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The Pursuit of Happiness

That humanity is consumed with finding happiness is reflected in an article in the March 21, 2013, edition of the *USA Today* newspaper. The page-one feature story regarded the United Nations' declaration of March 20 as the first International Day of Happiness. Its official reasoning, the article stated, was to encourage countries to "better capture the importance of the pursuit of happiness and well being in development with a view to guiding their public policies."

And of course, we remember that the United States Declaration of Independence holds these famous lines, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The framers of the U.S. Constitution reasoned that the pursuit of happiness was a God-given right. But long before any declarations addressed happiness, the Psalmist expressed the pursuit of Godly happiness in Psalm 1:1-2: "Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."

(One of the most frequent Old Testament words for blessed is "barak," which is also rendered "happiness" in many instances. The New Testament uses the Greek word, "makarios," which is frequently interpreted as "blessed" or "happy.")

Accordingly, happiness can be found in avoiding the counsel of ungodly people, not walking in their lifestyle, nor becoming scornful about God and His ways. Instead, the happy person delights in God's law and concentrates on and contemplates Godly things.

I used to wonder how a person could find delight in the law of God. Of course, when we just think of the law of God as the 10 Commandments and have a view of them as a list of rules, we miss the point. The law of God is a transcript of His character (see EGW, *That I May Know Him*, p. 366), and when we focus on the character of God, we see Jesus, who is the "express image" of the Father, who has given us all things (Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Looking beyond the law to the Law Giver, we see Jesus.

Jesus addressed this issue in the Beatitudes of Matthew 5, where each pronouncement is preceded by the words, "blessed" or "happy." While Psalm 1 has an apparent negative beginning, Jesus' use is positive. David's treatment in Psalm 1 and Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5 can be seen as opposite sides of the same coin.

The Beatitudes tell us how to be happy. Eight different times in succession, Jesus defines an approach to happiness.

In summary, he tell his disciples that they will be happy when they recognize their need for God, mourn over their own sinfulness, live without pride and humbly strive for justice, grant mercy, have purity of mind and are peacemakers. The capstone for this experience is to know that if we are persecuted for the sake of Jesus, it is a good thing worth

rejoicing over. It aligns us with the ancient prophets who spoke for God and suffered.

True biblical happiness is not about pleasing self, but about pleasing God and losing oneself in Him.

Most of us have learned that material acquisition, positional placement, or pleasure seeking doesn't guarantee our happiness. The thrill of these experiences can be self-focused, momentary and transitory.

Happiness can be found in living a life that is pleasing to God and serving others.

Happiness, however, can be affected by worry; that may be one reason Jesus tells us not to worry. We can't add an inch to our height or a minute to our lives by worrying. In fact, worry may actually shorten the years of our lives.

Worry frequently results in despair, despondency, discouragement, and depression. Worry dissipates and destroys happiness while eroding confidence in God. Worry wastes energy and consumes talent.

I saw a church sign that read: "Worry is like a rocking chair; it uses a lot of energy but doesn't get you anywhere."

Consider this: "Worry is blind and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning.

In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. 'No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.' Psalm 84:11" (Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 481).

Jesus taught, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:31-34, NKJV).

Maybe someone at the UN thought of the 1988 pop hit by Bobby McFerrin, "Don't Worry, Be Happy" when they thought of the International Day of Happiness; maybe not.

Whatever their source of inspiration, God has already thought of, and provided for, our happiness, both now and eternally. With Jesus, every day can be a Day of Happiness.



Ricardo Graham

Students and Staff at Monterey Bay Academy Prioritize Community Service

Looking to the future, Monterey Bay Academy staff and board members recently began a strategic planning process for the next five years. One of the priorities is to focus on making community service an integral part of the school's values.

To make a greater impact in the surrounding community, to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus, resonates with the staff, board and students.

"One of the challenges I remember Jon Speyer repeating was, 'If our [academy] church and school ceased to exist, would the community miss us or even know that we were gone?'" says Principal Tim Kubrock. (Speyer, a teacher for 26 years, died suddenly on Dec. 31, 2012.)

Serving the community is not new. For years, MBA students and staff have been active in their section of Santa Cruz County, which includes Watsonville, Soquel and Santa Cruz. Choir

performances by the Oceanaires for community events are a favorite. On the school's annual "Project Blitz" day, staff and students spread out to work with county officials and felt-needs organizations.

More than 15 different outreaches have occurred as of March 2013, including working with the Salvation Army, the Second Harvest Food Bank, distributing GLOW tracts (Giving Light to



Nature Kuo (front), class of '13, and Stephanie Smith, class of '14, gather cans of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. MBA students work with the Food Bank, packing and delivering bags of food to people in need. Other community partnerships include the Salvation Army, serving at polling precincts and supporting county Sept. 11 events.



Avery Riggs, class of 2014, and Chris Harlan, class of '13, wrap Christmas presents for children in the community. Led by the Associated Student Body officers, students examined their own needs. Instead of buying presents for each other, they decided to buy toys for local children. After two years, hundreds of children have received gifts for Christmas because of the project.

Our World), and intentional relationships with the neighbors.

“As both a staff member and a parent, I have seen first-hand the positive impact these activities have on our students. It has made an important difference in the lives of both my boys,” said Maria Macario, staff member.

The on-campus annual Red Cross Blood Drive involves students age 16 and older, staff and neighbors to share a life-giving gift. During the 2011-12 school year, MBA set a record with 41 units of blood. This year, their eighth, the goal is to pass last year’s record.

“I love coming out to your campus every year,” says Patti Childress, Red Cross coordinator. “MBA is a special place where the students clap and cheer for their teachers in chapel, and that doesn’t happen in other schools I visit.”

Adjusting the academy’s daily schedule to prioritize more community service is no easy task. The developing action plan includes intentionally expanding serving others as an essential part of the students’ education. Partnering with local organizations on an ongoing basis will help establish long-term relationships with individuals, as well.

“The reason for existence, regardless of the ministry, is to make somebody’s story better,” says Ramiro Cano, conference president and MBA board chair. “Jesus’ example shows us how. This value is tangible when students and staff unselfishly serve their community.”

“Our goal is to significantly prioritize becoming an integral part of the community and its needs,” says Kubrock. “We want to be a training ground for our students to learn serving others as a lifestyle — to be the hands and feet of Jesus wherever they are.”



Erika Dennler, left, class of 2014, Erika Thalman, in yellow, class of '14, and Jharony Fernandez, Youth Evangelism Team, prepare to hand out GLOW tracts in Santa Cruz. The small tracts cover 19 subjects in English, and are a simple way to share God’s love.

Tim Kubrock

Manteca Church CHIP+ Team Promotes Healthy Living

February was American Heart Health Month, which Manteca church members thought made it the perfect time to host a health and wellness weekend. Nearly 300 people attended the events, Feb. 8 and 9, which were designed to promote the church's upcoming CHIP+ series.



Many community members attended the CHIP Valentine's banquet, including Pastor Terry Johnson and his wife Jo. He is pastor of the Courts of Praise Community Church in Manteca.

The weekend included Sabbath programs, a Sabbath lunch, and the fourth annual CHIP Valentine's banquet, held at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center on Sunday evening. CHIP founder Hans Diehl and his wife Lily were special guest presenters during the weekend.

Organizers advertised the banquet all over town, including local newspapers, television and health food stores. Guests came from throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the greater Bay Area to enjoy a vegan meal — many for the first time. Maria Walters saw an advertisement for the banquet at the Manteca Senior Center. "I didn't know what to expect, but I was intrigued by the vegetarian cuisine," she said. "After I attended the Valentine's banquet, I was excited about all of the information." She signed up to attend the CHIP+ program, held at the church Feb. 18 through March 21.

The Manteca CHIP team devotes a lot of time and effort every year to making the banquet a special event. "We hope to draw people from the community who may be curious," said Manteca CHIP Facilitator Linda Hazley. "We want to say, 'Come and check us out; come and learn about how you can heal yourself.'"

In the past five years, 50 people have graduated from the Manteca CHIP series. Community member Dawnie Ludwig attended the most recent five-week program at the church. "I've learned a new way to live, and I'm excited about my health results," she said. "I lost 24 pounds in



CHIP founder Hans Diehl (right) and his wife Lily (left) were special presenters at the CHIP banquet, organized by the Manteca church CHIP team, headed by facilitator Linda Hazley (center). Other members of the team include Virgie Patterson-Newman (health ministries leader), Alfredo Alleyne, Sophia Alleyne, Andy Hazley, John LeBarre, Linda Hutchings and Scott Sweeney.

five weeks! I can walk up stairs without gasping for breath."

"Before the CHIP program, I ate a lot of comfort food and dairy products," said Deborah Turner, an Adventist who attended the series. "Now, I make an effort to eat greens, salad and grains. I drink more water and no soda and exercise more. I have no desire to eat the way I used to."

Virgie Patterson-Newman



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Local Church Health Leaders Learn to Reach Out to their Communities with CHIP+

A well-known lifestyle program has undergone a makeover. CHIP, formerly the Coronary Health Improvement Project, has recently been updated as the Complete Health Improvement Program. Managed by Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing in Australia, the new series of presentations and materials is titled CHIP+ (CHIP-plus). "They changed the program to appeal to a whole new group of people, particularly the younger people," said Northern California Conference Health Ministries Director Gordon Botting.

In February, the NCC Health Ministries Department sponsored CHIP+ training for those who want to conduct a series at their local churches as an outreach to their communities. The training event was held at the Gracepoint church in Rocklin, and more than 160 people attended, primarily from California and Canada. The weekend included special Sabbath presentations by CHIP founder Hans Diehl, who created the program 25 years ago.

CHIP+ includes a new textbook, workbook, recipe book and — most notably — new videos, which are shown at each session. "They have made positive improvements," said George Chen, a physician who has facilitated an annual CHIP series at the Lodi English Oaks church for the past 18 years. "The videos are more interactive and shorter, and there are a variety of presenters who are very professional and knowledgeable."



Seventeen students from the HEALTH (Health Evangelism and Leadership Training for Him) program at Weimar Center helped with the CHIP+ series at the Meadow Vista church.



CHIP founder Hans Diehl, center, speaks to participants at the CHIP+ Leadership Training, held at the Gracepoint church in Rocklin in February.



Weimar Center student Fainer Benjamin greets another participant at the CHIP+ training at the Meadow Vista church.

The new series stresses participant interaction. "There is more time for leaders to engage attendees in adult learning activities that include presentations from the front and table discussions: what was new, what they liked, what they didn't like, and what they plan to do," said Dena Guthrie, who served as one of the CHIP+ trainers at the recent event. (She is now the CHIP facilitator for the Forest Lake church in Florida.)

Table hosts (often CHIP alumni) lead discussions, giving church members and community members a chance to build relationships. After the initial series, friendships can be developed further at follow-up meetings called ClubCHIP. "It's like a little subculture of people learning to eat right," said Guthrie. These continuing connections give church members the opportunity to invite their new friends to other events at the local church. "The key to health evangelism is building relationships," said Botting.

Since the training session in February, several NCC churches have held CHIP+ series. The Manteca church series had 10 participants, and the Gracepoint church had 26. A group of students in the HEALTH (Health Evangelism and Leadership Training for Him) program at Weimar Center held a series at the Meadow Vista church, with 26 community members. "I just want to praise God! We have church members, health students and community members at every



Manteca church youth, led by Sophia Alleyne (fourth from left), served at the church's annual CHIP banquet, where attendees learned more about the upcoming CHIP program.

table," said Weimar CHIP director Lanni Aasen. "One man at the program said: 'You don't know it, but you've changed my life.'"

Julie Lorenz



More than 160 local church leaders attended the CHIP+ Leadership Training.

Loma Linda Academy's Family Volunteer Night Draws Hundreds

The parking lot of Loma Linda Academy's high school was filled the evening of Feb. 23, for Family Volunteer Night, and golf carts were used to transport additional attendees from their cars to the gymnasium.

Inside, hundreds of academy students, parents, teachers, staff and community members laughed, talked and worked around rows of long tables on projects that would ultimately provide food, improved health, comfort, warmth and caring to the region's low-income and homeless, and their four-footed friends.

More than 800 people participated in the second annual Family Volunteer Night, spearheaded by the Home and School Association of Loma Linda Academy. The volunteers went to 10 workstations where they performed a variety of tasks. By night's end the volunteers had assembled 3,000 hygiene kits with toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and shampoo; prepared 100 fleece blankets; assembled and packed 200 laundry bags with supplies for a jobs program; decorated 500 delivery bags for Meals on Wheels; prepared 1,135 cat and dog

toys, bandanas and blankets for animals; and packaged 2,000 bags of dog and cat food. One workstation offered an opportunity to design greeting cards for military personnel and for senior citizens in nursing homes. In all, volunteers made 275 greeting cards.

Sixth grade student Harrison Mace sat at a table with classmate Duncan Hartwell writing short messages and drawing pictures on greeting cards. "I think it's really nice," Mace said of the event.

Kayla Harry, a senior at La Sierra Academy, in Riverside, helped fill hygiene bags. She heard about Family Volunteer Night through a youth group she belongs to where several members attend Loma Linda Academy. "I like helping. It's fun," she said. "It feels good to help other people."

Loma Linda Academy third grade teacher Mary Jean Shelton sewed more than 230 pillowcases to accommodate drawstrings. This transformed the cases into laundry bags, to hold laundry soap and other items. "I teach here. It's a part of what we do," she said, when asked why she chose to take on the project. She spent 10 to 15 hours sewing pillow case tops. "I wanted to help in some way," Shelton said.

Sam Sagala, who volunteers for charities in Redlands, stood at a table scooping pet food into plastic bags. His two-month-old baby, Zoey, was sleeping soundly while strapped to his chest in a baby wrap sling. Sagala has no children attending the academy. He heard about Family Volunteer Night from a friend and decided to help. "It's great for the community," he said. "It's rare to see kids doing this. They have to start somewhere. She's next," he said smiling, motioning toward his sleeping daughter.

The items prepared by volunteers were contributed to Adventist Community Team Services, Meals on Wheels, various animal shelters, Helping Hands Pantry and other groups.

Bello Cristo, a salon in Redlands, sent hairdressers to cut and style the hair of individuals who wanted to contribute to Locks of Love. This organization creates hair pieces for financially disadvantaged children suffering



MICHELE RAFFISE

Hair stylist Miranda Soto cuts Trinity Tanner's hair for Lock of Love.



James Duke, Lyle Goulbourne, Julian Hawkins, join others in packaging pet food for people in need.

from long-term medical hair loss. In the end, 28 people donated their hair to the charity.

Cathy Herrick, mother of two children who attend Loma Linda Academy, sat in a hair stylist's chair on the high school gym stage. A Bello Cristo beautician finished shortening and layering her long black hair. Herrick said she donated her hair to Locks of Love because she wanted to "provide a good example for the kids and give to the community."

