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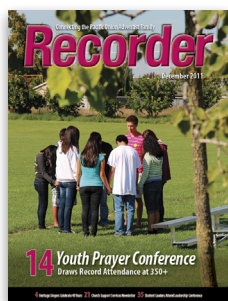
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Praise Along the Way

Bradford C. Newton



We have a witness from David in Psalm 18:3 as he sings of his deliverance from King Saul, “I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies.” Notice how he connects calling, praising and deliverance. There is a lot here for believers to apply as the drama of the ages nears the final curtain.

I have lately been studying role models of praise in Scripture and find God’s people facing down their trials with praise to the Lord. Every biblical story is unique, but they all share two commonalities.

First, God’s people throughout time adopted a praising-God lifestyle. Philippians 4:4 tells us, “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!” For Paul, it bears repeating that in trouble, joy, sadness or triumph, there is power in praising God. Do you know someone who seems eternally optimistic? I can recall several church leaders in my ministry who always found the silver lining in the clouds of trouble. “God finds the way” was their motto, and this praise-oriented perspective was infectious.

Second, our biblical role models reveal that habits of praise begin with the heart. The encounter with Jesus through His Word and private prayer solidifies His plan for life. Daily “praise” is nurtured in the heart of one who “prays.” There is no complicated formula here. Unhurried, prayerful reading of the inspired texts gives the Holy Spirit the opportunity to draw us to the Author of life. A new frame of reference — God’s view of our life — comes into focus. Praise emerges spontaneously through the day as His Spirit prompts us to look beyond the immediate and see the ultimate.

How do we make praising God a part of each day? Experience teaches me that it can be as simple as silently bringing a brief praise offering to our Heavenly Father as the hours unfold. Thanking Him for the kindnesses of another. Looking up to the sky and praising him for the azure hues that meet our eyes. Remembering that each breath is a gift of life from Jesus. Try setting your phone or watch alarm throughout the day with the message,

“Praise God.” You will be prompted to stop, take a breath, and remember the Creator. (I would love to hear from you about your own experiences with praise.)

It is no surprise to me that the book of Revelation — which contains the prophetic timelines of the last days — also gives us keys to praising God. John is taken in vision to the nerve center of the universe. Here we meet the earthly representatives of redeemed humanity — the 24 elders sitting on thrones — at strategic times in Revelation 4, 5 and 11. The content of their praise is custom tailored to reinforce a lifestyle of praise for the recipients of this prophecy. Their adoration contains three thematic elements intended to guide God’s people successfully through the deceptions and trials of the end.

The lyrics of their song in Revelation 4:11 focus upon God as Creator. Their praise in 5:9-10 speak of the Redeemer that ransoms humanity thus making us “kings and priests.” And finally, 11:16-18 holds the warning of impending judgment upon earth’s inhabitants. Not surprisingly, the themes of creator, redeemer and judge are also recorded in 14:6-12 — the three angels’ messages.

The 24 elders are in heaven this very moment praising God. Let’s join them! On earth we can echo their joyous song of praise to God for creating us, redeeming us, and coming soon to make it all right. “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord” (Psalm 150:6).

“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies” (Psalm 18:3). In trouble, joy, sadness or triumph, there is power in praising God.



Heritage Singers Celebrate 40 Years

Julie Lorenz

When the Heritage Singers presented their first concert on June 4, 1971, in Yakima, Wash., Richard Nixon was president, gas was 36 cents a gallon, and The Carpenters had just won a Grammy award for Best New Artist. So much of the world has changed in the intervening decades, but amazingly, the Heritage Singers have been performing and recording ever since. More than 250 vocalists have been part of the group through the years, but it still has that recognizable “Heritage sound”—smooth chords and close harmonies.

This year, the Heritage Singers celebrate 40 years of ministry. Based in the Northern California

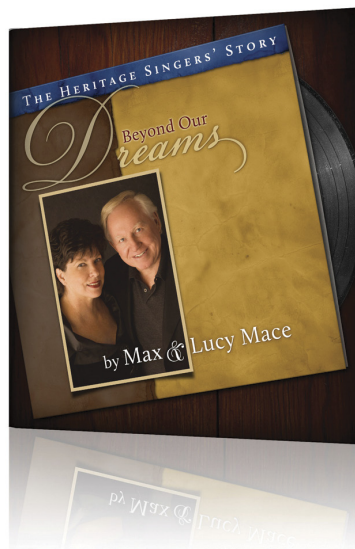
Conference, they have recorded more than 100 albums and toured to 70-plus countries, performing for audiences as large as 70,000. Several generations of Adventists feel that

they personally know founders Max and Lucy Mace, their son Greg and daughter Valerie.

I Just Feel Like Something Good Is About to Happen

In the early 1970s, Max and Lucy were living with their young children in Portland, Ore., and working in a medical laboratory. Max was leading a singing group, the Rose City Singers, which he had started to promote the lab. For four years, they performed patriotic, folk and religious music throughout the Northwest.

The Maces had a comfortable life, but Max felt the Lord calling him to start a group that would sing for Him full time. “You want





to do WHAT?" asked Lucy. When she realized how serious he was, she said, "Max, if you really believe God is calling you to do this, I'm behind you."

Max began recruiting musicians, including some of the Rose City Singers. Those who decided to join the self-supporting ministry met together every weekend to practice. When Max asked each singer to submit possible names for the new group, one of them, Gerry Leiske, suggested Heritage Singers.

The lab employees gave their company three months' notice of their upcoming resignations, but they were soon fired for lack of "loyalty." It was the first of many challenges that the Maces took to the Lord and then witnessed a dramatic answer. The Labor Department found the lab had improperly terminated them, so they received unemployment benefits while they prepared for their first tour.

During that time, the Maces saw God's hand intervening in many ways on their behalf as they raised money, recorded two albums, bought a used bus, assembled a sound system, and put together a performance wardrobe — all the while scheduling and promoting the tour. "Satan tried very hard to discourage us, but as things began falling into place, we realized that God was providing for our needs,"

said Max. "God was behind us and that assurance gave us the confidence to keep going."

Side by Side

During the first two decades of Heritage Singers, the makeup of the group changed every summer. Many of the singers were college students who



joined for a year or two, so Max was constantly on the lookout for new talent. Each August, the new team got together for "music camp" to learn to sing together. Good soloists don't always make effective ensemble singers, and Max had to use both his music and people skills to achieve a consistent Heritage

sound. While he worked on the music, Lucy took care of the practical preparations, such as creating new wardrobes and stocking albums for sale — as well as cooking for everyone.

After two weeks of training, the new group would get on the bus to crisscross the country. It wasn't a glamorous life. Most nights, singers stayed in the homes of church members, and they ate at a lot of potlucks. International tours were exciting, but jam-packed from morning until night. Their only



Since the original group in 1971, more than 250 vocalists have sung with the Heritage Singers.

Happiness Is the Lord

These days the Heritage Singers are no longer on the road full time. The current members live and work in diverse places and meet up for weekend concerts, recording sessions and special tours. Currently, there are about a dozen singers in the group, with seven or eight usually performing at each concert.

Since they have sung together for many years, it's much easier to learn new music — and a lot of fun for them to get together.

The Maces still anchor Heritage and keep entrusting their ministry

to God. They feel rewarded by the thousands of people who have come forward at concerts to give their lives to Him. "What an honor it is to invite people to know Jesus," said Max. "I want the entire world to know what I have found in Jesus, and the Heritage Singers share that with everyone at our concerts."

Their music not only ministers to audiences, but also to the singers. "It's amazing to me how you can love a song and sing it night after night, but when you're going through something difficult the song takes on a whole new meaning," said Val.

People who meet the Mace family are struck by their genuine love for the Lord and their concern for those who are hurting. "God has called us to strengthen, encourage and uplift His people," said Max. "Jesus still offers His vibrant power and life in place of our struggles. And sometimes it takes a song to get that message across."

break from touring was two weeks at Christmas.

At first, the group had no headquarters other than the bus, but later they purchased an old ranch property outside of Placerville. Eventually, a lodge was built to house an office, rooms for the singers, an apartment for the Maces, and a recording studio. The Heritage Ranch has been home base ever since, and the Mace family has been part of the local Adventist community.

As they grew up, Greg and Val became integral and effective parts of their family's ministry. Today, Greg is the sound engineer for Heritage and the owner of a sound and lighting company. He is married to Adriane, a singer, and they have two daughters, Amber and Isabella. Val, who has sung with the group ever since childhood, is married to Art Mapa, who oversees all Heritage studio productions. They have a teenaged son, Austin.

God's Wonderful People: Discover More about the Heritage Singers

- Check out their new website: www.heritatesingers.com — The site includes pictures, bios, Internet specials, concert schedules, downloadable music and more. A new section features video devotionals presented by various singers.
- Read *Beyond Our Dreams: The Heritage Singers Story* by Max and Lucy Mace, with Joanne Velting Mullin — This book includes more than 200 pages of photos, interviews with past and current singers, behind-the-scenes stories, and much more.
- Like them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HeritageSingersOfficial — Listeners' feedback is important to the Heritage Singers. Several years ago, when they asked for people to name their favorite Heritage songs, thousands responded. From that list came "The People's Choice," a triple CD of the top 40 favorite Heritage Singers songs.
- Follow them on Twitter — <http://twitter.com/#!/heritatesingers>
- Explore their YouTube channel — www.youtube.com/user/utubeavil





Annual NCC African-American Convocation Continues to Inspire

Kathy M. Batchelor

On an early autumn weekend, nearly 1,800 people came together to be reminded of God's power to transform lives. "God Restores" was the theme of the 33rd annual Northern California Conference African-American Convocation, held at two locations in Stockton on Friday and Sabbath, Oct. 7 and 8.

The weekend's keynote speaker was Calvin Watkins Sr., director of personal ministries, community services and inner city ministries for the South Atlantic Conference. He spoke for the Friday night service held at the Valley Community church and also for the Sabbath morning service at Christian Life Center.

Many attendees expressed how blessed they were by his message and his unique way of delivering pertinent truths for these times. "The sermon was exactly what

I needed to hear," said Pittsburg church member Denise Woods. "It even allowed me to help my nephew get a better understanding of a subject in the Bible that we had discussed previously."

Damian Chandler, associate pastor of the Madison Mission church in Huntsville, Ala., spoke to the youth at the convocation.

"He had a nice way of reaching out to the young people," said 10th-grader Marianna Taylor from the Oakland-Elmhurst church. "It was not over our heads, and we got it!"

NCC Executive Secretary Marc Woodson delivered the message for the early Sabbath Morning Manna service. "The attendance at all of the services was the best we've had in the past three years, and Morning Manna's attendance this year was the largest we have ever had," said Virgil Childs, NCC African-American ministries coordinator.

"We asked God to generously pour out His Spirit on the gathering, that it would be a deeply empowering and energizing time," said NCC President Jim Pedersen. "I was blessed. It's wonderful to come together with the saints of God."

