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# Overcoming the Enemy

*Ricardo Graham*



**T**he Bible tells us in numerous places how we can overcome our common enemy, the devil. John the revelator wrote, in part: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11 KJV.

One element mentioned here is the blood of the Lamb. The saints overcome because of the blood that was shed on Calvary. Because Jesus hung on the cross, shed His blood and died for us, we have power to gain the victory. The old song says, “Would you be free from your burden of sin? There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood. Would you o’er evil a victory win? There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood. There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder-working pow’r in the blood of the Lamb. There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder-working pow’r in the precious blood of the Lamb.” We need the blood of Jesus.

Years ago, my wife, Audrey, worked for the American Red Cross in Michigan. It was her job to conduct blood donor drives, raising blood for area hospitals. She developed a slogan that said, “When blood is needed, only blood will do.”

In the matter of securing eternal life, Jesus shed His blood, because only His blood would suffice.

Consider a few passages of Scripture that inform us of the power and purpose of Christ’s precious blood:

- Ephesians 1:7 — He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.
- Ephesians 2:13 — But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.
- Colossians 1:20 — Through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.

- Hebrews 2:14 — Because God’s children are human beings — made of flesh and blood — the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.
- Hebrews 9:22 — In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

Yes, the precious blood of Christ is credited for facilitating our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, and it brings us close to God in reconciliation.

Overcoming by the blood means that we look daily to the Lord Jesus, focusing on his sacrifice. When we see that Jesus has suffered, bled and died for us, we gain motivation to live a righteous life. God has ordained that everyone who comes under the power of the blood of Jesus gains strength to be victorious in the battle.

To that end, we should contemplate the price that Jesus paid for the redemption of the world.

“It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross.” (Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 83).

Going to the foot of the cross, we are spiritually covered by the blood of Jesus. Let us go there every day, receive the blood, and access the power of God to defeat the enemy.

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# Richard Magnuson Named Director of Trust and Property Management

*Julie Lorenz*

**O**n Dec. 15, the Northern California Conference Executive Committee voted to approve Richard Magnuson, Jr., to be director of the Trust and Property Management Department for the NCC. He succeeds Dennis Yoshioka, who retired earlier in 2010.

The Trust and Property Management Department protects and manages NCC assets and accepts gifts. In addition, it assists the individuals, churches and schools of the NCC with a variety of services, including wills, stock donations, charitable gift annuities, trusts, endowments, durable powers of attorney, management of church and school property, and lease agreements.

“Many of our members are not aware of the services that the conference can provide to them and to their families at no expense,” said Magnuson, who assumed his duties on Jan. 1. “Our goal is to make our services as accessible to every member as we possibly can.”

Magnuson has served the NCC as director of risk management since 2001, and also as director of human resources since 2002. He and his team have worked to equip NCC employees and volunteers with the tools they need to protect people and property, and they have made significant strides toward consolidating conference personnel records and procedures.

“During the past 10 years, my greatest satisfaction has been in serving the needs of our employees, churches and schools and in building special relationships with our members throughout the conference,” said Magnuson, who graduated from Pacific Union College in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in business.

As he begins his new duties, Magnuson says

he wants to continue his record of service and relationship building. “I am mindful that the NCC Trust and Property Management Department has a long history of excellence and leadership, and I am determined that — through God’s leading — we will maintain this standard while reaching out to our members in new and innovative ways,” he said.

“Rich has provided valuable service to the ministry of our conference for a number of years,” said NCC President Jim Pedersen. “I’m looking forward to the positive leadership he will bring to this new responsibility.”

## HERE TO HELP

The Trust and Property Management team also includes Debi Pedersen, trust officer; James Thoreson and Charles Williams, planned giving consultants; JoAnn Shaul, associate treasurer; John Silvestri, accountant; and Diane Alberts and Susan Kuhn, secretaries.

“Rich’s knowledge and experience dealing with trust and property issues will be a great asset to our department,” said Debi Pedersen. “I look forward to the opportunities to work with NCC constituents and their families under his leadership.”

The department staff also helps NCC church members plan for the future, including assisting people with wills — at no cost — whether



Richard Magnuson and his wife, Kathie, with their children, Shauna, Brandon and Ric. Among Magnuson’s many interests are hiking, photography, kayaking, reading, singing in his church’s gospel choir and preaching.



Stephanie Leal

or not their estates leave money to the NCC.

Magnuson emphatically believes each church member must have a will. “Planning ahead and having an estate plan shows your loved ones that you care enough about them that you want to make the handling of your affairs as simple and straightforward as possible,” he said. “Even young families just starting out should have a simple estate plan to provide for such basic things as who would be their children’s guardian should the unthinkable happen to them.”

The department provides church members with the opportunity to donate to the church through means that best fit their needs and wishes. “We find ways for people to give that they’re comfortable with,” said Shaul. “A gift can become a giver’s legacy, furthering the work of



The Trust and Property Management Department staff: (clockwise from lower left): Debi Pedersen, trust officer; JoAnn Shaul, associate treasurer; Charles Williams, planned giving consultant; Richard Magnuson, director.

the kingdom not only this year, but into the future.”

Magnuson said that the team is looking forward to meeting and talking with more church members about how the NCC Trust and Property Management Department

can help them. Call 925-685-4300, e-mail [rmagnuson@nccsda.com](mailto:rmagnuson@nccsda.com), or visit [www.trustnorthern.org](http://www.trustnorthern.org) for more information. “Wherever you live, my staff and I are there to serve your needs.”

THEME: INTO ALL THE WORLD

# REDWOOD CAMP MEETING

Plan now to attend Redwood  
Camp Meeting 2011. **Tony Anobile**, Arizona Conference president; **Dick Duerksen**, Maranatha storyteller; **Fred Kinsey**, Voice of Prophecy speaker/director; and **Jim Pedersen**, Northern California Conference president are scheduled, along with many other exciting speakers.

There will also be many seminars on a variety of topics, including Ellen White, prayer, Bible study, discipleship, parenting, health, and trust and estate planning, by presenters including **Don and Ruthie Jacobsen**, **Ben Maxson**, and **Charles White**.

The registration form for 2011 is already online!

Visit [www.ncc.adventist.org/redwood](http://www.ncc.adventist.org/redwood),  
e-mail [redwoodreg@ncc.adventist.org](mailto:redwoodreg@ncc.adventist.org),  
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# Three NCC Pastors Ordained in 2010

*Julie Lorenz*

Three Northern California Conference pastors were ordained to the Gospel ministry in 2010. Although none of them originally intended to make ministry their lifework, God had His own plans.

## FERETI (FRED) TOAILOA

On May 22, Citrus Heights/Sacramento Samoan church Pastor Fereti (Fred) Toailoa was ordained in an afternoon service.

When he was a boy, Toailoa's family emigrated from Samoa and helped start the first Samoan Adventist church in North America. After graduating from Lynwood Adventist Academy, Toailoa started college with an interest in ministry, but he ended up studying computer programming instead. He married Paitosi Jennifer Laban in 1986.

In 1989, the Southern California Conference called him to serve as manager of information technology. Working in the conference office rekindled his interest in ministry, so in 1994 he and his wife resigned from their jobs, loaded up the family (daughters Jennifer, Carolyn and Jolene) and headed for Andrews University, where they stayed until 1999. During this time, Toailoa received his bachelor's and master's degrees, and son Ciryman was born.

In 2000, Toailoa received a call to serve as vice principal and Bible/computer teacher at El Dorado Adventist School in Placerville. In 2002 he completed his Master of Divinity degree equivalency at Fuller Theological Seminary. Soon he was called to the South Pacific Division to serve as district pastor and youth director in American Samoa. Mid-

way through the family's second year there, Toailoa was called to the Trans Pacific Union to serve as youth director. Based in Fiji, he travelled throughout the South Pacific.

In January 2006, Toailoa began his work as an NCC

pastor at the Lockeford church and the Sacramento Samoan company (now church). In 2008 he began serving as pastor at the Citrus Heights church. He has begun doctoral studies.

"I was always interested in pursuing God's calling in my life since my teenage years," said Toailoa. "Thus I saw my ordination as God's affirmation stamp, not only on my ministry but also His calling in my life."

## GARRISON CHAFFEE

Santa Rosa church Associate Pastor Garrison Chaffee was ordained on Oct. 2 at a late afternoon service.

Competitive volleyball played a large part in Chaffee's high school and college years, and for much of his youth he had his heart set on co-owning a health club with his beach volleyball partner. After earning an associate's degree, Chaffee spent a year as a student missionary teaching seventh grade at Truck Lagoon SDA School in Weno/Moen in Chuuk, Micronesia — a key experience in his spiritual growth. He then earned a bachelor's degree, with an emphasis in commercial fitness management, from Pacific Union College.

After being inspired by a religion professor, Chaffee served in a summer ministries task force position working with the Angwin youth, and he was surprised to fall in love with youth ministry. He worked



The Toailoa Family



The Chaffee Family

initially as a task force worker at the PUC church and then as the interim youth pastor. Through this experience he became convinced that God was calling him to ministry.

About this time, he met Marilyn Wilson, and they were married in 2001. Since then, Lilliana, Makayla and Grayson have been added to the family.

While interning at the Calimesa church, Chaffee attended La Sierra University and obtained his Master of Pastoral Studies with an emphasis in youth ministry. Since then, he has served on Orcas Island, in Grass Valley as the associate youth pastor, and in Santa Rosa where he has ministered for two years.

He believes the people he serves, and serves with, are the best part of ministry. "If we are leaving most everything behind on this earth when our God comes to take us home, then spiritual relationships are one of the most valuable things!" he said. "Why not invest the most in our relationships with others and our Savior?"

### DON SMITH

Don Smith, Palo Cedro church associate pastor, was ordained during the worship service on Dec. 4.

While a student at Monterey Bay Academy (MBA), Smith began working in the windsurfing and surfing industry. Upon

graduating in 1986, he considered a career as a sales representative. However, during his student days he had co-taught a Sabbath school class which sparked his interest in developing creative ways of presenting the Gospel.

In 1988 Smith moved to Redding to teach windsurfing and to live near his future wife, Lori Wiggins. He quickly became active in the Palo Cedro church's youth room and delivered his first sermon.

Later that year Smith resumed working in the surfing industry in Santa Cruz. He also took the assignment of boys' task force dean at MBA, and he once again co-taught the popular Sabbath school class. The Smiths were married in 1989.

While on a trip to the Redding area, Smith was invited to be a task force youth worker at the Palo Cedro church, and in 1993 he began working part time for the

church. He continued his education at Simpson University, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in liberal studies and worked toward a teaching credential. During this time, sons Taylor and Trevor were born.

Later, Smith was hired as a full-time associate pastor to help meet the church's growing needs.

Recently, Smith started a ministry for the church's "twentysomethings" called FUEL, which he co-leads. He also serves as campus chaplain



The Smith Family

at Redding Adventist Academy. Last fall, he completed his Master of Arts in Christian Leadership at Tozer Seminary.

"The [ordination] service was a powerful reminder of how spiritual formation really happens in community and how God used the people and pastors of Palo Cedro church to train and guide my ministry," he said.



# New Administrative Personnel for Nevada-Utah in 2010

*Denny Krause*

Many important events took place during 2010 in the Nevada-Utah Conference, not the least of which were important administrative changes at the conference level. Now a more fully constituted team will oversee the business and mission of the conference.

