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The Power of a Word

Ricardo Graham



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.

John saw those who had overcome in the battle against sin and Satan. He is specific in what he names as the source of their victory.

First, there is the powerful blood of the Lamb that was shed on Calvary. The blood that cleanses also empowers. The rare blood of the only righteous, holy Man who ever lived was the price of our salvation.

This is not magic or mysticism, but mystery; the mystery of godliness at work (see I Timothy 3:6). It is the promise of God to Adam and Eve being fulfilled. The pure blood of Jesus has broken the despot-like hold of Satan over the human race. It has satisfied the claims of the law of God and the law giver.

John also tells us that the “word of their testimony” was also instrumental in liberating those he saw victorious in the great controversy.

What is it about our words that can be so powerful? It is not a casual word, but a word of testimony, a witnessing word that makes the difference. It is sharing a word about the Word that elevates all conversation. As we reflect on the Word — Jesus the Christ — we are connected to the power source.

That’s why the gospel story is so strong. It connects us with Almighty God. With the God who could not change the law broken by Adam and Eve, but kept His promise to humanity that One would come to liberate us by His death, burial and resurrection. The price of our redemption was high. It is this word — of the Word taught, preached and lived — that transforms lives. This word brings encouragement, hope, promise and more to every feeble human being who hears and gives it serious consideration.

The testimony to the Word not only empowers the hearers, but those who speak about the Word themselves. Our testimony is not only powerful but also significant to God Himself. He records the words of our testimony about Him that we share with each other.

Malachi 3:16 records: “Then they that feared the

LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.”

God honors those who remember what He has done for them and bear witness or testimony to each other about Him.

I’ve had many stimulating conversations with self-proclaimed atheists

and agnostics about why I believe in God. Most of them are not interested in the Adventist interpretation of the Bible or the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They don’t seem to be interested in our worldwide movement or work. I have found, however, that when I give them the “word of my testimony,” telling them what good things God has done for me, they listen intently.

While we are not told to fight the devil directly, James 4:7 tells us “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Our testimony assists in the resistance. Rehearsing our story strengthens our resolve to stand strong in the strength of the Lord.

Maybe that’s why the prophet wrote, “And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” Isaiah 12: 4-6.

All Scripture quotations are from the King James Version.

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about our words
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so powerful?”*



Central California Conference Celebrates 100 Years

Grant Mitchell and Caron Oswald

The initial gold rush had passed, and many “49ers” had faded away; but they had made San Francisco the major West Coast city. Yet when layman Merritt Kellogg (younger brother of John Harvey and Will) and his family arrived in San Francisco in 1859, they found themselves the only Seventh-day Adventists.

Kellogg’s first convert was B.G. St. John, and together the two men gathered a company of believers that worshipped in St. John’s home. By 1865, they realized that they needed a pastor. Raw gold was still common currency in the City by the Bay, so the company of believers sent \$135 in gold to the General Conference with a request for a minister. Three years later, in 1868, evangelists John N. Loughborough and Daniel T. Bordeau arrived. Kellogg had returned East, but Loughborough and Bordeau found the Adventists Kellogg had promised. The two evangelists focused on areas north of San Francisco for the next several years.

The first Adventist church west of the Rockies was built in Santa Rosa in 1869.

In 1871 Loughborough returned to San Francisco, where he held tent meetings near Market Street. He baptized 70 people, including almost all of a local Millerite Advent Christian church. News of the baptisms spread. James and Ellen White visited the San Francisco believers the next year. Impressed with

their needs, the Whites sold their house in Battle Creek, Mich., and advanced \$6,000 to help build a church on Laguna Street. In 1874 world President G.I. Butler gave up his duties to go as a missionary to California.

The success in San Francisco led to meetings throughout the area, including San Jose, Santa Clara, Gilroy, Soquel, and Hollister.

Into the San Joaquin Valley

In 1873, at a camp meeting in Yountville, the California Conference — covering the entire state — was officially organized, with seven churches and 253 members. Loughborough was elected the first president.

Sitting in the camp meeting audience was Moses J. Church, an engineer overseeing the digging of a 13-mile irrigation canal from the Kings River to a wheat growing venture in Fresno. The endeavor would be the start of the massive irrigation system that would make the San Joaquin Valley one of the most fertile regions in the world.

Church was so impressed with what he heard at the meeting that



The first conference office stands next to the Fresno Central church. On March 1, 1911 the Central California Conference was organized. There were three full-time employees including President J.H. Behrens.

he stood and declared, “I am engaged in constructing an irrigation canal and I have 40 men in my employ. But from this time, work shall all stop on the Lord’s Sabbath.”

Back home in Fresno, Church passionately shared his new faith, and soon there was a 50-member congregation. He also wrote tracts and letters encouraging people to move to Fresno. So many Adventists relocated there that Ellen White became concerned; she wanted Adventists to spread out, not to congregate in Fresno.

By 1888 the Fresno Adventist congregation had grown large enough to erect the largest church building in the city.

Camp Meeting Evangelism

“None of us, it seems to me, can doubt the utility [and] practicability



An 1888 Adventist camp meeting in downtown Fresno.

of good camp meetings. They are almost indispensable to the work of our cause,” Loughborough said.

Wherever pitched, the tents drew attention and visitors. When camp meeting ended, a public evangelistic meeting followed. Congregations began to spring up everywhere in the next two decades in the coastal and Bay Areas and up and down the Valley.

Local newspapers provided extensive coverage. In 1888 the Selma Irrigator wrote of Ellen White, “This lady is one of the most impressive speakers that has ever visited this community.”

By 1913 nearly half the conference membership of 1,200 attended. Languages needed included German and, beginning in the 1920s, Spanish.



The current San Francisco Central church, built in 1892 and purchased in 1927, has withstood several earthquakes, including the devastating one in 1906. The sanctuary's hand-carved walnut lectern was used by John N. Loughborough, Ellen G. White, D. M. Canright, and other Adventist pioneers.

Divide and Grow

By the late 1800s, the vast California Conference was too big to manage. In 1901 the Southern California Conference was created. Ten years later, the remaining territory was further divided.

Central California Conference was officially organized on March 1, 1911. J.H. Behrens was the first president, followed by 18 others. San Francisco and the adjoining South Bay area were transferred to Central's territory in 1932.

Schools, Land & Other Firsts

- In 1897 the first church school started in Fresno. Armona Union Academy was established as the first 12-grade academy in 1911.
- In 1929 land in Wawona was purchased for a youth camp. It would grow to 31 acres.
- In 1932 the Conference office relocated from Fresno to San Jose.
- In 1947 a permanent location for camp meeting was found in Soquel and 87 acres was purchased. Camp meeting was held the following year.
- In 1948 Pathfinders began. Conference Youth Director Henry Bergh wrote the song for the new Pathfinder Club program. Henry gives all the glory to God as he is not a song writer.

- In 1948 a former World War II military base on the coast near Watsonville was purchased for a boarding school. Monterey Bay Academy opened in 1950.
- In 1984 the Conference office moved to its current location in Clovis.

Diversity

Central has long been one of the most ethnically diverse conferences in North America. In the first part of the century, there were Italian, German, Japanese, and Russian churches.

In 1923 O.A. Troy formed the first African-American church in San Francisco.

By 1950 there were at least four Hispanic churches: Fresno, San Francisco, San Jose, and Santa Maria. In recent years, the CCC has added Chinese, Hmong, Vietnamese, Samoan, Korean, and Filipino companies and churches.

Today, CCC has 35,698 members in 129 churches and nine companies. Membership is approximately 8% African-American, 55% non-Hispanic white, 8% Asian, and 29% Hispanic. There are 25 schools and more than 1,850 students.

“For me, the biggest impact is going into the vault and putting my hands on the first set of the 1911 executive committee minutes, and to sense the commitment of the blessed hope that rang in the hearts of those leaders 100 years ago,” says Ramiro Cano, the 19th conference president. “We have the same message, the same burning desire to see our Lord Jesus come quickly. Oh, how I pray that I will be the last president.”



Teen Creates Documentaries to Aid Ethiopians

Betty Cooney

A cousin's invitation to travel to Ethiopia drew a 17-year-old videographer into a mission to help people with a serious, yet preventable illness. When A.J. Martinson, a senior at Glendale Adventist Academy, accepted the invitation of his cousin, Larry Thomas, M.D., he did not expect that he would join in a cause with which Thomas has been passionately involved for the past decade.

Though A.J. knew his cousin was working on the podoconiosis project, encountering firsthand the sight and smell of the disease among people of all ages was a wake-up call for him. As he filmed people exhibiting the swelling and disfiguring caused by the disease, stories of the people and the simple treatment needed to bring relief or to prevent the condition began taking shape in his mind.

"There are four million people in the world with podoconiosis," A.J. says in the documentary he eventually made of the trip. "One million people in Ethiopia suffer from the disease, yet the disease is almost unheard of." Describing the condition as a type of elephantiasis that, if untreated, could become severe enough to require repeated amputations, both A.J. and Thomas, an E.R. physician with a specialty in tropical medicine, emphasized how preventable the disease is.

According to Thomas, "Preventing this disease requires seven

simple things: a basin, soap, dilute bleach, antiseptic ointment, pressure dressings, socks and shoes." Toms Shoes, a company dedicated to donating a pair of shoes for every pair purchased, provides free shoes to Ethiopian children as part of the podoconiosis prevention program.

have been working to correct vision problems, called V.I.P. (Visually Impaired Persons). "In Ethiopia, people with impaired vision rely on their children or grandchildren to help them find their way," noted A.J. "They don't have seeing-eye dogs there; they use children, some as



Annette Martinson

Ethiopian children swarm around A.J. Martinson, as he videotapes.

The cousins are focused on creating awareness with online and other communication means. In January, A.J.'s story was featured on a segment of KABC-TV's "Cool Kids" and in a Glendale News-Press article.

On a second trip to Ethiopia, Thomas introduced A.J. to another project on which his Tropical Health Alliance Foundation (www.thaf.org) and other collaborating organizations

young as four or five, so they cannot play or go to school."

"One grandparent told me he is looking forward to having a copy of my documentary about V.I.P. when I finish it," added A.J., "so he can show other parents and grandparents how much this project can help both them and their children."



SCC Students Learn Lessons in Kindness

Betty Cooney

Bullying is a perennial problem confronting students at all levels, and Adventist students are not immune to it. At San Fernando Valley Academy, Principal David Branum decided to meet the problem proactively. “Dealing with bullying is an ongoing educational process, so we invited representatives of the Jeremiah Project 51 group on campus to help prevent or reduce student bullying,” he says. Project 51 representatives meet each week with students in grades 6-12.

Jeremiah Project 51, a non-profit organization, was founded by Jeff Lasater in northern Los Angeles County after his 14-year-old son Jeremiah took his own life due to student bullying. The number “51” was taken from Jeremiah’s football jersey.

A program featuring Nick Vujicic dramatically underscored Project 51’s philosophy. Students from the elementary and junior high divisions of SFVA, Glendale Adventist Academy and South Bay Junior Academy, plus Simi Valley Adventist School, came together

for the program, titled, “Life without Limbs” — a presentation that alternately drew laughter and thunderous applause. Born without arms or legs, Vujicic engaged listeners with stories both funny and inspirational about how he lived his life and came to know God.

“I don’t have a disability compared to the big stuff,” he said. “Here’s the big stuff: without Jesus, I wasn’t going to heaven.”

Vujicic travels the globe, speaking in schools and churches, inspiring and encouraging, giving hope. “God has a plan for you,” he said. “Take a stand. I gave my life to Jesus at 15. I told God, ‘I want to believe that You have a plan for my life.’”

Much of what Vujicic shared emphasized the need to be kind and not to bully. “A school in Hawaii stopped teasing 12 months after the presentation I gave there,” he added. “What if I had given up because I had no legs or arms? If you don’t get a miracle, be one. If you don’t get a friend, be one.”



Tanya Stotz, who teaches grades one and two at SFVA, knew Nick Vujicic through family connections in Yugoslavia, and invited him to speak.

At the conclusion, Vujicic invited the audience to come up and hug him. A “hugging express” line quickly formed, extending to the rear of the sanctuary and around the back.

An offering was taken for Vujicic’s ministry, but he asked that the money be used to help students, instead. A scholarship fund in Vujicic’s name aided five SFVA students.

Later, a number of the children in the lower grades wrote letters to and about Vujicic’s presentation. His message about bullying, both for those being bullied and those tempted to bully, had clearly hit home. Fourth-grader Aaron wrote, “He told us, don’t bully, don’t say mean names to people. Be nice to people, and he said to never give up on yourself. It was amazing.”

Third-grader Faith agreed. “We learned how to be nice to each other and don’t tell lies to people. And never to give up.”

Notice Of Southern California Conference Regular Constituency Session

The 63rd regular Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

- Place: White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church
401 North State Street, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Date: Sunday, May 15, 2011.
- Time: 7:55 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., or until business is completed.

The purpose of this session is to receive reports; to elect conference officers, the superintendent of schools, the executive committee, and the bylaws committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Delegates are invited to join for prayer from 7:00 – 7:50 a.m.

Larry L. Caviness, President; Velino A. Salazar, Executive Secretary



Castle Medical Center Helps Hospital in Papua New Guinea

Brittany Russell

In the highlands of central Papua New Guinea, in a small mining village, is a little 62-bed hospital struggling to serve the community that so greatly needs it.

Though Porgera Hospital is not owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it is run by three mission-minded Adventist doctors. Since the hospital is not officially supported by the government or Adventist Health International (AHI), the hospital is in a state of “orphanhood.”

Seeing God Lead

Enter Castle Medical Center, Adventist Health’s hospital in Hawaii, whose leaders had been looking for an offsite mission location for several years. When Richard Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of AHI, suggested Porgera Hospital, CMC knew this was the perfect place.

“The fact that this hospital is not officially sponsored by AHI or the government makes our involvement even more critical,” says Kevin Roberts, RN, president and CEO of CMC. “Our hearts went out to the awe-inspiring missionaries who love this place and have accepted God’s invitation to serve.”

Recently Roberts and a team of six medical professionals traveled to Porgera Hospital for two weeks of service. Team members included Kara Carlyle, PT/OT; Rachel Dick, RN; George Nardin, M.D.; Kathy Raethel, RN and vice president for patient care services; and Rick

Yenke, biomedical engineer. Their work included nearly 400 eye exams, fitting approximately 100 pairs of prescription glasses, three cataract removal/lens implant surgeries and rehabilitative therapies for patients. Other team members helped repair equipment and facilitate better maintenance practices. They also delivered twenty-seven boxes of supplies and equipment, including baby carriers, clothing and polo shirts for all hospital staff — with Porgera and CMC logos.

Sharing Their Bounty

Even though much was accomplished, this trip wasn’t all about work. It was about sharing God’s love, part of CMC’s mission. In addition to doing vision screenings and other nursing work, team members visited nearby Adventist schools and passed out crayons, pencils and other supplies to the students.

“People are very superstitious in that area, and to see children at the school praying and singing to God and having peaceful lives, gives us hope for the future there,” said Raethel.

One memorable situation that illustrates the reason for this trip occurred when a very sick patient



The Castle Medical Center team poses at a local establishment. From left: Rick Yenke, Kevin Roberts, George Nardin, Rachel Dick, Kara Carlyle, Kathy Raethel.

was receiving post-op care. Team members recall how he reached up to touch Carlyle’s face, while whispering over and over, “Thank you, Jesus.” He lived only a few more days, but his appreciative attitude stuck with the group.

“We experienced love in action,” recalls Raethel. “The locals didn’t have much, and we were able to experience the privilege of sharing our bounty with them.”

Inevitable Returns

For team members, this appears to be the first of many trips to Porgera Hospital, not only to heal the community physically, but to bring lasting inspiration.

“While we wanted to make a visible impact on the vision of the people, we hope and pray that our leadership and influence touched the hearts of the locals,” said Roberts.

La Sierra Center Offers Mediation Training to Church Leaders

Darla Martin Tucker

When a problem arose recently between others, Jonathan Park fell back on his newly acquired skills as a certified mediator to resolve the issue. Through careful questioning, core assumptions were revealed, issues clarified and the parties were able to move on, he said.

Park, Asian/Pacific ministries director for the Southeastern California Conference believes that if more leaders in the denomination mastered the art of mediation through professional training, the denomination as a whole could grow on a strong foundation “because people can trust one another,” he said.

