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Betty Baerg and her colleagues create beautiful hand-made quilts and blankets so children will have something to call their own during difficult times of transition.

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## Max C. Torkelson, Former President of Three Pacific Union Conferences, Dies

**M**ax C. Torkelson, longtime husband, father, church pastor, educator and administrator, passed peacefully to his rest at home in Cherry Blossom Cottage, Portland, Ore., on Saturday evening, Dec. 8. He was 86. Among other assignments, Torkelson served as president of three conferences in the Pacific Union — Central California, Southeastern California and Nevada-Utah.

A theology graduate of Union College in Lincoln, Neb., Torkelson began his work for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1950 as the pastor of a five-church district centered in Fargo, N.D. He later moved into educational work, serving as principal for Colorado Junior Academy in Grand Junction, Colo., and later at Shyenenne River Academy in Harvey, N.D.

It seems Torkelson was wanted in many places. He became educational superintendent and youth director for the Arizona Conference in 1961. From 1964 to 1971, he worked in Central California, first as education director, then as secretary, and later as conference president.

In 1971, Torkelson moved to Portland, Ore., where he served as executive secretary of the North Pacific Union until he was elected president of the Southeastern California Conference

in 1974. But Torkelson returned to the NPUC from 1976 to 1980 as president, a position now held by his son, Max C. Torkelson II.

In later years, Torkelson served as a General Conference general vice president and, just before retiring, as president for the Nevada-Utah Conference. Retirement was not an end to his service for the church. He helped for a time as philanthropy director for the Upper Columbia Conference, based in Spokane, Wash., and also served as task force pastor for the Village church in College Place, Wash.

In 1947, during his Union College years, Max Torkelson was married to his lifelong love, Ardis Carle, whom he had met while a student at Maplewood Academy.

Torkelson is survived by his wife, Ardis; sons, Max and Monte; daughter, Myrna Smith; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Max C. Torkelson Sr.

Gerry Chudleigh

# In Sync with God

As I sit in my car in the left turn lane, I notice the car in front of mine. Its left turn signal is blinking. My peripheral vision picks up the turn signal light flashing on the dashboard of my own car. For a few seconds, my turn signal and the one on the car ahead of mine flash alternately, off beat from each other.

Then, for a few brief beats, they seem to be synchronized with each other, flashing, as it were, in time to some unheard musical beat, as if directed to do so by some unseen conductor. They flash together in perfect harmony. The harmonious flashing lasts only a few brief seconds. The light changes and our vehicles complete the turn, and we go our separate ways.

As I pondered this, I thought about God and us. God desires to have His entire universe in sync with His great heart. But our hearts and minds are often out of harmony with the mind and heart of God.

I believe God created this world and everything in it to be in harmony with Him. We were designed to beat along with the great harmony of heaven, with His heart as the time signature of our lives.

Too often, our choices take us out of synchronization with God. How often do we decide a course of action or choose a path without consulting God or reflecting on His principles? Because of sin, planet earth and all its inhabitants are challenged to synchronize with God.

Is there anything we can do to change this? Are there any benefits to this synchronization?

I believe that if we do not resist the moving and promptings of the Holy Spirit, God will bring us directly into that harmonious, synchronization with Him. We must be still and know that He is God. As we rest in the presence of God, He will reset our hearts, minds and souls to reverberate with the melody of heaven.

Psalm 46:10 says: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

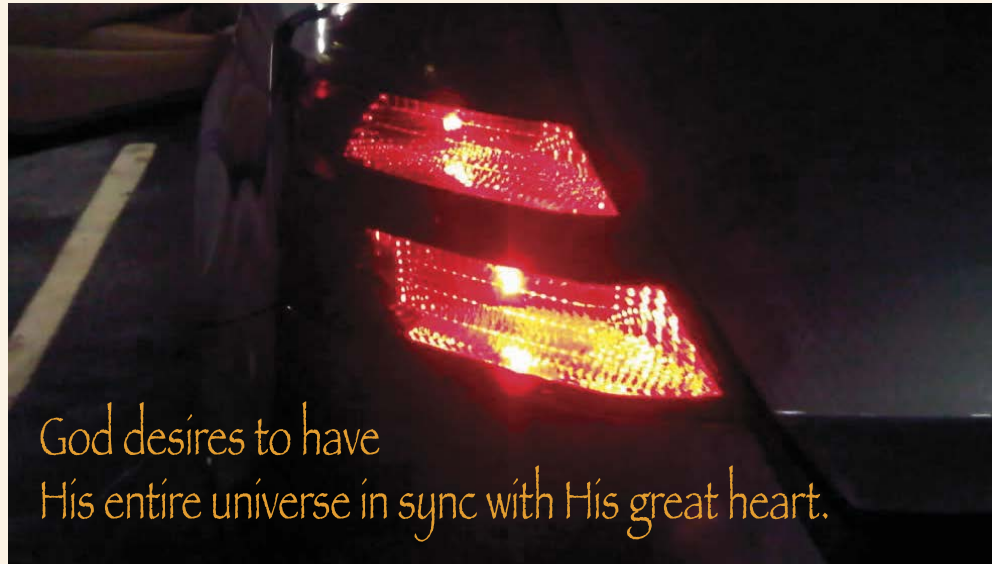
I believe that our great and compassionate God will do His work of changing, purifying and sanctifying us if we will but sit still in His presence. He will speak to us and in that speaking we will be brought into harmony with Him.

Ellen White writes, "We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God" (*The Ministry of Healing*, 58).

Unfortunately, there are many voices echoing the call of Satan to resist God and *not* sit still in His presence.

But like the gentle Father with his small child, God seeks to love and guide us in the right path — the path that leads to Him, the path that leads to holiness and happiness.

Sometimes He needs to chastise us, or correct us. And He does it so perfectly, lovingly. And in that love, we find His correction comforting. He



God desires to have  
His entire universe in sync with His great heart.

reminds us that He is all we need, now and forever. If we will only listen to His voice, we will grow in an understanding of His ways and His will for our lives.

Sitting still in the presence of God brings us into soul surrender, to the point of the death of self. When we fully understand the work that God desires to do in us, to us, for us and through us, we will gladly surrender our egos and our wills to His refining hand.

He will bring us gently into full and complete harmony with His will, and our hearts will beat in perfect harmony with His. Our thoughts will be His thoughts and His thoughts will be ours. We will be consumed by the love He has for us and our love for Him will radiate back to Him. We will one day be in perfect synchronicity with our Father.

God is calling us in so many ways. He calls us through the events, both positive and negative that intrude themselves on our plans. He calls us through maturing Christian friends who share their God-centered insights with us. He calls us thorough Christ-centered talks and articles. He calls us through prayer and Bible Study.

He even re-directs the devil's evil work in this world as a means to arrest our attention. He is calling us to first sit still and listen to Him. He wants to bless us in ways that we cannot imagine. He wants to fill us with his power to resist sin, for we cannot resist it alone.

Then, and only then, we can go and invite others to know God as we know Him in the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus lived, died and rose again to facilitate the synchronization of the hearts of women and men to the heart of God.

Then and only then can we join the Psalmist and state without reservation, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" (Psalm 34:8, NKJV).

Ricardo Graham

# SCC's LET 101 Program Trains Anyone Willing to Learn

In March of 2011, student literature evangelists from the Souls West evangelistic training school in Arizona spent two weeks knocking on doors in the heart of metropolitan Southern California.

George San Martin, a member at the Norwalk church, sat in on morning worships with the students and began to catch the enthusiasm for evangelism. Heidi Bryant, SCC student literature ministries director, gave support to this door-to-door work and, in the process, connected with San Martin. For the next five months, San Martin expressed consistent interest in learning how to be a literature evangelist. He sent messages and asked questions until Bryant began to pray seriously about starting a literature evangelism program that would work for anyone. The young were inspiring those older, and it called for a literature evangelism program that would meet the need.

From those moments of prayer and brainstorming, the LET 101 program was developed. Literature Evangelism Training 101 is a basic class that gives everyone the opportunity to become a literature evangelist. In 2011, 15 registered participants completed the program. In 2012, 14 joined the team. The LET 101 planning team is laying plans to have even more participants in 2013.

Debbie Powell, a member of Living Stones church, joined the 2012 team because of the enthusiasm of young literature evangelists. Her first experience was with a group of L.E.s working in her area during the first quarter of 2012. "I was blessed by the light that the colporteurs shone," she told her instructors. Powell plans to use her skills as a literature evangelist in her local church and area.

Eric Garcia, a member of the Hollywood Spanish church, played an active role in LET 101 during 2012. The ministry emphasis of LET 101 led to helping Garcia organize the GLOW ministry at his local church, as well. Garcia participated in SCC's "GLOW in the Dark" event, in which he involved more than 25 people on Halloween

night. The inspiration and focus at LET 101 spilled over into his local church, opening doors for all the members to share through literature. "I didn't realize how important this work was," said Garcia at the LET 101 graduation on Dec. 9, 2012. "God divinely inspired the idea for LET 101, and our team is experiencing the results of His leading."

LET 101 is for anyone who wants to learn the different aspects of literature evangelism. It's not easy; in fact it's a real challenge. But participants believe the rewards outweigh any rejection they may encounter at neighborhood doors. LET 101 focuses on in-class training, as well as mentored field experience.

There is a great need for dedicated workers who know how to intelligently reach the people where they are. "I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred" (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 25).

For more information, visit [sccglow.org/eventmain](http://sccglow.org/eventmain) or call 818-546-8435.



Debbie Powell and Mike Cho visit a neighborhood home. "I felt that I needed to make a further commitment, that would build my character spiritually," said Powell. "This was the most challenging opportunity I saw."



The 10-day LET 101 class takes place on Sundays, September through December. Members from all over the conference join the team.

Heidi Bryant and Betty Cooney

# Hispanic Women Make “Colchitas de Amor”

**W**omen from 26 Spanish churches in Southern California again participated in the Hispanic Region women’s ministry project called “Colchitas de Amor” (Love Blankets). The project has been providing warmth and comfort to new mothers, babies and children annually for the past 22 years.

On the first Sunday of December, women from the Spanish-speaking churches came together at the conference office, bringing the baby blankets they had made or bought during the fall. They began arriving at 7:30 a.m., oblivious to the pouring rain and briskly cold morning. As cars and vans arrived, the women began the task of delivering their bundles of blankets. Then the counting began.

Teenagers from various churches walked in with their backpacks filled with colored markers, colored paper, scissors — anything and everything needed to make signs with the name of each participant church. After giving a count for their blankets to the coordinator, a photographer took pictures of each church group. In another corner,

several grandmothers sewed on each blanket a label that said, “Made with love by the Hispanic Women’s Ministry of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.” When a new mom delivers in any of the participant hospitals, she will receive her little one wrapped in one of these blankets of love.

“Being in this room with all the busyness,” added Benitez, “I was given a glimpse of what it must have been like to be in Tabitha’s home. In Acts, Tabitha is described as a woman who, after accepting Jesus as her Lord, gave of herself constantly to provide for bereaved and destitute widows and orphans. Her kind eyes and skillful fingers put her faith into every day action. Kind acts such as this can only be carried out by people who have so much love in their hearts that they cannot contain it, so it has to be scattered about to others.”

The baby blanket ministry involves the whole congregation: young and old, men and women. Their labor begins every October, with promotion of the project and event, calling for either donations of funds or actual blankets. In 2012,

the loving labor of the members resulted in 7,404 blankets, delivered to 19 area hospitals.

This year, women and others in SCC Spanish churches will again participate in this ministry, hoping to bring more blankets, having more participating churches and hospitals. They will offer service to God by doing what may seem to the world the least important thing to do.