For Loma Linda Academy, Family Volunteer Night is an opportunity to strengthen the culture of service by responding to the needs of their community. Loma Linda Academy is less

than a mile from San Bernardino, cited by U.S. Census Bureau data as the second most impoverished city in the nation in 2010, behind only Detroit. A November 2012 report from the bureau, based on revised poverty measurements, indicates that California now carries the highest poverty rate in the nation at 23.5 percent.

"Family Volunteer Night provided a much needed resource for one of our most marginalized populations," said Paul Dickau of Helping Hands Pantry. "By providing blankets and numerous hygiene packs many of our brothers and sisters in need are able to have basic necessities that we take for granted."

Businesses and organizations that gave financial contributions and in-kind donations to Family Volunteer Night included the following: Loma Linda University Printing Services, Loma Linda University Health Services, Loma Linda University Medical Center, La Sierra University, Arrowhead Orthopaedics, Security Bank of California, San Bernardino Costco and Sam's Club stores, La Quinta Inn, Garden Pediatrics, AMTEX, Loma Linda University church, and the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Darla Martin Tucker

2013 SCC Robotics Challenge Draws 19 Teams

Enthusiasm ran high during the 2013 Senior Solutions robotics contest held at Glendale Adventist Academy on March 11. "With so many teams this year, there was much more excitement among the teams," said Mel Wade, national director of the Adventist Robotics League. Nineteen Adventist elementary school teams participated in the event, nearly double the number that entered in 2012. According to one observer, the increased size reflects the growth in the public's interest in Adventist robotics events.

Additional judges were needed to assist with the higher numbers of students involved. Geof Park, director, SCC Trust Services & Planned Giving, and a former youth pastor, was among the judges. "The solutions the students came up with were quite creative," he said. "No two were alike. Some of these elementary school kids were advanced in computer knowledge — they were ahead of me! The students were enthusiastic, polite, and they cooperated with each other, always working together."

Rita Henriques-Green, SCC associate superintendent of education, and her husband, William Green, professor of education at La Sierra and North Caribbean universities, were also judges. "I judged students on their values, in three categories: gracious professionalism, inspiration, and teamwork," she said. "One subcategory was "coopertition," a combination of cooperation and competition. Students tried to help each other.

GLORIA MARTINEZ



"Grandma's Hammers," an Adventist Union School (Bellflower, Calif.) robotics team, developed a Hot Beanie for seniors. "It keeps their head warm, has a light on top, hearing aids and an adjustable magnifying visor to help with fine print," said Principal Terry Tryon.

BETTY COONEY



Students prep their robot for its 2 1/2-minute mission.

They had practiced very well and knew how to apply the principles they had learned."

Each annual Challenge has two parts, the Project and the Robot Game. Working in teams of up to 10 kids and guided by at least one adult coach, team members have at least 10 weeks to build a robot. The 2013 challenge was called Senior Solutions because the robots had to pick up and deliver items that might prove helpful to seniors.

In addition, students had to analyze, research and invent a solution for a given assignment, and create a clever presentation about their solution to perform in front of a panel of judges.

"One problem that the Roadrunner Rover team from Loma Linda Academy worked on was that senior citizens often forget to take their medication — or have taken it already and forgotten that they did, so they inadvertently double their dosage," said Green. The Roadrunners' solution was developed after researching and consulting with a doctor from LLU School of Pharmacology and other health professionals. The Roadrunner Rover team won the highest overall combined score at the 2013 Robotics Challenge.

"Parents are recognizing that robotics is a career opener," explained W. R. Bob Dennis, associate superintendent of the SCC Education Department and 2013 Challenge coordinator. "It's a skill that prepares students for many present and future careers. Robotics puts many of the

elements into practice — science, technology, engineering and math — making direct applications of those disciplines."

The NAD Adventist Robotics League is planning the first Adventist Tech Challenge, a Robotics Challenge for high school students, Jan. 26, 2014, at Sacramento Adventist Academy.

Betty Cooney

LORI POPE



The Roadrunner Rover team created an automated medicine dispenser for home use.

Church Mission Team Conducts Whole-Person Campaign in Philippines

Despite lack of sleep and tough weather conditions, members from the Temple City church were amazed by what God did with 40 willing volunteer missionaries. “We far exceeded our expectations in fulfilling our purpose and mission for Net Philippines,” said Ryan Canlas, project manager. “If we just touched and brought one person to Christ, we did our job! It only takes one person to tell others about Christ and for it to multiply so the rest of the world can be told.”

Pastor John Aitken II conducted the *Theater of the Universe* evangelistic series. With God’s help, the series touched many hearts — in spite of hot, humid conditions and lack of air conditioning in the church. More than 200 children sang Bible songs and learned about God during Vacation Bible School.

In the end, eight children who attended a special VBS prepared by Marilyn Ellis accepted the Lord and were baptized the final Sabbath. In that short week of evangelism, “Pastor John” baptized 46 new members into the Natividad Adventist church.

The Temple City Net Mission team left their families and holiday parties early on Dec. 25, 2012, and traveled to Pampanga, Philippines, for the evangelistic, VBS and medical/dental series that continued through Jan. 6 of this year.

Team members were amazed at how their random group of willing volunteers, with minimal training in mission work, came together and produced amazing results for the community and the Lord.

The dentists on the team welcomed patients daily into a makeshift clinic, and the patients usually greeted them with smiles not always seen on the faces of patients anticipating a painful experience. Their smiles were often contagious, even though they had sometimes waited a long time in the heat.

Each dentist on the team pulled more teeth during this one mission trip than they ever pull in an entire year at their home offices. Each day started with a line of up to 100 patients eagerly awaiting a dentist. At the end of the day, the line was often just as long, as word spread about the dental care.

During the brief Temple City mission trip, the dental team — which consisted most of the time of about four dentists — saw more than 350 patients and extracted more than 500 teeth. The need was so great that supplies started running low and the dental team neared

exhaustion, largely due to the heavy demand for extractions. But in the end, every patient who registered was seen.

Medical and vision care volunteers treated more than 1,000 patients. Uncontrolled high blood pressure was one of the biggest health problems the team encountered. The physicians recognized that preventive medicine must play a larger role in controlling this problem. The vision care volunteers concluded that proper eyewear will always be in demand.

“Mission must be approached with an attitude of caring only about giving, without expecting or even hoping for anything in return,” said Aitken. “This is the true heart of mission.”

“I felt like I received more than I gave,” added volunteer Tiana Whittington, age 14.



Alix Lopez and Jed de la Paz take time off from their busy dental work for a photo with children they had treated.



Pastor John Aitken prepares to baptize an Aeta native of the mountains near the church. A large Aeta contingent traveled 30 miles on foot daily to be at the meetings. “I found out that Aetas were not used to going into a body of water,” said Aitken, “especially backwards! Baptizing and ministering to them was truly a blessing!”

Nathaniel Khoe

High-powered Takes on New Meaning in Internship Program

High purpose, not necessarily high power, is the goal of the internship program for Loma Linda University students earning their MBA degree in health care administration," says program director Elisa Brown, M.B.A., who hopes to prepare her students for careers of service.

Allie Evans, for example, finds her internship in the employee spiritual care department at LLU Medical Center so inspiring that she wants to spend her career creating the same kind of fulfilling culture in her future workplaces.

Evans coordinates the Values In Practice program, which supports employee volunteers across the Medical Center. About 120 volunteers, called VIPs, promote these ideals — teamwork, wholeness, integrity, compassion and excellence.

"I am just really impressed with their dedication to making Loma Linda a great place to work," Evans says. "It changed how I view my own job and interactions with my coworkers. It has made me more aware to be a positive influence in the workplace."

This is the kind of experience that Brown strives to create for all MBA students, each of whom completes an internship, also called a practicum, at one of about 50 locations. The opportunities are widespread; there are many placements within the LLU Health system as well as numerous external organizations.

"I had options with choosing a practicum," student Evans says. "When I sat down with my practicum director, I explained my goals and how I was driven by mission and values. I explained to her that working in an environment that encouraged spirituality in the workplace was also very important to me."

The internship opportunities built into the two-year MBA program provide a unique draw for students to choose LLU School of Public Health, which offers the degree, says Brown.

"I have seen students get hired during their practicum before the degree is finished," she says, "or they get hired very soon after graduation because of the experience they come out of the program with."

But the MBA program is about more than getting students jobs, Brown notes. It is about being of service to humankind.

With this in mind, she offered Evans an extra opportunity to gain service experience by going with her to do a site review of Mugonero Hospital in Kibuye, Rwanda. This mission hospital is operated by Adventist Health International, a nonprofit corporation based at Loma Linda University.

"This opportunity was an ideal chance for an MBA student, and so I approached Allie," she says. "I want to find opportunities to expose students to mission experiences to broaden their horizons and prepare them to serve wherever they go."

Evans says she felt that sense of growth during her trip, which included meetings with board members, administrators, government

officials, and leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"It opened my eyes to global health care, something I was never really exposed to before," she reports.

This exposure falls in line with Ms. Brown's plans for the MBA degree.

"Part of my vision for the program is to train health care leaders and administrators to serve in our Adventist hospitals, whether in San Bernardino, Malawi, or Ethiopia," says Brown.

"Incorporating practical, real experiences in their education is vital to prepare them for those opportunities," she concludes.

More information on the M.B.A. program can be found at www.llu.edu/public-health/programs/mba.page.

Heather Reifsnnyder, M.A.

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In Rwanda, M.B.A. student Allie Evans (right) visits a health clinic run by Mugonero Hospital, which she helped survey with her program director, Elisa Brown, M.B.A. With Evans is Sifa (Glory) Kabano, the nurse in charge of the clinic.

40th Anniversary of the Center for Perinatal Biology Draws Nobel Laureate and Internationally Acclaimed Scientists

Some of the best-known names in perinatal research — including a Nobel Laureate and scientists from all over the world — converged on Loma Linda University for a daylong symposium to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Center for Perinatal Biology.

Many of the internationally esteemed researchers made it clear that they came to the meeting to honor the lifetime achievements and productive career of Lawrence D. Longo, M.D., founder and long-time director of the center.

Ferid Murad, M.D., Ph.D., the 1998 Nobel Prize recipient for medicine or physiology, who is currently a professor at George Washington University, presented the keynote address.

“I think it’s really intriguing that the center has developed over the years because of one individual who had a mission and an idea,” noted Murad.

International invitees flew in from Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. American dignitaries arrived from California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin.

Six of the attendees are past presidents of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation. Several more are former students or colleagues of Dr. Longo or other center faculty. A third group came because they have been inspired by the center’s extensive publications program.

The fact that so many of the guests are recognized leaders in the fields of prenatal and perinatal developmental biology and maternal-fetal physiology only underscores the reputation of Dr. Longo, the center, and Loma Linda University.

In his welcome to the event, Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of Loma Linda University Health, recounted Longo’s graduation from the LLU School of Medicine as a member of the class



Lawrence D. Longo, M.D. (left), Lubo Zhang, Ph.D. (center), and John R.G. Challis, Ph.D., D.Sc., celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Center for Perinatal Biology. Longo is founder and emeritus director of the center, Zhang is interim director, and Challis is university professor emeritus at the University of Toronto.

of 1954, his mission service in Nigeria, and his role in research for many decades.

“Through all those years,” Hart observed, “it was Dr. Longo’s steady influence, working quietly in an unobtrusive way in his laboratories, that continued to be the guiding star for research at Loma Linda.”

In his presentation, Roger Hadley, M.D., dean of the LLU School of Medicine, pointed out that Longo served under seven deans, trained more than 100 post-doctoral students from 20 different countries, published more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and brought more than \$100 million dollars in extramural funding to LLU. Even so, the dean said that last figure isn’t the highest number associated with Longo’s life and career.

“Infinity,” he concluded, “is the amount of prestige brought to Loma Linda University by Dr.

Longo, and the lives benefited by the center’s research.”

As the symposium came to an end, Longo himself took the microphone. Not surprisingly, he credited others for the remarkable success of the center.

“I hope we can all continue to work, to maintain our focus, and to do good science, and have it be socially relevant, and have that be our legacy for the future,” Longo said.

Proceedings of the meeting will be published by Springer Science at the end of this year under the title, “Symposium of the 40th Anniversary of the Center for Perinatal Biology at Loma Linda University: Honoring Lawrence D. Longo, M.D., for Four Decades of Extraordinary Leadership.”

To find out more about the center, see www.llu.edu/medicine/perinatal/index.page.

James Ponder

Arizona Camp Meetings Set for June at Camp Yavapines



NAD Executive Secretary G. Alexander Bryant will be keynote speaker for English camp.



Loma Linda University Pastor Randy Roberts will make his first appearance at the Arizona camp meeting.



Dr. Schubert and Yolanda Palmer will share "Preparing For The Journey Through a Bible Study Series in Song."

“Every event at camp meeting is an opportunity to share Jesus with our members,” Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile told his staff while discussing assignments for each pastor and office worker. “For two weeks, we have the privilege of uniting with the angels to share a glimpse of heaven with each child, youth, adult who are there to be blessed, to learn; then to return home filled with hope for a better day!”

Camp meetings are held at Camp Yavapines in the scenic mountains near Prescott, Ariz.

English camp is from June 7-15, followed by Spanish camp from June 17-22.

North American Division Secretary Alex Bryant will open the English camp. North American Division Evangelism Institute director Ron Clouzet will be featured for the mid-week nightly meetings. Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda

University church, will be the final weekend’s keynote speaker.

Daily seminars will feature topics such as personal loss, family crisis, archeology, health and stewardship, by dynamic presenters including Dr. Dianne Burnett; Dr. Alfonso Valenzuela; Pastor Tony Moore; Pastor John Schachinger; Dr. Schubert and Yolanda Palmer, and Dr. Pedro Martinez. Pastor Herb Montgomery will be featured at Adults 2.

Special music guests will include T. Marshall Kelly from Oakwood University and Christian Edition men’s chorus under the direction of Calvin Knipschild.

“Free at Last” is the theme for the youth programs, which are a highlight of every camp meeting. The annual Xtreme Home Makeover project involves a major portion of the mornings, giving young people a chance to “pay it forward” through contributing to a carefully chosen citizen “in need.”

After the makeover project, the youth will hear spiritual guidance and fellowship under the guidance of Thunderbird Adventist Academy teacher Chris Morris. Oklahoma Conference Pastor Harvey Gil will be the featured speaker.

Arizona Conference young adult ministries director Benjamin Lundquist will be launching a brand new program for young adults ages 18 to early 30s. The week in the big tent will be a

combination of dynamic speakers, leadership development, team building, community service projects, and relevant seminars on finances, relationships, and spiritual growth. Theme is “Hello, my name is. . .” Speaker will be Andrews University doctoral student Jonathan Leonardo.

Theme for Hispanic camp meeting is “Jesus, La Gran Esperanza.” Speakers include Jesus 101 Biblical Institute director Elizabeth Talbot, Universidad Peruana Unión Professor Victor Yaeger, Dr. Miguel Angel Nuñez, and Dr. Katia Reinert.

Hispanic youth speakers include Pacific University chaplain Laffit and Pastor Manny Artega.