“If leaders of churches and institutions have this skill set, when they utilize it people will feel understood,” allowing healing and forgiveness to take place, Park said.

Park earned his professional mediation certification through the Center for Conflict Resolution at the La Sierra University School of Business. The center is the only one of its kind in the denomination.

Thus far, more than 60 individuals have completed the program, said center Director Richard Pershing, an attorney in the Riverside firm of Reynolds, Jensen and Swan, LLP. Extracting the lessons from the biblical story of the prodigal son, as depicted in the large sculpture at La Sierra’s entrance, the center “aspires for ‘Prodigal Peacemaking’ to be an integral part of La Sierra University’s culture,” Pershing said. And, “it

is the mission of the center to make conflict resolution an integral part of the conversation of the Seventh-day Adventist community.”

The program consists of a 40-hour mediation training course with 20 hours of online study and 20 hours of classroom instruction. Participants may choose to attend mediation training that focuses on specific areas including health care, education or legal matters. In November the program received certification from the State Bar of California as a continuing legal education program. The State Bar of Tennessee and the Loma Linda University School of Medicine also certified the course for continuing legal and medical education credit, respectively. For additional information call 951-785-2601.

The center also offers a course entitled “Mediation as a Second Language” to train conflict resolution across cultures and languages. Additionally, the center is planning the initiation of a civility software reporting system combined with peer neutral training for all interested Adventist schools in the North American Division.

A Versafund grant, from Versacare Inc. in Riverside, is underwriting course development, beta testing of the course and staff costs. Mediation trainers include Pershing, executive coach and consultant Patti Cotton Pettis, La Sierra management professor and attorney Dulce Peña, and Tony Belak,



Richard Pershing directs La Sierra University’s new Center for Conflict Resolution. Headquartered in the School of Business, the Center’s goal is to make conflict resolution an integral part of the conversation of the Seventh-day Adventist community.

attorney and former senior dispute resolution counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Belak also serves as the center’s associate director.

Kelly Bock, director of education for the Pacific Union Conference, said he entered the program to enhance his skills in mediation. “I think it could solve a lot of problems in the denomination if we could use professional mediators [for issues] that typically end up in litigation and hard feelings,” commented Bock.

“The school is looking to address unfilled needs within the Adventist and global communities,” said School of Business Dean John Thomas. “The Center for Conflict Resolution was founded to meet the growing need for addressing and mitigating contention.”

Darla Martin Tucker



SECC Ordains—Commissions Five Pastors in 2010

Jocelyn Fay

Five pastors in Southeastern California Conference were ordained-commissioned during services at their home churches during the latter part of 2010.

Jana Clem Lee

Jana Clem Lee, associate pastor of the Corona church, was the first of the five. Participating in her service at Corona on Sept. 18 was her father, Terry Clem, who had baptized her there when she was 12 years old, when he was associate pastor of the church.

Lee grew up in California and graduated from La Sierra University. After earning her Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University in Michigan, she joined the Corona church staff. She told members at her ordination-commissioning service, “I have felt loved and supported from the very beginning, and I owe so much to all of you. Thank you for showing me Christ in so many ways.”

Lee and her husband, Adam, and their two sons, Roux and Finn, now live in Vancouver, Wash., within commuting distance of the Sunset Christian Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Oregon, where she works part time. She describes her job as “perfect for me to do some ministry but still get plenty of time with the boys.”

Clifford S. Lim

Clifford S. Lim, interim senior pastor of the Loma Linda Indonesian church, was ordained-commissioned on Oct. 16. Lim was born in Bandung, Indonesia, but moved to the United States with his parents the year after his birth. After his graduation from Pacific Union College and a few months on a temporary assignment as youth pastor of the Indonesian-American church in Azusa, Calif., he became youth pastor of the Loma Linda Indonesian church.

In 2007 he married Esther Doloksaribu and moved with her to Michigan, where Lim earned a Master of Divinity degree. He returned to the Loma Linda Indonesian church as youth pastor but was asked to serve as interim senior pastor about a year ago, after Senior Pastor Albert Pardede suffered a heart attack that eventually resulted in his death.

“It is only by God’s grace that I have come to where I am today, and I am slowly but surely learning to fully trust in God, wherever He may lead,” Lim says. He finds encouragement from the promise in Philippians 1:6 that God, who began a good work in him, will be faithful to complete it.

Saul Barcelo

Saul Barcelo’s ordination-commissioning service took place at the Calimesa church, where Barcelo is associate pastor, on Oct. 23. His father, Saul Barcelo Sr., also

Lee Family



Jana Lee with her husband, Adam, and sons, Roux and Finn.

Ryan Phillips



Clifford and Esther Lim.

Frank Holder



Saul and Susana Barcelo.



an Adventist minister, offered the ordination-commissioning prayer.

Barcelo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, but lived with his grandparents in Riverside while attending La Sierra Academy and La Sierra University. Although his undergraduate degree is in business administration, Barcelo felt called to the ministry. In 2003 he was hired as the young adult pastor of the Campus Hill church in Loma Linda, where he learned the basics of ministry. In 2005 he married Susana Galaviz, a medical student at Loma Linda University. Two years later they both graduated from LLU, Saul with an M.A. degree in clinical ministries and Susana with an M.D. degree. They have been part of the Calimesa church family since 2008.

Janeen Little

Janeen Little's ordination-commissioning service on Dec. 4 was streamed live from the La Sierra University church for the benefit of family and friends in Australia and South Africa. Little, born in South Africa, is a sixth-generation

Seventh-day Adventist. She is also the fourth woman to be ordained-commissioned at the La Sierra University church, preceded by Madelynn Haldeman, Halcyon Wilson, and Chris Oberg.

Little's father, David Peckham, an associate pastor of the LSU church, prayed the ordination-commissioning prayer. He reminisced recently: "Janeen was 10 months old when she attended my ordination in the Transvaal Conference in South Africa. I was all of 58 when I attended her ordination-commissioning." He noted that she "was blessed with three women pastors participating" — Sandra Roberts, SECC executive secretary; Chris Oberg, senior pastor of the LSU church; and Halcyon Wilson, retired associate LSU pastor now working part time.

Little earned her baccalaureate degree from Walla Walla University and her Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. At the time of her ordination-commissioning she was the LSU church's associate pastor for children's ministries. She is now on a sabbatical leave. Little and her husband, Matthew,

have three children, Emma, Daniel, and Amy.

Vadim Dementyev

Vadim Dementyev, pastor of the Valley church, was ordained-commissioned at his church in Sun City on Dec. 18.

Dementyev was born in Odessa, Ukraine, where he graduated from an industrial college with a degree in electronic engineering. But becoming a Christian the year before his graduation changed his life. He went back to school at Zaoksky Theological Seminary in Russia, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in theology. He continued his education in the United States at Southwestern Adventist University in Texas, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communication. Last June he graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, and he is now pursuing his Doctor of Philosophy degree in preaching and arts at Fuller Seminary.

Dementyev and his wife, Julie, married in 1994, before coming to the United States. They have two children, Rita Romashka and Fletcher Alexander.

"My ministry is my life, and my church is almost literally my extended family," Dementyev says. "Today I am living my dream. God has given me a great church and a wonderful family. Nothing can compare to the feeling of being used by God in ways that I could only dream about."



Janeen Little with her husband, Matthew, and children, Emma, Daniel and Amy.



Vadim Dementyev with his wife, Julie, and their children, Rita Romashka and Fletcher Alexander.



Capitol City Singers Compete in National Choral Contest

Julie Lorenz

Last fall, a 41-member choir from the Sacramento-Capitol City church competed in the regional finals of a national choral contest — Verizon’s How Sweet the Sound: The Search for the Best Church Choir in America.

Earlier in the year, the Capitol City Singers had submitted a recording of four songs to the contest. They were selected to win \$3,000, an invitation to perform in the regional finals at Oakland’s Oracle Arena, and the chance to advance to the national finals in Washington D.C.

The church’s music director Kelli Angus, who conducted the choir at the competition, encouraged the singers to think of the contest as “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to minister.”

Senior Pastor Reginald Horton compared the choir’s experience to that of Daniel. “Overall, it was a good opportunity to represent Adventism in a ‘foreign land,’” he said.

When the group was selected, they had less than two months to prepare for the regional finals.

Angus was happy to hear that they had been assigned to sing “The Hallelujah Chorus — A Soulful Celebration” (a gospel rendition of the famous chorus by Handel). As she discussed the song with the choir members during rehearsals, “we made it our mission that everything ... would represent the name of Adventism and what we believe,” she said. “We really wanted people to see heaven, to see Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Choir member DeBrina Williams arranged the performance piece “to show the choir’s creativity and diversity” and to enable them to sing in four-part harmony, rather than the standard gospel three-part harmony. She rehearsed with each section of the choir to help the members learn their parts. “I enjoyed seeing the choir come together as a family and seeing the sense of pride and accomplishment as the song began to come together,” said Williams, a soprano.

Since the contest results depended on votes texted in by audience members and others, the singers performed early one Sunday

morning on a local television show, “Good Morning, Sacramento,” in order to gain community support.

The night of the competition, the choir performed to an enthusiastic crowd and complimentary judges. “You are an excellent director, and your choir is excellent,” said one of the judges, who praised their layers of talent (singing, sign language choreography, bells) and their vocal techniques. Unfortunately, the group did not get enough of the text-in votes to advance to the nationals.

Choir members were disappointed, but they were positive about the competition, especially the chance to mingle with other church choirs. “This experience had me realizing what it will be like when we get to heaven, singing in all seven-part harmony and coming together in one accord,” said Teddie Carter-Brazelton, who sang tenor. She was gratified to see each choir in the competition praying — “not for the win but [for God] to use them to share and spread the Gospel through music to others.”



The Capitol City Singers competed in Verizon’s How Sweet the Sound: The Search for the Best Church Choir in America.



Pleasant Hill Church Hosts Health Fair

Julie Lorenz

Pleasant Hill church members and friends volunteered their skills to reach out to their community at the church's health fair last fall. Despite the rainy weather, about 180 people attended the fair, held on the campus of Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy on a Sabbath afternoon.

The centerpiece of the event was the huge Vision Service Plan (VSP) Mobile Eyes clinic — with two state-of-the-art eyeexam rooms and a dispensary. The clinic travels around the country providing free eye exams and glasses to those who need them.

Although three technicians came with the clinic, the rest of the staff — including two ophthalmologists, two optometrists and an optician — were church members. During the four-hour fair, the clinic staff examined 40 people and gave away vouchers for free eye exams and glasses to those they didn't have time to examine.

In this difficult economy, people especially appreciated the care. "People were thanking us for helping them out ... I know they're struggling," said Wayne Ogata, a church member and optometrist who arranged for the clinic to come.

In addition to the eye clinic, guests visited numerous health booths. Nurses measured blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol, and doctors discussed the results.

All total, 15 nurses, eight physicians, three dentists, an orthodontist, a dental hygienist and two social workers staffed various booths. The Pleasant Hill Spanish group provided translators.

The fair also included other resources for people in need. Professional stylists cut hair, and Adventist Community Services provided food and clothing. Other booths presented information about the church's various ministries, the academy, the preschool and more. Refreshments were served, prizes were given for visiting 10 or more booths, and kids made crafts in the childcare area.

"For years we've done missions abroad, but I enjoyed the challenge of doing missions right here in the community," said health fair organizer Serena Kam. She advertised the fair at numerous area social services agencies where people told her: "We didn't even know [the church] existed."

"It's tough to make inroads in this highly secular, Bay Area culture," said Senior Pastor Jim Lorenz. "But the community at large saw that the Adventist message also has a social concern. We care about people."

In addition to outreach,



Dentist Isaac Chin examines a visitor.

Kam had another goal: to help the parents of the church mentor their children for service. "We were intentional about asking families to serve together. We wanted the parents ... to prepare their children's hearts that this is a mission field right here."

The Mahoney family — parents Eloisa and David, along with 12-year-old triplets Alexander, Christopher and Kelly — all helped at the fair. During their family worship, "we talked about how to relate to the people when they came, and we prayed about it," said Eloisa Mahoney.

The experience of working at the fair brought the church closer together. "The fair really got the whole church involved, at all age levels," said Ogata. "We had people helping with the parking lot, security, advertising ... we just tried to make use of everybody's talents in the church."



The VSP Mobile Eyes program includes three mobile eye care clinics, including the one that came to Pleasant Hill.



Robert D. Hastings Elected Arizona Conference Treasurer

Phil Draper

The Arizona Conference recently extended a call to Robert D. Hastings to be the new conference treasurer. Prior to accepting the position, Hastings was treasurer of the North Pacific Union Conference Association, in Ridgefield, Wash.

Hastings graduated from Walla Walla College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1987. Then he attended Andrews University where he received his Master of Science degree in Business Administration in 2007. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Mu Delta honor societies.

Remembering his transition from the world of academia to church work, he recalls, "I had no desire to work for the church after graduating from Walla Walla, but the Lord had other plans. That's when Ann Gibson, professor of accounting, talked me into interviewing for church work, just to get the experience of interviewing."

An interview with LeRoy Rieley about an internship with NPUC interested Hastings. When he did not receive any invitations to interview for work outside the church, despite the numerous résumés he had distributed, he felt that God was leading him in a definite manner.



Robert D. Hastings is the newly elected Arizona Conference Treasurer. He is joined by his wife, Cindy, and his daughters Taylor and Kayla.

Elder Robert Rawson, the union treasurer at the time, who found out about his reluctance to work for the church, asked him to give it two years, the length of the internship, before making any final decisions.

"The Friday before graduation," he recalls, "while working at the Walla Walla power plant, I made the decision to allow the Lord to show me where He wanted me to go."

Shortly after that decision, he received a call from Rieley, asking him to be the business intern at NPUC.

His immediate response, "When do I start?"

When his power plant supervisor came to ask if he got the job, Hastings was curious as to how the

supervisor knew about his job offer. He admitted that Rieley was his brother-in-law.

After he accepted the job offer, he received three letters in the mail inviting him to come for other interviews.

Today, more than 23 years later, he is still in church work.

Hastings states, "I truly believe if you are willing to be led by the Lord He will take you places you never imagined. I am looking forward to this new opportunity the Lord has placed before me."

Robert and Cindy Hastings have two children, Taylor, 13, and Kayla, 8.

His hobbies include golfing, motorcycling and photography — all excellent choices for life within the Arizona Conference.

Hastings is a member of Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry, Southwest Washington chapter.

During the summer of 2009 he took a road trip on his motorcycle to the Pathfinder camporee in Oshkosh, Wisc., to attend the baptism of Taylor, his oldest daughter. He was not going to miss this important event in Taylor's life, even though he had to volunteer for kitchen duty to be able to get on the campgrounds.

The Arizona Conference welcomes Robert and his family and looks forward to his financial leadership in the Conference.



Arizona NEWS



Tony Anobile
President

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Are You An Easter Christian?

When I was the Young Adult Director for the Southern California Conference, I had the privilege of working with and for the “Generation X” segment of the Church. “Gen X-ers” are individuals born between 1964 and 1981, and are children of the baby boomer generation. As I immersed myself in reading books about this important age demographic, one book in particular, *A Generation Alone*, made a huge impact in my life.

In the book there was a true story about a young lady named Tracy, who had a sad story to tell. She had been abandoned by her birth mother, abused by her adopted parents, tried to commit suicide several times, divorced by her husband, and ended up being an out-of-control alcoholic.

Tracy realized she needed to redirect her life and began to attend an AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) program and her life began to change. While she knew of God, it was at AA that Tracy came to understand God as a loving Heavenly Father and realized that she had been living her life as a “Good Friday Christian.”

What she meant by that was that she had always stopped her Christian journey at the cross and never got beyond it. She explained that she was always felt condemned and worthless and not good enough to ever be a child of God.

Tracy said that her Christian life had been “one continual Good Friday,” and she would later remark, “Now I understand the Resurrection.” She described her experience of the risen Jesus as “the death and resurrection in my own life. It is the death in me of wanting death, it is the death of feeling worthless and unwanted. Things still hurt, but they hurt differently. I now know that even

though any one of my friends may fail me, God never will.”

She now understood the sequence of the Christian life.

