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A Thought from the President

There are many things to worry about, but worry is so unproductive. Instead of worrying, take this recommendation seriously: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

In Him,
Ricardo Graham

What's Going On?

Dan Jackson, North American Division president, recently introduced this short video, which portrays several major mission-focused events during 2014. Skip out of your own rut for a few minutes and watch what God has been doing around our country through Adventist members young and old at <http://vimeo.com/110520651>.



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The North American Division Executive Committee unanimously adopted a statement that encourages "respectful, Christ-like discourse" between Christians.

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We Need a Savior!

It is difficult to believe that 2014 is almost over. Here we are in December, the last month of the year. This is the month that the Christian world remembers the birth of Jesus. Let me share with you a few thoughts about the incarnation and the amazing revelations of grace that I have found in this well-known story.

In Luke 2, we find the announcement of Jesus' birth. Beginning with verse 8, we read, "Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you

good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.' Please notice the chain of communication. The angel gives a good message to the shepherds. The message is for all people. I believe I am part of "all people." And so are you.

What is the message?

Verse 11, "For there is born

to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Jesus is a Savior born to you and to me. Wow — amazing grace! Jesus became a part of the family of this planet. He became a human being. Not a part of the angelic host, but a part of our family. He was born to us to be our Savior! One obvious implication of this amazing act of grace is our great need of a Savior. We cannot save ourselves. The human family is in need not only of a good example to guide us. We NEED a Savior.

I think it is also very significant that Jesus became a part of the human family not only for the three-plus decades of His earthly sojourn, but forever. In Matthew 24, Jesus is speaking about His second coming and is looking into the future over 2000 years. I find it encouraging that He repeatedly refers to Himself as the "Son of Man." Notice verses 27, 30,

37, 39, and 44. The Father did not loan the Son to us. He GAVE Him to us forever.

In becoming a part of the human family, Jesus also united the human family with the family of God. In Galatians 4:4-7, Paul says, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son. . ."

"We are sons and daughters of God. The God of the universe is our Father. While I can state this truth I am finding great difficulty in wrapping my mind around this idea. I know others who are reading this may also have difficulty. Many times, our concept of "father" is shaped by our own earthly fathers, for better or for worse. Scripture reveals

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this season, I pray that we will be wowed by God's willingness to gift us His Son forever and the resulting privilege of being His child. His gift has made us more precious than gold, yea than fine gold, even more precious than the golden wedge of Ophir.

a Heavenly Father who is a provider and protector, a sustainer and an ever-present helper.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this season, I pray that we will not be caught up in the commerce of Christmas but will take time to reflect on the multitude of revelations of grace in the Incarnation. I pray that we will be wowed by God's willingness to gift us His Son forever and the resulting privilege of being His child. His gift has made us more precious than gold, yea than fine gold, even more precious than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Arnold Trujillo



Viva Mejor Television on Air and Building Churches

Adventist businessman Enrique Casali is an active lay leader in the Newbury Park Spanish company and is also the highly active producer of the “Viva Mejor” (“Live Better”) television program. The program airs on Esperanza TV, Hope Channel’s Spanish-language network, and online at www.vivamejor.net.

“We have produced about 250 programs,” said Casali, who previously served on the staff of a Spanish television ministry in the New York City area.

While “Viva Mejor” has viewers in the U.S. and Central America, the program is also followed by Spanish-speaking viewers in Italy. “Recently, we filmed six programs in Italy,” said Casali, “because we want to reach out to our Spanish-speaking viewers there.”

The program features lifestyle presentations on a range of topics, including vegetarian cooking classes. Production primarily takes place in the Casali home or in the church, which is located at 2770 Borchard Rd., Newbury Park. A variety of Adventist doctors, pastors and other Adventist members are the presenters in the programs. Ebenezer Chambi, M.D., who heads a clinic in South Gate, Calif., is regularly featured on the program.

According to Casali, the programs are well received in the U.S. and elsewhere. Viewers affirm the program, donating to its church-building projects in Central America. “We were blessed to have been able to build two churches already,” he noted, “and we are in the process of building two more.” A small construction crew from the



Worshippers enter the first church built with the help of “Viva Mejor,” the Chimaltenango church in Guatemala, for the inauguration ceremony.

U.S. and the countries involved work with local volunteers to build the small churches.

The Chimaltenango, Guatemala, Viva Mejor church was the program’s first building project, inaugurated in 2010. Construction of each of the churches began with the goal of establishing an Adventist presence in a Spanish-speaking country; in keeping with the theme of the television program, health centers are planned for each congregation. The Adventist churches are planned as centers of hope and wellness. “After many years of dreaming of building an Adventist church and a health center in a Latin American country,” said Casali at the inauguration ceremony for the Chimaltenango church, “we can say that, thanks to God and His help, ‘Viva Mejor’ has made this dream a reality.”

In 2012, “Viva Mejor” opened the second Viva Mejor Adventist church, in San Miguel Morazan, Guatemala. This new church was built with material and logistical support provided by Casali, but also with the vital help of many brothers of San Miguel Morazan, who devoted their spare

time to the construction project that will serve as a physical and spiritual support to all members of that community. “Long hours of work in the construction of this temple and countless hours of prayer enabled this project to be built,” said Paul Mleziva, “Viva Mejor” manager.

At its inauguration, the church held more than two days of baptisms for more than 15 people in total. “‘Viva Mejor’ staff thank God for His guidance and grace to accomplish these projects,” added Mleziva. “Please continue to pray that our work of building churches — and the ministry of the churches that we build — will continue until Jesus comes.”

As funds continue to come in, construction teams are working on a third church in Tijuana, Mexico; and a fourth, in Aguilar, Guatemala. Each of the church buildings will accommodate the 150 to 250 people who will worship and minister in their communities.

Betty Cooney

Education Day Celebrated at Two SCC Churches

As part of a weekend celebration of SCC Education Day, "The Blueprint," a documentary about Adventist education, was screened at the White Memorial and Lancaster churches Oct. 11 and 12. Principals Paul Negrete, San Gabriel Academy, and Donald Krpalek, Antelope Valley School, coordinated. The film affirmed Adventist education, while educating audiences on why that affirmation was so pronounced throughout the film.

Filmmaker Martin Doblmeier, a Catholic film writer/producer and president of Journey Films, visited a diverse cluster of Adventist schools in the U.S. and shared in the film the Adventist philosophy of education based on Ellen White's education "blueprint."

Both in the film and during the first afternoon screening, Elissa Kido, Ed.D., a La Sierra University professor and director of the Center for Research on K-12 Education, shared findings from the groundbreaking Cognitive Genesis study. The study was a collaborative project of La Sierra and the North American Division. Goals for the study, as reported in the film, were to determine how well students in the Adventist school system are doing and how their academic performance in Adventist schools compares with academic performance in public and other private schools.

Some 51,706 students from Adventist elementary schools and academies across the NAD were included in the study, from every conference and almost every Adventist elementary school and academy.

"In all grades, in schools of all sizes, students in Adventist schools outperformed the national average in all subjects," Kido reported to the audience in Los Angeles. "In each of these areas, Adventist students scored well above the national average on standardized achievement

of those that have a college degree or hold senior status, plus those with at least a two-year degree, totaled 76 percent." Crook added that these findings validate the educational and academic qualities of Adventist education in Southern California Conference schools.

At the Lancaster church screening, the informality of the gathering allowed for an interesting Q&A session following the film, according to Pastor Ed Sammons. "The film was informative and helpful and many said they would like to see it again," Sammons reported. "One question that one of the audience asked was how Doblmeier chose to focus and profile Adventists for both 'The Blueprint' and his two previous films on Adventists."

"I got into film making," Doblmeier responded, "so that I can see God's activities in the world." He then told of an invitation to the Loma Linda University campus by an acquaintance that led to the first film on Adventist health institutions.

"The Blueprint" is available at Christian Books & Veggie Foods, the Glendale Adventist Book Center, or from journeyfilms.com. Each of the films on Adventists has been airing on PBS stations across the U.S.



Drs. Harold Crook and Lisa Kido with filmmaker Martin Doblmeier were on the Education Day program at the White Memorial church.

tests and above what would be predicted, based on their ability test scores. We believe that the Adventist advantage in education is due to a holistic approach taken by the school system. There is an unusual commitment to educating the mind, body and spirit."

In the last year, SCC Superintendent of Education Harold Crook, Ed.D., has started tracking the five SCC senior-academy graduating classes, dating from 2008, to see what percentage of students have obtained college or professional degrees.