## JASON BERGMANN

Early in 2010, Jason Bergmann arrived on the Nevada-Utah scene replacing the retiring Gary Norman as conference secretary-treasurer. Bergmann, having served the Washington Conference as the associate treasurer, and secretary-treasurer of the conference corporate board since June 2005, was uniquely qualified to assume his

new position. Bergmann's responsibilities include corporate board secretary-treasurer, as well as director of Trust Services and Planned Giving. Bergmann and his wife, Francine, are raising a daughter, Amanda, an active, 14-month-old toddler.

## SERGIO ROMERO

In August, Sergio Romero began his role as Hispanic Ministries coordinator for the conference, replacing Armando Juarez, who had returned to Mexico. Romero's conference staff responsibilities are in addition to his position as pastor of the Nueva Esperanza church in the Salt Lake City suburb of Kearns, Utah. Prior to beginning his pastoral post in the Salt Lake City

area in 2004, Romero had served as district pastor in Lakewood, Atlantic City, and New Brunswick, New Jersey. Romero and wife, Laura, have a son, Sergio Jr, 17.

## DENNY KRAUSE

Wearing multiple hats in a newly reorganized conference position, Denny Krause joined the conference departmental staff in October as a trust officer, communication coordinator, properties manager, and Religious Liberty director. Prior to accepting his conference departmental positions, Krause was the senior pastor of the Mountain View church in Las Vegas, Nev., dating back to March 2003. Joy is the other half of the marriage partnership, and together the Krauses



Jason Bergmann



Sergio Romero



Denny Krause





Randall Skoretz

have two grown children, Laurie and Alan.

Randall Skoretz

Taking on additional responsibilities as a trust officer for the conference in October, was Randall Skoretz, who also pastors the Bishop and Lone Pine churches in the little eastern slice of California (east of the Sierra Nevada mountain range) administered by the Nevada-Utah Conference. Having arrived there as pastor in January 2010, Skoretz had transitioned from his three-year stint as director of development for the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University. Lenita, Skoretz's wife, and he have raised a grown daughter, Katherine, and son, Daniel, a student at La Sierra University.

### CHARLIE WHITEHORSE

In a newly-minted position, Charlie Whitehorse began duties as the conference Native Ministries coordinator in October 2010. A



Charlie Whitehorse

Navajo Native-American himself, Whitehorse took on the new duties together with being the pastor of the Monument Valley, Utah congregation, where he has served since March 2003. Prior to arriving as the Monument Valley pastor, he had served as Fort Defiance pastor and Native Ministries coordinator in the Arizona Conference. Together with wife and ministry partner, Bernardine, the Whitehorses have four children: Micah, 8; Hadassah, 6; Japheth, 4; and Kurturah, 1.

### RUDNEY BARTOLOME

While continuing to serve as pastor of the Fil-Am SDA Christian Fellowship in Las Vegas, in October, Rudney Bartolome assumed responsibility for a new position in the conference as Asian-Pacific Ministries coordinator. Pastor Bartolome, who has pastored his church since August 2008, serves as an energetic "retired" pastor,



Rudney Bartolome

having also served as a retired pastor for some years in the New Jersey Conference where he led the Jersey Heights church in Jersey City as well as the First Filipino church of New Jersey in Plainfield. With wife, Susan, the Bartolomes have four grown children: Rudney Jr., Randy, Ray, and Susie.

The new administrative personnel for the Nevada-Utah Conference join an existing administrative team led by President Larry Unterseher and supported by Lila Sumrall, associate treasurer; Dick and Anita Molstead, educational superintendents; David Hall, Youth Ministries and Church Ministries director; and Kingsley Palmer, Regional Ministries coordinator.

Commenting on the new departmental staff, secretary-treasurer Bergmann states, "We are pleased to have such fine, new additions to our conference office team as they take on their new responsibilities."



# Ground Breaking for New Church in Surprise, Arizona

CLEARVIEW SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

*Phil Draper*

Surprise, Ariz. has experienced such rapid population growth — from 25,000 to 115,000 in just four years — that it has been referred to as the number one city in the United States in terms of economic development. The Arizona Conference encouraged a church planting there, and in March 2006 about 20 members were organized into a new church body.

After several evangelistic meetings, the Clearview Seventh-day Adventist Church has grown to 85 members and has seen a series of miracles that is producing a church building program in a relatively short time. After looking on main thoroughfares, where cost was over a million dollars an acre, the congregation secured a 2.8 acre lot in Sun City Grand on Clearview Boulevard, one of three main streets in an upscale development in Surprise.

While numerous hurdles presented themselves, this new congregation has prayed and sacrificed and has been amazed at how God is leading in building a church plant that would normally seem unlikely or impossible.

Dec. 12, 2010 the official groundbreaking ceremonies took place at the new church site. Pathfinders in full uniform participated by marching with their flags and posting them, then leading out in the Pledge of Allegiance and the



Phil Draper

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Clearview church included Pastor Steve Gibson, Conference President Tony Anobile, Surprise Mayor Lyn Trout, charter member John Stevens and others.

Pathfinder song before well over 100 members and visitors who were in attendance. Guests were treated to fruit juice and cookies following the formal program, and literature was available for distribution.

City Mayor Lyn Trout spoke highly of the congregation and the property, welcoming them and their new church home to the city. Other city officials were generous in their remarks to the new congregation.

Nine men and women used gold painted shovels to turn the soil. Pastor Steve Gibson prayed, and President Tony Anobile, of the Arizona Conference, made inspiring remarks about the leading of God in this venture — creating a new “lighthouse” in the rapidly growing area of Phoenix, the fifth largest city in the nation.

The congregation plans to preach and teach the divine principles that build people physically, spiritually,

mentally and socially, restoring God’s image in man. Classes will be conducted to enable the greater Surprise/Sun City West and other nearby communities to learn how to have a better, healthier and happier life.

“After all,” one church member explained, “what church has a better and clearer view of God and truth than the Seventh-day Adventist Church?”

The church building committee has worked faithfully and diligently over the months with architect Don Kirkman to construct a building that will be multi-functional for all ages and all departments of the church family. The sanctuary will seat 250, while the multi-purpose room, which looks directly into the sanctuary, will seat an additional 200 people. The church property includes generous areas for parking and space for future development.



# Backpacks for Christ Dispenses Backpacks and Love

*Shirley Chipman*

**B**ackpacks for Christ, now in its second year, is a Christmas community outreach of the Camelback Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ministry puts one thousand sturdy backpacks, warm gloves and copies of the book *Steps to Christ* directly into the hands of the homeless in Phoenix.

Three distribution points were chosen. The first event was Christmas Eve at the Sunnyslope Center in the West Valley of Phoenix. The second and third were in downtown Phoenix and in Mesa, in the East Valley area. Bright and early Christmas morning, Camelback volunteers were ready to brighten the day for others.

At all three locations individuals were greeted at the door and given a ticket and hand stamp to receive their backpack, gloves and *Steps to Christ*. Each book was personalized according to the recipient's request.

Memory verse cards had been made ahead of time by church members, which were reduced in size to make a personal tag for each backpack. Anything that could add a touch of personal care was done.

Individual and family photos were also taken in front of the Christmas tree, to be picked up at a later time.

"Winter in Phoenix can get pretty cold," commented one of the volunteers, "And it's especially rough if you don't have a home to go back to each night. Not everyone here is homeless, but all are down and out on their luck and in need of a helping hand. Their back packs often hold the most important belongings they have."

One family of eight — father, mother and six children, the youngest just six months old — received eight back packs. One woman with a young boy and girl was so pleased



Benjamin Lundquist

Steve holds a backpack he received in 2009 that has carried all his belongings for a year. He was thrilled to receive a new backpack and *Steps to Christ* at Christmas.

with the gifts that she gave everyone hugs and big thanks.

"A beautiful part of this experience was being able to talk with the people," said Pastor Benjamin Lundquist. "We were able to make friends and share God's love, which is the center of this project. One woman, who is now running an outreach ministry in her church, was four years ago living outside of this building by the dumpster. Jesus saved her with the message that He loved her, and that's made a complete change in her life."

"They're just like me," said Amanda Andre, one of the workers. "I realize as I talk with people that they are much the same as me, with the same emotions and needs."

Camelback members gathered Christmas eve to distribute 1000 backpacks, gloves and *Steps to Christ* to Phoenix homeless.

Erik VonDemburgh



# La Sierra Students Aid United Way Effort

*Darla Martin Tucker*

The benefit worked both ways this fall quarter for students who served as first-ever interns at the United Way of the Inland Valleys and for the agency which drew upon their recommendations.

Twelve La Sierra University graduate and undergraduate business students served as account executives for the Riverside-based United Way office, in a practicum that began on Sept. 4 and ended with a wrap-up session about their experiences on Dec. 13. Their internships were in fulfillment of a Practicum in Management course at La Sierra's School of Business.

It was the first time the United Way in Riverside had hosted student interns and the experience proved a positive one for the organization. "It was [course instructor] Jim Erickson's idea and we loved it. We hope the students found it worthwhile," said Kevin McCarthy, president and chief executive officer of the United Way of the Inland Valleys. The students' impact was "huge" in broadening the agency's reach to potential donors. The organization is analyzing the students' recommendations, he said.

After undergoing a two-day training course that focused on public speaking, financial functions of the agency, confidentiality issues and campaign processes, the students each worked about 10 hours a week handling various responsibilities. They made calls to prospective donor organizations and gave

presentations to employees at businesses, schools and hospitals on the benefits of contributing to the agency. They collected and verified pledge amounts and interacted with the agency's finance department.

La Sierra

Master of Business Administration student Edgar Rodriguez developed real-world experience giving presentations to increasingly large groups, ending with a pitch to 100 school teachers. While he had given many class presentations as a student, this was something different and provided valuable experience. "I came out feeling I had actually learned something," said the future marketing executive. Rodriguez's career goal is to lead a marketing department within the international automotive industry.

Rodriguez's tasks at United Way included creating Excel spreadsheets. One involved a 20-hour project that breaks down all the funding the agency receives to show regions that provide the most donations or to show areas where representatives are giving more presentations.

During his practicum, Rodriguez was impressed by the sincerity of



La Sierra business students celebrated this month their successful practicum at United Way of the Inland Valleys, the agency's first student interns. Participating are (from left) Kevin McCarthy (UWIV CEO); Edgar Rodriguez; Alexandra Lopez; Silvia Arteaga; Cindy Ruiz; Meshach Faateete (back row); (Nikki) Vanisara Anthony (in front of Meshach); Normand Hall; and Courtney Yamanishi. Dr. Jim Erickson, far right, director of La Sierra's Center for Philanthropy, spearheaded the practicum project and led the class.

the United Way staff. His supervisor shared personal stories and reasons for working with the agency. "You feel people there care and whatever they're doing is going to make a difference," he said.

Rodriguez recommended the agency set up a sign-in system detailing work projects and availability so supervisors can ask interns and others for help during down time.

Erickson, who is also director of La Sierra's Center for Philanthropy and a well-known regional fundraiser, was impressed with the students' work and views they were able to provide the United Way. "I was so proud of them," he said. "They achieved more than I thought and they had such insight and perspectives." The practicum not only gave the students key experience for their résumés, "more importantly, they gave back to the community in a significant way," Erickson said.

# Loma Linda Conference to Put Food on the Table

*Heather Reifsnyder*

Between buying, preparing, and eating, food makes up a huge part of our lives. It also impacts greatly our society, the economy, and the environment — in addition to individual health. The Healthy People 2011 conference will study food from all these angles when it convenes March 8 and 9 at Loma Linda University, featuring some 20 experts in areas as diverse as public policy, chronic disease, advertising, nutrition, agriculture, and more.

Big names in the world of food are part of the program. The lineup includes a keynote address from Caldwell Esselstyn, M.D., of the Cleveland Clinic, author of *Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease*. The director of the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Thomas Frieden, will also give a presentation.