“At first,” she said, “I clung to the cross because I thought that’s all there was, but now I understand the joy of Easter and that through Christ I am deserving of that joy.” She quoted 1 Peter 1:3, 4: *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you.”*

Then the authors of the book made a very interesting statement: *“Western Christianity of the last five centuries has emphasized what we are saved FROM (emphasis mine), rather than what we are saved FOR (emphasis mine). It stresses the past rather than the future. God is at work in us now, and God is calling us into the future.”*

I wonder how many of us live “one continual Good Friday” in our Christian experience? We can’t seem to get beyond the “condemnation” part and begin rejoicing in the “saved” part of the journey.

When Jesus was born, the angels announced that God was once again with man and there was peace on earth. When Jesus died and rose again, humanity was assured of a wonderful inheritance, kept in heaven for us.

Jesus did that for you and me! He wants us to be happy and begin living our lives as children of the King, heirs to the kingdom.

Is that your experience today? If not, then I encourage you to begin living your life as an Easter Christian, saved by grace at the cross, **and** adopted into the family of God because of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Tony Anobile

This newsletter is stitched into the Recorder and is only available to Arizona Conference members. Each conference within the Pacific Union provides a newsletter such as this in the Recorder every-other month.

Graffiti Wall Impacts Phoenix Inner

By Phil Draper

The act of taking a can of spray paint and covering a wall within a neighborhood is usually considered vandalism and breaking the law.

An inner city neighborhood in Phoenix, Arizona was recently “attacked” by positive graffiti artists. These young people were doing what they considered to be “good” on the Sabbath day!

“Servant Sabbath” involved dozens of youth giving of their time and talents to do community service in a Phoenix neighborhood that had been plagued with vandalism, drugs, and gang-related graffiti.

In preparation, one of our youth leaders, who professionally installs Internet cable around the Valley, prayed that God would lead him to a wall that would become the canvas for a positive mural that could bring hope and inspiration to a community.

While driving around, praying, he installed some Internet lines next to the Phoenix Project Community downtown. Before him sat a graffiti wall that was in full view of hundreds



“Servant Sabbath” involved dozens of youth doing community service.

of people daily. Although on private property, it faced the community and a neighborhood of low-income housing.

He received permission from the homeowners to put up a positive mural. They could hardly believe that teens would do something positive in their community.

The wall was completely covered with abusive graffiti in Spanish and all kinds of gang-related signs and symbols.

Youth pastor Benjamin Lundquist

says, “Jesus was staking His claim on this community where gangs had staked their claims in past.”

Lundquist considered redesigning the wall with positive graffiti to be an act of worship that could make a lasting impression on the people who lived near the soon-to-be transformed wall.

“Through this project we were able to connect with some random families in the community,” Lundquist said. “Some of our team members were able to pray with a mom whose son was shot to death a year earlier. Others interacted with those who were inquiring as to the motive of this act of kindness. God consistently opened up doors for us to explain what we were doing in this community. I believe God’s purpose for this project was not just to create a positive mural, but to use this mural to open up conversations with the community.”

Phoenix police arrived on the scene as the young artists did their work. They were extremely supportive of the mural and grateful for youth who exhibited such



Positive graffiti artists do their good work transforming a wall to God’s glory.

ty for Christ!

Christian values.

One of the youth leaders, Leon Sandoval, was baptized at Shawn Boonstra's Phoenix meetings just four years ago. He has since become a youth leader with Lundquist at the Camelback church.

Sandoval checked on the wall a month after the project was completed and was pleased to report that not a single graffiti gang sign had been spray painted over the mural. It was completely intact.

He observed, "Our graffiti wall was twice as bright in color today as compared to when we painted it. It's like God had made the paint even brighter."

The 100-foot-long mural depicts a journey that begins in the pain and suffering of this world that encounters the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Then that same city is transformed into a city of life. The writing on the mural tells about Jesus being the Way, the Truth and the Life – in both Spanish and English.

"We wanted to illustrate God's power to take a person's pain and



Lexi Williams with her friend, Alyssa Conway, said, "God used my spray can to change a community!"

suffering and transform it into a healthy, thriving life," says Lundquist.

Lexi Williams, 17, observed, "This was one of the most impacting community service projects I've ever been a part of. God used my spray can to change a community!"

Approximately 35 youth and leaders participated in the project, including Camelback church secretary Cheri Oberlick.

Artist Philip Cookenmaster, a building contractor who also helped with the Extreme Makeover this past summer, led out in the artwork on the

wall. Inspiration for the project came from the ministry of Manny Cruz of the North American Division.

Lundquist concludes, "The nature of this project pulled some youth back into the youth program that we had not seen for years. We addressed some serious taboos – you're not supposed to paint graffiti on walls! But when you're doing it for Jesus, we consider it graffiti for a good cause!

Constituency Corner

This 29th Session of the Arizona Conference will be quite different from the past because there will be a significant reduction in the number of members who will serve on the Nominating Committee.

By vote of the constituents at the last session, the number has been reduced from well over 140 members to 30. The bylaws stipulate that at least 80% of the members shall not be employees of the Arizona Conference and that the committee must reasonably reflect the geographic, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity of the Conference.

The Nominating Committee will be selected by an Organizing Committee and each church will have one delegate plus one additional delegate for each 200 hundred members.

Because the Organizing Committee must meet at least 90 days before the session, and in order to avoid meeting in the summer when some or most members may not be in state, the following dates have been set for the Constituency process:

May 22, 2011 – Organizing Committee meeting

September 18, 2011 –
Nominating Committee meeting

October 2, 2011 – 29th Arizona Conference
Constituency Session meeting

Tucson Desert Valley Church Receives a Christmas Present

by Andrea Kristensen

Just in time for the season of Christmas music and joy, anonymous donors gifted the Desert Valley church in Tucson, Ariz., with a three-manual Allen electronic organ to replace an old, unreliable instrument.

"An electronic keyboard instrument like our church's newly acquired organ approximates the sounds and resources of the pipe organ," explained Shirley Lockard Casebolt, Desert Valley organist. "In addition to the many sounds available on this fine organ, it comes with a complement of computer cards to program it for even more sound combinations."

Casebolt, who holds a master's degree in organ performance and who has a 40-year career as a church organist and concert artist, credits her professional contacts in the American Guild of Organists (AGO) with leading her to the church's new instrument.

"Through the AGO I became acquainted with Ken Yukul, president of Allen Organs in Arizona," stated Casebolt, who has studied with Yukul's wife, Pamela Decker, professor of organ at the University of Arizona. "In the past Ken has built component organ parts, and he is a composer and fine organist in his own right."

Casebolt recalled the day several years ago



Shirley Casebolt, Desert Valley church organist, plays the king of instruments.

when the church's old organ just quit in the middle of worship services. "After that, sometimes it played, and sometimes it didn't. Sometimes it whined, and sometimes it roared. I never knew what to expect."

Following the old organ's near-death experience, a church member offered a considerable sum of money for a new organ, but the years passed without one because of other more pressing needs in the church plant and elementary school. The congregation seldom heard the organ even when it functioned, because Casebolt, a snowbird, lives part of the year out of state.

Finally, as church members expressed appreciation for

organ music when they were able to have it, Casebolt consulted with Yukul about an affordable like-new organ for the church. Discovering that he had been rebuilding two organs, she selected one and asked the price.

Disappointed to learn that the figure far exceeded the church's budget, Casebolt asked whether a price adjustment was possible, whereupon Yukul named a much lower sum, including removal of the old organ and prompt installation of the new one.

"At that point I talked with Pastor Helmer Heghesan about the church's exceptional opportunity to acquire a good-quality instrument," said Casebolt. "He brought me the joyful news that anonymous donors had offered to give us the best Christmas gift ever—a new organ to enhance our worship. This series of events represents a genuine miracle. Once again God has met our needs."

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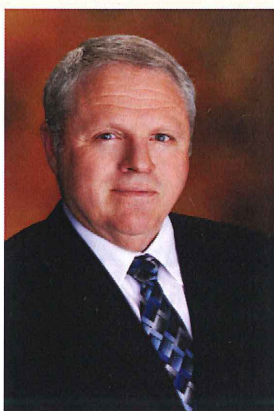
The President's Pen

Like A Child

by Larry Unterseher
President, Nevada-Utah
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Faith. Love. Acceptance. These are words that we may hear everyday. But do we really understand the meaning of them?

As I sit and watch my 18-month-old grandson look at, and explore, the world around him with such innocence and excitement, it causes me to wonder how we as adults can get that passion back in our lives. How can we individually and corporately capture this enthusiasm for life,



Larry Unterseher

people, the world around us and especially for God's kingdom? Jesus tells us that the way to achieve this is by accepting God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child.

My grandson has helped me get a small glimpse of what that may look like:

Faith. He will leap without looking. Many adults will look, see what is in their best interest, then most turn and timidly walk away.

Love. He will run and leap into the arms of someone who loves him. An

adult may only cautiously do the same.

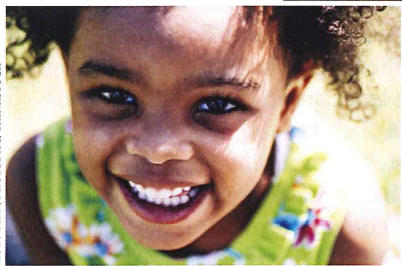
Acceptance. He accepts people no matter the age, ethnicity, gender, attire or religious belief. That is not always the case with adults or even church families.

Jesus challenged the people of His day to become like a child. That challenge for each of us is no less important today. The only way for our childlike character, faith, love and acceptance of others to continually grow is to focus on Jesus. When we focus on Jesus our natural childlike

enthusiasm for God's kingdom will be our witness to the world.

"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it" (Mark 10:15, NIV).

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**Focused on Jesus,
we witness to the world!**

The Treasurer's Perspective

The Importance of the Nevada-Utah Conference Conference Advance \$1 Per Day Challenge for 2011 Why Your Help is Needed

by Jason Bergmann,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Nevada-Utah Conference

Whenever you see the \$1 Per Day Challenge or Conference Advance offering, please remember the needs of our Nevada-Utah Conference.

By now, you may have heard about the Nevada-Utah Conference \$1 Per Day Challenge. I would like to share a few thoughts with you regarding this ever-so-important, conference-wide, church-wide endeavor.

Many aspects of our Nevada-Utah Conference mission and ministry need your help to operate. We understand the economic realities of our time, and the impact upon our conference's mission and ministry. That is why we are asking for your help.

The \$1 Per Day challenge is designed to give a much-needed boost to our Nevada-Utah Conference Advance offering that is designated as follows:

- 50% to Nevada-Utah Evangelism Fund
- 25% to Nevada-Utah Conference School Operations Fund
- 25% to Nevada-Utah Conference Capital Fund (land, buildings and equipment)

We understand the importance and need for evangelism. JESUS IS COMING SOON! People in our conference need to hear about the last-day message that we as Seventh-day Adventists possess. What a privilege! However, there is no question it takes money, time, and effort.

Many of you know the amazing work that our Seventh-day Adventist schools perform. Our schools are an all-important evangelism program amongst our young people. Currently, we have 10 schools in our conference. With your help, we would be in a much better position to continue developing



Jason Bergmann

excellence in our schools. However, it takes money, time and effort!

We understand the need for our conference to operate efficiently and effectively through the acquisition of land, buildings and equipment for our various churches, schools and administrative headquarters. It is an important part of our mission and ministry. Much help is needed throughout our conference in this area, and we

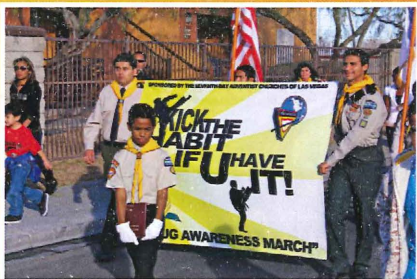
could do so much more. However, it takes a team!

Whenever you see the \$1 Per Day Challenge or Conference Advance offering, please remember the needs of our Nevada-Utah Conference. Working together, we can significantly boost this important offering, and support the mission and ministry as we look to the soon coming of Jesus.

Larry Unterseher, President of the Nevada-Utah Conference, and I are committed to this challenge in giving more than \$1 Per Day. Join us in the challenge to raise \$250,000 in 2011. This may seem to be a large amount; however, it will only take 685 willing donors to meet this goal at \$1 Per Day. Thank you in advance for joining us in growing ambassadors for Christ.

Look for the Conference Advance line on our Tithe Envelopes. You may also find special \$1 Per Day envelopes in your local church. Either way, your generous contributions can be made through your local church. Thank you for your help!





Las Vegas Area Youth/Young Adults Energized at “Extreme Rescue” Rally

by Denny Krause

The annual Las Vegas Youth/Young Adult Rally began inauspiciously Friday evening at Mountain View Church. The band played. Young people sang enthusiastically. It was a modest start to an amazing two-day event.

As the band played on, the increased volume of singers, both in numbers and intensity, was noticeable. More and more young people streamed into the sanctuary. They had heard that Manny Cruz, former LA graffiti, bad-guy tagger, and now Youth Director of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was going to be the speaker.

By the time Cruz came to the platform, the crowd had swelled to about 250. A hush came over the audience as Cruz powerfully emphasized, and drove home over and over again, one main point: Jesus wants a relationship with you!

It was a long day for Cruz on his first visit to Las Vegas. He had spent the day speaking to students at Abundant Life Christian Academy, being interviewed and telling his conversion story on Las Vegas SOS 90.5 FM radio, touring Las Vegas to understand the culture here, squeezing in a little sightseeing, and finally pouring his heart out to his favorite audience—youth and young adults.

The amazing Friday evening portion of the two-day event was drawing to a close at Mountain View, ending with the plea of Cruz for young people to open hearts to a relationship with Jesus, and to be present at the Sabbath morning, afternoon, and evening events the next day.

Sabbath morning found an even larger crowd of youth and young adults at the East Las Vegas Community Center. The Sabbath School lesson was dynamically presented by Dave Wallace, Jr., of Las Vegas New Life Adventist Church. Booths and tables from Adventist boarding academies and colleges in the Pacific Union Conference offered information and counsel on Adventist Christian educational alternatives. Young people were connecting.

As the worship service began, nearly 400 young people, along with some parents and sponsors, filled the spacious auditorium. Music filled the room. The band led the audience in songs of worship and spiritual expression, peppered with inspirational, special vocal and instrumental numbers. Nevada-Utah Conference administrators welcomed the crowd to the event.

Again, Manny Cruz came to the front of the group, and he did not disappoint anyone present! His not-to-be-forgotten life story filled the large room with God-inspired inspiration and promptings of the Holy Spirit for dedication and rededication of hearts to an amazing God and his Son, Jesus Christ. The worship service-turned dedication service ended with an appeal that brought hundreds to the front — praying, hugging, encouraging, with arms wrapped around each other. Tears were flowing, and even more hearts were touched. The worship experience was unquestionably captivating and abundantly meaningful to all.

At the end of the worship service, Larry Unterseher, Nevada-Utah Conference President, emotionally exclaimed, “This is what

The worship service-turned dedication service ended with an appeal that brought hundreds to the front — praying, hugging, encouraging, with arms wrapped around each other.

(Above Left) As a community service project, many Pathfinders, rally attenders, and community members marched through the streets of Las Vegas with a positive drug awareness message. (Right) Scores of youth and young adults dedicated or rededicated their lives to Jesus following Manny Cruz’ appeal at the end of the worship service.

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it's all about! This is why we do this! Praise God!"

Lunch was served to the entire group gathered, hosted and prepared by Connie Hall and her hard-working team. But not just lunch! Breakfast and dinner were served, too!

Afternoon found attenders in outreach to the Las Vegas community. Particularly noteworthy was a Drug Awareness March through the streets of Las Vegas led by Pathfinders and leader, Pastor Russell Lewars.

Finally, the second day of a memorable, event-filled Youth/Young Adult Rally weekend ended right where it began, at Mountain View Church. It didn't end, however, as inauspiciously as it began. It ended on a sustained, high note, with a



(Above) Manny Cruz enthusiastically speaks at the Worship Service for the Las Vegas Youth/Young Adult Rally. (Below) A crowd of nearly 400 youth, young adults, parents and sponsors filled the East Las Vegas Community Center.

Sabbath-ending concert featuring youth and young adult groups for various Adventist churches in the Las Vegas area.

During the concert, the uplifting music was very effectively punctuated by Pastor Manny Cruz, suggesting that all in the room were part of an "Extreme Rescue" operation led by Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. He skillfully appealed to every young person to be part of Jesus' "Extreme Rescue" team on this earth right now for those drowning in sin.