"After the first year of tracking," reported Crook, "we have found that 76 percent of SCC graduating seniors have attained a four-year college degree, or have senior collegiate status; or have completed degree health professional programs (e.g., nursing, etc.). Out of those graduating with a four-year degree, 26 percent continued on to graduate school or other professional programs. A combined percentage

Betty Cooney



Gina Royo and her brother-in-law Donald Royo, administrative assistant and Home & School treasurer, respectively, of the White Memorial School were among school staff members present at the Education Day event.

West Region Lay People Take the Lead in Two Events

More than 25 West Region lay people presented or preached during October events in Region churches. Five region churches hosted “Member Training for Local Church-based Ministries;” and a lay-led evangelistic series in the Ventura church followed on the heels of the training event.

For the lay training, lay people joined with pastors of the West Region Ministry Network to explore more than 30 topics during a very full afternoon, offering two tracks of presentations. More than 225 members and guests attended from throughout the region.

Diverse ministry topics covered the full range of church positions, including elders’ training, youth and children’s ministries, outreach and discipling topics, and one on stewardship that focused on the challenges of end of life issues.

A seminar on facilities management, presented by Santa Clarita member Paul Cardy, shared ways in which church facilities can be compelling rather than off-putting to visitors and new believers. “The point I emphasized,” Cardy said, “was, ‘What do you want your church’s appearance to do — drive people away or appeal to them?’ A clean, well-kept church provides a setting in which new believers and visitors will want to connect with welcoming members. In this way, the facility can help promote church growth.”

Larry Meager, senior pastor of the Thousand Oaks church, appreciated Simi Valley pastor Phil White’s presentation on the visitor-friendly church. “Martha, a member at Thousand Oaks, attended that seminar and shared with me what she had learned,” he reported. “We do well in many of the areas,” she said, “but in some areas we fall short and, pastor, we need to address those!”

“Star, another of my members,” Meager added, “attended the centerpiece of our church’s presentations, on health and exercise. ‘I learned many helpful tips to share with my neighbors,’ she told me. ‘We learned and laughed, asked questions — everyone had a chance to participate.’” Presenters included Valery Rhaney, Ph.D.; Tillie Sakai, RN; Den Whitaker, PT; and Doris Westerdahl, OT.

“Members expressed an appreciation for the opportunity to meet ministry leaders from other churches to exchange ideas,” said Rick Roethler, West Region director. “It was amazing to experience the enthusiasm expressed in the seminars. By the end of the training event, many attendees expressed eagerness to have another member-training day.”

C. ELMW PLATNER



Local elder Bill Calkins was among four elders speaking for an evangelistic series at the Ventura church.



At the Ventura church location, layman Jon Bettis of the Santa Barbara church leads a discussion on youth ministry.

On the evening of the lay training, elders of the Ventura church began a week of evangelistic meetings at their church. “The meetings continued to Nov. 5 on weekend and Wednesday evenings,” said Pastor Jim Ayars, who was also a speaker during the meetings and led Q&A periods for each meeting. Four elders of the church spoke on two or more evenings during the series.

David McDuffie wanted his sermons to present Adventist beliefs in a way that would be interesting to millennials. “I got involved in the series because I felt that we as elders need to be involved in outreach,” said McDuffie, a criminal defense lawyer. “I wasn’t worried if only a few turned up at my meetings. I figured the Lord would take care of it.” McDuffie’s first sermon was entitled, “The Bible: God’s GPS for You!”

William Calkins, a retiree, chose to speak on, “The Experience of Adam and Eve in the Garden, a primer on human behavior.”

“I believe that local congregations ought to do their own evangelistic meetings so that people can bond with the church,” he said. “Not many attended, but I like to think the members were making sure we wouldn’t embarrass them before asking others to come!”

Betty Cooney

Shift Workshop Shifts Hearts and Minds

This workshop is not just about information; it is experiential,” said Heidi Carpenter, SCC literature evangelism director, as she opened a Shift workshop on Oct. 25 at the Norwalk church. A multigenerational group of about 80 people came together for the event, which had as its compelling mission statement, “Shifting the church to a new mindset, motivation and method in ministry.”

“We experienced a great group process,” reported Gerard Kiemeney, SCC young adult ministries and L.A. Metro Region director. “Participants practiced meeting, mingling and ministering to one another, sharing suggestions and personal testimonies, as they focused on how Jesus did ministry when He was here on earth.”

“We live in an information-overload society,” noted Carpenter. “We receive so much information through so many avenues that we often may end up doing nothing with the information we receive.” Quoting Ellen White, she redirected attention to God’s original plan for the church:

“From the beginning, it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 1).

Joining Carpenter and David Fernandez of the literature evangelism department, Shift leaders include Pastors Cary Fisher, Downey church; Chris Famisaran, El Monte church; John Strehle and Vasco Brown, pastor and associate pastor respectively, Norwalk church; and Andrew Carpenter, San Gabriel Academy Bible teacher.

Leaders traced Jesus’ major activities in the Bible, underscoring qualities exhibited in His ministry, including compassion and healing. Through reflective questioning, the audience was invited to consider whether their personal ministries and outreach show compassion and have a healing quality.

Andrew Carpenter led participants in an awareness exercise that involved each person in greeting four different people twice: first, totally without expression and without smiling; the second, to greet as though they were long-lost friends, resulting in much laughter and a warm, welcoming spirit.

“That’s a shift!” observed Kiemeney with a smile, noting the changed attitudes in the room. “A shift in the mind comes from a change in the heart. That marks the beginning of Shift,” leaders repeatedly emphasized during the workshop.

“I’m pretty passionate about Shift ministry,” reflected Cary Fisher, pastor of the Downey church and a small-group leader. “It has the

idea of focusing on personal relationships and people taking ownership of their personal ministry. ‘Think of Pentecost,’ one person in our group said, ‘and how God worked with the disciples. It’s the same now. People are being persecuted around the world. We need to stand up for right or wrong!’

“Shift is about helping and connecting,” Fisher explained. “It is about caring about people. God asks us to be in the world, not of the world — but in the world, not separate from the people around us.”

“I think all of the Shift leaders were hit with the realization that Jesus had a type of compassion and love that we don’t consistently show,” acknowledged Heidi Carpenter. “That’s the kind of shift we need as the body of Christ; the kind of shift I need.

“Nine people signed up as volunteers to help with our upcoming conference-wide Shift events. We are glad to work with more people who are passionate about Christ’s method of ministry! Our prayer is to see Shift become a movement in the church, a movement of change — one heart at a time. The vision of Shift is simple: to see a Christ-filled Church engaged in genuine relationships with their community.”

Betty Cooney



Celeste Harrison (far right), youth leader at the Norwalk church, involves her small group in discussion.



In one of the 13 Shift discussion groups, a member gives a spirited response to attendees.

Convocation Challenges Attendees To Live in Expectation of His Coming

The 36th annual Northern California Conference African-American Convocation, held Oct. 10 and 11, was themed “Living in Expectation of His Coming.” Attendees met at the Stockton Mayfair church on Friday night and at Stockton Christian Life Center on Sabbath.

The convocation’s main speaker was Jesse Wilson, Oakwood University associate professor of religion and director of the Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Conference. Ivan Williams Sr., North American Division ministerial department director, spoke at the early morning meeting. Edwin McBride Jr., pastor of the Miramonte Boulevard church in Los Angeles and prayer coordinator for the Greater Los Angeles area, spoke for the youth. Marc Raphael Sr., associate pastor of Mt. Rubidoux church in Riverside, Calif., was the children’s church speaker.

“The speakers this year were not as well known to me as in past years, but they were just outstanding — all of them,” said Pittsburg

church member Michael Ann Sparks, who has been to every convocation since 1978. “We couldn’t have had better speakers.”

Sacramento Capitol City church member Quentin Hunter agreed. “I received excellent feedback from the youth of Capitol City that the youth church was excellent,” he said. “If my youth are happy, I’m happy.”

Members from a variety of churches, including Oakland Elmhurst, Oakland Market Street, Sacramento Capitol City, Stockton Mayfair, Vallejo Berea and Valley Community, provided music.

During the divine worship service on Sabbath, Wilson focused on John 7 and Romans 8, telling the congregation: “You may not know what to do, but you better know where to go.” McBride spoke to the youth about keeping living traditions alive and making new traditions. He reminded the young people that they must “diligently seek God — and seek Him for growing things, not deathly things.”

On Sabbath afternoon, Oakland Elmhurst church pastor Kietrich Germany was ordained to the gospel ministry. (Germany’s ordination service will be featured in a future *Recorder* article.)

