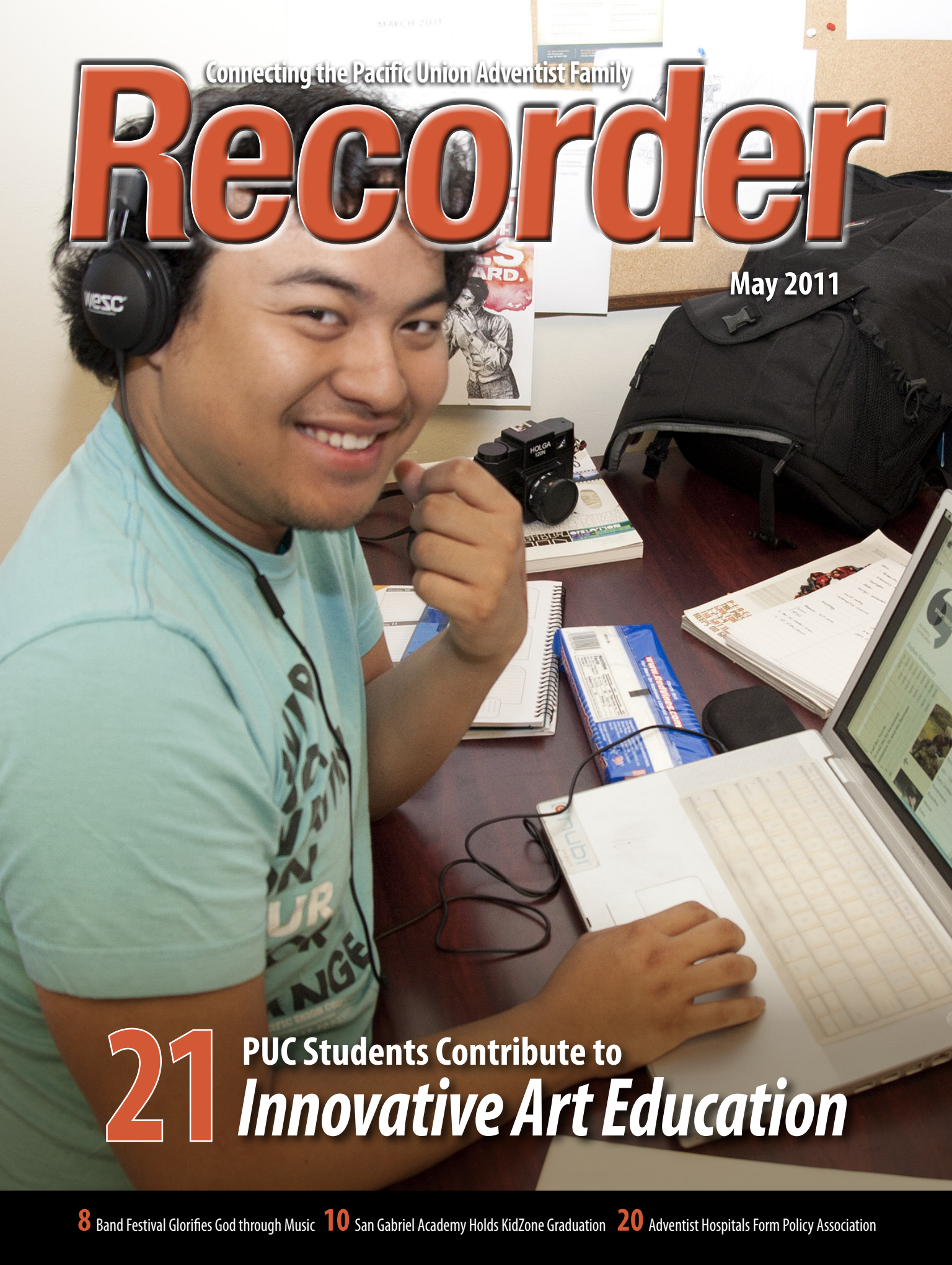


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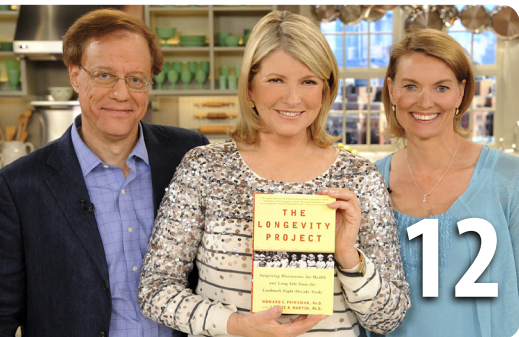


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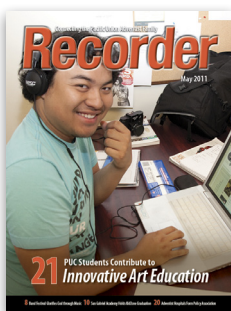
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# Reviving Love

*Arnold Trujillo*



Jesus was once tested with the question, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” His answer reflected the teaching of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:4-5: “Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Jesus said in Matthew 22:37: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.”

Ellen White supports the centrality of love for God in the Christian life. In her classic, *Steps To Christ*, page 45, she observes, “A profession of Christ without this deep love is mere talk, dry formality, and heavy drudgery.”

It seems pretty clear and straightforward that our love for God should be total and complete. But is it? What are sincere Christians to do if one day we realize that our love has grown cold? What can we do to revive a love for God? Can we command ourselves to love God? Can love be forced? I do not think so. Well, what, if anything can we do? Fortunately, Scripture does offer us help. 1 John 4:19 offers us the prescription for a diminished love for God. The apostle John declares, “We love Him (God) because He first loved us.”

What this text is telling me is that my love for God is in response to His love for me. I love Him BECAUSE He first loved me. It seems to me that if my love has grown lukewarm or cold I should not focus my attention on my condition, but rather on His love for me. The more that I experience His personal love for me, His personal interest in me, even though I never have nor ever will deserve his time, attention, love or sacrifice, the more I will love Him in response.

This brings me to the notion of grace that amazes us. The more amazed we are by the undeserved favor of God for us and in us, the more love we will have for Him. In Luke 7:36-50, we read about the sinful woman who anointed Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume at a meal in

the home of Simon. Simon was very critical that Jesus allowed her to touch Him. So Jesus told Simon a story. “There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?” Simon answered Jesus by saying, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” In summarizing this conversation Jesus concludes, “But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.” Let us drill down a little bit into this story.

The two debtors represented Simon and the woman. Both were debtors (sinners) unable to pay their debt (atone for their sins). Both were freely forgiven. (Jesus’ death on Calvary paid the penalty for each of their sins). But their response was different. The woman loved

*But to whom little is forgiven,  
the same loves little...*

much. Simon loved little. Why? Was it that the sins of one were less sinful? I do not think so.

The death of Jesus alone atoned for the sins of both the woman

and Simon. I think that Simon was blind to how undeserving and unmeritorious he was. He did not realize how much grace he had received. The difference between what he perceived he deserved and what he received was apparently relatively small. The woman, in contrast, perceived that she received much more than what she deserved. I call this the grace gap. The larger the difference (gap) between what we perceive we deserve and what we perceive we actually receive the greater our love will be. Could it be that we love little because we also are blind to how much we have been forgiven, how much grace we have received?

My prayer for all of us that is that God in His infinite mercy will open our spiritual eyes so that we might see daily our need of His grace and that we will also see how abundant, free and constant His grace is to each of us, and that, therefore, our love for our compassionate Savior will daily grow deeper, more dynamic and more personal.





# SECC Carries On Its Kingdom-Expanding Mission

Jocelyn Fay

**T**he mission of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is the expansion of God's kingdom through the preaching, teaching, publishing, and living of the everlasting gospel by women and men in the cross-cultural communities of our territory.

Here are just a few examples of how pastors and members together are carrying out this mission of expanding God's kingdom.

## Orange County Evangelism

Approximately 3,000 people worshipped at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove on Sabbath, March

12, and witnessed the baptism of 65 candidates in two outdoor baptismal tanks. The baptism concluded a four-day evangelistic series by guest evangelist Alejandro Bullon and months of preparation by Spanish-speaking members in Orange County.

Members had handed out 51,000 fliers in their communities advertising meetings early in the year in their respective churches, according to Caleb Jara, pastor of the Anaheim Spanish church and director of the Institute of Discipleship for the Spanish-speaking churches in Orange County.

"Hundreds of people responded to the calls Pastor Bullon made every night for those who wanted to be baptized," said Jara. "Orange County pastors are studying with these people, because most of them were not yet prepared for baptism."

This coordinated outreach in Orange County was sponsored by SECC and the Pacific Union Conference Spanish ministries department, but carried out by pastors and members of the seven Spanish-speaking churches in Orange County, plus the San Juan Capistrano company.

As a result of the meetings in the local churches, plus the Crystal Cathedral meetings, a total of 103 people joined the church by baptism or profession of faith. Another baptism was planned for April 30, according to Yohalmo Saravia, conference evangelist.

## Healthful Living in Mentone

Health-centered outreach has been the focus of the Mentone church, according to Kyle Allen, pastor. Last September members joined Redlands Spanish members for a community-wide healthy living fair. In October and November, more than 40 people participated in a depression recovery program, conducted in both Spanish and English.

During the winter, Mentone members sponsored Thursday-night vegetarian cooking classes, attended by about 60 people, at the local senior center. More than 20 class participants returned for meetings that "explored lessons on health and living from the book of Daniel," Allen said. A Revelation Seminar was scheduled for April.

Joel Mundall, assistant director of health for the church, says, "It's our hope to continue to expand our health outreach events to reach out to our surrounding community with the good news about both living healthfully and finding hope in Christ."

## Meetings in El Cajon

Seventeen people were baptized on March 24 in the El Cajon church. Speaker for the evangelistic meetings March 5-26 was Jeff Tarchuk, intern with SECC's church growth and discipleship department, which sponsored the series.

Teddy Knapp, who directs the student literature program for the

Jocelyn Fay



Justin Khoe directs the GLOW tract distribution program for Southeastern California Conference. It is a part of student literature ministries.





Yohalmo Saravia



Leslie Aragon baptizes a young woman in one of two baptismal tanks set up outside the Crystal Cathedral on March 12. Aragon is senior district pastor of the Santa Ana Spanish church and Santa Ana Edinger Spanish company.

department, attributed its success to the active ministries at El Cajon, where members supported the evangelistic effort.

Bible instructors also were supporters. Knapp partnered with Souls West, an outreach leadership school that requires students to complete a two- to three-month internship as a Bible instructor in a church. In September 2010, Sara Hasty, a Bible instructor, began work in El Cajon. Ashley Miller and Miranda Nash joined the Bible instruction team in January to help with the upcoming series.

More baptisms were planned, because another dozen people had decided to be baptized.

## Record Year at San Diego Spanish Church

Yearlong emphasis on evangelism in 2010 resulted in what is thought to be the largest number of people joining the San Diego Spanish church in one year. Medardo Marroquin, senior pastor, reported that a baptism December 11 brought the year's total of new members to 112.

Members have been using many methods to reach out to people

in their community, including a Wednesday-night Bible class for children; prayer meetings with a more doctrinal emphasis; a food pantry; and an evangelistic series by Yohalmo Saravia in March, when 76 people joined the church.

"When we asked the church to pray," he said, "we asked them to pray that the Lord would bless us with 30 baptisms. Instead we had 76. Then we prayed for 30 more, and again God gave us more than we asked for." Consequently, Marroquin is quick to praise God for the unprecedented growth his church experienced last year.

## GLOW Literature Ministry

Functioning under the umbrella of the conference's church growth and discipleship department is GLOW (Giving Light to Our World). Justin Khoe, who works with SECC's student literature program, has been coordinating GLOW since last fall.

People can purchase packages of little GLOW tracts on 18 doctrinal and lifestyle topics at Adventist Book Centers and distribute them in whatever way is comfortable for them, Khoe says. He calls the tracts

"tools for people who want to make evangelism a lifestyle, not an event."

"Some people like to distribute tracts door-to-door. But these tracts are useful in so many more ways," Khoe says. "If you keep them with you, you'll always have them available to hand to a Wal-Mart cashier, or wrap around your tip at a restaurant, or leave at a Laundromat or a gas station. They're very nonconfrontational and good for people who are nervous or shy."

The Adventist Book Centers in Loma Linda and Riverside sell packages of 100 assorted GLOW tracts for \$5. For more information, e-mail [seccglow@gmail.com](mailto:seccglow@gmail.com).

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GLOW tracts can be purchased in packages of 100 for \$5 at the Riverside and Loma Linda Adventist Book Centers.



# Teens Dedicate Three Weeks Each Summer to Get to Know God

*Caron Oswald*

**T**een Bible Academy, an annual summer ministry, continues to draw teens who want to have a 21-day opportunity to develop a deeper and more real relationship with Christ than they ever imagined.

“TBA is one of the most effective youth programs I’ve seen, and I have worked with different youth programs,” says Jon Tillay, Youth Evangelism Team leader and a theology graduate from Southern Adventist University. “They [teens] leave with a faith and passion for God and His service.”

The unique summer ministry is led by the full-time conference Youth Evangelism Team and conference pastors, all former TBA graduates. It was initially developed in Bakersfield, Calif., by youth pastor Steve Hamilton and a few teens and young adults.

The Youth Evangelism Team began in 2005 as a part-time ministry. It expanded to full-time and is funded by the camp meeting evangelism offering. Most team



After a day of solitude with Jesus, the evening brings a warm fire and shared testimonies.

members serve for one year or two. There are four or five members. The leader is selected from the previous year’s members, providing continuity and ministry growth.

“We really find that what’s taking place is they [teens] are craving more than artificial spirituality — an environment created for them to worship. And they are craving training and how to be used by God,” says Anil Kanda, associate pastor in Ceres, Calif., and a former YET member and leader.

Fifty-four teens, divided into two groups, spent three weeks this past summer growing their relationship with Jesus. Week #1 is solitude; week #2 is Bible study and small group leadership training; and week #3 is community outreach.

## **Week #1 – Solitude**

Caitlin Faber experienced a total paradigm shift during the solitude week. “I am from a great Adventist family and got baptized a year before going to TBA, but it wasn’t until that solo time on that rock that I actually began a *real* relationship with God,” she says about her 2006 experience.

“I don’t even remember what I was reading or praying for, but all of the sudden I heard God speaking to me — not audibly — but He just said, ‘Caitlin, I love you!’ I had never heard God say my name before. In that moment, it transferred from my head to my heart. If God knew me personally by name, then

there was no question He wanted a personal relationship with me.”

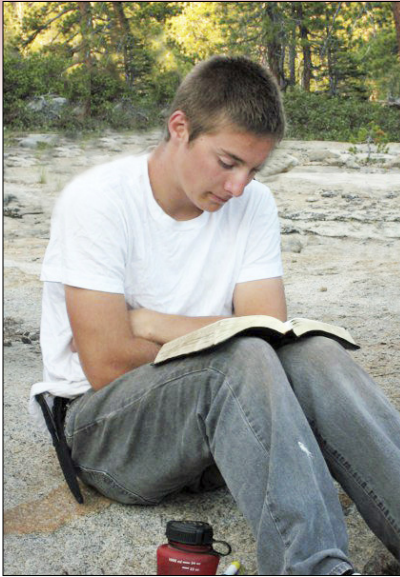
The format is simple. Backpack into the mountains to a pre-selected campsite. Time with God in His creation, a Bible and a journal are the key activities. “As they spend time with God apart from distraction and getting all the junk out of the way, God can really start working,” says Zac Page, former YET leader.

“Fasting from sound, distraction, business — most kids have never experienced quiet before,” explains Andrew Uyeyama, associate

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TBA attendee Brent Weldemere discovers that a relationship with God is deeper and more real than he ever imagined.

pastor in Hanford, Calif., and an original YET member. “This week is crucial. They never knew they could encounter God in such a real way!” Around a fire in the evenings, campers share their experiences.

### Week #2 – Bible Study and Leadership Training

It was midnight when Jacob Metzner got home from TBA last summer. “My 15-year-old son talked to me for more than two hours straight,” says mom Tami. “He was going from scripture to scripture in his Bible, telling testimonies and stories of witnessing encounters and experiences and so much more.

“He said, ‘God is so amazing and is preparing His army of youth

for these last days! I understand completely now why you always talk about Jesus and want to be immersed by spiritual things, places and people!’”

“Transitioning out of solitude week, Bible study gets kids craving the Word. If you can get them studying the Bible on his or her own, they will be hooked,” Uye-yama explains.

Learning to study in an organized way, to use successful techniques, how to read the Bible through (there is a science to it), and how to study an individual passage are all covered. Specific topics include the teachings of Jesus, Daniel and Revelation, and Romans.

“Our biggest push is to get them to have early morning time with Jesus,” says Leah Page, former YET co-director.

### Week #3 – Community Service

“Intake with no output is like a swamp — lays there and rots,” Uye-yama explains. “There has got to be an outflow. The way for spiritual health to work is outreach.”