Jeffrey Smith is another key speaker. He is an author and founder of the Institute for Responsible Technology — a world leader in educating the public and policy makers about the health risks of genetically modified food (commonly known as GMOs: genetically modified organisms). Smith appeared on “The Dr. Oz Show” December 7 to discuss GMOs, which marked the first time a major United States entertainment show tackled the issue. Smith’s points included the fact

that studies on animals have linked GMOs to allergies, reproductive disorders, accelerated aging, and other conditions.

Bringing a perspective on how advertisers market junk food to children, Federal Trade Commission attorney Keith Fentonmiller will cover efforts this federal regulating body is making to reduce childhood obesity, including the development of standards for advertisements aimed at children, in cooperation with other government agencies.

The audience will also view the upcoming documentary *Forks Over Knives* three days before its March 11 release. The film examines the claim that most degenerative diseases can be controlled or reversed by eschewing the common diet of animal-based and processed foods.

“Until recently, Americans haven’t had to think a lot about where their food comes from,” says conference coordinator Krystal Boyce, MPH, RD, “nor have they fully digested how the food they consume actually contributes to their health, their environment, and even society.

“By focusing on the ‘Food Factor,’” she continues, “we aim to create awareness about these issues and motivate people to actively take part in reshaping the way we look at food and public health,” she says.



The conference offers 12 hours of continuing professional education credit for medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, certified health educators, registered dietitians, respiratory therapists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and chaplains.

Continuing education credit is included in the conference registration fee. Pricing is \$275 for one day and \$375 for both days until March 1; seniors and students receive special rates. To learn more or to register, visit [www.healthypeopleconference.org](http://www.healthypeopleconference.org).

Healthy People is an annual health and lifestyle conference devoted to moving Americans in a healthier direction. Organized by the LLU School of Public Health, its beginnings date back to the 1970s, though it was first called Healthy People about the year 1990.

## CORRECTION:

In the January issue of the *Recorder*, in the story “Festivities Mark 20th Anniversary of Proton Treatment Center,” Congressman Jerry Lewis was incorrectly identified as being a patient at the LLU Proton Treatment Center. It should have read NBC newsmen George Lewis.



# Journals of a Mission Trip

## SECC STUDENTS BUILD HOMES IN TECATE

*Enno Müller*

The week before Thanksgiving, on a Thursday morning, students and sponsors from Loma Linda, La Sierra and Escondido academies and La Sierra University left their schools for Power Week, a mission trip sponsored by the conference's youth department. Their destination was Tecate, Mexico.

Before crossing the border the groups met and caravanned to the city of Tecate. They arrived at the Amor Ministries compound, which consists of a large dirt field with a simple shower structure, as well as portable toilets.



Elaine Duong and Tiffany Elises, seniors at La Sierra Academy, clean the teeth of a patient on Sabbath afternoon.

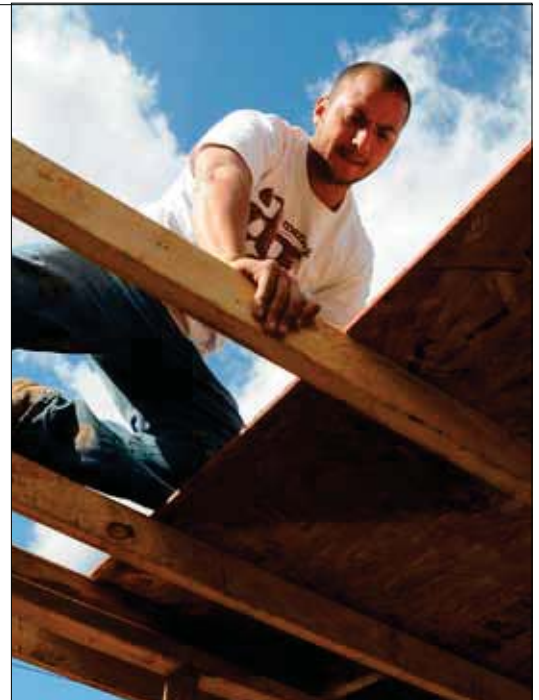
In the next six days the group built five homes in four locations. Every construction site had different problems and issues to solve. Following are some journal entries by students.

**Thursday: Travel day.** Jasmine Suarez, a senior at La Sierra University, shared her expectations in her first journal entry. "I woke up at 5:30 a.m. to get ready for what I felt was going to be a long week. I was not looking forward to my mission trip down to Tecate, Mexico. What was making me such a sourpuss? I'm not really sure, maybe it had to do with the fact that I am such a creature of comforts, warm beds, hot meals, blow dryer capabilities, that I just felt that giving back to those less fortunate was not on the top of my list." The mission trip would ultimately change her perspective.

Kalani Berry, a sophomore at Escondido Academy, described his trip to Mexico this way: "We left the school at about 12:04 p.m. I rode in the white van. The van is probably the worst thing ever, broken windows, broken A/C, and even a broken seat. The drive was long, but seemed short

because we sang songs on the way down."

**Friday: First day of construction, laying foundation.** Maggie Matye, a senior at La Sierra Academy, wrote, "At about a quarter to



Jason Calvert, Bible teacher at Loma Linda Academy, nails the roof in place.

six I slowly opened my eyes and slowly began to figure out where I was. Soon after I ventured outside the tent, it was time to load up in the vans and drive to our work sites. It was exciting to see the area for the first time. The family that we are building the house for consists of four members. We worked hard all day. We divided into two groups — the girls began to sort and cut wood for the frames while the guys worked on preparing the ground for the foundation."

Jonathan Rojas, a senior at Loma Linda Academy, reflected afterward, "It was a long day with many frustrations. It took a long time to get the measurements right and to level out the field. But the most exhausting part was digging the trenches. It was hard dirt, and swinging the pickaxe was impossible to keep up for more than a minute.

"I can't stop writing until I talk about the ride home, which brought the most excitement for the day. We were driving down the hill from our work site when all of



a sudden our car hit something and skipped sideways. Before we knew it our van went off the side of the hill. We hit a tree and stopped in a ditch off the road. The back tire of our van was off the ground, and we were scared to move in case the car would start rolling down the hill. When it was safe we all climbed out through the back, very carefully one at a time. I thank God that no one was injured, because there were hundreds of things that could have gone worse.”

Alexis Marca, a sophomore at Loma Linda Academy, wrote of her mission experience so far: “The ability to be a big impact on the life of a whole family ... wow ... it’s phenomenal. So far, this mission trip has been worth waiting for. I pray that it keeps getting better and better.”

**Sabbath: A day at a local Adventist school.** Mackinzie Flores, a junior at Escondido Academy, wrote, “Today we went to an Adventist school to have church. My mom and dad both surprised me this



Students from Escondido Academy gather by the finished project.

**Sunday: Walls and roofing.** Berry took a moment to journal on the worksite, “At the moment, 9:54 a.m., we are hammering nails to make our wall supports. After what seemed like an eternity, we finally made our first wall. I felt a sense of accomplishment.”

After a long and hard day Rojas reflected, “The dinner was the brightest moment of the day. Nothing else went right today. Despite rain and cold-to-freezing temperatures we finished the frames but could not put the roof on in time.”

**Monday: More roofing and stucco.** Matye reported: “Today the rain finally stopped! The main goal was making a roof. When the roof was completed the walls were ready to receive the first layer of stucco.”

Although rain and cold weather made for a harsh mission experience, Marca remained positive: “I’m pretty sure if it were possible, my feet would have frozen off. Even though it is freezing cold, I’m glad I

came. This has been a very inspirational experience.”

**Tuesday: Final day, second layer of stucco and finishing building.** At the end of long days and hard work Marca shared what motivated her and other students to work: “I went to talk with the family whose house we built. The mother, Gracia, and her son Diego were very sweet people. Diego was the most adorable little boy. The mother told us that she liked the house. I wanted to hug Diego’s teeny body and say, ‘This house is for you. No more nights in the rain little one.’ But I cannot speak Spanish, so instead I said ‘Awww’ and gave him a smile. I really hope God blesses this family. They need a Savior to protect them from the storm.”

At the end of the day everyone felt a sense of accomplishment. The houses were completed and the new owners were happy. Rojas captured this thought in his journal: “This house was a lot of hard work. But I had fun, learned a lot, and I feel like I helped someone. So if I had the choice, I would do it all over again. It’s home for me now, goodbye.”



Students from La Sierra Academy pour cement into the foundation form.

morning by coming to do dental work at the school. Today was really rainy. Thank goodness it wasn’t a work day.”



# Paradise Valley Members Celebrate Diversity at Thanksgiving

*Jocelyn Fay, with John Duge*

Members representing 32 countries, many in the national dress of their country of origin, filled the Paradise Valley church on Thanksgiving Sabbath for a Festival of Nations Sabbath celebration. For several weeks prior to Nov. 27 the pastors had urged the members to attend this festive celebration and to bring a national food to the potluck luncheon that would follow the service.

A parade of nations opened the service, with costumed members carrying their national flags to the front of the church. As the representatives of the nations walked down the aisle, they were welcomed by Senior Pastor Will James and Bea Valdivia, a Native-American member. They came from countries as far away as China, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan, and Australia. Members from countries in Europe, South America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific islands also were present.

Prayers, scripture readings, and several musical numbers were presented in various languages. James' sermon was on Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet, entitled "Compel Them to Come." When the invited guests refused to attend the banquet, the king sent his servants out into the streets to gather all the people they could find to fill the wedding hall (see Matthew 22 and Luke 14).

"God does not favor or disfavor any nationalities," James said. "We're all accepted by Christ into His family, and at the heavenly



The Festival of Nations potluck luncheon attracted a record number of people to sample foods from around the world.

banquet, we'll be at His table enjoying the feast."

John Duge, the church's head elder, described the potluck feast after the Thanksgiving worship service as "the largest on record, with the fellowship hall entirely full of hungry and curious church members, sampling dishes from around the world."

The Paradise Valley church has experienced considerable international growth in recent years. In part this reflects the demographics of the area, but it is also a result of the dedicated efforts of members to invite people new to the community to worship with them, according to Duge.

"Church growth studies show that newcomers to a community are usually those most likely to accept an invitation to attend church, and this seems to be borne out in the Paradise Valley experience," Duge said. "The very active Community

Services organization at Paradise Valley is a major contributor to this growth, with its food and clothing distributions that have become well known among the immigrant community."

James agrees, saying, "Through our Community Services program we've reached into quite a few small communities of immigrants." He gave the example of a member who took food to a neighbor family from Bhutan, and as a result, 12 to 15 Bhutanese people attend church. One has become a member earlier; several more were baptized on Christmas day.

"The community directly across from our church is primarily Filipino. We have 12 or 13 Bible studies going on there now," James added.

"Paradise Valley church loves its multinational flavor and pledges itself to continue its efforts toward international growth among its membership," he said.





# Azure Hills Members Participate in World AIDS Day

*Jared Wright*

“Welcome to the City of God. We here at the Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church are participating in World AIDS Day by creating a global village. Please come in, walk around, and enjoy your time here.”

The words of Azure Hills church Associate Pastor Marlene Ferreras greeted hundreds of visitors who attended the church’s interactive World AIDS Day exhibit from December 6 to 11. The City of God, Ferreras says, was an attempt to create a unique depiction of the Christmas narrative — the story of God coming into the center of Earth’s most intractable crises.

“Since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, almost 60 million people have been infected with HIV and 25 million people have died of HIV-related causes,” Ferreras said in an audio recording that played inside the exhibit. “In Sub-Saharan Africa alone, there has been an orphan population of 14 million children. We as a church reflect on this. And during this season that we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also contemplate how God was birthed into the center of the calamity of our world to bring hope to the hopeless.”