Looking back on the rally weekend, Pastor David Hall, Sr., Nevada-Utah Conference Youth/Young Adult Ministries Director, reflected, "Looking at all the smiles, commitments, and recommitments to Jesus makes worthwhile all the hard work and effort of the entire team."

What a weekend! What an experience.

What a Savior!

Note: Similar Youth/Young Adult Rally Weekends are planned for the Salt Lake City area (April 29-30, 2011) and the Reno area (May 13-14, 2011). Watch for details!

Brief Notes . . .

• As of January 31, 2011, the Nevada-Utah Conference became the proud owner of a new conference office building in the south Reno area. During the months of March and April, the five-year-old building will undergo alterations to accommodate the needs of conference operations. The move from the current, 50+-year-old building will take place in late April or early May. Plans are in place to sell or lease the existing building.

- The new Nevada-Utah Conference website is now operational, with new content being added weekly. Visit www.NUCadventist.com to see the "new look" and sign up to be a member to use all website features, including the calendar. In addition, sign up to receive one or more NUC newsletters, and tell your NUC friends to check out the website, too!

• For all NUC Facebook users, visit the new, official Nevada-Utah Conference fan page! You can "like" our page, and receive status updates about conference news and events on your Facebook news feed. How about inviting your NUC Facebook friends to "like" us, too?

• On Sabbath, January 8, 2011, Las Vegas Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated its two-year anniversary as a full-fledged church. In addition to a special Sabbath School and Worship Service, the festivities included a hosted fellowship dinner, an afternoon 2nd Anniversary Celebration Service, and a hosted evening dinner/cultural program.

Note: For additional details on these stories, and for additional stories and conference news, please visit www.NUCadventist.com, and click on the "Our NUC News" tab.

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Kingdom Matters

Northern California Conference Newsletter



God's Love and Assurance

By Jim Pedersen *President*



God's grace is available to anyone, any time, as we allow Him to do His complete work in us.

Ahhh...spring is in the air again! We can see, feel and even smell the beauties of this fresh and new time of the year. As I've looked over our small yard during the winter, I have made a mental list of all the things that needed to be done as preparation for the spring and summer months. The cherry trees needed to be trimmed back. The roses had to be clipped. The garden boxes needed to be cleaned out and the soil prepared for planting time. The lawns needed some fertilizing. The list actually was rather long. However, the end product of new

growth with fresh fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers will be worth the work involved.

God has promised to give us newness of life in many ways, through His grace and by His Spirit. As our Creator God, He knows just what is needed to make us happy, healthy and thriving — physically, mentally and spiritually. He sees how far we've come from His original design, but He also has a way to move us back to that glorious plan which He's had for us from the foundation of time.

David, the Psalmist, expressed the need we all have when he said, "Create in me a clean heart, O

God, and put a new and right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10, NRSV). David clearly understood that our need cannot be filled from within. God has to be the One to do the work in our lives. That prayer, that request, that desire is one

that God is happy to fulfill.

We have God's promise, on numerous occasions, that He will do something new for us. I love this assurance He gives to His people: "I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 11:19, NRSV). He makes this promise both to us as individuals as well as to His Church. What a wonderful experience, if only we will take advantage of it.

There's a great deal of talk these days about revival and reformation. That's an appropriate message to ponder. It's part of the message God had for His people throughout the pages of Scripture. And it's part of the complete message of the Gospel — God's grace is available to anyone, any time, as we allow Him to do His complete work in us. He wants all His people to be students of His Word, but also to be recipients of His love. He wants all His people to spend time with Him in prayer, but also to be people who reach out with loving hands and hearts to those around us. He wants all His people to be keepers of His commandments, but also to be reflectors of His love in the way that we treat one another as we come together in unity.

What God wants to do in our lives is the preparation for the great day, soon to come, when we will enjoy all the beauties and newness that God has in store for His people — a new name, a new song, a new city, a new heaven and earth, where all things truly will be new. I want to be part of that eternal experience, don't you?

Peace!

Be **BOLD**
for God

The Sacramento Samoan church Pathfinder club participates in the church's official organization service, attended by Samoan pastors from all over the United States. (Photo by TayeTaye's Images)



Two New NCC Churches Organized in 2010

Two Northern California Conference churches were officially organized last year: the Santa Rosa Spanish church on January 30, 2010, and the Sacramento Samoan church on May 22, 2010.

"Each new church means the kingdom of God is being extended throughout the conference," said NCC Executive Secretary Marc Woodson.

New NCC churches are established at the end of a thoughtful and deliberate process. A small gathering of believers initially begins as a "group," under the umbrella of an established church. After meeting certain guidelines set by the conference, the group becomes a "company." Again, members are asked to meet standards set up by the conference before the company organizes as a church.

"To go through the process of becoming a church, we really push the members to clarify their mission, vision, purpose and evangelism plan," said Woodson. "It's a good opportunity for them to crystallize the direction in which they're going. What is the church plan? Why is the church here?"

The Spanish-speaking church in Santa Rosa formed after years of work by many dedicated people. The group began meeting together more than 30 years ago under the leadership of Pastor Carlos Pidoux. Through the years, committed pastors and laypeople contributed to the growth of the group, which met in several locations before finding a home at the Santa Rosa English-speaking church. Their numbers continued to increase, and they now meet in the church sanctuary every Sabbath afternoon. The members look forward to building their own place of worship on land they have already purchased. Since 2006, they have been led by

Pastor Aroldo Novoa,

who also leads the San Anselmo Spanish church and the Sonoma Spanish church plant.

"For some time, the church has been looking forward to the day they would be officially organized into the Northern California Conference sisterhood of churches," said Novoa. "They desire to continue to present the everlasting Gospel and the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The new Samoan church also has a long history. In the early 1980s, Lamala Penueta, a Samoan woman in Sacramento, longed to worship in her own language. She talked to the pastor of the San Francisco Samoan church, Toese Ah Sam, and in 1984, his church board arranged for Christian and Tina Samana, theology majors from Pacific Union College, to work with Samoans in Sacramento. In 1986, a group was formally established. Many lay people and pastors helped the group flourish, and it officially became a company in 1992. Members met in various church facilities until 2002, when they purchased a building of their own. Current Pastor Fred Toailoa, also pastor of the Citrus Heights church, has served there since 2006.

"The church members were very excited to finally reach the long awaited goal of becoming an organized church," said Toailoa. "These milestone events always bring with them a sense of unity among the members, so it was great to see them celebrating and praising the Lord for how He has blessed the ministry of the Samoan work in Sacramento over the years."

Woodson looks forward to this ministry continuing. "Establishing churches is discipling people," said Woodson. "That's not easy to do; it takes awhile. It's a serious mission—the mission of the Church."

"Each new church means the kingdom of God is being extended throughout the conference."



Santa Rosa Spanish church Pastor Aroldo Novoa (center) holds the church's certificate of organization. With him are Hispanic Ministries Coordinator Richard Dena, President Jim Pedersen, Executive Secretary Marc Woodson and Treasurer John Rasmussen. (Photo by Julie Lorenz)

Time for a Tune-Up?

My work takes me to every corner of this beautiful Conference, and a while back I noticed a small amber light on my dashboard telling me that I should check my engine. But with churches to visit and people to see, the busy days turned into weeks, and still the small amber light quietly reminded me that the engine needed attention. Not until the car began to smoke and sputter did I admit that a trip to the shop could no longer be postponed.

We all live very busy lives, with work, school and church activities, and wouldn't it be nice if our lives came with a set of warning lights to remind us when things need attention? Take planning for the future, for instance. How easy it is to put off what we know needs attention. But there is good news! One simple call is all it takes to start your own simple Will and other planning documents. And the best part is that as a member of one of our churches, this service is free. So don't put it off another day. Give us a call and schedule your own personal tune-up.

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NCC Band Festival to Premiere New Hymn Arrangement by Ralph Carmichael

Ralph Carmichael, renowned Christian composer and arranger, has created a brand new arrangement of his classic hymn, "We Are More Than Conquerors" for the Northern California Conference Band Festival, to be held Friday evening, March 4.

Carmichael will conduct over 500 junior high and high school musicians from around the conference in the premiere of his new arrangement. During his preparations, he considered the 77 trumpets, 95 clarinets, 85 flutes and 78 percussionists, among other instruments, expected to participate in the sacred music festival.

"I thought I had written for just about every kind of ensemble there is, but this one was a new challenge for me," said Carmichael.

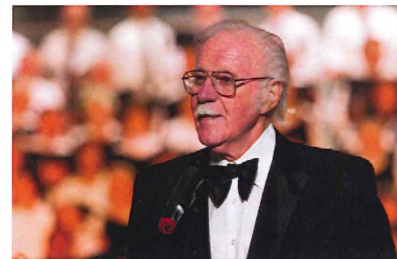
During a long and distinguished career, Carmichael has been especially influential in the field of Christian music, composing many songs, hymns, symphonies and chorales. He continues an active recording and concertizing schedule, including sessions with the London Symphony this spring.

"We are fortunate to have a composer of his stature taking time from his busy schedule to create this highly customized work for our students," said Michael Spencer, Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy music director and this year's festival coordinator. "He has really risen to the challenge of creating a work for younger players."

NCC band students have been practicing the music at their respective schools, and on the day of the festival, they will rehearse together for the first time. Carmichael will rehearse his new arrangement with the kids, and each of the festival's other band pieces will be conducted by a different NCC music teacher. Junior high students and senior high students will form two bands, each playing a section of the program. They will join together in a mass band for three pieces, including Carmichael's—"the crown jewel of the concert," said Spencer. During the evening program, Carmichael will present a devotional thought.

Teachers and students look forward to the event, which alternates every year with the NCC Choir Festival. "I really wanted my group to experience the joy of making good music with their peers and this festival will do that," said Rio Lindo Adventist Academy music director Rochelle White. "It also provides them with the technical instruction that is so invaluable to a music program. Having Ralph Carmichael there is the cherry on top! I'm excited to be part of it!"

Academy junior Rochelle Isaac—a trumpet player in White's band—agrees. "I am very excited to go to band festival and play awesome music with a big group of people! I think that this will be a great learning experience and a fun time."



"Having Ralph Carmichael join our effort to provide excellent learning experiences for our students is indeed a gift from God!" said Coreen Hicks, NCC associate superintendent of education. (Photo by Debbie Thompson Kippel)

The concert will be held March 4 in the Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy gymnasium, 796 Grayson Road, Pleasant Hill, beginning at 7 p.m.

Live Nativity Walk-through Featured at Oroville Church

By Pat Gross

More than 600 people took a break from the rush of the Christmas season to visit the annual Live Nativity Walk-through produced by the Oroville church. On December 3 and 4, 2010, church members recreated the Bethlehem scene in the church's fellowship hall and courtyard for the 15th consecutive year.

"The Live Nativity is a huge church effort, and it's great to see everyone working together to make it happen," said Pastor Larre Kostenko. "The atmosphere in the courtyard ... lends itself to the message of Christmas and the birth of Christ into our world: peace on earth, good will to men."

A Roman soldier greeted guests before they entered the authentic-appearing Middle Eastern marketplace. Inside, beggar children welcomed them to Bethlehem, and a Roman tax collector made a record of their names. Once inside the courtyard, guests were greeted by the rabbi and his wife (Kostenko and his wife Connie), and they could pet lambs, llamas, a donkey, a cow and goats.

After rounding a corner, guests came to the manger scene—the main attraction—tucked into a quiet corner of the square. A short way further, a group of shepherds explained what they had seen while in the fields with their animals. The three kings were next to tell how they had followed a star to Bethlehem. Finally, the path ended at the entrance to the inn (church).

The innkeeper told guests there were no rooms, but they were invited into the sanctuary for a reverent Christmas concert with organ, harp, trumpet and flute.

"The Live Nativity is a positive way to share with our community our belief in the core of Christianity, the Christ. It is an opportunity to set a spiritual tone to the start



(Above) "I have [heard] a lot of comments that the presentation of the Live Nativity really brings the Christmas story to life," said Virgle Seaton, Oroville church head elder, who played a wise man. "The people really appreciate the effort that goes into it." (Below) Innkeeper Steve Greenwood displays the wares of the Bethlehem marketplace. (All photos by Pat Gross)



(Left) A reminder that Bethlehem was poor while Rome was rich, Jake Bruno begs alms from the travelers pouring into town. (Above) Ashley Jacobian and Paison Ward down a bit of warm soup before mounting their perches as angels high on the courtyard wall. "It's cold up there!" said Jacobian.

of holiday celebrations

when so much focus is on materialism and the secular," said church member Sharon Wedin.

"I took a stack of advertising cards to my hair dresser, and it was interesting to hear the owner giving them out," said church member Carolyn Seaton. "She kept telling everyone that came in they needed to go, that it was the best thing in town."



Vickie Kirk arranges a headpiece for Bud Van Gunda, who has played a shepherd for 14 years. "People really enjoy it, especially the kids," he said. "They love the animals."

Five Oroville couples originally organized the first Live Nativity Walk-through presentation in 1996. Contributing to the yearly success are the support and donations of local businesses, farmers and animal sanctuary managers, as well as much time and effort on the part of the church members, especially Valerie Nelson, the event's coordinator.

Members pray for the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of visitors and also to hold back rain. In 15 years (30 nights), only once did rain cause a cancellation. Over the years, some 7,000 people have followed the path to the manger during the Live Nativity.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



“Almost”

William Hyatt was found in the Mojave Desert with his face and hands buried in the sand seeking moisture. The 62-year-old's car had broken down and he had walked 22 miles, crawling the last two on his hand and knees, until he died. Just over the hill, a half a mile away, was the Saratoga Spring which could have saved him. He was **almost** there, but he fell short and died.

The Webster's dictionary defines the word **almost** in this manner: "Very nearly but not exactly or entirely."

Most of the time when we use the word **almost**, it is connected with a most unfortunate experience because it expresses the reality of not quite attaining the goal. For example: "I almost got the job;" or "We **almost** made it on time;" "They **almost** got out when the fire broke out..."

As the Apostle Paul shared his conversion testimony before King Agrippa II, the last of the Herods, the King is quoted as saying, "... **almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.**" Acts 26:28 What an unfortunate statement from a man so close to being a Christian, yet he was so far. Being **almost** does not make you one. He had an earthly position, but not one in heaven.

The reality is that there are still those kinds of people today. People who hear the Word of God, people who study the Bible, who study prophecy, who see and sense that the end of the world is near, and yet they remain unrepentant.

Almost does not make the cut, doesn't get us anywhere. You and I can't almost follow Jesus—**almost** misses the mark.

I don't want to be an **almost** Christian, an **almost** good husband, an **almost** good father, an **almost** effective president of this Central California Conference. Because **almost** is filled with tragedy, disappointment and despair.

- When you **almost** made it out of the fiery building, means you're dead.
- When you **almost** won the game, means you lost.
- When you **almost** boarded the plane, means you were left behind.

When I think about it, **almost** just needs one thing for you and me to take the next step, to give the next burst of effort, to not settle, to do as the Apostle Paul testified:

*"I have fought a good fight, I have **finished** my course, I have kept the faith."* 2 Timothy 4:7

Let us not be **almost** Christians, but steadfast finishers instead. Let us be faithful to the call God has entrusted, be it a member of the lay priesthood of all believers, clergy, teacher, or administrator.

Jesus is not in the business of **almost** anything—He does all with fullness of effort, completeness of purpose and totality as His goal. Of Jesus Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:21, *"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."*

Let us follow His example fully here in Central is my prayer.

Trusting in Him,

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Lemoore Women Deliver Christmas to Veterans in Fresno

By Caron Oswald

Vibrant and active are two words to describe women's ministries at the Lemoore Adventist Church. Sprinkled among the monthly meetings are successful fundraisers. Ten percent of the profits are given to the church budget.

The 90 percent remainder is used for Women's Ministries. "We want as many women as possible to attend the conference women's retreats," says Stephanie Davis, co-leader of women's ministries at Lemoore. "We pay whatever is needed."

Women's Ministries has made a difference in the church. "We're not a click. This is a family," says Jessica Tello, co-leader. "This has brought women of all ages together and is family oriented."

Two church sponsored women's weekend retreats are also planned each year. In 2010 they were in Monterey and at Camp Wawona. "I am a 4th generation Adventist. I've heard all that stuff. Retreats bring me back home with a deeper spiritual experience, bonding with Christ and other women," Davis says.



