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Larus (Dennis Hill) relives his account of watching his beloved General challenge the Prince.

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# Grace In An Unexpected Place — The Ten Commandments

Grace and the Law are usually cast as polar opposites. In my younger years, my attitude toward the Ten Commandments was rather negative. I associated the Law with fear and punishment, restrictions and loss of freedom, and coercion. I can recall my surprise when, sometime ago, I read Psalm 119 and discovered how much David loved the commandments. I was amazed at the number of times in this chapter David expresses His affection for God's Law. Notice a couple of examples: Psalm 119:47, "And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I love;" Psalm 119:97, "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." I confess that I was more than puzzled by David's attitude.

It certainly was not mine. I prayed that God would open my eyes so that I would see what David saw.

God answered my prayer. My attitude changed as I made some discoveries. The first discovery was that Jesus is the author of the Law. Jesus asserted that He was the "I AM" (John 8:58). It was "I AM" who spoke and wrote the Law (Exodus 3:13-14; 20:1-17;

31:18). The Ten Commandments are the commandments of Jesus; Jesus who knows my name and everything (good and bad) about me, and still loves me and wants me as His disciple and friend. The knowledge that the Decalogue is an expression of Jesus' will for me changed my attitude toward the Law in general.

After further reading and reflection, I made another discovery. The Law of Jesus is like natural law. It is descriptive rather than proscriptive. It describes what love looks like and how it behaves. The first four commandments describe what love for God looks like and how love does and does not behave. The last six commandments describe what love for one another looks like and how love for our fellow humans does and does not behave.

Like the natural law of gravity, God's Law is also transcendent. It describes what was, is, and will be, true. It is not limited by time. It was true yesterday, is true today and will be true tomorrow. Like the natural law of gravity, so also the Law of God transcends culture, traditions and beliefs. Jesus' Law of Love describes what is true in my culture and the culture of others.

I also discovered that while conforming with the first table of the Law has the appearance of being for the benefit of God, further reflection has led me to the conclusion that we and those in our family, church and community are the real beneficiaries of our worship of and relationship with God. For example, I have come to believe that the Sabbath is not really about giving to God so much as receiving from God. As we enter into intimate communion with God on the Sabbath we receive and are filled to overflowing with His love, grace and power. Filled, we become fountains of grace, love and power in our home, church and community. Our violence-crazed world is in desperate need of people who are willing and

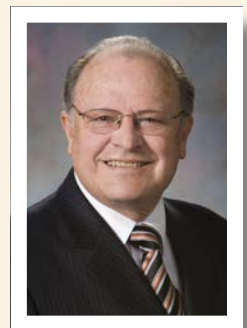
able to share grace and love and power and forgiveness.

Another discovery is that the last six commandments, which describe our love for others and seem to be for the benefit of others, probably are actually of greater blessing to us. For example, the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" (or murder) surely benefits the prospective victim. I have come to the belief that obey-



ing this commandment is of even greater blessing to the perpetrator — not only do we avoid criminal punishment, but we experience freedom from the bondage of hatred. Loving our enemies also has physical as well as mental health benefits.

As I read the terrible news headlines each day, I must conclude that our society is losing its moral compass. I fear that atrocities are becoming so common that we will cease to be shocked or outraged. It appears to me that the human family is increasingly in need of an objective standard of good and evil, right and wrong. The human family needs Jesus' Law of love today more than ever. Jesus' Law of love is, to me, and I pray, to you, too, a revelation of the incomparable love of our Lord and Savior, our compassionate High Priest and soon-coming King.



*Arnold Trujillo*

# Churches Share Reconnecting Experiences

**A** Reconnect Quick Start training seminar held in July focused on teaching attendees the “how” of reconnecting with non-attending or inactive members.

White Memorial church local elder Nelson Ornopia outlined the approach his seven Reconnect team members follow to reconnect with former members.

“Our first task was to identify persons no longer attending. People have moved or are in convalescent homes,” he noted. “We found some members attending sister churches and encouraged them to request transfers.

“When we visit, we call some in advance; others we stop by for a quick visit at the door. Usually we bring fruit and literature. The church’s singing group visits shut-ins.”

Maribel moved to Mexico with her family. “After the family returned to the U.S.,” said White Memorial church pastor and Reconnect team member Ben Del Pozo, “she was baptized. For the next seven years, she did not attend church. When I came to the church, I suggested publishing a list in the *Recorder* so her name and those of other long-missing members could be erased from the books. The board felt otherwise.

“Pastor Ornopia, a former mission president in the Philippines, was excited about concepts shared at the first Reconnect training seminar. He gathered seven of us for a Reconnect team. I was assigned Maribel’s name. I talked with her, inviting her back to church. She accepted,” Del Pozo added. “Her husband was baptized in July and their daughter attends White Memorial School.”

J. P. O’Connor, Norwalk church pastor, said, “For this work of reconnecting, our church environment first needs to change. We need to be a warm church. Love and relationships must be key. We need to be sensitive to the reason that we exist — we are not a club.”

“We need to have a burden to reconnect, to rescue them, to keep them in,” urged Pastor Vinh Nguyen, El Monte Vietnamese church. “Mrs. Trinh Hoang, our Bible worker, visited a woman who lives two blocks from our church.”

“She had not attended for more than 10 years,” Hoang noted. “We went to her home, instead of

phoning. She did not seem glad for our visit, so we kept the visit short. The following week we returned. That time she was more open, and we visited for more than an hour. The next week, she shared her reasons for leaving the church. One Sabbath, I saw her walk into the church and sit on the back row. I went and sat with her. Now she comes every week, even joining with the praise team.”

Michael Johnson, speaker-director of End Times Like These Ministries, shared tips for responding to negative feedback. “Never scold or condemn,” Johnson explained. “Never defend or take sides; apologize for wrongs done. Pray, visit, invite, involve.”

Johnson related a story about a reconnected friend. “Otis and I grew up together at the Normandie Avenue church. After high school, our careers separated us for 27 years. We both had begun to live apart from Christ.

“I am grateful that since 1987, God has blessed me to return to the church by using my mother, who never stopped praying for and encouraging me. Since then, God has blessed me to reconnect with Otis through his sister and her mother, who inquired about the ministry training that I facilitate. Otis and I studied the Bible together for months, and my friend decided to be re-baptized.”

*Betty Cooney*

**Local elder Nelson Ornopia heads the White Memorial church Reconnect team.**



BETTY COONEY



DENISE JOHNSON

**(L. to r.) Michael Johnson with his friend Otis.**

# Local Adventist Actor Plays a Lead Role in Series Inspired by *The Great Controversy*

**D**ennis Hill, a member of the Hollywood church, has known what he wanted to do in life from the age of 10, thanks to the encouragement of his teacher at Baltimore Junior Academy. “Mrs. Green asked me if I wanted to be in the school’s Christmas play, ‘The Little Shepherd Boy,’ because she heard that I could sing. She believed I could do it,” reflected Hill.

In his career, Hill has acted in a number of television series, including “The Wire” and “Cold Case.” His latest film project, “The Record Keeper,” is a web series inspired by *The Great Controversy* and produced by the General Conference communication department and Big Puddle Films in the steampunk genre. Adventist producer-director Jason Satterlund heads the production company in Oregon. He and others involved with the project met earlier at a SONscreen Film Festival.

“The web series grew out of the *Great Controversy* global distribution project,” said Garrett Caldwell, D.Min., General Conference public relations director. “We wanted to present the book’s spiritual insights in a fresh new way, hoping to heighten interest in the book among people in the community. We also wanted to provide a contemporary tool that church members would be excited to share, leading to spiritual conversations about issues of eternal consequence; to reach people who might never want to read the book.”

Rajeev Sigamoney, an assistant professor of film and television production at Pacific Union College, was one of the series’ three script writers, along with Satterlund and Caldwell. “When we were writing and casting, Dennis was the one I had in mind, because he is one of the best. I had worked with him before in the artists’ workshop at the Hollywood church,” said Sigamoney. “Satterlund has produced a really positive level of excitement in the two pilot episodes, with the highest production level made by the church that I have seen.”