The global village, created by Azure Hills church pastors and members, featured buildings



Guests at the global village were encouraged to pray for those impacted by HIV-AIDS and to tie prayer cards onto a tree that will be planted at the Azure Hills church.

signifying the countries and continents of the world at the center of the AIDS epidemic — a thatched-roofed hut with artifacts symbolizing Africa, a Thai schoolhouse representing Southeast Asia, a European governmental building to signify the United Nations’ involvement in the epidemic, and a church embodying the people of God around the world.

The village, constructed from wood, palm fronds, paper and plastic sheets, was arranged to place emphasis on the world community. Placed in the center of the village was the manger, with live actors depicting Mary and Joseph to symbolize God’s coming to the world — the whole world.

Each of the stations provided information about the AIDS epidemic and activities of reflection. The Southeast Asia station

provided cloth squares and fabric pens for visitors to share messages that might be stitched together into a quilt. Inside the African hut, alongside artifacts from several African countries, guests were invited to sign a petition indicating to world leaders their concern for AIDS victims. A live tree and prayer cards inside the church allowed guests to pray for those impacted

by HIV-AIDS, and to fasten their prayers to the tree, which will be planted on the Azure Hills church property. In the government building, archival video footage featuring world leaders speaking out on AIDS provided facts and stories highlighting the global impacts of the epidemic.

The City of God project nearly failed. Originally intended for church property facing a major road, it was forced by high winds and rain showers to the church’s protected outdoor basketball courts. Then, the day before the exhibit was to open, wind gusts destroyed two of the structures and carried the church building 15 feet from where it was created. The crew hastily rebuilt and reassembled the entire village inside the church fellowship hall building in time for the opening night.

Enno Müller



# Adventist Medical Center—Hanford Opens

*Brittany Russell*

For months, hundreds of staff members at the former Hanford Community Medical Center (HCMC) and Central Valley General Hospital (CVGH) have worked through a list of more than 400 tasks, participated in multiple cross-training sessions, written countless pages of new policies and installed thousands of pieces of new equipment. Why, you ask?

On Dec. 5, HCMC and CVGH moved to the newly completed facility — Adventist Health's newest hospital, Adventist Medical Center - Hanford (AMC-H). This Central California facility combines both HCMC and CVGH into a larger and state-of-the-art campus with 142 beds in all private rooms.

"We have worked many hours for one day," said Rick Rawson, president and CEO of Adventist Health's Central Valley Network. "Because of the staff's hard work and preparation before the opening, we were ready and well prepared to receive patients in our new hospital on Dec. 5."

Even though they no longer provide most medical services, HCMC and CVGH are still being used. HCMC houses business and other support services, while CVGH provides Labor and Delivery services to the community.



Adventist Medical Center-Hanford opened December 5.

## Features Cater to Patients

On moving day, hundreds of staff and 10 ambulances moved 78 ICU and Med/Surg patients from HCMC and CVGH into the new hospital. The move that required months of planning and hundreds of employees took a little more than five hours to complete. But it was worth it, as patients are wasting no time in expressing their love for the new facility.

"I have heard several patients go on and on about how amazing the hospital is," said Marcus Glascock, patient relations representative at the Central Valley Network. "As I was making rounds within the first week, I heard approximately 25 patients say that they felt like they were in a hotel because of the size of the rooms, décor and the quiet atmosphere."

Another popular new feature at the hospital is the GetWellNetwork. This program is an interactive patient resource that allows them to surf the Internet, watch movies,

play video games, watch informational health videos and more.

The program came in handy when a patient expressed concern to Hanford cardiologist Frank Gavini, MD, about a procedure he was about to undergo. Dr. Gavini was able to log onto the Internet and show the patient a video explain-

ing the procedure. This calmed the patient down and he was able to go into surgery without fear.

## Spiritual Atmosphere

Not only is the new hospital equipped with state-of-the-art technology to ensure patients' physical comfort, AMC-H is also home to a beautiful chapel for patients and families' spiritual comfort.

The chapel is located next to the main entrance and lobby — one of the first things guests see upon entering the hospital. The interior of the chapel is bathed in natural light, which allows families to gather and pray for their loved ones in a relaxed setting. Comforting religious artwork adorns the walls, and the chaplain's office is next door, should spiritual services be needed.

This new facility — and all that it offers — ensures that Adventist Health's ministry in the Central Valley will continue for years to come.

# PUC Announces Four-Year Scholarship Guarantee

*Larry Pena*

After being named a “best value” in higher education earlier this year by *U.S. News and World Report*, Pacific Union College announces a new program to make an Adventist college experience even more affordable. Starting fall 2011, incoming PUC students will receive scholarships guaranteed for all four years.

The Four-Year Guarantee will award an incoming student anywhere from \$1,000 to \$7,000 per year, based on cumulative high school GPA for new freshmen and college GPA for transfer students. The amount awarded upon admission is renewable for the next three years, meaning a student could receive a total award ranging from \$4,000 to \$28,000.

Furthermore, students who boast both a high GPA and outstanding ACT or SAT scores will be eligible for the premium President’s and Dean’s Scholarships. These scholarships award students \$32,000 to \$36,000 over the course of four years.

“PUC is changing the way we award our scholarships so that right up front students will know that we are giving them substantial financial help,” says Scott Callender, PUC’s director of marketing and enrollment. “The fact that they’re renewable will also make it easier for families to plan financially for the future.”

In addition to the Four-Year Guarantee, PUC is making

significant increases to a variety of scholarships. Exceptional artists, musicians and athletes will be eligible for increased funding.

PUC will also offer the Adventist Mission Scholarship, which awards theology and education majors a special grant to help support those who are planning to serve in Adventist churches and schools.

Like the Four-Year Guarantee, all of these additional scholarships are renewable each year the student attends PUC.

Besides these changes, PUC continues to offer its prestigious Maxwell Scholar Program. Five incoming freshman are selected to receive \$15,000 per year,

renewable annually, based on high academic achievement, student leadership, and Christian service.

“In this time of financial turmoil, it is imperative that our young people can continue to afford an Ivy League-quality Christian education,” says PUC president Heather Knight. “I hope that this improved scholarship program will show students and parents that Seventh-day Adventist college education is an attainable goal.”

PUC’s enrollment has grown in the past two years, increasing 15 percent in new students this school year and 11 percent overall the previous year. The 2010 fall quarter opened with more than 1,500 students enrolled.



With the new Four-Year Guarantee, PUC students can be confident that they can afford Adventist education.



# Church Experiences a Revival that Leads to Mission

*Betty Cooney*

The Baldwin Park Bilingual church organized three 40-Day Holy Spirit revivals during 2010, in which 150 families participated. Each revival ended with a one-week evangelistic meeting.

“Our purpose was to experience a level of spiritual growth and maturity which would result in an emphasis on witnessing to friends in the community,” reported Pastor Carlos Acosta. “We organized each revival in five steps: we chose to pray early each morning; studied a Holy Spirit Revival workbook (in English or Spanish), prayed with a prayer partner; prayed for three friends; attended an Eat and Pray mid-week gathering, ending with a one-week evangelism meeting.”

For 40 days, members studied, specifically praying for a baptism of the Holy Spirit. During that time, two people on Eva Elenes’ prayer list requested baptism. “During the 40 days of revival, I prayed for my friend Ofelia Herrera,” said Elenes. “My prayer was for her to make the most important decision of all, to be baptized. We had been friends for a year and a half. She had attended church with me and had taken Bible studies, but was undecided about baptism. During those 40 days I asked the Holy Spirit to speak to her.

“Ten days before the conclusion of the revival, she came to me with tears in her eyes. ‘I want to accept Jesus; I want to get baptized,’ she said. At the end of the 40-day

program, Ofelia was baptized. I was amazed at how the Holy Spirit worked in her heart.”

In Sabbath worship services during each series, members had special prayer sessions for the Holy Spirit and for the people on their prayer lists. Every Sabbath, Acosta reminded people of the one-week evangelism meeting that would conclude each series, keeping the reaping event before the members as they prayed and studied with interested persons.

When the time drew near for each evangelistic meeting, members began inviting people they had been praying for during the revival. Franklin Grant, pastor of the Gardena church, was the guest speaker for the concluding week, presenting Christ in the book of Revelation. The week of the final series ended with a communion service and a baptism of six people, bringing the total number baptized during the three 40-day prayer and evangelism events to 28.

“What I learned from this past year’s experience,” said Acosta, “is that spiritual preparation and involvement of the membership is the key. Lots of prayer — particularly for the Holy Spirit, Bible study and fellowship, lead to reaching out. It is just as Christ said, ‘Don’t go; wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and then you will have power.’”

Marco A. Palomino



About 15 people respond to the altar call for baptism, with the entire congregation standing in support of their decisions. Pastor Franklin Grant made the call.

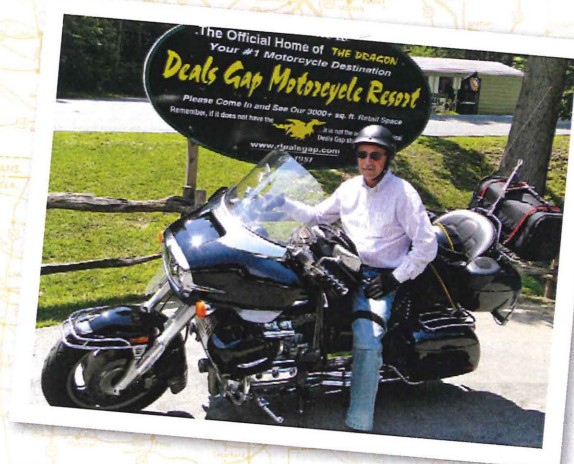


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## Journeys

MINISTRY REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF MY BIKE



Wray believes that the information he found, while connecting with only one church that was not Seventh-day Adventist, is applicable to all churches in general. There may be some aspects that are unique to Adventists, but, for the most part, people are people and issues of control, resistance to change, and the need to connect with today's young families are pretty much the same everywhere.

Having ample time to reflect while riding countless hours alone he felt called to share his personal spiritual journey and how it has developed and changed through sixty-four years of life and thirty-seven years of ministry.

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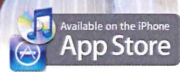
"Journeys" is a duet of sorts. The author, Pastor Marvin Wray, takes readers on a 11,393 mile motorcycle trip around the U.S. — while providing an inside look at his own personal spiritual journey through six-plus decades of experiencing God.

It began as a sabbatical project through his church in an attempt to find out what is happening in Seventh-day Adventist churches across America. Why are some growing and most not? What is the degree of optimism among the pastors and the laity? How willing are we to embrace change in a church that looks strongly to its roots?

As he began to put a plan in place Wray saw an opportunity to fulfill a life long dream of riding his motorcycle around the country while harvesting his research data. A full year in planning, the road trip took two months to execute, and another year in getting it into book form.

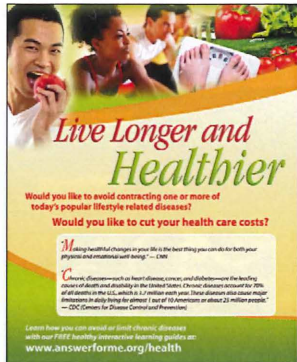


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# I'm Still *Alive*

by Vanessa Sanders

I was on my way to Fort Worth from San Antonio, where I had stayed with friends for a few days. Every day that I'd been gone my baby girl had asked my husband, "Where's Mommy?" That morning on the phone, as I headed north, my husband told me she said, "Mommy!" as she looked at my photograph, held it and kissed it.