Lemoore church member Martha Love watches as a mom and son discover some of their Christmas gifts.


Three years ago, a Christmas community service project was added. This past December, a Fresno organization that supports female veterans and their children was selected. Church member Tracy Meres, a social worker at the facility, explains, "This is a place for women to get back on their feet. Many have children and need extra support. They get a place to live and the opportunity to go through rehab, go back to school or look for work."

A large collection container was placed in the church lobby. It quickly

filled with donations of toys, book, toiletries, and clothes. Some gave cash gifts which allowed shopping for the women. Adopting a child was also an option.

A truck was needed to get all of the donated items plus the new gifts for the women and children to Fresno. "My favorite part was seeing the children's eyes light up as we came in with armload after armload of presents!" Davis says. "They had known we were coming, but I don't think they expected so much. We sang

Christmas carols together (thanks to Steve Davis and his guitar), read the story of Jesus' Birth from the Bible, prayed, and then they opened their presents. Wrapping paper was flying everywhere!"

"It was far more than we imagined. The women veterans were just blown away by what we felt was a little something. This [outreach project] blessed our ladies above and beyond what we had imagined," says Tello. 

San Jose Radio Program Puts Families First

By Shenalyn Page

Julio Galloso is passionate about sharing the gospel on the airwaves. The self-employed mechanic has urged four Central California Conference churches onto the air. He recently joined the pastoral couple of his San Jose Hispanic Church, Dr. César and Carolann de León, in a weekly family life program called *Tu Familia Primero* (www.tufamiliaprimero.com).

The church began *Tu Familia Primero* when a new Spanish radio station, FM at 104.9, went on the air last spring to serve the Bay Area's

international Hispanic community. Recognizing an opportunity to help their fellow Latinos, the de Leóns developed *Tu Familia Primero* from their years of experience in marriage and family counseling. In demand seminar speakers, the de Leóns' energetic presentation style, personal stories, and practical tips have made the show a hit among listeners.

The de Leóns share biblical principles for marriage, parenting and satisfying relationships in the first 15 to 20 minutes of the hour-long

program. Then they answer callers' questions. Galloso serves as public relations coordinator and announcer, offering a variety of free family life resources.

"More people call in needing help than we have time for each week," says *Tu Familia Primero* co-host and church elder Marcos Terron. "We're praying we can pay for more time on air because we want to help more people fix their lives with Jesus." Church members provide the program's financial base.

The San Jose Hispanic Church hosted a two-hour seminar on "Reaching Emotional Intimacy" for *Tu Familia Primero* listeners on January 22. More than 100 couples from the community attended. Church members warmly welcomed the guests and participated in all aspects of presenting the seminar. Eight couples signed up for Bible studies and 16 for counseling with the de Léons. Church members plan to hold family life seminars monthly.

"In every seminar we see God's hand working miracles in people's lives," says Cesar. "It is thrilling to see families yielding to the Spirit, asking each other for forgiveness and making decisions to improve their relationships."

"If God can use us to change a

family so the children grow up with a healthier sense of God and themselves; if we can avoid one more divorce and break the chain of emotional and spiritual destruction; our efforts are all worth it," adds Carolann.

For Galloso, ministering to families over the radio is just one way of giving the gift he received when he became a Seventh-day Adventist. "I love preaching the gospel. If they leave a window open, I'm preaching the gospel. If they open the door, I'm there!" 📻



San Jose Hispanic Church pastoral couple Carolann and Cesare de Leon answer questions from callers during their weekly one hour radio program heard from San Francisco to Salinas. The de Leons also host seminars on Family First subjects for listeners and church members each quarter.

Free Snow Cones Leads to Baptism

By Shenalyn Page

Fresno's Central Valley church moved into its new home with a splash this past August. Church members wanted to meet their new neighbors so they went door-to-door with requests for prayer and literature, washed cars for free, gave away snow cones, and hosted the *Waves of Grace* series with Pacific Union Conference Vice President Arnold Trujillo.

The free snow cones drew long lines of sweaty kids, several community members attended the three-week series, and one man was baptized. "We decided to give out snow cones because God gave us property between an elementary and a high school," says youth leader Dean Gallego.

He and the youth put a canopy on the church lawn, made big signs and gave away snow cones as kids left school. Grown-ups pulled off the road to cool off too. "Why are you giving away free snow cones?" people would ask.

"We just moved into the community and want to let everyone know we're



Nicole Samila and Marilou Misal, part of the church's youth group, and friends Jon Kratz and Marina Ortega serve snow cones to children from a neighborhood elementary school.

here," answered the youth. "We're here to serve you as a church. If you need anything please let us know and we'll see how we can help you." Each person received a meeting invitation and GLOW tract with his or her snow cone.

"I was really blessed by the outreach," says 17-year-old Dawn Gaje, who is now attending the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism. "It was fun to make the snow cones and talk to the kids."

One boy brought his Uncle Javier for a snow cone. The youth invited him to the *Waves of Grace* meetings. He came and was warmly welcomed. Sensing God leading him back to church, Javier was baptized at the end of the series. He immediately began sharing his new faith and reaching out to the homeless.

"It was a great outreach to let everyone know we were here," says Gallego, who also serves as an elder and church clerk. "The church [building] had been empty for over a year and people didn't realize it was church." The youth gave out 200-300 snow cones each week from August to October.

Gallagos and a few youth have been giving out hot cocoa and fruit since the weather turned colder. They continue to make friends with those they serve. Recently a former member of the Fresno Central Church promised to return to church over her hot cocoa. "God works in many ways," says Gallagos. "All He wants from us is a willing heart." 📻



The Miracle of the Traveling Money

By Caron Oswald

Weekend friendship games are filled with activities – special speakers for Friday night and Sabbath, dynamic worships and Sabbath afternoon outreach. On Saturday night and Sunday team sports are played. This past November the game was volleyball and Monterey Bay Academy (MBA) hosted teams and their families from six conference academies.

Collecting coats for the homeless in Santa Cruz County was the Sabbath afternoon ministry for all team members. “I was driving a group of Modesto kids,” says Jay Cox, English teacher at Central Valley Christian Academy (CVCA) in Ceres, Calif. “Because we were using our school van filled with the students’ gear, this jacket got mixed in with our stuff.”

Back at CVCA*, the donated jacket was unloaded with the students’ clothing. A week later with clothes still piled in his classroom, Cox insisted his students



Central Valley Christian Academy (left to right) teacher Jay Cox and students Jordan Monteith, Caleb Stearns, and Liza Dalton who found money in a coat pocket during a Sabbath afternoon community outreach near Monterey Bay Academy.

pick up their belongings. A few days later, there still was one ladies coat that no one had claimed. Cox decided to give it to whoever wanted it.

Liza Dalton was handed the coat to try on. When she put her hand in the pocket, she discovered an envelope filled with money. It so happened that Dalton was one of the students who had collected the coat.

There was \$2,200 in the envelope! Commotion in the classroom erupted. “There was never any serious discussion about keeping the money for themselves,” Cox says. “Although they quickly figured out what they could buy with \$2,200.00.”

Cox contacted MBA and learned a lady had called about the envelope in a donated coat.

The Lady’s Story

She had been saving so she could move out of her home. Her debts were paid off and she was living a much simpler life with no credit cards. “When the money accidentally went out with the jacket, I was shocked,” she shares. “I had been tithing this past year and my first thought was ‘I wasn’t going to tithe anymore.’”

Immediately, she felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to sit down and write her tithe checks for the month. “I knew then that what was happening was not about me losing \$2,200, but rather about witnessing the glory of God in this situation,” she explains. “So I let it go and I really didn’t expect to see the money again.”

But God surprised this lady of faith with a miracle. In a letter to the students and teacher at CVCA, she wrote: “You were the people God used to bless not only me but everyone involved including yourselves. You demonstrated how Jesus has told us to live. You became the hands that were used to give glory to God so that we all can bear witness that we are in the world but not of the world...thank you for your honesty and integrity...you have been instrumental in increasing my faith in God’s promise.”

*CVCA was formerly known as Modesto Adventist Academy.

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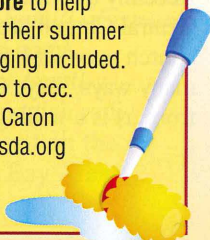
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As we plan for evangelism in this conference this year, we recognize that all of our efforts will mean nothing, without prayer. What God has been doing for us and what He is going to do for us, must begin with prayer. Evangelism is more about prayer than about anything else, because we haven't begun to evangelize until we start to pray. That is why it is so important for us to get involved with what the world church is

encouraging, with the **Revival and Reformation**

initiative. We need to embrace the seven points of this initiative that the church encourages for members and workers:

1. Place priority on seeking God for spiritual revival and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power in our own lives, our families and our ministries.

2. Individually set aside significant amounts of time daily to fellowship with Christ through prayer and the study of God's Word.

3. Examine our own hearts, asking the Holy Spirit to convict us of anything that may keep us from revealing Christ's character. We desire willing hearts so that nothing in our lives hinders the fullness of the Holy Spirit's power.

4. Encourage the ministries of the church to spend time praying, studying God's Word and seeking God's heart to understand His plans for His Church.

5. Encourage each of our churches and organizations to set aside time for all members, students and church employees to seek Jesus and the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit together through a study of God's Word and prayer.

6. Use every available media outlet, conference and workshop to appeal

to church members to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus for the promised revival and reformation.

7. Urgently appeal to and invite our entire church membership to join us in opening our hearts to the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit, which will transform our lives, families, organizations and communities. **We especially recognize that God is going to use children and youth in this last mighty revival and encourage all of our young people to participate in seeking God for spiritual revival in their own lives and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to share their faith with others.**

A Call to Return to God with All our Hearts.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from

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heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”- 2 Chronicles 7:14 nkjv

Recognizing our need for healing and the outpouring of God’s Spirit, the General Conference officers have proclaimed 2011 a Year of Revival and Reformation for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church (www.revivalandreformation.org).

The first Sabbath of each quarter has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The SCC prayer leadership team will lead out in these times of united prayer in our conference. **The Vallejo Drive Church will be the first host site, on April 2, 2011 at 3 p.m.** You are invited to unite your heart in seeking God’s face and praying for revival. (Locations for the third and fourth quarters will be announced at a later date).

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work... A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.” SM1 (1958), p. 121. **Weather prediction: 100% chance of rain. God has promised to pour out His Spirit in response to our prayers.**

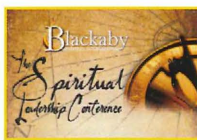
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SCC is teaming with the California Southern Baptist Convention to offer an outstanding spiritual leadership opportunity for Adventist and other Christian spiritual leaders in the Southern California area. Whether you are a leader in a church, the marketplace or your home, this conference is for you. (Details at www.spiritualleadershipwest.com) God is at work. Let’s join Him in His work.

The Spiritual Leadership Conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. on May 23 and end on May 24 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting topics will include, *The Leader’s Calling, The Leader’s Influence, The Leader’s Vision, Avoiding Leadership Ruts and Finishing Well.*



Conference speakers will include Henry Blackaby BD, ThM, author of *Experiencing God*; his sons Richard and Tom, along with other members of the Blackaby Team. Henry, also the co-author of the book, *Spiritual Leadership*, states, “We are all called to be leaders. In this conference, you will learn how leadership is a spiritual undertaking and in understanding how to follow God’s direction, you will gain the ability to effectively direct others.”

Ministry to Nonattending Adventists and Unchurched People

As SCC Evangelism Director, I will be working with Gerard Kiemeney, director, L. A. Metro Region, to plan a fall seminar focused on “Reclaiming Nonattending Adventists” and “How to Effectively Work for Unchurched People.” (Date and location TBA)

SCC’s ADCOM* officers have voted to vigorously emphasize **Reconnecting Ministry** for our missing members. We encourage each church to elect a Reconnecting Ministry director. Paul Richardson, director, the Center for Creative Ministry, will conduct training in this ministry and in ministry to the unchurched, using a key tool provided by AdventSource for each church: *The Quick Start Guide for Reconnecting Ministry*. All SCC churches are urged to participate. **November 26 2011** is the **NAD Welcome Home Sabbath**. We encourage congregations to start planning and preparing now for this special target date as a part of the Reconnecting ministry.

Making Kingdom Friends is an approach utilizing a new version of ShareHim DVDs to reach neighbors and co-workers. For information about this avenue, please call 818-546-8405.

ASI Pacific Union President Lorayne Barton MD is planning a training event to acquaint churches with the **enhanced New Beginnings DVD series**. With this tool, members can be involved in giving Bible studies. Lay members who conduct *New Beginnings* at least twice can keep the DVD for personal ministry use. Otherwise, the DVDs are returned to pastors for use by other members. The series is available in 30 languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Armenian, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. (**March** date and location TBA)



Study Tracker I is an online resource for viewing and interacting with contacts and their history, and tools for maintaining accountability in following up with interests. It also enables



the efficient, instantaneous distribution

of interests to those who work with them and provides Bible studies online. This tool was developed by netaserve.com, with the help of SCC and other conferences and the General Conference, and is available free of charge for SCC churches to use. When Study Tracker information was recently shared with SCC webmasters and leaders, Pacific Union Web Ministries Instructor Jesse Johnson mentioned that the system already has received tens of thousands of names from It Is Written alone; other Adventist media ministries are looking at participating soon.

These names represent a major new opportunity for us to partner with the Lord in reaching people who want to know about God. If the Lord encourages

you to get involved, be sure to urge your church to get a netAdventist site, if it doesn't have one already, and work with the pastor and web team to obtain names in your area and follow them up with Study Tracker 1. As you pray for guidance and consult with the netAdventist team

and the netaserve.com tech support team, God will enable and lead you in soul winning through this means.

**The Administrative Committee (ADCOM) includes the president, vice president, executive secretary, treasurer and five region directors.*

Los Angeles Adventist Academy Ships Boxes to the Philippines

By Chanda C. Castaneda-Cobbs

Students of Los Angeles Adventist Academy started 2011 with a clothing and book drive. The academy was honored when Daryl Famisaran, director of SULADS (Socioeconomic Uplift to Anthropological and Development Services), came to speak for a chapel period. Famisaran showed pictures of a remote Adventist school located on top of a mountain in the Philippines. The school was made of planks of wood, dried coconut leaves, bamboo and other raw material. Famisaran explained about the academic and spiritual curriculum that Adventist missionaries provide to the native Manobos. He described the school's various needs, such as books, clothing and school supplies.

The acronym SULADS also means *brothers* in Manobo, a tribal Filipino language. Brothers is the perfect word to express the relationship that the student missionaries from Mountain View College have established with the indigenous people of the Southern Philippines.

L.A. Academy's student body was touched by what they saw and heard. They soon realized how fortunate they were to have chairs to sit in during class time and real basketball equipment to play with. With Principal

Lorenzo Paytee's encouragement, the students decided to help the mission school.

The Associated Student Body officers, with teachers Chanda Cobbs and Valerie Lindsay, organized a clothing and book drive. "The response was amazing!" said Lindsay. "For five days, students in grades 9 through 12 brought in used books, clothing and shoes. So many items were donated, that not everything could fit in the four boxes prepared for shipping!" Teachers, staff and a number of students pitched in to cover the shipping costs.

Times are tough, but L.A. Adventist Academy's teachers, students and staff united as one force to share what they could. They gave, in order to help foster Adventist education in the mountains of the Philippines. What a way to start a new year!



Students relax after packing boxes for a mountain-top school in the Philippines. Photo by Chanda Castaneda-Cobbs

In Transition

(Voted Nov. 10 10; Jan. 26 11)

New Employees

(Voted Nov. 10 10)

Edgar Lloren

To Pastor, Pasadena Church, as of Nov. 16, 2010

(Voted Jan. 26 11)

William Sellers

Associate Pastor, Camarillo Church, as of Jan. 1, 2010

Leaving Conference Employment

(Voted Jan. 26 11)

Robert Kooreny

From Director, Student Literature Evangelism, as of Jan. 1 2010

Pathfinders March in Los Angeles Parade

Pathfinders from the Altadena, Berean, Smyrna, University, Breath of Life, Antelope Valley and Miramonte churches marched in the Martin Luther King Parade in Los Angeles. "We had a limit of 70 Pathfinders," said Franklyn Broomfield, who coordinated the Pathfinders for the parade.



Pathfinders in the MLK parade included a drum corps, color guard and a marching unit. Franklyn Broomfield was drum major.