“One hospital to which we take blankets is the All Saints Healthcare Hospital,” said Antonia Elenes, director of SCC Hispanic women’s ministries. “It was a moving experience to see the children there. Each of them had different physical deformities either from birth, due to accidents or because of their parent’s drug abuse. Many of the children had been abandoned by their parents or relatives.

“At this hospital, we gave the blankets in a different way, covering each child with their blanket. Their happy faces strengthened our conviction that it is important to continue this ministry with which the Lord has entrusted us.”

*Lucy Benitez and Antonia Elenes*



(L. to r.) Lucy Benitez, Maribel Sanchez, Olivia Gourian (in the back), Eneida Escudero, and Rocio Santos.

# Three SCC Pastors Ordained in December 2012

During December 2012, members and friends gathered for ordination services at the Glendale Filipino, South Gate Spanish and Simi Valley churches. While each of the pastors had come to ordination by different paths, each had clearly recognized God's call to pastoral ministry.

## Mark L. Lastimoso

Mark L. Lastimoso was born in Silay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. His mother dedicated him to the Lord at an early age and wanted him to be a minister. His father, a journalist, wanted his son to be a seafarer. Following their untimely deaths, Lastimoso decided to honor both parents' requests. He obtained an associate's degree in marine transportation from Iloilo Maritime Academy; and finished his Bachelor of Theology degree at Central Philippine Adventist College.

After graduation, Lastimoso served as a Bible teacher on Yap, a small island in Micronesia, in 2000 and as a Bible and English language teacher in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2001. After finishing his Master of Arts in Religion at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, he served as a youth pastor in Melbourne, Australia. He met Rossel L. Dayo at AIAS while she was completing her M.B.A., and they were married in 2004.

In 2006, Lastimoso accepted a call to serve as an associate pastor of the Hollydale Community



Pastor Mark and Rossel Lastimoso.



Pastor Mark and Rossel Lastimoso (center) stand with leaders and pastors at the Glendale Filipino church.

church, and, in 2009, he received an assignment as associate pastor of Glendale Filipino church. During his six years of ministry in SCC, Lastimoso has led or assisted with 42 baptisms.

## Pablo Emmanuel Gaitan

Born in La Rioja, Argentina, Pablo Emmanuel Gaitan was never allowed to miss church, even when he was sick. Dedicated Sabbath school teachers helped him discover what it meant to be Jesus' servant.

Gaitan preached his first sermon at age 9; a week later, he was baptized.

One day, when he was 12 years old, he felt the call to ministry while giving Bible studies with his local pastor.

When it was time for Gaitan to decide whether he would pursue soccer, theology or accounting as a career, he decided on the latter.

In his second year at River Plate University in Argentina while studying accounting, he met Vanesa Ontiveros, whom he married in 2005.

The summer prior to his third year at River Plate, Gaitan had a fresh encounter with God, reminding him of the call he had received at age 12. So, instead of enrolling for his third year of accounting, Gaitan started ministerial studies, quickly recognizing that it was the gospel ministry to which he was called.

In 2006, the Gaitans moved to California to become youth pastors for the San Fernando Spanish church. Pablo and Vanesa had no

relatives in this country, so the church became their family. While serving there, children Nathan and Hannah came to enlarge and entertain their family.

In January 2012, Pablo received a call to serve as district pastor of the South Gate and Lynwood Spanish churches. "I pray that God will help me grow more into His likeness while I am pastoring here," he said.

"Somebody tweeted me recently," he added, "that 'anything but service to Jesus seems so meaningless in every possible way.' Today I feel the same. I hope this perspective never leaves me." To reinforce his desire to remain focused on ministry, Gaitan closes his e-mails with the slogan, "Direction Determines Destination."

## Jan Zaugg White

Jan Zaugg White earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Walla Walla College, where she and her husband Phil first met and were married in 1979. "We discovered then that we both had the same heart and passion for ministry," said Phil White, senior pastor, Simi Valley church. "Jan had experienced the same calling that I had had, and we have shared this passion through the years since then."

In 1983, Jan earned a Master of Arts in Religion, and Phil received a Master of Divinity from Andrews University.

Jan has evidenced her passion for ministry throughout her service to the church. She

prepared her first candidate for baptism while teaching at Glendale Adventist Academy; she also taught at Mile High Academy in Denver, Colo. She has worked as a Bible worker in Wyoming, where her husband pastored. In 1996, Jan was invited to serve as the women's ministries director for the Washington Conference. Since then, she served the church in family and women's ministries, Shepherdess, communication, human resources, women's ministries director for the North Pacific Union Conference, as well as an associate pastor at the North Cascade church in Burlington, Wash.

In 2000, White led a women's ministries team from the North Pacific Union to Kidapawan, Philippines, where she served as speaker for the "Jesus is the Answer" evangelistic series, which resulted in nearly 500 baptisms.

In 2001, White was invited to serve as an associate pastor of the Auburn Adventist Academy church while continuing her responsibilities as family and women's ministries director for the Washington Conference.

In 2003, White served as an associate pastor at the Calhoun, Ga., church, where she stayed

for six and a half years. In 2010, she attended chaplaincy training at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tenn.

In June 2011, White was called to serve as associate pastor for nurture and discipleship at the Simi Valley church, working alongside her pastor husband.

The Whites have two children and two grandchildren. Their daughter, Elizabeth Carlson, and her husband, Pastor Robert Carlson, live in Minot, N.D., with their two children, Harper and Alice. The White's son, Anthony, is a senior mass communication: photojournalism major at Walla Walla University.

Jan White is the first woman pastor to be ordained in the Southern California Conference.

GERRY CHUDLEIGH



**SCC President Larry L. Caviness speaks with Pastors Phil and Jan White as he presents Jan with her Certificate of Ordination and welcomes her as an ordained minister of the gospel.**



**Fellow pastors lay hands on and pray for Pastor Pablo and Vanesa Gaitan.**

*Betty Cooney*

# NCC Women Witness in the Democratic Republic of Congo

**H**undreds of widows stood in the hot African sun to welcome Northern California Conference women's ministries coordinator Mary Jo Lauderdale and her friends to Goma, a city in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They formed a line almost a quarter mile long in order to thank Lauderdale for the goats they had received as a result of the NCC's Congo Widows Mission Project. "I went down the line and hugged every single one," said Lauderdale. "Their gratitude was just overwhelming."

Last summer, Lauderdale went to the DRC with friends from the Chico church — Judy Gibson, Gwen Sokata and Barbara Wilde — to conduct meetings in a ShareHim International Campaign. The nine members of the group presented evangelistic meetings at seven locations. Lauderdale and Sokata preached sermons, while Gibson and Wilde gave health talks. The women from Chico also had the opportunity to observe as 30 widows received goats. So far

more than 400 goats have been distributed since the project's beginning.

The goal of the project — begun in 2010 — is to give a goat to every Adventist widow in the country, where many women are single due to war, disease and abandonment. "The widows were still fairly upbeat and positive even though



*Since the ShareHim evangelistic meetings last summer, 5,000 Congolese people have been baptized.*

they had suffered severe hardship — things we cannot truly understand," said Wilde. "They are willing to go on in spite of the trials, hardship and continued political unrest."

The new goat owners attended classes to learn how to care for their goats, how to turn the milk into cheese for sale, and how to use the manure as fertilizer. "Once a woman builds a herd of three goats, she is fully independent — able to buy food and clothing for herself and her children," said Lauderdale. "Then she has the opportunity to witness for the Lord by giving the next baby goat that is born to a non-Adventist widow."

The goat project came about as the result of a chance meeting between Lauderdale and Gasore "Jean" Bazungu, a church administrator in the DRC, at the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta. This summer, Bazungu traveled to the DRC border to greet Lauderdale and the others as they entered the country. "This project came so close to both of our hearts," said Lauderdale. "He has such a longing to help these women."



*NCC women's ministries coordinator Mary Jo Lauderdale answers reporters' questions at a press conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

After hearing about the goat project, the governor of a local province asked to meet with Lauderdale and church administrators. Although she is accustomed to speaking publicly, Lauderdale was worried. The DRC is engaged in civil war, and she feared that she would say something that would offend one side or the other and make matters worse for the Adventists. "God, you have to do this," she prayed. "I don't know how to talk in front of the governor." After she shared the history of the



*Three goats can generate enough income for a Congolese woman to buy food and clothing for herself and her children.*



*The NCC Women's Ministries Department has raised money to give more than 400 goats to help Congolese widows and several widowers.*



PHOTOS BY GWEN SOKATA



Front row, l. to r.: Judy Gibson, Barbara Wilde, Mary Jo Lauderdale and Gwen Sokata stand with other ShareHim evangelists and Congolese friends.

goat project and its goals, the governor told her: "I, too, am a Christian, and I want you to pray for me." She wondered what she should pray for, but "instantly when I started my prayer, God

gave me the words." Afterward, she participated in a press conference with local reporters.

The Chico women had other opportunities to witness in unexpected ways. During a visit

to a nearby Adventist school, Sokata met women from a refugee camp who kept telling her that they were hungry. Compelled to action, she and the ShareHim group pooled their money to buy food for 800 refugee families — rice, beans, potatoes and maize flour. "It felt like so little, but it was better than nothing," said Sokata. "When we were there, we were the hands, the feet and the mouth of the Lord."

God used the actions and words of the ShareHim team to touch people's hearts. Before the visitors flew home, 634 Congolese were baptized, and since then many more have been baptized — bringing the total to 5,000. "Those people are on fire," said Sokata. "They used every tool that we left them to continue the work." In addition to sermon notes and videos, the Adventist churches in the DRC present a seminar about grief and loss (prepared by Lauderdale) to reach out to the many hurting widows in the country.

Lauderdale hopes to take a medical team back to the DRC in the future. In the meantime, she continues to raise money for the goat project. "For the widows, this is a very hard life. The pain on their faces breaks my heart," wrote Lauderdale during her trip. "But as I hug each one, I see hope."

To donate to the Congo Widows Mission Project, visit [ncc.adventist.org/womensministries](http://ncc.adventist.org/womensministries) or e-mail [mlauderdale@nccsda.com](mailto:mlauderdale@nccsda.com).

*Julie Lorenz*



An interpreter translates Barbara Wilde's talk into Swahili.

COURTESY 3ABN



After their return from the DRC, Mary Jo Lauderdale and Barbara Wilde appeared on the television program "3ABN Today," with host C.A. Murray, to speak about the Congo Widows Mission Project.



Children attended the evangelistic meetings, sitting quietly for hours each afternoon as they listened to the kids' meeting, the health talk and the sermon.

# NCC Prayer Ministries Challenges Members to Pray More

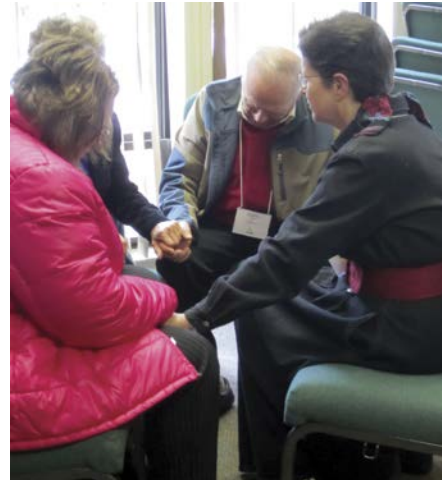
Northern California Conference prayer ministries coordinator Naomi Parson often quotes Ellen White on the importance of prayer: "The greatest victories gained for the cause of God . . . are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 259). Her mission is to inspire more church members to pray alone and with their families and to provide opportunities for them to pray with fellow believers.