The convocation also had plenty of good music. In addition to

Roy and Sheila Sykes



Vallejo-Berea church Pastor J. L. Thompson congratulates youth from his church who won the Bible Quiz-a-Rama, based on the book of Matthew. "I felt ecstatic," said Thompson about the win. "Some of the team are newer members of the church, and the event helped them really get engaged in studying the Word."

musical praises from the Sacramento-Capitol City church choir, soprano Judy Dent added flavor to the event with renditions of songs from the past. The Lambs Plus Choir from the Oakland-Elmhurst church sang during the youth worship service.

Young people from area churches participated in the afternoon Bible Quiz-a-Rama. The 10 members of the Vallejo-Berea church team — led by Ronetta Morgan and captained by Danabel Wroe — took home the trophy. The convocation ended with a social in the gymnasium of the Christian Life Center. "People came together, stayed together, worshiped together, and even played together," said Childs. "It was a truly a time of restoration."

Roy and Sheila Sykes



Calvin Watkins Sr. spoke at the Friday evening meeting and the Sabbath worship service.



Literacy Learning Circles Inspire Members

Tim Garrison

His eyes sparkled and a broad smile came across his face as he talked about learning to read and write for the first time in his 58 years of life. Grasping a ring of keys he said, “As a deacon, for years I have held the keys to the church, but now I am learning the keys to understanding the Word of God.” He is one of many who learned to read and write at a Hope for Humanity literacy school.

In many parts of the world where the church is growing fast, church leaders are discovering a serious problem: illiteracy is preventing members from reading their Bibles or Sabbath school lessons, and from functioning successfully in society. More than three million Adventists worldwide cannot read or write; nearly one billion people are illiterate.

Southern California Conference pastors and members from more than 15 churches have traveled in recent years to Central America as part of the North American Division’s Hope for Humanity literacy

program. In five separate trips to Nicaragua and El Salvador, pastors and church members have seen Hope for Humanity’s Learning Circles and talked with students, teachers and leaders about this life-changing work. On these trips, the North Americans do not erect buildings or hold evangelistic meetings; instead they “bless” the people, listening to them, encouraging them and praying for them; then they return home and raise money to help pay for notebooks, pencils, whiteboards and other supplies for the volunteer teachers.

“I was so overwhelmed with the dedication of the teachers and the amazing change it brings to the life of the students,” said Moorpark Community member Nancy Vargas.

“It is the work of Christ when we help people learn to read the Bible. What a joy it is to see that our church is doing this work,” commented Long Beach Pastor Michael Elias.

In El Salvador alone, HFH sponsors more than 60 Learning Circles, with about 20 adult pupils, mostly women, in each school. The results are gratifying: graduates can earn money and shop in the markets, and their children live longer and



Gerry Chudleigh

Deacon in Adventist church tells Moorpark member Wilma Dulla how he learned to read in a Learning Circle in El Salvador.

finish school more often. A United Nations study shows that “a one percent rise in women’s literacy is three times more likely to reduce deaths in children than a one percent rise in the number of doctors.”

The impact of these trips on local churches has been remarkable. Recently, Moorpark Community church, with fewer than 100 members, presented a check for \$5,000 to support the work of Hope for Humanity. “Two of our members traveled to El Salvador and Nicaragua, and their reports to our members inspired them to support this vital work,” said Pastor Tim Garrison.

Hope for Humanity supports more than 800 Literacy Learning Circles in 11 countries and has, to date, helped nearly 90,000 people learn to read and write. For more information and to watch videos on the Literacy Learning Circles, go to www.hope4.com.

Denny Kim



Moorpark Pastor Tim Garrison presents a \$5,000 check to Maitland DiPinto, Hope for Humanity director.



LIFE Hispanic Youth Evangelism Makes Disciples

Betty Cooney

Hispanic Youth Ministry (HYM) leaders coordinated a successful LIFE discipleship small group campaign March through July 2011. More than 200 youth leaders and assistants were involved in a campaign blessed with 47 baptisms. Youth pastors from Oregon, Southeastern California Conference, Argentina, Mexico, New York and other conferences were the speakers for the concluding week of meetings.

Small-group leaders had their primary leadership tool on their cell phones. Young adult pastors had developed an app with complete materials for small groups for the iPhone and Android phones. "This small app had lessons about decision making, how to be better disciples and about life choices," said Erik Barrios, AY leader of the Alpha and Omega Spanish church in Lancaster. "The app was awesome!"

Barrios, assisted by Luigi Cruz and Gerson Anaya, led a weekly group with nearly 20 young adults and high school students. "During the final week of our meetings," he reported, "a young man of 18 who had attended church for 10 years with his family surprised everyone by reaching for a baptismal robe. No one had expected it, so the meetings impacted his family

and the whole church in an amazing way."

"Our group became like a family," said Gabriel Sanchez of the Fontana church in Southeastern California Conference. "We ended up meeting three times a week for different activities! We had four baptisms from our group."

"Two of these were classmates of members. Alex liked to play

the piano, so we encouraged him to play at the church and got him involved with the praise team. Elias was also baptized. He had come to our small group during a very difficult time at home and was surprised when the group celebrated his birthday. Both young men wanted to learn more about the Bible.

A rally in Forest Lawn's Hall of Liberty in Hollywood Hills celebrated the year's combined evangelistic efforts, with about 1,300 youth attending. Young people left the rally inspired by the 2012 Challenge: "Next year, we are planning to baptize 200 young people," said Pablo Gaitan, LIFE and HYM coordinator and associate pastor, San Fernando Spanish church. "We will hold 40 apostolic church meetings. The idea is to have young lay people hold a week of evangelism in the comfort of their own homes. We will prepare them so they can preach a series called REAL, which will have an interactive small group curriculum, a book, DVD and a web application designed by SCC and Oregon Conference youth pastors. Evangelist Mark Finley will preach at the end of this week of evangelism at Forest Lawn on Aug. 11, 2012."



At the close of the campaign, an additional 75 young adults made decisions for future baptisms. Nineteen of these were baptized during the HYM retreat at Camp Cedar Falls to celebrate the year-round-LIFE-youth evangelistic efforts.



Simi Valley Ministry Center Ministers to Church and School

Betty Cooney

A ribbon cutting on Oct. 22 at the Simi Valley Elementary School marked the official opening of a Ministry Center bonding the Simi Valley church and school in a closer and more collaborative relationship than had been possible before. The Center includes offices for both Pastor Phil White and Associate Pastor Jan White, and Briana Beatty, the administrative assistant for both the school and the church.

“Since my arrival in Simi Valley in 2005, I had a vision of turning our extra fireside room into offices for the church,” said Principal Tim Kripps. “I felt that, since the church and school share a secretary and copy machine, it was a great inconvenience for the secretary to have to go back and forth between two offices. It also made it hard on church members to contact the secretary. When the secretary wasn’t in the school office, there was nobody to answer the school phone or greet potential students.

“Having the pastors and secretary in the school full time makes our school safer,” Kripps added. “School staff members feel more like colleagues with the pastors. Once a week, a staff worship includes the teachers, pastors and administrative assistant. When planning church or school events, everyone is more aware of what is happening so that we don’t double-book dates.”

“I’m a people person,” said Phil White. Jan White shares her

C. Elwyn Pleiner



At the ribbon cutting (l. to r.) Pastor Jan White; Marshall Chase, an elder; Richard Roethler, West Region director; Pastor Phil White; Velino Salazar, SCC Executive Secretary; Rita Henriquez-Green, associate superintendent, SCC Education Dept.; Principal Tim Kripps.

husband’s interest in and love for people. The Whites’ desire to be near and accessible to people led to their wholehearted affirmation of Kripps’ vision of shared offices.

“Not all of church happens in the church,” said Jan. “Having our offices available to church members offers a choice to those who prefer an office visit to a home visit. Our goal was to make the offices warm

and welcoming, to be a safe place for individuals wanting counseling, prayer or Bible studies.”

“The Ministry Center creates a great possibility for the church to become significant in the lives of people,” added Pastor Phil. “I find I am spending more time in my office than in any other church that I have pastored. There is always a lot of activity here.”



SCC Young Adults Come Together in One House

Betty Cooney

The One House Project” brought together about 1,000 young adults reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of Southern California Conference on Oct. 22. The event was held in the Hall of Liberty at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

“We had hundreds of young adults of different ethnicities worshipping together,” said Chris Famisaran, a young adult pastor and a member of the One House leadership team. “I haven’t been around that many young adults since college. It was spiritually rewarding to see that everyone wanted to

That togetherness and excitement had an effect on the audience. “A lady talked to me about her 22-year-old son who had been in the L.A. area for a year with no connection to the church,” said Gerard Kiemeney, director, L.A. Metro Region and SCC Youth and Young Adult ministry. “After attending One House, he decided to start attending.”



Pastor Iki Taimi spoke on the parable of The Lost Coin. “I spoke about its value to the woman searching for it, because it was lost in the house. We don’t find real value until we connect with Christ.”



Among the musicians for One House were the Genesis Praise Team (l. to r.) Chris Mack, Asher Palmer, Judy Samana, Linda Mack, DeAnne Knipschild, Renee Hess. Luke Brooks (not shown) was the guitarist.



(L. to r.) Pastors Eustace Laurie and Pablo Gaitan announced the winner of an iPad: Jacqueline Chang of the Palmdale church.

come together and worship as one family.”

Arleene Estrada, youth pastor of the Van Nuys church and also on the leadership team, agreed. “Just meeting together, they could see that there’s something bigger than just our church or our region,” she reflected.

“With the response we have seen,” said Iki Taimi, pastor of the Genesis Group and coordinator of the SCC Pheron committee, “we plan a larger event in the future, with well-known speakers and workshops on postmodern ministry and tools for church and professional life.”

“It was a blessing to be able to work with pastors from other regions,” acknowledged Eustace Laurie, associate pastor, Altadena

church. “I’m excited to see what God has in store for us next!”

Other leaders of the One House Project include Pastors Anthony Paschal, youth pastor, All Nations church; Cherise Gardner, associate pastor, Glendale City church; and Pablo Gaitan, associate pastor, San Fernando Spanish church and One House Project chair.

“The project grew out of a conversation among SCC pre-ordained pastors,” Gaitan said. “We decided that if we were going to reach young adults, we must do it together, in One House. One year after that conversation, we had an amazing beginning of the One House Project.”

Camelback Church Closes Its Doors

One-Day Lock-out Makes a Difference

Phil Draper

Riding the wave of excitement created by their recent mission trip to Honduras, where 90 members built 10 One-Day Schools, Camelback pastors Charles White, Steve Salsberry and Benjamin Lundquist put their heads together to involve more of their members in ministry. They wanted to share this spiritual high with their community in Phoenix, Ariz.

The pastoral team began brainstorming. How could they get their members involved in local community projects — all at the same time? Make A Difference Day, a nationwide community service day slated for Oct. 22, 2011, seemed like a perfect time to launch their project.

“We decided to close the doors of the church for the main worship service and go out into the community on a personal basis,” said White, “and Love Your Community Sabbath was born. This is the first time in my entire ministry when



Teams visited local parks disinfecting playground equipment and offering to pray with park goers.



Photos by Benjamin Lundquist

During Love Your Community Sabbath, local firefighters asked for prayers for their families.

I’ve left the pulpit and instructed the deacons to lock the church doors on Sabbath morning! We often preach about being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community, but how many times do churches actually provide opportunities for this to happen?”