Special music guests include Verushka Zárate and Tony Avila.

Phil Draper



Jesus 101 director Elizabeth Talbot will be keynote speaker for the Hispanic camp.



Christian Edition Men's Chorus will be featured at English camp.

Arizona NEWS



Tony Anobile
President

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I could hardly comprehend the statement made by the North American Division Associate Youth Director Manny Cruz as he shared a startling statistic with those of us attending year-end meetings last October.

According to www.mymodernmet.com more than 200 trillion text messages are received in North America every single day. That means 14 zeros if you're trying to figure it out. One thing for sure — we do a lot of communicating in this country.

Think about this for a minute — or maybe two or three. How much of your day is spent communicating? After careful consideration you will probably realize you communicate more than you thought.

My question regarding all the communication you do every day, how much of it is concerning Kingdom growth? Or on the converse, how much of your communication is oriented toward gossip?

A good friend often reminds me, “The rumor mill may not be accurate, but it sure is alive and well!” Isn't that a true statement? Often we're quick to spread a juicy rumor but slow to pass along a more positive and true story.

People love to gossip and tell a good story whether it's true or not. We love to talk about what we love, about what interests us. So here's something to ponder. What is important to you? What do you find yourself talking about the most? Whatever it is, that's what you are thinking about and really interested in.

How important is Jesus to you? Honestly now, with no one around and only you reading this editorial, where does Jesus rank on your list of priorities?

Arabella K. Hankey wrote a great hymn with an important message entitled, “I Love to Tell the Story.” Of course it's the story of Jesus. Please consider with me these words:

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

*I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams;
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.*

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*

Please focus on the significance of the line in the second verse, “I love to tell the story, it did so much for me.” I think many times we take life too casually. Jesus has done so much for us but we take His blessings for granted and don't share the story with anyone. If you don't tell the story of Jesus anymore, why?

Here's my challenge. For the next week, propose to tell the story of Jesus to those with whom you come in contact. Be intentional about spreading Kingdom growth stories as opposed to perpetuating the rumor mill with gossip.

Just as this beloved hymn says, telling the story “satisfies your longings, as nothing else can do!”

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Anobile". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Missions at the Forefront

By Shirley Chipman

Seven Thunderbird Adventist Academy (TAA) students and their project leader Chaplain Rob Parrish joined the Mission Fair at the Prescott SDA Church on Sabbath, January 19. They were part of a larger group of students and adults from the Academy who would be traveling to Livingstone, Zambia for two weeks in March 2013. There they planned to build part of a school, conduct a Vacation Bible School, hold an evangelistic series and work on medical outreach.



Prescott church member Darlene Edwards and Pastor Louis Fitting at the Kenya, Africa booth.

Many visitors also attended this special Sabbath fair and experienced through the TAA presentations, children's story, music and the sermon the importance of missions. At the close of the service, TAA student missionaries were dedicated in prayer for their upcoming service in Zambia as they were surrounded by returned missionaries.

Along with a bountiful fellowship dinner which included ethnic dishes, there were booths displaying 14 countries where mission projects have taken place. The booths were created by the following missionaries who have served or who are presently serving in that country:



A festive fellowship dinner included a variety of ethnic dishes.

- ADRA – Greg Collins • Botswana – Charles and Crystal Wical**
- Calexico – Michelle Ritzer**
- Chad – Mina Milton** (representing her son Jason)
- Cuba – Carol Lawson • Dominican Republic – Sherry Budd**
- Guyana – Barbra Pogue • Haiti – Nan Duerksen**
- India – Sharon Carlson • Kenya – Darald and Darlene Edwards**
- Kenya – Eileen Snell • Micronesia – Aaron and Carrie Long**
- Moldova – Ludmila (Pirojoc) Degerity and Igor Chisalita**
- Navajo and Denali Indian Tribes – Allen and Kelley Fowler**
- Papua New Guinea – Gary and Toni Lewis**
- Tanzania – Joe and Patsy Budd**

In the afternoon Carol Lawson, the pastor's wife from the Cottonwood church who had been involved in a three-week "ShareHim" program, led a class for the youth where they discussed diverse items displayed on the "Name That Country" table. This day of mission emphasis was designed to inspire and encourage everyone from youth to seniors to become involved in the adventure of mission service.

"This is only the second year we have done this as a local church," commented Pastor Louis Fitting, "and it's our plan to make this an annual event for the purpose of keeping mission service at the very forefront of our existence. Next year we will add a personal ministries booth to the mix to send the message that one can be a missionary right here at home as well."



Carol Lawson shared items from a mission trip to Cuba.

Ground Breaking for New Chandler Fil-Am Church

By Phil Draper

“Of Arizona’s 6.4 million people, 3% are Asians,” observed Assistant to the President for Asian-Pacific Ministries Glenn Sta. Ana. “Since the majority are immigrants, the cultural differences become inevitable. Therefore the Arizona Conference created the Asian-Pacific Ministries Department.”

Under the direction of Community Care Chaplains, several evangelistic events were planned. A reaping campaign was held at the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church featuring Asian-Pacific Ministries Director VicLouis Arreola III. Further plans include six extended Bible Seminars, a major evangelistic campaign in 2014, and providing 12 Refuge and Revelation Centers this year.

Arizona’s Filipino-American Adventist community continues to be very active. They recently hosted an exciting event which was the fulfillment of their dream to have a new church in which to worship.

Chandler member Cubes Anderson recalls, “Four years ago, the Chandler Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship had a vision to build a community of Filipino-Americans who would proclaim the Gospel of Christ, share the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, and create a transformational presence in Arizona.”



Within a year, a group of three families under the leadership and guidance of their pastor began making concrete plans to fulfill their dream of having a church. “The vision began to take shape and developed further as our mission and values took root,” explains Anderson. “We marveled at the way the Lord provided us a temporary place of worship. During this time we knew He was guiding our every step as several ministries have developed to promote discipleship and outreach.”

As God continued to lead, and with countless prayers and hours of facility search, the group was led to a property in the city of Chandler at 801 West Frye Road where on Sunday, March 3, 2013 an elaborate and exciting groundbreaking ceremony was held. Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile, Treasurer Robert Hastings, Pastor Shane Davis,

church leaders, city officials, and construction supervisors dipped their shovels into the earth to open the ground for this new church construction. A time capsule was buried at the site containing a Bible and the program for the events of the ground breaking.

Sta. Ana is excited about the events leading to this ceremony. He said, “There were challenges that had to be overcome to reach this point and we know there will be many more obstacles along the way as we build our permanent place of worship. Through all these steps, our vision has been centered on our mission to promote fellowship among the Fil-Am community in Arizona, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist faith and to inspire in all people a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness and consciousness of our duty to God and fellow human beings.”



Camp Meeting Memories

by Shirley Chipman

Located in the pines of Yavapai National Forest in Prescott, Arizona on 168 acres and at an elevation of 5,400 feet, Camp Yavapines has for many years been a unique camping experience for Seventh-day Adventists.

Still thought of as “rustic” camping, there are now over 240 cabins located near bath houses, 125 RV and camper sites and 40 tent sites. The cafeteria, dome-covered pavilion, chapel and meeting rooms make gatherings such as camp meeting enjoyable. The modern gymnasium, Olympic-size swimming pool and Campfire Bowls add to the fun and adventure for campers.

Those who have attended camp meeting for a number of years remember quite a different scenario.

David Hilbers, who has been attending camp meetings since 1958 when his parents brought him as an infant, remembers the sound of the trains passing by during meetings.



Camp historians Shirley and Florence.

“When the train came by traveling from Skull Valley into Prescott, the speaker had to stop until it passed. It was just too loud.”

“The front seat of our 1951 Nash Rambler laid back to make into a bed,” remembers Dixie Bartos, who first attended with husband George in 1955. “In our 57 years of camp meetings at Camp Yavapines we have stayed in a tent behind a station wagon, in cabins, in a camper, then we advanced to a trailer and now a motor home.”

Dorothy Erwin remembers as a Junior, “There was a white line painted down the middle of the room. Boys on one side and girls on the other. Our leader often reminded us that he needed to see the white line. The last Sabbath when we went to sing at the big pavilion, we made the rafters ring with our enthusiasm!”

Old wood cabins with knot holes in the floors and walls and the big old main tent stand out in Virginia Boyett’s mind. She also remembers a lot of rain – and a lot of blessings.

A vivid memory for Darlys Robertson is the big snowstorm of 1970. Her father hiked over to the campground, about a half mile



The earliest Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting in Arizona took place in Phoenix on the Conference Office grounds.

through the deep, deep snow, to see if there was any damage. He found that the roof of the dome had come down under the weight of the snow. “My father had been baptized ten years earlier, and always took such a great interest in the camp grounds. He attended faithfully every year until his death in 1983.”

Your camp meeting memories are a part of our history,” says Florence Darby, Arizona Conference worker. “We would like to record them to keep them alive.”

Contact Shirley Chipman or Florence Darby at the Arizona Conference Office, P.O. Box 12340, Scottsdale, Ariz., 85267 or email shirleychipman@azconference.org or florencedarby@azconference.org to share your camp meeting memories and early photos. All photos will be scanned and returned immediately. Also stop by to see Shirley or Florence at camp meeting in the Communication office, across from the pavilion.

May 4
Parenting Seminar at the East Palo Alto church

May 11
Parenting Seminar at the Fresno Westside church
Senior Citizen Seminar in Visalia

May 17-19
Pathfinder Fair at CVCA

May 19-22
Soquel Volunteer Project at the Soquel Conference Center

May 25
CCC Adventurer Day Conference-Wide

May 25-Aug. 31 (except July 20)
Yosemite Sabbath Service at the Lower River Amphitheater

Jun. 30
Clerk & Treasurer's Training at the CCC

July 6
Pre-Camp Meeting Prayerwalk

July 11-20
Soquel Camp Meeting



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Bay Area for Jesus

By Caron Oswald

"I had been shown that San Francisco and Oakland were missionary fields and ever would be." Ellen G. White, Testimonies Vol. 4, p. 284.3

BREAKING NEWS:

Central California and Northern California Conferences are partnering to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in San Francisco (SF), Oakland and the surrounding Bay Area.

On **June 22**, two rallies are planned for members of each conference to come together to pray and hear about upcoming plans for this ambitious outreach.

San Francisco Central church beginning at 9:20 a.m. with a special praise and prayer Sabbath school followed by the worship service.

Oakland Grand Ave. church begins at 4:00 p.m. For more information and updates (such as parking and meals) go to ccc.adventist.org or ncc.adventist.org.

"It is not hard to work in San Francisco," says Roldan Abello, associate pastor of the Central church. "A lot of people are ready and willing to study the Word of God. We need people who will really focus on the work here."

"The three major languages spoken in the city are Chinese, English and Spanish," says Cesar De Leon, director of ministerial and evangelism. "The weakness is the shortage of workers on the ground."

Thirty short-term volunteers* and several Bible workers in more permanent positions are urgently needed. Read why:



Project: The first project in SF has been voted and funded by the Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering. It is a one-year focus to build up intense evangelistic activity.

Spring/Summer: Appoint a volunteer outreach coordinator to assist with planning and execution of

creating a SF Evangelism Committee from the 14 surrounding churches; coordinate several volunteer projects for Adventist academies and colleges for Medical Missionary/Friendship Evangelism; a Health Impact Wellness Center; SF Adventist elementary school and Kids Health Expo.

A Super Blitz Summer: CCC student literature evangelists from each of the summer groups send 1/3 of each team, plus one group from Oakland, to SF for one week. (CCC's LEs will support Oakland's blitz too); establish several medical missionary treatment rooms in churches; work with church members to distribute literature.

Fall/Winter: Host three or more multicultural prophecy seminars with trained Bible workers to assist with follow-up; launch a 30 Days of Christmas with caroling groups in the neighborhoods surrounding the churches; pray for people, pass out GLOW, advertise treatment rooms, and upcoming meetings; begin to lay plans for the new year.

And this is just the beginning...!

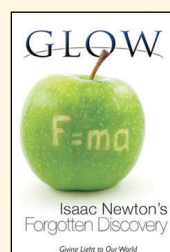
*Contact Cesar De Leon at cdeleon@cccsda.org or (559) 347-3161 or Jesica Minton (530) 863-0862.

Around the Conference

Orosi: When a 3ABN station was discovered in the Central Valley, Orosi church members researched the possibilities. There are 300,000 homes in the broadcast area without cable and depend on TV via antenna. Members raised money, the conference and Pacific Union contributed. Broadcasts began in February. “We will be able to broadcast three hours of local programming per week, plus 15 seconds for station identification every hour, [we can] post our local 800 number, and advertise all our local meetings – evangelism, health, family seminars, etc.,” reports Antonio Ramirez, pastor of the Orosi church. Channels: **12.1 3ABN, 12.2 3ABN Proclaim, 12.3 3ABN Dare to Dream, and 12.4 3ABN Latino.**

Shafter: New radio and television outreaches began in 2012. Radio broadcasts with Adventist messages are two hours a week on **KLHC AM**

Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and reaches most of the San Joaquin Valley. Local television station TVida Vision carries a one hour weekly broadcast on **TVida Vision Channel 34.5** in Bakersfield. Programs are also rebroadcast in Fresno and Porterville.



GLOW (Giving Light to our World): Director Nelson Ernst reports the tracts printed world-wide have reached **29,475,000**. Countries participating are Australia, Austria, Belgium, China,

Croatia, France, Germany, Holland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Malaysia, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, and the Ukraine. In Central 1.2 million are printed each year – 23 in English and nine in Spanish. You can view the latest GLOW tract, “Isaac Newton’s Forgotten Discovery” <http://glowonline.org/literature-2/newtons-forgotten-discovery/>.

Hispanic Children’s Ministries leaders attend weekend training

Teaching and mentoring children for Jesus is one of the highest priorities in the churches and for those who accept the call also accept the responsibility of volunteering in children’s ministries.

The North American Division leaders take this ministry very seriously and have developed a certification training to support local church members to become more effective in their Sabbath school divisions and other child-related ministry.

For certification, there are two levels – basic and advanced. Within each training section are two tracks, each includes 10 seminars that qualify for 1½ college credits of continuing education units. Both basic and advanced levels require 20 hours to complete certification.

For the first time in Central, children’s ministries certification training was presented in Spanish.

“In one weekend, we are able to complete 10 hours for the track one training [in English],” says Rosa Gillham, conference children’s ministries director. But for Hispanic members, translating takes twice the time.

Pastor Justo and Rosa Morales, Hispanic ministerial and children’s ministry director from the Illinois Conference, taught the seminars in Spanish, they understand the culture and tailored the principals in every application. “A big thanks from all of us that came to these excellent seminars. We have never before had such good training,” the attendees said over and over. 🔄



Children’s ministries leaders are dressed to receive their certificates. The graduates returned home empowered and more confident in their leadership roles – to disciple children for Jesus.