Every Thursday, Parson hosts an hour-long prayer call beginning at 7 a.m. The call begins with a short devotional message, but most of the time is devoted to prayer. Parson wants to encourage more people to call in. "You don't have to pray out loud; you can just come on the conference call for 10 or 15 minutes and be

inspired," she said. To join the call, dial 424-203-8400, and enter the access code: 669648#.

To further connect people from all around the conference in prayer, Parson has recently begun a corporate prayer request e-mail. "We bring prayer requests directly to the people, praying for our schools, the upcoming Bay Area outreach project, our prayer retreat and more," she said. To sign up to receive these e-mail messages, write to Parson at [naomiparson@aol.com](mailto:naomiparson@aol.com).

One of the main conference prayer ministries events is the NCC prayer retreat, now in its 12th year. In addition to meetings and fellowship, the retreat at Leoni Meadows offers many opportunities for personal and corporate prayer. (See the ad below for more information.) "Come to the prayer retreat and receive an upper room experience out in the beauties of nature," said Parson. "Be inspired for 2013."



DOLORES MOORE

*The prayer retreat provides time and opportunities for small group prayer, as well as individual and corporate prayer.*

Julie Lorenz

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 12TH ANNUAL NCC PRAYER RETREAT

*March 15-17, 2013*

at Leoni Meadows

Join us for a weekend of prayer. Come into the presence of the Lord and experience spiritual growth, revival and total commitment to God's power in reaching the world for Christ. *There will be programming for all ages so bring your family and rest in God's nature, take part in an anointing service and enjoy a special time of prayer that will prepare you for an upper room experience. Don't miss this opportunity!*



#### CO-PRESENTERS Ricardo & Audrey Graham

Ricardo Graham serves as the president of the Pacific Union Conference. His wife, Audrey, teaches world history and is

the chair of the social studies department at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School. Together, they are a powerful couple in ministry, working to further the message of the power of Jesus.



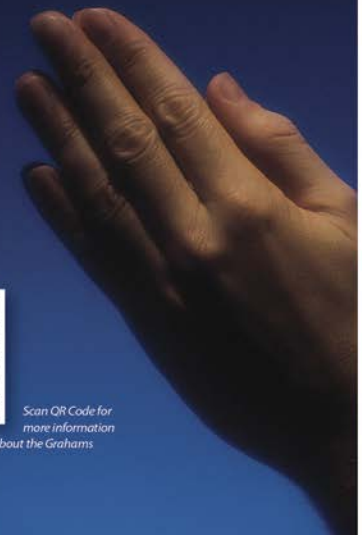
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"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)



# Asian/Pacific Convocation Encourages Unity in Diversity

**O**nward. Upward" was the theme of the second Northern California Conference Asian/Pacific Convocation, held last fall at the Fairfield Community church. Nearly 500 people attended the event, which brought together people from many different Asian and Pacific cultures. "It was a taste of what heaven is going to be like," said Long Thatcher, pastor of the Oakland Vietnamese church plant. "When we get together, the Lord blesses us."

William Gemora, NCC Asian/Pacific ministries coordinator and pastor of the All Nations church of Elk Grove, presented the afternoon's main message. "I've enjoyed working with the different Asian/Pacific congregations throughout the conference, and I was happy to see them

all come together and get to know each other," he said.

Members from a variety of congregations participated in the "Festival of Music" part of the program. "A highlight of the convocation was seeing the different nationalities in their native costumes, as well as hearing them sing in their native tongues," said Fred Toailoa, Citrus Heights/Sacramento Samoan district pastor.

The program also included a graduation service for the Pacific Institute of Christian Ministry, which educates laypeople throughout the world to serve in their local churches and communities. Pacific Union Asian/Pacific ministries director VicLouis Arreola, III, presented diplomas to six graduates of the certified lay pastoral assistant program.

After the program, everyone was invited to fellowship together at a Chinese dinner. The afternoon's activities were so well received that organizers plan to make the convocation an annual occurrence each fall. They hope eventually to turn it into an all-day event. "We want to encourage unity in diversity," said Toailoa. "The Asian/Pacific

ministry is very diverse — not one specific ethnic group. It includes a lot of little groups. It's good for them to know that the conference and the church are aware of their presence — that they're part of this one big family."

Napa Valley Korean church pastor James Miho Lim agrees. "We are all part of the same team in the NCC, working for the same cause of God," he said. "We want to help them recognize that."

*Julie Lorenz*

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**Platform participants at the NCC Asian/Pacific Convocation included (l. to r.) Fred Toailoa; VicLouis Arreola, III; William Gemora; Cap Thoi Ly; Willie Johnson Jr.; and James Miho Lim.**



**Joshua Chen, from the Alameda East Bay Chinese church, plays the saw during the "Festival of Music."**



**The Maesa Indonesian Choir sings at the convocation.**



**Women in the Napa Valley Korean church choir wear hanboks, the traditional Korean dress.**

# Adventist School Provides Refuge for Struggling Public School Student

Jose Valencia Jr. dreaded going to school every day. As a chubby sixth-grader, he was teased and bullied by some of his classmates — especially the boys. Diagnosed with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), he also struggled academically and with his behavior.

His parents, Jose Sr. and Isabel Valencia, began to search for a better school environment. Chowchilla, Calif., is a small town with few options, but Jose's sister knew about a Christian school on Road 13 — the Chowchilla Adventist Elementary School.

After one visit, the parents enrolled Jose Jr. in seventh grade and his little brother, Julian, in kindergarten. The parents got involved at the school and, "When the kids came home, they would tell us about Christ and what they had learned that day," their dad says.

Jose Sr. lost his job, so he and Isabel were able to be more involved at school. "We did whatever was needed, cleaning, fixing things," Isabel says. They felt like they were part of the church family.

Jose Sr. was raised with a stepfather who loved God. "He died when I was 11. He left me something — [a belief] that God is good, the church is good. You gotta go to church," he remembers.

Isabel had been raised in a strong Catholic family that loved God and attended church each week. An education in Catholic schools deepened her love of God and her belief in the importance of family.

Jose Sr. and Isabel were high school sweethearts, both worked as pharmacy techs, and their lives revolved around their children and families. They had tried attending several churches, but none felt right.

## Jose Jr.

Growing up, Jose Jr. was captivated by dinosaurs, reading books and watching videos to learn as much as possible. But the evolution theories troubled him. "In my heart, it didn't seem right. This couldn't have just happened," he says.



*The Valencia family, clockwise from left: Jose Jr., Julian, Jose Sr. and Isabel.*

When he learned about a Creator and His creation in his new school, he thought, "Wow, I've had that kind of thoughts about it."

He also visited Monterey Bay Academy, the conference boarding school for grades nine to 12 in La Selva Beach, Calif., for Academy Days. A new hope began to grow in his heart — one his parents thought was impossible.

With the help of MBA's development director, Charlotte Henderson, and the Chowchilla church members, Jose enrolled his freshman year. Now in his senior year, he praises his heavenly Father. "God truly loves me," he says. "He's done so much for me."

## Julian

Now in fifth grade, little brother Julian joined the school's baptismal class taught by Ed Walker, a local church elder. Every night he would tell his mom and dad what he was learning. "It was 'Mr. Walker' this and 'Mr. Walker' that," Jose Sr. says.

"He was giving his dad Bible studies," Walker shares.

When the class was nearly over, Walker visited the family to get approval for Julian's baptism. They agreed. "Church members attend church each week. Are you willing to bring him?" Walker asked. Jose Sr. and Isabel began attending church each week.

"It felt like the Lord was calling me," Julian says about his decision for baptism. Then his dad decided to be baptized, too. On Aug. 18, 2012, Jose Sr. and Julian were baptized together. Now, two sisters and a brother-in-law of Jose Sr. are taking Bible studies.

The family has much to say about Chowchilla Adventist Elementary. "It just felt right," Isabel says. "It is amazing what the Holy Spirit does for the kids," says Jose Sr.

"It's a totally different world than public school," Jose Jr. adds.

"It's the best stuff [my] parents can do for me," Julian declares.

*Caron Oswald*

# Shin Joins Milpitas Church as Senior Pastor

**D**r. Dong Hee (Joshua) and Sung Hee (Jane) Shin are the new pastoral couple for the Milpitas, Calif., church.

The Shins have a rich family legacy. Jane's grandparents were among the first Adventists in Korea. Joshua's father served the church for more than 32 years, including as president of the East Central Korean Conference.

Since his childhood in Seoul, Korea, Shin and his two brothers had only one dream — to be pastors just like their father. "He loved the Lord and His church, and he was our role model," says Shin. There are six pastors amongst Shin's relatives in Korea today.

During his college years, Shin served as a youth pastor. After college, he served as an associate and senior pastor in several churches; as college professor and chaplain at Sahmyook University; and as director of children's, youth, chaplaincy, and music ministries for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division from 2002 to 2010.

Passionate about Pathfinders, he developed a Pathfinder Academy while serving as senior pastor of the JoongDong Central church from

1993 to 1999. He also taught Pathfinders' skills and principles at the local church and division levels. He served as Grace-link International Children's Church developer and trainer for English-speaking local churches in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories.

Shin received a bachelor's degree in theology from Sahmyook University, Seoul, Korea, then added three master's degrees: pastoral studies from the SDA Theology Seminary, Silang, Philippines; public health from Philippine Union College Graduate School of International Institute of Health (AUP), Silang, Philippines; and systematic theology from Allias in the Philippines.

On Aug. 5, 2012, he received a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership from Andrews Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Mich.

## The Family

"I saw her, and it was love at first sight," Shin says about Jane, his wife of 23 years. Two ladies introduced Jane to Joshua when he was 28 and Jane a college student. "She was very beautiful and quiet, and I thought, 'This is the lady that God has planned for me.'"

Seeking the Lord's will, Shin spent 42 days praying. During this time, Shin believes that God confirmed that she was the wife for him. They were married March 25, 1990, just before Shin began his mandatory two years of Korean military service. A son, Dong Kyu Shin (Samuel), was born first, and then a daughter, Seo Young (Christina), joined the family a couple of years later.

The children's education needs triggered a transfer to Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Ga. Samuel enrolled in 2004, and Christina in 2007. "Christian education would be better in the U.S. than in Korea because of Sabbath-keeping problems," Shin explains.

In 2010, the family made a significant decision. During the 2010 GC session, Shin was re-elected to his division position. Samuel, a junior at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., had left home at age 13 for the U.S. and asked his father to consider a family reunion. "If you accept this call for the next five years, we won't ever live [together] as a whole family again."

Father and mother agreed, and settled in Collegedale, Tenn. "It was a meaningful time for my wife and children, a beautiful family experience," Shin says. Within 20 months in Tennessee, he completed his dissertation and loaned his pastoral experience to some Korean churches in the area.

Samuel graduated from SAU in May 2012 and is now at Loma Linda University for his M.D./Ph.D. program on a full scholarship. Christina is a junior at SAU.

Before Samuel's graduation, the Shins began to pray for God's will for their future ministries after the doctoral studies were completed. In January 2012, Shin called Pastor George Johnson, director of special evangelism projects for the Central California Conference, for a New Year's greeting.

Johnson asked Shin, "Where are you going to work after your study?"

"I do not know about tomorrow," Shin recalls saying. "The Lord will bring me to where He wants."

In June, the day after Joshua Shin defended his dissertation, the Shins received the call to pastor in Milpitas. "We believed it was an irresistible call from the Lord," he says. "How could I decline the call? We feel the love from the congregation. We only praise God."