I smiled as I drove and thought of her — her little voice, her smile, the way she feels, so soft and strong. In just a couple hours, I would be home holding her. Or so I thought.

In an instant, a big red pickup darted into my lane. Traffic was going about 60 mph, and it appeared this truck was going to ram right into

the front, right side of my car. So I jerked the steering wheel to the left to avoid the truck and was hit. My car spun on the pavement. All I could

see was cream-colored dust and bits of glass flying everywhere. Then another hard hit, and my car was flipping round and round, airborne. That's when I thought, "I'm in a BAD accident." I realized this accident was so bad that I could die, so I prayed, "God! Please let me live, please let

me live, please let me live!" I knew I had too much to live for — my baby girl, my husband, and some unknown future in which God had plans.



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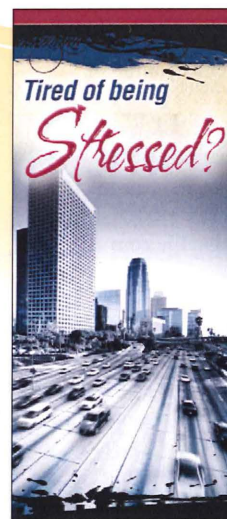
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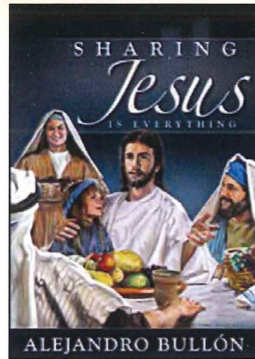
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# Sharing Jesus Is Everything

by Alejandro Bullon

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# Ventura Members Communicate Their Faith by Helping the Homeless

*Betty Cooney*

Stay away from that church,” said a local Christian pastor when a homeless family he was helping told him how helpful the pastor and members of the Ventura church had been. “They’re a satanic cult!”

“Pastor, that church is not like that at all,” they responded.

When the family advised Ventura church Pastor Jim Ayars of their encounter, he visited the pastor, taking his booklet, “What We Believe,” and inviting him to read it.

When they met again, the pastor exclaimed, “This book has the best presentation of the gospel I have ever read!”

“You can understand, then,” said Ayars, “why I was a little upset to be compared with Satan.” The two pastors since have become good friends.

The Ventura church has connected with a multi-layered network of Ventura agencies and organizations with a dual effect: helping many individuals who have become homeless when jobs were lost, and conveying their beliefs through loving community activity.

“What our involvement has done,” said Ayars, “is to open up communication with other churches here. Now we are friends working together to help our community.”

Ventura members help the homeless in area river-bottom areas and those served by the Kingdom Center, an interchurch transitional residence. The Kingdom Center

emerged when a fellow pastor in the community and his congregation learned that a shuttered motel was for sale. The pastor suggested leasing it as transitional housing for homeless people, and his offer was accepted. Ayars immediately joined him and other pastors in the endeavor. Churches have rallied to restore the motel — each church selecting a room and paying for renovations and monthly maintenance. As 2010 ended, 13 adults and 25 children had moved in, six additional rooms were readied for dedication, with a goal of finishing all rooms by early 2011.

The church also paid for three U-domes in the River Haven transitional housing project, part of the 25-30 domes provided by the interchurch community. Ventura members share with other denominations in providing spiritual guidance for those in transitional housing. “Six of our members trained as Life Coaches for the residents,” Ayars noted.

When Ayars arrived at the church in 2006, homeless people were showing up on the church property. To help these and other community homeless people, the church joined



Bill Calkins

**Pastor Jim Ayars; and Pam Marshall, Community Services director; with a River Haven resident. Domes are made of flame retardant, weather-resistant plastic, providing built-in insulation. The white color reflects the heat. A roof vent and two screened, closable windows on the back side; and a front screen door provide air circulation.**

in Ventura County’s initial meetings to develop a 10-year program to end homelessness, countywide.

Pam Marshall joined the church five years ago, and had, herself, been homeless. When Ayars asked if she would like to serve as Community Services director, she accepted. “I feel this is what the Lord wants me to do,” she said. “I feel very fulfilled in the church through our work with the food pantry, the Kingdom Center, River Haven and life coaching.”

How does the church fund these and other community-related projects and ministries? “Our involvement in these projects is ‘extra-budgetary,’” said Ayars, with a smile, “funded through members’ donations.”



# Pheron Initiates Camp Ministry at Northridge CSUN

*David Gardner*

**P**heron, a Southern California Conference organization for youth and young adult ministry, recently held an organizing meeting for a campus ministry on the campus of California State University, Northridge (CSUN). “The Spirit of God is moving in our ministry,” affirmed several Pheron and prayer team members who attended.

Members and the prayer ministry team of the Northridge church — located less than a block from the CSUN campus — prayer-walked the campus and prayed for years that God would raise up a ministry to CSUN students and faculty. “While my husband was living, he prayed for many years that God would provide a CSUN ministry,” said Northridge member Ermalee Gray. “God is answering those prayers.”

The first brainstorming session in Northridge was held in a CSUN meeting room and conducted by young adult pastors involved with Pheron in the Southern California Conference. Students shared their hopes of having weekly get-togethers, with good food, lunch-time Bible studies, a prayer booth, debates, recreation and sports, mission trips and a collegiate church. In an electrifying moment during the brainstorming, student Michael Stanley asked, “Would it be possible for our organization to sponsor an evangelistic series on campus for fellow students and faculty, with our

students actually doing the presentations?”

Pheron serves as an arm of the North American Division’s Adventist Christian Fellowship, developing campus ministries in the SCC area. Parallel with witnessing and service is Pheron’s commitment to nurture Adventist students on secular, post-modern campuses.

When four of Pheron’s young-adult pastors in the Northridge area called students and invited them to the brainstorming session for CSUN ministry, one student cautiously answered, “Honestly, I haven’t been going to church, but this campus ministry is something I’m interested in. I will attend the meeting.” Pheron’s goal is to reach Adventist collegiates where they are, create a path for them to enter a relationship with Christ, find a church they can connect with and ultimately grow into full discipleship.

An exhilarating aspect of the first CSUN session was watching the excitement of six Adventist faculty and staff members getting acquainted. Before that meeting, each individual had thought he or she was the only Adventist on campus. The students found it an unexpected pleasure to interact with pastors their age, on their secular campus. “God arranged that I would hear



journalism major and dorm student from northern Calif.; Anselmo Ventura, a member of San Fernando Spanish church and freshman music performance major; and Ian de Asis, a Northridge church member and junior public health education major.

David Gardner

about this so I could be part of this ministry,” said Dean Hightower, a residential student. “I didn’t know there was another Adventist student on campus.”

A total of 14 pastors are involved with SCC Pheron, which means, “to hold together, to lift up,” said Iki Taimi. Taimi coordinates Pheron and is pastor of Genesis, a group largely composed of young adults that meets in Gardena.

Pheron pastors are committed to bringing salvation and personal spiritual development to a substantial segment of our conference just bursting with opportunity. Cal State is the world’s largest university system, with 450,000 students. Of its 23 campuses, Northridge is the second largest, with a student population of 37,000. Pheron also directs ministries with teams of three or four pastors each, assigned to the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Southern California and is in the process of planting a ministry at California State University, Los Angeles.



# Young Adult Walks Again, with Jesus

*Yonny Jiminez*

**R**aised and baptized in the Van Nuys Spanish church, 13-year-old Jason Arias began to live his life apart from God. “He occasionally visited church,” said Pastor Yonny Jiminez, “but did not make any recommitment to Christ. In our prayer meetings, his mother regularly requested prayer for her two sons to come back to Christ.”

God was working. At times, Jason would read his Bible; at age 19, he told his girlfriend and coworkers, “I am thinking about returning to church.”

A week later while bicycling home, he was struck by a car. His mother, Olga Arias, rushed to the hospital, finding her son still alive, with major brain damage, broken ribs and broken leg.

The church prayed for Jason and supported his mother spiritually and emotionally. Doctors predicted that if Jason survived he would be in a vegetative state. During his two months in intensive care, and six months in a recovery facility, his mother never lost hope for his recovery.

“I do not understand why this happened,” she said, “but I believe God has a purpose for him.”

Jason’s recuperation involved starting all over again, since he had



Pastor Yonny Jiminez (l) and Pastor Arturo Escudero (r) in the baptistry with Jason Arias.

lost his speech and was wheelchair bound, with the brain of a seven year old. Recovery was slow, but steady. Two years later, Jason is still recovering, but he is a new person.

He began attending church services with his mother. Although not able to speak, he uses American sign language and can understand when people speak to him. Using a cane, he has begun to walk by himself, and also can walk a few steps without any help. “His improvements are truly a miracle,” said Mrs. Arias.

The real miracle occurred on Nov. 20. Jason attended evangelistic meetings that week and told his mother that he did not want to miss any meetings. A baptism was scheduled for Sabbath afternoon. “I want to be baptized then,” Jason

signed to his mom. She suggested waiting for another occasion.

Ten persons were to be baptized that afternoon. During the service, Jason again signed, “I don’t want to wait any longer; my decision for Christ is made.”

When his mother again suggested waiting, Jason got up in frustration and began to walk away, using his

cane. When his pastors became aware of the situation, they spoke with Mrs. Arias and agreed that if Jason had made his decision, they should baptize him. They happily prolonged the service an additional 45 minutes so he could be prepared.

Pastor Arturo Escudero, senior pastor of the Van Nuys Spanish church and the Shalom group, and his associate pastor, the writer, with the help of two deacons, held Jason as he entered the baptistry. Tears of happiness and thanksgiving flowed.

Today, Jason Arias faces many challenges, but he also has the joy of experiencing God’s miraculous touch in his heart. “God gave me one more time to live,” he signed, “and now I walk.”



# Students Read “Messiah”

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ABC GIVE CLASSIC TO 635 STUDENTS

*Shenalyn Page*

God, I need a book to help me get closer to you,” prayed Bakersfield Adventist Academy (BAA) sophomore Emmanuel Abarquez one morning last spring. Abarquez was struggling with bitterness, in trouble at school, and hungry for God. School staff wondered whether he was the right fit for BAA.

Little did he know that God had already answered his prayer. During chapel that morning, Abarquez and his fellow students each received a pocket-size copy of *Messiah*, Jerry Thomas’ contemporary adaptation of Ellen White’s classic *Desire of Ages*. The book was a gift from the CCC Education Department and Adventist Book Center to the conference’s 9th to 12th graders. Abarquez recognized the answer to his prayer immediately. “I like Ellen White, but she uses a lot of hard language,” he says. “So this was great. The series of events made me realize I needed God more.”

Abarquez had often gotten in trouble for doing outside reading during classes. Now, he began devouring the *Messiah*. God used it “as a stepping stone to get me back on religion,” says Abarquez.