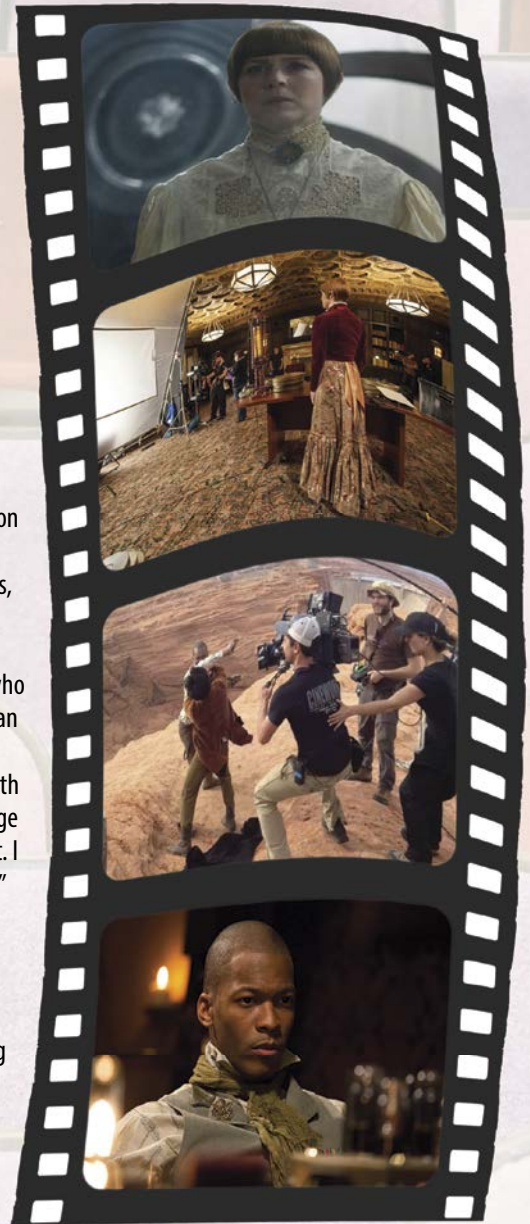
For Dennis Hill, who has worked in film for almost seven years, “The Record Keeper” marks an exciting point in his career. “I have worked hard and have friends here who are working as hard as I am,” he explained. “Early on, I slept in my car for a few months, worked at a restaurant and my gym membership provided my showers. I’d have times when I’d want to quit, then I’d be up and down again.

“What has kept me involved is that I know this is what I want to do. I love story telling, experiencing different characters and the attention that acting brings. The fun of acting and the attention outweigh the struggles by far.”

In “The Record Keeper,” Hill plays Larus, a fallen angel who finds that his choices have placed him at odds not only with God, but also with the unfallen angels who had been his friends. His part is more than just a role for Hill. “It is a way to connect more with God,” said Hill. “I struggled with faith. This project stretches my knowledge and experience; it is something different. I find that I am picking up my Bible more.”

The results of “The Record Keeper” crew’s hard work already are being seen in online audience reaction. The series teaser has had cross-generational appeal, though audiences tend to be young adults. In Brazil, young adults liked the teaser so much that they dubbed it in Portuguese. Divisions are showing the initial video online as well. On Facebook, “The Record Keeper” had more than 15,000 “Likes” at press time. The web series will include 11 episodes in all ([www.ted-adventist.org/ghp/the-record-keeper](http://www.ted-adventist.org/ghp/the-record-keeper)).

Betty Cooney



**TOP:** Raina (Lindsay Frame) listens to angels’ reports from both sides. **SECOND:** Raina (Lindsay Frame) prepares to meet her rival in the episode, “The Tower.” Photo by Levy Moroshan. **THIRD:** Cinematographer Federico Verardi films a scene between Larus (Dennis Hill) and Cadan (Junesoo Ham) in the Arizona desert. Photo by Santiago Yniguez. **BOTTOM/COVER:** Larus (Dennis Hill) relives his account of watching his beloved General challenge the Prince. Photo by Tanya Musgrave.

# Nearly 1,000 Attend \$100 Summer Camp; 75 Baptized

Four years ago, Arizona Conference youth director Erik VanDenburgh approached conference administrators with a radical idea for boosting summer camp enrollment at Camp Yavapines.

Previous summer attendance numbers averaged 229 for the season. He knew it could be better.

He proposed the \$100 summer camp experience for any young person who would like to enjoy a week in nature with activities including go karts, zip lines, rock climbing wall, giant swing, horses, swimming and crafts.

Most important would be the leadership of a handpicked team of counselors from Adventist colleges and universities. Their main purpose was to direct the focus of each activity to help the campers have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Tony Anobile, Arizona Conference president, remembers his initial concern at the low price tag that would include housing and food for each camper. But as the administrative team considered their options, they decided unanimously, "Let's try it!"

Success was obvious from the start. First year enrollment reached 740. Last year 880 attended.

"My dream for this 2013 season was to reach 1,000," says Anobile. "And we came close — a total of 957 campers filled Camp Yavapines almost to overflowing. It was a great year!"

"Our greatest thrill is the huge evangelistic impact on our youth," says Ed Keyes, ministerial director. "Erik and his staff work with these young people to give them an opportunity to have a personal walk with the Savior. Arizona Conference is focused on evangelism. What better return for your investment than having 75 young people give their hearts to Jesus and be baptized as a result of a week at summer camp? That's the number of baptisms we had this year!"

Testimonies of the campers are heart-warming. At the close of teen camp, an emotional camper, Michael, said, "Being at Camp Yavapines has given me a new chance to start over with God in my life. I feel so much closer to Him! And I'm definitely coming back next year!"

Becky Keyes, a junior speech pathology major at Southern Adventist University, has worked as a counselor at Camp Yavapines for several summers. She said, "I love helping my kids feel safe and secure in all their activities. Many have never been away from home before. So I try to be mother, father and good friend to each one. Working with kids is a special reward in itself."



*Benjamin Lundquist spent the camp season ministering to the camp staff.*

"Our goal was to provide a safe environment for our kids so they could learn about God," said program director Tony Anobile, Jr. "We told the story of Jesus with all our programs and activities, even when just hanging out in our spare time."

VanDenburgh, pleased with the 2013 camp season, is already dreaming up plans for a bigger and better 2014. "If we can enlarge the cafeteria," he says, "we can accommodate more campers. I hope we can get a plan in place so we eventually service 1,500 to 2,000 campers!"

To learn more about the Arizona Conference youth camp, visit [www.campyavapines.com](http://www.campyavapines.com).

*Phil Draper*

PHOTOS BY WILLY SHIFFER



*Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile baptizes a camper.*



*A hand picked team of counselors and workers focus every activity on leading the campers to a relationship with Jesus.*

# Anaheim Spanish Church Dares to Dash Devilish Dilemmas

Sex, violence, drugs and school dropouts were not danced around when the Anaheim Spanish church took tough issues to center stage for a week of prayer. More than 270 people packed the pews on Saturday morning, May 18, to find out how to dash their sinful dilemmas. Caleb Jara, pastor, applied ideas from the successful West Coast Youth Conference held the month before.

Guest speaker Eric Penick, associate director of senior youth and young adult ministry for the conference, presented five sessions themed "STAND Firm." The week, which culminated in seven baptisms on May 24, covered volatile issues including:

- When we accept sex before marriage as a cultural normality, what are the far-reaching consequences?
- How do we deal with violence, such as bullying or abuse?
- How does a family deal with daily exposure to drugs in their schools and neighborhoods?
- Why do young people consider dropping out of school?



*Eric Penick preaches in English, while Caleb Jara translates the message into Spanish.*



*Caleb Jara, Eric Penick and church members lead services.*

Controversies like these are normally kept behind closed doors.

"Seldom are churches intentional in dealing with these issues," said Jara. "Handling them from the pulpit is unique; it reaches the whole church."

As Penick spoke in English, Jara translated into Spanish. The pastors encouraged and equipped everyone to overcome personal controversies. By modeling Christ's victory in the Great Controversy for heaven and Earth, participants learned that through God and the Holy Spirit, their individual struggles can be conquered and turned into testimonies for His glory.

This event was designed to empower the youth and impact young adults. Many expressed that they learned a lot. Cynthia Carreon, youth leader, was so moved by Penick's opening night story about his little avocado tree dying that she rallied support to give him a new tree. She learned the moral of the story, "Know what to do for others — and do it."

Recently emigrated from Africa, the Cameron family had been seeking Jesus in different denominations. Yet only in the Anaheim Spanish church did they find people who knew what to

do to help others. They needed to learn English, so the pastor registered them for ESL classes. They needed food, so members brought boxes of food for two weeks, invited them to potlucks and to their homes. They needed safer friends, so the youth invited Jared, the son, to play soccer. They needed education, so the older sister Gina passed ESL and enrolled in a college. Even though the church services are in Spanish, the Cameron family ultimately benefited as they learned two new languages at once.