*Caron Oswald*



**Dr. Dong Hee (Joshua) and Sung Hee (Jane) Shin are the new pastoral couple for the Milpitas, Calif., church.**

# MBA Mourns Death of Beloved Teacher Jon M. Speyer

Jon Michael Speyer, husband of Kinzie (Yoder) Speyer, father of Ryan, Brandon and Jordan, and a teacher of Bible and drama for 26 years at Monterey Bay Academy, died unexpectedly on Dec. 31, 2012. He was 55-years-old.

On Christmas Eve, Jon suffered a stroke and was airlifted from Lake Tahoe, Calif., to a Reno, Nev., hospital. Jon and Kinzie were spending Christmas with their sons' families, which include five grandchildren.

Jon, born on April 17, 1957, was the first of three sons for traveling evangelist John Frederick (Fred) and Patricia Speyer. Jon was born in South Carolina; his brother Randy came along in Oklahoma, and Stephen in Ohio. With Patricia at the piano, it wasn't unusual for a baby to sleep under the pulpit while Pastor Fred sang and preached.

The family settled at MBA in 1968, where Fred pastored the church and taught Bible. Patricia taught piano lessons.

A member of the MBA class of 1975, Jon attended Pacific Union College, graduating in 1980 with a theology degree and a teaching credential. In 1992, he completed a master's degree in counseling from the University of San Francisco in California.

The Jon Speyer family joined the MBA staff in 1987, where Jon began teaching Bible and

drama. He followed his father, who taught Bible for 20 years. Jon also served as an associate pastor of the academy church.

A memorial service was held on Sabbath, Jan. 26, at the academy. A private family service was held the following day.

## A Legacy

*Authentic. A man who lived at the heart of the gospel. Created a classroom atmosphere where a student could fall in love with Jesus. Grounded his students in God's Word. Provided a safe place for teens to wrestle with the hard questions.*

These are just a few of several thousand messages and memories that flooded social networks — Facebook accounts, e-mails, texts, websites — from former and current students and their parents, family, friends and colleagues. (See posts on the MBA and Prayer for Speyer Facebook pages.)

"It takes a very special individual to teach Bible classes effectively for 26 years," says Principal Tim Kubrock. "I've worked with him for 16 years and can truly say that he lived life from his core passion — the grace and mercy of Jesus."

"He had a gift of seeing everything through the lens of righteousness by faith," says Randy, his brother, also a pastor. "A devoted researcher, you could ask him any question about almost any subject and he had or would find the answer. After his heart bypass in 2004, he became the family health expert and vigorously lived what he learned."

At assembly on Monday morning, Jan. 7, Kinzie told her story to the students and staff. "This started the healing process for the rest of us," Kubrock says.

Vulnerable, transparent, mixed with details and the many ways God clearly made His



*The Speyer Family (left to right) Jordan, Ryan, Kinzie, Jon, and Brandon. "Perseverance is having the moral courage to trust that God will ultimately work everything out," Jon said, taught and lived.*

presence and care known, Kinzie opened her heart.

"Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!" from Psalms 27:14, became the family's favorite promise. "This [verse] repeatedly showed itself through various venues and people throughout the week," Kinzie said, as she shared several "clearly divine" experiences.

The impact on hospital personnel was dramatic. "Without speaking one word, his life spoke volumes to the doctors and nurses surrounding him," she shared. "The faith in God our family clung to and the outpouring of phone calls and visitors, they said they had never seen anything like [this] before."

A Dec. 21 e-mail Jon sent to his father and two brothers is a cherished gift for his family. "I hope and pray that all of you have vacancy in your hearts for Christ to be born in you today, and every day this next year. Because after all is said and done, that's what really matters — that is what will bring 'a place called home' eternally — and finally. -JMS"

For information on the Jon M. Speyer Scholarship Fund, visit [montereybayacademy.org](http://montereybayacademy.org); call 831-728-1481, ext. 1222; or e-mail [alumni@montereybayacademy.org](mailto:alumni@montereybayacademy.org).

*Caron Oswald*



*Jon Speyer, far right, stands with the Impressions drama class for the 2011-12 year. Their presentations in churches and schools reflected Christ's unconditional, constant love and care. "If becoming a Christian removed all our problems, there would be no unbelievers in the world. Course, then there would also be no person with character," he told his students.*

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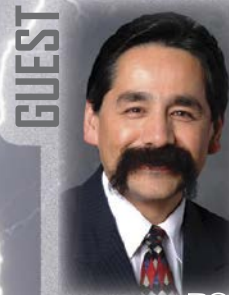
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# Paradise Valley Church Graduates 20, Begins Second Year of Refugee Assimilation Project

Having launched 20 refugees on their way to a better life in America, Paradise Valley church members opened their fellowship hall's doors again in September to a second group of 20.

The church's Refugee Assimilation Project began in November 2011, directed by Ephraim Bendantunguka, a refugee from Rwanda. Its goal is to give refugees English language and job-training skills so they can become self-sufficient.

"One of the case workers for our students commented that our school is the most successful in getting students gainfully employed of any of the refugee ministries in San Diego County," said Will James, senior pastor, whose vision began and continues to expand the RAP.

Students in the first class graduated at a church picnic on Aug. 19, each receiving a certificate indicating what level of Rosetta Stone English language software they had mastered. They also had learned reading, writing and speaking skills from ESL teacher



*Paradise Valley's first class of ESL students graduated at a church picnic in August. Each received a certificate indicating what level of Rosetta Stone English language software they had mastered.*

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In his devotional message the last morning of classes in August, Bendantunguka told the students, "Always remember that you are

now part of our family. Come back any time to continue your Rosetta Stone lessons, and please let us know if we can help you with anything. We're here for you."

Several students have moved away, but the rest have taken his words seriously. Some return on weekdays to study or to say hello and pick up food from Community Services; close to half the families attend church services on Sabbath mornings and bring their children to Sabbath school.

About a third of the students have found full-time or part-time jobs; five have gotten their driver's licenses and bought used cars. Four new mothers are at home caring for their babies. Two students are studying full time, one to become a nurse, the other to become a certified home caregiver. Others attend evening classes in addition to attending RAP classes or are working every day. One student became a United States citizen in time to vote in November.

Two additions this year enrich the RAP and make it more diverse. The first is a partnership with Azusa Pacific University's San Diego nursing program. A group of senior nursing students and their professor, Laurel Owen, spend



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*Seventeen refugees began studying English at Paradise Valley church in September.*





*Victory Gardens of San Diego and the San Diego Food Bank helped establish gardens in which students grow food for their families. Being outdoors during class breaks also relaxes them and promotes camaraderie among them.*

Tuesdays at Paradise Valley. They take blood pressures and counsel Community Services clients in the mornings and spend afternoons doing health education and one-on-one tutoring with the refugees.

The second addition, reflected in the makeup of this year's ESL class, is the addition of a self-supporting ministry to Arabic-speaking people. Peter and Oksana Thomas recently moved to San Diego from Washington State to join forces

with Paradise Valley Community Services. Peter is a native of Iraq.

"We are eternally grateful not only to the Southeastern California Conference, Pacific Union and North American Division for their vote of confidence in our ministry, but also to foundations such as Versacare," said James. "Local entities, including Victory Gardens of San Diego, Home Depot, Sycuan Tribal Nation, Friendship Missions International, Tooth Fairy Dental Group, San Diego Food Bank, Feeding America San Diego, and many members of our church give generous financial support to the RAP."

P.V. Thrift Store, a few blocks east of the church on 8th Street in National City, established at the same time as the RAP, provides both additional income and work-study opportunities.

James is happy with the impact that the Community Services and RAP ministries are having not only on the community but also in the lives of church members. "Well over 100 members are actively involved each week in volunteerism in our community, and our church is growing numerically and spiritually," he says. "Please keep our ministry in your daily prayers. Many challenges face us as we strive to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and friendship needs of the 90,000 refugees of San Diego."

*Jocelyn Fay*



*Senior nursing students from Azusa Pacific University spend Tuesdays at Paradise Valley. They take blood pressures and counsel Community Services clients in the mornings and do health education and one-on-one tutoring with the refugees in the afternoons.*



*Financial gifts from the Sycuan Tribal Nation and Paradise Valley Credit Union funded the purchase of a bus to transport students to the RAP and their children to San Diego Academy on weekdays. On Sabbaths it brings refugees to Sabbath school and church.*

# Drug Alternative Program Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Cliff and Freddie Harris, founders and co-directors of the Drug Alternative Program in Grand Terrace, Calif., held a banquet Dec. 29 to celebrate the program's 25th anniversary.

A faith-based organization, DAP is a men's rehabilitation program offering recovery, support and outreach programs aimed at chronic and recreational drug users. The program focuses on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing.

The banquet took place in the conference hall of the Hilton in San Bernardino. Approximately 100 guests were treated to a night of prayer, music and stories, as well as food and deserts. Guests included board members, counselors, conference officials, pastors and friends of DAP.

Former graduates and current residents of the program were also in attendance. Tracy Wise, who is on Phase 5 of the program and will be

graduating early in 2013, set the tone for the evening. He expressed his gratitude for the Harris and their program.

After opening prayer and music, the guests ate. During this time, the Harris individually greeted as many of the guests as time allowed.

Next, a video highlighted several men talking about what DAP had done for them. One had been a drug addict for 20 years and had tried nine different programs to get sober. It wasn't until DAP that he was able to reach sobriety; he now holds a steady job and is married to a supportive wife.

The video showed the importance of having a stable, loving environment as a means to overcome drug addiction. In-patient clients are placed in a work environment and are given the

responsibility of handling their own expenses, as well as staying accountable to one another.

The program lasts longer than most other competing programs and costs only a fraction of what others charge. The homes are kept clean, and clients work hard to keep it that way. Regular worship sessions allow the men to stay spiritually grounded.

In addition, men who go through the transitional homes are given the opportunity to mentor others who are still coming in. "We can show that there is a light at the end of the tunnel," says one of the men in the video.

After the video, the Harris introduced Judy and Michael McCale, who had sold their home to DAP and had financed the loan, interest free. The Harris hoped to make their final mortgage payment of \$40,000 that evening and invited



Cliff and Freddie Harris introduce alumni from their program.

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**Cliff and Freddie Harris pose with Michael and Judy McCale to celebrate making their final mortgage payment on the home DAP bought from the McCales.**

Later, the Harris's sons, Tony and London, spoke about their parents and DAP. Tony Harris played in the NBA, and was able to take the values he learned at home into his professional life.

London, however, made some poor choices and started using drugs. But through the unconditional love of his parents, he was able to climb out of that hole. "We must love each other with that same unconditional love my parents had for me," he said. "If we would make ourselves equally

attendees to make a donation, large or small, to help.

After the final offering, the Harris reported that they had collected more than \$50,000. They wrote a check to the McCales on the spot.

Attendees also heard from DAP graduates. Nearly 14 years ago, Anthony Fraser called Freddie Harris with a simple request. "I need a program," he said.

She told him that they were full, but that perhaps in a couple of weeks, a house would be opening up. Two days later, Fraser was on drugs when Cliff Harris called him back. The conversation was not pleasant.

"He was the first person to get on my level," said Fraser. "He broke me down on the phone. I had never been broken before. But that is the first step, one has to be broken."

Cliff Harris told Fraser that he loved him, even though he had never met him. He also told him to get on a bus in the next couple of days; otherwise, his spot would be filled. Fraser hopped on a bus as soon as possible and arrived at DAP a few days later.

Although the program was not easy, he graduated a year later. Determined to continue bettering himself, Fraser wanted to enter the nursing program at Loma Linda University. Although it seemed like a long shot, Cliff Harris told him that if he demonstrated resilience and initiative, that DAP would back him.