New Vacation Bible School Program released in March

The Genesis Factor



Investigation Station: Kids, as junior investigators, receive daily assignments and will join Hannah, Rashid and the rest of the gang to investigate the six days of creation, Sabbath, sin – the big mistake, the flood and starting over. For more information contact Rosa Gillham at rgillham@cccsda.org, (559) 347-3183 and go to the conference Web site ccc.adventist.org and select Children’s Ministries. Available in English and Spanish at the Adventist Book Center (800) 765-6955 and AdventSource (402) 486-8800.

Gilbert Garcia Ordained

Gilbert Garcia was ordained into the ministry of the gospel on March 16, 2013 at the Wasco Bilingual Adventist church. His district also includes the Delano Hispanic church.

It was his brother's near death experience and an unopened letter addressed to someone else that changed the life of Gilbert Garcia.

Born in Mexico, in 1953, his family relocated to Fresno, Calif., when he was 11-years-old. Two years later, his brother Belisario almost died. As Gilbert raced to start the car, he prayed, "God, if you will let my brother live, I promise that I will let You do whatever You want to do in my life." Belisario lived!

The family moved to Lodi and when Belisario married, Gilbert inherited his brother's bed. Two years later he found a letter in the bed. Though addressed to his brother, Gilbert read it. Written by his mother, it had a profound impact. He was in a spiritual crisis and the letter reminded him of his commitment to God. He recommitted his life to the Lord.

The next year, 1976, Gilbert attended an evangelistic meeting where he met his sweetheart, Felipa Martinez. They were baptized on June 18, 1977 and were soon married on July 3, 1977. Later, a daughter, Lisa Nelly, joined their family.

The newly baptized couple organized the Northern California Conference Spanish Youth Federation. Gilbert was the first president and he served for 20 years. In 1980, Gilbert began full-time as a literature evangelist. He became the first Hispanic Publishing Department assistant director in Northern California. In 1997, Gilbert was called to Central for the same position.


Since then, he has been a full-time Bible worker helping plant a church in Fresno, served as a full-time pastor in the Gilroy and Redwood City district



and the Denair Bilingual and Livingston Bilingual district. In Denair, Gilbert had the privilege to baptize his mother!

Belisario died in 2009. At his funeral, all three of his sons pledged to love and serve the Lord. Belisario was buried with the letter placed on his chest. Two years later, Gilbert baptized his brother's wife and daughter.

"Pastor Garcia is an enthusiastic and energetic man who loves saving souls for the kingdom. He has personally sacrificed to reach out to others. His wife, Felipa, is a dedicated and supportive partner of their ministerial team," says Dan Escamilla, coordinator for Hispanic ministries.

Because of a mother's lost and then found letter, Gilbert is serving the Lord. Since the beginning of his ministry, more than 500 new members have been won into God's kingdom. 



Visalia: Pastor Chad Stuart reports meetings with Taj Pacleb, conference evangelist, were held at the ARK, a church plant sponsored by the Visalia church. There were 40 decisions for baptism. The first 13 were baptized Sabbath March 23, 2013.

"Powerful through the Holy Spirit, revival for church members, prayers answered, teenagers transformed, and lives forever changed as Jesus is uplifted night after night, and yes, exhausting but so satisfying." Taj Pacleb, conference evangelist.

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Rescue—Part II “And What Then?”

*I*t was my mother’s recent death which motivated my thoughts for Part I in the January 2013 Recorder President’s Message. In Part II, my mother’s death is the same motivation, driving my thoughts.

In the early 1800s, a young man approached William E. Gladstone, the great English statesman and devoted Christian.

“Mr. Gladstone, I would appreciate you giving me a few minutes in which I could lay before you the plans for my future. I should like to study law.”

“Yes,” said the statesman, “and what then?” asked Gladstone.

“Then, sir, I should like to gain entrance to the Bar of England.”

“Yes, young man, and what then?”

“Then, sir, I hope to have a place in Parliament, in the House of Lords.”

“Yes, young man, and what then?”

“Then I hope to do great things for Britain.”

“Yes, young man, and what then?”

“Then, sir, I hope to retire and take life easy.”

“Yes, young man, and what then?”

Gladstone tenaciously asked.

“Well, then, Mr. Gladstone, I suppose I will die.”

“Yes, young man, and what then?”

Hesitating, the young man said, “I never thought any farther than that, sir.”

Sternly and steadily Gladstone looked at the young man and said, “Young man, you are a fool. Go home and think life through!”

As we consider the plans for our lives, whether young or in the evening of our journey, the answer to Gladstone’s question is vital. In fact, I submit to you that the answer to that question is the reason and purpose for what we do as individuals, parents, school teachers, pastors, and church members.

“And what then?” Answered from the heart, is the essence driving the ministries of Central California Conference. The prayed for results are to disciple a people to have a personal, genuine, tangible response to surrender our lives to Jesus’ invitation to follow Him.

Remember the story of the rich young ruler? He came to Jesus with the same question. He was rich, not only with money, but with honor, ease, distinction, and influence. His ambitions were fulfilled, yet something was missing.

Happiness and contentment seemed to elude him.

He asked Jesus a life-altering question: “What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” (Mark 10:17-31) Jesus pointed him to the goodness of God, He asked about his lifestyle, what he believed and his faithful obedience to God’s Word.

His answers were straightforward and confident. Still, he knew something was missing. “What do I still lack?” he asked.

In *The Desire of Ages* (DA), Chapter 57, we read that this young man was sincere and earnest, his desire was genuine. Still, he had a high estimate of his own righteousness.

Christ looked into the young man’s face, as if reading his life and searching his character. He loved him and He hungered to give him the peace, grace and joy which would materially change his character.

“One thing you lack,” Jesus answered. “Go and sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” (Mark 10:21)

“Only one thing he lacked, but that was a vital principle. He needed the love of God in the soul. This lack, unless supplied, would prove fatal. His whole nature would become corrupted.

That he might receive the love of God, his supreme love of self must be surrendered,” (DA, p. 519)

The same question is ours. Each one of us has the choice to surrender our will to Jesus’ leading. The great news is that no matter where we are in life, our Savior is ready and willing to direct our lives to the eternal outcome.

As we contemplate Gladstone’s question, my prayer is that each of us surrender our plans to Jesus. The joy and contentment will influence others to be disciples as well.

“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love his appearing.**” (2 Tim. 4:8)

My mother loved the promise of our Lord’s appearing. It will be in the twinkling-of-an-eye time-lapse. **“And what then?”** Her joyful response: JESUS, JESUS, JESUS for all of eternity!

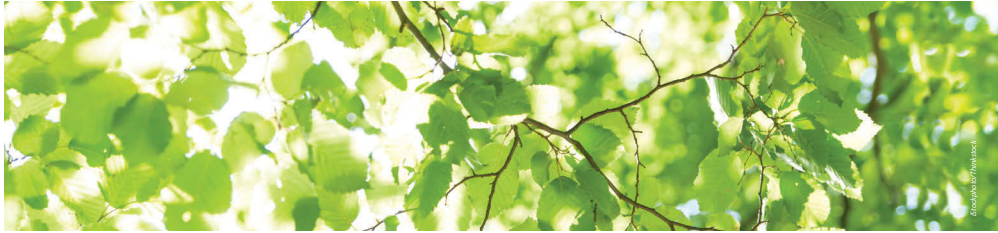
Ramiro Cano

“Each one of us has the choice to surrender our will to Jesus’ leading.”

KINGDOM MATTERS

Northern California Conference Newsletter

“I TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
ANYONE WHO BELIEVES
HAS ETERNAL LIFE”
(JOHN 6:47).



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The dictionary says “core” means: the central, innermost or most essential part of anything. In our world, the core is found in a variety of places.

For instance, I love apples. As a child, I thought they only came in three colors – red, yellow and green. But today, we can buy so many different kinds, colors and shades, and in a wide range of sweet and tart. However, at the center, literally, of each one is the core, filled with the seeds to produce more apples. While most of us don’t eat the core, it truly is the most important part of the fruit.

Or look at a nuclear reactor. I don’t pretend to understand it all, but I’m told that the core is the portion of the reactor that contains the components of nuclear fuel that result in the necessary nuclear reactions to make it all work. It’s a very complicated and involved process, but at the center of it is the core.

When it comes to the message of God’s Church – there are so many wonderful truths to uncover. It’s hard to summarize into a few words, yet there must be a central message, the “core” of what we believe. It’s the foundation for everything, the most important part of our faith.

As we worked on our new NCC strategic plan, our number one goal became this: “Core message: Understand

and communicate the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ.” On the surface that sounds fairly simple. And yet it is something that so often gets overlooked or is not understood and communicated in all its fullness and beauty.

For the Christian, the core message is found in the words of Jesus: “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life” (John 6:47, *NLT*). It is also stated in John 3:16: “For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life” (*NLT*). It’s a simple message: we’re saved by God’s grace alone.

The declaration “anyone who believes has eternal life” is a complete message. There’s no “and,” “but,” “however” or “in addition” to it. It stands on its own. Yet so often we try to add something to help explain our point of view, or to express another important part of Scripture. The core message needs to stay what it is: “Anyone who believes has eternal life.”

Once we fully understand this important core for ourselves, we can then learn how God wants us to grow in that experience, to understand how the rest of Scripture weaves together from there, and how to share that joy and knowledge with others. I hope you will join me as we focus on our basic core message: Jesus is our salvation!

Peace.



By Jim Pedersen, who serves as the president of the Northern California Conference.

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(Top) Associate Pastor Greg Webster (left) and Senior Pastor Walter Groff lead the Gracepoint church. (Below) Singers perform at a Gracepoint church Christmas program. (Bottom) Groff baptizes Casey Belz.



Goal #1 Core Message:

UNDERSTAND AND COMMUNICATE THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Recently, the Northern California Conference unveiled its strategic plan for 2012-2016. The plan includes eight goals, along with strategies to achieve them. This issue focuses on the first of the eight goals and how it is being implemented in the conference. Future editions will feature other goals.

NCC Ministerial Director Walter Groff serves as senior pastor of the Gracepoint church in Rocklin. As a conference director, pastor and member of the NCC Mission, Vision and Planning Committee, Groff has done a lot of thinking about goal number one, "core message," and ways it can be implemented in the conference.



runs out to His son—there is a collision of God’s grace with the son’s need.

When I study the Bible with a new believer, I make sure that grace is the foundation. I

tell him or her: “I’m going to be talking about aligning yourself with Scripture, with obedience, but I don’t want you to lose sight of grace.” Once grace is in place, obedience then becomes a means to and the measure of faith. When God says to do something, you have to decide if you are going to trust Him. When you trust Him in a challenging situation, your faith in Him grows. When you refuse to trust Him, you’re getting a true measure of where your faith is.

We try to incorporate grace into everything that we’re teaching and doing at our church. Greg Webster [associate pastor] and I have elders that help hold us responsible for acts of grace as we lead our congregation.

How can NCC church members apply this core message to their lives?

When asked “How am I saved?” many people give an answer that has to do with some behavior. We need to help our people learn to give a gospel presentation: a solid biblical, grace-oriented answer to how salvation works. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). Gifts are free 100% of the time. It’s not “grace plus,” not “grace but”; it’s just “grace.” This is so foundational that to lose sight of it is to misrepresent God in this most critical of moments.

Why did the committee select this specific core message?

Grace and mercy are the foundations of our Church, but so much of what we teach has to do with behavior, choices and obedience. It’s very easy for people to lose that understanding of grace. Everything else in our lives is based on works and achievements, but Christ is saying to us, “That is the world’s way of doing things; the way I do things is completely different.”

If you recall Ellen White’s vision of the narrowing path, the Advent people are walking up this path, and Christ is leading the group. There’s a great abyss on one side, and the path is narrowing as it moves to this light up ahead. The people who take their eyes off Jesus fall off the path. The people who keep their focus on Christ make it through. We hope to keep our people focused on Jesus.

In what ways do you communicate this core message at your church?

Several years ago, we changed our name from Sunset Oaks to Gracepoint. We decided we wanted a name that faced outward, which communicated a message about Christ. We wanted to focus on that point where grace meets our need, as in the story of the Prodigal Son—when the Father

Redwood Creek Camp

REACHES OUT TO KIDS FOR JESUS

Each summer, a unique outdoor outreach takes place at Redwood Creek Camp. Kids sleep under the stars (no tents!), participate in fun camp activities and, most importantly, hear the good news about Jesus—many for the first time. This year’s camp, headed by Paradise church members Steve and Jennifer Shaw, will take place June 30 to July 7.

The camp generates positive interest among the local families in an economically depressed and isolated area of Humboldt

County, where the nearest city is Blue Lake (population: 1,135). Most of the 50-60 campers who attend each summer do not belong to church-going families. “There aren’t a lot of things to do out here in the summer—except get into trouble,” said Jeanette Quinn, a member of the nearby Orleans church. “Around here it’s really difficult to reach people. We find this is one way that we can reach out to them that they will be open to.”

Often families can’t afford the camp fees; however, local church members have stepped in to help. In the 1980s, church member Robbie Cornwell started a scholarship fund and made it her mission to help as many disadvantaged children as possible go to the camp. After she passed away, the Orleans church took over the Campership Fund (now headed by Quinn), which has helped kids ever since, including 29 campers last summer. In addition to raising money, Quinn recruits kids in the area’s public schools. “I tell them about the activities—go-karts, rappelling, horseback riding,” she said. “I tell them it’s a Christian camp and anyone who wants to go is welcome.”

The camp’s staff members and volunteers have dedicated themselves to the rewarding—and sometimes

difficult—task of introducing Jesus to children who don’t know much about Him. Part of the witness is providing a safe place for kids to relax in a loving environment. “We hope our campers will feel the love of Jesus as we humbly try to follow His example of reaching out to the world,” said Jennifer Shaw.

Arcata McKinleyville church Pastor Bob Mason shares the good news with the kids during the camp’s daily worship times. “If you give them a chance, there’s a lot of depth in them.

They show that they’re really concerned about their lives, and about others, and want to know God,” he said.

One of the longest operating Adventist camps in the world, Redwood Creek Camp started in the late 1930s on land owned by Oliver Cookson. The camp has continued at the Cookson Ranch almost every summer since then. “I’ve heard people talk about how Oliver loved children and wanted to share the love of God through the beauty of nature,” said Shaw, whose parents attended the camp in the 1940s. Redwood Creek Camp’s first director was Eric B. Hare, noted missionary and storyteller.

Kids give the camp great reviews every summer. “It is so much fun to just be outside and be with fun people for a week,” said camper Anna McLane. “I wouldn’t change one thing about Redwood Creek Camp!”

Those who have seen the blessings that camp can provide the local children hope to continue the program for years to come. “Every year God sweetens some child’s life while swimming in the creek or running through the fields nestled between the tall trees at Redwood Creek Camp,” said Shaw. “Oliver Cookson’s dream lives on.”

“We hope our campers will feel the love of Jesus as we humbly try to follow His example of reaching out to the world.”