Out of the seven baptisms that happened May 24, six were from the Cameron family: Victoria Cameron, the mother, four of her adult children and her sister. The Cameron's celebrated Christ's saving grace because they had been equipped and won the battle — through God's power — over of their sinful dilemmas.

Rather than giving in to temptations when it seemed there were too many wars to dash, the Cameron family stood firm. For more information on how to empower and equip youth, contact the conference youth department by calling 951-509-2260.

*Kimberly Grace*

# PSR Summer Camp Closed Due to Wildfires

**P**ine Springs Ranch, which has served Southeastern California Conference as a Christian camp and conference center since 1961, was evacuated with little more than an hour's notice on Monday, July 15. Wildfires that broke out in the San Jacinto Mountains threatened the 179 campers, camp staff and summer volunteers.

PSR was gearing up to enjoy Junior Week 2, slated to run from July 14-21. Campers at Junior Week range from 10 to 12 years of age. Basic camps include activities such as archery, beginning ropes and arts and crafts, while specialty, intensive and extreme camps include photography, gymnastics, cowboy camp, wakeboarding and more.

The children had barely arrived on Sunday, July 14, and the next day, they received word of a fire a few miles away. As the forest fire consumed Apple Canyon on Monday afternoon, the emergency evacuation took the children, resident and summer staff to the Hemet church. There, the children waited to be picked up by their families, while the staff worried about the condition of the buildings and belongings left behind.

Sandra Roberts, executive secretary, reported that because of the speed of the fire, "The horses, the animals at the nature center and personal belongings had all been left behind. We only had time to evacuate people in the vehicles."

The following morning, firefighters were able to assess the damage to PSR; the animals all survived, and the major buildings remain standing. However, the camp suffered the loss of the sewer plant, the store, the fort, one teepee, one staff cabin and maintenance facilities, and there was significant damage to other staff housing and Town Hall. One of the most devastating personal losses was that of the family home of plant services director Fritz and Melody Wuttke. "Fritz and Melody Wuttke lost everything when their house burned to the ground," said Roberts, who urged people to keep them in their prayers.

When the camp first received word of the possible danger, they went ahead with their already scheduled fire drill. "We were able to prepare the staff and campers for a potential evacuation, and this helped everything go smoothly when we actually had to evacuate," said Carmen Ibanez, the PSR camp director who lives on site year-round. Despite the incredibly short notice, "nobody panicked and everybody was safe."

It wasn't too long after the initial warning that the camp was told to immediately evacuate. "We're just grateful that we were able to get our campers out," Ibanez reiterated. "Everybody's back in their homes."

Considering that the 476 acres that make up PSR were directly in the path of the raging wildfire, it is amazing that so many buildings remained unscathed. Because of the camp's location in the center of the fire's path, everyone is "grateful for the standing structures" Roberts said.

The fire charred approximately 42 square miles of Apple Canyon and the surrounding areas. The Forest Service believes that the fire was human caused, but do not know if it was accidental or intentional.

The camp is insured and will be working with the insurance carrier to rebuild all that was lost. Together with the building committee, the camp will seek to use the master plan as a guide for reconstruction.

*Natalie Romero*

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the First Quinquennial Session of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

**La Sierra University Church  
4937 Sierra Vista Ave.  
Riverside, California**

**9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013**

The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports; elect conference officers, vice presidents for ethnic minorities, the executive committee, and the bylaws committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

*Gerald Penick, president  
Sandra Roberts, executive secretary  
Verlon Strauss, treasurer*

PHOTOS BY GERRY CHUDLEIGH



*Camp staff retrieve camper belongings from cabins.*



*Cowboy camp wagons no longer have coverings.*





*Town Hall, which contains guest rooms and the main office, is in need of repairs.*

# Thousands Worship and Fellowship at Redwood Camp Meeting

For many church members across the Northern California Conference, Redwood camp meeting is an essential part of their summer. This year, about 2,500 campers came for all or part of the 10-day event — to be inspired by the sermons, seminars and music. “I always receive such a blessing and can just relax and enjoy the beautiful setting with family and

friends,” said Joyce Vaughn, Clearlake church member.

During its 60-plus year history, Redwood has changed many lives. This summer was no exception. First-time Redwood camper Heather Langlois rejoiced when her 13-year-old daughter came to her one evening to tell her about the powerful message she had just heard. Said Langlois: “She went on to tell me how this camp meeting has changed her life — as if she was baptized all over again!”

Changing lives is the goal of the evangelism fund that campers give to every summer. There was special emphasis on the fund this year

because one of the conference outreach projects is a new soul-winning effort called Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus. This evangelism initiative is a joint project between the NCC and the Central California Conference to reach out to Oakland, San Francisco and other Bay Area cities. During the church service on the second Sabbath, CCC President Ramiro Cano presented NCC President Jim Pedersen with a check for \$25,000 to be used for evangelism. “We are so very grateful to the Central California Conference for their generous gift toward the Lord’s work in Oakland,” said Pedersen. “And we appreciate the dedication of those at Redwood who gave generously to evangelism.”

Campers also gave generously of their time, which they do each summer. Located near the banks of the Eel River, the area often floods during the winter, so only a few permanent structures remain on the grounds. Almost everything has to be set up in the week before camp meeting begins. “It is always exciting to see so many people come together, first to volunteer and put camp together, and then to worship God together,” said Ed Fergusson, NCC human resources director and assistant to the president. Fergusson serves as the NCC liaison to the Redwood camp meeting directors’ committee — a volunteer group that gives countless



*Singing is always a favorite activity in the children’s and teen meetings, including the earliteen division.*



*Redwood camp meeting provides programming for children of all ages, including these two young campers in division two.*



*In accordance with the theme “Jesus: The Cross and Beyond,” children in the primary division act out the story of Jesus at the cross.*



*Arcata-McKinleyville church Pastor Bob Mason baptizes his nephew, Allen Mason, a member of the Fortuna church.*



*Krystalynn Martin, Rio Lindo Adventist Academy church pastor, baptizes J Johnson, as his brother Sebastian Johnson starts to congratulate him.*



*In Pepperwood Pavilion on the last Sabbath of camp meeting, Central California Conference President Ramiro Cano (left), North American Division President Dan Jackson (center) and Northern California Conference President Jim Pedersen talk about their plans for the Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus evangelism initiative in which the two California conferences are involved.*



*Volunteers, like many on the Public Safety team, really help and are needed at Redwood camp meeting each year.*

hours to make sure Redwood continues each year.

This summer, two new assistant directors were appointed to the committee: Harry Salvini, Grass Valley church member, and Richard Dederer, Whitmore church member. "Both of them are very talented people in different areas," said camp director Dudley Willard. "I believe

they will bring a new life into the leadership of the camp." They join assistant directors Lester Margart and Neville Price.

Many campers were already planning for next summer as they traveled home this year, including Gridley church member Yvonne

Robinson Chaffee: "We're looking forward to next year if the Lord doesn't come first — at least it is a taste of heaven."

*Julie Lorenz*

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# Ceres Church Pastor Anil Kanda Ordained

Anil Kanda is known for his “outside the box” approach to life — especially in ministry. Challenges are opportunities, obstacles are adventures, and sharing Jesus with anyone that will listen is his passion.

June 15, 2013, marked the celebration and confirmation of Kanda’s call to ministry. Surrounded by friends, former teachers, mentors, fellow pastors and conference leaders, Kanda accepted the challenges and charges as he was ordained to gospel ministry at the Ceres church, where he serves as senior pastor.

Born one year after his family immigrated from Punjab, India, to Anaheim, Calif., Kanda was raised in the Hindu, Sikh and Satsangi traditions.

In 2000, Kanda was attending college and working in a new job where he met another student named Abraham, whose family was Seventh-day Adventist. The two students became best friends. When asked if he would like to study the Bible, Kanda, with an insatiable appetite for learning, was more than willing to explore Christianity from an analytical perspective.

Later that year, Kanda and Abraham were baptized together. Both attended the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. Kanda then continued his education at Weimar College, graduating with a B.A. in pastoral ministry in 2004.

Jerry Nelson, pastor of the Arroyo Grande church, invited Kanda to be the youth pastor/Bible worker/junior academy Bible teacher. In June 2006, Kanda’s ability to connect easily with youth and young adults led him to join the Central California Conference Youth Evangelism Team (YET), where he was assistant leader then pastoral leader traveling throughout the conference ministering to teens in academies and churches.