Organizers considered the needs of the community and planned 14 different ministries to involve members of all ages in outreach.

“If the Camelback church could become active in meeting the needs of their community, what kind of kingdom impact could be made?” Salsberry said. “So we decided to spend a day worshipping Jesus through service.”

“Community service begins with listening, not just making plans,” explained Lundquist. “Members need to open their eyes and ears to the real needs of their communities,

and not merely assume that what a community needs is what the church is currently offering. Often we offer the services we’re good at, things that come most naturally to us, while overlooking the deeper needs that are crying for our attention.”

Projects included:

- Taking therapy dogs to nursing homes
- Distributing water on hiking trails
- Disinfecting playgrounds at community parks
- Feeding the homeless
- Praying and affirmation at fire departments
- Visiting shut-ins
- Drive-through prayer ministry
- Distributing GLOW tracts
- Writing letters



The goal of each ministry was to worship Jesus through service to others with as much face-to-face time as possible. Personal prayers and encouragement were a part of each witnessing event.

“We wanted to get to know our community, and we wanted our community to get to know Jesus through us,” explained White.

Nearly 300 members and guests participated in Love Your Community Sabbath.

“There was such a feeling of purpose and teamwork on that Sabbath morning,” said White. “You could just feel the energy of a church united for a common purpose.”

Some members took this as a unique opportunity to invite friends and relatives, some of whom hadn't been to church in many years.

“I would like to be a part of a church who does this kind of work for their community,” said Leon, a guest.

Tree trimmer Pat Leo and his wife, Sally, prayer walked through the local parks, asking God to divinely bless this initiative. Pat, a former biker and reformed drug user, is grateful for his own life transformation, and wants to share Jesus with others.

“This was such an amazing experience that when we do it again, there will be so many people we won't have enough ministries to go around,” said Merv Williams,

Camelback head deacon. “This type of ministry is going to explode.”

“Firemen from the community were shocked that a church would come by uninvited to thank them for what they do in the community,” said Barry Wilkins. “I learned that firemen run a great risk for broken marriages and families with the average workweek at more than 60 hours. We were asked repeatedly to pray for the families of these firemen.”

Jeff Beal met someone who needed his help on a weekly basis. “We were part of the ministry that went to visit shut-ins in our community,” he explained. “As a result



Camelback member Pat Leo prayer walked through the parks on the morning of Love Your Community Sabbath. Here he offers a cool drink of water to hikers on mountain trails.

of Love Your Community Sabbath, we are now going to bring a shut-in who lives near our church on Sabbath mornings. We believe God set up that connection in advance.”

Mason Atkin led a large group of young adults to a local Phoenix



Trained dogs were welcomed eagerly by local retirement home residents.

homeless shelter. There they packed lunches and distributed food to the homeless. “This is what being a Christian is all about — getting into our community and loving it like Jesus would,” he said. “I wish our church would do this all the time.”

After completing their ministries, Camelback members returned to the church for a time of praise and thanksgiving to Jesus for their experiences. They concluded the day with a comprehensive slideshow of all 14 projects.

“I haven't seen Pastor White this excited about a church project in all the eight years I've been working as his associate,” said Lundquist. “We're all pumped, and I know this event will be repeated!”

Love Your Community Sabbath involved 300 Camelback members in community outreach.



Record Attendance at the 2011 Youth Prayer Conference

Taneshia Farquharson

Central California Conference's 13th annual Youth Prayer Conference reached a record attendance this year with more than 350 students, plus parents and sponsors. The four-day event was held Oct. 20-23 at Central Valley Christian Academy in Ceres, Calif. Planned and led by the full-time Youth Evangelism Team, this year's conference returned to a model of increased small group sessions, which focused on helping students understand the great controversy and catch the General Conference's worldwide vision for the 2012 Great Controversy Project.

Joyce Mulligan, director of prayer ministries for the conference, believes that the spike in attendance is a direct result of prayer for the youth. "This has been building, and this year we're seeing the highest attendance that we've ever had. Young people are being changed, and they are so sincere. I believe it's because of all the prayers going up across our conference."

Sixteen-year-old Amy* is one such person. She lived in Los Angeles, Calif., with her mother and siblings, and was always the good girl. After a week of uncharacteristically bad behavior, acting out and ditching school for the first time, her mother decided that it was time to relocate the family.

Once the family moved to Fresno, Calif., they attended an evangelistic series and most of the family was baptized — everyone except



Young people find joy in serving others at the community outreach car wash. One parent remarked that outreaches like this are a great way to teach young people selflessness.

Amy, whose behavior got progressively worse. When she was referred to the school counselor for anger management counseling, she admitted to having been sexually abused. After talking with her mother, Amy chose to get counseling from her church pastor.

It was her pastor who suggested she attend the Youth Prayer Conference, explaining that the weekend retreat could help her find peace and healing. "The experience changed my life," she says. "The testimonies were so real. It was more personal than any other at church."

She heard another young lady share how she too had been abused and how Jesus had helped her find healing and freedom. Amy says that God had been working on her heart before, but when she heard this other teen's testimony, it moved her to tears. "She forgave and was now free, and I wanted that. For the first time, I felt like God was speaking to me. God became a real person, and I made a decision for Him."

Jeremy, a 17-year-old that moved to Ceres, Calif., from Florida this past summer, attended the Youth Prayer Conference for the first time.



He watched scores of young people come forward for special prayer, recommitment and anointing. "I've never seen anything like this before," he says. "Seeing everyone so on fire for God makes me wish I had been here my whole life. This is the start of a new life for me, I just want to get more involved."

Teaching youth the value of getting involved is a significant part of the YPC. Teams of students were sent into the surrounding community on Friday afternoon to do outreach, including passing out GLOW literature tracts, washing cars, and collecting cans of food for the homeless. Parent Birgit Hausted says the young people are taught that "service is the antidote to selfishness, and they realize that anybody can do outreach."

Hausted's team was given a particularly interesting mission called "\$20 to change the world." In one hour, the team should either use or multiply one \$20 bill in a way that would have a meaningful impact. The group found themselves being led to a local superstore where they were allowed to sing Christmas carols to raise money for gifts for disadvantaged children. The store manager was so impressed with



After accepting the mission "\$20 to change the world," an outreach group prayed and claimed Isaiah 30:21, then headed into the community. They found themselves at a local superstore where God helped them turn \$20 into \$700 to change the world.

their efforts that he agreed to match whatever the team raised. The original \$20 turned into \$700 worth of \$20 gift cards.

Since 2005, the Youth Evangelism Team has been visiting Adventist schools and churches for weeks of prayer, community outreaches and inspiring teens to spend time daily in prayer and in God's Word. In addition to the annual Youth Prayer Conference, another unique

training/mentoring program is Teen Bible Academy, a three-week summer program with solitude, Bible study and outreach. YET leader Jon Tillay says, "The best part of the conference is seeing the teens come to a recognition of the need to change their lives for Christ, and wanting to do that."

**Name has been changed.*



Pastor Anil Kanda, associate pastor in Ceres, Calif., addresses a record number of attendees at the annual Youth Prayer Conference. More than 350 young people, plus parents and sponsors, attended the four-day event.

Backpacks Make God's Love Visible in Turlock

Caron Oswald

It was a news article about a 13-year-old boy's involvement in a homicide that lingered in Brenda Proetel's mind. When she participated in a 40 Days of Prayer with her Turlock, Calif., Adventist church family, she made a list of five things to pray about every day. Make a difference in the children in our community was on her list.

Then she had a dream. "I dreamed that our church was giving out backpacks to children in our community," Proetel says. The next day she called the elementary school just down the block from her church and asked about the needs of the students. She learned that for many families, the cost of back-to-school shopping was overwhelming. One significant way to help was gifting new backpacks filled with school supplies.

Proetel called her pastor, Antonio Cano, to share her findings. In March 2011, the church board approved Project Backpack. The collection goal was for 500 backpacks.

Initially Proetel, with the help of Bible worker Amy Conley, did the legwork, seeking donations door-to-door and at local businesses. She also contacted agencies and vendors to participate at the July 31 distribution date. "By May, things started like a fireball," she says.

Two area newspapers and a radio station helped spread the word and listed the drop-off locations. But knocking on doors, passing out flyers and word of mouth proved to be the best advertising. The

only condition was that parents had to accompany their children.

According to Gil Ogden, director of Student Services for the Turlock Unified School District, the need in his area is huge. The school district distributes between 1,000 to 2,000 donated backpacks with school supplies each year. "I've seen kids start crying when they get it because they've never had anything new," Ogden says. Shoes and proper clothing were also needed.

For several years local churches, businesses and agencies had faithfully strived to meet the children's needs. In the past two years as the economy soured, several had dropped out of their backpack program.



Wearing their new backpacks, two community children receive a free sack lunch from church member Alan Durbin.

Last Minute Challenges

The week before the event, Proetel's laptop was stolen. It contained all of the information. And on the Friday before Sunday's event when she counted the donated backpacks, there were only 264.

Sabbath morning, Pastor Cano presented the situation and asked for help. Then he invited the congregation to join him on the platform for prayer. Making a circle around the 264 backpacks, they prayed for the families and children who would receive them and for more donations.



At the end of the service, \$900 had been donated. Soon another \$200 was added. One member went home and collected \$350 from her neighbors. When the members met at sundown, the total had reached \$1,800. Volunteers went shopping, and by midnight there were 507 backpacks filled with school supplies and a GLOW literature tract ready for Sunday morning. A sack lunch for each child was also added.

“The church family really came through and supported,” Cano says. “As a pastor, I had never seen the church come through like that. And the greatest thing is that 250

families from the community were on our church property — to hear their stories, to see tears running down their faces was so wonderful.”

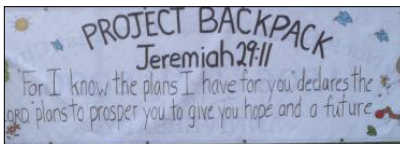
Parent Socorro Reesga brought her two daughters, ages 7 and 13. “This a great thing!” she says. “We can’t afford

to buy things right now. It’s hard.”

Resident Kimberly Kessler agreed. “I got pretty lucky. My husband’s unemployment just ran out. I didn’t even know the church was here,” she adds.



Community parents and children wait patiently for free backpacks at the Turlock, Calif., Adventist church. The church family plans for this project to become an annual event.



“I’ve seen kids start crying when they get [the new backpack] because they’ve never had anything new,” said Gil Ogden, director of the Turlock Unified School District. Shoes and proper clothing were also needed.



Backpacks — 507 of them — filled with school supplies sit ready to be claimed by eager children. Church members’ time and funds, and community donations, made the project successful.

Free services and information from local agencies and vendors lined the sidewalk. The local EMS, fire and police departments were on hand. Workers from the Chipotle restaurant served free nachos and the management is anxious to partner with the church again. And every family filled out a survey. Twenty-eight Bible studies were requested.

There were 150 backpacks left over which were given to families in a near-by apartment building, the local school district and Central Valley Adventist Academy. At the district office, they were assured that the religious literature would stay inside each gifted backpack.