Later in the day, the Oakland Elmhurst church youth took the first prize for the second year in a row at the annual Bible Quiz-A-Rama. The winning team not only won a trophy, but they also received the benefits that come from studying the Bible. “We prayed, studied, quizzed one another and grew in our Christian walk,” said team captain Carlynn Cartier. “It brought us closer to God and each other.”

Leon Brown, NCC African-American ministries coordinator, said he felt the Lord’s blessing throughout the weekend. “Our 36th annual convocation was filled with amazing energy,” he said. “I thank God for



The Oakland Elmhurst team wins the Bible Quiz-A-Rama for the second year in a row.



Leon Brown, NCC African-American ministries coordinator, and Randi Wilson, NCC African-American ministries administrative assistant, speak during the Quiz-A-Rama awards presentation.

the love and support of the Northern California Conference administration, our pastors and most importantly our awesome members who made the weekend a wonderful success.”

“The convocation was a great experience — as it is every year,” said Oakland Elmhurst church member Markia Taylor.



Jesse Wilson preaches during the divine worship service.



Edwin McBride Jr. speaks to the youth on Sabbath.



Valley Community church members sing during the Sabbath program.

Andrea L. Wilson

New Adventist TV Channel Launches in Northern California and Oregon



Patti Guthrie, health channel director, prepares to cut a ribbon marking the launch of Better Health TV, surrounded by her husband Todd Guthrie (left), station manager Marta Davis and Better Life Television President Ron Davis.



Bryan Dale serves as a volunteer cameraman for Better Life Broadcasting.



Better Health TV is located at the Better Life Broadcasting headquarters in Grants Pass, Ore.

A year in development, Better Health TV began broadcasting to over-the-air viewers in Southern Oregon and extreme Northern California at noon on Wed., Oct. 1, 2014, announced Better Life Television President Ron Davis. Better Health TV promotes better health, one choice at a time.

Ron Davis and his wife, Marta, who manages 3ABN affiliate station Better Life Broadcasting Network, caught the vision of adding a channel devoted specifically to the Adventist health message after acquiring over-the-air stations in major West Coast cities that had the capacity of broadcasting more than one channel. "Last April we began broadcasting our Better Life TV signal to residents of San Francisco," said Davis. "The Lord has impressed me with the thought that we should make progress quickly."

Over the past few years, Better Life has expanded its broadcast footprint to include nearly all of Northern California — including Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Chico and Red Bluff; Reno, Nevada; about 80 percent of the population of Oregon, including Portland; and Southern Washington. In some areas, the station is also carried on cable, DirecTV and Dish Network. Plans are also underway to acquire a major over-the-air station

in Los Angeles, bringing total potential viewership to about 30 million people. "As our network expanded in these urban regions, God put it on our hearts to start a health channel to reach secular-minded people who otherwise might not be open to our message," said Davis.

To aid in developing this channel, Ron and Marta Davis invited Patti Guthrie, who has a Master of Public Health degree, to join the Better Life team as health channel director with the specific task of gathering programming for Better Health TV. Doug Garcia, creative director at Better Life, has played a key part in preparing the new network for broadcast. The Better Life team has worked to see the station through the development process.

Helping people live healthier lives has long been a priority of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Programs) founder Hans Diehl understands the work — and the reward — involved in a new health-related venture. "These are colossal opportunities and challenges ahead of you as you are laying the foundation for enlarging your footprint," he wrote to Guthrie.

Now that Better Health TV is on the air, the next step is to expand the footprint of the new station by acquiring de-coding equipment for each of the existing television transmission towers throughout California and Oregon. The cost for such equipment plus the acquisition of new stations, such as the one in Los Angeles, is not insignificant, but Davis has moved forward in faith, expecting the Lord to provide for all the needs as they arise.

Better Health TV is currently broadcast on channel 30.2 in Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties in Oregon, and Siskiyou County in California. It is also on 25.2 in Del Norte County in California. In addition, plans are underway to share the Better Health TV signal with a newly affiliated station in Atlanta.



Patti Guthrie

NCC Adventists Help Communities Affected by Fires

In September, two terrible fires ravaged parts of Northern California — the King Fire in El Dorado County and the Boles Fire in Siskiyou County. In each of these areas, local Adventists stepped up to the challenge of helping their neighbors and their community in practical ways.

Camino Church

On Sunday, Sept. 14, less than 24 hours after the King Fire started, the head of the Sacramento-area Red Cross telephoned Camino church Pastor Craig Klatt and asked to use his church

as an evacuation shelter. (Several years before, the Camino church had agreed to be available in case of emergency.) The official told Klatt that the current Red Cross shelter was in danger from the fire and they needed to move — immediately. “Within an hour, we were invaded by trucks loaded with all of the supplies needed to totally operate a small ‘town,’” said Klatt.

For the next two weeks, the Red Cross provided shelter for dozens of people, including some with special needs, such as those with breathing problems or small children. They also served meals to 100 people at a time — those staying at the church and others who were lodging nearby with friends. About 50 dogs and cats were cared for in the church courtyard until the smoke got so heavy that they had to be moved elsewhere. When evacuees were allowed to go home, they were given food to help them during the first few days.

Camino church members assisted the Red Cross by working on building maintenance and helping in the kitchen. They also reached out to the guests. “We watched for people who were having a hard time and tried to bring encouragement to those who continued to live with uncertainty,” said Klatt.

Local fire, police and government officials used the church for morning and evening community briefings — attended by evacuees, other community members and the media. At

the end of the first meeting when Klatt was introduced, someone in the back shouted, “Pray for us!” The incident commander told Klatt, “Go ahead,” and he was able to pray for everyone involved in the fire.

After that first meeting, a sheriff’s department representative expressed his surprise at the civility and calm displayed by the attendees — despite their stress — which he credited to people’s respect for the church. “He told me they just might have to hold all future briefing meetings in churches,” said Klatt.

By the time the Red Cross shut down its operations at the facility on Sept. 26, church members had learned that their immediate community had been spared — including the homes of those who had taken shelter at the church.

The Red Cross, the evacuees and many in the Camino community expressed gratitude to the church for its role in assisting people during a very trying time.

Shortly after the fire, Klatt attended an El Dorado County Board of Supervisors’ meeting. “They took the opportunity to express their deep gratitude for the way that our church stepped up to help meet the challenge,” said Klatt. “One of the board members told me: ‘I want to thank you and your church for representing the other churches and God so well in our community.’”

TAMARA PECK



Camino church Pastor Craig Klatt and head deacon Bob Overton stand by a “memorial blanket” that the Red Cross presented to the church with signed messages from volunteers and evacuees.

ELAINE LARSEN



The Red Cross sign guides people to find disaster services at the Camino church during the King Fire.

ELAINE LARSEN



More than 50 cats and dogs find shelter at the Camino church during the King Fire.

Yreka Church

The Boles Fire — which began on Sept. 15 and was contained on Sept. 20 — destroyed about 150 residences. When those who had lost their homes were allowed to visit their properties for the first time, they were accompanied by chaplains and counselors. One of them was Yreka church Pastor Enoch Brownell, who serves as a volunteer chaplain for the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office. There wasn't much Brownell and the other chaplains could do, after distributing cold water and work gloves. "It was a ministry of presence, just being there," he said.

Brownell discovered that many people were interested in looking for very small items, such as melted coin collections — and they were in need of "sifting boxes" to sort through the ashes. So Yreka church members of all ages gathered together on a Saturday night in the church/school gymnasium to create 50 sifting boxes. Made from materials donated by a local store, each box consisted of a simple wood frame and wire mesh screen. The following morning the boxes were delivered to law enforcement and firefighters to be distributed to those who wanted them.

Church members were glad to find a useful way to help their neighbors. "Even though it was a small project, it was really nice for the church members to know they were doing something that was needed," said Brownell.

Yreka Adventist Christian School

Students from Yreka Adventist Christian School also helped their community in a practical way after the Boles Fire. So many donations came in for the fire victims that the community was overrun with clothing and other items. The school's fifth- through eighth-graders and others spent several hours at a warehouse helping to organize the donations. The girls sorted clothes by size so that people could easily find what they needed, and the boys organized boxes of toys. "It was really good that we showed up," said their teacher, Mary Korcek. "The task was so overwhelming."

Teachers at the Yreka school want their students to learn that community service isn't reserved for a school project a few times per year, so volunteering after the fire was a good lesson that "helping happens when the need arises," said Korcek.