Activities include door-to-door prayer and literature outreaches, GLOWing adventures (giving out small Go Light Our World tracts), feeding the homeless, free car washes, and other community services. At one location, teens prepped and painted the exterior of an aging house, something the owner could not afford to do.

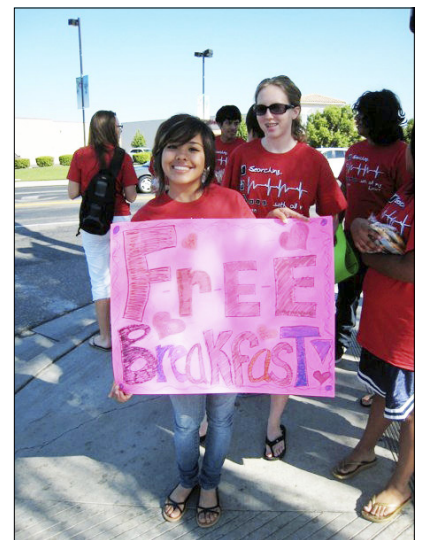
After a taste of service, many go home asking, “How can I be a blessing to another person, a friend?”

### Discipling via The Social Network

Each staff member graduates his or her student with a special Bible promise and the gift of continued encouragement via Facebook and text messaging. TBA graduates appreciate the personal communication and individual mentoring.

“They leave with a faith and passion for God and His service,” says Tillay.

Adds Kanda, “With their indomitable energy, they [teens] are ready to get out there and work for God.”



Marylou Misal invites everyone in the area to a free breakfast, one of several opportunities for serving others during week three. Teens begin to see a little bit of their value to God as they care for others.

# NCC Band Festival Encourages Students to Glorify God through Music

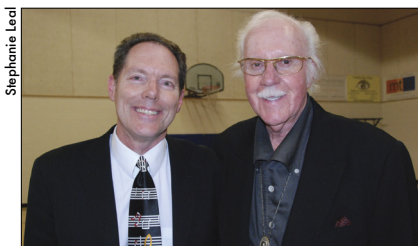
*Julie Lorenz*

On Friday, March 4, students from 16 Northern California Conference schools participated in a unique band festival at Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy, directed by NCC music teachers and guest conductor Ralph Carmichael. The young musicians spent the day rehearsing for the evening's sacred concert, which included pieces for the junior high band, the academy band and the mass band — comprised of all 480 students.

Unlike previous band festivals, where a single conductor directed the program, the students practiced and performed each piece under the direction of a different NCC teacher. "It was marvelous watching my fellow music teachers work. We have a huge and amazing talent pool in the NCC," said event coordinator Michael Spencer, PHAA music director.

"They have a passion for kids; they have a passion for excellence, and I am thrilled to be part of a team that has these kinds of quality

**Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy music director Michael Spencer enjoyed working with Ralph Carmichael. "The first piece I learned to play by ear with both hands was Ralph's song, 'He's Everything to Me,'" said Spencer.**



Stephanie Leal

music teachers," said NCC President Jim Pedersen.

For most students, the highlight of the day — and the grand finale of the concert — was playing a piece under the direction of renowned composer and conductor Carmichael, whose career has spanned more than 60 years. (He conducted the orchestra and choir at the 2007 NCC Convocation in Sacramento.) A devout Christian, Carmichael wrote a new arrangement of his classic gospel song "We Are More than Conquerors" especially for the students.

During the afternoon rehearsal, the guest conductor and the students enjoyed a good rapport. "I was so impressed with Mr. Carmichael and how gracious he was with the students," said Sheri Hansen, who teaches music at Chico Oaks Adventist School and band at Paradise Adventist Academy. "He is accustomed to working with professional musicians, but he treated our students with a great deal of kindness and respect."

"He made it easy to understand what he was saying," said Baylee Dodd, seventh grade flute player from Napa Christian Campus of Education. At the end of the day, "I felt we accomplished something pretty cool."

The NCC sponsors a music festival every year (alternating band and choir) to inspire and encourage young musicians. "We hope that students will learn the value of



Stephanie Leal

**NCC President Jim Pedersen (far left) introduces Ralph Carmichael before the final song.**

sustained effort to achieve excellence and the concrete reward of hard work," said NCC Associate Education Superintendent Coreen Hicks.

During the evening concert, Carmichael presented a short devotional, during which he invited the audience to see the students as future choir directors, musicians, teachers, worship leaders, composers and arrangers. He challenged the kids "to take a new outlook on the music God has put in your heart. It's your tool to praise Him."

"Tonight is a really new experience," said Carmichael, who had never before arranged music for musicians at this level, nor conducted such a huge group. Just before he turned to the band and raised his baton, Carmichael remarked, "I'm about to have the time of my life."

At the end of the program, the audience and the students gave Carmichael a standing ovation, while he pointed upward to give God the glory.





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There will also be many seminars on a variety of topics, including Ellen White, prayer, Bible study, discipleship, parenting, health, and trust and estate planning, by presenters including **Don and Ruthie Jacobsen**, educator and author; **Ben Maxson**, Paradise church senior pastor; **Arlene Taylor**, one of the world's leading speakers on brain function; and **Charles White**, great grandson of Ellen White and Camelback church senior pastor.

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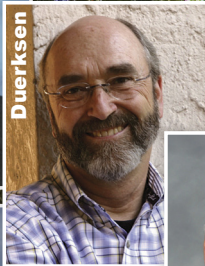
This year, Redwood Camp Meeting is celebrating a special milestone. The *Redwood Gazette*, the daily camp meeting newsletter, is planning special editions for this year's event. Do you have a story, memory or picture from early camp meeting days? E-mail [redwood@nccsda.com](mailto:redwood@nccsda.com) and share with other campers.

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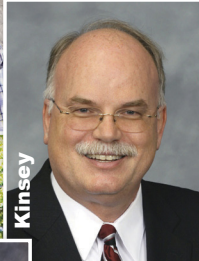
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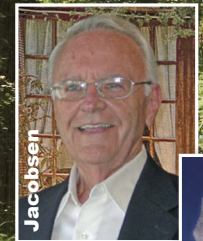
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# First KidZone Graduation Held at San Gabriel Academy

Betty Cooney

“You will have several graduations in your life, but there is no greater graduation than the one we are having today,” said Kurt W. Johnson, director of the Voice of Prophecy’s Discover Bible School, at a KidZone graduation held at San Gabriel Academy on March 9. In the audience were 45 excited third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students with their parents and teachers, celebrating the students’ completion of the VOP’s KidZone lessons. “Keep studying, keep talking to Jesus,” Johnson added. “I am so proud and happy for you. In the third grade, more than half the class is graduating from KidZone!”

The graduation was a first for the school and resulted from the vision and dedication of Vi Bokermann, a member of the Temple City church (one of the school’s constituent churches) and a strong school supporter. Bokermann’s involvement with the Discover Bible School had begun about 11 years earlier when she initiated a correspondence school and Sabbath School class at her church using Discover lessons. Her work grew, and a number of people were baptized. “It has been a blessing to work with people,” Bokermann said, “but somehow I had the feeling that I needed to do something for the children.”

She began during the 2009-2010 school year, working with a few students. This school year, her ministry to the children mushroomed, as grades three, four and

five participated. Learning about the lessons, first and second grade students began asking for them.

“Seventeen students that we know of have requested baptisms,” said Bokermann, glowing. “When I first began working with the children, some children asked if we had come from monkeys; the story of creation was new to them. When they learned about creation from KidZone, they asked for lessons for their parents.”

Pastor Rogelio Paquini Jr., pastor of the Spanish American church, participated in the graduation, handing out certificates to the graduates, who included two of his

sons, ages 10 and 11. “The more we provide transformational encounters, the easier it will be for children to stay with Jesus,” he said.

“Learning about God is the best,” said 9-year-old Nathan. “I really wanted to be baptized. Taking the KidZone lessons is the best ever.”

“Those that didn’t graduate are saying, ‘I want to finish now,’” said Bokermann. “I will be coming back, because there is a definite need. Now, grades six, seven and eight want lessons. For them, we will have 26 lessons with DVDs, taught by their teachers. For my part, I’ll write notes to these students, encouraging them.”



Associate Superintendent Alan Chase congratulates Geovini Paquini as John Aitken III, pastor, Temple City church, looks on. Fourth-grade Teacher Mickey Smith is at the podium. (On left) Kurt Johnson, director, VOP Bible Correspondence School, with staff members Mariel Swenson and Denise Johnson.





# Two SCC Churches Initiate Community Garden Projects

*Betty Cooney*

**T**wo Southern California Conference churches “went green” in February, breaking ground on community garden projects.

“When I realized that Simi Valley has no community gardens though surrounding areas do,” said Salina Perry, a senior Health Sciences major at Cal State Northridge, “I had an idea. The community has a lot of apartments, with no land for gardening—I could write a proposal for a garden.”

Perry proposed using 2.3 acres of fallow land owned by the Simi Valley church for community gardening. “My proposal emphasized that the land could be used to beautify the neighborhood, reducing the carbon footprint of the area and enabling people to eat more healthfully and get outdoor exercise while gardening.”

The church agreed, donating the land. Finding acceptance in the city as well as her church, Perry created a Board including church and community representatives and scheduled planning sessions. Shortly after, a community volunteer day involved church and community volunteers in building three 12- by 5-foot boxes for irrigating a garden on Simi Valley Adventist School’s campus, and more for Simi at the Garden use.

The garden will have 200 plots and up to a 170-foot common area for picnic tables and a sandbox, fostering community fellowship.

Included in the plan are volunteer instructors for exercise and cooking classes, plus gardening classes conducted by Master Gardeners. For details, e-mail [simiaththegarden@yahoo.com](mailto:simiaththegarden@yahoo.com); call 805-915-8678.

A community garden was recently built on the north end of the Hollywood Church’s property. Just Food, a nutrition-and-gardening education program, teaches high school students how to grow their own nutritious organic food. The program includes cooking classes for students and parents, demonstrating how to prepare nutritious meals from garden produce.

Corrine Galvan



**Just Food will enable students and families to lead a healthy lifestyle, the means to afford nutritious food and a safe place for students to come after school. For information or to provide support, e-mail Nathan French, [nathan@justhollywood.org](mailto:nathan@justhollywood.org); or visit [justhollywood.org](http://justhollywood.org).**



(L. to r.) Salina Perry, Simi at the Garden founder and director; Curt Dolinsky, Simi Valley church first elder; and Tim Kripps, principal, Simi Valley Adventist School, at the garden project groundbreaking on Feb. 15.

“At the completion of the program,” said Nathan French, executive director, “students can apply for small grants to begin gardens in their own neighborhoods, sharing what they’ve learned with their communities.”

Two teachers and 45 students from local high schools receive instruction from Corrine Galvan, the Just Food program manager, Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. and some Fridays, for a community cooking class. “Just Food is a program of a new non-profit called Just Hollywood, started by Hollywood Church members,” explained Galvan, “with the mission of empowering people to build healthy communities.”

“It was interesting to see the number of students responding from three high schools after we spoke in some of their classes,” said French. “Some students walk a mile from their schools to the garden.” The church plans to offer a summer class.

# La Sierra Psychology Professor Co-Authors New Book on Health and Living Longer

Larry Becker

Conventional wisdom has long held that the key to longevity involves obsessing over what we eat, how much we stress, and how fast we run. But now co-authors Howard Friedman and Leslie Martin have completed the most extensive study of longevity ever conducted, and their new book, *The Longevity Project*, exposes what really impacts our lifespan — including friends, family, personality and work.

Friedman, a professor at University of California Riverside, and Martin, a professor at La Sierra University, gathered new information and used modern statistics to study participants across eight decades. Their findings bust myths about achieving health and long life. For example, people do not die from working long hours at a challenging job — many who worked the hardest lived the longest. And it's not the happy-go-lucky ones who thrive — it's the prudent and persistent who flourish through the years.

The book is attracting substantial media attention. Martin and Friedman have appeared on a number of national television broadcasts discussing their findings, including ABC's Good Morning America, Nightline and World News with Diane Sawyer, CNN, Talk of the Nation on National Public Radio, and many others. They've also been interviewed for national print media, such as *USA Today*,

*Wall Street Journal*, *Parade Magazine*, *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, and many others. Links to broadcasts and print interviews are available on the La Sierra University website at [www.lasierra.edu/index.php?id=7078](http://www.lasierra.edu/index.php?id=7078).

Published by Hudson Street Press, *The Longevity Project* is available in bookstores and online. A Kindle version is also available through Amazon.com.

In a recent interview, Friedman and Martin discuss their research:

**Q. Of all the myths you've "busted" in the course of this study, which surprised you the most?**

**Howard:** You always hear advice to take it easy and not work so hard, but this turned out to be wrong, wrong, wrong! Hard work was not a health problem. Contrary to what most people think, it was the happy-go-lucky, less successful folks who were at greatest risk of dying. For example, Norris Bradbury took on the challenge of the A-Bomb. Decades after entering the study as a child, Bradbury became an atomic physicist, playing a key role on the Manhattan Project and then becoming director of Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was tremendously successful in this highly stressful job. Successful and long-lived, Bradbury went from strength to strength.

**Leslie:** I was surprised by many of our results, but perhaps most surprised by the way many single

and divorced women were able to thrive. This is not the picture of single-hood that is typically portrayed by the media, and it was both startling and refreshing to see just how well most of these women did, living fulfilling happy and long lives.

**Q. You say you are animal lovers, even though pets did not turn out to take the place of close friends and be health-promoting — can you tell us a bit more about the animals in your lives?**

**Howard:** Nothing compares to Leslie's love of animals.

**Leslie:** I've had lots of animals in my life: horses, cows and sheep as a kid; lizards and hedgehogs as an adult. Right now I have a whippet, which is basically a smallish greyhound. He goes to work with me every day and has become something of a mascot in the La Sierra University Psychology Department. We run together, and snuggle up and read together — well, I read and he snuggles.

**Q. How do you get your exercise? Are you joggers?**

**Howard:** I was glad to discover that forced, regimented exercise was not at all necessary to good health. I hike or walk several miles every day, choose stairs over elevators, and never sit in my chair for too long.

**Leslie:** Actually I am a jogger, but I go at a slow pace. I like running outdoors — no treadmills for me, please! My dog runs with me, which is great, and I listen to music



and think. I also love gymnastics, though I'm getting a little too old for that. I do some high jumping. And, I enjoy "adventure travel," so that usually involves running or hiking or some other strenuous thing.

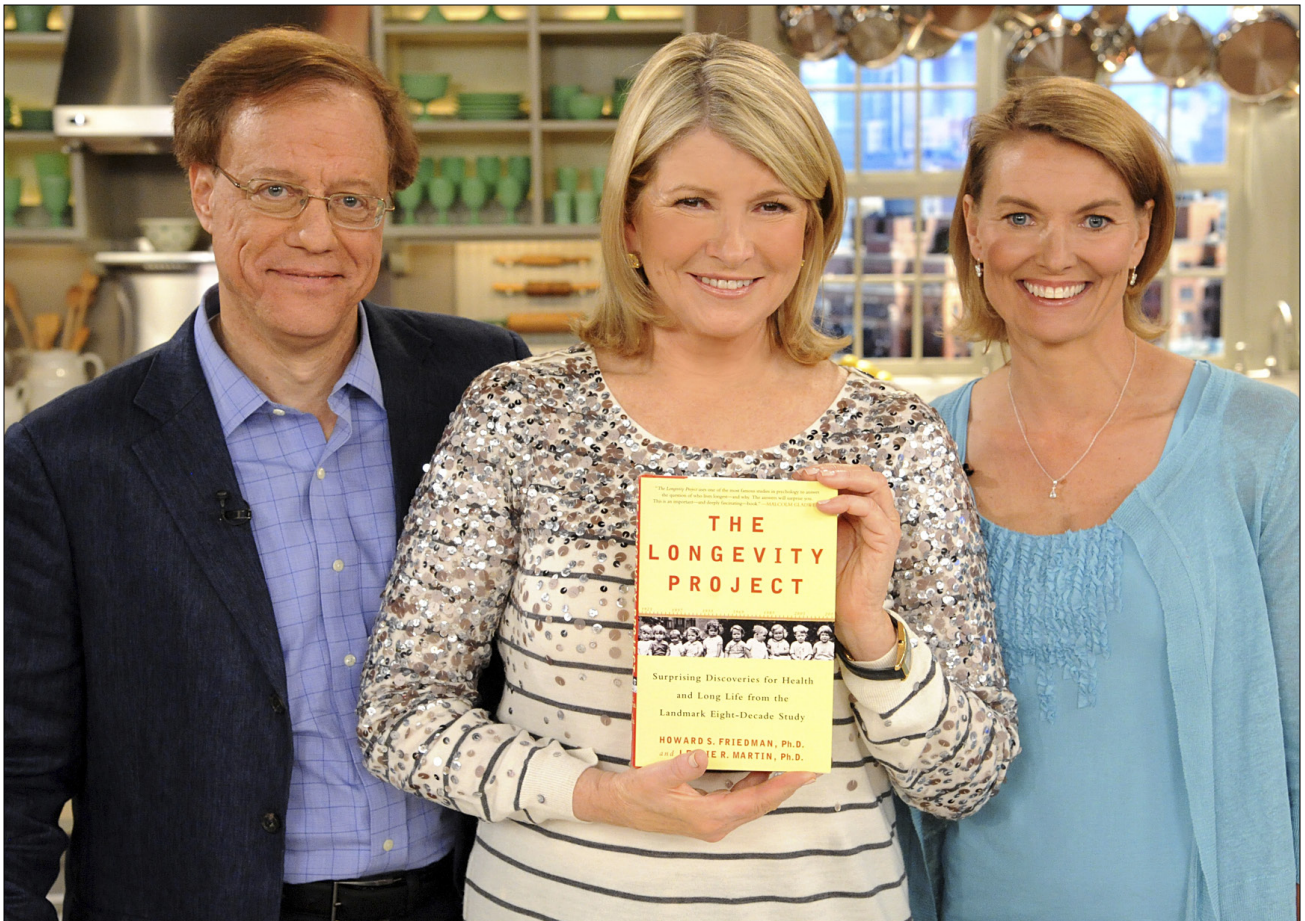
**Q. Social connections emerge as very important throughout the book. How do you foster lots**

**of good social connections for yourselves?**

**Howard:** With a wife, two kids, many amazing students, and good friends, it's not something I have to think about too often. And of course there's my wonderful co-author and long-time collaborator.