SCC EVANGELISM

Ramping Up for 2011

San Fernando Valley Cluster

The churches of the San Fernando Valley are uniting in prayer and preparation for the valley-wide evangelism meeting planned for the fall 2011.

Pastor Daniel Vaughn reports that the Northridge church recently completed a week of prayer and revival, using Skype technology for a nightly segment. Elder Dwight Nelson presented the Friday evening Skype segment from Berrien Springs.

Valley-Wide Prayer Rally – San Fernando Valley churches came together to pray for the fall evangelistic meetings. Music by the Valley Crossroads church choir and a message by Velino Salazar, SCC Executive Secretary, inspired those who attended. Janet Lui, SCC Prayer Ministries coordinator, and the Prayer Ministries team led out in a prayer service that concluded the meeting.

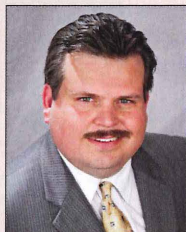
Pastor Will McCall and the Canoga Park Church invite you to a week of **Prayer and Revival** at the Canoga Park Community Church **March 27- April 2.**

Pastor John Aitken is presenting **Buried Blueprints** at the Van Nuys Church, beginning **March 5 and continuing each Saturday evening through May 7.**

Pastor Royal Harrison and the Valley Crossroads Church is conducting a midweek revival series entitled, **Revelation of Love**, Mar. 16-19 at 7:15 p.m. Elder Bobby Mitchell, Pacific Union African-American Ministries director, is the speaker.

Pastors and members are praying for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Four evangelism rallies will lead up to the fall San Fernando evangelistic series: **Mar. 26** (4 – 5:30 p.m. Location TBA); **May 21** **June 25, July 23.**



Pastor B.J. Boles
Pastor Evangelist



Bill Santos, Speaker,
It Is Written Canada

Antelope Valley Cluster – **Bill Santos**, the speaker for *It Is Written Canada*, will return this year to conduct meetings for the Antelope Valley Cluster, in Lancaster. (Dates and location TBA.)

In the meantime, please pray for these meetings and for the lay persons and pastors who are preparing interests.

—Richard Roethler, West Region director



Richard Roethler
West Region Director

Greater Los Angeles Region (GLAR)

The West Coast Year of the Harvest is an evangelistic strategy for GLAR churches and their diverse communities to prepare men, women, boys and girls for the soon coming of our Savior. The Holy Spirit empowers each of us to be faithful witnesses of the hope that is within us, allowing the love of Christ to flow from us to others.



Adolphus Garnett
GLAR Director

Timeline for The Year of the Harvest:

Oct. 2010 – **Sowing for the Harvest** preparation events.

January 2011 – **Preparing the Sower**, a winter revival and a training event.

Apr. 20-23 - **Preparing the Soil Convocation**, at the Los Angeles Adventist Academy.

May through July Reaping the Harvest – each GLAR church running outreaches.

Aug. 7-13 – **Refining the Harvest** (Doctrinal Emphasis) All churches come together to strengthen the faith of those newly baptized and to hopefully win those who were on the fence. Location TBA .

Oct. 28, 29 – **Celebrating the Harvest**, all GLAR churches will come together. Location TBA

—Adolphus Garnett, GLAR director

Conference

March 2011

Priorities

Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

SECC Invites All Members to Midterm Meetings

By Jocelyn Fay

Members of churches in all five counties of the Southeastern California Conference are invited to meetings this spring to meet and join in conversation with SECC officers and departmental directors.

Gerald Penick, conference president, says the agenda will include brief reports about conference membership and

finances but will primarily be a time for members and the conference representatives to talk about their hopes and dreams for the conference's future. There will also be a question-and-answer time.

"Midterm meetings are open to all members," says Sandra Roberts, conference executive secretary. "Rather than invite only delegates, as we do to the constituency meetings every five years, we invite members of all the churches to come and talk with us at these midterm meetings," she says. The most recent constituency meeting was in October 2008; the next one will be in the fall of 2013.

One midterm meeting will be conducted in each county:

Imperial County

Sunday, April 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m., El Centro church, 610 S. Tenth St., El Centro

Orange County

Monday, April 18, 7-9 p.m., Westminster Good Samaritan church, 14362 Willow Ln., Westminster

San Bernardino County

Tuesday, April 19, 7-9 p.m., Redlands church, 520 Brookside Ave., Redlands

"We invite members of all the churches to come and talk with us at these midterm meetings."



Thomas Staples, left, conference treasurer; Gerald Penick, center, president; and Sandra Roberts, right, executive secretary, were elected to five-year terms of service at SECC in October 2008. They will conduct midyear meetings this spring to dialogue with members about the conference.

Riverside County

Monday, April 25, 7-9 p.m., La Sierra Academy, 4900 Golden Ave., Riverside

San Diego County

Sunday, May 1, 3-5 p.m., Escondido church, 1305 Deodar Rd., Escondido

Penick and Roberts both emphasize their hope that a large number of members will attend the midterm meetings.

"I'd like very much for all of our members to be part of the conversation about the future of our conference," says Roberts.

Penick agrees, adding, "We're hoping we'll see a large turnout of members to hear some of our conference's success stories, share with us their ideas about some of our challenges, and be part of the process as we seek the Lord's will for finishing His work in this conference." □

Follow the Money, Part 2:

SECC Helps Equip Churches and Members

By Jared Wright

If a conference's allocation of tithes and offerings reveals its priorities and values, then it is clear that Southeastern California Conference places high importance on local congregations and their members. Of the \$47.9 million budgeted income for fiscal year 2010, SECC allocated nearly 11 percent to the ministries and departments that serve and equip congregations and to support congregations' own ministries. What follows is a portrait of the services and ministries funded by tithes and offerings and how each impacts local congregations within SECC.

Following the flow of tithe as it is put to use in service of Southeastern California Conference's mission tells a story.

Ethnic Ministries

Southeastern California Conference is highly ethnically diverse. The conference meets the needs of its ethnic congregations in part by funding its Asian-Pacific, Black and Hispanic ministries. There are 43 Hispanic congregations, 41 Asian-Pacific congregations, and 17 Black congregations in SECC. Money set apart for these ministries funds seminars, retreats, Weeks of Prayer and other convocations specifically for Asian-Pacific, Black

and Hispanic constituents. Scholarships and air travel funds are available to minority students enrolling in Adventist colleges, and monies are set aside for use in ethnic congregations for local church projects.

Support for Evangelism

SECC employs three full-time and three part-time evangelists who conduct outreach meetings within the conference and who lead in literature outreach in concert with La Sierra University students. The department of church growth and discipleship coordinates their ministry. Congregations that apply may also receive

funding for local evangelistic events from the church growth and discipleship budget.

Equipping Local Leaders

The **Sabbath school department** trains leaders to effectively lead Sabbath school programs and discussions and helps to provide materials for Sabbath school classes. The conference hosts annual conference-wide training seminars along with several regional and congregational training sessions each year.

Adventist Community Services seeks to meet local communities' needs in Jesus' name. In SECC, ACS trains congregational leaders to minister in communities throughout the conference territory. The community services department hosts an annual community services retreat at Pine Springs Ranch.

Southeastern California Conference is home to one of the finest health institutions in the world, and the conference's active **health ministries department** complements healing ministries by hosting, promoting and financially supporting smoking cessation programs, stress management seminars, nutrition and cooking classes, hygiene and communicable diseases awareness, health fairs, health screenings and more.

The upcoming "Faith and Freedom of Conscience in an Age of Terrorism" seminar in early February is an example of the conference **religious liberty department's** active participation in promoting religious liberty through education, legal services and advocacy. The religious liberty department is a local chapter of the North American Religious Liberty Association.

SECC's **prison ministries and disabilities ministries** office equips members to minister to prison inmates and disabled persons, providing training on how to interact with and witness to them.

Women's ministries mentors and nurtures women's lives and their gifts in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus. Besides providing leadership training events in San Diego County, Orange County, the Inland Empire and the desert area,

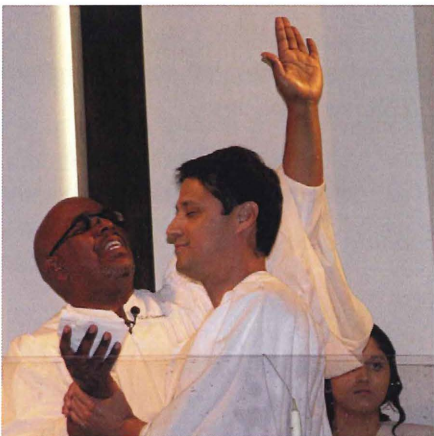


Photo: Corona Church

E. Dean Peeler, left, director of the department of church growth and discipleship, coordinates and assists with the conference's evangelistic activities. Last October 3-30 he was the speaker for a series of meetings at the Corona church. He is pictured baptizing John Lemos, who with his daughter, Amanda, in the background, attended the meetings and decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

the department offers resources for women who minister in local congregations.

Family ministries, which also includes men's ministries and singles ministries, provides resource materials and seminars to promote healthy families in SECC.

Communication

The communication department in SECC acts as an intermediary between conference leaders and local congregations, providing news and event schedules from congregations and dispensing announcements and stories from the conference headquarters. The communication department also maintains the SECC website with its growing cache of news, resources and multimedia content, and oversees emergency and media communication.

Youth

Under the broad umbrella of youth ministry in SECC are several departments that minister to younger generations. Youth Rush, children's ministries, youth ministries, Pathfinders and Adventurers and young adult ministries are some of the many ways in which the conference promotes the spiritual well-being of its youth. The conference provides more than \$45,000 to local congregations for Vacation Bible School programs. Bible conferences, jointly sponsored by the youth department and office of education, are held at Pine Springs Ranch to offer teens opportunities for spiritual growth with peers.

Education

The office of education, with its eight K-12 schools and more than 20 elementary and preschools, will be considered separately in a future edition of *Conference Priorities*.

Property and Trust Services

The conference's Property and Trust Services is an entity that provides valuable resources to constituents and provides a source of revenue beyond tithe and offering income. Here, conference representatives act as liaisons between church members and attorneys for members whose estate plans include the conference or beneficiaries in its territory. The conference pays legal fees, and in turn, receives an average of \$1.5-\$3 million from bequests annually, which is allocated according to



Photo: Jared Wright

The youth department and office of education work together to provide annual Junior/Senior Bible conferences for academy students. This year's was held at Pine Springs Ranch January 20-22.

benefactors' specifications. Other Property and Trust Services activities on behalf of churches and members also will be covered later in this series.

Following the Money

Following the flow of tithe as it is put to use in the service of Southeastern California Conference's mission tells a story. A vital part of the story is how the ministries and departments within the SECC headquarters provide resources, training and funding to local congregations to equip and empower churches throughout the conference. □

For more information about the conference's departments and services, or to read Part 1 of this Follow the Money series of articles, go to the SECC website, www.seccadventist.org.

Alumni Reunions

San Diego Academy alumni weekend (March 4-6) Info: 619-267-9550 or alumni@sdacademy.com.

Calexico Mission School alumni day (March 5) Info: 760-357-3711 or www.cams-education.com.

Loma Linda Academy alumni day (April 9) 10:30 a.m., Chan Auditorium; alumni and faculty potluck luncheon to follow in the High School gym. Honored classes: 1961, 1986. Info: 909-796-0161, ext. 3313; mmorgan@lla.org or www.lla.org.

Redlands Adventist Academy alumni weekend (April 16, golf tournament April 17) Info: 909-793-1000 or www.redlandsacademy.org.

La Sierra Academy alumni weekend (April 29-May 1) Honor classes: 2001, 1996, 1991, 1981, 1971, 1961, 1951, and 50-plus years. Friday morning golf tournament; Friday evening meet-and-greet; Saturday homecoming, Delta Mu reunion, alumni/varsity basketball; Sunday morning ladies' charity tea. Info: lsaalumni@lsak12.com or 951-351-1445, ext. 244.

Escondido Adventist Academy alumni day (May 7) Info: 760-746-1800 or www.eaaschool.org.

Redlands Church Opens After Remodel

By Enno Müller

On Christmas day members of the Redlands Seventh-day Adventist church returned to their church (sanctuary) after meeting for a year and a half at the Redlands Adventist Academy. The sanctuary was packed

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with members and visitors to celebrate Christmas and the newly remodeled church.

“Building projects are great opportunities to bring church communities together and a good time to focus on the vision of the church,” said Zach Thorp, interim senior pastor. The focus of the project was not only to invest in a building but to create a tool to reach the local community.

Thorp said that neglect of general maintenance for the past 40 years and church growth had made

it difficult for members to find adequate room in the crowded building. Consequently, the members decided to enlarge the sanctuary and to add more rooms for Sabbath school classes.

During the construction it was discovered that the building had major termite, water and sewer damage, which set the building

plans back a bit, according to Thorp.

The church remodeling project turned into an entire overhaul of the church, including laying new foundation, building new frames and redoing the structure.

Despite the delay the church was able to finish the building ahead of schedule and just marginally over budget.

This was possible because both the architect and the general contractor are members of the church.

“This was a successful building project because the local vendors worked close together in the interest of the church,” said Tim Rawson, conference associate treasurer and building coordinator. □

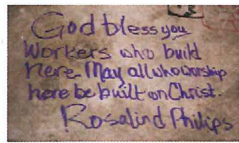


PHOTO: Enno Müller

Church members wrote notes and prayers on the concrete during a special service in August, before the flooring was installed.



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Members exit the Redlands church after the close of the January 8 dedication service. The architecture of the church is styled after the original building and reflects a Santa Barbara mission style.

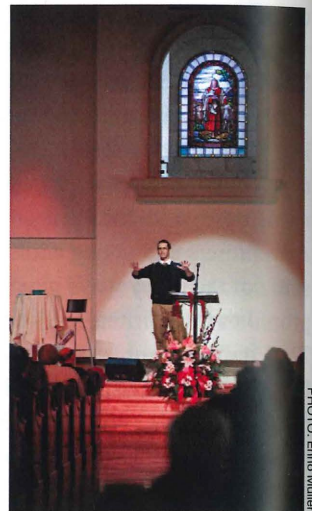


PHOTO: Enno Müller

Zach Thorp, interim senior pastor, preaches the dedication sermon in the newly remodeled Redlands sanctuary on January 8, 2011.

Coming Events

SECC Handbell Festival (March 11) 7 p.m., La Sierra University Alumni Pavilion, Riverside. Info: 951-509-2313.

SECC Vacation Bible School Workshop (March 13) 1-5 p.m., Escondido church, 1001 W. Country Club Ln., Escondido. Visit www.seccyouth.com to register. Info: 951-509-2260 or childmin@seccsda.org.

SECC Junior High Band Festival (April 14) 7 p.m., Loma Linda Academy, 10656 Anderson St., Loma Linda. Info: 951-509-2313.

Samoan Camp Meeting (April 22-24) Camp Cedar Falls, Angelus Oaks. Info: 909-798-3908.

SECC Spring Retiree Retreat (May 16-18) Pine Springs Ranch. Speakers will include William Tucker, president and speaker of the Quiet Hour; Mike Tucker, speaker/director of Faith for Today Television; and Wayne S. Dysinger, director, Lifestyle Medicine Institute and chair, department of Preventative Medicine, Loma Linda University. All retirees are welcome. Info and registration: 951-509-2287.

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PUC Film Student's Documentary Premieres Online

Larry Pena

It was 5:52 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, just one hour after a massive earthquake hit Haiti, when Timothy Wolfer wrote an impulsive but sincere post on Facebook.

"Anyone want to help a poor documentary film maker buy a ticket to Haiti?"

For most people, the comment would have been nothing more than an offhand shot in the dark. But Wolfer, a Pacific Union College film and television major, with experience filming in humanitarian crisis zones, was so serious that immediately after posting, he began packing his bags.

Six hours later, an anonymous donor supplied Wolfer with two airplane tickets, and Wolfer headed to the airport that weekend. All flights to Haiti were cancelled, so he did the next best thing: he landed in the Dominican Republic and hitchhiked with his camera equipment across the border into Haiti — a wasteland of devastation and uncertainty.

Exactly one year later, Jan. 12, 2011, the resulting film, "Adopting Haiti," was released to a worldwide audience online. Mattoid Entertainment is currently screening the film on www.hulu.com.