Mount Shasta Church

Members of the Mount Shasta church discovered first-hand the Boles Fire's devastation when a family in their church

lost their home in the blaze. The church helped — and continues to help — the family get what they need to resume their lives. Church members also served their fellow Christians by giving the members of a local Methodist church a break on a Sunday so that they could attend their church's worship services. All day Sunday, the Adventists took over the work going on in the Methodist church gym — organizing clothes, shoes, food and toiletries.

Mount Shasta church Pastor Jim Crabtree has been impressed by the dedication and commitment of the various Christian churches in his area. "The entire Christian community up here has just been outstanding," he said. "People that give and care are really a delight for the soul."

Julie Lorenz



Yreka church Pastor Enoch Brownell (center) serves as a volunteer chaplain for the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office. He is pictured at his swearing-in ceremony with Siskiyou County Sheriff John Lopey (left) and Senior Chaplain Keith Bradley.



Russel Nussbaum, Samuel Nussbaum and Aiden Dalton build a sifting box in the Yreka church/school gymnasium.



Jeff Evans, Dean Stiles, Steve Nelson, Richard Ray, Wayne Zufelt and Bob Prunty make frames for the sifting boxes to be given to victims of the Boles Fire.

Kansas Avenue Members Welcome New Senior Pastor

Members of the Kansas Avenue church in Riverside welcomed Dedrick Blue as their new senior pastor on Sept. 27. The members, who all wore blue clothing that Sabbath as a play on their new pastor's name, were joined by visiting church officials and pastors from the local community in filling the sanctuary for the celebration.

"I don't think I've ever seen the church so packed," said Ruben Rios, youth pastor. "It was great to see people come together with an excitement for the future. There was a sense of pure joy that this new season has arrived at Kansas."

The service began with a welcome by Rios and Reginald Horton, administrative pastor. The children of the church made a special presentation to the new pastor, and a combined choir of adults

and youth provided music for the service.

"It was a wonderful day for me, my wife and my family," said Blue. "We were prayed for and affirmed. It was a great welcome."

Several conference officers, including Sandra Roberts, president, and George King, vice president for black ministries, who had been serving as interim senior pastor of the church, were present to officially install Blue to his new position.

After his installation by the conference president, Blue preached a sermon in which he reiterated that he was merely a representative of Jesus. He closed by nominating Jesus as the new pastor of Kansas Avenue church.

Born and raised in Boston, Mass., Blue received a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology from Oakwood College before continuing on to earn Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees at the seminary at Andrews University. Since then he has been heavily involved in numerous church and community ministries around the country. He co-founded the international relief organization Adven-



Roberts Edwards, conference evangelist, welcomes Dedrick Blue, new senior pastor of Kansas Avenue church.



Kansas Avenue church is packed with members eager to listen to their new senior pastor. Members welcome their new pastor by wearing blue to the service.

Dedrick Blue, new senior pastor of Kansas Avenue church, preaches to his church members during the installation service, while Sandra Roberts, president, listens.



Jonathan Park, SECC executive secretary, prays at the beginning of the installation service for the new senior pastor, Dedrick Blue, at Kansas Avenue church.

tists Against AIDS in Africa.

Blue's passion is to lead Kansas Avenue church members to transform their community by reaching out both pragmatically and spiritually, especially to disenfranchised and underserved populations who need Jesus.

"The church should be neither just a welfare agency nor just a theological seminary," he said. "We need to move people along the continuum from their physical needs to their spiritual needs. We need to use our authentic Adventist theology and then put shoes on it so that we can walk it in the neighborhood."

Heather Thielen

Colton Health Expo Is Result of Collaborative Caring

Early on Sunday, Oct. 12, Colton church members and many volunteers were busy with setting up a health expo. Volunteers from Loma Linda University were preparing their dental van to provide dental care. Some volunteers set up healthy food tasting, prayer and substance abuse awareness booths, while others were preparing for cholesterol tests, blood pressure tests, fitness awareness activities and free flu shots. Doctors, nurses and other health care professionals all worked collaboratively to provide services to the Colton community.

“For a very long time doing something for the community has been a high value for the

Seventh-day Adventist people. As far back as I can remember, the churches I was involved in were thinking and planning things they could do for the community, and mostly members liked to do that,” said Dave Peckham, associate pastor of the Colton church.

More than 200 people attended the event and took advantage of the various testing and health care amenities provided. By the end of the day, 16 pints of blood had been donated, 162 flu shots had been given and special prayers had been prayed. Through this, the church members hope that the community saw how much God cares.

“I had been reflecting on the concept of ‘disinterested benevolence,’ or doing something for others just because we care, no hidden agenda or strings attached,” said Peckham. “And so I was delighted when I saw that the Colton church included a health expo on the annual church calendar for the past six years — a whole day during which the church intentionally creates an opportunity for the church family and friends to provide health care services to the community.”

*Dave Peckham with
Chloe Vander Zwan*



A volunteer shares healthy snacks.



Ulises Mataafa, senior pastor of Colton church, poses with the Loma Linda University Dental Van.



Church member Elizabeth Sheffield (left) prays for a community member.



Carmi Lopez (right) and Sandra Kebbas (left), church members, perform fitness awareness activities.

Free Clinic Brings Love and Healing to National City Area Residents

Approximately 220 medical and nonmedical volunteers recently transformed the San Diego Academy gym into a temporary clinic, treating 274 individuals needing medical and dental procedures.

Paradise Valley church, in collaboration with other local Adventist churches, hosted the latest free clinic held by the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network. The event also included participation from Friendships for Hope, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and Weimar Center of Health and Education.

Will James, senior pastor of Paradise Valley church, and his wife, Peggy, Community Services director, were thrilled when AMEN contacted them.

"We had been praying for something like this to happen in our area," said Peggy James. "It's a miracle that it worked out this way."

While AMEN readied the personnel and equipment for the clinic, members of the area Adventist churches advertised it by handing out flyers. Local church members and volunteers helped in any way they could with registration, meals for all volunteers, music, setup and cleanup.

The event started on Friday afternoon, Oct. 24. Setup began at 1 p.m., immediately

after school let out. Between 2 and 5 p.m., patients registered and the medical staff conducted triage to determine the urgency of medical and dental treatment. Patients were given appointments on Sabbath or Sunday based on this assessment.

Mark Finley, AMEN's board adviser and one of the organization's founders as well as assistant to the General Conference president, spoke to volunteers at vespers on Friday evening. He told of the founding of nearby Paradise Valley Hospital 110 years ago, noting that when Ellen White counseled workers there, she emphasized meeting both their physical and spiritual needs.

The following morning, medical and non-medical volunteers met for Sabbath school and orientation led by Mark Ranzinger, former president of the AMEN board. Then for the Sabbath worship service, Finley preached at the Paradise Valley church about the good Samaritan.



Tenille Coleman, from San Diego, reads Bible with Efrén Montalban, a volunteer from the Chula Vista church.

The priest had his head filled with theology and passed by the man in need without paying him any mind, Finley said. The Levite stopped, but considered the cost of helping too high. The Samaritan came near and ministered to him.

"It isn't just what we believe," said Finley. "All doctrine is about making us gentler and more loving individuals."

When the clinic opened Sabbath at 1 p.m., the medical and nonmedical volunteers were in full "Samaritan" mode. Everyone involved made an effort to share the love of Christ through whatever part they were given to perform.

The event concluded on Sunday, Oct. 26. The clinic was open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. By the

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Thirty dentists, plus other volunteers, provide care at the AMEN free dental clinic at San Diego Academy.



Abel Loredo, D.D.S., from Watsonville, Calif., with assistance from Lydia Privett, provides dental care to Fernanda Rivera.



Frida Eichner, from San Diego, has her blood pressure checked in the triage area.



A group of volunteers play guitar and sing hymns during the event.

end of the weekend, 274 individuals had been seen, and more than 300 procedures had been performed, with the majority of those being dental work, including 13 crowns made on the spot.

“Almost 11 years ago, a group of physicians and dentists met with Mark Finley,” said Todd Guthrie, orthopedic surgeon and president of AMEN. “We asked ourselves what we could do

organization that organizes large, free clinics in the United States.

“I was amazed at what RAM was doing,” said Kwon. “I wondered, if they can do something like this, why can’t we as Adventists do it, too?”

As a result of his inspiration, this was the eighth clinic organized by AMEN in less than two years. The emphasis has not been only on bringing free treatment but also on showing the

love of God in effective, large-scale ways.