**Leslie:** I'm very fortunate in that I have a lot of wonderful friends.

None of my family lives nearby but my friends *are* family to me. I make it a point to send e-mails, make phone calls, and get together with friends as much as I can without compromising my work. Sometimes it's just for an hour; sometimes it's for a trip that takes several weeks. I also volunteer, and I'm in a book club and a track club.



Leslie Martin (right), La Sierra University psychology professor, and co-author Howard Friedman, University of California Riverside, have made a number of media appearances discussing the findings in their new book *The Longevity Project*, including a stop at The Martha Stewart Show.

# New Literature Ministries Coordinator Keeps Members GLOWing

*Denny Krause*

**Y**oane Sanchez, the newly-appointed literature ministries coordinator, wants to keep Nevada-Utah Conference members GLOWing. Sanchez assumed his position on March 1 and has been working hard to initiate a complete GLOW program in the vast conference.

While long-time Adventists may recall an era-gone-by, denominational publishing work complete with colporteurs (later called literature evangelists), a new day has dawned in what is now called “literature ministry.” The new day is a program, sweeping like wildfire through many North American Division conferences, called GLOW — Giving Light to Our World.

Understanding the GLOW program is simple. It centers on the basic concept of training church members to give away a simple tract to people as opportunities arise.

Once the tract is received and read, the reader is directed to a GLOW website. There the reader can view and read other tracts, request more tracts via mail, sign up for Bible studies, or purchase other Adventist message or lifestyle books through an online store.

This individual church member approach is an easy way for all church members to become systematically involved in sharing Jesus in a non-threatening manner. The approach is Level 1 of a four-part program.

Level 2 adds church members working together in a local church going door-to-door taking surveys, finding Bible study interests, or distributing free literature or flyers for an upcoming evangelistic series.

Level 3 involves church members being trained to sell magabooks (Adventist message and lifestyle books) door-to-door with income potential for the member.

Level 4 trains and equips church members to sell the *Bible Stories*, *Bible Reference Library*, and other hardcover books in an assigned territory as a full- or part-time job.

Sanchez will be coordinating all GLOW levels in churches throughout the Nevada-Utah Conference, providing training and supervision in connection with local church pastors and GLOW coordinators.

“I’m excited about helping our churches and church members become passionate about the GLOW program,” says Sanchez. “But more importantly, I’m excited for them to become passionate in their relationship with Jesus and sharing Him everywhere they can through a simple printed page.”

In addition to promoting and supervising the GLOW program throughout the Nevada-Utah Conference, Sanchez will be leading a team of 21 student literature evangelists and student leaders for 10 weeks in the Las Vegas area during the summer of 2011. They will be going door-to-door selling books, collecting names of Bible



Yoane Sanchez

study interests, and praying with local residents.

Ellen White was keen on the idea of reaching “unwarned multitudes,” and literature ministry is one way to reach those people. “When we view the rise and progress of the publishing work from the beginning to the present time, we thank God and take courage. Yet our responsibility toward the unwarned multitudes urges us on to still greater and more systematic efforts to set in operation many agencies for the circulation of our papers, tracts, and books” (*Review and Herald*, Nov. 5, 1914).

For more information about the GLOW program, contact Yoane Sanchez at [yoane0@gmail.com](mailto:yoane0@gmail.com) or visit [www.NUCadventist.com/GLOW](http://www.NUCadventist.com/GLOW).



# Arizona NEWS



**Tony Anobile**  
President

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

## God as Parent

If I were to ask you to think about God as a tender Mother, would that upset you? The reality is that all attributes come from God, both male and female. In a few days we will be celebrating Mother's Day and I thank God for my mom and for all the other moms who were created in God's image just like men were.

There has been a lot of discussion on creation vs. evolution lately, but the arguing has been going for years. "Just how involved was God in this whole thing?" some ask.

I happen to believe the Bible when it says that God created the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that in them is, including man and woman. The original word for Adam in Genesis refers to both male and female, almost as if that were their last name. The Hebrew word for man is "Ish" and "Isha" for woman. That is to say, that God created man and woman, each with their own unique attributes, but both of them a reflection of God.

When you see how perfectly God distributed the differences between man and woman, there is no way it could have happened by chance. Evolution doesn't have a prayer, if you'll pardon my terminology, when you see how intentional the attributes that God gave are manifested in men and women.

There are references in the Bible about God demonstrating the feminine attributes in the way He dealt with His children. One of the most common examples is Jesus weeping over Jerusalem as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

(Matthew 23:37, NKJV)

You can sense the deep sorrow and pain that Jesus felt as He wept over Jerusalem. Nothing hurts so much as to go to someone and offer love and have it spurned. It is one of life's bitterest tragedies to give one's heart to someone only to have it broken.

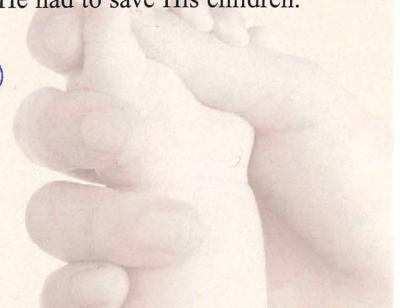
In His sorrow Jesus uses the example of a hen who gathers her chicks under her wings. It is a picture of love, tender care, and a willingness to die to protect others. When the hen senses danger, she gathers her chicks to protect them, and if needed dies to insure their safety. She puts herself in harms way to save her chicks.

Females – mothers – have that pure agape love, unconditional love for their children. God gave mothers that ability, created in His image, as a reflection of His unconditional love. Mothers comfort their children when they are hurt, once again a beautiful reflection of God's desire to wrap His arms around us and heal our hurts. We wouldn't know that side of God were it not for mothers, using their God created and instilled emotions, to love their children.

Thank you mothers, for showing us the tender side of God. Please know that as you love in your own unique way, you continue to reveal God's character as a loving Savior did. He gave everything He had to save His children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Anobile".

Tony Anobile  
President



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.



# Give Them a Break

A spring break... and see all the marvelous changes that can take place

by Shirley Chipman

An older building in the central part of Phoenix, the Adventist Community Service Center dates back to the earliest Adventist work done in this city, serving as an outreach with food and clothing to less fortunate families. Recently Denise Sanderson, director, and her husband David have begun church services at the Center.

Robbie Parrish, Thunderbird Adventist Academy chaplain and Bible teacher, and Jono Prakash, assistant boys' dean and Bible teacher, had an idea to involve academy youth in service during spring break. They sold the idea and a number of students joined the team at the Community Service Center.

Arriving early Monday morning, Parrish, Prakash and the TAA students got right to work. First was Farmers' Market, where neighbors get free veggies, bread and other food. The students set out food from the truck,



*The Spring Break Crew: (l-r, back) Paul Spear, Sabrina Corpus, Catherine Quijano, Hayde Arguelles, Krissy Savage, Gustavo Gonzales, Robbie Parrish, Christian Tarna; (l-r, front) Abel Bajo, Denise Sanderson, Jono Prakash.*

bagged produce, kept the assembly line running smoothly – and then quickly cleaned up – with big smiles. You would think they were having fun!

Monday turned out to be a rainy day, so they stayed indoors, cleaning out a lot of the rooms and tearing down a partitioned wall.

They continued all week – tilling, scraping paint, removing old wood, breaking down concrete, removing an old flagpole, caulking and more. About 75 lantana plants, palm and citrus trees had been donated, and these were planted, as well.

“I was thrilled to hear that Thunderbird students would share a whole week of their spring break to help us. What a humbling spiritual



*Happy voices fill the room as VBS children sing along with Abel Bajo (l) and Robbie Parrish (r) on guitar.*



*Chris Tarna, Bible in hand, asks for God's blessing on the Community Service Center*

experience it was for me – to see the dedication of these young people and to work side by side with them,” said Sanderson.

“Evenings meant Vacation Bible School,” said Jono Prakash. “We went door-to-door around the neighborhood, inviting the kids and handing out GLOW brochures. We were rewarded with many children attending – 28 one night, and 18-20 most nights.”

“Heroes” was the emphasis at VBS and throughout the day discussions with neighboring kids included thoughts about gangs, drugs and things that just aren't “cool.” They were directed toward the example of Jesus' life as the real Hero to follow.

The week ended with a vibrant Sabbath service with VBS kids and their parents attending. That night a big Extravaganza was held with horse rides, face painting, clowns, a bouncy house, games and popcorn.

Of all the blessings of the week, the final may have been most memorable. Students, Bibles in hand, paused at the doorways and numerous spots on the grounds, dedicating the building to God and asking that He bless all who enter there.



# From Refugee Camps to an Adventist Academy

## FIVE KAREN STUDENTS STUDY AT TAA

By Phil Draper



*Phoenix Central pastor Eugene Taylor is excited with the progress of his Karen students who are getting a Christian education at Thunderbird Adventist Academy.*

**P**hoenix Central pastor Eugene Taylor was greeted with the bright, happy smiles of Klo Doh, Biak Tha Khuk Zawn, Nay Soe, and Shwe Tun as he entered the campus of Thunderbird Adventist Academy to meet with these students who are also his members. The church sponsors five Karen students at the academy.

Approximately 50 of the Phoenix Central members have migrated to the United States after living many years in refugee camps in Thailand. The Karen people live mostly in the hills of eastern Burma primarily in Karen State.

Taylor recalls, "Before the Karen families came to Phoenix Central, there were no children in our Sabbath School. Now there are 48 young people in all the divisions: 18 in cradle roll, ten in kindergarten, ten in primary-junior, and ten in teen group. They have literally brought new life to the church.

Abraham is the overseer or head elder over all the Karen members at Central. He remembers how years ago when he was in Burma, Adventist missionaries came to his village and he was baptized. After a three-month training period, he was made leader. Abraham has had up to 500 Karen people under his direction.

Because he was persecuted in Burma, he had to flee across the border to Thailand. Some of his enemies followed him there and tried to burn his house. Both he and wife badly burned and scarred. How thankful they are for the freedoms they enjoy in America.

Desiring to have a youthful voice on the Phoenix Central church board, Taylor asked the Sabbath School Superintendent whom he would recommend. He nominated Nae Soe, one of the Karen youth, for he is a faithful Bible student and eager participant.

Nae Soe remembers living his entire life prior to immigrating to the United States in a Karen refugee camp in Thailand. "Our people back in my parent's and grandparents age lived in Burma," he remembers. "But the government was Communist and they didn't like us because of our religion. They killed many people.

We fled across the border to Thailand. I lived in seven different camps there."

Four of the Karen students take a bus to TAA each day. However, Biak Tha Khuk Zawn lives in the dorm. Her father, Saw Samuel Tin, wanted her to live where she could have a better exposure to the English language.

"I want her to become saturated with the Bible and be converted," he said.

Finances are a major concern for the Karen students. The US Government flew them here from Thailand and their families have to repay the expenses for their trip over a period of three years.

The Karen TAA students are sponsored by a family member with \$100 monthly, the church gives an additional \$100, and TAA gives another \$100 per month scholarship.

She Tun, 20, is sponsored by his brother, 22, who works at the Phoenix airport. Their parents are both Buddhists.

TAA Chaplain Robbie Parrish is excited about the Karen students. "Language is their greatest challenge," he says. "But they are eager to learn and very kind and respectful. In all, they're a fine bunch of young people!"



# Oracle Sabbath School Raises the Bar

by Jackie DeGroot

Is it possible for a Sabbath School to increase its 13th Sabbath mission offerings from \$240 to \$2,400 in just two years? The 30-member Sabbath School in Oracle did just that.

For several years the 13th Sabbath mission offering averaged \$240. However, one Sabbath morning in 2008 all of that changed. The members decided to begin setting a goal for each quarter starting with \$500. After reaching this goal, they courageously raised the bar to \$600 and then to \$800. Everyone was amazed at what



*Sabbath school leaders Verna Shogren, Dwight Shogren, superintendent, and Martha Corona were pleased with the increased 13th Sabbath mission offering. Not pictured is Blanca Russell.*

could be done when the needs of the missions were clearly presented each week. Finally the last quarter of 2010 a goal of \$1000 was presented to the class members for the Haitian project. There was great rejoicing when the church treasurer, Linda Greeley, announced that the offering now amounted to \$2,400.

Dwight Shogren, Sabbath School superintendent, stated, "We did our

best each week to present the goal and the needs before the members and the response has been overwhelming."

Several members credited the large offering to much prayer on the part of the people and the deep concern for the needs of our global family.

Lodima and Harold Lange, Sabbath School members, believe that the quarterly DVD, Mission Sunlight, and the weekly

mission stories have strengthened the mission program in the Sabbath School.

John Roybal, pastor of the Oracle church, reflected his feelings by stating, "I am very pleased to see the emphasis on missions and the study of God's word going strong in the Oracle Sabbath School."

## Constituency Corner

The Organizing Committee for the 29th Constituency Session will convene on May 22, 2011, to select the Nominating Committee. Based on the Bylaws voted at our last Session in 2007, 129 members will make up the Organizing Committee. The Union President will chair this important Committee. Once the Nominating Committee has been selected and the members chosen agree to serve, the 30 member Nominating Committee will meet on September 18, 2011 to nominate the Officers, Departmental Directors, Executive Committee, Bylaws Committee and the Arizona Tax Credit Committee.

Churches should already be thinking about who their delegates will be. The total number of regular delegates, based on the Bylaws voted in 2007 will be 512. A letter explaining the selection process and delegate allocation by Church will be sent to each pastor and head elder. As a reminder, the Constituency Session is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2011.



# Nevada-Utah

## Views

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### *A Progress Report*

## New Conference Office Building Coming On Line Soon!

It was December 2, 2010, when a joint Nevada-Utah Conference Executive Committee and Association Board voted to purchase a new conference office building in the south part of Reno.

Excitement and hope ran high as a period for due diligence was anticipated, and dates for closing, possession, renovation, move-in, and final occupancy were tentatively planned. However, those plans were tempered just a bit by realities totally beyond the control of the Nevada-Utah Conference.

While the responsibility of the due diligence period rested solely upon the shoulders of conference administration, and was carried out admirably, much responsibility for closing is shared with the seller. As such, due to some seller lethargy, the date for closing went beyond the contractual expectations, causing it to be delayed, occurring January 31, 2011.

The next hurdle to be jumped was that of seller delivering building possession to the conference. There were a few trips and falls on the part of the seller, and a late, full possession was finally given to the conference at the end of February.

Conference possession of the building finally gave opportunity to obtain bids for the necessary building renovation (in about one half of the building) required to meet the needs of the conference office operation. Naturally,

obtaining bids is a time-consuming process, and one in which timing is dictated by the speed with which contractors return bids. As of April 5, the winning bid was voted, and the process of submitting drawings to the city and obtaining building permits will begin, with actual renovation anticipated to begin toward the end of April.

Additional renovation in the other half of the building, required for a large meeting space, kitchen, storage, and a potential Adventist Book Center, will occur at a later date after the conference office has relocated to the new building.

Looking down the road, it appears reasonable that building renovation can be completed by the end of May, and conference move-in and occupancy can be accomplished in the early part of June.

Time will tell.

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# The President's Pen

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

by Larry Unterseher  
President, Nevada-Utah  
Conference

Recently, I was rushing to the airport trying to catch an early flight home. It was in hopes of spending a few extra hours with my daughter and grandson before their flight left to return to their home in Japan.

My hurried trip to the airport went well, arriving in plenty of time for the early flight home, only to discover that my "early" flight would leave five hours later than scheduled.