Fraser attended the university while staying in one of the DAP houses, and eventually graduated. Later in life, Fraser battled cancer, went through a divorce and endured other difficulties. "If not for DAP, I would not have been able to make it," he said.

Fraser finished by addressing the current residents of the program. "Make it work," he said. "If you're going to go through all of this, invest in yourselves."

available, God would move mountains."

With 25 years of experience, as well as a focused dedication toward helping men out of drug addiction and restoring their lives, DAP continues to work out of Grand Terrace, Calif. For more information, visit [drugalternativeprogram.org](http://drugalternativeprogram.org).

*Mario Munoz*



**Cliff and Freddie Harris share their excitement that guests donated more than enough money to cover the final mortgage payment.**

# Men at Garden Grove Bond Over Acts of Kindness

**T**rips to feed the homeless, group workouts on the beach and community prayer stations have characterized the formation of "John Ministry," a new men's ministry at the Garden Grove church. John, meaning "God is gracious" in Hebrew, describes the ministry's mission to the community and members.

"The goal is to help men be strong in their community, in their work and in their homes," said Filemu T. Filemu, director of John Ministry. "A lot of men sit in church, but don't share what is going on in their lives. We encourage each other to open up and bond together, so that we can experience Christ in an enhanced way."

The idea for John Ministry came from a group of men who were inspired by church mission trips to Mexico. They enjoyed the trips, but felt they also had a responsibility to help those down the street, in parks, behind trash cans and

next to laundromats. The group began driving around their city on Thursday nights, passing out food to whomever they found on the streets. What began as a food drop-off turned into conversation and then into friendship, as the men got to know those on their route.

They found that more than food was needed, and other church members stepped up, providing resources such as blankets, underwear, socks and jackets. On Thanksgiving Thursday, they were able to feed approximately 400 hungry people.

"It's very important for us to share the things we go through, together," says Filemu. "One of the most beautiful opportunities we've had was with one homeless man that became part of our group. We picked him up and put him up in a motel. He was struggling with some problems, so all the guys went over to his motel and had a talk with him. They helped him decide what to do when he got out of the motel. Eventually he was able to get a job and work on bettering his relationships."

In addition to their Thursday night trips, John Ministry members began exercising together; playing pickup basketball or taking early morning runs along the beach, ending with a devotional at dawn. The men have also set up roadside prayer stations, encouraging people to stop and pray together if they have something on their minds.

John Ministry has grown to include members of the



Members of John Ministry design "Prayer Stop" signs.



One of the prayer stations is next to the main road by the Garden Grove church.

church, the community, and even a few from the Jewish Messianic congregation. Some come from as far away as Riverside or Redlands. Filemu sends out daily e-mails with information to keep everyone informed about upcoming activities, along with an encouraging thought or verse for the day. His hope is to help them persevere and stay optimistic.

"The best way we can think of to paint a picture of Jesus is to try to act as He would," said Filemu. "Like John, we want to prepare the way for Jesus and speak love by 'laying down our lives for our brothers.'"

Rebecca Barcelo



The men of John Ministry form an assembly line to put the food boxes together faster.



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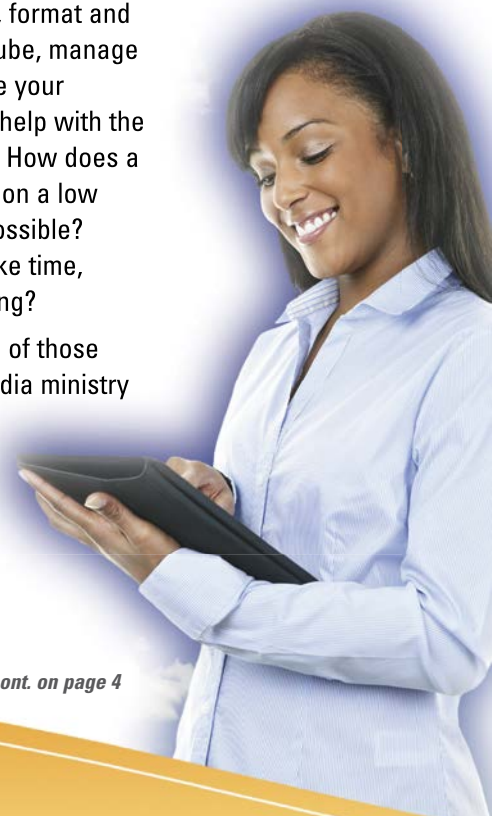
Churches cannot afford to ignore the benefits of using technology to communicate with their members and to reach their communities with the healing message of Jesus. If your church is engaged in ministry, you need people who know



Chip Dizard

how to make videos, format and post videos on YouTube, manage your website, update your Facebook page and help with the audio/visual system. How does a church do all of this on a low budget? Is it even possible? Doesn't all of this take time, expertise, and training?

The answer to all of those questions is YES. Effective media ministry can be done on a shoestring budget, and yes, creating a technology team in your church does take time and requires training. But it can happen, and Pacific Union



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## *ChurchApplied:* Stories of Faith

*C*hurchApplied: In Motion is a project that produces videos about Adventists who are involved in ministry throughout the Pacific Union Conference. The name "ChurchApplied" describes the need for us to take the theory of religious belief and apply it to everyday life. Videos can be accessed via the web and mobile devices through Vimeo (a video sharing site).

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# Bar Stools and Pews

by Rich DuBose

**D**oes it bother you that on any given weekend there are probably more people sitting on bar stools than in church pews? This ought to send a message to pastors and parishioners alike that something meaningful is happening in local saloons and taverns! What is it?



Normally, people only frequent places where they feel accepted and welcome. While bar-goers often confuse their needs with the best solutions, they are tuned into something that some churches need to rediscover:

**Fellowship** – Camaraderie and a sense of belonging.

**A non-critical environment** – Feeling safe about letting others know who you really are.

**A listening ear** – Being with people who take a personal interest in you.

**Recognition of inadequacies** – A willingness to change and improve.

**Relief from pain** – A place where pain is shared, minimized, and managed.

When Jesus was on earth, He provided all of the above qualities

and more. Is it any wonder that people flocked to hear Him speak? And isn't it strange that the people who criticized Him most were those who professed to be the most religious (Matthew 12:14)?

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## The Intentional Church:

# Welcoming Hungry Souls

by Edwin Gallagher, Sr. Pastor for Healthy Adventist Churches,  
Seventh-day Adventist North New Zealand Conference



**D**o you long to see sinners saved through your church? If so, here's a scripture worth looking at: The word's getting out on Zion: "Men and women, right and left, get born again in her!" God registers their names in his book: "This one, this one, and this one — born again, right here." (Psalm 87:5, 6 MSG). Can you picture it? God looking around your neighborhood, picking out people to send to your church, where they can find changed lives in Christ. "This one, this one, and this one — born again, right here."

A few months ago, I visited a small church, about 20 attending. Since my last visit there one year before, two or three new people

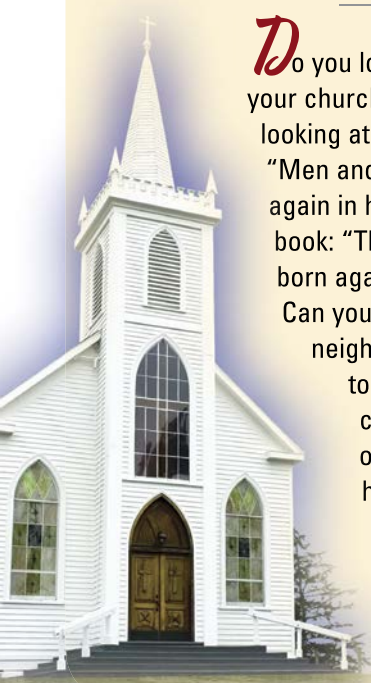
from the community were regularly participating. "How did this come about?" I asked the church leaders. "God sent them," was the reply. "God picked them out and sent them."

The other day I was talking with two pastors from a large city church, hundreds attending. The pastors mentioned how delighted they were that a new person approached them after worship the previous week — a woman from the community, previously unknown. She said she wanted to learn about having a changed life and becoming a church member.

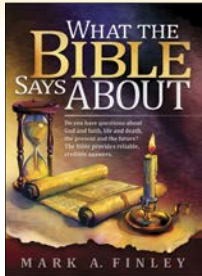
Would you like this kind of experience in your congregation? What's the key?

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# Resources You Can Use



**What the Bible Says About**, by Mark Finley – Rather than opinions and sermons, this book is especially designed to give you answers directly from Scripture. If you have never studied the Bible before, you will find clear biblical responses to commonly asked questions about many topics. Even if you are a seasoned Bible student, you will find this a helpful tool as you explore what God's says about doctrine, personal faith and spirituality. Published by Pacific Press and Hart Research. Available online or at your local Adventist Book Center.



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\*EVERYONE is FREE to attend the Friday evening and Sabbath sessions, but if you wish to partake in the Sabbath lunch and Sunday morning meals, you need to register at: [www.visitinspire.org/berkeley](http://www.visitinspire.org/berkeley).



## Artist Database

If you are an Adventist artist, photographer, musician, poet, or videographer, we want you in our online database! Check it out and submit your info at: [www.visitinspire.org/artist/inspire](http://www.visitinspire.org/artist/inspire)



## Andrews University

# Worship Conference

You are invited to attend the 10th annual Andrews University Music and Worship Conference, March 7-9, 2013. Hosted across the University's campus, this ministry of the Center for Youth Evangelism is also sponsored by Andrews University's Department of Christian Ministry and Department of Music, and the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The event will provide biblically-

rooted training for church musicians, pastors, worship leaders, and anyone involved in worship ministry.

The 2013 Worship Conference will feature a variety of outstanding presenters. Notable guest presenters include Dr. Pedrito Maynard-Reid – Assistant to the President of Walla Walla University for Diversity and Professor of Biblical Studies and

Missiology in the School of Theology; Committed — vocal recording artists and winners of NBC's a capella competition, The Sing Off; and accomplished worship leader, songwriter and Hillsong recording artist, Tanya Riches.

For more details visit: [www.cye.org/mwc](http://www.cye.org/mwc)





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## How Do You Do That?, cont. from pg. 1

Conference Church Support Services is ready to help in 2013 with a new initiative called TechApplied. Church Support Services has contracted with Chip Dizard, of WebVideoChefs.com, to help churches throughout the Union with their technology questions.

*Here are a few samples of questions Dizard will address:*

- What's the best codec format for YouTube videos?
- Which video camera should we get to record our sermons?
- How can we best stream our worship services?
- What video editing software should we buy for our church?
- Why is my video audio not working?



- What kind of lighting do we need to get better sermon videos?
- What are the best software alternatives to PowerPoint and Keynote for worship?
- How can we engage more people using technology?
- How can we use mobile phones in ministry?
- What are the best uses for Facebook/Twitter for our church?

**For more details visit:**

[www.churchsupportservices.org/techsupport](http://www.churchsupportservices.org/techsupport)

## How to Get Help

*Three key ways to get help:*

- Join our FREE technology bulletin board at: [www.churchsupportservices.org/forum](http://www.churchsupportservices.org/forum). Dizard monitors and facilitates the various modules and is available to answer your questions.
- Participate in one or more of four webinars (TBA) to be held in 2013. These will be announced on the TechApplied forum and on the Church Support Services website.
- Chip Dizard will conduct a LIVE seminar at a Sunday morning brunch, April 28, 2013, at the Berkeley Adventist Church for those who want to turn their websites, Facebook pages and other media streams into powerful, effective communication and evangelistic tools. Musicians, artists, photographers and church technology teams will especially benefit from this. You won't want to miss this dynamic presentation. Register now at: [www.visitinspire.org/berkeley](http://www.visitinspire.org/berkeley).