“We’re just praising the Lord!” Cano says. “On the testimonial Sabbath, it became evident that there are other ways the church can reach out to the community. There is excitement about the potential.”

From the beginning, Proetel had one prayer request: “That this would be totally a God thing, that He would take care of everything. This is proof positive that God was in control!”

Mountain View Member Takes 23-Year Detour

Denny Krause

While paved highway detours are typically numbered in days or months, a Mountain View church member's spiritual detour lasted 23 years.

Sondra Bartels grew up in an Adventist home. When her marriage failed, she felt like no one in her Adventist church cared enough to call her during tough times, so she left the church. An atheist co-worker, however, called every day to give comfort and friendship.

As she drifted away from church, alcohol became her constant

companion. She sought love and acceptance in the wrong places. For 23 years, the spiritual detour took her down many dead-end streets. Eventually, she moved from California to Las Vegas.

In an effort to get her life back on track, Bartels decided to start giving money to the church. She reasoned that in giving money to the church, perhaps God might bless her.

She remembered the Voice of Prophecy from years earlier, found the radio ministry's address, and began to send small monthly

checks. Soon an invitation came to attend a Voice of Prophecy Vision-Builders weekend in Palm Springs.

With some skepticism, and unsure exactly why she should go, Bartels packed her bags, threw in a bottle of Vodka, and made her way to Palm Springs.

Spending the weekend in such an intensely Christian environment, thoughts of church and childhood began to play again in her head. On the way home, she listened again to a recording of one of the weekend presenters who spoke of Peter's unsuccessful walk on water, and likened her sinking life situation to having taken her eyes off of Jesus — for 23 years. A decision emerged. Go back to church!

"When I surrendered my life to the Lord that day in the car, I felt I put all of my life back in His hands, including letting Him choose what church he wanted me to go to," Bartels said. "I just wanted to worship Him, and I would let him decide where."

Resolved to return to church, the only question was, what church? The thoughts of isolation during tough times at her old Adventist church began to fill her mind, and she hesitated to return to Adventism.

Back in Las Vegas, any thoughts of returning to church were moved to the back burner because her house urgently needed painting, and she started the project Saturday morning.



Sondra Bartels sits at her desk in the Mountain View church Food Pantry.



While Bartels was on the ladder painting, a Jehovah's Witness came by delivering *Watchtower* magazines. When the woman asked Bartels if she was a Christian, Bartels blurted, "Yes! Seventh-day Adventist!"

"If you are a Seventh-day Adventist," the lady questioned, "why are you painting your house today?"

"I got the message," said Bartels. "I would be going back to an Adventist church!"

Through the phone book, she discovered Mountain View church and decided to attend. A smiling greeter, standing outside the door to the church, warmly greeted Bartels. "Happy Sabbath and welcome! We're so glad you are here!"

Those were the words that Bartels had been longing to hear for 23 years. She knew this was the place her Lord had chosen for her, and told herself, "I'm home!"

Bartels was baptized in January 2005. Bartels has since become increasingly involved as a leader

at Mountain View Church — Sabbath school teacher, Voice of Prophecy Discover Bible School leader, small groups coordinator, and more.

Ministry became such a joy that she secretly desired to work full-time for her local church. Unfortunately, her job and only means of income stood in the way. However, as a result of the economic downturn, in 2008, Bartels lost her job.

"Yes, Lord!" Bartels thought. Since she was only a year and a half away from early retirement, perhaps she could survive on

unemployment for a while and volunteer full-time for the church. She was sure the Lord would take care of the time between unemployment running out and the beginning of her early retirement.

Bartels ran straight to her pastor and offered her services. She was given the title of Pastoral Support Coordinator, a volunteer staff position. As it turned out, the unemployment benefits lasted until her early retirement kicked in.

One of Bartels' major accomplishments was to set up the first Adventist Community Services Center for the Mountain View church. It primarily operates as a community food pantry, serving hundreds of people every month.

"Sondra is making a big difference at Mountain View church and in the surrounding community," said Randall Skoretz, senior pastor at Mountain View. "It is a joy to see God working through her!"

In August, the Pacific Union's Church Support Services Department created a video featuring Bartels' story. The reenactment of her life was made to inspire church members and non-believers alike. The video, "The Red Letters" can be seen at vimeo.com/churchapplied/videos.

Denny Krouse



Many mobile shelves line the walls of the food pantry that helps feed hundreds of hungry community residents each month.

Recently, Bartels connected by phone with the atheist lady in California who supported her during her tough times. Bartels planned a trip to California to visit her friend. Once again, she packed her bags for California, but instead of throwing in a bottle of vodka, she threw in a copy of the video of her life story. During her visit, she showed the piece to her friend. The friend's response: "I want the faith that you have."

"I now realize how powerful, forgiving and loving our Heavenly Father is to take a sinner like me, clean them up, and open doors for them to lead others to him," said Bartels.

Richard Fevory



Sondra Bartels,
Mountain View pastoral
support coordinator.

Enrollment Breaks Record for Second Consecutive Year

Darla Martin Tucker

La Sierra University's enrollment jumped to its highest level in the school's history this fall, surging past last year's record student count. The university on Oct. 7 announced an official enrollment of 2,199 students, nearly a five percent increase over last year's registration total.

The head count includes undergraduate and graduate students and incorporates a record freshman class enrollment of 448. Much of the university's growth occurred in La Sierra's College of Arts and Sciences which experienced a 7.82 percent surge, or 117 students over last year's fall registration. The university's new criminal justice program, which falls under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences, attracted 40 new freshmen and 17 transfer students with 24 students returning for a total pool of 81.

Undergraduates totaled 1,897 this fall and graduate students totaled 302 with the majority of graduate enrollees housed in the schools of business and education. This school year's student count is the largest since the university's inception in 1990 following its separation from sister school Loma Linda University, and its new freshmen class is also the largest in its history as an independent institution. The university posted historic enrollment highs last fall with 2,098 students on board.

"We are thrilled with the news that our university's student body



A record freshman class of 448 helped La Sierra University's enrollment continue to surge. This fall's enrollment — 2,199 — set a school record for the second straight year.

has again increased," said University President Randal Wisbey. "We thank God for continuing to bless La Sierra University and its efforts to serve others, and for the opportunity to help so many young people achieve their goals and positively impact society."

La Sierra's rapid acceleration the past two years is attributable to a variety of factors including increased spending to keep in contact with students and overcrowding in California public institutions resulting in transfers to La Sierra, said David Lofthouse, vice president for enrollment services. "This year's growth had some predictability," he said. "We examined the numbers very carefully and applied formulas to what was happening last year. We started to get a picture of where

things might line up. You can have some idea as you go through the current year."

"We had a healthy growth in freshmen," Lofthouse continued. "We like to grow at a rate where we can handle the incoming students and still provide good services. Also a big incoming class improves retention and that translates into growth. The retention element is so important."

On Sept. 29, university Provost Steve Pawluk announced the school's record enrollment during La Sierra's annual convocation at La Sierra University church. "You have helped us set one more enrollment record in the history of this university," he said. The students, packed into pews and streaming out the doors, cheered.



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PARADISE VALLEY GROWS

New Ministry

by Jocelyn Fay



A series of one-thing-led-to-another circumstances has inspired members of the Paradise Valley church to broaden their Community Services outreach to refugees in San Diego County.

Known as the Refugee Assistance Program, the new ministry grew out of the church's weekly distribution of food collected from area food banks and other donors. It is led by Ephraim Bendantungka, a pastor born in central Africa and educated in Germany.

Every Tuesday, volunteers at



Peggy James, Carmen Alamillo, and Ted Nabong

the church's Community Services center distribute bags of groceries to more than 400 families. Among them in recent months have been families originally from Bhutan, but relocated to San Diego from refugee camps in Nepal.

"We already have close to 25 Bhutanese refugees attending our church," said Will James, senior pastor. "A few have been baptized, but they lack the communication and job skills to find employment. We hope to help them be among the first to benefit from our new ministry."

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WHAT I *Deserve* by Dick Duerksen



"If God gave me everything I deserve, I'd have nothing left but bruises."

Two words in this quote make me really uncomfortable: "Deserve," and "Bruises."

Deserve? My choices do not change God, but they do make it easier or harder for God to reach me. Some choices throw up a poisonous fog of confusion around my mind. Others take me to places where God's voice is nearly drowned out by discordant sounds. Still others plug my ears against His pleadings or shut my eyes from His tears.

Some of my choices and actions

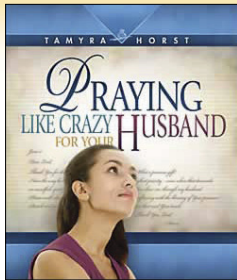
cause God personal pain. Some lead me to actions which harm people I love, defeat the cause of righteousness, and throw mud in the eyes of angels.

"If God gave me everything I deserve, I'd have nothing left but bruises."

Deserve? If I allowed those choices and actions in any human relationship, I would be eligible for prosecution by the sheriff. I would earn banishment from pleasant society, and become fodder for supermarket tabloids. I would deserve 49 bruising lashes.

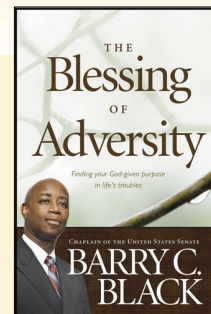
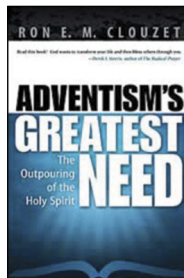
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Who Cares?

By Rich DuBose

In today's world, many don't care about issues or concerns that do not impact their immediate circle of family or friends. It's easy to say, "let someone else worry about that, I've got enough problems to keep me busy for months."

People who care about others, especially strangers, stand out. They are outside of the norm. Their caring raises questions in some minds that borders on suspicion. When they see people freely giving of their time and means to help others, they feel compelled to ask, "Why do they care? What is their hidden agenda?"

As followers of Jesus we have an "open agenda" to love every person regardless of his or her background, economic status, culture or beliefs.

"In the story of the good Samaritan, Christ illustrates the nature of true religion. He shows that it consists not in systems, creeds, or rites, but in the performance of loving deeds, in bringing the greatest good to others, in genuine...

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Lima Walnut Loaf

Try this savory entree made with lima beans — which no one would ever guess! Serve with cashew gravy or mushroom gravy of choice.

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| 2 C cooked lima beans, mashed | 1 tsp poultry seasoning |
| 1 C walnuts, finely chopped | 1 sm onion, chopped |
| 1/2 C black olives, chopped | 1/4 C vegetable broth or water |
| 1/4 C oil | 1/2 tsp baking powder |
| 3 C crushed corn flakes | |

Mix all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Mixture will be stiff. Spoon into 9 inch oiled baking pan. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.



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Revival Falls on PUC

Four students baptized, hundreds reaffirm commitment to Christ

Samantha Angeles

Because of your love for Jesus, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” On Oct. 14, four students heard these words at the culmination of an especially powerful week of spiritual renewal — PUC’s Fall Revival. Hundreds more students responded to the call by reaffirming their personal commitments to Christ.