With a team of seven, Kanda traveled to the Punjab province of Pakistan in early 2007 with George Johnson, assistant to the president for special projects, to hold a week of prayer at Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College. “He was charismatic and connected well with the students,” says Johnson. As a result of the

meetings, 136 students were baptized. “He did receive some guidance from an elderly national pastor who objected to Anil preaching in jeans!” Johnson recounted with a smile. “What a joy to see a young man mature in the work and win souls both here in the U.S. and abroad in Punjab.”

After two years on the YET team, Kanda received a call to serve as associate pastor of the Ceres church, where he worked with the senior pastor, Keith Mulligan. “Over the next months and years, our paths crossed many times, and Joyce and I saw you as a young man who was anointed by God for ministry,” Mulligan told Kanda at the ordination service. “Your love of preaching, your prayer and Bible study life, creativity and enthusiasm demonstrated to us that God’s Spirit was in you.”

“My favorite Anil story is about Modesto Junior College. When he learned that he had to be a registered student to form a Bible study club, he registered for the only available class — a Pilates exercise course, which turned out to be a predominately female group. He did end up with a Bible study club, which met in the cafeteria and in the outside courtyard,” says Caron Oswald, vice president for communication and

volunteerism. That was more than four years ago, and today it has turned into a young adult Bible study group with 20-30 people attending every Friday night.

Along with his responsibilities as senior pastor, Kanda was recently named one of four new associate evangelists for the Central California Conference. This past spring, he preached a series at the Mountain View Central church, and 17 people accepted Jesus through baptism, including a Google attorney.

“It is a privilege to affirm heaven’s call to ministry in Anil. His youthful energy and passion for the Lord is addicting,” CCC President Ramiro Cano told the audience. “There is no doubt in anyone’s mind that God has led Elder Kanda’s life and will continue to do so as he remains convicted to grow God’s kingdom.”

“It was a surreal experience for me to be ordained, because I don’t see myself as worthy of this special privilege. There are people who are more qualified, better educated and more experienced than me,” Kanda says. “I guess God just takes the weakest of this world and pours out His grace to manifest who He is.”

*Carolann De Leon*



**CCC President Ramiro Cano (left) prays for Anil Kanda as he is surrounded by colleagues, conference administrators and friends during his ordination service. Kanda is the senior pastor of the Ceres church.**

# Outreach and Evangelism at Campbell Church Yeild New Members

When Misty Santos entered the foyer of the Campbell Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath in late April for the first time, she knew her life was forever changed. Convinced through personal Bible study that Saturday is God's Sabbath, Santos had been praying and searching for a church that supported such beliefs.

"I'd visited several Sunday-keeping churches but something was missing," Santos says. "Searching the Internet, I found the Campbell church. One visit and I was home."

Even more remarkable, Taj Paclab, conference evangelist, was the guest speaker that day, and Santos heard about his upcoming Revelation of Hope prophecy series beginning the next week.

She had been studying prophecy on her own and praying for a greater understanding. Although she had accepted Christ at age 11, Santos admits she wasn't living for Him until nearly four years ago when she ruptured a lumbar disc in a freak accident while working in a bar.

"God allowed me to fall into a dark pit so I could look up and see the Light," Santos shares. "I was angry at God for a time, but my struggles caused me to rethink my life. I began reading my Bible and searching for answers. God led each step of the way."

When the three-week series ended, Santos surrendered her life fully to Christ and chose to be baptized. She still struggles with a painful disability from the accident, but her faith is strong. Her mother, Mary, is now avidly studying the Bible, and has requested Sabbaths off from her job. She also wants to be baptized.

Danny Mulako Imasiku from Zambia and Lori, his bride of one year, also attended the series. Born and raised an Adventist, Danny had recently been re-baptized after studying with Stephen Hicks, the church's Bible worker.

"My Christian life began a downhill slide into spiritual decay when I was in college," recalls Imasiku. "After marrying Lori, I wanted to be a better husband, so I quit drinking and focused on leading a God-centered life.

"Lori was inspired by my excitement for God, and while attending the seminars, she made the decision to join the church and was among a group of 15 who were baptized," Imasiku shares.

In August, Danny Imasiku began attending the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism to begin a new career in ministry.

Average attendance was 155 and 100 were community guests, reports Joseph Babanezhad, head elder and long-time Campbell church member.

Twenty people were baptized at the close of the series. Two others joined nearby Adventist churches. Participants continue attending the Campbell church and some are involved in Bible studies.

"After declining membership over the years, it's exciting to see so many new faces, and to feel a spirit of revival in our church," Babanezhad says.

Indra Hernandez, prayer ministry leader,



*Misty Santos smiles as she walks up the baptistry stairs on May 25, 2013.*

organized a 10-day prayer session prior to the meetings. "We've also reorganized our Sabbath school lesson study, adding more adult classes, including one specifically for new members. We're thankful attendance has grown and we're growing closer together as a church family."

"It's such a blessing to see God at work," adds Pastor Joe Reynolds. "New members are also participating in their own prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings led by Stephen Hicks." A second Bible worker has been hired for Hispanic community residents.

"We're ramping up to hold another evangelistic series this fall," Reynolds says.

"Time is short. We must heed His call and keep the momentum going."

*Nancy Stake Reynolds*



*The leadership team: (l. to r.) Stephen Hicks, Bible worker; Thom Garner, associate pastor; Taj Paclab, conference evangelist; and Joe Reynolds, senior pastor.*

# PUC Alumni and Advancement Welcomes New Staff, Sets New Vision

Pacific Union College's department of advancement and alumni relations has welcomed new staff and set forth a new vision for connecting with PUC alumni and friends. Walter Collins, the recently appointed vice president for advancement and alumni relations, and the department have set forth a mission-minded strategic plan meant to serve and minister to the college's constituents, including PUC's 25,000-member alumni family.

"We really see ourselves as a catalyst for connection, a catalyst for service, and a catalyst for mobilization," shares Collins. A product of K-12 Adventist education who attended Conejo Adventist Elementary School and Newbury Park Adventist Academy, Collins received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley. He most recently worked as executive director of the California Symphony Orchestra, during which time the orchestra received a National Endowment for the Arts award and doubled its number of donors. Previously, Collins was the president and CEO of United Way of the Wine Country, overseeing a three million dollar organization that was distinguished as the leading non-profit organization in Sonoma County, Calif.

"I am simply delighted that Walter Collins has accepted our invitation to join the administrative

team," says PUC President Heather J. Knight. "His extensive experience in fundraising, nonprofit management, and community-building will add an entirely new set of community connections for PUC, which I know will add great value to our team."

Collins spent the first weeks in his new role leading the advancement and alumni relations staff in developing a vision and a mission for the department. The central goal of the department, created through this collaborative process, is to promote a greater understanding of PUC's mission and needs, build public confidence and support, and create an atmosphere of philanthropic engagement through partnership and stewardship.

While the process is just beginning, Collins and the team look forward to fostering a thriving alumni community that gives, advocates, and volunteers for PUC. "[Our department] is excited about finding a place where we can be relevant and where we can be of service," Collins relates. "And it is no different for organizations. If an organization is to be sustainable and meaningful, it has to be relevant."

Mark Ishikawa, a 2001 PUC graduate, found a relevant application of his skills as the college's alumni relations director, a role he took on in October 2012 after years pastoring, most recently

at the Grand Advent Church in Oakland, Calif. Ishikawa doesn't see his new role as a career change. "I see myself as being the pastor of a church of 25,000 alumni and friends," Ishikawa shares. "I have the opportunity to minister to this PUC alumni church and just make sure they're connected with each other and with this school."

Ishikawa is spearheading a young alumni retention project with the goal of ensuring PUC grads leave their college home and immediately find an Adventist church family that is welcoming and supportive. Ishikawa, PUC administration, and alumni started by surveying young alumni about their connection to the church. Next, they will develop a model for how congregations and fellow alums can provide for the needs of Adventists who have graduated within the last ten years. On campus, the department of religion has created new courses in practical Christianity that will provide students with strong preparation for living their faith in the secular world.

The combined efforts before and after graduation will ensure that the thriving spiritual engagement students experience at PUC carries on as they transition to life after college. "We want to provide a continuum of care," concludes Collins. "Our role is to engage students and connect with our alumni community. That effort is very much tied in to the greater Adventist community as well. We want to serve this college and its mission as well as mobilize our alumni community to change the world through service."