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# PUC Students Take Top Honors at National Communication Convention

Two of the top four awards, including the top group award, in the Lambda Pi Eta division of the National Communication Association convention were awarded to Pacific Union College students this year at the NCA annual event. Three of the students and PUC communication professor Tammy McGuire traveled to present their research at the convention.

The NCA convention is the single largest annual gathering of communication teachers, researchers, students and other professionals in the nation. Over 5,000 attendees from every state and around the world were present at the convention, held Nov. 15-18 in Orlando, Fla. PUC's papers were submitted to the division limited to members of the NCA's official honor society, Lambda Pi Eta.

A paper by five PUC students, "Conflict Resolution Patterns in Intercultural Couples," won the Stephen A. Smith award for the top group paper in the Lambda Pi Eta division following its presentation by PUC senior Shanna Crumley. The other members of her team, Abraham Baldenegro, Jennifer Cotto, Sean Grainger and Divya Joseph, had already graduated and were unable to attend.

The other paper at the convention, presented by 2012 graduates Janna Vassantachart and Jordan Thornburg, was titled "Birth Order and Communication Styles in Romantic Relationships." Vassantachart, now a student at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, says they submitted their paper not expecting a response due to the large number of submissions worldwide.

"But, our paper was accepted!" says Vassantachart, writing in her medical school student blog. "Upon arrival, we were even more pleasantly surprised to find our paper had made it into the top four papers for Lambda Pi Eta, along with another research group from our class at PUC."

The research presented was done as part of a communication research class taught last year



*PUC communication professor Tammy McGuire, Janna Vassantachart (2012), now a student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and Jordan Thornburgh (2012), were among those presenting at the annual National Communication Association convention.*

by McGuire. The class is a graduation requirement for communication students. Papers are submitted the year preceding the convention and undergo a peer review process before being accepted. Last year, the communication research class was moved to winter quarter to facilitate submission to the conference.

"The experience of presenting was very educational, as well as the exposure to the other various communication research studies," added Vassantachart. "I even attended panels on health communication. The studies in these categories looked at improving physician communication in the context of end-of-life care and health care websites."

McGuire said she was impressed by how prepared her students were at the convention. "They did as well or better than students from bigger universities," she said. "They showed a level of professionalism, a level of preparedness and a level of knowledge that was impressive not only to me, as their instructor, but to the people in that room. They fabulously represented the department and PUC and themselves and their families."

"I think it's awesome that PUC had half the top papers at this convention in that division," she enthuses. "I was extremely proud."

*Giovanni Hashimoto*

# Women Gather for the Annual Women's Ministry Retreat

**W**omen from across the Nevada-Utah Conference gathered at the conference office in Reno Oct. 5-7, 2012, for the annual women's ministry retreat. With its spacious kitchen, dining and meeting facilities and two hotels across the street, the conference office was an ideal place for a women's getaway.

Robyn Cordova, women's ministry coordinator for the conference, and her assistant, Nancy Albin, a member of the Sparks church, planned a full weekend of spiritual, social and service activities. The main speaker was Dorothy Means,

women's ministry director for the Pacific Union. Patrice Boyd, a social worker specializing in the fields of domestic violence, teen relationship violence, and parenting, provided additional presentations.

Both Sabbath and Sunday mornings featured a special prayer time for attendees where they could share their favorite scriptures and pray together. "Health nuggets," presented at the beginning of each session, proved to be a popular feature of the weekend.

After Sabbath services and lunch, participants had a complete menu of activities available to meet individual interests on Sabbath afternoon. Among the options were prayer walking, crafting prayer boxes, and watching "China Walk," a video.

Community service was part of the weekend, as well. Retreat participants were able to give out more than 30 totes, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils and pencil cases for children needing a little extra help. A local women's shelter also received a generous donation of food provided through the retreat.

"I fully enjoyed the retreat," said Julie Washburn from West Jordan, Utah. "It was spiritual, and I loved making new friends."

"What a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and worship with God-loving, uniquely talented women," commented Edi Sandro from the Fil-Am SDA Christian Fellowship in Las Vegas. "I

loved the heartfelt testimonies and the health nugget segments. It was such a great opportunity to be a part of a truly inspiring gathering of wonderful ladies."

*Denny Krause*



*Dorothy Means, main speaker, addresses attendees.*



*Attendees pause to pray.*



*L. to r.: Dorothy Means, Julie Washburn, Patrice Boyd, Gail Coria and Robyn Cordova.*



*The Nevada-Utah Conference meeting room filled with ladies enjoying one of many presentations during the weekend.*

# Renovations Refresh Summit Christian Academy

**S**ummit Christian Academy in Salt Lake City, Utah, purchased in January 2011, has been in the renovation process for eight months. Professional contractors have made major enhancements, and volunteers have provided significant labor and clean-up work.

Enhancements include a new roof, painting, fencing, a new play area, security system, upgrades to fire and HVAC systems, and a new gym floor.

"During the past few months, we have transformed this building from a construction job site into a really nice, good-looking, modern school," says Doug McLennan, Summit Christian Academy principal. "It is awesome what has been accomplished."

The new roof corrected problems from a prior renovation that caused leaking in parts of the building. The new membrane-type roof will protect the building for years to come.

While the roof carries lots of importance, it's not highly visible. However, painting (mostly interior, but some exterior, as well) has brought



*Hallways and classrooms are much more inviting with a new coat of paint.*



*Although snow covers the ground now, the new, grassy play area lies beneath, awaiting the installation of new playground equipment in the spring.*



*The newly-installed gym floor provides both form and function for students and local church members.*

a whole new feel to the school. Hallways and classrooms now sport a new look.

Security plays an important role in a school environment, both during school and non-school hours. For student and staff safety, a chain-link fence now marks the entire perimeter of the large school property. In addition, a new electronic security system will help protect the property during non-school hours.

The HVAC system and fire alarm have also been upgraded.

Because the facility was a high school before the Academy purchased it, the playground area was very small. Now, a new, large, grassy playground has been created by converting excess parking area into play space. When spring comes and the snow melts, new playground equipment will be installed in the park-like space.

Students are, perhaps, most excited about the new gym floor. Installed during Christmas break, the new composition, poured, gym floor not only brightens the gym, it also provides a safety factor, as well. The floor, a less expensive alternative to the wood floor (taken by the prior owners), has "give," which helps lessen the jolt on joints and the impact of falls.

The new gym floor, and new basketball and volleyball standards and fixtures, will serve



*The seller took the wood from the gym floor with them as part of the sale, which left a less-than-ideal play surface.*

students, as well as area Adventist churches and members as a central place for many different types of activities.

All the enhancements have been financed through funds set aside from the loan used to purchase the building.

"These new enhancements, when I show the school to both Adventist and non-Adventist parents, will be an additional reason they will want to send their children to our school," says McLennan. "Of course, our quality, Christian program is the real reason students should be in our school."

*Denny Krause*

# Bags of Love Bring Comfort to Children in Turmoil

The excited grandparents were totally unprepared to become the guardians of the baby girl who came into the world needing so much love and care, but born to a mother totally unable to meet her needs.

Rushing to Walmart to buy bottles, formula, diapers, and a car seat to take the infant home, terror crouched desperately near their hearts as they wondered how they could start over again 30 years after the birth of their only daughter.

Hospital nurses were generous with their help. Feeding and changing diapers began to feel natural again as the new family of three prepared to leave the hospital and start this exciting new journey together.

Before leaving, the neo-natal nurse presented the new parents with a beautiful Bag of Love, designed for a new baby girl. In it they found two beautiful hand-knit baby blankets, a knit cap and a little stuffed animal.

With grateful hearts, they pondered the precious gifts they'd received from the hands of strangers — ladies who worked well in advance to provide for those who had so little.

In Apache Junction and Chandler, groups of ladies gather to be the hands and feet of Jesus, preparing Bags of Love for babies, small children and even teens who are in need. Often, the gifts make their way to hospital maternity wards. Some are given to children who leave for foster homes, often with no time for preparation and with just the clothes on their backs.

"We want each boy and girl to feel they own something," explained Betty Baerg, leader of the Bags of Love ministry at the Apache Junction church. "Each Bag of Love contains a hand-made blanket, personal hygiene items, and a stuffed animal the boy or girl can cling to during this lonely time of transition."

Louise, a nurse who makes assessments of children about to enter foster homes, told of a little girl who was so traumatized by the events of her life that she screamed and cried continually. The only thing that calmed her was a little hand-made quilt she received when she was three months old in a Bag of Love.

The weekly meeting at Apache Junction begins with a devotional. The group draws inspiration from *Ministry of Healing*: "We are to look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is a part of God's service. Our daily prayer should be, 'Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour'" (p. 474).

"We consider it a joy to be laborers together with God," continues Baerg. "What a glorious concept! During the first five years of ministry, more than 500 Bags of Love were distributed for every age from birth through teens."

The ladies recently took on a 14-week commitment to "having a Mary heart in a Martha world" by sincerely seeking ways to reach others

for Jesus, serve the needs of the church and community, and prepare personally to be ready for the return of Jesus.

Baerg observes, "We don't want to get so busy that we forget to include Jesus."

*Phil Draper*



Shelves of toy animals await being transported in Bags of Love to the hands of needy children.



A Bag of Love tagged for a boy is ready to be delivered to a teenager who is entering a foster home.

PHOTOS BY PHIL DRAPER



The Apache Junction church created a special work area for Bags of Love ministries, where approximately 19 ladies create gifts bags for children in need.

# All Nations Church Dedicated in Navajo Nation

**A**llen Fowler always yearned to leave Tennessee to return to the Navajo land of his forefathers. Sharing his dream with his wife, Kelley, they made the decision to relocate their family to Page in the northeastern part of Arizona. And for the past four years, the Fowlers have worked to establish a Christian presence in their community with a ministry called Diné Outreach.

"The first word of our name is Diné (dine-NEH), which in the Navajo language simply means 'people,'" Fowler explains. "At Diné Outreach, we always have a number of spiritual projects going, and a number of other projects. Just to clarify, spiritual projects are ones where you get callouses on your knees. Other projects are those where you get callouses on your hands."

Leaving the traditions of Native American heritage and superstition is difficult for most Navajos. Work progressed slowly but steadily as the Fowlers worked to build a Community Center where church meetings, cooking schools, and evangelistic outreach could be conducted.

Many volunteers from throughout North America have come to Page through the years

to help with the Diné Outreach. The Fowlers are especially grateful for the help of Maranatha International volunteers who have come often.

Recently, the possibility of greater outreach to the Navajo Nation was presented to the North American Division and a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was designated for the work in Page.

The Fowlers and Native American ministries coordinator Charlie Whitehorse found a Baptist church for sale, which came within the budget available from money raised by the offering. They presented the project to the officers of the Arizona Conference, and the conference executive committee approved the purchase of the church.

On Sabbath, Dec. 29, 2012, the Arizona Conference officers, including Tony Anobile, president; Ed Keyes, executive secretary; and Robert Hastings, treasurer, dedicated the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor David Hakes of Flagstaff was also in attendance.

During the service, the Fowlers recounted the history of the work in Page since their arrival. Then, their youngest son, Zephaniah, 1 year old, was dedicated to God.

"It is a joyful responsibility to open a new house of worship in Page," said Keyes during his sermon. "Many prayers have been answered as we take this leap of faith to further the work of God in Native lands."

Anobile challenged the Page members to "get into the hearts of their community members to win them to Jesus."