The documentary follows the story of Maison des Enfants de Dieu, a Port-au-Prince orphanage. Through a friend's connection Wolfer had been invited to stay at the orphanage, where he unexpectedly found himself in the middle of

a developing story. In the wake of the earthquake's destruction, the U.S. State Department was trying to evacuate the orphanage's children out of the disaster zone. The situation had stirred up a media frenzy, as Fox News and CNN descended upon the orphanage.

Wolfer captured more than 20 hours of footage, chronicling the plight of the orphans, the efforts of the orphanage staff, and the eventual military evacuation of those children who had American families waiting for them. Some of his exclusive footage was used on news broadcasts from Haiti. The rest he carefully sorted upon returning to PUC, when he began editing the footage into a documentary initially called "Taking Haiti Home," which he screened to great acclaim at the Cameo Theater in nearby St. Helena.

A chance encounter through a friend put Wolfer in touch with Mattoid Entertainment, an independent film distribution company. The resulting conversation and film screening impressed the Mattoid executives. "We ... felt that it had a lot of heart, was well put together and really took you inside the world of those going through the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake," says co-founder Jenna Edwards. "It is a heart-felt documentary that takes you into the trenches and was made by a wonderful filmmaker, so we are



Larry Walengien

Tim Wolfer with camera equipment amidst the rubble of a Port-au-Prince church.

all very excited ... to get the film out."

Wolfer and Mattoid reached an agreement, and the company took over marketing and distribution while Wolfer retained rights to the film and final cut approval. Having worked with online distribution before, Mattoid felt that an online release would be the best outlet for the film to remain timely and to receive the broadest possible audience.

Wolfer's next priority is to finish school and complete his bachelor's degree in film and television at PUC. But in the long term, he plans to develop more documentaries — "something adventurous," he says, "that involves more travel and more opportunities to experience different cultures."

Loma Linda Mourns Passing of Executive Director of University Relations

Dustin R. Jones, M.A.

Richard W. Weismeyer, M.A., executive director of university relations for Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC), died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. For 46 years, he played a prominent role in the efforts to communicate the stories of this health-sciences community to the world, and served the organization in this and other capacities for more than 50 years — commencing in 1960 with his employment as a part-time worker at the Loma Linda Market.

Weismeyer was born in the old Loma Linda Sanitarium on Oct. 15, 1943. He grew up in the Loma Linda area, graduated from Loma Linda Union Academy (now Loma Linda Academy), and earned his bachelor's degree from La Sierra College (now La Sierra University). After graduation from college and completion of an internship in the Public Information Office (forerunner of the office he led for so many years), Weismeyer was hired as a full-time employee at LLU in September 1966. He later returned to the campus of La Sierra University as a student, and in 2004, earned a master's degree in English. In the past few years, Weismeyer had been working on an Ed.D. in the School of Education at LSU.

For more than 46 years, Weismeyer wrote, edited, and guided others as they chronicled countless stories of the everyday and the



Loma Linda University

extraordinary in the LLUAHSC community. Weismeyer traveled to more than 50 countries, filing stories by telephone or mail in the early days. Weismeyer's trips were not always safe: in 1974 and 1975, he reported on the LLU Overseas Heart Surgery Team's work in Saigon, Vietnam, after the pullout of U.S. troops; the team left eight weeks before the fall of the South Vietnamese government. In 2003, Weismeyer accompanied Dr. Richard Hart, then-chancellor of LLU, to war-torn Afghanistan, two years after the U.S.-led coalition drove the Taliban from power but when fighting still presented significant danger. In 2008, Weismeyer was an embedded reporter with the U.S. Army 307th Medical Division (Dental Services) in Iraq. And in 2010, he returned to Afghanistan

amid intense fighting to follow up on the story of a war victim who had been a long-term patient at Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus.

Through his work, Weismeyer met individuals from diverse walks of life — then-sitting U.S. President Richard Nixon, former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, then-California governor and future U.S. President Ronald Reagan, members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, foreign heads of state, individuals of wealth and influence — as well as everyday people whose stories, bound up with LLUAHSC, he helped tell.

In his personal life, Weismeyer sought to reflect the historic mission of LLU “to make man whole.” On more than one occasion, he implemented or participated in service projects and tasks that demonstrated the Christian faith and commitment that permeated his life.

Weismeyer won many awards, both for the communication work that he produced, and also for the man that he was. On Wednesday, Jan. 12, the day he died, Weismeyer was named Citizen of the Year by the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce.

Weismeyer is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Michael; and daughter, Marci; sister, Helen; and a host of friends.



Wintley Phipps Raises Voice at Benefit Event

Denny Krause

On Saturday evening, Jan. 15, the Nicholas Horn Theatre on the North Las Vegas campus of the College of Southern Nevada was abuzz with anticipation as the audience awaited the Power of a Dream Benefit Concert featuring world renowned singer and Adventist pastor, Wintley Phipps.

The concert, benefitting Abundant Life Christian Academy (ALCA), a K-8 school operated by Abundant Life Adventist church in Las Vegas, Nevada, was designed to coincide with and celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Wintley Phipps, a Grammy nominated recording artist, has performed on every continent but Antarctica and sung before U.S. presidents, the pope and the late Mother Theresa. His television appearances have included numerous religious telecasts, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Saturday Night Live."

As the founder and CEO of the U.S. Dream Academy, a non-profit after-school program dedicated to serving children of incarcerated parents, Phipps is no stranger to the needs of children. "A child with

a dream is a child with a future," predicted Phipps.

After the lights dimmed and the program began, vocalist LaVette Williams warmed up the audience with music that artfully segued into the powerful recitation, by memory, of King's entire "I Have a Dream" speech by ALCA students. Their polished performance was an inspiration to everyone in attendance.

Following the students' performance, and after a brief introduction by emcee David Wallace, Phipps appeared on the stage, to the delight of the audience, and began the grand performance that was the highlight of the evening. The numerous selections Phipps sang were carefully crafted to fit with the program theme and to inspire and motivate, as well.

After the conclusion of Phipps' performance, ALCA students sang their school song, followed by a benefit appeal by ACLA Principal Johnny Holliday, and closing remarks by ALCA staff, school board members, and students.

The gala evening was over, but not the warm feelings carried out of the



Denny Krause

Wintley Phipps captivates the audience with his words, voice, and powerful message and performance.

auditorium by the audience, who seemed likely to fondly remember the event for years to come.

Commenting on the benefit program the next day, Nevada-Utah Conference co-Educational Superintendent Anita Molstead exclaimed, "Wasn't that concert amazing? They raised \$15,000!"



Denny Krause

Abundant Life Christian Academy students recite, by memory, the entire Martin Luther King "I Have a Dream" speech.



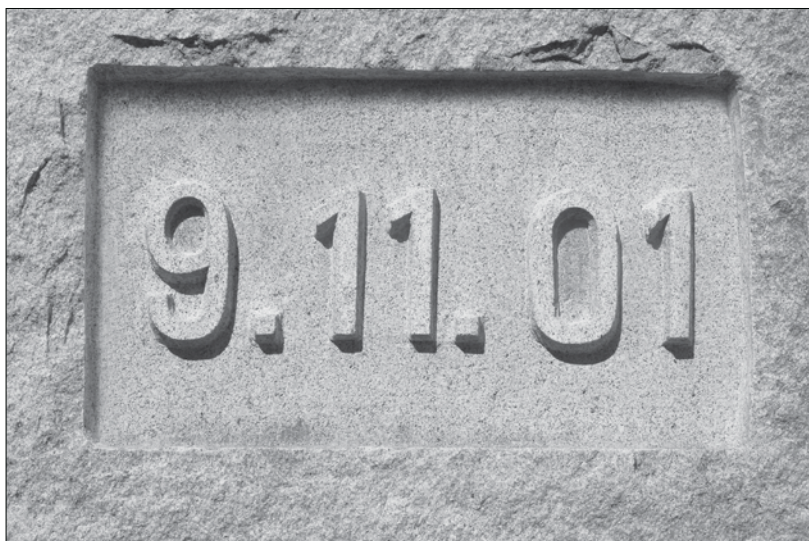
Festival of Religious Freedom to Commemorate Tenth Anniversary of 9/11

Alan J. Reinach, Esq.

Sacramento in late summer is sunny and warm. Maybe a bit too warm. On the last Sunday afternoon of the unofficial summer season, Labor Day weekend, the North American Religious Liberty Association will sponsor the first ever Festival of Religious Freedom to be held in the continental United States. It will be on the west steps of the state Capitol.

Festivals of Religious Freedom were conceived by John Graz, who wears several distinguished “hats,” including Secretary General of the International Religious Freedom Association, and director of Public Affairs & Religious Liberty for the General Conference. Festivals are designed to bring public officials and faith leaders together with the public to thank God and government for the gift of religious freedom, and to spotlight the need for increasing and eternal vigilance in defense of liberty.

“There couldn’t be a better time for a Festival,” says Alan J. Reinach, Esq., director of the Church State Council, the Adventist Church’s religious liberty arm in the Pacific Union. “One week before the tenth



anniversary of 9/11, the news media will be all over the subject of what religious freedom means ten years later, with so much hostility and suspicion of Muslims. Americans really are unsure whether we really want our freedom to include Muslims or not, or how much religious freedom we are comfortable with.”

Ed Fergusson, Government Relations Director for the Church State Council, sees the Festival as a time to reassert the church’s local leadership on religious freedom issues. “We have built strong bridges to interfaith and government leaders in the past, and this Festival will provide a golden opportunity to strengthen those bridges, not only at the state level, but in each local community.”

The Festival is a tool for pastors and local church leaders to reach out into their own communities,

and work cooperatively in support of religious freedom. “We want to include as many churches and communities as possible,” says Reinach, “across both denominational and ethnic lines. We hope the Festival will be seized upon as an opportunity for people of all nationalities and religions to publicly declare their desire

to live in peace with others of differing faiths, and share the blessings of liberty together, in one nation, e pluribus unum style. Churches and communities will be able to participate with music, testimonies, short presentations, food or literature booths, etc.”

Elder Ricardo Graham, Pacific Union Conference president, sees the evangelistic potential of the event: “We cannot reap where we do not sow. By extending a hand of friendship in all of our communities, and showing respect for the rights of others, we can model the attitude of Jesus and develop new friendships we hope will last for all eternity.”

To find out how your church can participate in this Festival, please call Ed Fergusson at: 916-446-2552 or e-mail: ed@churchstate.org.



Adventist Whitecoat Report Released

George Johnson

On March 5, Dr. Lawrence Beeson, Loma Linda University School of Public Health, and Col. Phillip Pittman, U.S. Army Medical Research of Infectious Diseases of Frederick, Md., will release a report of the second health survey conducted with Whitecoat Army veterans. The report will be presented at 4 p.m., at the Damazo Amphitheater in the Centennial Complex Building at LLU.

From 1954-1973, approximately 2,300 Seventh-day Adventist non-combatant draftees volunteered to become human subjects in 153 research projects in order to determine defensive measures against the numerous biological weapons that the Soviet Union had developed during the Cold War.

In 2003, the first health study conducted on these men showed that there was no significant relationship between any of the projects and later diseases among the men. A copy of the newest report will be shared with each Whitecoat veteran at the March 5 event.

A brief history

During the 1950s, hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist men age 18-26 were drafted into American military service. They wanted to serve their country and cooperate with compulsory military service but still be obedient to the Scriptures, which for most Seventh-day Adventists included Sabbath-keeping and

non-combatancy. In late 1954, the US Army Medical Unit (USAMU) and the office of the surgeon general of the US Army met with officials of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with a highly unusual request. The two entities wanted to see if the Seventh-day Adventist Church was willing to support an Army proposal to use Adventist draftees as volunteers for human trials of defensive vaccines and antibacterial medicines.

Church leaders formed a sub-committee and within weeks gave a favorable endorsement entitled "Statement of Attitude Regarding Volunteering for Medical Research" which was forwarded to the USAMU. The four-paragraph statement concluded that "any service rendered voluntarily by whomever in the useful necessary research into the cause and treatment of disabling disease is a legitimate and laudable contribution to the success of our nation and to the health and comfort of our fellowmen." Thus Operation Whitecoat was born.

Soon after, USAMU personnel began interviewing draftees for Operation Whitecoat during the basic training at Fort Sam Houston, and meetings were held that gave an overview of the research program, along with a description of its benefits and risks. Seventh-day Adventist Church representatives were also on hand

to describe the church's relationship with the Whitecoat program. USAMU based selections of the draftees on overall general health and skills acquired in civilian life. Most who were chosen to participate had also completed one or more years of college, and 27 percent had completed a bachelor's degree. Whitecoat members were then assigned to Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland; to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center; or to the Center Annex in Forest Glen, Maryland, as medical research volunteers. Their duties included medical technicians, medical corpsmen, clinical aides, or animal caretakers.

During its 19-year existence, Operation Whitecoat members were tested with some of the world's most dangerous biological agents such as Queensland (Q) Fever, Tularemia, Sandfly Fever, Typhus Fever, Typhoid Fever, Rift Valley Fever, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Yellow Fever, Plaque and Eastern, Western and Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis. The "Eight Ball," a huge, spherical chamber at Fort Detrick, was a chamber in which scientists would discharge bacteria or viruses. Whitecoat volunteers wore breathing apparatus that allowed them to inhale the affected air. USAMU records maintain that although the volunteers were made seriously ill, none died during the studies nor was there documented permanent health damage.



Members of Operation Whitecoat (with several family members) at the 35th anniversary celebration in 2003 at the Frederick, Md., Seventh-day Adventist Church.



CALENDARS

Arizona Conference

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

Bookmobile continues its trip throughout Arizona (March 4–15).

PATHFINDER CONFERENCE

Bible Achievement (March 5) You must participate in the Regional level before moving on to Conference. Contact your area coordinator for more information.

PHOENIX CENTRAL CHURCH

Health Fair Booth (March 5) in its 6th year at the Phoenix Seventh Avenue Street Fair, 12-5 p.m. This outreach has served nearly 1,000 people, with some visitors partaking in the church's other outreach activities. Info: David Shank, 602-799-3723.

MARICOPA VILLAGE NATIVE

American Mini Camp Meeting (March 18-20) on the church grounds, 8001 W. Baseline Rd., Laveen. Guest speakers, good music, outdoor services. All are invited. Info: Ann Parks, 480-671-3325.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK

supper (March 12) at Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. Newcomers: Please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. For recipe ideas, visit www.hacres.com. Info: Stanhowerton@excite.com.

ANNUAL MINI DAY WOMEN'S

RETREAT (March 13) 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Paradise Valley church, 2727 E Cactus, Phoenix, with speaker Sylvia Hayashi, BSN, MSN, WHNP. Cost \$30 if paid before the 13th; \$35 at the door. Info: Shellli Marti, 602-316-2899.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

with Elder Ed Keyes (March 25) begin at the Paradise Valley church, 2727 E Cactus, Phoenix.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

spring open house sale (March 27) 13505 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Don't miss the special prices and offers on foods and books, food samples, and good used books.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST

ACADEMY alumni weekend (April 1-3) TAA Campus, 7410 E. Sutton

Dr., Scottsdale. Info: Sherrie Warren, TAAnews@thunderbirdacademy.org.

Central California

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

(March 5) Mt. View Central church. Guest speaker: Pierre Steenberg. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or e-mail: lpasillas@cccsda.org.

ADVENTIST DISASTER RELIEF

Training (March 6) 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Central California Conference office. Guest speakers will be from the NAD and Charleen Sargent. Info: Lisseth 559-347-3176 or e-mail: lpasillas@cccsda.org.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEEN

retreat (March 11-13) Camp Wawona. Info: Wanda 559-347-3169 or e-mail: wflowers@cccsda.org.

LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

training (March 12) 3-6 p.m., Mountain View Academy. Info: Lisseth 559-347-3176 or e-mail: lpasillas@cccsda.org.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RALLY

(March 19) Bakersfield Hillcrest church. Guest speaker: Alan Reinach. Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or e-mail: fmorales@cccsda.org.

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES,"

16th Annual Winterfest Concert (March 19) 4:00 & 6:30 p.m. Mountain View Central church. Free tickets are available through performers or by sending a SASE to: Mt. View Central church, 1425 Springer Rd., Mountain View, CA 94040-3063. Please indicate which performance time you are requesting. Info: 650-967-2189.

ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN DAY

(March 20) Fresno Adventist Academy. Info Norma 559-347-3174 or e-mail nvillarreal@cccsda.org.