As Collins, Ishikawa, and the rest of PUC's Advancement team plan together, meet with alums, and answer a busy telephone, there is plenty of excitement for the future. From connecting with alumni in their communities across the U.S.; to Homecoming weekend back on campus April 25-27, 2014; to an alumni mission trip to South America in the summer of 2014; there is much to look forward to. Visit [alumni.puc.edu](http://alumni.puc.edu) to learn more.



Mark Ishikawa



Walter Collins

*Cambria Wheeler*

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# HMA K-8 SEEKs the Kingdom

**A**t the end of an evangelistic series held at Kaneohe church, Miki Nelson, principal at Hawaiian Mission Academy K-8, questioned, "If research shows that we have to reach them by age 12, why don't we do this in our school?" At that moment, the SEEK program began.

SEEK, or Spiritual Empowerment in Educating Kids, focuses on helping students learn about their role in God's family, discovering their gifts, and using those gifts to serve others. At Hawaiian Mission Academy K-8, this means the home, church and school working together. While roles and tasks may be different, all have one purpose: to lead children to a loving and saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

In order to accomplish this, curriculum was developed for each grade level. "First, each student needs to know what God-given gifts the Lord has provided. Then, each student needs to be guided in ways to use those gifts to serve those around. Even the youngest student on campus has an important part in His plans," says Nelson.



*Pastor Tim Nelson and Graceson Abaya baptize a student enrolled in the SEEK program.*

In kindergarten and first grade, the main goal is to introduce God as a savior, friend, and helper. In the second and third grades, students explore the Bible to understand God's actions in saving humanity. In fourth and fifth grades, a great focus is placed on Jesus, His teachings, His miracles, His sacrifice, and His lordship. In the sixth and seventh grades, students dive into what makes Adventists unique. Lessons cover the fundamental beliefs,

the three angels' messages, and the great controversy.

Eighth grade is a chance to tie all these lessons together. This school year, the eighth grade class decided to put together a student-run evangelistic series. The students rallied to select their own speakers, assigned people to put together small skits, organize their own music program, developed an audio and visual team, and even made sure to designate a person to be the master of ceremonies for the event. "The students did an amazing job. It puts pressure on adults step up and share, too!" said Nelson.

"Students seized an opportunity to showcase the God-given gifts and to experience God using them," claims Grayson Abaya, SEEK team leader.

*Grayson Abaya*



*Miki Nelson prays with the 2013 graduates.*



*Graceson Abaya led students in a nightly evangelistic series planned and put on by the students themselves.*

# Twenty Celebrate New Life Through Baptism

La Sierra University's annual baptismal service is a treasured event for campus chaplain Sam Leonor. And this year's celebration was all the sweeter with the baptism of the largest group in the ceremony's history.

Last May, on the final Friday evening vespers of the school year before graduation, 19 students and one parent dedicated their hearts and lives to God in an outdoor service on Founders' Green. Family members and friends, many of who had arrived from around the country, gathered around to witness the fulfillment of a life-changing decision on the part of their loved ones.

Leonor conducted the baptisms as one by one the candidates stepped into the water. Adam Hicks, associate pastor of the Hacienda Heights church, assisted Leonor. "It is by far my favorite event of the year," said Leonor, who

baptized 12 students last year. "I think about how beautiful the setting is on our campus lawn and how blessed we are to witness this amazing moment. I am always in awe and always grateful to God for the privilege of working with these students."

For Christina Menard, a junior pre-physical therapy major and future Golden Eagles basketball center, the decision for baptism and commitment to Jesus Christ brought healing from the heartache of great loss. In 2010, Menard was studying pre-physical therapy at William Penn University in Iowa on a basketball scholarship when midway through the season she received news that her father, Jacky Menard, had passed away.

"It made me want to quit school and basketball," said Menard, a resident of Rancho Cucamonga. "I took a year off." During that time she attended a basketball game at nearby

Chaffey College and ran into a long-time church friend and La Sierra student, Clifton Baker. He asked about Menard's school plans and suggested she check out La Sierra University. Menard decided to follow his advice and ended up enrolling for the 2012-13 school year in a pre-physical therapy program, aiming for a career as a sports medicine physical therapist.

While her education was back on track, Menard's spiritual life was in limbo. "When I lost my dad, I kinda lost my faith," she said. She avoided the required worships and assemblies until a probation notice forced her attendance. During a worship service in early May last year, Leonor offered baptismal classes to students and the announcement caught her attention. Not long after that, while going through her garage, Menard came across her father's Seventh-day Adventist baptismal certificate.

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Nineteen students and one parent were baptized during La Sierra's annual May baptismal ceremony.

"It was like a wake up call," she said. Menard began attending group baptismal classes with Leonor through the Spiritual Life department, then met one-on-one with the chaplain. "About the second meeting, I knew it was right [for healing]," said Menard. "Talking with Pastor Sam I figured out what I needed to do to come to peace with it. Just giving it to the Lord and putting it in His hands."

About 15 of Menard's family members attended her baptism. A grandmother and aunt arrived from Missouri and other family travelled from the Los Angeles area. For Menard, the service felt like "a wedding day," an amazing experience, she said. Coming

up out of the water "was like the first breath you take, indescribable," she said. "I never understood God's love or what He did for us."

For pre-med major Hannah Garza, the decision for baptism grew out of a gradual spiritual renewal that took root over the past two years at La Sierra, and that was strengthened by a mission trip experience last summer.

Garza grew up in College Station, Texas, in a Seventh-day Adventist family. Because the nearest Adventist school was between 300-400 miles away, she attended a local private, Christian school where most of her friends were either non-denominational Christian or Baptist.

After high school, Garza was accepted to Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif., an evangelical Christian school. But her parents told their daughter they would cover her tuition only if she agreed to spend at least one year studying at a Seventh-day Adventist institution. She chose La Sierra.

"Coming here last year was hard to do," said Garza, "but the Lord completely changed my

heart." She is now aiming for a career of service as a medical missionary.

Last summer, Garza spent six weeks in London with non-denominational international missions organization Pioneers. She and five others participated in outreach activities in specific communities, striking up conversations with people that ultimately introduced the gospel message.

"Going there I prayed so hard that God would shape my heart. I didn't realize until I came back how much He had done," she said. She recalled how God took away her fear of approaching strangers. "Before, I hadn't seen God act so immediately, in my life and in the lives of the people I was working with as well."

After returning to school last fall, Garza became involved with the RASK@LS program — Random Acts of Sabbath Kindness @ La Sierra — as one of four leaders organizing events for upwards of 35 volunteers. Their activities included cleaning and making dinner for a women and children's shelter, assisting with a

youth program in San Bernardino and helping with a health fair. Garza's participation with the group proved pivotal in her spiritual walk.

"A big part of my decision of being baptized came from that Sabbath school community. I think that's what really started changing my heart toward Adventism," said the future missionary. "God kept leading me toward Adventism and the church." This spring she signed up for baptismal classes. Believing her family would be unable to attend the service, she waited until two weeks before the event to inform her mother.

"She started crying. She was so thrilled," said Garza. Her mother, brother and grandparents attended Garza's baptism. "The whole night was just perfect," she said. "God was just so good to me."

*Darla Martin Tucker*



*Sam Leonor baptizes pre-physical therapy major Christina Menard.*

# Castle Medical Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary

When Castle Memorial Hospital in Kailua, O'ahu, first opened its doors in 1963, the hospital's primary mission was to meet the needs of the community. Fifty years ago, Windward residents welcomed their new hospital with sighs of relief. Finally, care was available close to home.

For years, Windward residents had contended with part-time ambulance service and unpredictable trips over the old Pali Road. In an emergency — when immediate medical care was critical — residents prayed that rockslides and sudden downpours wouldn't slow their journey.

In 1953, 10 years before the hospital opened its doors, Kailua resident Carol Rankin organized a women's hospital auxiliary and together with Robert Chung, M.D., led the campaign to build a hospital in Windward O'ahu. Through the tireless efforts of Chung and Rankin and her influential auxiliary, the Governor's Hospital Advisory Council and the 30th Territorial Legislature aligned themselves with the project and the community was inspired to raise \$170,000 in building funds. Harold K. L. Castle donated 10 acres of land, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church donated \$600,000 to complete

the hospital that would become Castle Medical Center.

The \$2 million facility opened Jan. 16, 1963, a little more than a year after ground breaking. Castle Memorial Hospital, named after Harold K.L. Castle, opened with 72 beds and 14 bassinets. In 1983, the hospital changed its name to Castle Medical Center to reflect the growth into outpatient services and programs.