“When you help someone with a medical or dental problem, or even if you just listen to them, you’re showing them a glimpse of God,” said Kwon.

And it was certainly more than just words for the leaders in attendance. Guthrie was continually fielding

medical questions and directing volunteers as best he could. Kwon ensured that everything was running smoothly and that volunteers knew where they should be. Finley circulated among the people waiting for dental or medical service, engaging them in conversation, offering encouragement and sometimes praying with them.

Students from the Loma Linda School of Dentistry saw many patients, not just performing procedures, but listening, smiling, talking and praying with them. Volunteers from the Paradise Valley church and other local congregations engaged with the people coming from their very own community, showing them the love of Christ.

One member of Paradise Valley church, Gloria Ruff, was thoroughly impressed with the clinic. She had been fearful of undergoing a procedure but, after praying about it, worked up the courage to go ahead with it on Sunday.

“When I was being seated to have my teeth cleaned, a group of gentlemen started playing guitar and singing hymns, and I think it took the nervousness away. I knew it was sent by the Lord. The Lord is present here,” she said.

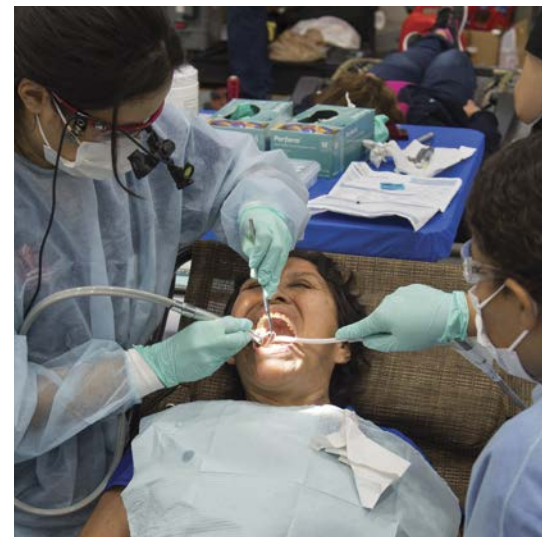
The AMEN leaders hope that this idea catches on. They are willing to help other churches and congregations host their own events.

“I would love to see hundreds of these types of clinics done by our conferences and churches,” said Kwon. “If we could do this all across America, it would present God’s love and power in a very tangible way.”

Mario Munoz



Volunteers provide care at the AMEN free dental clinic.



Dentists provide care at the AMEN free dental clinic.

Smiles 4 Mountain View

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Dr. Hyun Bang, a dentist from the community, performs a procedure.



Dental hygienist Angela Pai offers preventative care education to a visitor.



Volunteers prepare the work stations.

On Sept. 28, the Mountain View church's social hall was transformed into a free dental clinic for the residents of Mountain View and its neighboring cities. The plan was to offer free emergency dental services for people who couldn't afford care.

The first-of-its-kind event at the Mountain View Japanese church was called Smiles 4 Mountain View, during which organizers prepared to serve community members with both dental and spiritual needs. "We aimed to minister to the whole person, not only to physically relieve pain and restore health as Jesus did," said Pastor Filipe Ferreira, "but also to address matters of the heart."

Despite limited promotional efforts, registration for the event filled up quickly. In some instances, residents would call the registration hotline as soon as they heard of the Smiles 4 Mountain View event. "We live in one of the wealthiest parts of the country," Dr. Jayson Tsuchiya said. "I did not realize that there was so much unmet dental need around our church."

The event also attracted people who would not normally attend a church-related event. One registrant, who identified himself as an atheist, said that he was willing to lay aside his prejudices against organized religion and step into a church facility because he was in desperate need of dental care. "Medical missionary work breaks down many barriers," CROSStrainer Daniel Fukuda said. "People leery of religion open up when you are able to resonate with their needs."

Nearly 40 volunteers showed up to support the Smiles 4 Mountain View event. Dentists, nurses and other health care professionals gave of their time and expertise to provide extractions, cleanings and fillings as well as nutrition and prevention counseling. Computer programmers, teachers and high school students also volunteered by preparing sack lunches for patients, guiding patients through the clinic process and praying with patients upon their exit. "It was a joy to see so many from different backgrounds come together for an event like this," Fukuda said. "God can do many wonderful things when we are united in following His instructions for winning souls."

Thirty patients received dental care over the course of the six-hour event. They ranged in occupation from truck driver to painter, from caregiver to graphic designer. Their average age was 49 and most earned under \$20,000. However, one thing most patients had in common was their reaction after receiving treatment. "People [were] very helpful," one patient said. "They did a great job! Everyone was kind," commented another patient. "You all are like family to me," another patient said.

Smiles 4 Mountain View also resulted in several patients expressing interest in spiritual growth. Six patients attended the local church's Revelation of Hope seminar, five other patients requested Bible studies, and one patient has made the decision to be baptized.

"The Lord blessed. We accomplished the goals that were set and learned valuable lessons along the way," Ferreira said. "However, there is always room for improvement. We hope to leverage these lessons in improving the next Smiles 4 Mountain View event and would be happy to share our experience with individuals who want to spark a similar medical missionary movement at their church."

Glenn Ramel

Monterey Peninsula Church Hosts Dental and Health Fair

About 50 individuals participated in a combined dental and health fair at the Monterey Peninsula church in Pacific Grove on Aug. 31. Eight dentists, three physicians, one nurse, one podiatrist and two dental hygienists participated in what they hope becomes an annual event. The dentists provided a wide range of services, including dental fillings, teeth cleanings, examinations and extractions.

The volunteers provided a total of approximately \$15,000 in free dental services to 39 patients. The church's Fireside Hall was transformed into a temporary dental clinic, complete with lawn chairs which served as dental chairs, temporary lighting and various pieces of dental equipment.

"One of the goals in putting on this free dental and medical clinic was not only to meet the needs of the people in our community, but also to let them know we are a world-wide church that cares for people around the globe," reports Pastor Gary Ford. Patients received a brief introduction of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Several people commented that they were very impressed with what we were doing and had no idea that we did this kind of work."

"I am 44 years old and have never heard of the Seventh-day Adventist Church before," said one patient. "I didn't even know that you guys existed."

"It was a beautiful sight to see the health and dental professionals and their colleagues, some of whom were non-members, working together to provide health and dental care for the community," says Ford. "I know that lives were touched

by this experience. This one-day event has made a difference in many ways to our church and to the community.

The Weimar Center for Health and Education, which provided an introduction to its NEWSTART program under the direction of Don Mackintosh, assisted the medical and dental teams. About 30 students assisted in the organization of the clinics and provided clerical help. The medical and dental personnel presented a question and answer period on several health and wellness topics. Attendees also enjoyed a raw food demonstration and samples of the various preparations. Michele Cremonese, a local restaurateur and owner of Bignoli Fresh Pasta, provided a nutritious lunch for the workers in the clinic.

Seven people who attended the clinic have requested Bible studies. Internist Ken Mindoro coordinated the entire event with the assistance of dentist David Shin. "We feel that the fair was successful and are looking forward to presenting similar outreach programs to our community in the near future," concludes Shin.

Donald R. Kellogg, M.D.



Dr. David Shin performs a dental procedure assisted by dental assistant Tania Drake.



Dental assistant Pete Kim assists dentist Vanessa Pulido with a dental procedure.



Podiatrist Zein Ahmad, dentist Steve Chang, OBGYN specialist Caleb Liem, psychiatrist Lilliam Perez and internist Ken Mindoro participate on a question and answer panel.

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Fresno Central Celebrates 125th Anniversary

On Sabbath, Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m., the Fresno Central church celebrated the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the local church on the corner of Mariposa and O Streets in downtown Fresno. Pastor Gary Jensen, administrative pastor of the Fresno Central church, along with Central California Conference President Ramiro Cano, and conference attorney Grant Mitchell, presented a rich history of the church.

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Grant Mitchell shares historical photos.

The Fresno Central Seventh-day Adventist Church was established in 1882 with 14 members, three years before Fresno was incorporated as a city. In 1888, Mrs. Ellen White, one of the early founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, visited the 100-member local church and encouraged the leadership to build a church for permanent use. Every member pledged toward the cost, and \$30,000 was raised.

Moses J. Church, who was instrumental in bringing irrigation canals to the Central Valley and is known as the “Father of Fresno,” was the founder and leader of the church in the early years. Donating the building site just two blocks from the county courthouse, construction began, and the house of worship was dedicated on Oct. 28, 1889. The building accommodated a congregation of 800 and offered great acoustics,

even without a public address system. The new church was in high demand as there was no public auditorium in town at the time. A 104-foot clock tower made it the tallest building in town, featuring four lit faces that could be seen from all areas of town. The four-faced Seth Thomas clock was the largest clock the company had made up to that time. The bell was cast in the same size as the Liberty Bell and weighed about 2,000 lbs.