The airport terminal was crowded with people who, like me, were waiting for their own delayed flights. Many of these travelers heeded the



Larry Unterseher

warning of the gate agents to remain at the gate area in case of earlier-than-expected flight arrivals. Others left the gate area, but stayed in the terminal hoping to hear an announcement of the arrival of their flight and make it back to their gate in time to board the plane. Still others felt they had plenty of time and left the terminal altogether.

When gate agents announced the arrival of a plane, many in the gate area cheered. Others in the gate area had fallen asleep, but were awakened by the announcement, or by family, friends, or other travelers.

Travelers elsewhere in the terminal either heard the announcement or a family member or friend went to find them. Most made it in time for their flight.



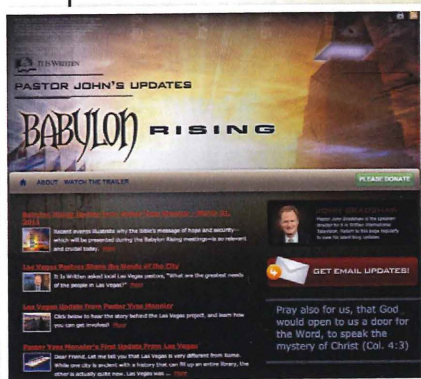
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## BABYLON RISING IN LAS VEGAS

A FOUR-NIGHT LAS VEGAS AREA OUTREACH EVENT presented by It Is Written with nightly messages delivered by its Speaker/Director, Pastor John Bradshaw, in an effort to develop interests for a full message evangelistic series in early 2012.

### Location

Cashman Center • Convention/sports complex  
850 North Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89101  
Via the internet to computers all over the world.



**May 25-28, 2011**  
Wednesday through Saturday  
(Identical meetings daily at  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

TO VIEW the Babylon Rising Trailer: [www.babylonisrising.com](http://www.babylonisrising.com)

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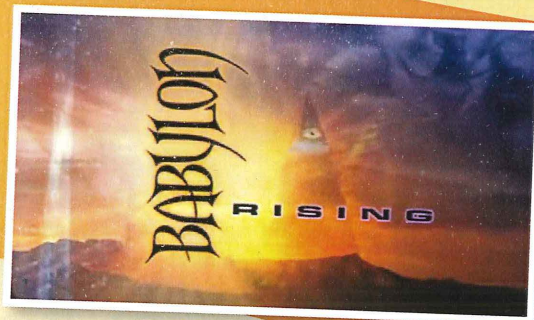
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View the trailer for **Babylon Rising** and sign up for e-mail updates at [www.babylonisrising.com](http://www.babylonisrising.com).



It was evident by the frequency and urgency of the gate agent's announcements for specific individuals that many had left the terminal and did not make it back for their flight. Lucky standby passengers took their seats.

The drama that unfolded at the airport before my eyes became a poignant visual reminder of where we are as a church in the Nevada-Utah Conference. We are anxiously and actively awaiting our Savior's soon return.

Most of our members have stayed active in the fellowship of the church. Some in the church have fallen asleep and need friends, family or fellow travelers to wake them. Still others have drifted away and need friends or family to bring them back. Unfortunately, there are yet others who have left the church altogether and need someone to help them return home.

All of these situations are witnessing opportunities that can be accomplished if we keep our eyes focused on Jesus.

In a few short days, May 25-28, the Nevada-

Utah Conference is co-sponsoring a gigantic, city wide, witnessing event in Las Vegas that will be broadcast, via the internet, to the entire world. It Is Written's "Babylon Rising" meetings will give our members an opportune tool to help accomplish the all-important work of witnessing Jesus' soon return to our family, friends and fellow travelers in this world.

For eternal reasons, I encourage our Nevada-Utah Conference members in the Las Vegas area to attend the meetings at Cashman Center, bringing family and friends to attend with you.

For those same eternal reasons, I encourage our Nevada-Utah Conference members outside the Las Vegas area to view "Babylon Rising" in your home, via the internet, inviting family and friends to view it with you.

May God richly bless you as you focus on Jesus, and witness to the world.

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## *A Communication Vision*

### **Communicating With the Nevada-Utah Conference Family**

One of the challenges we have in the Nevada-Utah Conference is effectively communicating with our membership throughout the vast territory of our conference.

Opportunities for communication between the conference office (administration, departmental staff, etc.) and our members are extremely limited.

- The Pacific Union *Recorder* only comes out once a month, and we are limited as to the amount and format of content.

- Bulletin inserts, sent to each church for its members to read on Sabbath morning, are possible, but impractical from a cost and labor perspective. They also are a relatively "hit-and-miss" approach given weekly attendance patterns in typical Adventist churches.

- Direct mail to the homes of our members



**Denny Krause**

on a regular basis is prohibitively expensive for the conference to sustain on a regular basis.

#### **What Other Options Do We Have?**

The answer resoundingly comes in the language of 21<sup>st</sup> century commerce and communication practice. **Electronic media!**

Yes, we could use communication technologies that many Nevada-Utah Conference members are already using—email, websites, social media, texting, webinars, and more!

The Nevada-Utah Conference Communication Department is working to take communication within the conference to an exciting new level.

- This year we have developed a new website — [www.NUCadventist.com](http://www.NUCadventist.com). Our goal is to

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provide an effective, dynamic, up-to-date and user-friendly site. It is a work in progress. Be sure to check it out and come back often to see what's new.

- For Facebook users, we have developed an official page for Nevada-Utah Conference. We hope you will "like" us on Facebook. Tell your friends about it, too! It's a great communication option for us, connecting people to our conference and each other.

- Webinars and other online communication and group training opportunities are being developed for use by the Nevada-Utah Conference to communicate with and train church officers, volunteers, and members in various areas.

### One Option Is Lacking

In spite of the electronic media advances we have made, there is still one area in which we lag behind. It is communicating by email with our Nevada-Utah Conference members. To have the ability to communicate with our members via email opens up all kinds of communication possibilities.

Email provides the opportunity for the Nevada-Utah Conference to easily communicate with its members regularly, in a timely fashion, instantaneously, and even spontaneously, if necessary, to communicate emergency information or critically important breaking conference news.

In addition, email communication can be eye-catching, motivating, and targeted to different age or interest groups. What's more, email opens up endless possibilities to make connections with and among our members through links to our website, our Facebook page, and other valuable resources. And, it's virtually **FREE!** That is a blessing to our conference budget!

### A Couple Of Problems!

There are two major roadblocks, however, that stand in the way of communicating with our members via email.

- The Nevada-Utah Conference does not know the email addresses of its members! That is a problem. We have some email addresses, but not many. It's not possible, at this point, to effectively communicate by email with the major portion of our Nevada-Utah Conference family.

- Even if we did have our member's email addresses, we do not have the ability to effectively and selectively target our membership by age group due to the fact that we don't have birthdates of many of our members.

### Imagine The Possibilities!

If we had email addresses and birthdates for most of our members (and their family members), we could communicate valuable and relevant information uniquely targeted to various, important groups in our conference family:

- *Elementary students*
- *Junior high students*
- *High school students*
- *College-age youth*
- *Young adults*
- *Single adults*
- *Young families*
- *Middle-age adults*
- *Adults approaching retirement*
- *Retired adults*

We know from experience and studies that a very wide segment of the population uses electronic media—and have email addresses—from the very young through senior citizens. Even though we would not be able to communicate with all Nevada-Utah Conference members in this fashion, we would be able to effectively communicate with hundreds, even thousands, of our members that we do not reach now.

### A Major Initiative In 2011

In the remaining months of 2011 the Nevada-Utah Conference Communication Department will be working with pastors and church clerks in our local churches, utilizing different collection methods to gather email addresses and birthdates for our Nevada-Utah Conference members and their families.

When you become aware of this process going on in your local church, we encourage you to participate and cooperate with our initiative. Not only will your participation and cooperation make it easier for your Nevada-Utah Conference to communicate effectively with you and your family, it will also make it easier for your local church to communicate with you and your family.

In both cases, it will also make it easier for two-way communication to take place on the conference and local church level.

For everyone, it's a win-win-win situation. Let's all communicate more effectively with each other!

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**Email provides the opportunity for the Nevada-Utah Conference to easily communicate with its members.**

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# Kingdom Matters

Northern California Conference Newsletter



## Blessed Hope of Going Home

By Jim Pedersen *President*



**As Christians, we are blessed to have a hope that is solidly centered on the reality of the Word of Scripture.**

It's fascinating to watch progress on a new tunnel through the mountains that's taking place not too many miles from our offices. Currently, Highway 24 that runs between Oakland and Walnut Creek has three tunnels through the East Bay hills. Part of the day, the middle bore of the Caldecott Tunnel has traffic going in one direction, and then later in the day it's reversed for traffic headed in the other direction. Most of the day, the trip through that area isn't very smooth.

The traffic problem has been recognized for years, and a solution has been on the table for a long time. Finally, money was

designated and now a fourth bore is being created to help relieve the traffic congestion. For some time, the machinery has been drilling from one side of the hill only. But not long ago, work began from the opposite side of the hill, and one of these months, there will be a successful breakthrough. In about four years it should all be done, and we hope to enjoy an easier trip along that roadway with two bores dedicated to travel in each direction.

Our world is facing a mountain of issues. Biblical prophecy has long foretold some of the things that would face us as the end of this world's history approaches. Take some time and read through the predictions found in Matthew 24:1-14 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5. You'll find lists

that sound all too familiar as we look around us. Whether in the arena of nature, politics, family relationships or spiritual matters, the world seems to be confronted with huge problems that need to be tunneled through. But, of all people, we have hope. There is a solution in the works!

As Christians, we are blessed to have a hope that is solidly centered on the reality of the Word of Scripture. We talk about the "blessed hope" of Jesus' soon return, a hope that is more than mere wishful thinking. It is the promise of God! No matter how challenging life gets here, we have the hope – the promise – of something much better to soon break through into our world. As Adventist song-writer Wayne Hooper penned: "We have this hope that burns within our hearts, hope in the coming of the Lord."

"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him..." (Revelation 1:7, *New American Standard Bible*).

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, *New American Standard Bible*).

May the hope we have in Christ's soon return keep you and me looking forward – and looking up – as God continues leading us along the road into His glorious future.

Peace.

Be **BOLD**  
for God



*The Pathfinders actively participated in the tribute to veterans. "It's important for me to have our kids respect flag, God and country," said Anderson church Pathfinder director Tom Hardin. (Photos by Karen Legassie)*



## Anderson Church Honors Veterans with an Old-Fashioned Town Picnic

By Diane Butler

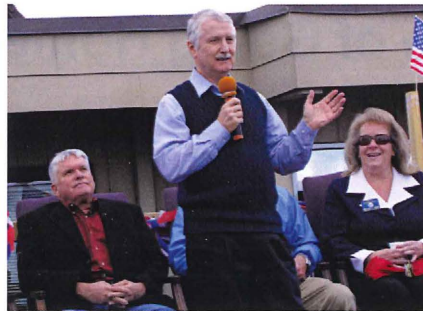
**O**n a blustery Sunday last November, 300 people from the Anderson community gathered at the Anderson church grounds for "An Old Fashioned Town Picnic and a Tribute to Veterans." Town dignitaries, including the mayor and vice mayor, and leaders of various veterans organizations addressed the crowd from a 1965 Chevy flatbed truck decorated in red, white and blue balloons and streamers. Veterans came from various organizations—the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Korean War Veterans. Some members of the Patriot Guard Riders, a nationally known motorcycle club, also attended.

"We wanted to bring veterans in and say thank you," said Anderson church member Tom Hardin who emceed the event. "We wanted to honor these men and women."

As the local Pathfinder director, Hardin asked club members to present the colors and lead guests in singing patriotic songs and reciting the pledge of allegiance. Pathfinders then posted the colors and stood by as color guards.

During the official ceremony, guests enjoyed freshly popped corn and hot apple cider. Veterans from the Korean, Vietnam and Iraq wars spoke to the gathering. A representative from

*The ceremony ended with a youth parade of bikes decorated in red, white and blue.*



*Anderson Pastor Terry Mason addressed the crowd.*

about her organization's efforts on behalf of returning soldiers. The Anderson church presented a check for \$200 to Kim Chamberlain for the Northern California Veterans Cemetery Chapel.

After the ceremony, guests moved inside to the church's fellowship hall

for a meal of chili, potato salad, cornbread and homemade apple pie. "The veterans loved it," said event organizer Carol Hodges. "They didn't want to leave."

Hodges felt motivated to plan the event after hearing Anderson church Pastor Terry Mason speak about how the apostle Paul wanted to draw the Church closer together. "I felt that a tribute to veterans would draw the community, and, if nothing else, it would tell people there is a church here that wants to be part of the community and give back to the community," she said.

"Any time you do something like this, you are saying thank you," said Anderson Mayor Norma Comnick. "I just think we can never repay our veterans. And it's the only time I've ever had a church ask me to participate in an event like this. Many churches do something during a service, but this was a public affair."

"The event was wonderful, and how grateful we are that Christians in our community came together with us to honor our veterans and show their appreciation for our country," said Chamberlain.

Veteran and Anderson church member Byron Baxter said, "An event like this was long overdue."





## It's Not the Thought That Counts

A boy came home and told his father: "Dad, I've got a riddle for you. At a little pond there is a branch with three frogs, and one of the frogs decides to jump. How many frogs are left on the branch?"

The dad said: "Oh, well, you know, one jumps off, there are two left."

"No Dad," said the son. "There's a branch; there are three frogs on the branch; one decides to jump; how many are left?"

"Oh, I get it!" the father said. "When one jumps, they all jump. There's none left."

The son said, "No. The frog decides to jump, but he doesn't jump, so there are three left."

Too many times I've seen situations where someone is incapacitated or dies unexpectedly, leaving the family with difficult decisions and no written directions to guide them. Most of us intend to have an estate plan in place for these situations. We may even decide that we are going to do it, but unless that decision leads us to action, we are still right where we started. So call us today and make that appointment for a free will and estate review — because it's what you *do* that really counts.

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## Galt Church Members Honor Veterans at Two Annual Events

Every year Galt church members show their appreciation for the veterans of their community with annual events on two often-neglected holidays.

Since 2009, local businesswomen and church members Toni Del Grande and Jonnie Grosshans have organized events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They believe it is important for Adventists to honor those who made sacrifices for liberty. "Veterans fought and died for our freedom," said Grosshans. "Our biggest freedom is to worship the way we choose."

In preparation for Memorial Day, the Galt Pathfinder club constructs white crosses to place on veterans' graves. The kids clean the Veterans Memorial at the Galt Cemetery, plant flowers, and set up the crosses—each topped with an American flag. Last year, the group set up 100 crosses and flags, and this year they will set up nearly 300. Church members plan an annual Memorial Day program at the cemetery, which includes Pathfinders, Boy Scouts, veterans and local dignitaries.

Six months later, the Veterans Day dinner at the church is a popular tradition that gets bigger every year. Co-sponsored by the church and local businesses, and advertised around town, the meal is free for all veterans. Louis Pullen and a team of church members prepare the food, and

this year Pathfinders served nearly 350 lasagna meals. Non-veterans buy tickets—with the proceeds going to help pay for both events. The church also takes up an annual offering to pay for expenses.

"[The veterans] are very appreciative, very grateful that we took the time and prepared them a homemade meal," said Del Grande. "They look forward to the two events every year."

Galt Pastor Jim Witcombe cites this outreach to veterans as a good example of friendship evangelism—a way to build relationships with people in a non-threatening way, with no strings attached. "We're there to let the community know that we care about them," he said. "People are on their guard ... but when you just give, you develop a relationship."

"My endeavors in outreach began when I discovered that one reason we were not successful with our evangelistic programs was because we were unknown in the community," said Grosshans. "We are becoming known ... as people who love Jesus—friendly, talented and interested in the welfare of the community."



*Church members prepared a full dinner, and Pathfinders served nearly 350 meals to veterans, their families and friends. "We want the community to know about us and know that we care about our veterans," said event organizer Toni Del Grande. (Photo by Jef Hafner)*



## Gracepoint Community Clinic Opens Its Doors

By Greg Webster

On Sunday, January 16, the members of the Gracepoint church in Rocklin saw a two-year dream of serving their community unfold before their eyes. Gracepoint Community Clinic opened its doors and served 15 patients, all uninsured, and all at no cost to them.

The clinic, which meets in the church facility, sees patients on the third Sunday of every month and is ready to expand its hours as needs increase. A growing team of 17 nurses, two nurse practitioners and four physicians provides care—all volunteering their time and skills.

The ministry began two years ago when church member Nelli Webster, a family nurse practitioner, took one of the church's discipleship classes designed to help members find a ministry to fit the passion God gives every believer to serve Him. She concluded that her ministry would be a free clinic.

The church gave approval for her to explore the idea. She joined the Free Clinics of the Western Region, which directed her to a nonprofit organization whose mission is to assist churches in forming free clinics.

Webster recruited a leadership team to take on the many tasks required. They filled out forms, applications and grants for funding; they attended seminars for office and technology management; and they visited a nearby clinic with a similar background.

"Throughout the entire process the planning team faithfully gave of their time and talent over and above my expectations," said Webster. "Without these dedicated leaders the clinic never would have opened."