## Message from Kathy Raethel, Castle Medical Center President/CEO

"From the very moment Castle Medical Center opened its doors in January of 1963, we have been an essential part of the Windward O'ahu community, and that remains unchanged today.

We've grown with our Windward community and evolved to meet its changing health needs. Each year, thousands of patients are treated at our hospital. Over the years, we've welcomed thousands of new lives into the world, set broken bones, performed life-saving surgeries and provided quality health care with compassion. We are indebted to our employees, physicians and volunteers for their contributions to making Castle Medical Center the excellent health care organization that it is today. As we



*Ralph Watts III, Hawaii Conference president (left), with wife Sharon, and Bob Carmen, Adventist Health president (right), with wife Cindy, at the special Sabbath service.*

contemplate this milestone, we know they share our unwavering commitment to our mission of caring for our community and sharing God's love. Our 50th anniversary is a proud milestone. It is also the beginning of the next chapter in our history of caring, and a time to renew our commitment to those we serve."

## 50th Anniversary Celebration Events

On Jan. 14, Castle Medical Center held a reception for associates, medical staff and volunteers to kick off the hospital's 50th Anniversary. A tent in Castle's parking lot provided an intimate setting for the reception. The event included a 10-minute historical video with clips of various TV show episodes that were filmed at



*Castle Memorial Hospital when it opened in 1963.*

the hospital, musical entertainment by local bands, and refreshments.

During a February "In Sickness & in Health" segment on KHON2 TV, reporter Kirk Matthews spoke with CEO Kathy Raethel about the special place Castle Medical Center enjoys in the hearts of

Windward residents and the continuing growth of the hospital as it marks its 50th anniversary. Improvements made included expansion of the emergency department from 18 to 26 beds; a new outpatient imaging center that allows health professionals easier access to imaging studies; a new open heart program; and repairs to normal wear and tear on the building and grounds. Raethel said, "We're also upgrading our infrastructure to make the environment more comfortable for the people who are here."

The first ever television commercial produced in house by the CMC marketing department aired in April. It was one of a three-part series of commercials celebrating CMC's 50th Anniversary that aired on KGMB (CBS) and KHNL (NBC). The commercials featured Windward residents who have benefited from the hospital's services; hospital associates; and community leaders who have had a part in the medical center's growth.

On May 10, the Hawaii News Now team helped Castle Medical Center celebrate their 50th Anniversary by broadcasting live from the hospital. It was the first time in Hawaii history that a TV station produced a



**For the first time in Hawai'i history, a TV station set up a live broadcast from a hospital — Castle Medical Center. Pictured are CEO Kathy Raethel and director of marketing, Jasmin Rodriguez (back row) with the Hawai'i News Now team.**

live broadcast from a hospital.

At the Kailua Independence Day Parade, CMC sponsored a special 50th birthday cake float which was planned and constructed by the hospital's facilities department. Patients born at the hospital were invited to walk by the float in the parade. The float won first prize in the parade.

On July 13, the hospital held a special worship service. Hawaii Conference President Ralph S. Watts, III, delivered the message. Guests enjoyed music from the Samoan Gospel Heralds and the Revivals Ministry. Highlights of the service included a video chronicling the history of CMC and mission testimonials from hospital staff. Refreshments and a light lunch were also provided after the worship service.

On Sunday afternoon, July 14, the hospital held the 50th anniversary celebration events and invited the community to participate. During the afternoon, tours were provided for the newly renovated lobby and outpatient center. Also featured



**Michele Seibel, executive assistant at CMC, and her grandchildren march in the parade.**

were the new cardiovascular operating suite, Vera Zilber Birth Center, Windward Surgery Center and The Bistro, the hospital's cafeteria, where farmer's market produce is offered daily as well as fresh local breads, jams, butters, nuts and honey. Cooking demonstrations were held along with displays in the Wellness Center, free health screenings, ongoing entertainment, Keiki (children) activities, refreshments, balloons and giveaways.

Though medicine has seen many changes since the hospital was founded, Castle Medical Center has never lost sight of the human side of health care. Today, Castle's commitment to providing innovative health care is still coupled with concern for each patient's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

*Rita Waterman*

**The campus of Castle Medical Center today.**

# GraceLink Sabbath School Curriculum Gets an Update

**G**raceLink, the Adventist children’s Sabbath school curriculum, has recently undergone a significant update.

Julie Lorenz, a primary Sabbath school co-leader at the Pleasant Hill church in Pleasant Hill, Calif., values the GraceLink teacher’s guide for its suggestions for making the stories interesting and relevant — such as games, prop ideas, further reading for teachers, etc. But, even more, she appreciates that the GraceLink lessons teach the Bible stories from a grace-oriented perspective. “The lessons point children to Jesus and how much He loves them,” she says, “rather than focusing on obedience as a way to get to heaven.”

Alice Merrill, associate director for family and children’s ministry at the Northern California Conference, agrees: “GraceLink teaches more than mere facts. It teaches kids the basics — such as treating others with kindness — and then encourages them to implement the lesson, to find someone who needs their help. GraceLink makes the Bible more real because it asks the children to personalize it.”

Few innovations over the years have had the impact on children’s ministries in the Pacific Union as GraceLink. Introduced in the late 1990s, this comprehensive curriculum was designed to provide a more contemporary approach to children’s Sabbath school.

The curriculum itself was new, focusing on leading children into a grace-filled grasp of spiritual life, preparing them to be lifelong members of the church. The design was new as well, and a number of tools were developed, including a new website to provide support materials for teachers and to enable parents and children to access the new materials online.

Nothing, however, can be expected to be innovative forever. While GraceLink has been a great success in North America and all over the world field, after nearly 15 years the program needed refreshing and rethinking in terms of modern end-users.

The following guidelines shaped the update:

First, a commitment to make the product visibly stronger, while losing none of the familiar texture and character. The intent was to make the program more flexible and current, but with the least possible disruption to a beloved product that was meeting the needs of the churches.

Then, there was a determination to strengthen the networking aspects of GraceLink, with a renewed emphasis on parents and teachers. It is important to create new ways for the entire community to interact and benefit one another.





Finally, an intentional effort was made to maintain a sharp focus on the largest mission goals of the Adventist church. GraceLink isn't just about children's Sabbath school; ultimately, it is about leading children to the foot of the cross and helping them become lifelong Adventist Christians.

Out of this process came a number of important changes to meet the needs of the children, teachers and parents:

- **A New Graphic Approach for PowerPoints:** One change is a return to a more traditional graphics style in the illustrations for PowerPoints — the junior-level part of the curriculum — with a stronger representational approach and a creative cross-generational appeal.
- **A Distinctive Parents' Page:** The intent is to provide content stated in adult terms, reminding teachers and parents that their gifts of time and effort are recognized as they work with children.
- **A More Obvious Biblical Chronology:** Graphic symbols enable the participants to identify where the story fits into the biblical chronology.
- **A More Intentional Focus on Biblical Prophecy:** The distinctive Adventist emphasis on prophecy and the end times has been amplified and enhanced.

- **Identification of Fundamental Adventist Beliefs:** A new feature identifies which of the 28 fundamental beliefs of the church each particular lesson supports.

The new GraceLink adds a group of product augmentations that take into account the changing world, and new forms of social interaction. It builds on what has gone before, without losing any of the richness that characterized the initial phase of the program.

*Linda Koh, GC Children's Ministries Director*



**CALENDARS**

**Arizona**

**HISPANIC MEN'S RETREAT** (Sept. 13-14) Info: Cynthia Marin, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

**MEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT** (Sept. 27-29) Camp Yavapines, 2999 Iron Springs Rd., Prescott. 15th annual statewide event. Featured speaker, Richard Coffin; special guest speaker Ray Navarro; plus Saturday night entertainment! Info: Dennis Rizzo, 602-431-1444, or write to P.O. Box 93541, Phoenix, Ariz. 85070.

**Central California**

**JUNIOR/SENIOR BIBLE RETREAT** (Sept. 6-8) Camp Wawona. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174.

**SENIOR CITIZENS SEMINAR** (Sept. 7) Camp Wawona. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174.

**CAMP WAWONA VOLUNTEER PROJECT** (Sept. 8-11) Info: Volunteerism, 559-347-3189.

**SINGLES RETREAT** (Sept. 13-15) Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONVOCATION** (Sept. 20-21) Fresno Westside church. Info: Wanda, 559-347-3169.