The series, themed “Grounded in Christ,” is a quarterly event, and there was an unmistakable sense of God’s presence on campus. “It’s something strong and deep,” said Andrew Lloren, a junior. “By just being here, you know that God is doing something big.”

Laffit Cortes, PUC’s new campus chaplain and the series speaker, made five compelling challenges to students to honestly evaluate their faith and make a decision about where they stand spiritually.

“I saw that there’s definitely a struggle — the Great Controversy is being played out here,” said Cortes. “But there’s definitely a hunger and thirst for God.” This spiritual desire was evident in the ever-increasing number of students that attended the revival programs throughout the week.

The first program, held on Wednesday night, was a challenge to students to reach out their hands to Jesus for spiritual healing so that they could walk with Him. “It was a much-needed wake-up call,” said Angela Anjejo, a second-quarter

nursing student.

“It showed me that there’s a difference between talking about my faith and living it.”

On Thursday, Cortes taught students how to pray, and students called out praises, thanks, confessions and requests. Yet Cortes went beyond the usual invitation to prayer,

demanding respect for the exercise of talking to God. “We’re going to pray right now,” said Cortes. “And some of you are on laptops or reading books. Close them, or walk out the door — but don’t dis[respect] my God.”

Cortes continued his intense appeals for students to surrender to God on Friday morning, calling those who were willing to “bear your cross” for God. Four students — Ashley Adams and Markus Bamburg, both freshmen, Gina Lee, a sophomore, and Sianna Stewart, a junior — responded to Cortes’ call.

“After always striving to commit to God, there was no way I would back out when the opportunity seemed so in reach,” said Stewart. She was baptized that evening in front of her friends and classmates, as well as her family who connected from New York via Skype.

Stewart’s statement summed up the message of the “As I Am”



At the culmination of Fall Revival, Sianna Stewart celebrated her baptism in front of hundreds of friends in the PUC church, as well as family watching online from New York.

vespers, the final program of Fall Revival. On stage, large cards read, “I had sex before marriage,” “I cut myself,” and “I lust” — just three of over 250 cards that students submitted in response to the question, “What keeps you from God?” The message was simple — regardless of what PUC students struggle with, they can come to God and be accepted as they are.

“We wanted to show the school that no one is struggling alone,” said Wally Peralta, student association religious vice president and Fall Revival coordinator. “We are a community trying to get closer to God.”

Many students experienced and treasured the Fall Revival time. Taryn Richert, a senior, said, “It was so powerful and moving; I never wanted it to end.”

Cortes, meanwhile, is looking to the future. “God’s spirit was with us this week,” he said. “Now the challenge is the follow-up.”



San Diego Apartment Income Helps Stabilize SECC Finances

Jocelyn Fay

More than two decades after her death, Augusta Stahlheber's bequest of apartment complexes in San Diego have continued to be a stabilizing financial force for Southeastern California Conference. It has become particularly important to the conference since 2008, when title income began dropping. Although it has stabilized and is inching upward, title has remained lower than it was in 2007, the last year SECC experienced a title increase.

Stahlheber died in San Diego in August 1988, stipulating in her will that SECC would receive her apartment complexes. Probate and litigation against the estate took several years, according to Charles McKinstry, director of SECC's Property and Trust Services. But eventually, 12 apartment complexes became part of the conference's investment portfolio. At first, rental income

was put back into the apartments for much-needed renovation.

Executive committee members, looking at the conference's reserve funds, determined that SECC was too heavily invested in San Diego real estate and needed to diversify. The conference sold eight of the apartment complexes, or about half the total value of the real estate, paid off some mortgage loans that came with the bequest, and invested the balance.

The four remaining complexes were the largest and best-maintained of the original 12, McKinstry said. They are Shasta Lane Apartments, with 98 units; Villa Capri, with 46; Mesa Vista, with 88; and Mesa Village, with 112.

"When we started to receive income in significant amounts, we were entering a recession in the early '90s," McKinstry said. "The effects of that were largely offset by additional income from the Stahlheber estate. Since that recession ended, Mrs. Stahlheber's gift has allowed us to more effectively staff churches and subsidize schools."

Augusta Palacheva was born in Belarus (or



Shasta Lane Apartments is one of two Stahlheber complexes in La Mesa. All four of the Stahlheber complexes have swimming pools.

White Russia) in 1898 and grew up during the days of the Russian Revolution. According to her story written by Ward White, former treasurer of Property and Trust Services, when she was about 19 years old, she found refuge in China, where she found help at an Adventist hospital. Years later, she told Frank Rice, former president of Paradise Valley Hospital in San Diego, that during that time she attended Adventist evangelistic meetings.

After moving to Hong Kong, she met Edgar Stahlheber, a young U.S. Naval officer, whom she married in the Philippines before he brought her home to the United States. Edgar became a real estate broker in San Diego. He died of a heart attack in 1966.

Augusta Stahlheber began her real estate investment career by buying property, improving it, selling it,



Photos by Jocelyn Fay

Mesa Vista Apartments, in Linda Vista, is near the intersection of the 15 and 805 freeways. Residents of this apartment have chosen to personalize their patio and use plants to give them more privacy.



At the June 20 meeting of the Stahlheber board, held in La Mesa at Shasta Lane, are (clockwise from left) Kandereen Sinatra, general property manager from Pinnacle Management; Charles McKinstry, SECC Property and Trust Services director; Thomas Staples, SECC treasurer; John Pressler, from the Paradise Valley Federal Credit Union; Dale McBride, El Cajon church member and Property and Trust Services board member; and Edwin Mendoza, pastor of the San Diego Broadway Spanish church.

and reinvesting in other property, eventually buying her first apartment complex. During the last nine years of her life she was blind, but because of her exceptional memory she was able to keep track of her nearly 800 apartment units.

Stahlheber became friends with Rice and his wife, Evelyn, because they had been missionaries in China and had common interests. The Rices assisted her with her banking and drove her to her properties to report on their condition



Villa Capri Apartments, in La Mesa, has 46 units and is the smallest complex in the Stahlheber group. Recently it was relandscaped in order to give it a more open look.

and to describe to her apartment complexes she was considering purchasing. Because of her friendship with them, and because of her late husband's wish to donate money to the Adventist Church, Augusta Stahlheber left her apartment complexes to Southeastern California Conference.

In light of the language in the will, the conference executive committee determined that income from the estate would be split, with 40 percent used for education and

60 percent for conference unrestricted operating. Assets are managed by the conference investment committee. A smaller board meets every other month to oversee the apartment management, and day-to-day operations of the apartment complexes are managed by Pinnacle, a management services company.

During the past three years, net rental income

from the Stahlheber apartments has been about \$2.5 million per year. Although rental income has held firm during the past couple of years, income from the Stahlheber investments has not. No distributions were made from that fund in 2009 and 2010, but Thomas Staples, SECC treasurer, has budgeted a limited amount of income from the investment fund for this year.

Forty percent of the income from Stahlheber apartment rental and investments has supported the office of education operating budget in direct appropriations to SECC schools.

"This infusion of cash allows us to support schools in two primary areas, subsidies to schools and the low income scholarship," said Don Dudley, superintendent of education. "The net impact to our constituents is that school tuition



The largest Stahlheber apartment complex is Mesa Village, which is north of the Miramar air base. It has 112 apartments.

increases are not as steep and assistance can be provided to more families who qualify for financial assistance."

"The net proceeds of the Stahlheber gift each year is equivalent to 25 to 27 fully sponsored conference pastors' or teachers' budgets," according to Staples.

More than 20 years after it was given, Augusta Stahlheber's gift continues to help expand God's kingdom throughout the five counties that compose SECC's territory.



Kahili Adventist School Hosts Mission Trip Volunteers

Clifford Lim

Most people think of Hawaii as a luxury vacation destination. But a group of 29 people from Open House Ministries, a group primarily comprised of young adults from the Loma Linda Indonesian church, found out that it's also possible to work hard and do good in the tropical paradise.

The Kahili Seventh-day Adventist School and Kahili Mountain Park border the Kahili mountain range and are surrounded by lush landscape. In recent years, the school and park have not been able to keep up with the maintenance of

and there are many projects in need of help.

The first day, the young people jumped into work clearing out overgrown brush, trimming trees so the weed trimmers could cut the 10 foot high buffalo grass, painting picnic tables, cleaning windows, moving beds, pressure washing sidewalks and cleaning out things that had built up over the years. There was a lot of work that needed to be done, and the young people were able to accomplish many tasks quickly and efficiently because of their energy.

During the scheduled off day, the young adults reminisced how much fun they had working. From those working in the field to those working in the kitchen, everyone had a positive attitude, which made every day fun, even with all the work.

One highlight for the group was the time spent conducting a week of prayer and spending time with the students and staff of the school. The program brought smiles to the faces of students and teachers alike. "Students were excited about the week of prayer even though the majority of



Young adults enjoy time with students from the Kahili school during the week of prayer.

them are not Adventists," said Kevin Kuzma, principal.

Kahili school has a significant role in how the Adventist church is viewed on the island. "For many, the Adventist church is the school. What we do here is what their image of our church is," said Kuzma.

Many of the students attending are in need of financial assistance. Open House Ministries left funding with the school to start the "Open House Scholarship Fund," which will assist students who want to attend but have financial restrictions.

For more information about Kahili Adventist School, visit www.kahili.org.



Young adults from the Loma Linda Indonesian church clear land trimming trees and bushes.

the facilities. They rely on mission groups to assist their one full-time maintenance worker with the work required by the 192 acres of jungle. This includes trimming trees and bushes so they don't overgrow the area, maintaining the vacation cabins in the park, as well as general upkeep of the school facilities. While the park and school staff does work, the task is too large for one person

The mission group poses with students from the Kahili Seventh-day Adventist school at the end of the trip.





Rancho Cucamonga Group Becomes a Company

Omari Onyango

Members of the Rancho Cucamonga group gathered recently to celebrate their congregation's graduation to company status. Gerald D. Penick Sr., president of the Southeastern California Conference, preached about God's leading, and Sandra Roberts, SECC executive secretary, conducted the formal proceedings. George King, vice president for black ministries, led the congregation in a moment of dedication through prayer.

The 32 members of the Rancho Cucamonga company trace their beginning to a conversation between Themba Mzizi, pastor, and Omari Onyango, an elder, on a Sabbath afternoon in 2004. Onyango shared his church-planting experience in Texas and his desire to do something similar in California.

Soon they had formed a committee that included Martin Howard, then pastor of the Fontana-Juniper Avenue church. Asked to find a city in the Inland Empire that did not have an Adventist church, the group identified Rancho Cucamonga and Alta Loma communities and sent scouts to find possible venues for worship services.

When the Seventh-day Adventist fellowship of Rancho Cucamonga was established as a branch Sabbath school of the Fontana-Juniper Avenue church in January 2006, they began meeting at the United Methodist church on Church Street and Archibald Avenue.



Themba Mzizi, pastor, displays the official document stating that the Rancho Cucamonga group now is a company.

Members have been involved in aggressive outreach and inreach programs to bring the gospel of Christ to local residents while embracing social, cultural and ethnic diversity.

"Our motto has always been that you come to Rancho fellowship to serve," said Onyango.