In 1897, Fresno Central began a church school, housed in the church’s Sabbath school rooms. The school’s first textbooks were the Bible and *Education* by Ellen White, with an enrollment of nine. This was the third Seventh-day Adventist school organized in California. In 1917, the school had grown to 110 students and moved out of the church building.

On Dec. 11, 1923, a fire broke out in the church destroying most of the roof, clock and bell tower. Although the insurance covered the roof, the policy didn’t cover the clock and bell tower.

In 1952, an earthquake hit Fresno and the church was condemned and unsafe to occupy. Services for the 868 members were held at Fresno Union Academy while a land search and construction of a new church complex began. Construction was completed in 1960. The church was built to accommodate 750 attendees plus a youth chapel for 200. While the historic bell can be seen on the current church property, it was not placed on the new campus until 1983 when Bob Thatcher completed repairs on the clock, and Pat Ricchiuti donated the funds to raise a 57-foot tower to house the clock and bell.

Over the years, Fresno Central — now with more than 1,100 members — has been active in evangelism and

servicing the community through its Community Services Center, Vacation Bible School, cooking classes, health fairs, and various mission trips.

The momentous celebration allowed Fresno Central members, both past and present to reflect on ways in which God has used the local church to impact the surrounding area. In addition to a proclamation sent by the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors, Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin sent a letter stating, “Our city gratefully acknowledges your history, accomplishments and the great impact that your church has had in our community.”

Pastor Gary Jensen



Jane Johnson, Fresno Central member for 65 years, shares memories.



Young adults embrace their church’s rich history.

Central California Conference Hosts Annual Men's Retreat

On Oct. 17-19, the Central California Conference hosted its annual men's retreat on the grounds of the Soquel Conference Center. This year's theme, "I am a son of God," accented living a balanced life while developing the spiritual, mental and physical dimensions of a man's life.

The 2014 retreat began on Friday evening at sunset with praise, prayers and testimonies, led by the signature Soquel musical men's group "The Band of Brethren." The program continued into a session of personal and public prayer. Pastor Daniel Botabara introduced the featured speaker, Dr. Joseph Kidder, associate professor at the Andrews University Theological Seminary. Kidder's theme was centered on the idea that human beings are "Created for Intimacy with God," and his messages aimed to bring spiritual balance and harmony with God into a man's life.



One hundred men gather at the Soquel Conference Center.



Dr. Arlene Taylor presents a thought-provoking message.

Sabbath morning opened with the testimony and personal presentation of how Michael Ehm left God, but reconnected and invited God back into his life. Ehm shared his past life of an unbalanced roller coaster ride with famous pop and rock singing groups, including addiction to drugs, alcohol, and generally wild living. He finally gave his life back to God, in an effort to regain balance, which he longed for. "Ehm inspired attendees with his powerful testimony of what God can do to a life yielded to Him," shared Steve Horton, CCC vice president for ministries.

Another highlight of the weekend was speaker Dr. Arlene Taylor, the only female in a room full of men. Taylor is a brain function specialist who presented on stress, especially as related to men. In her second presentation, Taylor discussed brain connections research and demonstrated how the male brain is wired differently than the female brain and how this condition of physical brain wiring can lead to difficulties

in male-female communication, problem solving and intimate relations. "Dr. Taylor reminded us of the importance of maintaining a healthy body and good mental health — a very necessary reminder," remarked attendee Henry Tarin.

Dr. Clarence Ing shared insights on the topic of "Your Valuable Health," through an understanding of the health requirements of men and the various diseases men are likely to encounter. Ing also addressed cancer screenings, prevention of heart attacks and good health maintenance for men.

Ramiro Cano, CCC president, shared a brief life sketch — including the value of his wife, Mary Ellen, who stood by him during the lowest and most challenging of times. Cano also told stories honoring veterans, especially those who served with Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Among them is Mary Ellen Cano's uncle, who Cano said was in serious condition in the hospital.

The retreat concluded with a Sunday morning anointing service, led by Joe Mallinson and Daniel Escamilla, director of CCC hispanic ministries. "The men's retreat continues to be a blessing to me," concludes Horton. "Serving the men of CCC is my reward every year."

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IN DISCIPLESHIP

Loma Linda University Health Celebrates Dr. Ellsworth Wareham's 100th Birthday



Ellsworth Wareham, M.D. (fourth from left, front row), celebrates his 100th birthday at Loma Linda University Health with 19 cardiac surgeons and cardiologists he helped to train and worked with during his decades with the Overseas Heart Surgery Team. To his right is Leonard Bailey, M.D., founder of the infant heart transplant program at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

Ellsworth Wareham, M.D., whose life is a shining example of wholeness, was honored recently at Loma Linda University Health. Wareham, a cardiothoracic surgeon and co-founder of the Overseas Heart Surgery Team, retired five years ago at age 95.

At a vespers program on Friday, Oct. 10, Wareham was honored on the occasion of his 100th birthday, and the Loma Linda University Overseas Heart Surgery Team received acknowledgement for 50 years of service. Members of the heart team shared anecdotes about lifesaving cardiac surgeries in countries including Pakistan, Vietnam and Greece. Joan Coggin, M.D., who co-founded the team with Wareham in 1963, was presented with a bouquet.

Saturday evening, Wareham, a 1942 graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, was celebrated at a banquet sponsored by the school. "God has given me a great blessing with a long, rewarding and satisfying career at Loma Linda University Health," Wareham said. "It was a privilege to travel the world and bring healing and health to so many people through the efforts of the Overseas Heart Surgery Team."

After receiving his M.D. degree, he completed an internship in Seattle, Wash., and then served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, performing surgeries on a destroyer in rough seas near the Philippines.

He returned to Loma Linda University in 1947, and went on to complete residencies at Glendale Adventist Medical Center and White Memorial Hospital (now White Memorial Medical Center), before returning to Loma Linda in 1955.

Dan Buettner, author of *The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons for Living Longer from Those Who Have Lived the Longest*, toasted Wareham, who was profiled in his book as a model of longevity among Seventh-day Adventists living in Loma Linda.

Leonard Bailey, M.D., surgeon-in-chief, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, said, "I'm eager to see what you will do in your next 100 years." He then gently ribbed the guest of honor, saying, "You've accomplished so much in the course of your life — but then you've had 100 years to do it all, so why should I be impressed?"

team made the trip.

Later, because of Greece's great need for lifesaving cardiac surgeries, Kalellis requested a second visit. This time Wareham requested 12 airline tickets. The trip was arranged after Kalellis wrote to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, asking her to intervene with her husband to provide the tickets. The relationship led to Onassis' funding the seven-story Onassis Cardiovascular Surgery Hospital in Athens.

Additional tributes came from Donald Wilson, M.D., who had aspired to become an orthopedic surgeon before he was recruited to thoracic surgery by Wareham; Joyce Johnston Rusch, Wareham's surgical nurse and team leader; and Drs. Mohammad Al Fagih of Saudi Arabia and Ming Lu Huang of Taiwan, both of whom were trained by Wareham.

Wareham entertained the audience by introducing Barbara, his wife of 65 years, their five children, their spouses and grandchildren. His humor and sharp stage presence were appreciated with much laughter.

Jiggs Gallagher and Nancy Yuen

Serving Others

by Rich DuBose

I find it interesting that the very thing that God elevates most is the thing that our culture abhors and tries to avoid at all cost. Service. Many view the whole idea of service, and serving others as demeaning and humiliating. The service industry is about...well, service. Typically it involves jobs that have to do with food preparation, garbage collection, mowing grass, cleaning hotel rooms, cutting hair, and parking cars at high-end restaurants (to name a few).

Such jobs are generally viewed as undesirable because they're usually minimum wage and considered mundane. Many refer to them as "menial." Merriam-Webster provides an interesting cluster of synonyms for this word: Menial — "daily [British], domestic, flunky (also flunkey or flunkie), lackey, servant, retainer, slavey, steward." It's interesting that "flunkie" and "servant" are associated together. Truly, God's hierarchy of values is quite different from those we are exposed to on a daily basis.

Who wants to make beds and clean toilets all day? How many days of rolling burritos would it take for you to never want to see or smell another one — for as long as you live? Years ago I worked at a snack cake factory for eight months. They told us we could eat as much as we wanted while we were at work.