God blessed the group's efforts. A local clinic donated computers, and a vendor gave supplies at a tremendous discount. One morning Webster received an email from a community resource representative from Kaiser

Permanente, who offered a \$20,000

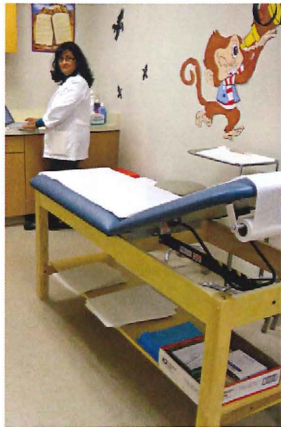
*A huge team of volunteers makes the clinic possible.*

donation. This money has ensured that, at least for a while, the clinic can operate without church funds.

The greatest blessing has been the response of the church. When the clinic's open house was held, over 70 volunteers gathered for orientation and training. They were formed into teams to take care of registration, technology, hospitality, childcare, patient escort, messaging, intercessory prayer and translation. One member volunteered his skill in massage therapy. The clinic features a resource table where patients are directed to various agencies where they can receive help and education.

"Sometimes you get asked to participate or lead in a church ministry and you aren't sure if you can do it," said member Karen Belz, a nurse. "After 18 years of nursing, this was a ministry I knew I could do. I have always wanted to nurse in a mission type of setting, and the clinic is giving me that opportunity."

In the past year, the congregation has undergone a major process of aligning their core values and making changes that would better communicate those values to the community. One major change was the church's name. "After several months of discussion, we decided on the name Gracepoint Adventist Church, which helps carry the message that Christ desires to meet you at the point of your need," said Senior Pastor Walt Groff. "Our clinic is a very exciting expression of that concept."



*Nelli Webster works in the examination room. "Christ mingled and met needs in order to win confidence in Himself before asking people to follow Him," she said. "Evangelism is the entire process of conversion, and the clinic has its role in that process." (Photos by Greg Webster)*



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# Central Acts

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## Imani Center Makes Philadelphian Church Relevant in San Francisco

By Shenalyn Page

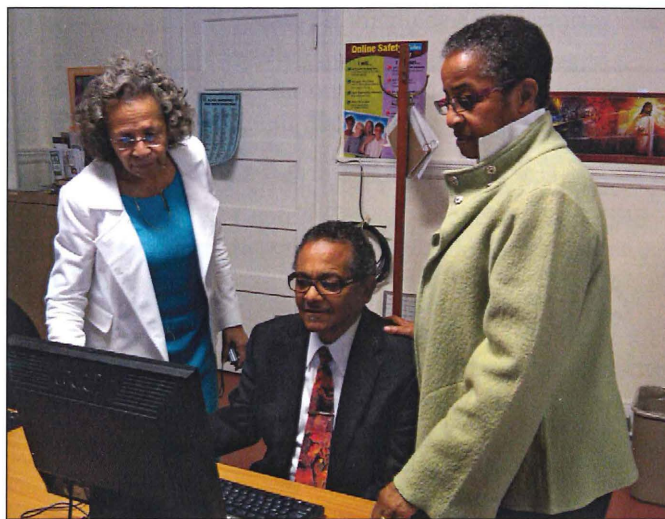
More than 400 people attended the San Francisco Philadelphian Church during the 1980s. But over the years, attendance had dwindled significantly.

“Church is not that relevant in San Francisco,” says Pastor David Hudgens. “If the church had closed in 2006, the community would never have known the difference.”

But some committed lay people were unwilling to see that happen. Church members Cynthia Williams and Helen and Albert Hill initiated discussions in 2007 on ways the church could “scratch where people are itching.” Initial ideas included developing a community computer lab and a compassion ministry to families experiencing trauma. Funds from the Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering helped get the projects off the ground.

The Imani Center for Education and Wellness was founded to reduce prejudice and act as an umbrella for the outreaches. (Imani means faith in Swahili.)

The Hills created the Imani Center in a church storage room. The comfortable office environment includes computers, desks, lounge seats, and most importantly, Adventist literature. Helen opens the Center to the public from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. weekdays. A reading specialist, she uses her skills to provide literacy training to community children.



Imani Center founders Cynthia Williams (l) and Albert and Helen Hill look over some of the educational programs available to students after school.

A young boy in the literacy program and his mom are now attending church functions. “I’m having a great time doing this!” Helen says. “I’m committed because of the conversations and mini-Bible studies I get to have with people who drop by. I try to use all the opportunities that present themselves to share Jesus.”

Williams organized church members to provide a compassion ministry to community families experiencing trauma such as death, displacement or other tragedies. Church members provide transportation, prepare meals, offer grief counseling, and host memorial services. A phone service answers calls, then forwards them to the appropriate church member.

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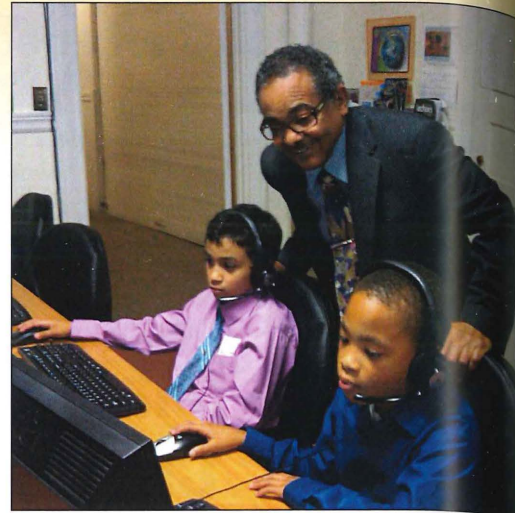
“We have been able to help several families in trauma,” says Williams. “We’ve continued to follow up with them, because we don’t want it to just be a splash in the pan, then never hear from us again. Our goal is to make friends so we can invite them to church.” Several Bible studies have resulted from this ministry.

Part of the Imani Center has been developed as a seminar space. A smoking cessation program was recently held. At the end, a psychologist asked questions about the Adventist philosophy on health. Pastor Hudgens showed *The Adventists* documentary as an answer. The woman was obviously touched.

A bi-monthly community brunch and various health seminars are also

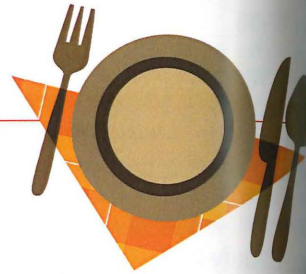
helping to make the church relevant to its community, resulting in Bible studies and baptisms.

“The Imani Center is allowing us to make real connections with people. I believe this is just the beginning of our viability in the city,” says Pastor Hudgens. “Our goal is to use the Imani Center as a base where our church members can use their skill sets to provide real help to the community. We’ve got a very committed group of church members. There is so much potential here for reaching out to the city.”



*Albert Hill helps two students with their computer skills.*

## Breakfast with Friends



Every Sunday morning for more than 20 years, volunteers arrive at 7:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Central Adventist Church. They are there to cook breakfast, and not just a simple affair of cereal and toast. It is a breakfast fit for a king and queen: hash browns, eggs, French toast or pancakes, toast, hot cereal, fresh fruit, and orange juice.

Breakfast with Friends is designed to show the love of Jesus with no strings attached, to be His hands and feet. The guests are the homeless and working poor.

Today, Breakfast with Friends is as strong as ever. Between 40-70 guests attend each Sunday morning, eating as much as they want. Takeout boxes are available upon request.

“We mostly serve men but also a few women and families. Many of those we serve are homeless, living under bridges, in parks, or in their cars,” explains Steve Moran, church



*High school students from the Octagon Service Club at Monte Vista High School, Cupertino, Calif., serve Thanksgiving dinner to individuals and families.*

elder. “Others are the working poor who take advantage of a restaurant-style breakfast they could never afford.”

At times finding volunteers is the biggest challenge. During the school year, high school students satisfying their community service requirements, more than filling the volunteer needs.

“By summertime we would

occasionally find three or four of us struggling to get it all done on time,” Moran says. Then five years ago the Octagon Service Club at Monte Vista High School in Cupertino took on Breakfast with Friends as one of their favored projects. “We now are forced to limit the number of volunteers each week, sometimes turning away kids.”

Four years ago the students wanted to add Thanksgiving Day to the schedule. This past November Kevin, a former volunteer and now enrolled in a culinary school, planned the menu and managed the kitchen. Miraculously, food prepared for 60 stretched to feed more than 100 people.

Moran shares, “With awe and amazement I can report that the faith of those mostly atheist or agnostic teenagers was greater than mine, and that faith was rewarded.”



# Adventist Student Excels in Spelling

By Caron Oswald

**O**n March 24, 2011 Rachelle Abello won third place in a spelling bee in Sacramento, Calif. The event culminated months of study and practice and included regional and district competitions. She joined 25 seventh graders, all first place winners from his or her district. Rachelle's district competition was in Madera where she won first place in her grade and in the fifth-eighth grade category.

This is the second year that San Francisco Adventist School has participated in a state-wide competition sponsored by the Organization of Christian Schools International (ACSI). "There is a shared focus for using the gifts and talents of the students to honor and glorify God," says Principal Beverly Church.

Studying words from the approved lists for one to two hours each day is a significant commitment. She

has a lot of support at home. Diane, her eighth grade sister, won the Central California Conference spelling bee this year. And third grade brother Roldan is right behind them. "We practice some at school," Rachelle explains, "But most is done at home."

"It was pretty much like a normal spelling bee," Rachelle says about the Sacramento experience. "It was long because these kids are the best spellers from their districts."

Three hours later, it was down to six students. First and second place had been decided. "Me and a guy had to do a tie breaker for third place," Rachelle shares. "He was a really good speller." After three rounds, she



Rachelle Abello

won. "I felt happy with the place I got. God really helped me out, kept me calm and helped me to remember my words."

Afterward, the six winners were invited to the national spelling bee held in Washington, D.C. on May 13-14. When Rachelle realized that May 14 was on Sabbath, there was no

hesitation. "I knew then I was not really going. We are here to stand up for our faith so others will know about our faith," she explains.

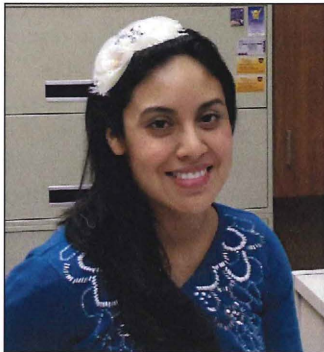
"She's a real hero," says Mark Ferrell, pastor of the San Francisco Central Church. Rachelle doesn't see herself as a hero. "God always knows what is best for us. I leave all to Him." ❏

## An Army of Angels Surround Montemorelos University

**T**he violence started about two years ago," says Lisseth Pasillas about her hometown of Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. "Traveling at night is dangerous." She grew up on the campus of the Adventist University where her dad still teaches and her mom is the girls' dean.

Watching the news, Lisseth grew concerned. Even though her parents assured her they were safe, she had to see for herself. "I guess they were used to it," she says. What she learned during the visit is like something straight out of the Bible.

Once in Mexico, a childhood



Lisseth Pasillas

friend shared rumors from town. There were angels surrounding the school. "Is it true?" Lisseth asked. "Yes, this is not the first time we've heard about the angels," Lisseth's parents told her. "We hear this from neighbors and businesses, but we have never seen them. Only the town's people see them."

The angel soldiers are described as very tall and dressed in uniforms different from the Mexican army. The angels are very prepared with sophisticated weapons not available to the local army.

Because of the escalating and widespread violence, Mexican armies rotate between dangerous regions

to assist the local police. But they are spread too thin and gaps in protection happen.

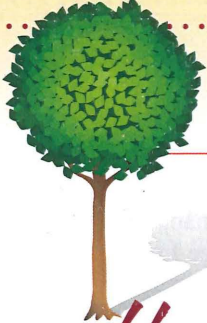
The staff, their families and students at the university keep hearing about the angel army from those who live outside the campus. But the Adventists have yet to see an angel.

The protection goes beyond the campus. A man, attempting to make a delivery of medical supplies to an Adventist hospital, was stopped by thieves and robbed. Afraid to return to the previous city, he drove on to the next town.

Just as he arrived, he was stopped again by the same thieves. "We know those people have their God. Open your trunk but just don't turn around," the leader commanded. All of the stolen supplies were returned. ❏



# Planting Shade Trees



**H**ow wonderful it is to sit under the shade of a tall tree. It is so relaxing, so calming, it is truly an enjoyable experience. You feel protected from the elements. Thank God for those trees.

When homes are built, trees are usually planted in strategic areas, not only for their esthetic value, but also for their shade. In the summer, a well placed tree can bring relief to the family. Thank God for those trees.

Farmers plant large trees in strategic areas around their property to protect the crops from wind damage. In fact, driving down to Southern California you will often see rows of eucalyptus trees placed in such a manner to protect the orange and citrus groves from the wind and cold air that might damage the crop. Trees help keep the heat in, and the cold out. Thank God for those trees.

Shade trees are an indispensable

blessing in our lives. However, shade trees don't grow overnight. They take time and care to ensure their proper growth.

An old Chinese proverb says, "One generation plants trees and another gets the shade."

In other words, our generation lives under the shade of the trees planted by our ancestors.

In spiritual terms we derive shade from our parents, from our pastors and teachers. We learn their ethical standards, their perceptions of right and wrong, their sense of moral duty and, above all, their spiritual commitment. Their ideals determined the kind of society we inherited from them. Our generation's ideals will shape tomorrow's spiritual and educational culture for our children.

As a conference leader I offer the following questions: Do our plans, our decisions, our policies and guidelines, the vision, mission and implementation of the same, sow trees to shade our children? Or are we cutting the trees of Christian morals, values and standards which will leave our children exposed to the blistering heat of what Satan will expose them to?

In the years to come, what

will be said of this window of time and opportunity that you and I have? Will well-shaded children, families, churches, and schools be the evidence of our efforts?

In the conference office, our leadership staff has spent much time in prayer and discussion about our children and families. We have voted to begin a ten-year conference-wide initiative entitled, "From Cradle to Crown—Children First."

This initiative will focus the attention of resources, programs, and leaders on the largest evangelistic resource of our church—our children. I believe you will agree with me that we are in the middle of a spiritual war, a war for the hearts and minds of our children.

May the Lord give us wisdom as we begin to step out in faith, forging plans and making decisions that will provide shade to protect and disciple our children until Jesus comes.

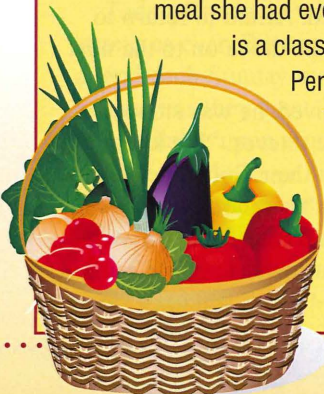
*"Our generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts!"* Psalm 145:4

Trusting in Him,

Ramiro Cano

A **Naturally Gourmet** health outreach was recently hosted by the Bakersfield Hillcrest Church. Due to space, registration had to be cut off at 80. Twenty-five attendees were not church members. Pastor Jamey Houghton reports that next time they will plan for 100. The class was held on the 12th floor of the Stockdale Tower in the Petroleum Club and included a presentation, demonstrations with samples for all and a full plate of delicious food for dinner. One lady said it was the best meal she had ever eaten! Follow-up

is a class titled "A Biblical Perspective on Health" taught by Bible worker Emily Metzker and Pastor Houghton. Twelve people enrolled.



The loss of power in March because of the waves of winter storms in Oakhurst, Calif., lasted for days. In some areas the outages lasted more than a week. In response, warming centers opened for residents still without power. Neighboring communities also sent help. Madera County sheriff's spokeswoman Erica Stuart announced that the Community Food Bank was delivering about 40,000 pounds of water to families in need. The delivery was arranged by the Oakhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church and was available at the Von's Shopping Center on March 24.



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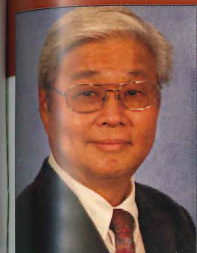
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Bob Wong  
Youth Ministries Director

## Youth Meet Jesus at Camp

Camp Cedar Falls is dedicated to bringing all campers closer to Jesus in beautiful natural surroundings. Our goal is for campers to walk with Jesus through association with each other; through activities and quiet time by themselves, experiencing His love.

This summer, the six-week camping season will be dedicated to children and youth ages six through 16. Campers will start and end the day with a spiritual emphasis. Pastors from different churches will spend a week with the campers, sharing their expertise and personal experience. During the day, pastors mingle with the campers in their classes and activities, building personal relationships.

Trained counselors supervise campers 24 hours a day throughout each week and are with campers during classes, meals, free time and evenings. Our policy is to have at least



Activities for campers at Camp Cedar Falls include horseback riding, swimming, crafts, lanyards, biking, volleyball, basketball and tennis.

two counselors in each cabin during the night hours. We screen counselors, choosing them for their love for Jesus and for children. These individuals are chosen for their high Seventh-day Adventist standards, creativity and patience. Many counselors attend Adventist colleges or universities.

