of Helen Keller. Matheson Hall. Info: 951-785-2274 or LSUDrama@ lasierra.edu.

**CHORAL HOME CONCERT** (May 15) 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

ELVIN RODRIGUEZ AND LORENZO SANCHEZ, PIANO (May 16) 7 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium. SPRING WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT (May 22) 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

**ART SENIORS SHOW** (May 31-June 13) The Brandstater Gallery.

WORLD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. Sabbaths, 2-5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2209.

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

#### Northern California

**CAMINO CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** (May 1) Come help the 98-year-old congregation celebrate 50 years at its present location. Services begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. 3520 Carson Road. Info: 530-644-2236.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 2) Napa Christian Campus of Education, 2201 Pine Street, Napa. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

WOMEN'S DAY (May 6-8) Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: 916-381-5353.

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT** (May 7-9) New Date! Leoni Meadows. Hear Herb Larsen encourage and equip you in sharing and living the life of Christ. Info: Steve Nicola, 530-260-3616 or 530-626-3610.

NCC CONSTITUENCY SESSION (May 16) 9 a.m. Pacific Union College church, 10 Angwin Avenue, Angwin. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1201.

THANKSGIVING IN MAY (May 20) noon-5 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: 916-381-5353.

PACIFIC INSTITUTE LAY TRAINING (May 23) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. NCC headquarters, 401 Taylor Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1293, or varreola@nccsda.com.

FILIPINO CAMP MEETING (May 28-30) Leoni Meadows. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1293 or varreola@nccsda.com.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH RALLY (May 29) Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1297.

RIO LINDO ACADEMY GRADUATION (June 6) 10 a.m. 3200 Rio Lindo Avenue, Healdsburg. Info: 707-431-5100.

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#### **Pacific Union College**

WINDS CONCERT (May 8) The PUC Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by Asher Raboy, will perform its spring concert at 9 p.m. in Paulin Hall. Info: 707-965-6201.

GOLF CLASSIC (May 10) The annual Malcolm Maxwell Golf Classic tournament brings alumni, currents students and staff, and community members together to enjoy golf and support scholarships. Info: 707-965-7500.

CHORAL CONCERT (May 15) The PUC chorale and I Cantori touring choir will perform at 4 p.m. in Paulin Hall. Info: 707-965-6201.

EVENSONG (May 15) End the Sabbath with music and the spoken work in the PUC Church at 7 p.m. Info: 707-965-6201.

**ORCHESTRA CONCERT** (May 16) The PUC Orchestra, directed by Rachelle Berthelsen-Davis, performs at 7 p.m. in Paulin Hall. Info: 707-965-6201.

**GOLDEN STATE CHOIR FESTIVAL** (May 18) California high school choirs compete, with a final performance on May 18 at the PUC church at 6:30 p.m. Info: 707-965-6201.

SPRING BIRD WATCHING (Mav 21-23) Three expert birders lead out in field trips and lectures at the Albion Field Station. Info: 707-937-5440 or www.puc.edu/albion.

#### Southeastern California

**SECC MULTIGRADE CHORAL** FESTIVAL CONCERT (May 12) 6 p.m., La Sierra University church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave., Riverside. Info: 951-509-2313.

**"THE LOST MEANING OF THE** SEVENTH DAY" (May 15) An ecumenical discussion of the book by Sigve K. Tonstad. 3-5 p.m., Damazo Amphitheater, Centennial Complex, Loma Linda University. Free; all are invited. Info: 909-558-4536.

SECC PATHFINDER FAIR (May 16) 9 a.m.-2 p.m., SECC grounds, Riverside. Info: 951-509-2265, judi.jeffreys@ seccsda.org, or www.seccyouth.com.