What began as a branch Sabbath school grew from 13 members to 32 and achieved company status.

In May 2010, the company relocated to the Point of Grace church in central Rancho Cucamonga. Now, members are raising money for a church of their own.

Prayer and spiritual fellowship are an integral part of worship. Every Sabbath, the church selects a "family of the week," and members are encouraged to pray for that family in their homes during the rest of the week. During the week, deacons and deaconesses telephone members

and regular visitors. They also visit and pray with members in their homes.

For such a small congregation, the company has a lot going on. The family ministries department conducts programs to enhance family relationships. Families are encouraged to invite guests. Two campouts have

been so successful that they will be held every year.

The community services department, in collaboration with the youth department, has collected and distributed nonperishable food to homeless and disadvantaged people in the community. The department also has a vibrant bread ministry.

The personal ministries department has established programs that include literature ministry; reaching out to current and former Bible students of ministries, such as the Voice of Prophecy; prayer vigils; a prayer warrior team; a mobile library exchange network; home Bible studies; and training in giving Bible studies.

"At Rancho there are no spectators," Onyango said. "All are about their Father's business."

First Dental Hygienists Graduate from LLU Program in China

James Ponder

Thanks to an innovative project of Loma Linda University and Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital, 15 graduates recently completed the first-ever dental hygienist training program in the city of Hangzhou, China.

According to Claudine Stevenson, M.P.H., an LLU Global Service Scholarship recipient and dental hygiene instructor at SRRSH, there are very few dental hygienists in China, but the need for their services can hardly be overstated. More than 90 percent of Chinese adults exhibit periodontal disease, yet less than two percent receive periodic exams and cleanings. This new program is designed to change that.

“The dental hygiene program at SRRSH is a giant step forward for health care in the People’s Republic of China,” notes R. Leslie Arnett, D.D.S., M.S., professor of periodontics at LLU School of Dentistry.

To highlight LLU’s role in promoting health internationally, two ambassadors of the LLU-sponsored program at SRRSH traveled to Nashville, Tenn., in June for the 88th annual session of the American Dental Hygienists Association.

The pair — Stevenson and Xu Xin, a member of the first graduating class in dental hygiene at SRRSH — presented a poster titled, “Improving Oral Health in China: A Dental Hygienist Training Program in Hangzhou,” at the meeting.

“In most of China,” she explains, “people are reluctant to try dental hygiene, but at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital, they are excited.”

Xu agrees. “I’m excited about learning how to give better health care for my patients,” she adds. She cites deep cleaning and periodontal charting as her two favorite aspects of the program.

Stevenson points out that job prospects for dental hygienists are much better at SRRSH than in other parts of the People’s Republic of China.

“At SRRSH, dental hygienists are very respected,” she says. “But if they go to other clinics, they might not get the respect they would as dental hygienists here.”

Arnett notes that while the dental hygiene program is off to a good start at SRRSH, there is still a ways to go.

“It is only one step in a journey, which may take years to complete,” he says. “It has ramifications extending into areas of general medical care in preparation of patients for organ transplant and orthopedic prosthetic procedures. The goal now is to continue in its growth, maturation and dissemination. ‘A



Claudine Stevenson, M.P.H., (left), and Ella Xu Xin, display a giant poster introducing the dental hygienist training program recently unveiled as a joint venture between Loma Linda University and Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital of Hangzhou, China.

journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.’ This program is that first step.”

When the next step will be taken has not been determined at this point.

“We are just now starting a new class of 15 students,” Stevenson says. “We need to get the word out about the program.”

The new class will contain a different mix of students than the one before. This time, 10 of the 15 students will be dentists who just graduated (in China, they are considered dental interns until they have completed a one-year postgraduate internship). Eight of the 10 dentists will be transferring to other hospitals which, unlike SRRSH, do not have dental assistants or hygienists to perform cleanings, so they will learn dental hygiene and help spread the word to other hospitals and clinics.

'Emotional Health & Wellness' Conference Draws Large International Crowd

James Ponder

More than 500 individuals from 51 different nations attended a four-day conference on "Emotional Health and Wellness: a Biblical Worldview in Practice," held at Loma Linda University from Wednesday, Oct. 12, through Saturday, Oct. 15.

The conference — a joint project of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Loma Linda University — explored the inter-relationship between spirituality, religion and mental health, and encouraged scholarly research and publishing on the subject.

According to Carlos Fayard, Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry at LLU and chair of the planning committee, the goal was to help practitioners from the Adventist faith community explore ideas that remain faithful to their tradition, yet connect with cutting edge theory, research and practice.

"To my knowledge," Fayard says, "this is the first global conference on religion and mental health the church has ever held. There is a consensus throughout the denomination that the time has come to discuss these issues."

In his keynote address, Allan Handysides, M.D., health ministries director for the General Conference, asked the question, "Who is healthy?" He answered by

stating that many factors contribute to mental health, and observed that a biblical worldview doesn't automatically insulate people from depression and anxiety, but it does help them cope.

Some of the world's top researchers and clinicians in the field of religion and emotional health presented at the conference; among them representatives of the World Health Organization, Brigham Young University, Duke University

profession. He believes the theistic model offers better outcomes.

"Under this theistic model of the art of healing," Puder adds, "the healer taps into God's love as demonstrated on the cross, and brings that love to those he works with. This type of agape love will heal the brokenhearted and provide true transformational power to those we seek to serve."

Sergii Lutskiy, M.P.H., director of health ministries for the Ukrainian

Union Conference, was one of 12 members attending the conference from the Euro-Asian division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He hopes insights gained at the conference will translate to health benefits for the people of Ukraine, the largest, most populous nation in Europe.

"I think the conference was very useful," Lutskiy reports. "We would like to translate the lectures into Russian."

"Loma Linda is pleased to host this meaningful conference," notes Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of Loma Linda University.

"Many presenters emphasized the centrality of mental health to spiritual understanding, and the unique balance in this area that we have been blessed with in the Adventist Church. It is gratifying to see our long-held beliefs echoed in today's literature, in both terminology and emphasis."



Near the conclusion of the four-day conference on religion and emotional health, which was held recently on the campus of Loma Linda University, David Williams, Ph.D., Carlos Fayard, Ph.D., and Wintley Phipps, M.Div., gathered in the first floor lobby of the Centennial Complex to enjoy some lighthearted fellowship.

Medical Center, Harvard University, and the University of California at Los Angeles, as well as LLU and the General Conference.

David Puder, M.D., a second-year psychiatry resident at the LLU School of Medicine, says the conference provided an appreciated balance to the secular theories of his

Medical School Welcomes 15 Displaced Students from Puerto Rico

James Ponder

Loma Linda University School of Medicine recently welcomed 15 medical students from the San Juan Bautista School of Medicine in Caguas, Puerto Rico, after that institution lost its accreditation on Oct. 3 of this year for failing to provide adequate clinical resources for students.

On learning that the closure stranded 275 medical students with no place to continue their studies, Roger Hadley, M.D., dean of LLUSM, contacted the Association of American Medical Colleges and offered to help. He dispatched a team of five faculty members — Daisy De Leon, Ph.D., Tammi Thomas, M.D., Paul Herrmann, M.D., Ph.D., Carlos Casiano, Ph.D., and Marino De Leon, Ph.D. — to Puerto Rico to interview the students from Oct. 19 to 21.

“We got the news that our school lost its accreditation in a text message from one of my friends on Oct. 3,” says Carla Perez, a junior. “The news spread like wildfire! The school didn’t break it to us until the next day, but by then, everybody knew.”

“AAMC put up a website,” recalls Sarah Beck, also a junior, “with a list of schools that were willing to consider letting us transfer. We applied to every school we could. Loma Linda was the first to reply.”

“Then on Wednesday, Oct. 26, we learned that we had been accepted to LLUSM,” Perez adds. “We felt a great sense of relief!”



Roger Hadley, M.D., dean of Loma Linda University School of Medicine (standing), welcomes 11 of the 15 students who transferred from San Juan Bautista School of Medicine in Caguas, Puerto Rico, to Loma Linda. The students were displaced after their school lost its accreditation for failing to provide adequate clinical opportunities.

When asked about future plans, Beck reveals that she’s considering ophthalmology or dermatology, and that she’s excited about the clinical opportunities LLUSM affords.

“I particularly want to work with Hispanic patients,” she says. “It’s not very diverse where I come from, but here in Loma Linda, I will have plenty of opportunities to work with a large Hispanic population.”

Perez plans to pursue pediatrics or pediatric gastroenterology as her specialty. She is particularly excited about the opportunities for global service offered at Loma Linda.

According to Hadley, LLUSM has assimilated students from two other closed medical schools: the first was the University of Southern California in 1920, and the second

was Oral Roberts University in 1989.

“The story of the Good Samaritan informs us that when we see a person in need, we should stop and help them, and find a place for them to stay,” he says.

Hadley notes that the Loma Linda University School of Medicine has trained more than 10,000 graduates, and is recognized as a national leader in educating future doctors for Christian service.

Speaking for all 15 of the newest LLUSM students, senior Angie Lastra says, “It’s a blessing to be here. We felt like it was the end of the world when our school closed, but now we are glad to be here. We are eternally grateful!”



Adventist Health News Notes

Brittany Russell Dobbs

Adventist Health Extends Service to Reedley, Calif.

Adventist Health began operating Sierra Kings District Hospital, a 49-bed hospital with five clinics in Reedley, Dinuba, Orange Cove and Parlier on Nov. 1. Its new name will be Adventist Medical Center – Reedley.



Adventist Medical Center – Reedley

“The common goal that brought our organizations together is the desire to ensure that excellent health care services are available in this region,” said Wayne Ferch, Adventist Health / Central Valley Network president and CEO.

The hospital held a special unveiling ceremony and community dedication along with a blessing ceremony on opening day. Nearly 350 eligible Sierra Kings employees have been hired as Adventist Health employees, and more than 100 physicians and providers are joining a new Adventist Medical Center – Reedley medical staff.

On June 7, 2011, Reedley district voters approved the ballot initiative Measure G for Adventist Health to own and operate the struggling

hospital and clinics. Sierra Kings Health Care District Board of Directors and Adventist Health agreed on a 15-year lease of the hospital and purchase of its five clinics and equipment.

Howard Memorial Hospital Named Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

Howard Memorial Hospital (HMH), in Willits, was named as one of only four Critical Access Hospitals in California to be among the Top 100 CAHs in the nation, according to the National Rural Health Association. The NRHA reviewed patient satisfaction, safety, quality, financial viability, and more, and HMH scored well against more than 1,300 other CAHs in this first ever national review.

The CAH designation is only given to non-profit hospitals that participate in the Medicare program and have no more than 25 patient beds. CAHs must be located in a rural area and be separated from surrounding hospitals by 35 miles (or by 15 miles if the terrain is mountainous or makes the hospital difficult to reach).

San Joaquin Community Hospital to Build Cancer Center

Earlier this year, San Joaquin Community Hospital announced plans to build a four-story, 60,000-square-foot Cancer Center

that will house radiation oncology, medical oncology and an outpatient surgery center — all under one roof in Bakersfield. The estimated cost to build and equip The Cancer Center is \$36.2 million. Officials expect it to be up and running in mid to late 2012.