A licensed nurse is available 24 hours a day. Campers are seen by the nurse during registration, to be screened for allergies and medication.

We encourage that all medication be dispensed by the nurse; a daily log is kept.

Campers can choose from more than 10 activities daily, on a rotation basis. Children may choose the activities they enjoy and repeat any if they want to. More in-depth, specialty classes that a camper may choose from include soccer, water skiing, back packing, ceramics, horsemanship and more.

Three different evening programs are offered simultaneously. Campers rotate through these programs on different nights. A couple of times a week, special evening programs in which all campers participate together are offered, featuring inflatable blow ups and special guests.

Three special meals are prepared daily and no snacks given except for medical reasons. Meals are on a three-week rotation, so the campers staying

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more than one week have a variety. Menus are approved by a licensed dietician to assure that the meals are balanced.

A full program of spiritual nurture, 24-hour supervision, three solid meals, multiple activities and special programs is available for a low cost of \$225 per camper for seven days, Sunday to Sunday. (Register before June 6 for a

\$25 discount.) A four-day camp, Sunday through Thursday, is an option for those who cannot attend the seven-day camp. Family camp is available during the week, which the whole family may attend.

A nine-year-old boy who was attending camp for the third straight year repeatedly yelled out to his grandmother, who is not a member of

the church, "Grandma, this is the best place in the whole wide world!" Many campers express the same opinion.

For more information, pictures or an application, visit <http://campcedarfalls.net> Applications are also available in all SCC churches, or call 818-546-8439 to have one sent to you.

# Norwalk Church MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY

By Betty Cooney

The Norwalk Church celebrated a mortgage burning earlier this year for their City Mission Building, located across the street from the church. The bulletin for the joyful event spelled out the building's purpose from the start: "In an effort to extend outreach, the city mission building across the street from the Norwalk Church came into existence. In January 1987, the church voted to purchase the property."

Since then, the building has become an important part of the ministry of Norwalk Church. In 1994, the Our Daily Bread Bakery and Deli moved in, and operates as a restaurant and



Norwalk Church City Mission Building

health ministry. The building's Upper Room hosts many functions, from weekly Sabbath dinners to evangelistic seminars and religious meetings, weddings, baby showers and other functions.



Norwalk Church pastors who attended the mortgage-burning ceremony included, (l. to r.) Elder James O'Connor, the current pastor; James C. Dok, then Norwalk assoc. pastor; Tony Parrish, associate pastor, Eagle Rock Church; Frank Haynes, Glendale Adventist Medical Center assoc. chaplain; Joseph Thomas, MDiv student, Andrews University; Cary Fisher, pastor, Sunland-Tujunga churches; Danny Chan, pastor, Eagle Rock; Jeff Rosenthal, Rolling Hills Church; Tony Moore, Footsteps of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry; Stanley Hickerson, pastor, Stevensville Church; and Dale Leamon, pastor, Clovis Church, Central California Conference.

## CONSTITUENCY SESSION NOTICE

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

#### Regular Constituency Session

Please take notice that 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, California

**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 with  
the SCC Prayer Team for prayer  
from 7:00 – 7:50 a.m.**

Larry L. Gaviness, President

Velino A. Salazar,  
Executive Secretary



# Church Members Witness — on Wheels

By Betty Cooney and Kirsten Salvador

In recent years, Kirsten Salvador and a growing group of friends from her church and elsewhere have participated in an eight-day, 525-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Santa Monica that raises funds for the Arthritis Foundation. That feat, in itself, is pretty impressive. But the “side” story is even more so.

“My involvement with the ride began with walking with an LA Voice team, which brought together church members from several denominations in the Los Angeles area,” she said. “On the walks we met Laurie Miller, a young advocate for people with arthritis. We walked alongside our area walk leader who was teaching us how to engage in addressing issues affecting the health and well-being of our neighbors in Hollywood. We continued walking the next few years, and in 2010 formed a cycling team with Laurie, after I had cycled alone with her one year.”

This year, on February 12, Laurie was baptized. “After meeting us through the walk leader and Arthritis Foundation leader/church member Mireya Pena, we had seen Laurie slowly walking through our doors at the Hollywood Church, looking for a community that would accept her and show her the loving God for whom she had longed,” said Salvador. “And the former LA Voice leader who walked with us a few years ago and with whom we’ve spent lots of time in community organizing work—he is now stepping his foot into the life of our congregation. He, too, is looking for a community, looking for God.

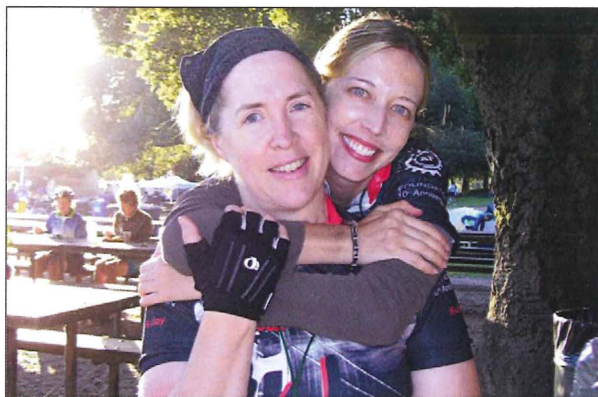
“More recently, we invited John,

an experienced rider, to join us on a training ride and give us tips, and he accepted. We were not a team from our church, actually, but a lot of us are from the Hollywood Church.

“One Sabbath, we asked if we could make a special report on the team at church and were welcomed to make a presentation. During the spotlight, we introduced each rider to the church. After potluck, we had another presentation to share more information about the ride. ‘This is a really cool church,’ John said, ‘supporting the team like this. I’m not used to this from a church.’

“A little later when we were working on the jerseys that we would wear with the names of sponsors, John asked, ‘Why not put your church’s name on the shirts? Even if they don’t give money toward the charity, they are so supporting.’

“I am humbled as I see how God can use any forum, any arena, in which to draw others to Him. Our cycling team, Team Wheels of Joy, is meeting others who also are searching for God and community. I didn’t know cycling through California for Arthritis could be a part of our overall mission to reach others for the



(l-r) Kirsten Salvador with Laurie Miller, who has become a part of the Hollywood Church family through the witness of church members riding with a cycling team that benefits the Arthritis Foundation.

kingdom! I am grateful for each person who contributed toward the goal of funding research to find a cure for arthritis, but also for a broader goal of reaching others for God. What a ride it continues to be!” (For more information about the cycling opportunity, visit <http://cccsocal.kintera.org/faf/teams> or call the Hollywood Church, 323-462-0010.)

## In Transition

(voted Feb. 9, 23; Mar. 23 2011)

### New Employees

(Voted Feb. 9, 2011)

#### Roger McPherson

Maintenance, Camp Cedar Falls, as of Feb. 1, 2011.

#### Uthaiwan McPherson

Café/Housekeeping, Camp Cedar Falls, as of Feb. 1, 2011.

(Voted Feb. 23, 2011)

#### Heidi Bryant

SCC Student L.E. Director, as of March 1, 2011

(Voted March 9, 2011)

#### Young Jin Kim

Associate Pastor, L.A. Central Korean Church, as of March 1, 2011

### Changes within the Conference

(Voted Mar. 23, 2011)

#### Samuel Chung

From Assoc. Pastor, L.A. Central Japanese Church, to Seminary Student, as of Apr. 1, 2011.





# SCC Evangelizing, Befriending and Reconnecting in 2011



James G. Lee Jr.,  
Evangelism Director

**The Spiritual Leadership Conference** will be held May 23 – 24 at Azusa-Pacific University. Several planning sessions and prayer times were held in preparation for the conference, which is expected to draw 500 attendees.

Featured speakers will include Henry Blackaby and his son, Richard Blackaby, author and co-author of the Christian classic, *Experiencing God*. The Southern Baptist Convention, Southeastern and Southern California conferences are co-sponsoring this friendship and relationship opportunity that will focus on prayer-based, biblical leadership principles for Christian leaders in churches and communities.

Several invitations have been extended to fellow Christians and advertising placed in Christian media. Please remember in prayer this opportunity to meet with fellow Christians, experiencing shared love of Jesus and His Word. Details/registration: plusline.org or call 800-732-7587.



Adolphus Garnett  
GLAR Director

**Greater Los Angeles Region's West Coast Year of the Harvest** reached its Preparing the Soil emphasis Apr. 20-23 at the 2011 Convocation, held at the White Memorial Church.

The Convocation featured the *Preparing the Soil* emphasis of the Greater Los Angeles Region's West Coast Year of the Harvest evangelism strategy for 2011. The annual event kicked off the May – July *Reaping the Harvest* portion of the strategy, which was the fourth emphasis of the year. (*Sowing for the Harvest* and *Preparing the Sower* preceded the April and May portions.)

Adolphus Garnett, GLAR Director

**A weekend of Reconnecting Ministries Training** has been scheduled for Sept. 17 and 18; location TBA.

The training will focus on learning more about how to "reach the people we love who have left the church we love." Paul Richardson, Executive Director of the Center for Creative Ministries, will be the presenter. Watch for further details of this important training event in *In Touch* and in the Calendar at <http://scc.adventist.org>



Pastor B.J. Boles  
Pastor Evangelist

## San Fernando Cluster Update

San Fernando pastors are preparing for a mid-September – mid-October campaign featuring Evangelist B. J. Boles. As this newsletter goes to press, pastors are awaiting a response for an application that has been submitted for a meeting venue in the Northridge area.

## Spanish Cluster Update

During Easter week (Apr. 17 - 24) about 35 Spanish churches hosted Holy Week evangelistic series, representing about 70% of the Hispanic Region churches. Following a **Life Youth Discipleship Fest** Mar. 25 and 26 for youth discipleship training held at Spanish-American Church and Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn, youth formed about 160 small groups that are conducting Bible studies for friends. These will climax in an evangelistic series held July 30 – Aug. 6.





# Conference

# Priorities

May 2011

*Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

## San Antonio Students Raise \$400 for Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami Victims

*By Brianna Perry*

When news of the earthquake and tsunami disaster in Japan on March 11 reached San Antonio Christian School, in Ontario, the students and staff knew they had to do something.

There wasn't much time to organize a fundraiser before everyone scattered for spring break, and they wanted to help immediately with a donation to ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) for its relief efforts. So teachers asked their students for fund-raising ideas that would work for Thursday, March 17.

The students came through with ideas. There were suggestions for cookie and lemonade sales, yard sales, and even a suggestion to ask Oprah Winfrey for the money. One student, a fifth-grade boy, suggested that students "do something fun, like a water fight, and charge money for it. Maybe \$2.00 an hour."

When the teachers met together to discuss the students' ideas, it was clear that all of the students had taken the difficult situation in Japan to heart. Clearly, the fundraising effort was going to involve everyone. The choices were narrowed down, and the fund-raising began.



*A San Antonio Christian School kindergartner enjoys the water fight fund-raiser for Japan earthquake/tsunami relief.*

Students in the grades 7 and 8 classroom donated the contents of the coin jar they had been collecting for their choir tour, and organized a coin drive to fill it during the week of March 17. The students collected, counted, and rolled more than \$80 in coins.



*Seventh- and eighth-grade students at SACS count change and bills collected from their coin drive. They raised \$80 in a week.*

The fund-raising water fight from the grades 5 and 6 classroom was scheduled for 2-3 p.m. on Thursday. Students were charged a \$3.00 admission fee to be in the "water zone" and used bottles, buckets, and other water containers to have fun. More than 50 students participated, raising more than \$160 in an hour.

Students in the grades 3 and 4 classroom generously offered to donate 100 percent of their ice pop sales, which normally go toward their full-day field trip, throughout the week. Grades K-2 contributed heavily to the cookie sale and showed their support by taking part in every aspect of the fund-raising effort.

All together the little group of 65 students, their parents and 13 staff members worked together, with God's blessings, to raise almost \$400 to donate to ADRA.

There isn't much extra money floating around during this time of year with field trips, graduations, and the coming summer activities, but the San Antonio Christian School family found it in their hearts to help: Christianity in action. □

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## Two Leaders in SECC Receive Family Award

By Enno Müller

Audray Johnson, family ministries director of the conference, and Gerald Winslow, vice president for mission and culture at Loma Linda University Medical Center, each received an Arthur and Maud Spaulding Distinguished Service Medallion. After years of service and innovative impact in the area of family ministries these two individuals were recognized in late February by Ron and Karen Flowers, former directors of the Family Ministries Department of the General Conference.

Winslow was the thirty-first individual to receive the medallion.

At the presentation in front of family, friends and Loma Linda University administrators Ron Flowers said, "We honor him for his career-long interest, vision, example, and investment in the health and well-being of Adventist families as well as his exceptional service as a member of three significant world church committees and the profound impact of his contributions in setting a ministry course for the church in response to the needs of families in an increasingly complex global environment."

In addition to his work as vice president for mission and culture, Winslow is vice president for spiritual life at

Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, and professor of religion in the School of Religion at Loma Linda University. Over the past 40 years, he has specialized in teaching and writing about ethics, especially biomedical ethics. He has written several books, and his articles are widely published.

Although Johnson has distinguished herself in many

areas, such as health, women's ministries and religious liberty, she made a significant contribution to family ministries in the North American Division and the world church.

During a special worship at the conference office Ron Flowers commented, "We first became acquainted with her through the departmental manuals and topical resources she developed to support pastors as they developed a ministry to families in the local churches. Her practical pointers have helped several

generations of pastors to create a ministry that is relevant and meaningful through the seasons of family life. She has mentored, counseled, and encouraged pastors through difficult pastoral situations, and launched an anonymous counseling program for pastoral families that has been a model for the division."

Johnson served as a member of two commissions that impacted ministry to families in the world church, the Divorce and Remarriage Study Commission and the Sexuality Commission. In 2009 she presented a seminar on abuse and violence at a world health conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1987, the Family Ministries Department of the General Conference inaugurated a distinguished service medallion for extraordinary service in ministry to families. The Arthur and Maud Spaulding Distinguished Service Medallion pays lasting tribute to a couple who responded to Ellen White's call to begin a ministry to families in 1913 and to those who have followed in their footsteps with distinction. It was under the leadership of Arthur and Maud Spaulding that the Home Commission was organized at the 1919 General Conference Session. It grew by 1941 to encompass a ministry to families. □

*(The Office of University Relations at Loma Linda University contributed to this article.)*



*Audray Johnson, center, received the Arthur and Maud Spaulding Distinguished Service Medallion at the Southeastern California Conference office at a morning worship service attended by office staff and Executive Committee members. Karen (left) and Ron Flowers presented the medallion, the thirty-second to be awarded since 1987.*



*Gerald Winslow, left, is congratulated by Ron and Karen Flowers, representing the General Conference Family Ministries Department, for his career-long ministry to families. Family, friends, and administrators from Loma Linda University attended the dinner at which the award was presented.*



# Follow the Money, Part 3:

## *Intangibles Measure the Value of Pine Springs Ranch*

This Follow the Money series explores the way Southeastern California Conference allocates title, and what the conference's expenditures say about SECC's values and priorities. This conversation takes on extra significance in these financially uncertain times.

In terms of percentage, Pine Springs Ranch, the conference's retreat facility nestled in the San Jacinto Mountains, represents the smallest allocation of retained title in the conference's budget. However, the 1 percent (more than \$400,000) that subsidizes the ministries of Pine Springs Ranch would be misleading if the figure were used as the measure of PSR's importance to SECC and its constituent congregations.

If intangibles such as changed lives and lifelong relationships with people and with Christ could be measured, they would better tell the story of PSR's value.

Pine Springs Ranch, which celebrates 50 years of operation this year, serves congregations inside SECC and Christian groups beyond SECC's borders. Its summer camp program provides six weeks of programming for children and youth in a beautiful natural setting where campers forge friendships with God and with one another.

Because PSR is an SECC entity, income from church retreats and conferences go

directly into the mission and ministries of the conference rather than to organizations outside of the conference.

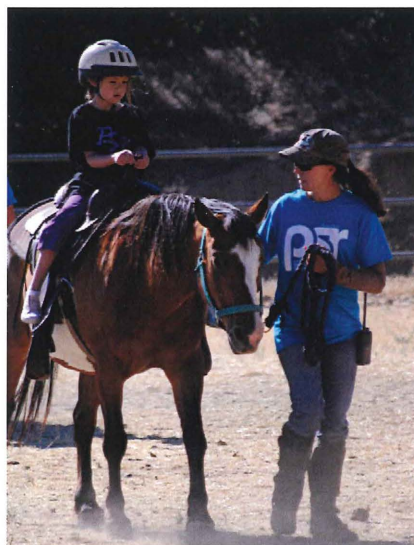
PSR's income helps to support the camp's many programs. PSR's director of operations, Carmen Ibañez, shares some of the programs that the retreat center provides:

"We are privileged to host the Leadership Institute as they nurture the souls of many of SECC's pastors through the ministry of the Journey (a program of spiritual formation and renewal for conference leaders). Those SECC pastors who are not part of the Journey also have an opportunity to come up to PSR a few days a year for personal retreat time without charge.