**RETIREES' RETREAT** (May 17-19) All retirees are welcome. Pine Springs Ranch. Info and reservations: 951-509-2287.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SABBATH** SCHOOL WORKSHOP (May 22) 3:15 p.m., Costa Mesa church, 271 Avocado St., Costa Mesa. Info: 951-509-2260, liz.adams@seccsda.org, or www. seccyouth.com.

#### Southern California

#### "A SURRENDERED HEART" **MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

(May 7-8) Speaker, Shelley Quinn, 3ABN program host and author. 7 p.m. Fri.; all day Sabbath; mini-concerts: 3 p.m., Datan; 4:30 p.m., Ullanda Innocent-Palmer. Central Filipino Church, 777 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles 90041 Info: 323-255-7718.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

SERIES (May 8) featuring Harpists Duquessa McGuffin and Monique McGuffin Newman. 4 p.m. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Free. Info: www.glendalecitysda.com.

**RECLAIMING YOUR MISSING** MEMBERS (May 11) Two

presentations: 4-6 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. Holiday Inn Burbank Media Center, 150 East Angeleno Ave. Limited seating. Facilitators, Michael & Denise Johnson, directors, End Times Like These Ministries. Info: http:// endtimeslikethese.org/specialevent. html or call 805-298-5441.

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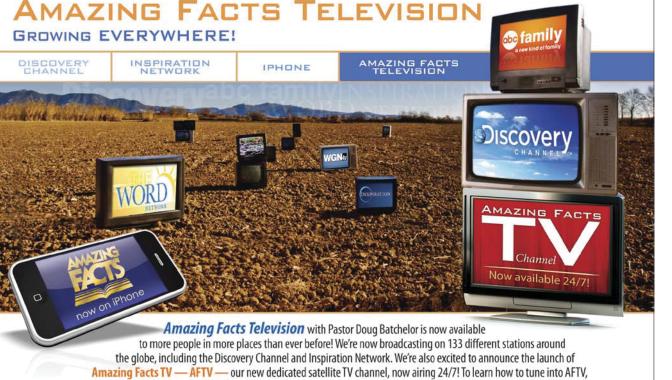
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FAGAL, VIRGINIA (RITTENHOUSE) – b. Sept. 24, 1917, Tacoma, Wash.; d. Feb. 25, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, William; daughter, Kathy Prall; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. With her late husband, William A. Fagal, began the Faith for Today TV ministry in 1950; directed the FFT Bible School from 1952 until her retirement in 1981.

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HOLTEN, RICHARD – b. Sept. 22, 1925, unknown; d. March 5, 2009, Santa Rosa, Calif.

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KOMARNISKI, JOHN – b. Feb. 5, 1919, Scobey, Mont.; d. Oct. 30, 2009, Santa Cruz, Calif. Survivors: wife, Doris; son, Bill Wittlake; daughters, Janice Schoonhoven, Brenda Bergold; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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SCHAFFNER, NORMAN R. – b. Dec. 29, 1930, Portland, Ore.; d. Feb. 26, 2010, National City, Calif. Survivors: wife, Clariece; son, Bud; daughters, Dolly Kisinger, Pam Coffey; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild. Taught accounting and was a founding member of the Paradise Valley Credit Union.

SEWELL, AMELIA – b. Dec. 16, 1932, New York, N.Y.; d. March 15, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Stan; daughter, Sheila Umeda; two grandchildren.

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TOWNSEND, LILLIAN (MOORE) – b. Sept. 8, 1921, Newport Beach, Calif.; d. Jan. 26, 2010, Folsom, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert, Charles; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. TOWNSEND, RAYMOND CLIFTON

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Oakland	8:05	8:11	8:17	8:22
Phoenix	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31
Reno	7:59	8:06	8:12	8:18
Riverside	7:38	7:44	7:49	7:53
Sacramento	8:04	8:10	8:16	8:22
Salt Lake City	8:30	8:37	8:44	8:50
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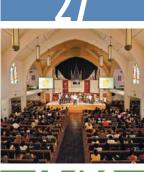
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