Donate to camp operations: Cookson Ranch Foundation, PO Box 973, Blue Lake, CA 95525. (An anonymous donor will match up to \$5,000 in contributions.)
Donate to the Campership Fund: Orleans Adventist Church, PO Box 220, Orleans, CA 95556 or orleansadventist@gmail.com. (Write “Campership Fund” on memo line.)
(Photos: Jeanette Quinn)





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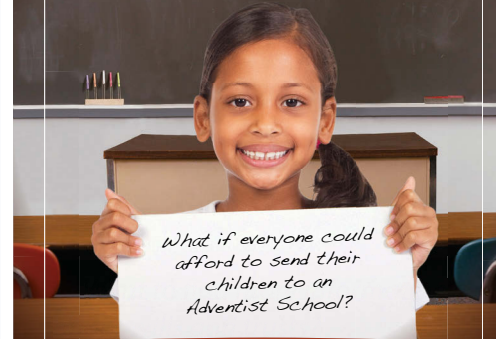


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Tracy School CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Six decades of Christian education are worth cheering for! About 180 people gathered on an evening last fall at Tracy SDA Christian Elementary School to celebrate the school's success in providing quality Christian education for 60 years. "My favorite part was seeing how much this school has meant to so many people in their life journeys," said Teaching Principal Patsy Iverson.

The evening featured a dinner, video and slide shows, and numerous recollections. The gymnasium walls were divided into decades, featuring pictures from each era, and people were invited to write on a "Remember When" wall. Former student Michael Ahn served as master of ceremonies for the program, and George Miller, who has served as school board chairperson for 30 years, shared the history of the school. "We have emphasized the three R's, with plenty of individual attention," he said. "As a result,



our students have done well in secondary school and college. Many hold advanced degrees."

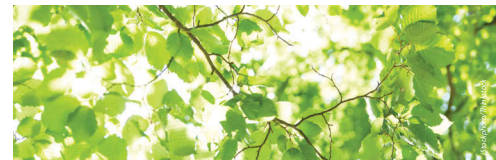
The school opened in the fall of 1952 with about 30 students

George Miller has served as school board chairperson for 30 years. in grades one through eight. (Kindergarten was added later.) Joyce

Aaby Skidmore, one of the original students at the school, has many memories from the early days. "As a grade schooler, I picked up rocks for P.E. from the grounds before grass was sown, and then pulled weeds after it grew. Great exercise!" she said. "We loved playing baseball and football on the new lawn afterward."

Currently 33 students are enrolled at the school in kindergarten through eighth grade. Iverson teaches the lower grades, while Andrew Jorgenson is the upper-grades teacher, and Beatrice Ahn teaches kindergarten. "This is the most amazing team I've ever been part of," said Iverson. "We all have the same focus."

By Becky Lanza, who serves as treasurer and school board member of Tracy SDA Christian Elementary School.



(Above)
Students posed with teacher **Thomas Buzelli** in 1958.



(Below) Four of the original students at Tracy SDA Christian Elementary School shared memories of school days during an anniversary reunion on Oct. 27. **Left to right: Joyce Aaby Skidmore, Bill Fisher, Jim Fisher and Deo Fisher.** (Photo: George Miller)

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International Pathfinder Camporee *Oshkosh Wisconsin 2014*

August 11-16, 2014 is a date to mark on your calendar! That's when more than 35,000 young people and their leaders will gather in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the International Pathfinder Camporee. The theme is Forever Faithful—the story of the life of Daniel.

At this Camporee, Pathfinders will enjoy loads of fantastic activities, events, exhibits and community service. They will meet new people and make friends from all over the world. Pathfinders, staff and visitors will experience incredible live evening programs featuring the story of faithful Daniel and the power of his Forever Faithful God. It will be a once in a lifetime experience!

All camping spaces will be assigned on a number of square feet per person. A 250-acre site located next to an active airport offers the greatest facilities and camp ground. The campground is flat, with grass and no rocks. Tent-camping areas will be organized with street numbers, so one easily can find friends and camp sites. Motels with different price ranges are available in the area, if a Pathfinder Club or individuals choose

this type of lodging.

Price per ticket is \$195 until January 31, 2014. After this date, the price per ticket will be \$215. This fee includes a place to camp, access to all nighttime programming, daytime activities, participation in Pathfinder Honor classes and a camporee patch. Registration is only available online, with a credit card. Individuals or clubs that would like the Youth Ministries Department to assist them in registering because they do not have a credit card available or do not have access to a computer, please call 818-546-8439 to make arrangements to register through the Youth Department office. Cash only will be accepted at the time of registration. We want to see all Pathfinders, staff and family members attend this event.

The trip to Oshkosh is a huge undertaking. To be successful in planning for this large event, I would like to recommend that Pathfinder Clubs and/or individuals follow these three steps:

1. The first and most important step is to purchase your entrance ticket. Concentrate on the issue

of registering early, because once the 35,000 registration mark of 35,000 registrants has been met, no more tickets will be sold. From experience with the two previous Oshkosh Camporees, it is predicted that the Camporee will be sold out by February 2014. The committee is hoping to have the camp sites (125 square feet per person) assigned, by February, 2014. Even if the Camporee is not sold out, they will make the assignments by February. That means that no more camping space will be given to conferences for clubs registering after the camp areas are assigned to conferences (if any of the 35,000 tickets are still available). After February, 2014, less camping space will be available because sites will need to be shared with the late registrants.

2. Second, after purchasing tickets for your club, it is important to begin fundraising for your club's transportation. The Youth Ministries Office will search for the best

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Ordination

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Pablo Gaitan

Pastor, Lynwood Bilingual Church/
South Gate Span. Church, as of
Jan. 1, 2013

Mark Lastimoso

Assoc. Pastor, Glendale Filipino
Church, as of Jan. 1, 2013

Courtney Ray

Assoc. Pastor, Tamarind Ave.
Church, as of Feb. 1, 2013

Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez

Pastor, All Nations Church, as of
Feb. 1, 2013

Janet L. White

Assoc. Pastor, Simi Valley Church,
as of Jan. 1 2013

(Voted Feb. 13, 2013)

Cherise Gardner

Assoc. Pastor, Glendale City
Church, as of May 1, 2013

Changes within the Conference

(Voted Jan. 9, 2013)

Vanessa Fernandez

From Temporary Accountant,
Conference Office; to Full Time
Accounting Clerk, Conference
Office, as of Jan. 1, 2013

Leaving Conference Employment

(Voted Jan. 9, 2013)

Young Jin Kim

From Assoc. Pastor, L. A. Central
Korean, as of Nov. 30, 2012

(Voted Feb. 13, 2013)

Nozomu Obara

From Pastor, Asian Pacific Region,
as of Mar. 31, 2013

Frank Haynes

From Pastor, Conference, as of
Mar. 31, 2013

Brandy Salazar

From Janitor, Camp Cedar Falls, as
of Mar. 15, 2013

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Rita Bua

From Teacher, Adventist Christian
School, as of July 1, 2013

Nanae Matsuoka

From Teacher, East West Language
School, as of Apr. 1, 2013

Barbara Pekarek

From Teacher, Antelope Valley
School, as of July 1, 2013

New Employee

(Voted Feb. 13, 2013)

Albert B. Peterson II Youth Pastor,
University Church, as of Jan. 1,
2013

(Voted Mar. 13, 2013)

James Willis II

Associate Superintendent of
Education, as of Apr. 1, 2013

Sabbatical

(Voted Feb. 13, 2013)

Greg Hoenes

Pastor, Santa Clarita Church, as
of Jan. 1 – Apr. 30, 2013

Deceased in Service

Tim Garrison

Pastor, Moorpark Community
Company, as of Feb. 4, 2013

by Wendy DiLullo Newmyer

Three Schools Participate in 2nd Annual Academic Bowl

On February 2, 2013, three schools met to compete in the 2nd Annual Academic Bowl, hosted by Crescenta Valley Adventist Elementary School (CVAS).

Tensions were high and the Living Stones Church Fellowship Hall was packed. With shaky hands hovering over table buzzers, the questions commenced. The questions ranged from Math to English to Science to Social Studies, issued rapid-fire from the Proctor's mouth, as students beat their buzzers for a chance to respond.

The 5th & 6th graders representing CVAS were Michael Matsuda, Alexandria Tahmassian, Finn Traxler and Liam Sofias. San Fernando Valley Adventist representatives were Jaden Gonzales, Alfredo Patao, Janis Leones and

Zachary Barrientos. Representatives from Conejo included Grant Takemoto, Leilani Lockwood, Jonathan Castiglioni and Claire Neslund.

While 5th graders competed separately from 6th graders, the schools placed equally: San Fernando contestants were the victors of both rounds, Conejo finished in a close

second, and CVAS won third place.

Parents and teachers alike cheered and supported their teams, creating a fun atmosphere for a Saturday night. Parent Mark Newmyer remarked, "I was trying to answer these questions myself, but they were hard!" It was apparent these students had practiced hard for this event; it showed, as they answered two questions per minute, for 15 minutes straight. Then Principal Phil Hudema of Conejo exclaimed, "My seventh graders who participated last year really want to do it again. We need to do this for junior high, too!"

While next year may include more grades and include more schools, one thing is certain: the Academic Bowl will have some fun, healthy competition!



Teachers and students at the Academic Bowl.

fares to Oshkosh and will share prices for the different methods of transportation: plane, train, bus or private cars. Then the clubs may choose the method that is best for them. Prices from the various transportation sources are not available until a year before the event.

3. After clubs fundraise for their transportation funds, the last area of financial concern is the food and miscellaneous expenses for the trip and stay at Oshkosh.

The Conference Youth Department is planning to rent two 53-foot trailers to transport equipment to the campsite and back. This will be a shared venture with the clubs that use the trailer. More information will be given as we get closer to the event.

Bi-monthly meetings will be scheduled at the Conference Office to prepare for this great Pathfinder event. Directors of each club will receive mailings with details of these meetings. If you would like to learn more, or if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or visit the Youth Ministries Department (818-546-8439). Every Pathfinder, staff person and family member should plan to attend this major event and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as this event takes place.

Pastors and Technical Assistants Train for Podcast Evangelism

by Betty Cooney

More than 30 pastors and web technicians representing a dozen languages or more that are preached in Southern California Conference churches gathered for training in podcast development and distribution in April, 2013 at the SCC office. Daryl Gungadoo, Global Distribution manager, for Adventist World Radio (AWR), was the instructor.

A project developed by the SCC Communication Department has enabled SCC churches preaching in other languages to affiliate with AWR in reaching out online. The “Linguaspirita Project” will help local pastors and lay speakers to locally and globally reach out to fellow emigres from China, Brazil, Korea, Thailand, Latin America, Vietnam, Tonga

and Samoa—and other countries.

Many of the training workshop participants expressed enthusiasm for what they had learned. Pastor James Dok, a Cambodian, was one of them. “Approximately 300,000 Cambodian people live in the Greater Los Angeles area,” he said, “and we have no one reaching out to them. I am excited about the podcasting method of sharing the good news. My team is ready and willing to commit ourselves to doing it.”



Daryl Gungadoo speaks with SCC pastors, web technicians during podcast training. Photo by Betty Cooney

BAPTISM ADDS 29 TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHURCH

by Joy Wogu

The year 2013 started as a high point in the Antelope Valley (AV) Church, as Elder Richardson Honore, assisted by associate pastor Godfrey Byass, baptized 29 members, among them his own two daughters, Micaiah and Amariah. This marked Elder Honore’s last official act as pastor of the AV Church before commencing his pastorate of the Altadena Church.

The afternoon celebration took place at the Lancaster Church, and the new members were welcomed by the caring and thoughtful pastors and deacons, who had prepared well for this wonderful event. “We sincerely thank our Lancaster Church family for providing physical and spiritual support in such a loving way,” one leader commented.

Hymns, applause and thanksgiving were heard by each candidate as they were baptized individually, or in family groups of siblings, parent-child, uncle-nephew and spouses.

God be praised, as He adds to His church!



Each candidate heard applause and thanksgiving as they were baptized individually, or in family groups!

SCC EVANGELISM



ShareHim Training in May

We suggest that pastors send their associate pastors as well as lay leaders for the valuable ShareHim training scheduled May 18, 19. In the training they will learn about small-group evangelism. Our hope is to have 50 to 75 homes conducting small groups within our conference, with each group inviting five people.

The training will share how to make friends and engage people and also show participants how to become close to people, as Jesus did: “mingling with men as one who desired their good, . . . He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence.” (MH 143)

Small-group leaders will use the ShareHim DVD and LCD projector for at least 10-13 sessions (or they can expand to the full 26 lessons, if they wish.) The ShareHim materials are available in most languages, but the training will be in English.

Pastors, if you send your associate pastor and/or lay leader for the training, you will be equipping your church with an evangelism coach. Of the more than 300 persons who have received ShareHim training in SCC, 117 persons have conducted the series overseas. This latest training will take participants step by step through the series, *His Way of Hope*, and answer all questions, for use in their own neighborhoods.

As Christians, sharing the gospel with neighbors, friends and relatives, is not only our duty, but a privilege. The interactive ShareHim training in May will help trainees to be more intentional in terms of those around them. Jeremiah Weekes, ShareHim coordinator for training worldwide, will conduct the training. Bring a laptop, iPad or Tablet.



James G. Lee, Jr.
Vice President
Evangelism director

Hispanic Region Uniting Pastors and Lay People in Evangelism

Our goal was to unite the evangelistic efforts of pastors and lay persons, and this is being accomplished. Earlier, about 320 members were trained in the Hollywood and San Fernando training sessions.

During the Easter Holy Week season, 42 metropolitan campaigns, “Jesús es tu Respuesta” (Jesus Is your Answer), were planned that involved the laity working with pastors. These evangelistic efforts continued throughout the month of April. The School of Evangelism trained 260 lay persons at a retreat, so they can work with their pastors.

Elder Guillermo García, the Hispanic Region evangelist, started the first campaign in the San Fernando Church during eight days in March. The Good News of salvation was presented and, as a result, 25 new members were added to the family of heaven. What God has promised, He is going to fulfill: the good news of the gospel will be preached and the end will come (Matt.24:14). “Lay members made a pact during a spiritual retreat at Camp Cedar Falls in January, promising to bring 1000 new souls to the church by the end of 2013,” reported Garcia. “We are very confident that, with the Holy Spirit’s help, we will succeed! Let us pray that we will see not only this, but even more souls coming to Jesus during this



Luis Peña,
Hispanic Region director

evangelistic effort.”

Evangelist Alejandro Bullon plans to be in Los Angeles in May to celebrate the baptisms resulting from the metropolitan meetings.

Student Literature Evangelism

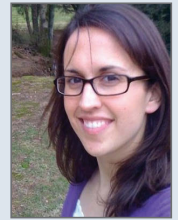
Knocking on doors and personally connecting with people still makes a difference in the community. In fact it seems to be a vital aspect of church outreach.

Heidi Bryant, David Fernandez and Ashley Miller were knocking on doors in Long Beach, searching for spiritual interest and community needs. In a little over an hour, all three had met a person searching for a deeper understanding of the Bible. Bryant met a woman named Ana who was overwhelmingly interested in studying the Bible with someone, to deepen her relationship with God. Ana had a glow on her face when she talked about the Lord.