It was also announced that SJCH's building project is LEED-certified, meaning The Cancer Center will be built with recyclable materials and will meet all energy-efficiency standards. Even the materials from the continued demolition work are being recycled and pre-cautions are in place to



Rendering for the new Cancer Center at SJCH.

minimize the level of particulate matter during the tear-down.

Since building a new patient tower in 2007, SJCH has become the first hospital between Los Angeles and San Francisco to have both a Nationally Accredited Chest Pain Center and Nationally Certified Stroke Center under one roof. Now, The Cancer Center signals the next phase in the hospital's expansion.

Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

Pacific Union Education Department

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, in all of its church schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools, and makes no discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, or gender in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

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Maricopa Village Christian School
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Prescott Adventist Elementary School
Red Rock Christian School
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Thunderbird Adventist Academy
Thunderbird Christian Elementary School
Verde Valley Adventist School
Yuma Adventist Christian School

Central California

Armona Union Academy
Bakersfield Adventist Academy
Central Valley Christian Academy
Chowchilla Adventist Elementary School
Dinuba Junior Academy
Foothill Adventist Elementary School
Foster-Moore Adventist School
Fresno Adventist Academy
Hollister Adventist Christian School
Kern Adventist Elementary School
Los Banos Adventist Elementary School
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Valley View Junior Academy
VHM Christian School
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Hawaii

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Summit Christian Academy
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Northern California

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Chico Oaks Adventist School
Clearlake SDA Christian School
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Crescent City SDA School
Echo Ridge SDA Elementary School
El Dorado Adventist School
Feather River Adventist School
Foothills Elementary School
Fortuna Junior Academy
Galt Adventist Christian School
Hilltop Christian School
Humboldt Bay Christian School
Lodi Academy
Lodi Adventist Elementary School
Magalia Adventist School
Manteca Adventist Christian School
Middletown Adventist School
Mission Hills SDA School
Napa Christian Campus of Education
Orangevale SDA School
Pacific Union College Elementary School
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Paradise Adventist Academy
Pine Hills Adventist Academy
Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy
Redding Adventist Academy
Redwood Adventist Academy
Rio Lindo Adventist Academy
Sacramento Adventist Academy
Sutter Hill SDA Elementary School
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Ukiah Junior Academy
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Westlake SDA School
Yreka Adventist Christian School

Southeastern California

Calexico Mission School
Desert Adventist School
El Cajon SDA Christian School
Escondido Adventist Academy
Hemet Adventist Christian School
Laguna Niguel Junior Academy
La Sierra Academy
Loma Linda Academy
Mesa Grande Academy
Mentone Adventist Team School
Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian School
Needles SDA School
Oceanside Adventist Elementary School
Orangewood Academy
Redlands Adventist Academy
San Antonio Christian School
San Diego Academy
Valley Adventist Christian School
Victor Valley SDA School
West Fullerton Christian School
Yucca Valley Adventist Team School

Southern California

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Antelope Valley Adventist School
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South Bay Junior Academy
West Covina Hills Adventist School
White Memorial Adventist School
Whittier Adventist Elementary School



Student Leaders Attend Union Leadership Conference

Berit von Pohle



Waller-Lancaster

Two hundred twenty-nine high school student leaders from 32 Adventist academies along with 87 teachers, principals, conference and union leaders, gathered at Leoni Meadows for the 21st annual Pacific Union Student Leadership Conference. Sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference Education Department and planned jointly by local conference education and youth departments, this weekend is designed to focus on spiritual renewal and leadership training for the elected student leaders.

Alex Harter, children and youth pastor at Collegedale Community church, formerly the associate pastor for young adults at Azure Hills, used her unique story-telling style to share “The Leadership Secrets of Jesus” and challenge the youth to follow His leadership. Roy Ice, administrative pastor Napa Community church, along with Krista Ballew and Cody Breyer, students at Pacific Union College and La Sierra University, led the worship music.

Four workshops provided an opportunity for students to learn and practice skills in the areas of

worship, community service, team building, and games with a purpose. The Birds-of-a-Feather sessions provided practical ideas and collaboration between students who serve their school community in similar roles. “I am excited to improve my leadership after hearing from other students and the teachers. Organizing the Power Boost [7 a.m. worship] with other Religious Vice Presidents was my favorite,” said Slovyana Grekov, junior class religious vice president at Mesa Grande Academy.

On Friday evening, as part of vespers at the campfire bowl, each school group shared communion together. Thirty-two clusters of students spread across the field, washing each other’s feet, praying, eating bread, drinking juice and singing praises to the Lord. “I felt close to God. This was really special for my school,” said Luis Bernal, junior class president at Calexico Mission School.

The traditional Sabbath school activity is to create care packages for college student missionaries. Two former student missionaries came to share the experiences and thank the

Attendees worship in the campfire bowl.

group for sending boxes last year. In addition to loading the boxes with t-shirts, treats, school supplies, etc., the student leaders recorded messages and songs on tape recorders to send. Mackinsie Flores, ASB president at Escondido Adventist Academy reported that her group “sang several praise songs, as well as ‘Happy Birthday,’ ‘Merry Christmas,’ then had prayer for Molly McCary, who is a student missionary on Majuro” (and an EAA alumnus).

Bill Arnold, Southeastern California Conference associate superintendent and first-time attendee to a Student Leadership Conference remarked that “to watch kids I’ve seen start in kindergarten and are now juniors and seniors in high school take on leadership roles based on spiritual principles is not only encouraging, but speaks highly of the hope for the future of our church through the leadership of our young people. Also, a huge thank you to the teachers and administrators in our schools that everyday are training these kids in the way they should go.”

If you don't make a will, you won't have a say.



Throughout her 90 years, Louise Johnson* touched the lives of many. Like many Adventists, she spent her younger years serving in various mission fields. Later, she dedicated her time to both her local church and church school. In her personal life, she was a loving wife to her late husband and an important person to her many relatives.

Though she passed away several years ago, her commitment to help others learn about Jesus lives on through unrestricted bequests to her local conference and church school.

After a lifetime spent spreading the good news of the Gospel to those around her, it is fitting that Mrs. Johnson's legacy will live on in the lives of those who follow in her footsteps, those committed to do as she did—tell the world about Jesus.

To have a bequest included in your Will or Revocable Living Trust, take a moment to contact one of the organizations listed at left.

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Loma Linda Academy	1/5	7:00 PM
Mesa Grande Academy	1/23	7:00 PM
Newbury Park Adventist Academy	1/31	6:30 PM
Orangetown Academy	1/11	7:00 PM
Redlands Adventist Academy	1/18	7:00 PM
San Diego Academy	1/10	6:30 PM
San Fernando Valley Academy	1/10	7:00 PM
San Gabriel Academy	1/17	7:00 PM

Hawaii Workshops

Hawaiian Mission Academy	2/7	6:30 PM
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Northern California Workshops

Armona Union Academy	1/11	7:00 PM
Bakersfield Adventist Academy	1/10	7:00 PM
Central Valley Christian Academy	1/12	7:00 PM
El Dorado Adventist School	1/19	7:00 PM
Fresno Adventist Academy	1/9	7:00 PM
Lodi Adventist Academy	2/1	7:00 PM
Mountain View Academy	1/26	7:00 PM
Napa Christian Campus of Education	1/23	7:30 PM
Paradise Adventist Academy	1/18	7:00 PM
Pine Hills Adventist Academy	1/24	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy	1/25	7:00 PM
PUC Prep	1/30	7:00 PM
Redding Adventist Academy	1/17	7:00 PM
Redwood Adventist Academy	1/31	7:00 PM
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Arizona Conference

RETIREES CHRISTMAS BANQUET (Dec. 4) Arizona Conference, 13405 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Info: Shirley Chipman, 480-991-6777 or shirleychipman@azconference.org.

THUNDERBIRD ACADEMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Dec. 10) Thunderbird Academy, 7410 E. Sutton, Scottsdale. Includes choir, octet, bells, band and strings. Info: Cindy Hastings, 480-948-3300.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK SUPPER (Dec. 10) 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@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

PHOENIX SYMPHONY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA and Chorus for the Messiah (Dec. 17) 7:30 p.m. Camelback

church, 5902 E. Camelback Rd. Tickets are available through Cherie Oberlick, 480-947-3781, or Phoenix Symphony Ticket Office, 602-495-1999.

Central California

SINGLES RALLY (Dec. 3) CCC 10 a.m.-10 p.m. A full day of worship and fellowship. Guest Speaker: Collin Ross. Pre-registration required. Info: Marilyn 559-347-3176 or mnovielli@cccsda.org.

La Sierra University

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CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT (Dec. 2) 7:30 p.m. La Sierra University Church.

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CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES (Dec. 8) 7 p.m. Featuring Jason Uyeyama, Madeleine Kapab, and Orion Weiss. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

FALL BIG BAND CONCERT (Dec. 10) 7 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

CHRISTMAS BREAK (Dec. 16-Jan. 8)

Northern California

"ANGELS AWARE" Music Ministry Program (Dec. 3) 5-7 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue. Info: Kelly Angus, 916-381-5353.

SUNDOWN PRAISES (Sabbaths) Lodi-English Oaks church, 1260 W. Century Blvd. (Dec. 3) 7 p.m. Lodi Children's Chorus, director Bob Tan; (Dec. 17) 4 p.m. Mayfair church choir, director Stella Williams; (Dec. 24) 4 p.m. Venden DVD: "Getting God Off the Hook." Info: 209-369-1021.

HERALD IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON (Dec. 4) 6:30 p.m. Fireside Room, St. Helena church, 1777 Main Street. Enjoy a free concert with musicians young and older creating music with guitars, violins, mandolins, keyboards and many voices. Bring family and friends. Refreshments served. Info:

707-963-4461, www.shsda.org, info@shsda.org.

NATIVITY DRIVE-THRU (Dec. 9, 10, 16, 17) 7-10 nightly. Roseville church, 914 Cirby Way. 13th annual "Live the Experience" features live actors and animals. A local news program called it "one of the most spectacular holiday sights anywhere in the area." Info: 916-786-8350.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Dec. 10) 6 p.m. Sacramento-Central church, 6045 Camellia Avenue. Bring family and friends for an evening of inspirational seasonal music and carols featuring singers and musicians from around Northern California. Doors open at 5:15. Concert will be recorded live for future broadcast. Light refreshments. Info: 916-457-6511.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL (Dec. 10) 7 p.m. Lodi-English Oaks church, 1260 W. Century Blvd. Fourth annual musical, directed by Rick Fickess, will include Valley Christian High School, Lodi Elementary hand bells and choir, a 50-piece orchestra, and soloist Lisa (Nioso) Latven. Info: 209-369-1021.

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Pacific Union College

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (Dec. 3) A Christmas celebration through music, featuring the orchestra, wind ensemble, vocal choirs, handbell choir, and other musicians. PUC church sanctuary, 4 p.m. Info: 707-965-6201.

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CHRISTMAS VACATION (Dec. 16-Jan. 8) Residence halls close for the holiday season.