"We also have the opportunity to witness to those of other faiths through the ministry of hospitality. We seek to be a place where groups can come up and focus only on their experience/encounter with God while we worry about the 'little details' (lodging, food, etc.). Ultimately, it is our desire that every group, regardless of their faith, is able to feel God's presence throughout their stay."

Ibañez envisions expanding the scope of PSR's ministry to include surrounding communities. As Pine Springs Ranch marks its fiftieth anniversary this year, plans have been made for a celebratory event with hay rides, games and food. Ibañez plans to invite the mountain communities near the camp to attend in

*By Jared Wright*

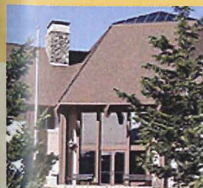


*Activities abound at summer camp—both the more traditional horseback riding, archery, arts and crafts, and swimming, and activities catering to interests such as music video production, mountain biking, board sports, and self-defense. New this year will be digital photography and concerts by the Christian singer Charmaine.*



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### Summer Camp at Pine Springs Ranch

**Info:** 951-509-2266  
psrcamp@seccsda.org  
**Registration:**  
www.psrcamp.org

June 26-July 3, Discovery Week, ages 8-10  
June 29-July 3, Pathfinder/Adventurer Mini-Camp  
July 3-10, Junior Week 1, ages 10-12  
July 10-17, Junior Week 2, ages 10-12  
July 17-24, Tween Week, ages 12-15  
July 24-31, Teen Week 1, ages 13-17  
July 31-August 7, Teen Week 2, ages 13-17





More than 1,000 campers forged friendships with God and with one another at summer camp last year. The camping season at Pine Springs Ranch ran from late June to early August.

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order to establish new connections, she says.

Despite this year's milestone, there are significant challenges facing Pine Springs Ranch. During the 2008 SECC quadrennial session, delegates called for postponing implementation of a master plan for PSR that would provide much-needed repairs and improvements. Ibañez notes that budget reductions have had an impact.



To read Part 1 and 2 of this Follow the Money series of articles, go to the SECC website, [www.seccadventist.org](http://www.seccadventist.org).

"We are replacing what is absolutely necessary," Ibañez says, "and creatively fixing everything else to hang on for a little while longer."

Challenges notwithstanding, PSR's legacy continues to be one of friendships forged and lives

**50th Anniversary Celebration**  
**Pine Springs Ranch**  
**December 17 and 18, 2011**  
 For information, call PSR at 951-659-4131

transformed. Carmen Ibañez again: "The greatest rewards come when we hear what happens in the lives of people when they come here. It is inspiring to see how young lives are changed because of their experiences during summer camp. I remind our staff that the little things we do give our guests the time and space that they need to experience God's presence freely." The tithe money set aside for Pine Springs Ranch points to a core value that cannot be easily quantified. The Ranch provides space for people to connect with God and one another. □

## Coming Events

- Big Bear Services (weekly)** Members of the Big Bear Valley church invite visitors vacationing in the area to join them for Sabbath services. 349 E. North Shore Dr., Big Bear City. Info: 909-547-6115.
- Escondido Adventist Academy alumni day (May 7)** Info: 760-746-1800 or [www.eaaschool.org](http://www.eaaschool.org).
- SECC Spring Retiree Retreat (May 16-18)** Pine Springs Ranch. All retirees are welcome. Info and registration: 951-509-2287.
- Camp Meeting 2011 (June 22-25)** Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange St., Riverside. Info: 951-509-2298.
- Vietnamese Camp Meeting (June 24-26)** McGrath State Beach, Oxnard. Info: 714-557-7999.
- North American Chinese Camp Meeting (July 1-3)** Camp Cedar Falls, Angelus Oaks. Info: <http://losangeleschinese.adventistfaith.org/2011-campmeeting>.



For more information, visit [www.pinespringsranch.org](http://www.pinespringsranch.org).

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# Camp Meeting Plans Ramp Up

*Phil Draper*

**I**want our Arizona Camp Meeting to be one of the best ever,” Conference President Tony Anobile told his staff. “Many conferences have cut back or eliminated their camp meetings, but I want Arizona to continue to be a place where people throughout the Pacific Union can attend and receive the huge blessings that await — soul-stirring messages of hope that will help carry them through these troubled times.”

Camp meetings are held at Camp Yavapines in Prescott, Ariz. English camp will be June 10-18 and Spanish camp will be held June 20-25.

Working years ahead to find just the right mix of presenters, Anobile is pleased to announce that Dwight Nelson will be at the English camp this year for the first time.

Bill and Jackie Tucker return from The Quiet Hour with their



**Dwight Nelson from Pioneer Memorial at Andrews University will be one of the English weekend speakers.**

dramatic stories of how people are being won to Jesus through this 74-year-old ministry.

Elizabeth Talbot from Voice of Prophecy will be the feature for the main pavilion during evening meetings.

Other presenters include Roger Gallant, Victoria Harrison Lodge, Ed Keyes and Charles Brown. By special invitation, Camelback Pastor Charles White will hold another seminar remembering the ministry of his great-grandmother, Ellen G. White.

Jennifer LaMountain and Michael Harris will be featured musicians for the English camp meeting. Young Adults II will feature Walt Groff from Northern California.

A huge attraction is the youth camp meeting under the leadership of Benjamin Lundquist. Their theme is “Jesus All!” Guest speaker

will be Keith Gray. The youth will have another week-long project helping a family in great need.

Speakers for Spanish camp meeting include Armando Miranda and Ron Clouzet. Other guests include Joel Barrios, Russell Burrill and Oscar Santana.



**Elizabeth Talbot from Voice of Prophecy will speak at the night meetings for the English camp.**

Speaker for the youth will be Sam Moreno. Musical guests will be Felipe Garibo and Boses, a group from the Dominican Republic.

For more information, visit [www.azconference.org](http://www.azconference.org).



**Dr. Ron Clouzet, director of the NAD Evangelism Institute (NAEI) and professor of Christian ministry and pastoral theology at Andrews University will speak at Spanish camp.**



**Bill and Jackie Tucker will represent the Quiet Hour Ministries.**





# Adventist Hospitals Form Policy Association

*Brittany Russell*

**M**ore than 70 Adventist hospitals and 300 affiliated health care facilities across 17 states and the District of Columbia have collaborated to form the Adventist Health Policy Association. AHPA creates a united policy voice among Adventist hospitals on issues affecting health care across the nation.

AHPA was formally announced in January to help ensure that existing and new federal legislation, policy and regulations allow AHPA members to fulfill their goal of accessible, high-quality health care. One early goal will be to help improve national policy on preventive health care.

“Seventh-day Adventist hospitals represent a major sector of the U.S. health system,” said Larry Mitchel, director of government relations at Adventist Health. “Working together on key policy issues is crucial in this era of health reform. AHPA will help us do this and represent our distinctive mission.”

AHPA leadership has been meeting informally for almost a year. The group has submitted comments on key health reform elements. AHPA’s founding members operate hospitals, home health agencies,

nursing centers, outpatient centers, physician practices and related health care entities. The founding members are:

Adventist Health, headquartered in Roseville, Calif. Includes 17 hospitals, 62 outpatient centers, 32 rural health clinics, 14 home health agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. Locations in California, Oregon, Washington State and Hawaii;

Adventist HealthCare, headquartered in Rockville, Md. Includes seven hospitals and an assisted-living facility. Locations in New Jersey, Maryland and the D.C. area;

Kettering Adventist Healthcare, headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. Includes seven hospitals, 60 outpatient centers and the Kettering College of Medical Arts serving 11 counties across the greater Dayton region; and

Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, headquartered in Loma Linda, Calif. Includes seven hospitals, seven outpatient facilities, and Loma Linda University Medical School.

“AHPA will add another voice to the national health reform dialogue — a formal voice that will leverage the strength of our association and our shared goals,” Mitchel said. “It will allow us to have strong input into

the policy issues important to our nation’s ever-changing health care system.”

The Association has received 501(c)6, or non-profit trade association, status. Initial staff support is provided by Adventist Health System, headquartered in Winter Park, Fla. For more information, go to [www.adventisthealthpolicy.org](http://www.adventisthealthpolicy.org).



The map shows states with Adventist hospitals or health care systems that are involved with AHPA.

Adventist Health System, headquartered in Winter Park, Fla. Includes 42 hospitals, 87 outpatient centers, 11 home health agencies and 18 nursing homes as well as a College of Health Sciences. Locations in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado and Wisconsin;



# Students Explore, Contribute to Innovative Art Education

*Katelynn Christensen and Larry Pena*

College students have long felt the burden of textbooks — their weight, price tag, and time consumption. Since last spring, Pacific Union College art history professor Alexander Carpenter has simplified the lives of his students by integrating Smarthistory.org, a non-profit, multimedia art history “web-book,” into his lesson plans. This web resource combines the text and images of traditional textbooks with new features, like discussion video clips, to dynamically supplement — or even replace — art survey course textbooks.

Smarthistory.org and the classroom meet as Carpenter requires students to watch the site’s discussion video clips and respond to a number of questions in preparation for upcoming lectures. “I’ve noticed that students seem to come to class better prepared,” he says. “I think the questions are more engaging than what I had [students answering] before.”

Carpenter enjoys the flexibility offered by the website because he does not believe students retain information from long reading assignments as well as they could from multimedia sources. “As a student, I really didn’t like when teachers would assign a lot of [reading] because I felt like I didn’t know where to begin. I didn’t know where to end. I didn’t know what was going to be emphasized,” explains Carpenter. “So, I have dedicated myself to trying not to do that. ... I prefer very focused, small assignments. That’s what I like about this.”

Carpenter reports that students consistently respond positively to the web-book. “They are excited not to spend 80 bucks,” he shares. “I still give them some things to read, but [on the website] they get to listen to two fun, chatty people who are well educated, talking about art and art history.”

Carpenter finds that a primary benefit of this process is that students are able to hear individuals other than their professor use the terms, names, grammar and language of art as they critique and appreciate it.

Now PUC students have gotten involved with the project directly, making their own impact on this increasingly popular web resource. Last quarter, a representative of the website contacted Carpenter to inform him that PUC is the website’s biggest user and asked if PUC students would help the website pilot a new project. PUC is now the first college to have students record and upload videos of their own to Smarthistory.org’s YouTube page. On this supplementary site, students in Carpenter’s History of American Art classes discuss works by American artists and designers like Georgia O’Keefe, Frank Gehry, George Inness and Andy Warhol.

“After using the website for classes and watching their videos, it was cool to be one of those people, discussing a work of art that I had chosen and was excited about,” says design/fine arts major Amador Jaojoco, who recorded a video discussing a piece by Southern California artist Greg Miller. “It was really fun to act as a mentor and apply what I had learned about art.”

Watch the videos by PUC students at [www.youtube.com/smarthistorystudents](http://www.youtube.com/smarthistorystudents).



PUC art student Amador Jaojoco browses the discussion videos at Smarthistory.org. He and his History of American Art classmates were the first college students to provide content for the web resource’s new student-driven supplementary site.



# LLU Earns Praise and Reaccreditation from WASC Commission

*Dustin R. Jones*

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges has reaffirmed Loma Linda University's accreditation across all eight schools for the maximum period of time — 10 years.

The accreditation team was on campus Oct. 27 to 29, 2010. The team's report validates the university's commitment to mission-focused learning.

"This finding couldn't be better," says Ron Carter, Ph.D., provost of Loma Linda University. "The intentional focus was science embedded in a faith community. There were many team members who were unaware of the depth and breadth of LLU's reach into the local and global community."

The institutional proposal to WASC from LLU outlined three themes and related outcomes for the comprehensive review: faith and normative culture, mission-focused learning, and strengthening a culture of evidence. The WASC team affirmed that these selected themes "resulted in serious and beneficial engagement across the institution" during the phases of the review process.

Mission-focused learning has become an important theme on campus, underscoring the university's commitment to providing an approach to higher education that blends the professional with the personal, helping graduates to approach their health care profession not as a mere job, but as a calling to service.

"Mission-focused learning prepares students for a dedicated lifelong journey of service to mankind," says Carter. "And this was recognized by the review team."

Lowell C. Cooper, M.Div., MPH, chair, Loma Linda University Board of Trustees, and general vice president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was pleased with the results in the quest for academic excellence.

"The accreditation visits by WASC personnel are a very important way of helping Loma Linda University assess its performance in and faithfulness to its mission," says Cooper. "It is particularly gratifying when such visits confirm and affirm that the university is performing well within the framework of its mission."

"The Board of Trustees is grateful to the whole university family for the results of the accreditation self-study and the accreditation team's assessment of educational effectiveness at LLU."

In a letter sent March 3 notifying the university of the commission's decision, the commission took special note of table 8.1 in LLU's education effectiveness review report.

"The education outcomes that are reported as performance indicators in this appendix are impressive and stand out among ample comparative and benchmarked data," said Ralph A. Wolff, president of WASC.

According to the letter, the data from this table indicated that LLU graduates regularly perform at or above national norms in almost all professional programs in terms of pass rates and mean scores on standardized examinations. This includes retention rates for master's and first professional degree programs above 96 percent, and 85 percent for associate's and bachelor's degree programs.

Last accredited by WASC in 1999, Loma Linda University





# LLUMC Ranked No. 1 Out of 41 Area Hospitals by U.S. News & World Report

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commenced the new accreditation process in May 2006. The process began with an institutional report, followed by a capacity and preparatory review visit in October 2008. The final step was the educational effectiveness review visit Oct. 27 to 29.

According to Marilyn Eggers, Ph.D., director, office of educational effectiveness, the reason Loma Linda University received the desired 10-year reaccreditation from WASC is because of the enormous efforts of faculty, staff, and administrators across the campus, and in Saudi Arabia as well, where there was also a site visit for the off-campus programs there.

“LLU’s successful WASC site visit and reaccreditation were the result of interschool collaboration of faculty, staff, and administrators,” states Eggers. “Such collaboration across the university has never before been done on this scale and with such a remarkable outcome.

“God blessed Loma Linda University’s wonderful faculty, staff, and administrators as they prepared for WASC by working hard to design and set up processes for assessment and program review,” states Eggers. “These processes will help LLU to constantly strengthen its programs and student learning.”

For more information on accreditation, go to the Loma Linda University accreditation website at [www.llu.edu/central/assessment/index.page](http://www.llu.edu/central/assessment/index.page).

Loma Linda University Medical Center tops 40 other hospitals in new metro-area rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report* on March 29. Covering the expansive Riverside–San Bernardino area, the rankings note LLUMC’s high performance in seven specialties — cancer; diabetes and endocrinology; ear, nose, and throat; gynecology; kidney disorders; pulmonary care; and urology — nearly half of the 16 specialty categories considered.

“Our mission to further the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ fuels us to strive for the best in all that we do for our patients,” says LLUMC CEO Ruthita Fike, MA. “The ranking recognizes the hard work and exceptional skill of our doctors and staff.”

To be considered for ranking, a hospital first had to score in the top 25 percent nationwide of hospitals with the same specialty. Hospitals meeting this requirement — and located in metro areas with populations exceeding 1 million — were compared against their neighbors. Only 622 out of the nation’s 4,852 hospitals qualified for the rankings.

“All of these hospitals provide first-rate care for the majority of patients, even those with serious conditions or who need demanding procedures,” said Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “The new Best Hospitals metro ranking can tell you which hospitals are worth considering for most medical problems if you live in or near a major metro area.”

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**CHANDLER HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE FAIR** (May 1) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 1188 W. Galveston St., Chandler. Features MOM (Mobile On-site Mammography). To make an appointment and verify insurance, call 480-967-3767.

**TAA ACRO HOME SHOW** (May 7) 8 p.m. Academy gym, 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Info: 480-948-3300.

**TAA SPRING CONCERT** (May 14) 8 p.m. 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Info: 480-948-3300.

**RAW FOODS POTLUCK SUPPER** (May 14) 6:30 p.m. Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix. Newcomers: Please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. For recipe ideas, visit www.hacres.com. Info: Stanhowerton@excite.com.

**SPRING PROGRAM** (May 19) Thunderbird Christian Elementary, 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Info: 480-991-6705.

**PATHFINDER FAIR AND CAMPOREE** (May 19-21) Info: Corina Dupper, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

**TCE GRADUATION** (May 26) Thunderbird Christian Elementary, 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Info: 480-991-6705.

**TAA GRADUATION** (May 27-28) Info: 480-948-3300.

**Central California**

**FULL PLATE DIET SEMINAR** (May 1) 10 a.m.-noon, Central California Conference. Guest speaker will be from the Life Style Center. Info: Ministries Department, 559-347-3176 or ministries@cccsda.org.

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING** (May 1) Central California Conference. Info: Ministries Department, 559-347-3176 or ministries@cccsda.org.