**ADVENTURERS' LEADERSHIP TRAINING** (Sept. 20-22) For Areas 5-8. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174.

**CLERK AND TREASURER TRAINING** (Sept. 29) CCC. Info: Debra, 559-347-3194 (Clerk). Info: Auditing, 559-347-3146 (Treasurer).

**La Sierra University**

**IGNITE 2013** (Sept. 18-20) The kickoff orientation session for incoming students starting fall quarter. Info: <http://lasierra.edu/campus-services/offices/division-of-student-life/ignite-2013/>.

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES** (Sept. 23) Enrollment Services, 800-874-5587.

**LSU CONVOCATION** (Sept. 26) 11 a.m., LSU Church.

**RIBBON CUTTING** for the new Zapara School of Business building (Sept. 26) 6:15 p.m., in front of the new facility.

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**Northern California Conference**

**PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** (Sept. 6-8) Leoni Meadows. Info: 925-603-5080.

**CONCERT** (Sept. 7) 6:30 p.m. Lodi Fairmont church, 730 S. Fairmont Avenue. Composer and vocalist Kathy Schaller's compelling music joins the traditional Word with a unique contemporary sound. Info: 209-334-1844.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** (Sept. 6-8, Nov. 1-3) Sacramento-area hotel. You CAN have a better marriage! Info: Rob & Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798 or [purvis4@comcast.net](mailto:purvis4@comcast.net); John & Carolyn Wilt, 916-362-6244.

**SPIRITUAL MEN'S RETREAT** (Sept. 20-23) Leoni Meadows. "Preparation for the Final Crisis." Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ricardo Graham; seminars by Pastor Arthur Branner, Christ Frontline Operations, and Leading The Way Men's Ministry. Info: [www.ltwmensministry.com](http://www.ltwmensministry.com) or 916-271-4555.

**MARANATHA VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL** Convention (Sept. 20-21) Adventure Christian church, 6401 Stanford Ranch Road, Roseville. Hear speakers from around the world and musical guest Steve Green. Discover fun mission opportunities, learn the

latest in Maranatha news, and hear testimonies from inspiring volunteers. Info and registration: [www.maranatha.org/convention](http://www.maranatha.org/convention).

**BUILDING FOR THE HARVEST** (Sept. 27-28) Pittsburg church 50th anniversary celebration & groundbreak, 900 Los Medanos Street. Friday vespers, 7 p.m.; Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.; Divine Worship, 11 a.m.; home



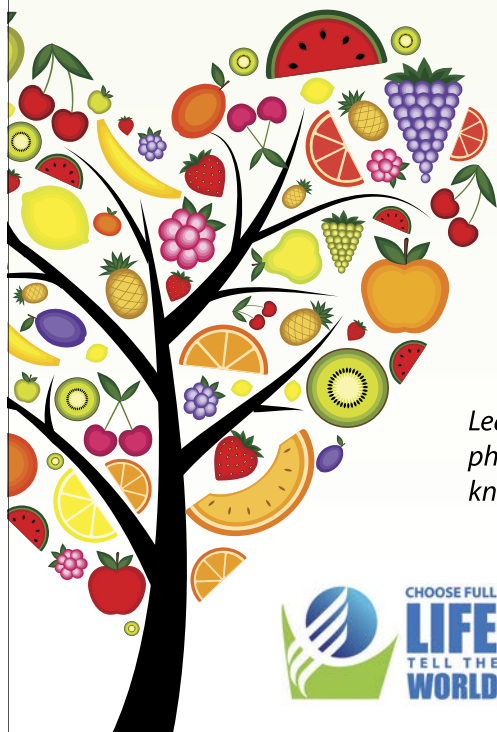
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**PATHFINDER CAMPOREE** (Oct. 3-6) Lake Mendocino. Info: 925-603-5080.

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**AFRICAN AMERICAN CONVOCA-TION** (Oct. 11, 12) Fri., 7 p.m. at Stockton Mayfair church, 6940 North El Dorado Street. Sab., 8 a.m. at Stockton Christian Life Center, 9025 West Lane. Speakers: Dr. Clifford Jones, Dr. Garrett Anderson. Musicians: Committed. Children's church. See ad in NCC pages. Info: www.ncc.adventist.org/africanamericanministries.

### Southeastern California

**PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVEN-TION** (Sep. 6-8) Training for leaders and staff. Location TBD. Info: www.seccyouth.com; Judi Jeffreys, 951-509-2265 or judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org.

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**ADVENTURER BEACH DAY** (Sept. 29) Bolsa Chica State Beach. For active Adventurer clubs registered with the SECC Youth Ministries. Info: www.seccyouth.com; Judi Jeffreys, 951-509-2265 or judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org.

**PRAYER CONFERENCE** (Oct. 11-12) Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus Street, Loma Linda, 92354. Speaker: Jon Paulien, dean of the school of religion at Loma Linda University. Meeting times are as follows: Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.; Sabbath, Oct. 12, 9 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Info: www.lluc.org.

### Southern California Conference

"HOW TO REALLY Love Your Grand-child," a discussion with Irene Dickerson and Doris and Shirley Williams. (Sept. 7) (Based on the book by the same title, written by D. Ross Campbell, M.D.) 6:30-7:30 p.m. Altadena church, 2609 Lincoln Ave. Info: 626-794-3953.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY** (Sept. 14) From 11 a.m. Speaker, Pastor Michael Jenkins. Lunch will be served. 2 p.m., Effective Bible Study Seminar. 3:30 p.m., FOCUS-An Afro-Centric Gospel Music Ministry Concert. New Hope Company,

1775 E. Imperial Hwy, Los Angeles 90059. Info: 323-243-0246.

**SCHOOL OF LAY EVANGELISM** (Sept. 14) 3-5:30 p.m. Hollywood Spanish church, 657 W. 18th St., Los Angeles 90015; and at the San Fernando Spanish church, 14646 Chatsworth Dr., Mission Hills 91345. Info: 818-546-8448.

**SECOND SATURDAY SERIES** Concert, presents organist Robert Gosselin (Sept. 14) 4 p.m. Reception to follow with the artist. Donations at the door. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: www.glendalecitysda.org; 818-244-7241.

**33RD ANNIVERSARY** and Homecoming Celebration (Sept. 14) Guest speaker, Pastor Adolphus Garnett, Smyrna church, 4394 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90016. Starting at 9:15 a.m., lunch and a "Remember When" concert, 4:30 p.m. Info: 323-732-4464.

**SMALL GROUP FESTIVAL** Celebration (Sept. 21) All day, with a 1:30 p.m. session. Pasadena church, 1280 E. Washington Blvd. Info: 626-798-0544.

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**L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM** (Sept. 28) Speaker, Richard Rice, Ph.D., Professor of Religion, LLU School of Religion. Topic, "My God, Why? The Question That Never Goes Away." 3 p.m. Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-8241.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Weekend (Oct. 4-5) Berean church, 4211 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90018. Fri., 7 p.m., Sab., 11 a.m., and a concert at 4:30 p.m., vespers. Speakers: Marc Woodson, NCC exec. secretary; James L. Kyle II; pastor, Tamarind Ave. church; Michael B. Kelly II, senior pastor, Mt. Rubidoux church. Info: 323-735-0228.

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**BAUGHMAN, IVANETTE JEAN (HEINRICH)** – b. Oct. 9, 1925, Lodi, Calif.; d. June 13, 2013, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Kathy Warner, Sandi Streeper; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**BIGGS, JEWELL "JUDY" W. (WAGNER)** – b. Jan. 15, 1932, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. June 14, 2013, Wenatchee, Wash. Survivors: son, Jonathan; daughters, Kathleen Rogers, Ruth Short, Jennifer Bertleson; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**BRUNNABEND, RONALD EDWARD** – b. Aug. 27, 1940, Bethlehem, Pa.; d. July 10, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sharon; son, Ronnie, II; step-sons, Doug Chamberlain, Jeff Chamberlain; daughters, Deborah Konvalin, Cheryl Shoffeitt, Lori Trujillo, Betsy; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**CASE, BILLIE ANN (WRIGHT)** – b. Nov. 7, 1931, Mullen, Neb.; d. July 10, 2013, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: husband, Marvin; son, Steve Case; daughters, Carol Moses, Cynthia Ackerman, Pam Railsback; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brother, Wayne Wright; sister, Susie Deshone.

**CORNFORTH, DANIEL EZRA** – b. Dec. 29, 1915, Didsbury, Alberta, Canada; d. June 26, 2013, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: sons, Don, James; daughter, Ruth DeBooy; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Detters.