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Loving Our Neighbors

What does it take for a group of like-minded church friends to identify with a neighborhood they hope to bless? Today, people are so absorbed with the interests and needs of their own families and friends, they don't have much time to become acquainted with their neighbors — *unless they take it!*

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You Can't Frighten a Puppy Into Wagging It's Tail

by Marty Kaarre

A woman who had lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was dining at the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume and stood weeping behind Jesus' feet. Her tears wet Jesus' feet, and she wiped them with her hair. Then she kissed his feet and put the perfume on them" (Luke 7:37-38).

We used to have two puppies, Garibaldi and Ivan the Terrible. After they were housebroken, one of them started to backslide and returned to a life of sin.

One day, we found the evidence of wrongdoing in my son's bedroom. The situation needed to be addressed, but unless we caught him in the act, how would we know which puppy to admonish?



Marty Kaarre writes from Rexford, Montana. This devotional was taken from his book, "Breathing Holes: Stories Supplying Fresh Air for Unconventional People." Information about his book is available on page 3.

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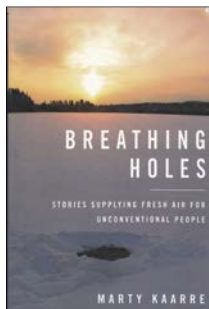
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Available at: www.climbinghigher.org/breathing-holes-marty-kaarre



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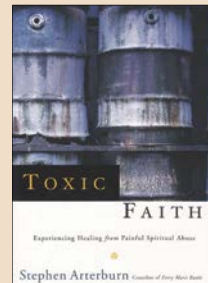


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Publisher: Roy Ice, 2014. Price: US\$9.99.

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Toxic Faith distinguishes between a healthy faith and a misguided religiosity that traps believers in an addictive practice of religion. It shows how unbalanced ministries, misguided churches, and unscrupulous leaders can lead their followers away from God and into a desolate experience of religion that drives many to despair. *Toxic Faith* shows readers how to find hope for a return to genuine, healthy faith that can add meaning to life. In the words of the author, "I want to help you throw out that toxic faith and bring you back to the real thing."

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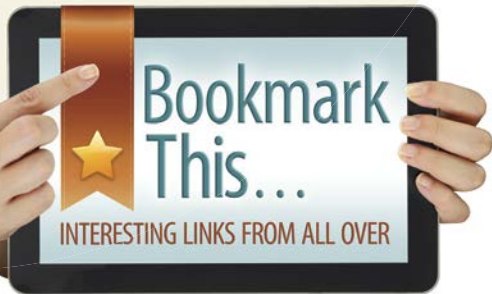
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Roy Ice and the Loma Linda University Church just launched a great new young adult ministry resource. It's perfect for churches that are looking for young adult resources in the form of free videos and downloadable Bible study guides. We are encouraged to see that this website positions the Adventist church as one of the largest producers of young adult ministry resources on the entire web. Roy Ice has been working closely with marketing experts from Google who estimate from their historical data and algorithms that **GenU.tv** will draw an average of 4,000 visits and video views per day in North America alone.



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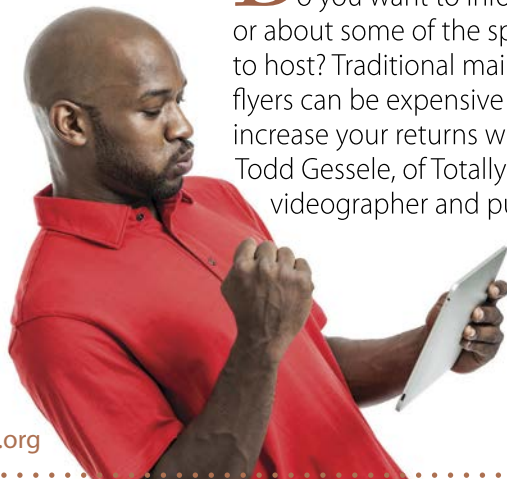
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Youth Rallies Storm the Nevada-Utah Conference

October was a very busy month for the Nevada-Utah youth department as it helped coordinate three area youth rallies.

The Utah area youth rally kicked it off Oct. 10-11 in Provo, Utah, with special guest speaker Meshach Soli, associate pastor of the Beaumont church in Beaumont, Calif. Soli brought his family with him to Provo, and focused his talks on family issues. He shared a powerful testimony

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Heather Day put a lot of energy into her message to the young people at the Las Vegas youth rally.



Seth Franco, former Harlem Globetrotter, shares his story with a very interested audience at the Las Vegas youth rally.

of how his own father had "stood in his place" when he was in trouble. "All I can say is praise the Lord at what He did," said Lina Toola, rally coordinator.

The following weekend, Oct. 17-18, the Reno area youth rally came together at the Reno-Sparks Spanish and Sparks churches. Pastor Manny Ojeda, Illinois Conference youth director, was the featured speaker. On Sabbath afternoon, Ojeda and three other pastors sat on a "hot topics" panel and took turns answering questions from the audience. "God surely put all of this together," said event coordinator Noreen Vargas. "It all came together so nicely."

Finally, the Las Vegas area youth met for their rally Oct. 24-25. Seth Franco, former Harlem Globetrotter; Heather Day, college professor and author; and Pastor Louis Petit-Frere, Tamarind Ave. church, Compton, Calif., were the featured speakers.

Day, who has a ministry for teen girls and women, spoke for the youth. She shared her story and challenged attendees to leave it all on



Manny Ojeda shared with the attendees at the Reno youth rally.

the line for Jesus. Petit-Frere spoke to the young adults about the prodigal son and his father.

The Las Vegas rally culminated with Franco, the first Caucasian member of the Harlem Globetrotters since 1942. He shared his personal testimony of how injuries robbed him of his career but enabled him to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

He also performed a collection of basketball tricks that wowed the crowd and signed autographs. "This was the best finale to a youth rally, ever!" insisted Ivri Mitchell.

Representatives from Riverview Christian Academy, Monterey Bay Academy, Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, Champion Academy, La Sierra University, and Pacific Union College were on hand to recruit, as well.

David Solomon Hall Sr.



Connie Hall learns a few tricks from Seth Franco at the Las Vegas Youth Rally.

Stephen Gibson Ordained and Married

Pastor Stephen Gibson had an intense but fulfilling weekend Oct. 11 and 12, 2014. Sabbath morning he was ordained into the gospel ministry; Sunday he was married to his sweetheart, Angela Childs.

Gibson is the first-born son of Pastor Paul and Donna Gibson who served most recently at the Paradise Valley church until their retirement in 2012. It was at this church where Stephen met and fell in love with the young lady who would become his bride and partner in ministry.

Gibson chose to have his ordination service at his church in Wickenburg, Ariz., Sabbath morning in a very personal ceremony, which included his many friends, family, current and past members, and his bride-to-be. The Wickenburg church was packed for the greatly anticipated service.



Elders lay hands on Pastor Stephen Gibson during his ordination service.

Gibson's ministry has touched the hearts of so many who were eager to attend and bless the couple.

On Sunday there was another packed house as the Paradise Valley congregation hosted the wedding service for Stephen and Angela.

The couple greeted those attending at the door with love and affection, just as they plan to welcome visitors and members to their church.

Father of the groom Pastor Paul Gibson officiated at his son's wedding. He opened the service with a big "Hallelujah!" The church erupted in joyful laughter, not sure of Gibson's intent — praise for the occasion or joyful surprise that his son was getting married!

Gibson's high school years were spent at Campion Academy in Loveland, Colo. He then attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebr., earning degrees in social work and theology. From there, he went on to the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he obtained a Master of Divinity degree.

His pastorates include Columbia and Nixa, Mo.; Marshalltown, Newton and Knoxville, Iowa; Maricopa Village church in Laveen, Ariz.; the Clearview church in Surprise, Ariz.; and currently the Wickenburg church.

For the past few months, Gibson has enjoyed spending time with his fiancée, Angela. She was born and raised in Nebraska, graduated from Platte Valley Academy in Shelton, Neb. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in health information management. She has worked as cancer registrar at the Mayo Clinic for the past 17 years. While attending the Paradise Valley church, she met the pastor's son, Stephen.

The entire Gibson family enjoys hiking, and Angela often went along. Eventually, a great friendship formed between the two, and six months after their first date, they became engaged. Four months later, they were married.

"This proves once again that church is a great place to be!" jokes Angela.