Fernandez met a woman named Blanca who, when hearing about upcoming evangelistic meetings in the area, decided to come every night. She wanted to take notes for her husband!

Miller connected with a man who was searching for direction in his life. He also wanted Bible studies. When talking about the Bible, he mentioned his study of the book of Daniel. After recounting the dream in Daniel 2, he said, “I think we’re in the feet...”

Yes, Jesus is coming soon. Ministry in all forms is needed in these last days. Continue to spread the love of Jesus from house to house in your communities: you just never know who you will find! For more information on how your church can get involved in door-to-door outreach, please call 818-546-8435.



Heidi Bryant
Director

Greater Los Angeles Region

Evangelism is our great focus for 2013 in the Greater Los Angeles Region. We started the year with a three-week series with Evangelists Carlton P. Byrd and Lawrence Dorsey, Sr. This series concluded with more than 30 baptisms and over 100 interests for future baptism. Our pastors have reported that they will conduct at least 12 evangelistic endeavors of various kinds during the next several months. We intend to give 1100 Bible studies and baptize 400 or more persons, as God gives them.

Our goal is to saturate the communities we serve with Bible studies in conjunction with community service endeavors that will reach people where they are and address their needs. Our primary objective is to prepare individuals to meet Jesus when He returns, however we are intentional about following Christ’s method for reaching them. “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’” (MH p. 143)



Anthony J. Kelly,
GLAR director

CONFERENCE PRIORITIES

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Personal Encounters with God Happens at Conference Prayer Retreat

During March 8-10, the Southeastern California Conference in conjunction with the Southern California Conference held a Prayer Retreat at Pines Springs Ranch. The San Jacinto mountains were glazed in snow, but many made their way to the camp in spite of the weather.

The focus of the retreat was to allow attendees to have a transformational experience in prayer, and to assure them that Christ still works miracles in lives today. Fittingly, the theme of the retreat was *Behold Your God*.

The retreat was planned in such a way that every activity was intended to be an opportunity for attendees to minister and pray with one another. Beginning with the Friday evening meal, attendees were encouraged to share and pray together. They spoke about their relationship with Jesus and what He was doing in their lives.

In each of the meetings, attendees learned about important aspects of prayer. Primarily, they learned about building a strong relationship with Jesus. The transformative power of prayer was emphatically illustrated through the life of guest speaker, Pavel

Goia, pastor in Kentucky.

Growing up in Communist Romania, Goia made a covenant with God and almost immediately, his faith was tested. He shared stories about how God continually provides solutions to impossible situations through prayer, and that He still works miracles today. This relationship with Christ is available to anyone through prayer, according to Goia. His story is illustrated in the book *One Miracle After Another*, written by Greg Budd.

Anita Roberts, prayer ministry liaison for SECC, provided a morning devotional that instilled confidence in Christ as a righteous judge. The following morning, Donna Richards, presenter at the conference, shared how one can pray through the promises of God, as outlined in the Bible.

The retreat was planned in such a way that every activity was intended to be an opportunity for attendees to minister and pray with one another.



(Above) The Revive Worship team from the Resurrection church in West Covina provided the music during the retreat.



(Left) Attendees were encouraged to pray for one another. (Right) Donna Richards shares how to pray for the promises that God has made.

A seminar on prayer was given by Sandy Roberts, executive secretary of the conference. Her presentation encouraged attendees to find a quiet place where they could not only talk to God, but also to listen to Him. During the seminar, a time of reflection was given. When everyone returned, several people gave testimonies of what they had learned and experienced through their quiet time with God.

On Sabbath afternoon, a focus was

placed on church leadership. Attendees were led in a time of prayer specifically for the leadership of SECC and SCC conferences. The group was also encouraged to continue praying for leaders in their own local churches.

As an oasis throughout the retreat, a prayer room was designated to welcome anyone who wished to spend time in prayer. Anita Roberts and Cecilia Garcia, prayer ministry liaison for SCC, designed it in such a way so as to represent the journey and story through

salvation. Different stations were set up in the room. For example, there was a place where one could write sins into the sand as a way of confessing and then wipe them away. Another station had a cross so as to bring focus to the sacrifice of Jesus.

Throughout the retreat, attendees were blessed with a worship team that provided music. It was the praise teams intent to transport people to a place of worship and reverence to God. Although a young group, they have experience

playing together at their home church, Resurrection, in West Covina.

Sunday ended with a commitment service led by Goia challenging all to stand firm and listen to God. He challenged the audience that through obedience and trust, God would bring answers to all of life's challenges. The testimonies which had been shared throughout the retreat gave evidence of authentic and personal encounters with God.

By Mario A. Munoz

SECC Holds Annual Bible Quiz-A-Rama Championship

On March 9, the conference's youth department held its sixth annual Bible Quiz-A-Rama Championship at the Mt. Rubidoux church. The Bible quiz became a conference-wide event for the first time in 2008. Prior to this, churches held their own quizzes. This year youth teams, with participants up to 24 years old, prepared for questions on 1 and 2 Kings.

"My favorite part was getting together after church to study together," said Faye Oriola, All Nations African church youth team member.

Bible Quiz-A-Rama is a time for young people to collectively study the Bible. Teams spend hours studying the Bible chapters. They learn from their mentors

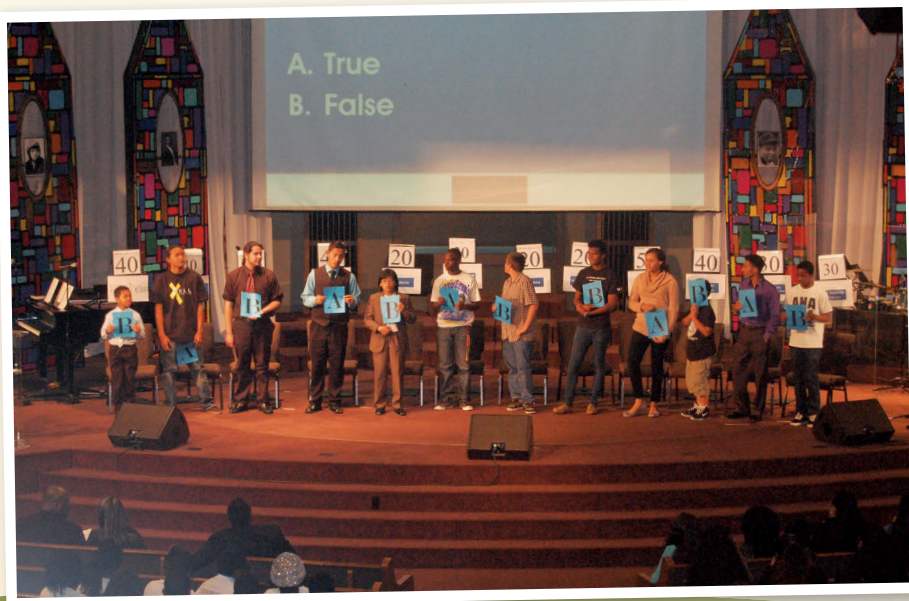
and from each other.

"This event is more than just young people competing for a trophy. It is an opportunity for the youth to come together and spend time in God's Word. Our prayer each year is that they not only learn the facts, but that the Word pierces their hearts and stays with them throughout their lives," said Liz Adams, SECC youth ministries secretary.

First, teams put all their studying to the test in district quizzes. Church teams compete with other churches in their local area for the title



(Top) Teams gather together in prayer. (Below) High Desert Bilingual church team members discuss an answer.



of district winners. After becoming district winners, teams advance to the championship challenge. This championship filled Mt. Rubidoux church with teams ready for competition, and supporters cheering on the youth from the audience.

Teams were seated in the pews, where they debated their answers. They were given multiple choice questions. Teams then had one minute per question to discuss and choose an answer. Then a representative from each team, the runner, would take their answer to the stage. When

Runners show their answers.



Team members from the Westminster Good Samaritan church were named Quiz-A-Rama Champions.

all the runners had made their way to the stage or the time had expired, the runners revealed their choices to the audience by holding up answer cards. The correct answer was then shown on a projection screen for everyone to see and teams were given points for correct answers. The questions varied in difficulty, and the team's knowledge of the two chapters was put to the test.

During breaks, teams were allowed to challenge their previous answers. The judges took their time to thoroughly review all disputes and resolve them before continuing with the quiz. During one of the longer intermissions the crowd grew anxious. To ease the tension several people in the audience began to sing. Soon more and more people joined the chorus until the whole church was singing well-known songs such as "I've Been Redeemed." In the midst of heated competition, it was a reminder of the real reason everyone had gathered that day. Reta Leota, Yucaipa Samoan church team member, appreciated this part of the service.

(Top Left) Teams are happy to participate and show off their biblical knowledge.

"My favorite part was praise and worship," she said.

The competition went on for almost four hours, until members of the Westminster Good Samaritan church team were named champions.

Afterwards, the participants and attendees were treated to a performance by the Mt. Rubidoux drum team and snacks in the church's gym. The participants fellowshiped together, made new friends and discussed the evening's Quiz-A-Rama. "It really helps us learn more about the Bible and gets the young people to read the Bible and have fun in a different way. I think a lot of times they don't find it appealing, so this just kind of challenges them and gets them motivated," said Oscar Bustillos, High Desert Bilingual church team supporter.

By Chloë Jacqueline Vander Zwan



Upcoming Events

All About Jesus Seminar (May 3-11) Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. Lee Venden will offer tangible suggestions on how to develop or deepen a meaningful friendship with Jesus. Meetings will be held: May 3, 7 p.m.; May 5-10, 7 p.m.; Sabbath, May 11, 9 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Adult Sabbath School Seminar (May 4) 3-4:30 p.m. SECC Office. Attendees will hear presentations on Sabbath school tools and exploring Jesus' teaching methods. Info: Janelle Muthia, 951.509.2330 or <http://adultsabbathschool.eventbrite.com>.

La Sierra University Vocal Octet Reunion Concert (May 4) 4 p.m., La Sierra University church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave., Riverside. The concert is under the direction of William Chunnestudy. Info: 951.354.7095.

Best In Praise (May 4) 5-8 p.m. Valley Fellowship church, 275 E. Grove St., Rialto. Best in praise is a praise team sing off competition. Info: Stephanie Lewis-Bennett, 909.709.1223.

Church Family and Community Mother's Day (May 11) San Bernardino Community church, 1696 North G. St., San Bernardino. A special celebration for mother's in the church family and local community. Info: 909.883.2400.

Church and Community Education Day (May 18) San Bernardino Community church, 1696 North G. St., San Bernardino. Join the church in celebrating education Sabbath. Info: 909.883.2400.

Pathfinder Fair (May 19) 9 a.m., Conference grounds. This event highlights Pathfinder accomplishments and activities. Info: www.seccyouth.com.

SECC Spring Retiree Retreat (May 20-22) Pine Springs Ranch. Deadline for registration is May 9. Bring your musical instruments to play in the orchestra. Info: erika.galaviz@seccsda.org



(Left) Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs are growing due to the new building.

(Right) Conference administrators pose with church members at the inauguration celebration of the new building.



New Building Revitalizes the San Ysidro Church

On the southwestern edge of California is the district of San Ysidro. Because of its location, the San Ysidro church serves a diverse community, meeting the needs of local residents in a variety of ways.

In 1989, Raul Maldonado, was serving as pastor of the San Ysidro church. During his time there, he noticed that the church was growing. Many families joined the church and a lot of the kids were excited to be there.

In the early 90s Maldonado began to dream of expanding the church, even though the resources were lacking. Through the support of the church, a plan was made to build an extension to the church building to provide a fellowship hall, in addition to classrooms for Sabbath School and other church activities. Although Maldonado moved on to another church in 1992, the San Ysidro church continued gathering resources to complete the project.

Through a lot of prayer and self-

sacrificing, the dream became a reality some 20 years later. Maldonado had since returned to the church, hoping to see the culmination of this project. Last summer, patience and perseverance paid off as the church celebrated the inauguration of the church extension.

The new building includes a fellowship hall, a kitchen and a few classrooms. Before all of this was built, the church put up tents outside whenever they hosted a community event or held potluck.

The inauguration of the new building was met with excitement from the members. People from neighboring churches and long-time members attended. During the inauguration, Gerald Penick, conference president, made an appeal to the church, challenging the church to focus on the future and their next steps.

The church members took the challenge seriously. The Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs have been revitalized. Now that the clubs have space in the new classrooms, they have started inviting children from the neighborhood to join the group. There are several non-Adventist children who are part of the program.

"We're involved in the community and

celebrated two visitor days," said Jerry Goldsberry, an elder at the church.

One of the features of the fellowship hall is a large fireplace. Members love to gather around it while attending devotionals or vespers programs.

In addition, the church has conducted two health fairs. They handed out flyers to the community inviting them to participate. Close to 80 participants showed up, with a large part of those being first-time visitors.

Church members are excited about the kinds of activities they can hold for the community. With the new kitchen in place, the church is planning to hold cooking classes, emphasizing health from an Adventist perspective. The fellowship hall also provides a place to hold English classes for area residents. Teachers, engineers and other professionals volunteer their time.

The new church building has also gotten attention from the city. The church has been listed by the city's Chamber of Commerce as an official shelter in case of any emergency.

"This is a different way to do evangelism," said Maldonado. "We are looking at different ways to reach out to the community through the use of our building."

By Mario A. Munoz



The new kitchen provides the church with a place to prepare meals.

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PUC Offers New Health Programs for Pre-Professional and Allied Health Students

Pacific Union College has enhanced its preparation for health careers with two new programs designed to provide pre-professional and allied health students degrees that fit their interests and their goals.

The Bachelor of Science degree in health communication is designed for students who wish to combine a pre-professional track and a communication degree. Housed in the communication department, the degree will offer students a broad background in interpersonal, intercultural and organizational communication, as well as communication research. This concentration will be useful to students who intend to pursue health-related careers requiring broad knowledge of scientific concepts, as well as the strategies and technologies for designing and delivering effective communication.

"We are on the forefront of a growing field," says Michelle Rai, chair of the communication department. Most health communication

degrees are only available in masters-level programs, but PUC faculty wanted to equip students with health care-specific skills before they began their graduate programs.

Although the major will be available in fall 2013, its pre-registered ranks are already growing. Linda Lumintaintang, '14, who plans to pursue a career in pharmacy, is one of many students excited to enroll in "a major that has both science classes and communication classes as requirements." Lumintaintang will take pharmacy school pre-requisite classes in the areas of chemistry and physics as cognate courses for her health communication degree, providing her with an efficient and interesting path to her goals.

Recent PUC alumni note the benefits of balancing their science-based careers with a communication degree. "I wanted an undergraduate degree that would help me throughout life and broaden my knowledge of more than just science," says communication major Jeremy Lam, '13. Allison Uniat, '13, a fellow communication major who is pursuing clinical pharmacy, says, "I am a more developed and skilled speaker, which is important when conversing with patients and collaborating with physicians." Lam and Uniat recently gained early acceptance into Loma Linda University School of Medicine and Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, respectively.