**DAVIS, LILLIAN BEATRICE (HAVENS)** – b. Dec. 13, 1908, Rochester, N.Y.; d. May 19, 2013, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Jack; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Juanita. Worked as operating supervisor at Washington Sanitarium and Hospital and Glendale Adventist Hospital; taught at Pacific Union College.

**DOYLE, MARILYN RUTH** – b. March 25, 1927, Moline, Ill.; d. June 25, 2013, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: son, Dennis; daughter, Suzan; brother, Harvey Miller Jr. Served with the Voice of Prophecy; as librarian at Fresno Adventist Academy.

**FISCHER, KENNING** – b. Sept. 10, 1923, Oxford, Mich.; d. May 31, 2013, Paradise, Calif. Survivors:

sons, Ed, Herb; daughter, Linda Day; stepdaughters, Susan Davis, Pamela Duckett-Flaherty; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**GASPIE, LEONARD J.** – b. Nov. 8, 1919, New Bedford, Mass.; d. Feb. 28, 2013, Edwardsburg, Mich. Survivors: wife, Shirley; daughters, Shirley Dobias (Robert), Judy Johnson; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

**GORDON, ALFRED W.** – b. Oct. 23, 1934, Fort Bragg, Calif.; d. July 3, 2013, Calhoun, Ga. Survivors: wife, Nadine; sons, Craig, Ron, Lance; daughter, Sandi Bakland; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*Correction:* **HARTY, MARIA (AHLKVIST)** – b. April 20, 1926, Mountain View, Calif.; d. June 1, 2013, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: brother, Lennart.

**HAXTON, ELIZABETH FAYE (BULLARD)** – b. Jan. 7, 1927, Jacksonville, Texas; d. May 25, 2013, Oregon City, Ore. Survivors: son, Richard Coon; daughters, Madeleine Coon, Blanche Coon; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**HORSMAN, MARSHALL NELSON** – b. May 12, 1926, Redwood City, Calif.; d. June 23, 2013, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rose; sons, Randy, Mark; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

**KESZLER, CHRIS R.** – b. April 7, 1920, Eureka, S.D.; d. June 14, 2013, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: son, Gary; daughters, Tena Graves, Camy Baker; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

**KLINGSTRAND, ARNE ALFRED** – b. July 30, 1912, Gothenborg, Sweden; June 14, 2013, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: son, Alf; daughter, Gunhild Nevalt; four grandchildren. Served as pastor in Chicago, Ill., New York City and Patchogue, N.Y.

**KOLODIY, ANDRIY N.** – b. Feb. 23, 1930, Ukraine; d. June 20, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lyubov; daughters, Olga Roberts, Uliana Dzyndra; three grandchildren.

**LUSHANKO, MARTHA L. GOEBEL** – b. March 31, 1914, Lehr, N.D.; d. May 25, 2013, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Larry Lushanko; daughters, Karen Lembcke, Joanne Carlson, Penny; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**MARTIN, BARBARA (THOMAS)** – b. Feb. 4, 1938, Akron, Ohio; d. June 1, 2013, Corvallis, Mont. Survivors: husband, Fred; sons, Dan, Doug; daughters, Debbie Paulson, Donna Robbins; eight grandchildren.

**MICKELSEN, HELEN MAY** – b. Feb. 16, 1930, Weldon, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. July 2, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif.

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**POGUE, MICHELLE (SPENCER)** — b. May 15, 1979, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. July 8, 2013, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: husband, Mike; mother, Irene Spencer; father, Hank Spencer; brothers, Todd Spencer, Daniel Spencer; sister, Sonya Manson; grandfather, Irwin Saunders.

**RICHARDS, JAQUELINE MIGNON (MILLS)** — b. March 13, 1930, Lincoln, Neb.; d. June 24, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Kenneth; sons, Kenneth Jr., Kirk; three grandchildren. Worked with her husband Kenneth E. H. Richards in his ministry with the Voice of Prophecy.

**SAGE JR., ARVEL A.** — b. March 10, 1928, Berkeley, Calif.; d. April 6, 2013, Yuma, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Vernita; daughters, Teresa Carter Clifford, Delnita McCormick; three grandchildren, two

great-grandchildren; brothers, Laural, Veldon; sister, Shari Nahoopii; Served as PUC archaeology and academy science teacher; elementary principal/teacher; helped build Gilroy SDA school and a mission school in Chiapas, Mexico.

**SEGURA, ARMANDO P** — b. Sept. 8, 1923, Tenosique, Tabasco, Mexico; d. June 17, 2013, Pasadena, Calif. Survivors: sons, George, Arthur, Hector; daughter, Lucy Ames; six grandchildren. Served as a licensed missionary and lay pastor in various churches throughout Mexico.

**SMITH, MARLENE H. (LYNCH)** — b. Aug. 30, 1934, Danville, Ill.; d. June 10, 2013, Anderson, Calif. Survivors: son, James Smith Jr.; daughters, Tina Burns, April Reynolds, Marti Johnson; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**SMITH, STEPHEN A.** — b. Sept. 28, 1988, Lawrence, Kan.; d. Feb. 21, 2013, Springfield, Ore. Survivors: parents, Ron and Carol Smith; brother, Joshua Smith; grandparents, Ardis and Ila Smith.

**TESTOLIN, BEULAH (FOWLER)** — b. March 6, 1924, Elida, N.M.; d. July 4, 2013, Fallon, Nev. Survivors: daughters, Irene Merritt, Rachel Wright, three grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren.

**WALLACE, JOYCE (EVERHARDT)** — b. Dec. 10, 1933, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. April 20, 2013, Glendale, Calif. Survivors: husband, Allan; daughter, Diana; two grandchildren.

**WATKINS, GREGORY E.** — b. July 23, 1961, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Feb. 19, 2013, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruthie; son, Jeffrey; daughter, Jennifer; parents, Hugh, Dixie; brothers, Brian, Barry; sister, Kara. Worked as an interventional radiologist at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

**WHITE, NORMA (GROOME)** — b. Sept. 8, 1929, Washington, D.C.; d. Jan. 17, 2013, Glendale, Calif. Survivor: husband, Samuel. Served as chairman of Dept. of Nursing at PUC which included two extended campuses, one at Glendale Adventist Medical Center and White Memorial Medical Center; and as professor emeritus at PUC.

**WILLIAMS, NORMAN** — b. April 17, 1937, Napa, Calif.; d. June 9, 2013, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marilyn; sons, Mike, Mark, Mitch, Marvin, Murray; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**YOST, GEORGE R.** — b. Oct. 15, 1919, Trout Lake, Wash.; d. July 12, 2013, Medford, Ore. Survivors: son: Rick; daughters, Jewel Brassington; Laurel Ritz; six grandchildren.

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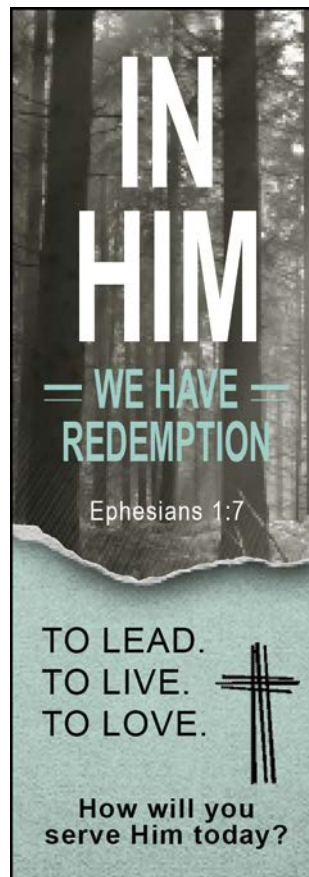
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**Name:** Kate Case

**Hometown:** Sacramento, California

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts/Global Studies '13.

**Career Goal:** Advocate for human trafficking victims and an ultimate end of exploitation for as many as 27 million people worldwide. Kate's interest in this problem was significantly influenced during a class taught by La Sierra University faculty member Ken Crane, who has researched issues pertaining to refugees and trafficking survivors.

**Senior Year Accomplishment:** Organizing a contingent of 40 supporters to descend on Sacramento, where they lobbied key California State Assembly members to pass a Safe Harbor bill designed to aid minors involved in human trafficking.

**Perspective:** "It's great to be a part of a collective community fighting for an issue that is local and also global. It's not 9-to-5, but it doesn't feel like work."