Southeastern California

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE (Dec. 3) 6:45 p.m., Palm Canyon Drive, downtown, Palm Springs. Join the church in celebrating with the community the start of the holiday season. Info: 760-327-5112.

COMBINED SAMOAN CELEBRATION (Dec. 10) 1175 Melrose Way, Vista. Info: 760-758-8720.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (Dec. 10) 11 a.m., 415 E. Barnard St, Blythe. Info: 760-922-0644.

CELEBRAMOS CHRISTMAS (Dec. 10) 4, 6:30 p.m., 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. Info: 909-558-4570.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Dec. 10) 10:45 a.m., 2701 E. 8th St., National City.

Featuring San Diego Academy music program titled "Your God Will Come." Info: 619-267-8990.

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BLUE CHRISTMAS (Dec. 14) 7 p.m., 4937 Sierra Vista Ave., Riverside. A service to remember those who have passed this Christmas season. Info: 951-354-7095.

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A CHILD OF HOPE (Dec. 24) 11 a.m. 1180 New Jersey St., Redlands. A program remembering God's great love through Christ's sacrifice. Info: 909-798-3822.

CONCERT (Dec. 31) 4 p.m. Moreno Valley church, 12649 Indian St., Moreno Valley. Featuring recording artist Calvin Taylor performing on piano and organ. Info: 951-242-6694.

Southern California

CANTORI DOMINO IN CONCERT (Dec. 4) 4 p.m. Saint Augustine By The Sea, 1227 Fourth Street, Santa Monica. Under the direction of Maurita "Bunny" Phillips-Thornburgh, founder-artistic director. Works by J.S. Bach, John Rutter, Gabrieli and a cascade of carols. Admission info: 661-259-5420.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM of Scripture and Carols (Dec. 9) 7 p.m. San Fernando Valley Academy, 17601 Lassen St., Northridge 91325. Instruments and

voices of K-12 students. Presented by the SFVA Music Dept., directed by Michael Spencer, music teacher. Info: 818-349-1373; www.sfva.org.

SING-A-LONG MESSIAH, Christmas portion (Dec. 10) 4 p.m. Santa Clarita church, 24436 Valley Street. Under the direction of Maurita "Bunny" Phillips-Thornburgh, founder-artistic director of Cantori Domino. Bring your scores, or borrow one of ours. A small orchestra will accompany, along with outstanding solo work. Free. Info: Pastor Greg Hoenes, 213-910-6571.

MOORPARK CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Dec. 17) 5 p.m. Moorpark Community Fellowship, 484 Los Angeles Ave., Suite 109. The concert is free and open to everyone. Info: 805-857-1097; moorparkcommunitychurch.com.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT (Dec. 17) 4 p.m. Vallejo Drive Adventist church, 300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale 91206. Featuring the church Chancel Choir along with brass and Glendale Adventist Academy Choral. Info: 818-246-2476.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BARRIO (Dec. 17) 4 p.m. Baldwin Park Bilingual church, 13965 Ramona Pkwy. Hosting 1,000 community children (ages 0-12) who will each receive a toy. Petting zoo, a Christmas drama and the toy distribution. Donations of any kind welcomed! Info: Pastor Carlos Acosta, 818-334-9261.

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (Dec. 24) 11 p.m. 24436 Valley St. Presented by Santa Clarita church with Christ Church of the Santa Clarita Valley. Lessons and carols affirm the joy that has come into our world. Info: 661-259-5420.

CHRISTIAN EDITION New Year's Eve Concert (Dec. 31) 8 p.m. Vallejo Drive church, 300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale 91206. Featured: Yolanda Innocent Palmer, along with Trumpeters Craig Mohr and Giovanni Santos. Devotional message, Larry Caviness. Info: 818-246-2476.

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BARNUM, CLARK – b. Aug. 10, 1963, Mich.; d. July 18, 2011, Fort Bragg, Calif. Survivors: wife, Pamela; son, James; daughter, Taylor.

BENTON, REBA V. – b. Jan. 30, 1923, Warm Beach, Wash.; d. Sept. 26, 2011, Chico, Calif. Survivors: sons, John Parsons, Mark Davis; daughters, Patricia Ortiz, Lynn Sanchez; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

CAMPBELL, BARBARA – b. Sept. 22, 1931, Palo Alto, Calif.; d. Sept. 7, 2011, San Francisco, Calif.

CLEASBY, LILLIAN (JENSEN) – b. June 26, 1934, North Hollywood, Calif.; d. Oct. 6, 2011, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: husband, Everett; son, Ed Briggs; daughter, Sharlet Briggs; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

COVER, DOROTHY ANN – b. May 6, 1918, Joliet, Ill.; d. Aug. 18, 2011, Tehachapi, Calif. Survivors: brother, Dan Calais; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

DIDERIKSEN, DELBERT W. – b. July 11, 1918, Burlington, Iowa; d. Sept. 25, 2011, Paso Robles, Calif. Survivors: daughter, JoAnn Loeb; step-daughters, Joan McGill Martin, Marsha Casey; five grandchildren, one great-grandson.

EVANS, GRACELYN JOYCE (BREITGAM) – b. Dec. 12, 1935, Lemoore, Calif.; d. Oct. 13, 2011, Columbia, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; daughter, Teri Deacon; two grandchildren. Gracelyn and her husband worked as volunteers in South Korea at the English language school.

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FOLLETT, PHILIP STANLEY – b. March 15, 1932, Kansas City, Mo.; d. Oct. 7, 2011, Collegedale, Tenn. Survivors: son, David; daughter, Lorraine Ball; two grandchildren. Served as pastor and administrator in the church for 58 years, including president of the Ohio, Chesapeake and Northern California conferences; president of the Atlantic Union Conference; vice president of the world church; and president of LifeTalk Radio.

HAMMONS, JAMES – b. Aug. 12, 1919, Hebron, Texas; d. Oct. 3, 2011, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruby; son, Kent; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

HICKMAN, BEVERLY EDNA – b. Sept. 18, 1930, Ukiah, Calif.; d. May 8, 2011, Jackson, Calif. Survivors: son, Stephen; daughter, Lenore; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Elsie.

HOWELL, LOREN – b. July 3, 1943, McGee, Mo.; d. July 13, 2011, Taft, Calif. Survivors: wife, Claudette; son, Rick.

JEFFRIES, BONNIE (MAY) – b. Sept. 11, 1926, Madera, Calif.; d. Aug. 28, 2011, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Bob; daughter, Susan Baker; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

KEARBAY, CARL C. – b. April 6, 1912, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; d. Oct. 9, 2011, Antioch, Calif. Survivor: daughter, Carolyn.

LARSON SR., RICHARD CHARLES – b. Nov. 9, 1919, St. Joseph, Mich.; d. Oct. 18, 2011, College Place, Wash. Survivors: sons: Richard Jr., Donald, David, Robert; brother, Frank; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Served as hospital and school administrator; taught at Monterey Bay Academy, La Sierra College, Southwest Adventist University, Andrews University, and in the Philippines, Bangkok, Penang, and Singapore.

LORENZ SR., JAMES D. – b. Aug. 1, 1943, Okeene, Okla.; d. Oct. 9, 2011, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: wife, Cindy; sons, James II, Michael; stepson, Jeremy Lemos; stepdaughters, Cara Powers, Lindsay Lemos; six grandchildren.


MAUPIN, MARIE – b. Nov. 14, 1928, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Aug. 28, 2011, Lancaster, Calif. Survivors: son, Dan; daughter, Darlene Connor; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

MILLER, LUCY E. (OTTMAN) – b. Oct. 29, 1912, Forest Grove, Ore.; d. Oct. 10, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Survivors: sons, Eugene, Phil; daughter, Mary Smeege; 21 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

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Survivors: wife, Susette; son, Brian; daughter, Rebecca Mae Jones; one grandchild. Leo and his wife spent time in the Marshall Islands, Philippine Islands and China performing missionary work.

NAILOR, JAMES E. — b. Oct. 8, 1939, Seymour, Mo.; d. Aug. 5, 2011, Fort Bragg, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carolyn; sons, James R., Trenton, Shannon, David; daughters, Suzanne Kronk, Tina Tobener, Victoria; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

NORTON, BARBARA L. (BLANKS) — b. Oct. 25, 1931, Scotia, Calif.; d. Oct. 4, 2011, Fortuna, Calif. Survivor: daughter, Sue Crowe.

PARK, LESTER EUGENE — b. April 12, 1925, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Oct. 17, 2011, Sun City West, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Betty; sons, Dennis, Tad; daughter, Kathryn Kallmansson; five grandchildren; sister, Geneva Whiteside. Served in various educational capacities including principal at Orangewood Academy, Monterey Bay Academy, as superintendent of schools for the Southeastern California Conference.

RAMOS, WILFREDO B. — b. Aug. 28, 1934, Malasique, Pangasinan, Philippines; d. Sept. 8, 2011, San Fernando, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lita; son, Wilfredo Jr.; daughters, Noralee, Cherry Ignacio; two grandchildren.

REA, ELEANORE M. — b. Nov. 9, 1924, Patterson, Calif.; d. Sept. 11, 2011, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: son, D. Neal Boger; stepson, Walter T. Jr.; daughter, Beverly A. Hinrichsen, step-daughter, Elaine Kilpatrick; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters, Beverly Cortner, Betty Swanson. She served faithfully as a Sabbath-School leader and Pathfinder director; her love of children guiding her activities.

ROSS, IRENE L. (JONES) — b. Sept. 28, 1911, Portland, Ore.; d. Sept. 5, 2011, Penn Valley, Calif. Survivors: son: Elwood "Woody"; daughter: Lydia Velenosi; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother: Vernon. Served at Loma Linda Foods.

ROUHE, SHIRLEY I. (ROSENTHAL) CARLE — b. Feb. 14, 1924, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; d. July 31, 2011, Harrison, Idaho. Survivors: son, Stephen Carle; daughters, Suzanne Hensen, Cathy Keyes; stepsons, Edward, Richard; stepdaughter, Suzanne Nelson; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren.

RUB, ESTELLA (ESPERICUETA) — b. Feb. 8, 1956, Edinburg, Texas; d. Sept. 28, 2011, Duarte, Calif. Survivors: husband, Marshall; son, Girard Loaiza; daughter, Jerica Hawkins; mother, Hortencia Espericueta; three step-children.

VALENZUELA-RAMIREZ, MILTON — b. April 1, 1925, Lancaster, Calif.; d. Sept. 21, 2011, Lancaster, Calif. Survivors: son, Santiago; seven grandchildren.

WILHELM, JAMES A. — b. Feb. 21, 1934, Cyril, Okla.; d. Sept. 18, 2011, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: wife, Beverly; sons, Jeff, James; daughter, Julie McConnell; four grandchildren; mother, Opal; sister, Karen Armstrong.

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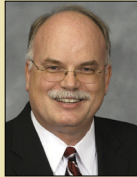
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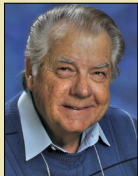
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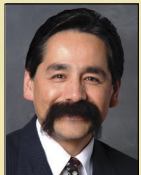
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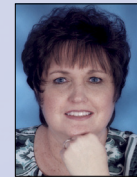
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