Many of the members of the Baptist church who were the original owners of the building were also in

attendance. Lunch and facility tours followed the worship service.

"Classrooms and offices are vacant at present," Fowler said. "But with God's continued blessing, we plan for them to be filled with many children. And one day soon, we pray we can dedicate an Adventist church school."

To learn more, visit [www.dineoutreach.org](http://www.dineoutreach.org).

*Phil Draper*



*Native American ministries coordinator Charlie Whitehorse (left) directs a group of Navajo singers at the dedication service.*



*President Tony Anobile dedicates 1-year-old Zephaniah Fowler.*



*A luncheon was provided after the dedication service, and members and guests toured the spacious new church facilities.*

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*Present for the dedication of the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church in Page, Ariz., are (l. to r.) Ed Keyes, Robert Hastings, Tony Anobile, Allen Fowler, David Hakes and Charlie Whitehorse.*

# Loma Linda University Health Answers the Call

The Adventist lifestyle — a vegetarian diet, avoiding addictions, regular exercise, rest, and other healthy practices — is proven to extend the length and quality of human lives. The benefits include significant reductions in almost all cancers, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, and many other diseases.

We have the opportunity as a Church to share this gift and demonstrate to the world how to live healthier. But are we ready? Are our churches, hospitals, health professionals and members ready to provide both an example and instruction on how to live like us? Are we ready to impart not just a set of behaviors, but to present them in a way that makes our way of life attractive and desirable to all?

Loma Linda University believes the Seventh-day Adventist Church's destiny is to accept this challenge. In fact, our own commitment runs so deep we're putting our reputation behind it — renaming our entire organization Loma Linda University Health. Grounded in the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ, Loma Linda University Health is uniting the strengths of our eight academic schools, six hospitals, and extensive research programs to support a single pursuit — to bring the health, well-being, and wholeness of an Adventist lifestyle to the world.

- We have begun at home with our 14,000 faculty and employees. Despite individual genetic and behavioral backgrounds, each individual is encouraged to adopt and follow a healthy lifestyle. A comprehensive wellness program — called Living Whole — is already in place.
- Every student at Loma Linda University — all 4,652 of them — has the opportunity to personally practice, as well as promote, healthy living to others through formal coursework as well as community activities. Our expectation is that they will spread this message across the world as they graduate and begin their professional careers.
- We are also sharing our message of healthful living throughout the communities we serve. Loma Linda now sees around 1.5 million outpatients every year in our various clinics and hospitals. Prompts embedded in our electronic medical records will encourage our physicians and other staff to personally engage each patient in a discussion of his or her own health practices. What an opportunity to offer each patient the chance of Living Whole!
- No matter how strong our organization's commitment to prevention and wellness,

people will still get sick. Until there is a cure, cancer will be with us. Heart attacks and strokes will occur. Accidents will happen. Babies will be born — some too early, struggling for life. Wellness is not just for the healthy. We will introduce the concept of Living Whole into our full range of clinical services with a focus on health improvement, well-being and quality of life.

- Medical breakthroughs happen every day. At Loma Linda University Health, we are devoting significant resources to researching better ways of preventing, reversing, treating, and managing a wide variety of diseases, as well as the health behaviors that bring the promise of longer, healthier lives to everyone.

Sharing our unique understanding of well-being means more than a set of do's and don'ts. It needs to be wrapped in spiritual awareness, a supportive community, and service to others. These are the real reasons why we have longer and healthier lives. Many in this country know how to live, but fail to follow it. They "know" better than they "do." But when behavior change is attempted with an understanding of our bodies as a temple of God, in a caring community, committed to helping others, true lifestyle change can occur. It is this "envelope of hope" that provides the supportive milieu to enable tough choices to be made, commitments to be fulfilled, and new health practices to develop and become each person's new normal.

Our Adventist educators, health professionals and health care systems are encouraged to redouble their efforts to share this unique message with the world. Loma Linda University Health was established for just this purpose. This wave is cresting and many are asking for the Adventist church to step up and offer solutions. We need to do it now. Watch for news and strategies that you can engage with in this momentous task.

*Richard H. Hart,  
M.D., Dr.P.H., president,  
Loma Linda University Health*



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

# Longevity: Acts of Faith, Proven by Science



Ellen White on April 15, 1906, speaking at the dedicatory service of the College of Evangelists, now Loma Linda University Health.

Professors Richard Walden and Frank Lemon conducted the first epidemiological research on the health of Adventist Church members in the 1950s. Though done at Loma Linda University, there was some concern among church leaders about this early study that compared the causes of death among Adventists in California to matched community members. What if our health practices really didn't make a difference? What if we had more diseases and did not live longer?

Fortunately that original study, called the Adventist Mortality Study, funded by the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Public Health Service, showed that we had less cancer than others around us. The study definitely showed for the first time that the Adventist health principles, enunciated so long before by Ellen White, provided real benefits as measured by modern scientific methods.

In 1974, the late Dr. Roland Phillips, also at Loma Linda, received major funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to conduct a prospective study of 34,000 Adventists in

California. Together with a later grant from the National Institute on Aging, Loma Linda was able to confirm that Adventists really did live longer and identified possible reasons for this increased longevity.

Made famous when *National Geographic* named Loma Linda as one of five "Blue Zones" in the world with the longest living populations, this study clearly showed the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The healthiest Adventists — those following all our health principles for their entire lives — lived 7 to 10 years longer than community counterparts. But each behavior, even if followed for fewer years, had some measurable benefit. Though the funding for this study was completed in 1988, many additional analyses of its data have continued to show the benefits of the Adventist lifestyle.

In 2001, Dr. Gary Fraser was awarded another major grant from NCI, enrolling more than 96,000 Adventists from across the United States and Canada into a new prospective epidemiological study. This huge study, called Adventist Health Study-2, has been designed to answer

additional questions. Exactly what are Adventists doing to give them this health advantage, and what can the country learn from them? Most of these new study results will have to wait until this population ages and eventually develops various diseases. So we are poised for a new set of analyses and publications over the next few years.

We fully expect this new study to show that our emphases on plant-based diets, exercise, stress reduction, addiction avoidance, and other healthy practices, will continue to demonstrate remarkable advantages compared to the country at large. This is a blessing we are now invited to share with the country. Our research also shows that for behavior change to be effective, more than knowledge will be required. A sense of hope, encouragement by others, and valuing of self that comes from God Himself, will be necessary.

*Dr. Richard Hart,  
M.D., Dr.P.H., president,  
Loma Linda University Health*

# Business Students Raise Nearly \$2,600 for After School Programs

**M**yra Linn and La Granada elementary schools in Riverside got an early Christmas present on Dec. 4 — stacks of donated games, construction paper, glue, craft supplies, children’s books, Webster’s New World Children’s Dictionaries, bright green basketballs, hula-hoops and many more items.

Nearly 100 youngsters at Myra Linn ‘oohed’ and ‘aahed’ when an auditorium stage divider was pulled back revealing the colorful bounty. Twenty-five students from La Sierra University stood around the piles.

The items, purchased with money the La Sierra students raised, were to be divided between

the two schools based on each school’s assessed needs. Boxes of pencils, paper and other basic items were included in the stacks of supplies for use throughout the after school programs of their Alvord Unified School District.

The university students, members of a senior business



*La Sierra University Professor Jere Fox and Carmen Phillips, director of Alvord Unified School District’s after school programs, address students at Myra Linn Elementary School on Dec. 4.*



*Justin Herrera, Adrian Aguilera, Ricardo Elena and Damian Aguilera, students at Myra Linn Elementary School in Riverside, react to the sight of games, basketballs, art supplies and other items donated to their after school program.*

service-learning class, purchased the items by raising nearly \$2,600 through a benefit concert, food sales and a promotional fundraising video. Their efforts also secured approximately \$380 of in-kind donations, including two, large first aid boxes donated by Zee Medical Inc. in Irvine, a subsidiary of healthcare conglomerate McKesson. Seventh-day Adventist entrepreneurs and philanthropists Tom and Vi Zapara are former owners and founders of Zee Medical. The Zaparas sold the firm to McKesson

in 1983. They are also chief benefactors of the new Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business under construction on La Sierra’s campus.

The service-learning class, taught by Jere Fox, associate professor of law and management, is titled “Senior Seminar: Religion, Values and Social Responsibility in Business.” Last school year, the university’s nationally recognized service-learning program offered 43 service-learning courses taught by 38 different faculty. Nearly 1,000 students carried out more than 13,500 service-learning hours. Undergraduates are required to take three service-learning classes and complete 14 hours of service for each class. Their activities involve tutoring, work with the homeless, senior citizen assistance and many other endeavors at approximately 30 community organizations.

“My hope,” said Fox prior to the school presentation, “is that those who may not have really understood what serving others is all about will actually realize it first hand when they observe, hear and emotionally experience the expressions of appreciation from all they have served and helped.”





**La Sierra business management and religious studies major Sterling Spence addresses students at Myra Linn Elementary School in Riverside during a presentation of items donated by a service-learning class.**

This is the second senior seminar service-learning class Fox has led in raising funds for Alvord's after school programs. His class of 36 students last spring raised more than \$3,200 to benefit four after school programs. Students involved in the seminar typically log far more than the required hours, he said. In fact, the fall quarter class contributed a total 88 hours beyond the required hours, and the larger spring quarter class contributed 123 extra hours. "I sense the reason they do this is because during the process they begin to actually understand and believe in the project and realize how they can make a difference in the lives of these young children," Fox said.

Business management and religious studies major Sterling Spence said the service-learning class first watched a documentary about the public education system and its challenges before embarking on the project. "But I didn't expect [the challenges] to be so close to home," he said.

After assessing the two after school programs for their needs, the La Sierra students set a

target goal of cash and in-kind donations. They had about seven weeks in which to raise the money before purchasing product for the schools. Some musically gifted students held a fundraising concert on Nov. 1 during Riverside's monthly ArtWalk event. Some made baked goods offered for donations, and others made and sold between 400 and 500 tamales with the help of one student's mother and her popular recipe. Students also created and circulated a YouTube video describing the need and seeking donations.

"It was a short period, but it was impressive to me how we came together and were able to do something quickly," Spence said. "We got to use our business skills to do this project."

Cliff Requena, a senior finance major, secured the assistance of his mother, Eva Requena, who offered to make tamales for the class to sell. Her recipe is popular among family members, friends and members of La Sierra Spanish church, Cliff Requena said. Together he, his mother, younger sister and girlfriend cranked out a first batch of 200 tamales followed by a

second batch of about 300. "When word got out, people started calling us," he said.

Fox expressed pride in his students' efforts to help others. "Beyond just meeting the course requirements, the students in this class truly demonstrated what it means to selflessly serve their community, to create value, and make a difference in the lives of school children," he said.

The fundraising project impacted La Sierra's students on an emotional level, as well. "As they were opening the curtain [on the stage], it made me personally feel like we did something," said senior marketing major Karli Swarez.

"This class helped me realize our efforts may truly have a positive impact on someone's life," wrote student Franci Cho in a paper about her experiences with the senior seminar project. "The feeling of making a positive impact and making a difference helps me feel needed on this earth."

*Darla Martin Tucker*

# Adventist Health Hospitals Nourish Bodies While Feeding Souls

Jesus said, “Man does not live by bread alone.” That is a fact for those fighting a chronic disease or seniors with limited mobility. Several Adventist Health hospitals are teaming up with their local communities to provide free or low-cost nourishing meals to those who need them most.

Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif., is a strong supporter of its local Meals on Wheels program, which delivers hot and cold meals each weekday to people — mostly seniors — who are unable to prepare their own. Volunteers make and box the food at the hospital and then deliver the meals throughout the community, along with a smile and some friendly conversation.