TREASURERS TRAINING

(March 27) Central California Conference office. Info: Claudia at 559-347-3196 or e-mail: carias@cccsda.org.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

(April 1-3) Camp Wawona. Info: Lisseth 559-347-3176 or e-mail: lpasillas@cccsda.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WORKSHOP/Vacation Bible School Training (April 2-3) Fresno Central Valley Fil-Am church. Presenters: Gene Oswald, president of Adventist

Children's Ministry Association of North America and staff. Cost is \$15.00 per adult to help with food costs. Info: Rosa 559-347-3183 or e-mail: rgillham@cccsda.org.

"THE RACE" TEEN GIRLS' Retreat

(April 8-10) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Pat 559-642-2396 or e-mail: teengirlsretreat@gmail.com.

"MAN UP!" TEEN GUYS Retreat

(April 8-10) campground near Oakhurst. Cost is \$30.00; food will be provided. An adult sponsor required. Info: Jon 509-301-9438 or e-mail: cccguysretreat@gmail.com.

La Sierra University

PAUL J. LANDA MEMORIAL

Lecture on Faith and Learning. (March 5) 4 p.m. Dr. Jack Miles, professor at UC Irvine and author of the award winning book GOD: A Biography. LSU church. Info: 951-785-2041.

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY Music

Department presents: A Chamber Music Series (March 5) 7 p.m.; Winter Big Band (March 19) 7 p.m.; Celia Chan-Valerio, harp, (March 13) 7 p.m. Location: Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

of One Acts (March 2, 3, 5 & 6) 8 p.m., Matheson Hall. LSU talent showcased in an evening of one-act plays featuring student directors and actors. Info: 951-785-2241 or e-mail lsudrama@lasierra.edu.

THE BRANDSTATER GALLERY

features the annual Faculty Art Exhibit through March 3, and works by Jeff Koegel (March 14 through April 17). Contact 951-785-2959.

SPRING BREAK

(March 29 to April 4). To enroll for Spring quarter classes, contact 800-874-5587.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP

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

Northern California

SUNDOWN PRAISES.

Lodi-English Oaks church, 1260 West Century Blvd. (March 5) 5 p.m GLOW Ministries, speaker Joshua Orazco; (March 12) 5:15 p.m. Speaker Kari Prouty and

children's choir; (March 19) 6 p.m. Speaker Jeff Wait and trombonist Dwan Purdy; (March 26) 5:15 p.m. Venden DVD and Effie Reisinger vocal concert. Info: 209-369-1021.

NCC PRAYER RETREAT

(March 4-6) Leoni Meadows, "More About Jesus," Speaker Lee Venden. Youth and children's programs. Info: Naomi Parson, 916-721-1586 or naomiparson@aol.com.

NCC BAND FESTIVAL

Concert (March 4) 7 p.m. Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Rd. Ralph Carmichael will conduct the mass band in an original arrangement. Info: Education Dept., 925-603-5065.

REVERSING DIABETES

(March 13-14) 6-8 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue. Info: 916-381-5353.

FULL PLATE DIET

(March 15-May 3) Sundays, 12-1 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue. Info. 916-381-5353.

PACIFIC INSTITUTE LAY TRAINING

(March 20) Fairfield Community church, 1101 East Tabor Ave. Classes by Gregory Johnson, Del Dunavant, Gordon Botting, VicLouis Arreola. Info: Asian/Pacific Ministries, 925-603-5032.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

(March 25-27) Leoni Meadows. Speaker Liz Enid Polanco. Program for teens, younger girls (Yami Bazan, Yaiselyn Ávila). Info: Hispanic Ministries, 925-603-5092.

PATHFINDER BIKE-A-THON

(April 3) 8 a.m. Sleep Train Amphitheater, Wheatland. Info: Youth Department. 925-603-5080.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Training (April 3) NCC Headquarters, 401 Taylor Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Info: Children's and Family Ministries Department. 925-603-5082.

Pacific Union College

CHOIRS CONCERT

(March 5) 4 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. Info: 707-965-6303.



ORCHESTRA CONCERT (March 5)
7 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. Info:
707-965-6303.

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE
Concert (March 12) 7 p.m. Paulin Hall
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ACADEMY KEYBOARD FESTIVAL
(March 31-April 2) Paulin Hall
Auditorium. Concert April 4. Info:
707-965-6303

COLLEGE DAYS (April 7-10)
Academy students invited to preview
college life. Info: 707-965-6303

HOMECOMING WEEKEND (April
15-17) Speakers: Steven W. Case,
Brig. Gen. Loree Sutton. To register:
707-965-7500 or puc.edu/alumni

GREEN WEEK (April 18-20) Speaker:
Annie Leonard, April 21. For speaker
info, see storyofstuff.org. Info:
707-965-6303

Southeastern California

BIG BEAR SERVICES (weekly) 349
E. North Short Dr., Big Bear City. Info:
909-547-6115.

TRUTH LINK BIBLE CONFERENCE
(March 2-26) Jeff Tatarchuk, speaker.
El Cajon church, 1630 E. Madison
Ave., El Cajon. Info: 619-444-0763.

WOMEN'S RETREAT (March 4-6)
Pine Springs Ranch. Theme: "With
a Song in My Heart," speaker Linda
Anderson. Sponsored by the Palm
Springs church. Info: 760-327-5112.

DEL ROSA TENTH Anniversary
celebration (March 5) Sabbath
school, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 11
a.m. with lunch afterward. Concert
at the church March 11, 4 p.m. Del
Rosa church, 1696 N. G St., San
Bernardino. Info: 909-801-1129.

EVANGELISTIC SERIES (March
9-12) Crystal Cathedral, Garden
Grove. Alejandro Bullon, speaker.
Info: 951-509-2333.

SECC HANDBELL FESTIVAL (March
11) 7 p.m., La Sierra University
Alumni Pavilion, Riverside. Info:
951-509-2313.

LA SIERRA UNIV. WIND Ensemble
(March 12) 4:30 p.m., Loma Linda
University church, 11125 Campus St.,
Loma Linda.

SECC VACATION BIBLE School
Workshop (March 13) 1-5 p.m.,
Escondido church, 1001 W. Country
Club Ln. Visit www.seccyouth.com
to register. Info: 951-509-2260 or
childmin@seccsda.org.

CHUNESTUDY MEN'S Chorus
(March 19) 4:30 p.m., Loma Linda
University church, 11125 Campus St.,
Loma Linda.

DRUG ALTERNATIVE Program
Concert (March 19) 5:30 p.m.,
Campus Hill church, 11057 Hill Dr.,
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Freewill offering will benefit the
Drug Alternative Program (DAP).
Info: www.charitypromotions.org or
909-783-1094.

GROSSMONT SYMPHONY
Orchestra with Organist Robert
Plimpton (March 21) Paradise Valley
church, 2701 E. 8th St., National City.
Free. Info: 619-475-0383.

STERLING STRING QUARTET
(March 26) 4:30 p.m., Loma Linda
University church, 11125 Campus St.,
Loma Linda.

Southern California

JIM MCCLINTOCK in Concert (March
5) 5 p.m. Vallejo Drive church, 300
Vallejo Drive, Glendale 91206. Free
admission. Info: 818-246-2476.

CALDWELL B. ESSELSTYN JR.,
M.D., author of Prevent and Reverse
Heart Disease (March 5) 6:30
p.m., White Memorial Church, 401
No. State St., Los Angeles 90033.
Free parking. Info: 818-546-8461;
626-780-2894.

LAAA ALUMNI Homecoming
Weekend (March 11-13) Fri., 7
p.m., Keith Paschal; "the Lynards."
Sabbath, speaker, James Doggette
Sr., lunch, afternoon: Soul Church
AY; ribbon-cutting/candlelight
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www.alumnilaaa.com; e-mail,
alumnilaaa@gmail.com.

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politics, religion & health (March 14,
28) 7:30 p.m. Speakers, Paul Lippi,
pastor; Alan Reinach Esq., executive
director, Church State Council. Beth
Shalom Adventist Congregation, 480
W. Gainsborough Rd., Thousand Oaks
91360. Info: 805-413-7100.

ANOTHER LOOK AT ELLEN WHITE
Seminar (March 18-19) 7 p.m. March
18; 3-6 p.m., March 19, Vallejo Drive
church. Speaker, Jud Lake, ThD;
DMin, author, *Ellen White under Fire*;
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Studies, Southern Adventist
University, School of Religion.
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welcome. Info: 818-546-8400;
gpark@seccsda.org.

L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM (March
36) 3 p.m. "The Promise of Peace:
Toward a Post-Conventional
Adventism" Speaker, Charles Scriven,
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LA SIERRA ACADEMY alumni weekend (April 29-May 1) Honor classes: '01, '96, '91, '81, '71, '61, '51, and 50+ years. Fri. a.m. golf (Temecula); Fri. p.m. meet & greet; Sat. Homecoming (9 a.m.), Delta Mu reunion, potluck, alumni/varsity basketball; Sun. a.m. ladies' charity tea. Info: lsaalumni@lsak12.com or 951-351-1445, ext. 244.

LOMA LINDA ACADEMY alumni day (April 9) 10:30 a.m., Chan Auditorium; alumni and faculty potluck luncheon to follow in the High School gym. Honored classes: '61, '86. Info: 909-796-0161, ext. 3313; mmorgan@lla.org or www.lla.org.

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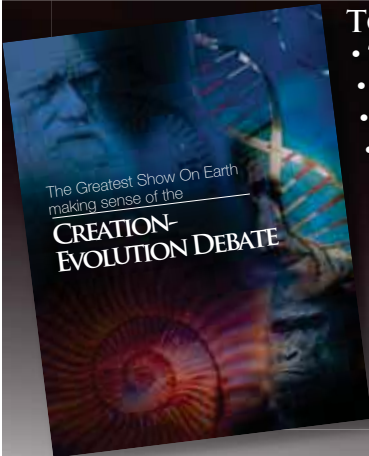
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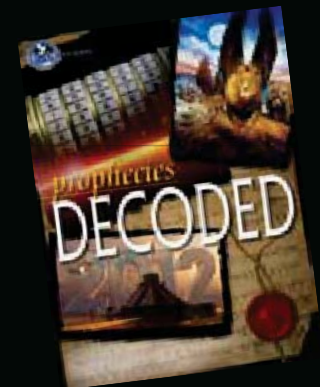
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ALVITES, LOURDES RUIZ — b. Jan. 7, 1921, Iquitos, Peru; d. Jan. 9, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Jorge; daughter, Lucy Alvites Macintosh; brother, Ricardo Ruiz; sisters, Estita Human, Severa Vasquez, Maria Pesa, Estella Vela, Ana Del Castillo, Luz Diaz.

ARIZA, ELEANOR MONTANÉ — b. June 28, 1925, Santa Maria, Vera Cruz, Mexico; d. Jan. 5, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, George, Gary; daughter, Esther; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Served with La Voz de Esperanza in Mexico, the Voice of Prophecy and the Pacific Union Conference.

BALL, MARYLYN — b. Oct. 7, 1936, Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. Dec. 13, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: brothers, Reginald, Gordon; sisters, Joan Narozniak, Jacqueline Cicchetti, Lucille Ball.

CANCEL, VICTOR — b. Jan. 4, 1913, Puerto Rico; d. Nov. 25, 2010, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: son, Victor Jr.; daughters,

Dr. Elda Saucedo, Esther Leon, Juanita Kramer, Marchy Roybal, Irma Nunez, Leticia Oden; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren.

CROFT, PHYLLIS — b. April 19, 1934, Battle Creek, Mich.; d. Dec. 26, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Richard, Douglas; two grandchildren.

CRONK, JEAN AUDREY — b. Nov. 18, 1920, Omaha, Neb.; d. Jan. 17, 2011, Santa Rosa, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Jane, Patti, Barbara; three sons-in-law; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

EVANS, DONALD — b. July 29, 1930, Fillmore, Calif.; d. Sept. 2, 2010, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: sons, Ed, Bruce; daughter, Tammy Guinn; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

FAGAL, HAROLD EDWARD — b. May 5, 1923, Ilion, N.Y.; d. Dec. 24, 2010, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruth; daughters, Carolyn Saliba, Marilyn Thomsen; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Pastored churches in New England, Ohio, Maryland, and Florida; taught religion and served as associate dean at La Sierra University.

FERGUSON, DOROTHY — b. Dec. 14, 1923, Lemoore, Calif.; d. Sept. 16, 2010, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: husband, Walter; son, James; daughter, Darlene

Brezovic; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

GALLNO, THELMA JEAN — b. Oct. 18, 1929, Bakersfield, Calif.; d. Nov. 23, 2010, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: sons, James, John Edward; daughters, Cheryl Calderaro, Connie Sunderland; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

GUZMAN, CAROLY SUE "ROCKY" — b. Aug. 3, 1943, Riverside, Calif.; d. Dec. 25, 2010, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: husband, Alfred; son, Greg; daughters, Brenda Watt-Black, Shelly Watt-Roberson, Becky Romero; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

GUZMAN, JOSE LUIS — b. Aug. 25, 1923, Cojumatlan, Michoacán, Mexico; d. Dec. 10, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: sons, Vicente, Jose Ramon, Juan; daughters, Rosa Maria, Bertha Alicia Avalos, Maria Elizabeth Garcia, Martha Guadalupe Garcia; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

HANNAWAY, ZAKEY — b. Jan. 29, 1929, Fayhaa, Syria; d. Jan. 14, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Arshalous; son, Bassam; daughters, Najat Meeway, Amal Hannaway, Bushra McCarty, Samia Fisher; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

HOFFER, BERTHA (KIEHN) — b. Sept. 2, 1913, American Falls, Idaho; d. June 28, 2010, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Marie Hough, Betty Pramberg; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

HOUGH, AMANDA JILLAINÉ — b. May 31, 1979, Fortuna, Calif.; d. Nov. 6, 2010, Ferndale, Calif. Survivors: father, Wayland; mother, Kathryn Belloni; stepfather Bill Belloni; brothers Daniel Elliott, Patrick Smith, Thomas, stepsisters Christy and Celinda Belloni, Caroly Belloni-Warmouth.

HUFTON, MARY NAN (VANCE) — b. Sept. 19, 1951, Logan, Mich.; d. Nov. 9, 2010, Glendora, Calif. Survivors: son Terry; four grandchildren.

HUTTENBERGER, GEORGE — b. May 20, 1923, Baltimore, Md.; d. Dec. 26, 2010, Hanford, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Cheryl, Debbie Kasischke.

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MILLER, MABEL – b. Oct. 11, 1910, St. Helena, Calif.; d. Jan. 12, 2011, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Larry; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

MILLS, DAVID LEE – b. May 4, 1950, San Bernardino, Calif.; d. Nov. 8, 2010, Loomis, Calif. Survivors: sons, Nathan, Nolan; two grandchildren.

MUNSON, KENNETH – b. Aug. 9, 1924, Monroe, Mich.; d. Nov. 25, 2010, Pomona, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lucille; sons, Duane, Allen, Lonnie; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

NEUHARTH, NANCY MARIE – b. Oct. 28, 1917, Palisade, Colo.; d. Dec. 4, 2010, Escondido, Calif. Survivors:

husband, Ruben; sons, Gary, Dennis; daughter, Nancy Ann Troyer; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Traveled with Glenn Coon ABC Prayer Crusade International, conducted prayer seminars and authored "ABC Prayer—Promises GuideBook."

ORSER, MARJORIE – b. Oct. 29, 1950, Ceres, Calif.; d. Nov. 24, 2010, Palm Desert, Calif.

OWENS, GEORGE – b. March 29, 1933, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Oct. 22, 2010, Santa Maria, Calif. Survivors: wife, Diane; sons, Robert, Charles, Max; three grandchildren. Was a pioneer in establishing the Internet ministry at Santa Barbara church.

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STOOPS, MARJORIE – b. June 29, 1929, Pittsburg, Pa.; d. Dec. 14, 2010, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert; daughters, Linda Lutes, Sharon Thigpen; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

WEBBER, DOROTHY (BAILEY) – b. Aug. 4, 1920, Murray, Ken.; d. Nov. 24, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Barbara Buffa; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

WEISMEYER, RICHARD W. – b. Oct. 15, 1943, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Jan. 12, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carol; son, Michael; daughter, Marci; sister, Helen. Served Loma Linda Univ. in public relations for more than 45 years.

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