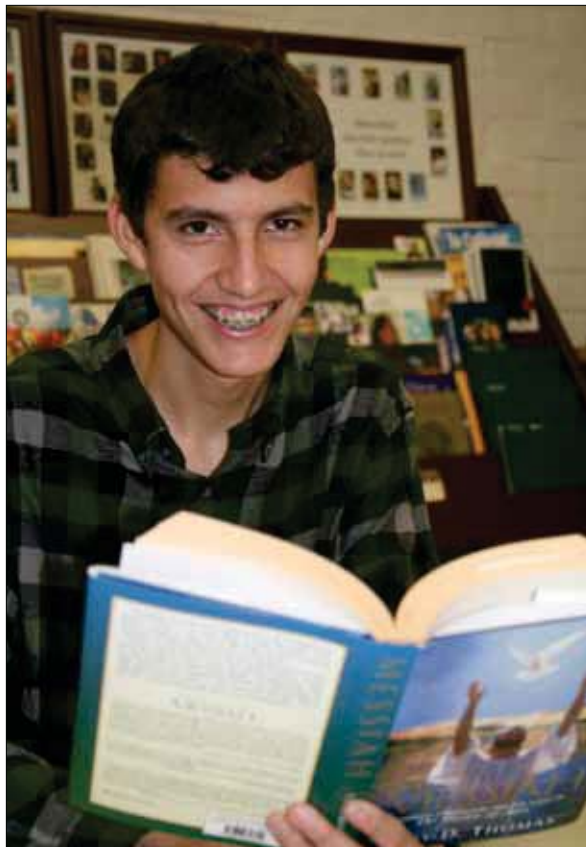
“It was amazing to see the change in Emmanuel at the beginning of this year,” says Principal Mike Schwartz. His classmates saw it too and elected him junior class president. Abarquez now plans to become a pastor.

A messy stock room at the Adventist Book Center (ABC) inspired the gifting of *Messiah* to the 638 students in the conference’s six senior academies and three junior academies. “A bunch of pocket-size *Messiahs* caught my eye while I was straightening up last spring,” explains ABC manager Greg Keener. “I thought, *Messiah* would be perfect for our kids’ devotional lives.”

Ken Bullington, associate superintendent for Education, loved the idea. The Pacific Press discounted the books and offered monies left from a past North American Division subsidy project. The ABC kicked in the rest of the money and the books were ordered. “Within two hours it was a done deal,” says Keener.

“Encouraging kids to develop a mature faith is a big priority of our schools and something we evaluate during curriculum review each spring,” says Bullington. The *Messiah* project fit both of the conference’s faith maturity goals: acceptance of God and His Word, and commitment to the Adventist church.

The academy principals enthusiastically embraced the project, joining



Emmanuel Abarquez poses with book, *Messiah*.

Bullington and Keener in praying over the books during a special dedication service at the annual curriculum review meetings. Each then returned to their schools to give them to the students.

“I think it’s very positive to get these into the hands of our young people,” says Schwartz.

“This is something that will go with them throughout their future life,” adds Bullington. “We want them to succeed in their spiritual life and be close to Jesus.”



# Ron Rasmussen Selected as Executive Secretary

*Caron Oswald*

The Conference Executive Committee on December 14 voted Ron Rasmussen as the new executive secretary for the Central California Conference. Rasmussen is currently serving as senior pastor of the Modesto Parkwood Church.

“Quietly and unbeknownst to him, the gifts, skills and capabilities needed for this position were already displayed over many years of observation,” says Ramiro Cano, conference president. “The Lord has in many ways already affirmed the committee’s decision.”

Rasmussen has served in Central California since July 1981, when he first began in ministry. He has been assistant pastor at Bakersfield Hillcrest, associate pastor at Sunnyvale, and senior pastor at Chowchilla, San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, and Modesto Parkwood.

In addition, Rasmussen has been chairman of the Conference Property Management Committee, co-chair of the Soquel Conference Center Task Force and a member of the Conference Constitution & Bylaws Committee. He has also served on the Pacific Union Conference Bylaws Committee.



Ron and Marla Rasmussen. Ron is the new executive secretary for the Central California Conference.

He has a bachelor of arts from Loma Linda University, with a major in ministerial studies and a concentration in educational ministry. He received a Master of Divinity from Andrews University, Mich. in 1985. In 2001 he completed a doctorate in ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. Areas of concentration are church growth, church health, church leadership, marketing and mission, church management, and conflict management.

His passion: “Equipping others for excellence in ministry,” Rasmussen says.

He is married to Marla Edsell. She teaches second grade and is the vice principal of Central Valley Christian Academy, Ceres, Calif. They have two grown daughters, Laurita and Danita.

A career educator, Marla has also taught at Miramonte Adventist Elementary in Los Altos, and Valley View Jr. Academy in Arroyo Grande, as well as being a stay-at-home mom for eight years when the girls were younger.

She believes that the first years of education set the foundation for the rest of the students’ lives. “I like to help mold their character, their picture of Jesus,

their picture of church. Then they will have a good foundation to fall back on when they are older and things get distorted,” she explains.

“God leads in powerful ways. It is just amazing how He has led all through the years,” says Rasmussen. “God has always chosen for us areas where we have been able to grow. He has never led us wrong. Marla and I have a real strong commitment to ministry in Central.”



# Fresno Teens Preach Red Letter Series

Shenaly Page

A colorful flyer caught Tony Medina's eye as he exited a pizza place in Fresno, Calif., last fall. The flyer advertised The Red Letters, a youth-led evangelistic series being held at the Fresno Central Adventist Church on Oct. 8-22. Medina had been baptized five years earlier after a series with Amazing Facts evangelist John Bradshaw. Life had pulled him away, but now he was hungry for God again.

Medina attended the eleven-night series which focused on the life-changing teachings of Jesus — the words in red letters in some

Bibles — and was baptized at the end, along with Jesse Morales. Seven others are now studying for baptism.

"I'm amazed that God can use us to bring people to Jesus in spite of how unworthy we are," says Tina Morales, a sophomore who preached several sermons in the series. She gave the final sermon just one year after giving her heart to God during a conference-wide youth prayer conference in 2009.

More than 30 of the church's youth and young adults participated in the series as preachers, deacons, film crew, prayer warriors, and children's program leaders. The youth group is comprised of students from public and Adventist schools.

Praying and planning for the fall outreach began in April. Once speakers were selected, sermons were written. Five weekly training sessions were held during May and June, with experienced local preachers sharing their experiences. Topics covered included the heart of the preacher and the basics of homiletics. They made a field trip to a live evangelistic series. Text books were the Bible, *Gospel Workers*, *The Voice in Speech and Song*, and *Evangelism*.

"This bonded us closer together and got our focus on spreading a knowledge of Jesus' soon coming,"



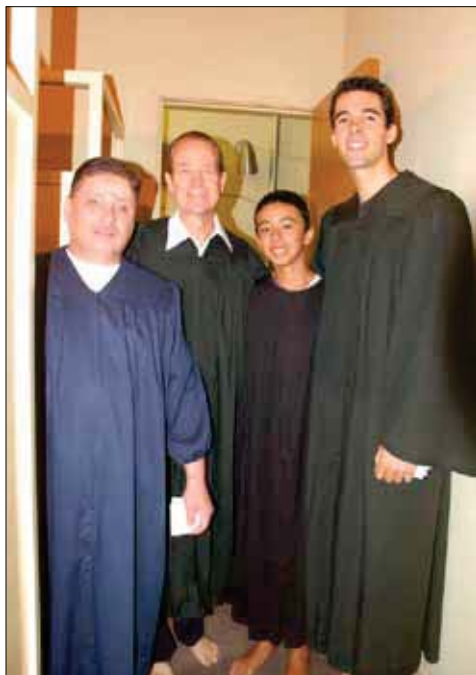
The prayer team prays before one of the 11 meetings. Youth that volunteered in the prayer room saw significant answers to prayer, a life-changing experience.

says Justin Torossian, youth pastor at Fresno Central.

Torossian prayerfully selected Morales, sophomore Anthony Moreno and senior Daniel Penalzoza from Porterville, to preach for the series. He and young adult Miguel Caldera co-wrote the sermons, then trained the preachers on the use of illustrations, appeals and more. "The Red Letters changed my view of evangelism," says Penalzoza. "I used to think preaching was just going up and talking. But I learned it actually takes both a spiritual and mental preparation and having all surrendered to God."

Forty-five visitors came during the series. During the final appeal, youth in the prayer room prayed earnestly for 11-year-old TJ and a couple who had attended faithfully. TJ and the couple both went forward, committing to study for baptism. "Seeing our prayers being answered brought me a lot closer to God," says Loreinne Morazan, a sophomore.

Neighborhood children from the apartment complex next door attended the nightly children's program. Pathfinder leader Amanda Caldera and her youthful helpers



Five years after an earlier conversion, Tony Medina (l) recommits to his Savior, while Jesse Morales makes public his decision for Jesus. Pictured (l-r) are Medina, Associate Pastor Gary Jensen, Morales, and Youth Pastor Justin Torossian.



used stories, activities and crafts to bring the topic of the adult meetings to life for the kids.

The Red Letters had a profound impact on sophomore Kirri Warkentin. “I went from almost atheist to studying for baptism,” she says. “I saw God’s love flowing through kids my age as they gave Bible studies and wanted that for myself.” Warkentin

helped with the children’s program.

“The most valuable aspect of the series was that the youth saw that it’s possible for young people to preach and reach the hearts of the people,” says Stephen Bohr, Fresno Central’s senior pastor. “I am eager for it to be done again in our church, and I strongly encourage other churches to plan for youth to lead out in

evangelistic efforts.”

“There’s nothing like the joy that comes from laboring with Christ for the salvation of others,” says Torosian. “For the youth to experience that was priceless!”

Note: Churches wishing to use The Red Letters to hold their own youth-led series may contact Fresno Central at [www.fresnocentralsda.org](http://www.fresnocentralsda.org).

## GLOW Tracts Exceed 10 Million Worldwide

*Caron Oswald*

The last stop on the annual Walk Through Bethlehem tour on the lawn of the Bakersfield Hillcrest church is the prayer station, where church members and two Bible workers pray for the visitors. Free hot chocolate and offers of Bible studies are also available — and this year, a little tract titled “A Gift for You.”

Each year several thousand visitors attend the event, which requires more than 100 volunteers for each shift.

This year when members of a local Baptist youth group toured, they read the free tract and they got excited. Returning to the grounds, they requested and received 1,000 “A Gift for You” GLOW tracts to distribute at their own Christmas program.

GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) is a local church-based outreach for members of all ages to expand literature ministries in every community. Launched in September 2007 by several young adults (under 25) and a couple older adults (over 60), GLOW continues to explode.

Director Nelson Ernst (a young adult) reports that 60 churches in the Central California Conference are now actively involved in GLOW literature programs, plus numerous individuals. Each year nearly two million GLOW tracts are distributed in CCC alone.

Currently, there are 11 tracts in English, three in Spanish, two in Korean, and a Japanese version is in the works. Contact information for requesting Bible study is on the back. In North America 14 conferences have organized GLOW programs. In Europe three countries, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, are printing their own tracts. It Is Written has ordered 100,000 GLOW tracts for the pre-work for their upcoming Babylon Rising series in Las Vegas, Nev.

A new iPhone GLOW app,

coming soon, allows digital sharing and online ordering. At [www.goglow.org](http://www.goglow.org), more information, testimonials and “how to” tutorials are available.

Ernst dreams big. “I pray that this will catch on with every church member; members carrying tracts. It is very effective. If every church member in [North America] was passing out only 10 tracts each week, amazing things would happen.”





# Religious Liberty on Camera

*Lincoln Steed*

A little more powder to cut the camera shine. A final adjustment of the microphones to make sure they are not visible. A “five, four, three, two, one” countdown from the floor director at the 3ABN studios, and another episode of “Liberty Insider” is under way.

It’s a little hard to tell from the studio setup that this program appears on air with dramatic visuals that incorporate a high-tech set with a panoramic overview of the nation’s capital. At times the camera seems to swoop away over the superstructure of the “virtual set,” but only those behind the camera and on the show itself know just how far the technical wizardry extends. The “set” in the studio appears to be little more than a desk, two chairs and a huge green screen. But those who are there are well aware that this show deals with the

full pyrotechnics of church-state issues. It is a topic well suited to an attention-getting set.