The A.S. degree in Health Sciences is new to the 2012-2013 academic year. The degree provides pre-professional students with a strong foundation in the life and social sciences, complementing their preparation for allied health careers such as medical radiography or physical therapy.

With it, the newly combined nursing and health science department "looked for a way to do two things," explains Shana Ruggenberg, the department chair. First, the new program provides a departmental home for pre-allied health students, with the consistent advising



PUC students conduct an experiment in a science lab.

and sense of community available in other college departments. Second, it offers a PUC degree to students who have finished prerequisite education at PUC before they continue on to their allied health program of choice, often at Loma Linda University.

The A.S. degree in health sciences means that students such as Roxana Crespo, '13, will be able to leave PUC with a degree and the prerequisites required for acceptance into an allied health program. Before admission into an allied health program, students are required to complete a series of prerequisites instead of, or in addition to, a specific undergraduate degree.

"The first day I met Roxana, she came almost dancing into my office, so excited to leave PUC with a degree," says Vicki Saunders, a nutrition instructor. Saunders teaches two core classes in the program — Introduction to Allied Health, and Issues in Allied Health — and saw the former's class size grow from 36 students to 52 students in the first year.

Students interested in applying for the B.S. in health communication should contact Michelle Rai, mrai@puc.edu, and for the A.S. in health sciences, Shana Ruggenberg, sruggenberg@puc.edu.

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PUC students can choose from two new health-related programs designed to provide them with degrees that fit their interests and their goals.

Adventist Health Hospitals Build New Facilities and Bring Additional Services to Their Communities



A new Family Birth Center will be built adjacent to Adventist Medical Center – Hanford in Hanford, Calif.

Adventist Medical Center – Hanford

Adventist Medical Center – Hanford recently announced plans to build a new Family Birth Center to provide obstetrics and delivery services for Kings County families. The 49,000 sq. ft. center will be built adjacent to the medical center. It will replace the current birth center at Central Valley General Hospital in Hanford, Calif.

“We’re excited to announce a new birthplace for Kings County families,” said Adventist Health/Central Valley Network president and CEO Wayne Ferch. “The Family Birth Center helps us serve our region as a resource for starting healthy and happy families.”

Features of the new facility include: all private rooms, 34 beds for mothers, six neonatal intensive care beds, new equipment and technology as well as two operating rooms. The design of the new center is focused on the patient’s experience. Currently, about six babies are born every day at Central Valley General Hospital.

Feather River Hospital

Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif., recently broke ground on a new 13,100 sq. ft. Outpatient Surgery Center. The new building will house 18 pre/hold/recovery rooms, four procedure rooms, exam rooms, physician offices and necessary space for support functions. There will be a patient drop off area with 31 additional parking spaces. The Center is scheduled to open in October.

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, Calif. began construction on a new hospital to replace the current 85-year old structure originally built in 1928 by a generous donation from Charles Howard, owner of



Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif., recently broke ground on a new 13,100 sq. ft. Outpatient Surgery Center. Leadership, physicians, architect and construction personnel raise their hats at the groundbreaking.



The new Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, Calif., is scheduled to open in 2015.



After only 13 working days on the steel frame, crews placed the final beam of the new Howard Memorial Hospital and officials held a "Topping Out" ceremony to celebrate.

the famed racehorse Seabiscuit. After the 1994 Northridge earthquake, California mandated stringent seismic codes for all medical facilities. Faced with the challenge of retrofitting the existing building, the Frank R. Howard Foundation and Adventist Health began planning for a replacement hospital.

The two-story, 74,000 sq. ft. hospital will more than double the size of the current hospital. The new hospital will have all private rooms (21 med/surg beds and four ICU beds) an eight-bed emergency department, four surgery suites and one endoscopy suite. Other departments will include lab, radiology, central supply, pharmacy and physical therapy with a larger kitchen and adequate space for the community to come and enjoy the gourmet food. It is expected that the new hospital will provide 70 new jobs in the community.

The HMH emergency department was recently awarded basic emergency department status. This designation paves the way for higher-level trauma designations and stroke accreditation. The new hospital will feature a helipad, which will allow HMH to receive air ambulances rather than flying patients further south for hospital care. During some emergencies, a few minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

Construction is scheduled to take approximately two years with occupancy planned in 2015.

Simi Valley Hospital

Simi Valley Hospital in Simi Valley, Calif. is bringing new services and improved facilities to their community. The hospital recently began construction on a new three-story building — Thakkar Family Emergency Pavilion. The 17,100 sq. ft. building will add 5,500 sq. ft. to the current emergency department and will increase the number of patient beds from 10 to 22. Once the new area is completed, the older portion will be remodeled, which will allow for the continuation of emergency services during the construction. Other services will include a new surgery suite with space for future surgery department expansion, as well as shell space for future growth of clinical and support services.

In the Patient Care Tower, the hospital is also adding a new GI lab and the city's first-ever cardiac catheterization lab. The new GI lab will have state of the art technology and will be much more spacious than the current GI lab. The new cath lab will be considered a hybrid cath lab. This means that if it is determined the patient actually needs heart surgery, the room can quickly be converted to a full-fledged operating suite. There will be space for a second cath lab as demand for the service increases. The new GI lab and cath lab are scheduled to open in early summer.

Rita Waterman

Artist's rendering of the new Thakkar Family Emergency Pavilion at Simi Valley Hospital.



Filmmakers Gather in Simi Valley for Annual SONscreen Festival

Seeing how popular and productive film festivals are in showcasing outstanding film works, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America has developed the SONscreen Film Festival. The annual gathering is for people of all ages who have a passion for using film and video to create timely and relevant productions for social awareness, outreach, and uplifting creative entertainment.

On April 4-6, film producers convened at the Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, Calif., for the SONscreen Film Festival. Themed "Chronicles: Stories that speak truth and change lives," the festival featured Christian actor/producer David A.R. White and special film screenings of three new features. *Hell and Mr. Fudge*, produced by LLT Productions, Napa Valley, Calif., tells the story of an evangelical scholar who discovers the biblical teaching on life after death; *The Adventists 2*, Martin Doblmeier's second film about Adventists for Public Television, features Adventist health care around the world; and *The Record Keeper*, produced by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is a dramatic television series based on Ellen White's book, *The Great Controversy*.

On the opening night, festival organizers hosted a pitch fest, allowing filmmakers the opportunity to pitch film ideas to a panel of judges to ultimately receive \$10,000 as seed money to work with the North American Division's Office of Communication to produce a film as an outreach project of the church. Rajeev Sigamoney,

film professor at Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., won for his idea titled *Decalogue 2.0*.

The festival concluded with an awards banquet honoring the best in various categories: drama, documentary, high school, community services, ministerial/pastoral, and audience choice.



Winners at SONscreen Film Festival 2013, Simi Valley, Calif. George Johnson, left, festival executive producer. Front row: Dillan Forsey (Southern Adventist Univ.), Felicia Tonga (La Sierra Univ.), Sam Napod (Newbury Park Adv. Acad.), Erin Hotchkis (La Sierra Univ.), Nina Vallardo and Jon Greaves (NPAA), Austin Mock (Mesa Grande Academy), Peter Han (Pacific Union College) and Dan Weber, festival producer.

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Pacific Union College students, faculty and alumni at SONscreen Film Festival 2013, Simi Valley, Calif. From left: Thangson Anandam, Roxanne Fischer, Halstyn Hart, Timothy Wolfer, Hector Ramirez, Rajeev Sigamoney, Edgar Momplaisir, Maya Rutledge, Raphael Jimenez, Jacquie Robinson, Grace Romstad, John Tagamolilla, Chloé Fulton, Benjamin Josse, Jonathan Hudgens, Alexander Carpenter, Kélanie Gonçalves, Michael Feldbush and Peter Han.



La Sierra University film students and faculty pose at SONSscreen Film Festival 2013, Simi Valley, Calif. LSU is located in Riverside, Calif. From left: Felicia Tonga, Marcus Morris, Josie Asencio, Daniel Larios, Rodney Vance, Erin Hotchkiss, Carrie Specht, Sara Lancaster, Kalvender Singh, Laura Martin Castellanos, Juana Muñoz.



Austen Mock, student at Mesa Grande Academy, Calimesa, Calif., receives Certificate of Screening Acceptance at SONSscreen Film Festival 2013

George Johnson

The Winners

Best Ministry Award for Community Services

"Then Came Sandy"

By Sam Napod, Nina Vallado and Jon Greaves
Newbury Park Academy, Newbury Park, Calif.

Best Ministry Award for Ministerial/Pastoral

"The Irrevocable Call"

By Felicia Tonga and Erin Hotchkiss
La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif.

"The Creative Eye"

By James Constantine
Dobbins, Calif.

Best Documentary

"Run for Reece"

By Crystal Case
Ooltewah, Tenn.

Best Dramatic Short

"In the Grey"

By Dillan Forsey
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.

The Jonathan Dulan High School Award

"How Deep"

By Austin Mock
Mesa Grande Academy, Calimesa, Calif.

The Audience Choice Award

"Dario"

By Peter Han
Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif.

Best in Fest

"In the Grey"

By Dillan Forsey
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.



Peter Han, at microphone, from Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., accepts Audience Choice Award at SONSscreen Film Festival 2013



Rajeev Sigamoney, third from left, Instructor and Program Coordinator of Film & Television at Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., accepts the \$10,000 pitchfest award for his idea to create ten films exploring the decalogue. Pitchfest judges included, from left, George Johnson, Nathan Nazario, David A. R. White, Paul Kim and Dave Gemmell.

Richards Divinity School Supports Work of Church Pastors

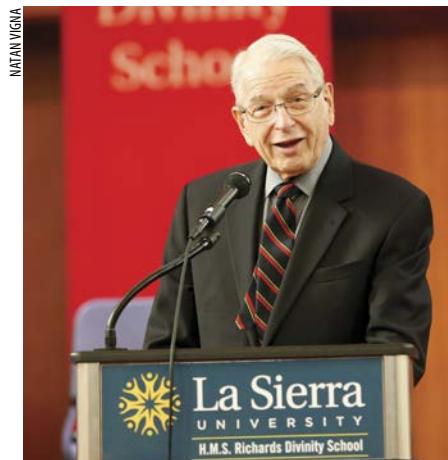
More than 250 pastors from Southeastern California and Southern California Conference churches attended “The Desk and the Pulpit: Collaborating for Ministry,” sponsored by La Sierra University’s HMS Richards Divinity School.

One of a series of events celebrating the Divinity School’s inaugural year, this day long event was designed to introduce pastors to the resources available to support their ministries. The day’s highlight session featured Divinity School faculty members each discussing the text “Jesus wept” from the perspectives of their areas of specialization. Individual faculty shared Biblical, archaeological, historical, theological, ethical, faith development and homiletical resources during their presentations.

Another practical session featured Dr. George Harding, from the Loma Linda University Department of Psychology, discussing “Your Relationship with Your Parishioners.”

Pastors also toured the Divinity School’s on-campus resource centers — the Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry; the HMS Richards Library; the Stahl Center for World Service; and the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology.

For more information about the Divinity School’s resources, centers, tours, and events, visit www.lasierra.edu/divinity.



Dr. George Harding, of Loma Linda University, shares with pastors from Southeastern California and Southern California how they can better relate to their church members.

Larry Becker

Archaeology Program Introduces Students to Learning About the Past

The HMS Richards Divinity School has launched a new hands-on educational program designed to help students realize that there’s more to archaeology than Indiana Jones.

La Sierra University has been a leader in Biblical archaeology for many years. The school has one of the largest collections of Middle East artifacts of any university in the United States. La Sierra also sponsors Tall al-Umayri in the Madaba Plains, one of the largest excavations in the Middle East.

The Archaeology Adventures Program takes advantage of these strengths to introduce students in grades 4 and up to the many ways

archaeologists learn about the past.

Recently 100 Loma Linda Academy seventh graders visited the Divinity School’s new Center for Near Eastern Archaeology to dig into the subject. They spent three hours searching through three on-campus demonstration excavations — the Iron Age site, the Roman Glass site, and the California History site.

Teachers interested in bringing their students to La Sierra’s archaeology demonstration can contact 951-785-2462 or archaeologyadventures@lasierra.edu.



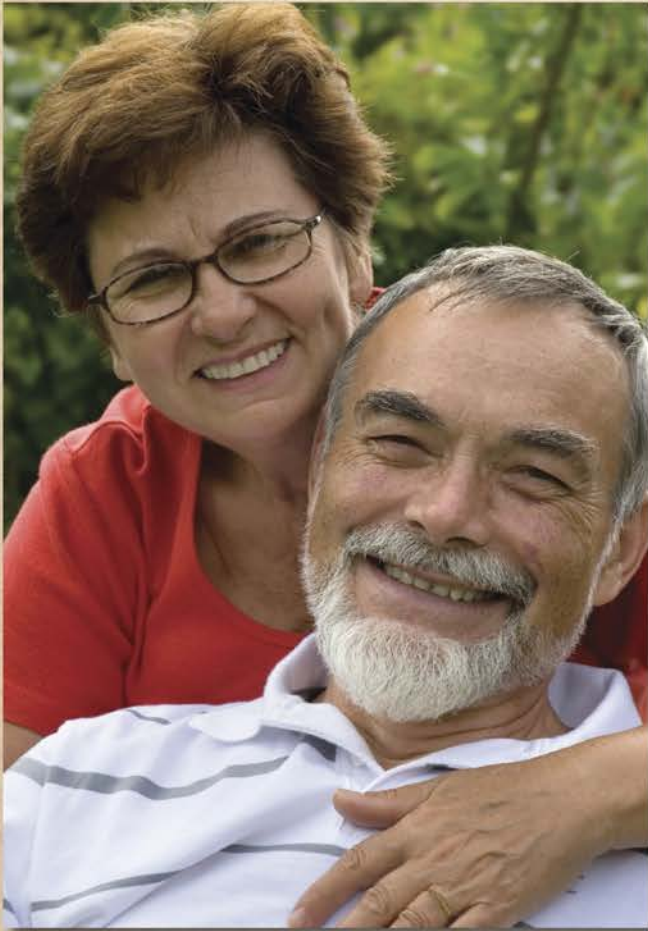
La Sierra student Matthew Murdoch helps Loma Linda Junior High students learn the finer points of digging during their recent visit to the campus.



The Richards Divinity School offers students from grade 4 and up an opportunity to learn how archaeologists do their work. Three demonstration dig sites have been developed on the La Sierra University campus.

Larry Becker

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Arizona

ADVENTURER FAMILY RETREAT (May 3-5) Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Ariz. Info: Lisa Anderson, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY graduation (May 24-26) Scottsdale, Ariz. Info: 480-948-3300.

NATIVE AMERICAN Camp Meeting (May 31-June 2) Holbrook Indian School, Holbrook, Ariz. Info: Pastor Phil Vecchiarelli, 928-524-6845.