“The satisfaction you receive from bringing joy to our community through a short visit and a meal is priceless,” said Rebecca Williams, Feather River Hospital’s manager of volunteer services. Williams oversees a team of more than 70 volunteers who give an hour of their day — sometimes weekly, sometimes every day — to deliver meals. Without Meals on Wheels, it’s estimated that half of all participants would need to move into an assisted living facility or hire costly help to cook their meals.

Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii, recently added another route to the Hawaii Meals on Wheels to serve people who had



*Nancy Cook, a 12-year volunteer at Feather River Hospital, delivers a meal to a local resident.*

been on a long waiting list. “Nothing lifts one’s spirit like volunteerism,” said Ruby Hayasaka, the hospital’s nutritional services director. “Our associates and the community volunteers who deliver the meals have hugely inspirational stories.” CMC provides 18,250 noon meals a year through their home delivery program.

Staff at St. Helena Hospital Clear Lake, in Clearlake, Calif., were inspired in another way.

For them, “meals on wheels” has a different meaning. For the last two years, staff members who share an enthusiasm for motorcycles have spearheaded a community fundraising motorcycle ride called “Ride for the Cure.” This year they donated the \$1,000 they raised to the Food of Love program, a community partnership that seeks to enhance

healing by providing nutritious, organic meals to cancer patients. The food is cooked by teen volunteers and a chef at a commercial kitchen in St. Helena and then provided to patients going through cancer treatment at the Napa Valley hospital’s Martin O’Neil Cancer Center. The meals are customized to meet the patients’ special nutritional needs.

“This was a fantastic opportunity for us to enjoy fellowship and raise money for a great cause to benefit people in our own community,” said Claudia Helmes, director of the emergency department at SHCL, who began the annual motorcycle fundraiser.

Laura Grinnell, a registered dietician at the cancer center in St. Helena, agreed. “Good nutrition is extremely important in treating cancer, yet eating well can be especially difficult during that time. Generous donations like this one allow us to provide the meals to patients without charge. It truly makes a difference in how well treatment works. This program provides a connection to healing for everyone involved.”

*Beth Martin*



*Ride for the Cure participants present a \$1,000 check for the Food of Love program to the Martin O’Neil Cancer Center at St. Helena Hospital Napa Valley.*



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**RAW FOODS POTLUCK** (Feb 9) Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. Newcomers, bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. For recipe ideas, visit [www.hacres.com](http://www.hacres.com). Info: stanhowerton@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

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**Nevada-Utah**

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**YOUTH FESTIVAL** (Feb. 8-9) Bay Area. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3144, spasillas@cccsda.org.

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**RETIRO DE ORACIÓN y Familia** (Feb. 15-17) Leoni Meadows. Speakers Dr. Julian Melgosa and Pastor Guillermo García. Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 925-603-5092, ncc.adventist.org/hispanicministries.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP** Conference (Feb. 22-23) Friday: 4-9 p.m. Sabbath: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Chico church, 1877 Hooker Oak Avenue. "The Indescribable Jesus and the Unique You." Speaker Donna Jackson, NAD Ministerial Spouses Association leader. Info/reg: Women's Ministries Department, 925-603-5048 or ncc.adventist.org/womensministries.

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**ORDINATION SERVICE.** Pastor Cherise Gardner (Feb. 23) 3 p.m. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-546-8437.

**L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM** (Feb. 23) 5:30 p.m. Glendale City church sanctuary, 610 E. California Ave. The film "Seventh-Gay Adventists", which is about the intersection of faith, identity, and sexuality in the context of the Adventist church. Please note the new venue and new time. All are welcome. Info: 818-244-7241.

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**BECK, BECKY B.** — b. April 5, 1913, Tuttle, N.D.; d. Nov. 29, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Don; daughter, Sharon Stewart; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

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**BEST, E. MARGARET (SACKETT)** — b. Sept. 14, 1919, Tillamook, Ore.; d. Nov. 5, 2012, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: brothers, Ronald Sackett, Harry Sackett. Served as teacher of elementary education and trained teachers in Adventist schools; served as assistant superintendent of K-12 education for the Illinois Conference.

**CIARRONE, ANTONIO** — b. July 3, 1929, Lorrain, Ohio; d. Nov. 20, 2012, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: stepson, Hurbert Blake; stepdaughter, Winnie Pombo; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

**CLARK, WINSTON TRUMAN** — b. March 26, 1923, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada.; d. Nov. 4, 2012, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: sons, Douglas Alfred, David Irving; four grandchildren. Worked as pastor, missionary in Asia and at the General Conference for over 45 years.

**CLIFTON, ERNIE** — b. March 9, 1928, San Leandro, Calif.; d. Sept. 20, 2012, Clovis, Calif. Survivors: wife, Louise; sons, Ryan, Craig; four grandchildren. Taught for 55 years in the Adventist school system. He was awarded the Zopora Award for excellence in teaching.

**CRISPIN, PENNY EDITH** — b. Feb. 22, 1947, Napa, Calif.; d. Dec. 26, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Stan; son, Webb; stepson, Tim; two grandchildren; sister, Moriah Washburn.

**DELAYO, OLGA (DUREN)** — b. Feb. 20, 1935, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Oct. 26, 2012, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: son, Manuel; daughters, Rachel Schapansky; Olga Sutton; Felicia Silvia; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**EVANS, MAXINE ANDERSON** — b. April 11, 1932, Helena, Calif.; d. May 8, 2012, Banning, Calif. Survivors: husband, George G.; sons, George E.,

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**GURR, DORIS W. (SHAFFER)** — b. July 28, 1928, College Place, Wash.; d. Dec. 9, 2012, Belgrade, Mont. Survivors: son, Dennis, daughter Carole Wilkinson; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**HAMILTON, LYNOLA** — b. May 3, 1947, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Aug. 27, 2012, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Mike; son, Michael; daughters, Stephanie Monteith, Sherilyn Andersen; eight grandchildren; mother, Evelyn Linley.

**HARDER, AARON JOHN** — b. Aug. 10, 1917, Clinton, Mo.; d. Oct. 21, 2012, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: wife, Elle; daughters, Marilyn Foster, Juanita Subriar, Renee Harder; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**HURD, BETTE I. (AYLESWORTH)** — b. May 7, 1924, Calif.; d. Nov. 23, 2012, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: sons, Bryan, Barry; daughter, Linda Narvais; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Worked for the Northern California Conference.

**JONES, JOSEPH A.** — b. Dec. 18, 1940, Atlanta, Ga.; d. Oct. 22, 2012, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dolores; son, Mark; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Pastored Northern, Southern, Central California, and South Central conferences; conference evangelist (SCC and CCC), and director of African-American Ministries (CCC). Founded Amazing Truth Ministries.

**KIMBALL, DOROTHY ELAINE** — b. Oct. 19, 1932, Salem, Ore.; d. Dec. 4, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ted Jr.; sons, Teddy III, Preston; daughter, Penny Kimball-Jones; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

**MILLER, HENRY R.** — b. Dec. 15, 1930, Wilkes-Barre, Penn.; d. May 18, 2012, Mesa, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Anna; son, Hugh; two grandchildren. Taught school for 52 years, 28 of which were in Adventist church schools.

**MORENO, SABINO** — b. Oct. 2, 1920, Romblon, Philippines; d. Dec. 24, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: brother, Oseas Moreno; sister, Elvira Manunggay; six children; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.

**NORTON, FRANCIS WILARD "BILL"** — b. May 28, 1921, Dodge City, Minn.; d. Dec. 10, 2012, Tucson, Ariz., Survivors: wife, Dorislee; son, Marvin. Authored the book, *Angels Watching Over Me*.

**NUNEZ, JOSE OSCAR** — b. Nov. 3, 1961, Guadalupe, Mexico; d. Nov. 8, 2012, Ridgecrest, Calif. Survivors: wife, Angel; sons, Oscar, Osiel; daughters, Angie, Ayra Lili.

**OEI, FREDDIE** — b. July 15, 1930, Malang, Indonesia; d. June 19, 2012, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: wife, Connie; son, Jimmy; daughters, Diana, Shelley Chan; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**PRESTON, ELSIE** — b. Nov. 12, 1912, Warba, Minn.; d. Nov. 26, 2012, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: daughter, LaVene Blum; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**REIBER, GLORIA JO** — b. March 15, 1937, Winterset, Iowa; d. Nov. 28, 2012, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: husband, Darrell; son, Derek; daughter, Shanna Ashby; four grandchildren. Served as a missionary in Pakistan.

**ROUHE, REIJO K.** — b. Sept. 2, 1942, Finland; d. Feb. 25, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dina; son, Eddy Holm; daughter, Debbie Holm Bradford.

**ROUSE, TERRI LOUISE (FISHER)** — b. Feb. 1, 1955, Pasadena, Calif.; d. Oct. 2, 2012, Tulare, Calif. Survivors: husband, Greg; two stepchildren.

**SALDECKE, LAWRENCE** — b. Nov. 29, 1913, Chicago, Ill.; d. Nov. 15, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Del; sons, Christopher, Mark, Pat; stepson, Robert M. Watson; stepdaughter, Tanya; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

**SATTELMAYER, PAUL** — b. March 19, 1938, Bosanka Gradiska, Bosnia; d. Dec. 13, 2012, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: wife, Irmgard Fronz; sons, Steven Paul, Ralph; brother, Fritz; sisters, Esther Cook, Lydia Sattelmayer, Anna Lalich, Greta Rogers; three grandchildren.

**SMART, JOSEPH B.** — b. July 26, 1930, Comanche, Texas; d. Nov. 16, 2011, Tucson, Ariz. Survivors: sons, Joseph, Michael, Richard; daughters, Judy Miller, Michelle Ellison; brother, Bill; sisters, Lois Marie Harris, Adena Sowle; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren.

**SMART, JOY JOAN (WILLIAMS)** — b. Aug. 23, 1927, Iola, Kan.; d. Oct. 7, 2011, Tucson, Ariz. Survivors: husband, Joseph; sons, Jack, Ken; daughters, Barbara Joan Adams, Joni Wiggins; stepsons, Joe, Mike, Richard; stepdaughters, Judy Miller, Michelle Ellison; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren. Worked as an accountant at St. Helena Hospital and Loma Linda University.

**WAHLMAN, A. EUGENE** — b. July 11, 1932, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. May 30, 2012, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Nancy; son, Kenneth; daughter, Yalanda; sister, Marie; seven grandchildren.

**WARNER, ROBERT C.** — b. March 25, 1923, Cedar Rapids, Mich.; d. Nov. 20, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert Bruce; brother, William C.

**WELDON, MATTISON** — b. Oct. 4, 1922, Lucknow, India.; d. Dec. 11, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Eloise; son, Steven; daughters, Carol Myers, Susan Mole, Nancy Mack, Malini Foliaki; stepson, Dwight Hiscox; stepdaughter, Charlene Folsom; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**WOOD, MILDRED ANNETTE (GOODE)** — b. July 9, 1922, Poltic, Ind.; d. June 30, 2012, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: sons, Ralph C., Stephen D., J. Rodger; daughter, Rebecca Sue; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Taught at Adventist schools in Indiana and Hawaii and at West Valley SDA School in Campbell, Calif.

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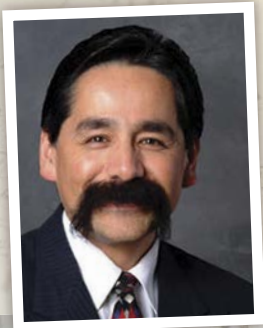
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