Behind the desk on this particular day is regular host Lincoln Steed and his guest, attorney Alan Reinach, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director for the Pacific Union Conference. Reinach has much to say to the world-wide audience the program reaches in its global distribution.

The goal is to film at least six half-hour programs, and to cover from six to ten major topics, in one day’s filming. “Prop. 8?” asks Liberty editor Lincoln Steed, with a smile. “Where did that end up?” He knows that just a few days earlier, the controversial California attempt to define marriage as only between a man and a woman came before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal — probably on its way to the U.S Supreme Court. “Well, this is

the situation,” responds Reinach, instantly on cue for a topic that has consumed much of his time for months. “This is a vital case for all Christians and for all who respect the Biblical model of marriage.”

Before the day is over editor Steed and attorney Reinach have covered a gamut of religious liberty issues. They have discussed the ground zero Mosque controversy, a sampling of cases of Adventists struggling to gain Sabbath accommodation in the workplace, the role of religion in the recent midterm national elections, and concluded with an appeal for viewers to support the television program and Liberty magazine.

Steed holds up a recent copy of Liberty, which is currently distributed to nearly 200,000 thought leaders throughout North America. Adventists in the Pacific Union have sponsored a high percentage of the subscriptions, and Reinach comments on how important it is that our message of religious freedom is empowered as never before. “Our times demand it,” concludes the editor. “These are prophetically significant times, and times of great opportunity.”

Filming over, Reinach and Steed prepare to leave. But it is not over. Both have regular radio programs and other television commitments. And both have an ongoing compulsion to continue to “proclaim liberty throughout the land,” as the Bible so aptly puts it.



Alan Reinach (left) and Lincoln Steed discuss religious liberty issues on the green screen set at 3ABN.





# Union Executive Committee Prays and Plans

*Gerry Chudleigh*

**A**fter meeting by phone in September, Pacific Union executive committee members devoted nearly an hour on Nov. 18 to worshipping God, praying, and sharing their appreciation for God's work in their lives and churches before considering the agenda.

That led smoothly to union President Ricardo Graham's report on efforts of the local conference presidents to development a shared vision for the conferences and churches in the Pacific Union. While the details are yet to emerge, Graham mentioned three primary elements he hopes to see: spiritual renewal at the local congregational level, total youth involvement in God's service, and an emphasis on evangelism. Graham expressed his support for recent world and North American Division church plans for special quarterly days of prayer and a world-wide prayer chain, with members around the world praying seven days a week at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., both of which were formally endorsed by the executive committee.

The emphasis on evangelism, Graham said, should include re-creating a culture of personal witnessing, developing more small group ministries, and supporting aggressive public evangelism.

As they do every year, the committee voted to adopt new policies voted by the General Conference and NAD at their respective fall meetings. This year almost all the

changes were editorial — except one that signaled tangible change. A new NAD — and now Pacific Union — policy states that a conference president “should be an ordained/commissioned minister,” effectively removing any gender barrier to conference leadership in the Pacific Union. According to a statement from the NAD, “This ... is an issue of equality and opportunity for all leaders who hold the commissioned minister credentials.”

The committee also approved three people for ordination/commissioning to ministry: Janeen Little, from Southeastern Calif.; Fernando Rossi, from Southern Calif.; and Kurt Unglaub, from Hawaii.

The committee approved three people for ministerial scholarships: Donnie Keele and Carlos Pasillas, from Central Calif.; and Christopher Scott Chong, from Southern Calif. And two ministers were approved to pursue Doctor of Ministry degrees: Brett Poynter and Fernando Rossi, both from the SCC.

One of the primary functions of the Pacific Union is to reduce expenses at local conferences by pooling resources and services. With that goal in mind, the committee voted to find and hire at the union office an individual to provide technical support for the new accounting software now used in local conference offices.

The 2011 Pacific Union Recorder budget was approved, with the cost

to the conferences remaining at \$6.11 per subscription (member households receive the magazine at no cost). The union will also continue to mail the monthly NAD edition of the *Adventist World* to all members.

The committee voted to re-affirm Michael Tuazon as assistant director of SOULS West and to invite him to become director April 1.

In the executive secretary's report, Brad Newton reported that during the first nine months of 2010, membership in the Union grew about one percent, to 222,065. This growth rate, Newton said, is about half the overall growth rate for the North American Division.

Ted Benson, union treasurer, noted in his report that tithe is down about 1.7 percent from last year, but expenses are also down slightly. “The numbers have come up just slightly from where I thought they would be,” said Benson.

The committee approved money from the Evangelism Endowment Fund for several innovative projects: evangelistic projects in Loma Linda Campus Hill (\$15,000), SECC GLOW (\$48,500), “Corridor of Grace” at La Sierra University church (\$4,000), Dinner with a Doctor (\$4,000) and Radio Maranatha Las Vegas (\$7,300).

The executive committee will meet next on March 10, at the union office.

# Adventist Burrill, 92, Likely Sets Marathon Record

*Ansel Oliver/Adventist News Network*

Gladys Burrill says life is like a marathon. She would know — she's 92 and believed to be the world's oldest woman to have completed an official 26.2-mile race.

Burrill finished the December 12 Honolulu Marathon,

power-walking across the finish line at 9 hours, 53 minutes and 16 seconds. If her time is confirmed by the Guinness World Records company, she would surpass current record holder Jenny Wood-Allen, a Scot who completed the London

Marathon at age 90, according to the company's website.

Like life, a marathon requires "perseverance, strength, courage ... you just have to keep going," Burrill said in a recent phone interview from her condominium in Honolulu. "It's very important to think positive," she said.

Locally, she's a beloved competitor — in 2004 the Honolulu Advertiser nicknamed her "the Gladly-ator." She completed the city marathon each year from 2004 to 2007. But two consecutive unfinished attempts left some wondering if her marathon days were over.

In 2008, her husband died four days before the race. Burrill said stress and grief caused her to end her attempt just one mile short of the finish line. Last year, stomach cramps put her out at mile 16.

"I felt a lot more at peace this year," said Burrill, who walked four miles the day after the race and 10 miles two days later. She regularly walks 30 to 50 miles a week, usually with a training partner.

Her time this year might have been two minutes less — she stopped to pray a few hundred feet from the finish line. "I thought my life would change once I crossed that line. I knew some people needed encouragement so I thought that was very important," said Burrill, who is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Burrill's son and grandson walked with her at different points during

Photo courtesy Honolulu Marathon



Church member Gladys Burrill, 92, set what is believed to be a world record on December 12 as the oldest woman to finish a marathon. Locally known as "the Gladly-ator," she power-walked her way through the Honolulu Marathon in 9 hours, 53 minutes and 16 seconds.



Dr. Jim Barahal, president of the Honolulu Marathon, greets Gladys with a lei at the finish line.

this year's competition. She has 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Jim Barahal, president of the Honolulu Marathon, said he was astonished by Burrill's feat.

"I think it is absolutely unbelievable," Barahal told KITV News. "It is inspirational and to anyone who has an elderly parent or perhaps has lost someone to realize what she is doing at her age. It is just astonishing. What an inspiration."

Barahal and marathon organizers donated \$2,500 on her behalf to the Lokahi Giving Project, which helps needy families with food and basic household necessities.

Burrill said she regularly uses her local notoriety to help such projects. "I know what it's like to go through poverty," she said.

The youngest of six kids of Finnish immigrants, her father died on her second birthday, leaving her mother to work their farm in Washington state. At age 11, she contracted polio but later recovered.

The mother of five, Burrill said she lost her son Kevin in 1985 to a brain tumor.

"I had a lot of obstacles in life, but God was always there with me," she said.

Burrill has been an airplane pilot and a mountain climber. She said she was always athletic — as a child she ran up the hills above their farm.

Adventure and exercise have helped her deal with stress and grief throughout her life, she said. "Sometimes I go out [walking] with the weight of the world on my shoulders and come back feeling so strong and renewed."

When asked about fitness tips, she gives simple advice: "Eat healthfully and exercise. So many young

people don't realize the importance of exercise. Just put one foot in front of the other."

Burrill said she's never used alcohol or tobacco and eats a healthy diet — she's mostly vegetarian and skips dessert, she said.

Just as important, she said, is staying mentally well. "It's very important to think positive." Also, "dream about things you want to do in the future, even if they're impossible. It keeps you going."

Burrill would like to one day climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and travel into space, but is content that neither will likely happen. She said she'll continue to encourage people and compete in charity walks.

Now on her own, Burrill divides her time between her home in Prospect, Oregon, and Honolulu, where she enjoys the weather and the lifestyle.

"People have such a great Aloha spirit here," she said.

The Honolulu mayor honored Gladys with a city proclamation in a January 7 ceremony.

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**THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY** Visitation Weekend (Feb. 10-12) 7410 E. Sutton Dr. Scottsdale. Info: Sherrie, 480-948-3300.

**THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY** Saturday Night Talent Show (Feb. 12) 7410 E Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Info Sherrie, 480-948-3300.

**HISPANIC PASTORS RETREAT** (Feb. 13-14) Location to be determined. Info: Cinthia, 480-991-6777, ext.117.

**HISPANIC PATHFINDER EVANGELISM** (Feb. 16-19) throughout Arizona Hispanic churches. Info: Cinthia, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

**YOUTH RALLY** for high school and college-age (Feb. 25-26). Info: Corina, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

**THREE ANGELS PRISON MINISTRY** (Feb. 26) 3:30 p.m. the 4th Sabbath

of each month, Community Service Center, 1320 N 15th St., Phoenix. Info: Celess, faith\_not\_seeing@yahoo.com.

Central California

**SENIOR ACADEMY CHORAL** Festival Sabbath Concert (Feb. 3-5) Fresno Westside Adventist church. Contact: Ken, 559-352-8787.

**HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT** (Feb. 4-6) Tenaya Lodge. Contact: Florina, 559-347-3150.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** (Feb. 4-6) Soquel Conference Center. Contact: Joyce, 209-996-5393.

**MARRIAGE RETREAT** (Feb. 25-27) Embassy Suites, San Francisco. Contact: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpassillas@cccsda.org.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RALLY** (March 19) Fresno Central Adventist church. Contact: 559-233-4266.

La Sierra University

**DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC** presents Opera Scenes (Feb. 26-27). Also, the

Winter Orchestra Concert (Feb. 12) 7 p.m. All concerts are in Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

**PAUL J. LANDA MEMORIAL LECTURE** on Faith and Learning: (March 5) 4 p.m., La Sierra University church. Featured speaker, Dr. Jack Miles, University of California Irvine. "The Autobiography of God's Biographer." Info: 951-785-2041.

**4TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL** of One-Acts showcases student talent in an evening of one-act plays featuring student directors and actors. Performances: (March 2, 3, 5 and 6), 8 p.m., in Matheson. Info: LSUdrama@lasierra.edu.

**FACULTY ART EXHIBIT** runs through Feb. 14 to March 3, at the Brandstater Gallery. Info: 951-785-2959.

**FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP** takes place Friday nights at 8 p.m. at the La Sierra University church. Info: 951-785-2090.

Northern California

**FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT** (Feb. 4-6) Leoni Meadows. Info: Youth Department, 925-603-5080.

**SUNDOWN PRAISES** (Sabbath evenings) 4:30 p.m. Lodi-English Oaks church, 1260 W. Century Blvd. (Feb. 5) pianist Kelly Mowrer; (Feb. 12) Bob Tan's students sing; (Feb. 19) Harlen Miller Chorale; (Feb. 26) Calvin Taylor Ministries concert; (March 5 at 5 p.m.) GLOW Ministries, Joshua Orazco. Info: 209-369-1021.