CAMP MEETING Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Ariz. (June 7-15) Opening week-end; Alex Bryant, NAD exec. secretary; night meetings weekly; Ron Clouzet, director NADEL; closing weekend; Randy Roberts, pastor, Loma Linda University church. Musicians: first weekend: T. Marshall Kelly; second weekend: Christian Edition Men's Chorus. RV/camper/tent reservations: Angie Blake, 928-445-218; Cabin reservations, Sandra Leski, 480-991-6777, ext. 147.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Ariz. (June 17-22) Speakers: Elizabeth Talbot, Victor Yaeger. Info: Cinthia Riffel, 480-991-777, ext. 117.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS (June 18-July 2) medical mission trip to Guatemala (Machaquilo-Poptun-Peten). Info: Judy Leeper, 928-639-1414.

Central California

PARENTING SEMINAR (May 4) East Palo Alto church. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142 or e-mail: ministries@cccsda.org.

PARENTING SEMINAR (May 11) Fresno Westside church. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142 or e-mail: ministries@cccsda.org.

SENIOR CITIZEN SEMINAR (May 11) Visalia. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142 or e-mail: ministries@cccsda.org.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 17-19) CVCA. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174 or e-mail: pathfinders@cccsda.org.

SOQUEL VOLUNTEER PROJECT (May 19-22) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Bonnie, 559-347-3189, e-mail: communication@cccsda.org or sign up online at: ccvvolunteerministries.adventistfaith.org.

CCC ADVENTURER DAY (May 25) Conference wide. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174 or e-mail: pathfinders@cccsda.org.

YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE (May 25-Aug. 31 except July 20) Lower River Amphitheater. Info: Matt and Tess Morgan, 951-333-0340 or e-mail:

yosemitessummerchurch@yahoo.com, www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch.

CLERK & TREASURER'S TRAINING (June 30) CCC office. Clerks: Debbie, 559-347-3194, damador@cccsda.org; Treasurers: Claudia, 559-347-3196, carias@cccsda.org.

La Sierra University

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY'S Department of Music presents: a faculty recital featuring Lee Zimmer, guitar (May 4) 8 p.m.; Jazz Combo concert (May 15) 7 p.m.; Spring Wind Ensemble Concert (May 18) 8:15 p.m.; String Chamber Music recital (May 22) 7 p.m.; May Mayhem, an evening with Music Department faculty (May 29) 7 p.m.; and the Spring Orchestra Concert (May 30) 7 p.m., on Founders' Green. All programs except May 30 will be in Hole Memorial Auditorium.

LSUDRAMA PRESENTS "12 Angry Jurors" May 18, 19, 23, 25, and 26, in Matheson, 8:30 p.m. each evening. For more info: 951-785-2241 or e-mail drama@lasierra.edu.

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

Northern California Conference

CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT (May 3-5) Leoni Meadows. Come to the 25th annual retreat! Speaker Ron Clouzet, director of NAD Evangelism Institute, professor of Christian ministry and pastoral theology at Andrews University, author of *Decoding Bible Prophecy*. Info and registration: www.ncc.adventist.org/mensministries, or pick up a brochure at your church.

MAY MONTH OF PRAISE (May 4, 10-11, 18, 25) Fairfield Community church, 1101 East Tabor Avenue, Fairfield. Themed "The Way Home," this month celebrates the church's 28th anniversary. May 4: "Focus on the Family" Elder Edwin and Paula Brown; May 10-11: "Women in Ministry" Mary Jo Lauderdale; May 18: "International Day and Homecoming" with Dr. Marc Woodson; May 25: "Education Day" Elder Damian Chandler. Info: 707-426-6720.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 5) Napa Christian Campus of Education, 2201 Pine Street, Napa. Info: Youth Ministries Department, 925-603-5080.

FILIPINO CAMP MEETING (May 24-26) Leoni Meadows. "Cutting Edge: Apologetics for a New Generation." Pastor Anil Kanda, senior pastor of the Ceres church. Understanding the mindset of our target population for evangelism in the Bay Area. Info and application forms: Joel Magbanua, 925-643-5099; magjoelly@yahoo.com.

Southeastern California

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CHURCH FAMILY and Community Mother's Day (May 11) San Bernardino Community church, 1696 North G. Street, San Bernardino. A special celebration for mothers in the church family and local community. Info: 909-883-2400.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY Education Day (May 18) San Bernardino Community church, 1696 North G. Street, San Bernardino. Join the church in celebrating education Sabbath. Info: 909-883-2400.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 19) 9 a.m., Conference grounds. This event highlights Pathfinder accomplishments and activities. Info: www.seccyouth.com.

Southern California Conference


ADVENTIST UNION SCHOOL Alumni Weekend (May 17-19) 15548 Santa Ana Ave., Bellflower 90706. Come reunite with friends! May 17, 7 p.m., Vespers; May 18, starting at 10 a.m., concluding with a 1-3 p.m. time of Reflections (Lunch provided);

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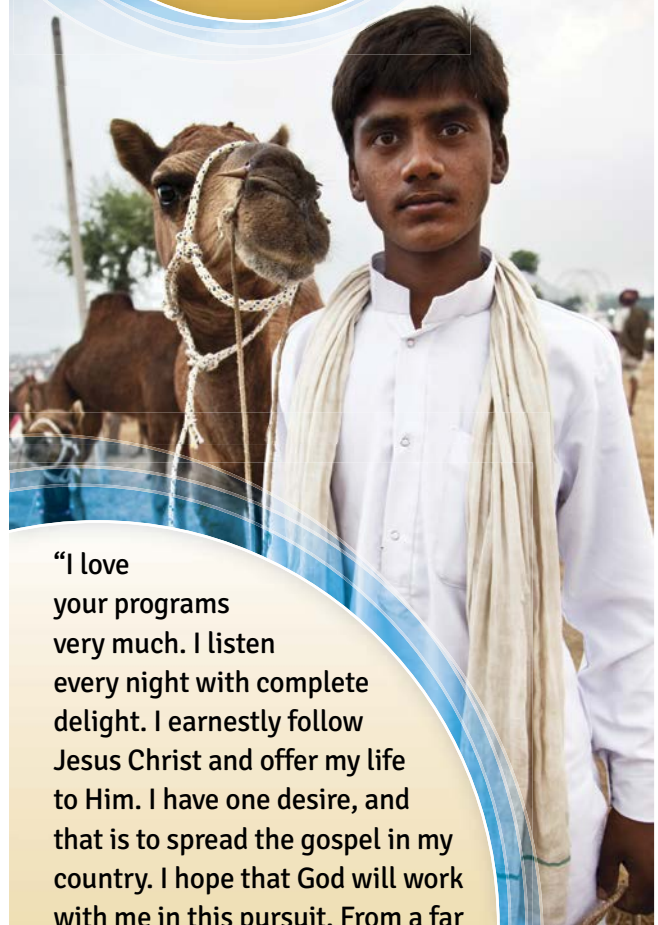
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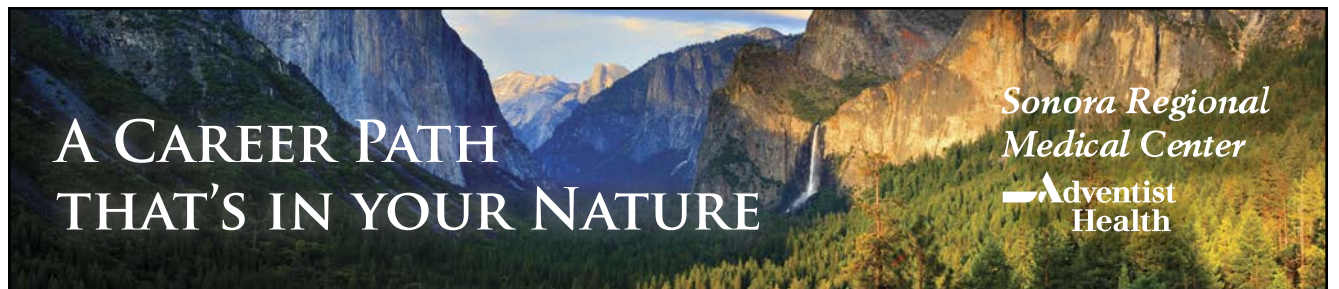
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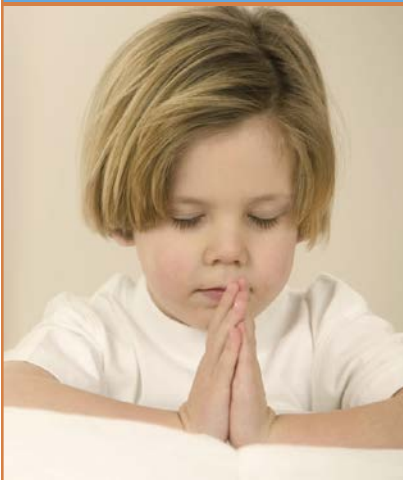
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CURTIT, KAREN (ANDERSON) — b. Dec. 17, 1941, Juneau, Alaska; d. Dec. 19, 2012, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; son, Tim Anderson; two grandchildren; brothers, Arden Anderson, Robert Anderson; sister, Arlene Anderson.

FULLER, RONALD — b. July 31, 1943, Fairfield, Calif.; d. Feb. 9, 2013, Woodland, Calif. Survivors: three children.

GLASS JR., GLENDON C. — b. Dec. 21, 1929, Lamesa, Texas; d. Feb. 10, 2013, Sunnyvale, Calif. Survivors: wife, Donna; sons, David, Rawland; daughters, Martha Gilmore, Nancy Peters, Erin Manion; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Bill, Jim, Jere Chastain; sisters, Irma Vienola, Karen Pfanmueller, Donna Hines.

HAWKINS, MARK ALVA — b. Dec. 31, 1950, Adrian, Mich.; d. Jan. 24, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sisters, Martha, Nancy McAdam.

HENKEN, MARJORIE R. — b. March 12, 1918, Tillamook, Ore.; d. March 15, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Ed; daughter, Susan Teel; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

HOWELL, RUBY (THORNTON) MCINTOSH — b. July 6, 1924, Palarmo, Calif.; d. Jan. 25, 2013, Yountville, Calif. Survivors: husband, Victor; son, Gary McIntosh; and three grandchildren.

JENKINS, GEORGE MERWIN — b. July 17, 1928, Jacksonville, Ore.; d. Nov. 22, 2012, Prescott, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Kerry; son, Ted; daughter, Sandra Hughes; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Edwin; sisters, Maria Adams, Hazel Wagner.

MAZE, VIRGINIA E. (POSSMAN) — b. Aug. 1, 1922, Indianapolis, Ind.; d. Dec. 21, 2012, Escondido, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Patricia Smith; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Myron.

MCCULLOCH, MYLEEN (BOSANCO) — b. Feb. 14, 1934, Regent, N.D.; d. Aug. 20, 2012, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: husband; daughter, Toni Marie Dickel; five grandchildren.

MCDANIEL, SUSAN ELAINE (HITCHCOCK) — b. Sept. 16, 1952, Vallejo, Calif.; d. Jan. 22, 2013, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Roy; son, Aaron; daughter, Carrie; two grandchildren; brothers Bob Michalk, Stan, Jeff.

MONTGOMERY, DONALD — b. April 28, 1924, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Dec. 5, 2012, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Catherine; daughters, Sharon Haskill, Linda Kelly, Donna Masellis; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

NIEMAN, ANNA GERTRUDE — b. Nov. 2, 1930, Axams, Tyrol, Austria; d. Feb. 27, 2013, Napa, Calif. Survivors: sons, David, Stephen, Michael; daughters, Beverly Mills, Julie; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

PIOTROWSKI, VALERIE — b. July 21, 1961, Des Plaines, Ill.; d. Sept. 19, 2012, Des Plaines, Ill.

RICH, JUDY — b. March 29, 1950, Hanford, Calif.; d. Dec. 21, 2012, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: husband, Myron; son, Timothy; daughter, Tammi Magie; four grandchildren.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM MILTON — b. Jan. 21, 1937, Omaha, Neb.; d. Jan. 12, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Brent, Larry; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

SHROPSHIRE, REX — b. Nov. 27, 1951, Lindsay, Calif.; d. Dec. 30, 2012, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dena; son, Grant; daughter, Nicole Thompson; one grandchild.

SMITH, KENNETH DALE — b. Aug. 8, 1929, Broken Bow, Okla.; d. Nov. 4, 2012, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rebecca; sons, Robert, Wade, Donald, Jack; daughters, Kathy Bacon, Sue Franks, Rita Bigbee, Rebecca Kohl, Laura Smith; 21 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

SMITH, REGER C. — b. Oct. 19, 1926, Conneaut, Ohio; d. March 6, 2013, Niles, Mich. Survivors: wife, Katherine; daughters, Marjorie Bates, Susan Smith; five grandchildren; three great-grand children. Served as grade school teacher/principal, Pathfinder leader, professor/departement chair, Andrews University Social Work, vice president of Student Affairs.

SORENSEN, CARROL — b. Feb. 16, 1938, Chico, Calif.; d. Feb. 24, 2013, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; son, Ronald; one grandchild.

THAYER, BETTY (CLINE) SMITH — b. March 5, 1929, Eads, Colo.; d. Jan. 19, 2013, Mission Viejo, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Edwana Dean, Nancy Smith; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served in the Southeastern California Conference Trust Department.

TYM, PETER C. — b. Feb. 4, 1919, Beauvallon, Alberta, Canada; d. Feb. 23, 2013, Gladston, Ore. Survivors: daughters, Sharon, Foley, Bonnie Corson, Berna; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Served as teacher in Modesto schools.

UTT, RICHARD H. — b. April 29, 1923, Boston, Mass.; d. Jan. 31, 2013 Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Gwendolyn; sons, Charles, David; daughters, Jeannie Galloway, Lynn Haddad; eight grandchildren. Minister, administrator and author of about 400 Adventist articles, stories, editorials, book reviews, poems and books, including *Your Adventist Neighbors*; *Creation: Nature's Designs and Designer*; and several church history books.

WELLS, EDWIN HAROLD — b. Aug. 3, 1929, Turlock, Calif.; d. Dec. 27, 2012, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Anna-belle; son, Don; two grandchildren.

WOOSLEY, DARRELL E. — b. May 4, 1928, Maryville, Mo.; d. March 14, 2013, Hemet, Calif. Survivors: wife, Beverly; sons, Darrel Robert, Denis; daughter Debra; four grandchildren. Served building, retrofitting, and remodeling the Bellflower, Hollywood, White Memorial, Long Beach, Barstow and Hemet churches.

ZADOR, ERIK — b. Jan. 13, 1934, Budapest, Hungary; d. May 20, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Susan; four children.

ZIMCHEK, VICTOR — b. Sept. 10, 1918, Detroit, Mich.; d. Oct. 11, 2012, Woodland, Calif. Survivors: wife, Charline; son, Chuck; daughters, Verline Miguel, Vicky Fuller; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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