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS** (May 1-4) Soquel Volunteer Project. Come help get the campground ready for camp meeting. Bring your own bedding to stay in the cabins or bring your RV. Meals (are provided) start on Sunday for lunch.

Info: Caron, 559-347-3181 or coswald@cccsda.org.

**PATHFINDER FAIR** (May 13-15) Central Valley Christian Academy. Info: Norma, 559-347-3174 or nvillarreal@cccsda.org.

**SENIOR CITIZEN SEMINAR** (May 14) 3-6 p.m. Central California Conference. Guest speakers: Silvia Flores and Steve Horton. Info: Ministries Department, 559-347-3176 or ministries@cccsda.org.

**PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING** (May 15) 10 a.m.-noon, Central California Conference. Info: Ministries Department, 559-347-3176 or ministries@cccsda.org.

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS** (May 15-18) Camp Wawona Volunteer Project. Come help us assemble the Yurts Cabins. We need at least 35 people on Sunday. Bring your own bedding to stay in the cabins. Meals (provided) start on Sunday for lunch. Info: Caron, 559-347-3181 or coswald@cccsda.org.

**PARENTING SEMINAR** (May 21) 3-6 p.m. Central California Conference. Guest speaker: Pierre Steenberg. Info: Ministries Department, 559-347-3176 or ministries@cccsda.org.

**HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT** (May 27-30) Camp Wawona. Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

**YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE** (May 28-Sept. 3 except July 16) Lower River Amphitheater. Sponsored by CCC. Info: Edie and Ray DeFehr, 209-586-4325 or rayandedie@mlode.com.

**La Sierra University**

**JURIED ART STUDENTS EXHIBITION** (May 2-12) Brandstater Gallery.

**CHORAL HOME CONCERT** (May 14) 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

**"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"** (May 11, 12, 14, 15) Matheson. Info: 951-785-2274 or LSUDrama@lasierra.edu.

**SPRING WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT** (May 21) 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

**ART SENIORS SHOW** (June 6-18) Brandstater Gallery.

**FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP.** Fridays at 8 p.m. Info: 951-785-2090.

**Nevada-Utah**

**NORTHERN NEVADA Youth/Young Adult Rally** (May 13-14) James Black, speaker. Theme: What Am I Worth? Info: PastorHallSDA30@yahoo.com or 775-322-6929.

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**PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER CAMPOREE** (June 16-19) Las Vegas. Speaker: Willy Ramos. Info: PastorHallSDA30@yahoo.com or 775-322-6929.

**Northern California**

**PATHFINDER FAIR** (May 1) Napa Christian Campus of Education, 2201 Pine Street, Napa. Info: Youth Ministries Department, 925-603-5080.

**WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION** (May 7) Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave. All women are invited. Info: Melodie Germany-Wilson, 916-381-5353.

**WOMEN'S DAY** (May 7) Fairfield Community church, 1101 E. Tabor Ave. Speaker: Cynthia Brame and Fairfield Women of Praise. Info: 707-426-6720.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES RETREAT** (May 8-11) Leoni Meadows. "Amazing Grace." Info: Community Services Department, 925-603-5073.

**PACIFIC INSTITUTE LAY TRAINING** (May 15) 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. NCC Headquarters, 401 Taylor Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Info: 925-603-5032.

**VEGAN COOKING CLASS** (May 15) 1-3 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave. Info: Karen Johnson, 916-381-5353.

**WEEKEND EVENT** (May 20, 21) Fairfield Community church, 1101 E. Tabor Ave. Speaker and singer John Lomacang from 3ABN. Friday sunset program, Sabbath morning, Sabbath afternoon concert. Info: 707-426-6720.

**THANKSGIVING IN MAY** (May 22) 2-7 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave. Bringing the Thanksgiving atmosphere to the homeless by providing meals, personal hygiene items and spiritual music. Info: Reginald Horton, 916-381-5353.

**FILIPINO CAMP MEETING** (May 27-29) Leoni Meadows. "Overcoming." Speakers: Ben Maxson, Dexter Thomas, George Atiga. Also programs for children and youth. Info: William Gemora, 209-952-7866 or wegemora@sbcglobal.net.

**Pacific Union College**

**STUDENT WEEK OF PRAYER** (May 2-7) Student Association, PUC Church Sanctuary. Program times vary. Info: 707-965-6303.

**RASMUSSEN ART GALLERY OPENING** (May 14) Visual art students present their thesis exhibitions. Opening reception 7 p.m. Show runs through June 6.

**ORCHESTRA CONCERT** (May 15) 7 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. Info: 707-965-6303.

**CHOIRS CONCERT** (May 21) 4 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. Info: 707-965-6303.

**BIRD WATCHING AT ALBION FIELD STATION** (May 20-22) PUC's beautiful satellite campus on the Mendocino Coast hosts a weekend bird watching workshop. Info: 707-937-5440.

**SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE** (May 22) 7 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. Info: 707-965-6303.

**PUC CONSTITUENCY MEETING** (June 1) 1:30-5:30 p.m., PUC Fireside Room. Constituent members will review the audited financial statement of the previous period, review the President's Report, elect new trustees, and transact such other business as may properly come before the constituency. Ricardo B. Graham, D.Min., Board Chair; Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., Board Secretary. Contact: 707-965-6211.

**GRADUATION WEEKEND** (June 10-12) Join us in celebrating PUC's graduating class of 2011. Commencement ceremony is Sunday at 9 a.m.

**ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE** (June 19-23) "Adaptation: Core Values in a Changing World." Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif. Librarians and Information Professionals are invited to visit <http://spinerger.southern.edu/asdalhere/> for conference information or contact Lauren Matacio, [matacio@andrews.edu](mailto:matacio@andrews.edu) or 269-471-6062.

**Southeastern California**

**BIG BEAR SERVICES** (weekly) Members of the Big Bear Valley church invite visitors vacationing in the area to join them for Sabbath services. 349 E. North Shore Dr., Big Bear City. Info: 909-547-6115.

**"DAMIEN"** (May 7) 5 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. One-man play on the life of Father Damien.

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC ENSEMBLES** (May 14) 5 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda.

**SECC SPRING RETIREE RETREAT** (May 16-18) Pine Springs Ranch. Speakers: 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.

**STEVE DARMODY CONCERT** (May 21) 10:45 a.m., Palm Springs church, 620 Sunrise Way, Palm Springs. Info: 760-327-5112.

**LLU CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT** (May 21) 5 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda.

**LOMA LINDA ACADEMY** "Canticles" and "Pro Musica" Spring Concert (May 28) 5 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda.

**CAMP MEETING 2011** (June 22-25) Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange St., Riverside. Info: 951-509-2298.

**VIETNAMESE CAMP MEETING** (June 24-26) McGrath State Beach, Oxnard. Info: 714-557-7999.

**NORTH AMERICAN CHINESE CAMP MEETING** (July 1-3) Camp Cedar Falls, Angelus Oaks. Info: <http://losangeleschinese.adventistfaith.org/2011-campmeeting>.

**Southern California**

**63RD SCC CONSTITUENCY SESSION** (May 15) 7:55 a.m.-1 p.m. or until business is completed, White Memorial Church, 401 State Street, Los Angeles, 90033. The purpose of this session is to receive reports, 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. Info: [sccsession.org](http://sccsession.org).

**SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** (May 23-24) Participants will learn how to integrate solid biblical leadership principles into their leadership roles. Speakers: Henry Blackaby, author, *Experiencing God*; Richard Blackaby, president, Blackaby Ministries Int'l; Rick Fisher MRE, exec. dir., Sustainable Wellness Solutions. Azusa Pacific University, 901 E. Alosta Ave., Azusa. Sponsored by SCC and the California Southern Baptist Convention. Info: [spiritualleadershipwest.com](http://spiritualleadershipwest.com).

**ONE, SECC/SCC YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** (May 27-29) for collegiates/young professionals on relationships with self, others and God. Featuring Matthew Gamble, Erylene Piper-Mandy Ph.D.; Jonathon Park and David Richardson. Music by Attic Worship Band. Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Road, Mountain Center 92561. Register by May 9 at [www.seccyouth.com](http://www.seccyouth.com). Info: 951-509-2260; [syaa@seccsda.org](mailto:syaa@seccsda.org).

**L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM** (May 28) 3 p.m. "A Denominational Crisis and Its Aftermath in the Life of One Minister." Speaker, Smuts van Rooyen, Ph.D., senior pastor, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale. Info: 818-244-7241.

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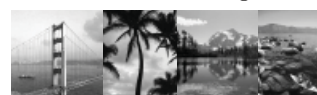
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**MADISON COLLEGE** Alumni Association Homecoming (June 24-26) Honor classes '41, '46, '51, '56, '61. Info: Jim Culpepper, 615-415-1925.

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**ANDERSON, IRIS EVELYN** – b. Oct. 7, 1932, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Feb. 24, 2011, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: husband, Frederick; sons, Jeffrey, Mark; daughter, Karin Haynes.

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

**BALDWIN, DALTON** – b. April 12, 1925, Angwin, Calif.; d. March 21, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Barbara; son, Duane; daughters, Cheryl Goyne, Yvonne Foster; eight grandchildren. Served as a professor in the Loma Linda University Religion Department.

**CHAFFIN, THERESA** – b. Nov. 29, 1912, Casamassima, Italy; d. Oct. 25, 2010, Mariposa, Calif.

Survivors: daughters, Eunice Burgess, Janice Isaac; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

**CHAVEZ, VICTORIA (PEREA)** – b. April 18, 1911, Valencia, N.M.; d. Nov. 30, 2010, Concord, Calif. Survivors: sons, Samuel, Orlando; daughter, Martha Baker; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

**COLEMAN, VIOLET** – b. May 4, 1925, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Nov. 10, 2010, Ninilchik, Ala. Survivors: husband, Wayne; sons, Bernie, Ron, Andy, Larry; daughters, Waynette, Ronda; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

**DALE, DOLORES FRANCES (HINDS)** – b. March 25, 1929, Newport, Wash.; d. Feb. 18, 2011, Redding, Calif. Survivors: husband, Everett; son, Veldon; daughters, Kathryn Boyle, Diana Powell, Celeste Price; stepdaughter, Kimberley Hemenway; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

**DERBIGNY, ANNIE MAE** – b. Sept. 2, 1928, Emerson, Ark.; d. March 4, 2011, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: husband, Arthur; daughter, Monica; one grandchild.

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wife, Ohn Sein; son, Victor; daughter, Ruby Batin; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**DUSEK, GERTRUDE M. (PITMAN)** – b. Jan. 1, 1925, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Oct. 19, 2010, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Kathleen; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**FERRARI, ODARIO** – b. Feb. 4, 1928, Minas Gerais, Brazil; d. May 11, 2010, Laguna Hills, Calif. Survivors: wife, Elma; sons, Wesley, Charles, William; two grandsons.

**GATES, JAMES E.** – b. July 7, 1934, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Feb. 10, 2011, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Dora; sons, Jim, Ken, Jeff; sister, Susie Lutz; seven grandchildren.

**GIESEN, FRANK JACOB** – b. May 18, 1928, Radville, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. March 17, 2011, Sun City, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Doris; daughter, Gail Tooke; sisters, Helen Lewis, Elsie Mathews; two grandchildren.

**HAMMER, FRANCIS K.** – b. April 18, 1920, Pottsville, Pa.; d. Sept. 24, 2010, Victorville, Calif. Survivors: son, Timothy; daughters, Judith F. Metzner, Eileen D. Lewis; one grandchild.

**HARDT, ELLEN A. (PRIEST)** – b. July 18, 1921, Wichita, Kan.; d. Feb. 4, 2011, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: son, Stan;

daughter, Bev Krick; brother, Robert Priest. Served as a schoolteacher and clerk at Boulder Memorial Hospital in Colorado.

*Correction:* **HOATSON, DENVER (BILL) M.** – b. May 20, 1927, Excelsior Springs, Mo.; d. July 2, 2010, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mary; sons, Larry, Robert; one grandchild.

**HOLLAND, VERLEAN LOVON "LYNN"** – b. Jan. 8, 1939, Little Rock, Ark.; d. Feb. 22, 2011, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Howard Spears; daughters, Mary Spears, Diane Johnson, Cheryl Fultz, Debra Middleton; 28 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren.

**JOHNSON, MABEL RUTH (HARRIS)** – b. April 6, 1917, Choteau, Mont.; d. Feb. 16, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Melua Lorenz.

**KELLY, CLARISE (COTTON)** – b. June 24, 1921, Damascus, Ore.; d. Sept. 16, 2010, Mariposa, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert Jr., Michael; daughters, Kathi Lockett, Janet Fiorello, Pamela; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**LEGASSIE, BRUCE C.** – b. May 3, 1944, Franklin, N.H.; d. Feb. 23, 2011, Anderson, Calif. Survivors: wife, Karen; sons, Bruce, Matthew, Luke; daughters, Bonnie Sheehy, Becky, Melonnie; 15 grandchildren.

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**McFARLAND, J. WAYNE** — b. Aug. 11, Brawley, Calif.; d. March 14, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Patricia Anne Foll, Margaret McFarland; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Speaker, author, and advocate for better health. In 1960 he was cofounder of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, which helped more than 20 million people around the world kick the smoking habit.

**MCRAE, HELEN VIRGINIA (BELT)** — b. April 29, 1935, Columbus, Ga.; d. Feb. 7, 2011, La Habra, Calif. Survivors: son, Ken; daughter, Kim; two grandchildren; brother, Ed; two sisters, Marie, Loretta.

**MOHR, RICKY WAYNE** — b. March 29, 1964, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Oct. 25, 2010, Moreno Valley, Calif. Survivors: father, Ted Mohr; mother, June Mohr; brother, Daniel Mohr; sister, Tamara Mohr.

*Correction:* **OWENS, GEORGE** — b. March 29, 1933, Loma Linda, Calif. d.; Oct. 11, 2010, Santa Maria, Calif. Survivors: wife, Diane; sons, Robert, Charles, Max; two grandchildren.

**PEFLEY, PHYLLIS Y. (HALL)** — b. March 18, 1923, Medford, Ore.; d. Feb. 1, 2011, Somerset, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jack, James; daughters, Judy Hensley, Janet Bedrossian; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

**POPPELREITER, HARRY** — b. March 13, 1933, Glendale, Calif.; d. Feb. 13, 2011, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lois; son, Lewis; stepson, Steven Braswell; daughters, Sandra Peart, Kelly Poppelreiter, Elizabeth Banks; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

**PROVONSHA, FRANCES ELINOR (BYROAD)** — b. Feb. 13, 1916, Indianapolis, Ind.; d. Jan. 20, 2011, Angwin, Calif. Survivors: son, Larry; daughter, Judy Larson; five grandchildren.

**REIBER, ANNA M.** — b. Aug. 17, 1924, Jefferson, Texas; d. Jan. 14, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Cliff Ford; sons, Michael, Nicholas, Gregory; daughter, Sandra; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**ROBERTSON, DORIS LENORE WOOD** — b. Dec. 17, 1914, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. Jan. 25, 2011, Sun City, Ariz. Survivors: sons, Claude, Ralph; daughter, Virginia Wilson; five granddaughters, three great-grandsons.

**ROBINSON, ELLEN** — b. May 31, 1921, Providence Island; d. Jan. 30, 2011, Colton, Calif. Survivor: nephew, Dulcico.

**RUMINSON, MARIE (JACKSON)** — b. April 9, 1919, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. Feb. 28, 2011, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: sons, Glenn, Ron; daughters, Donna Dodds, LouAnne Aaen; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

**SAMOJLUK, CARLOS** — b. Jan. 13, 1960, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. March 19, 2011, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Karen; son, Nick; daughter, Ashley.

**STRINGER, FREDRICKA FRANCES** — b. Jan. 25, 1913, Blocksburg, Calif.; d. Feb. 25, 2011, Cloverdale, Calif.

**SUNDIN, LAURA M.** — b. Nov. 10, 1908, Worcester, Mass.; d. March 12, 2011, Chico, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Sandra Pooley; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**TRUITT, RALPH** — b. March 13, 1920, Ponce, Puerto Rico; d. March 2, 2011, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: wife, Joyce; son, Richard; daughters, Ardeth Mattison, Barbara Holm; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

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	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Alturas	8:06	8:13	8:20	8:26
Angwin	8:07	8:13	8:19	8:25
Calexico	7:28	7:33	7:37	7:42
Chico	8:07	8:14	8:20	8:26
Eureka	8:19	8:26	8:32	8:38
Fresno	7:52	7:58	8:04	8:09
Hilo	6:46	6:49	6:52	6:54
Honolulu	6:59	7:02	7:05	7:08
Las Vegas	7:33	7:39	7:44	7:49
Lodi	8:01	8:07	8:13	8:19
Loma Linda	7:37	7:42	7:47	7:52
Los Angeles	7:41	7:47	7:52	7:57
Moab	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:32
Oakland	8:04	8:10	8:16	8:22
Phoenix	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:30
Reno	7:58	8:05	8:11	8:17
Riverside	7:37	7:43	7:48	7:53
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