**HISPANIC CHURCH MINISTRIES** Training (Feb. 6) 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. No-cost training for a variety of local church ministries. Lunch provided. Concord International church, 1655 West Street. Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 925-603-5092.

**HISPANIC PRAYER CONFERENCE** (Feb. 18-20) Leoni Meadows. Info: Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 925-603-5092.

**WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY** I Cantori Tour, the elite choral group from WWU directed by Kraig Scott, will be touring California on (Feb. 18) Paradise; (Feb. 19) Sacramento and

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**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** Leaders Training Day (Feb. 19) Chico church, 1877 Hooker Oak Ave. "A Ministry for Every Woman." Speaker Carla Baker. Info: Mary Jo Lauderdale, 925-603-5048 or mlauterdale@nccsda.com.

**YOUTH RALLY** (Feb. 19) Lodi-Fairmont church, 730 S. Fairmont Avenue. Info: Youth Department, 925-603-5080.

**LOCAL CHURCH ELDERS** Training Symposium (Feb. 27) 9 a.m. Fairfield Community church, 1101 E. Tabor Avenue. Info: Ministerial Department, 925-603-5089.

**NCC PRAYER RETREAT** (March 4-6) Leoni Meadows. "More About Jesus." Lee Venden, speaker; Randy & Jewel Speyer and Joanne Cochrane, music. Youth and children's programs. Info: Naomi Parson, 916-721-1586 or naomiparson@aol.com.

**NCC BAND FESTIVAL** (March 4) Hilltop Christian School, 2200 Country Hills Drive, Antioch. Info: Education Department, 925-603-5065.

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**COLLEGE DAYS** (Feb. 10-13) Academy students are invited to get a preview of college life at PUC. Info: 707-965-6425.

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**Southeastern California**

**SECC INTERMEDIATE HANDBELL** Festival (Feb. 3) 7 p.m., Redlands Adventist Academy, 130 Tennessee St. All are welcome. Info: 951-509-2313.

**PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL** Winter Camp Meeting (Feb. 4, 5) Craig Newborn, senior pastor, Oakwood University church, speaker. Friday, 7 p.m., Palm Springs church, 620 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs. Sabbath school, 9:15 a.m. ("Help for Haiti," presented by Palm Desert Oasis church), and church, 11 a.m., Palm Springs High School Auditorium, 2248 E. Ramon Rd., Palm Springs. Afternoon programs at Palm Springs church: 2 p.m., Craig Newborn; 3 p.m., William Chunestudy Men's Chorale. Info: 760-327-5112.

**SECC ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL** Seminar (Feb. 5) 3-6 p.m., SECC office, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. Guest speaker, J. Alfred Johnson II, North American Division adult ministries director. Info: 951-509-2337.

**SECC PRISON MINISTRIES** Seminar (Feb. 6) 9 a.m.-noon, SECC office, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. Guest speaker, Cleveland Houser, North American Division prison ministries consultant. Info: 951-509-2337.

**SECC JUNIOR HIGH CHORAL** Festival (Feb. 11) 7 p.m., Memorial Chapel, University of Redlands. Info: 951-509-2313.

**GARY BONNER SINGERS** (Feb. 12) 6 p.m., Tierrasanta church, 11260 Claremont Mesa Blvd., San Diego. All welcome; free admission. Info: 858-576-9990.

**"CELEBRATION OF NEGRO SPIRITUALS"** (Feb. 12) 6:30 p.m., Campus Hill church, 11057 Hill Dr., Loma Linda. Featuring Shelton Kilby, Adrian Pressley, and the Master's Call Choir. Info: rhyman@llu.edu or 909-651-5097.

**SANCTUARY BRASS** (Feb. 12) 4:30 p.m., Giovanni Santos, director. Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St.

**JAPANESE CAMP MEETING** (Feb. 18-20) Drayson Center, Loma Linda University, 25040 Stewart St. Info: 909-335-8369.

**"BELLISSIMO"** (Feb. 19) 4:30 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St. Redlands Junior Academy Handbell Choir.

**JIM MCDONALD** in Concert (Feb. 19) 4:30 p.m., Paradise Valley church, 2701 East 8th St., National City. Info: 619-475-0383.

**FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR** (Feb. 25-27) Pine Springs Ranch. Presentations by Tom and Alane Waters of Restoration International. Sponsored by the Mentone church. Info: 909-894-4616 or music4den@yahoo.com.

**STRENGTHENING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES** (Feb. 26) All-day seminar (Spanish) sponsored by SECC Hispanic Family Ministries. Ayres Hotel and Suites, Ontario Convention Center, 1945 E. Holt Blvd. Speakers, Jorge and Nibia Mayers, from Atlanta, Ga. Info: www.familytherapyhelp.com/ministeriodelafamilia or 951-509-2333. To register and pay online: www.mfparejassecc.eventbrite.com.

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**Southern California**

**NAD ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICE** Leadership Development (Feb. 5) 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; (Feb. 6) 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Training in Community Development/Urban Ministry, Elder Care Ministry, Disaster Response, YES! (Youth/Young Adults), Crisis Care, Tutoring/Mentoring. White Memorial Church, 401 N. State St., Los Angeles. Details/Registration: Barbara Hart, 818-546-8405; bhart@sccsda.org.

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**MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY**

West Coast Alumni Chapter (Feb. 20) 10 a.m., Azure Hills church, 22633 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace, CA 92324. Contact Elaine Cramer lainielou31@hotmail.com or 805-473-2698.

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Springs Adventist Church. (Feb. 26) 10:45 a.m., Palm Springs Adventist Church, Palm Springs. Weekend speaker, John McVay, WWU president; Alumni Dessert Reception (Feb. 26) 7 p.m., Drayson Center, Loma Linda. Info: alumni@wallawalla.edu.

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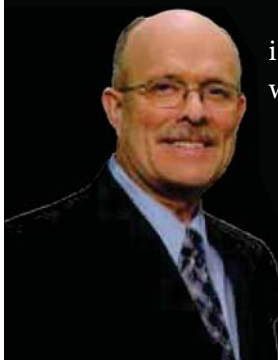
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**BENTJEN, MELVIN C.** — b. March 7, 1923, Thurston, Neb.; d. Nov. 22, 2010, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: sons, Charles, Glenn; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Velda Ruby, Darlene Steme, Nona Grove.

**CHUNG, MAY** — b. Feb. 15, 1925, Richmond, Mo.; d. Dec. 5, 2010, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: sons, Keven, Mark, Kirk; daughters, Cherie, Laurie Chir, Lani Northon.

**CRAYFOURD, BETTY W.** — b. Jan. 7, 1924, Witham, England; d. Dec. 29, 2010, Walla, Walla, Wash. Survivors: niece, Gillian Phillips; nephews, Clive, Paul; one adopted granddaughter.

**CUNNINGHAM, DON R.** — b. Feb. 16, 1922, Oakland, Calif.; d. Dec. 24, 2010, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: wife, June; sons, Daniel, Jim; grandchild, Amanda.

**DENNIS, ALFRED J.** — b. Nov. 30, 1930, Chicago, Ill.; d. Nov. 30, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, David; daughters, Jane Valdez, Ellyn Childers; five grandchildren. Served as a pharmacist at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

**HOWARD, BETTY ANN (HOGAN)** — b. May 19, 1933, Aldrich, Ala.; d. Dec. 2, 2010, Loma, Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Frank Howard IV. Founded the Association of Adventist Women; served as women's dean and taught at Southern Missionary College, Columbia Union College, Walla Walla University, and Hinsdale Hospital School of Nursing.

**JONES, HAROLD H.** — b. March 2, 1917; d. Dec. 7, 2009, Simi Valley, Calif. Survivors: daughters Martha Elmer, Patricia Lim, Barbara O'Reilly; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**LOGAN, MILON** — b. Feb. 24, 1919, Providence, R.I.; d. Nov. 11, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Janet; step-sons, Richard Haseltine, Philip Haseltine; step-daughter, Debbie Tranys.

**MAXWELL, GRAHAM** — b. Nov. 28, 1921, Watford, England; d. Nov. 28, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rosalyn; daughters, Audrey Zinke, Alice Lucas; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Taught religion at Pacific Union College 1943-1961. Started the School of Religion at Loma Linda University in 1961 and later served as professor emeritus.

**MCGILCHRIST, CHARLES JEROME** — b. Jan. 11, 1925, Crochu, Grenada, West Indies; d. July 7, 2010, Sunland, Calif. Survivors:

wife, Laetitia; sons, Charles, Anthony, Neville, John; step-daughter Heloise; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as business manager Glendale Adventist Academy.

**MIRACLE, JEAN (SHERMAN)** — b. Nov. 28, 1925, Bellflower, Calif.; d. Dec. 16, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Dennis; daughters, Janie Jones, Jan Lindstrom, Janece, Deb Ragnone; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

**MOORE, ARTHENA** — b. June 6, 1910, Lewistown, Mont.; d. Nov. 24, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: 21 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; 63 great-great-grandchildren; eight great-great-great-grandchildren.

**MOREL, LENORA JOANNE (MOON)** — b. Oct. 8, 1934, Anadarko, Okla.; d. Oct. 22, 2010, Angwin, Calif. Survivors: son, Dennis; daughter, Lynda Donaldson; one grandchild.

**NILSEN, SVEIN R.** — b. Feb. 16, 1923, Oslo, Norway; d. Aug. 27, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mildred; daughters, Joyce Benfield, Karen Soderblom, Linda Harty; six grandchildren.

**PICTON, RUTH** — b. Oct. 10, 1922, Pasadena, Calif.; d. Dec. 2, 2010, Fallbrook, Calif. Survivors: husband, David; sons, Art, Scott, Stewart, Robert McClure; daughter, Sandy Massie; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**REED, TRUMAN JAMES** — b. Nov. 19, 1913, Modesto, Calif.; d. Nov. 21, 2010, Deer Park,

Calif. Taught in Adventist elementary schools in California and Hawaii for over 40 years.

**SHELINE, V. LOWELL** — b. Dec. 17, 1923, Baroda, Mich.; d. Nov. 14, 2010, Cottonwood, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Helanejo; son, Calvin; daughters, Susanne Horton, Judianne Collar, Carolanne Lawson; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Served as a medical doctor in Ithaca, Mich., for 36 years.

**STEVICK, EMMA** — b. June, 16, 1915, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Nov. 11, 2010, Buckeye, Ariz. Survivors: daughter, Crystal Wical, four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**VLJET, RONALD B.** — b. Sept. 28, 1932, Wellington, Kan.; d. Dec. 2, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marge; sons, Vern, Gene; daughters, Karla, Marta Pierce; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

**WESLEY, DENNIS** — b. Aug. 20, 1941, Flint, Mich.; d. Sept. 27, 2010, Sauganaw, Mich. Survivors: wife, Alma; sons, Michael, Geoffrey, Richie, Ryan; three grandchildren.

**YAKUSH, ANTOINETTE "TONI"** — b. May 24, 1922, Loreda, Texas; d. Nov. 22, 2010, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: son, Andrew; one grandchild; one great-grandchild.

**YEAGER, DERRILL ELLSWORTH** — b. April 2, 1927, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Sept. 5, 2010, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: wife, Francee; daughter, Neddi; four children. Served as council, land development attorney and board of trustee member for both Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities.

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Honolulu	6:23	6:27	6:31	6:34
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Lodi	5:32	5:40	5:47	5:55
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Los Angeles	5:27	5:34	5:40	5:47
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Oakland	5:36	5:44	5:51	5:59
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