Pastor Stephen and Angela Gibson greet wedding guests at the door.



Proud father Paul Gibson participated in his son's ordination and wedding the same weekend.

Phil Draper

Arizona Welcomes Three New Directors

Three new departmental directors have been selected to fill key positions left vacant as staff members accept positions of leadership in other conferences.

“Our team has been working together for many years,” said President Tony Anobile. “Suddenly, special opportunities have been offered that make us realize others, too, see what fantastic people we have working in Arizona. As these valued directors move on, we can only be thankful for their incredible contributions and look to God to provide their replacements.”

Three new people have now joined the Arizona Conference family.

Cindy Brown

Cindy L. Wysong Brown, MBA/HCM/PHR, is the new human resources director. She steps into a newly created department for the conference, and her wealth of experience in health care and office administration will prove invaluable. Previously, Brown was HR director for Adventist Health, Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash. She is married to Jim Brown, director of Western Adventist Foundation (WAF) in Tempe, Ariz.



Cindy Brown is Arizona's new human resources director.

Abimael Escalante

Abimael Escalante has pastored successfully in the Arizona Conference for the past 10 years. Most recently he was senior pastor at the Phoenix Central church. He is the new assistant to the president for Hispanic ministries, a position left vacant when Pastor Jose Marin accepted a call to the Northern California Conference.



Pastor Abimael Escalante is the new Hispanic ministries director.

Prior to coming to Arizona, Escalante was principal/president of Navojoa University in Sonora, Mexico; executive secretary, evangelism coordinator, and director of education and stewardship for the Northwest Conference in Sonora, Mexico. He holds a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Montemorelos, Mexico. He has been married to Mayra Escalante for 27 years. They have three children — Myra, Laura and Suri.

Manny Cruz

Manny Cruz, most recently associate youth director for the North American Division, has accepted the challenge of following Pastor Erik VanDenburgh as conference youth director. Cruz



Manny Cruz is the new conference youth director.

was born in Tijuana, Mexico, and when he was 8, he and his family moved to Los Angeles and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church after attending evangelistic meetings. Cruz received a bachelor's degree in theology from the University of Montemorelos, Mexico.

Cruz has been involved in youth ministry for 25 years. His unique “Street Art Ministry” has taken him all around the world, speaking to youth about the power of God to transform lives. God delivered him from a life of graffiti on the streets of Los Angeles to helping teens and youth find Christ, he says. Cruz is married to Melanie Cruz. They have four daughters — Carmen, Carolina, Caryn and Christen.

One position remains to be filled. Ed Keyes was executive secretary, ministerial director and evangelism coordinator for the Arizona Conference for the past 10 years. He is now president of the Nevada-Utah Conference in Reno, Nev., and his former position is still vacant.

“I could not be more pleased as our new directors assume their positions of leadership within the conference,” says Anobile. “God has truly blessed!”

Phil Draper

Adventist Health Honors 17 Physicians for Commendable Work



The 2014 Physician of Year awardees pause for a photo op.

Each October at the annual Physician Leadership Symposium, Adventist Health presents Physician of the Year Mission Awards. The two-day symposium brings together more than 200 attendees including physician leaders as well as other key hospital and corporate administrators and staff from across Hawaii, California, Oregon and Washington.

At Adventist Health, our doctors are on a mission. The mission is to heal — not just the body, but the mind and spirit as well. That's why "it's our privilege to acknowledge the compassionate work of those who distinguish themselves from the ordinary," says Paul Crampton, assistant vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care.

Our mission motivates us to continually seek the best for our communities. We remain focused and dedicated to patient safety, quality, innovation and stewardship as we individually aim to be living examples of this mission. Our

mission finds its most poignant expression through the work of our physicians. Adventist Health physicians give of themselves unselfishly — wherever they are needed — to make their communities a better place. This unique experience of healing, infused with compassion and love, would not find its true expression without the leadership of our doctors.

A highlight of the event is a dinner ceremony to recognize Mission Award winners who are chosen from among more than 4,500 physicians associated with Adventist Health's hospitals and clinics. The honorees, selected by their hospitals, are chosen as exemplary health care providers because they embody the organization's mission and focus on whole person care. Characteristics of the nominees include:

- a life of integrity,
- sees patients (people) as whole persons (body, mind and spirit),

- incorporates loving care into practice and
- integrates spirituality into the patient care plan.

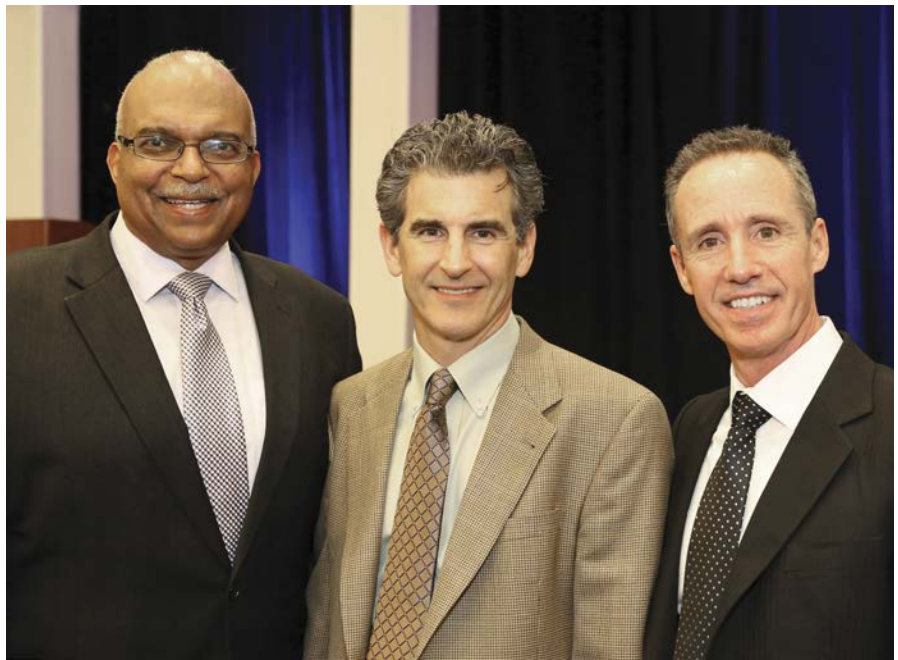
Adventist Health honored 17 such physicians, who have gone beyond expectations to provide compassionate care. These physicians were recipients of the 2014 Physician of The Year Mission Awards, given at Adventist Health's sixth annual Physician Leadership Symposium in Sacramento, Calif.

"Our mission motivates us to seek the best for our communities. We remain focused and dedicated to patient safety, quality, innovation and stewardship, as we each aim to be living examples of our mission," says Crampton, Master of Ceremonies for the dinner, which also included a presentation by Dr. David Levy, "Prayer and Medicine: Do they mix?"

Adventist Health Staff

Physician of The Year Mission Award recipients for 2014 include:

- Theodore (Ted) Mackett, M.D.
Adventist Medical Center - Portland
- Randy Beddoe, M.D.
Central Valley Network - Hanford
- Sarvamitra Awasthi, M.D.
Central Valley Network - Reedley
- Gurvinder Kaur, M.D.
Central Valley Network - Selma
- Roman Cortez, M.D.
Castle Medical Center
- Sam Mazj, M.D.
Feather River Hospital
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- Elizabeth Maslow-Najera, M.D.
Glendale Adventist Medical Center
- Donald Cornforth, M.D.
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(L. to R.) Keith Doram, M.D., Vice President of Clinical Effectiveness and CMO, Adventist Health; David Levy, M.D., Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery, University of California, San Diego; Paul Crampton, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President of Mission and Spiritual Care, Adventist Health.



CORRECTION

In the October edition, the *Recorder* inadvertently misattributed a quote in "Palliative Care Demonstrates Christ's Healing Ministry."

Zahra Esmail, M.D., who established the palliative care program at White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles in 2010, said that the essence of her specialty is providing patients and families with an added layer of support as they struggle to cope with devastating diagnoses, make complicated medical decisions and try to find meaning at the end of life. She remembers one of her recent experiences.

"A gentleman in his 60s was admitted for debilitating strokes and multiple other medical conditions," she said. "His overall prognosis was poor, as he would be left bedbound, without the ability to communicate and requiring 24-hour

care. His family, which included his four children, were scattered all over the United States. The oldest son, who had been estranged from his father for over 25 years, was appointed the designated decision maker. This family needed a tremendous amount of support as they tried to comprehend how their father's quality of life had been impacted and the challenges that lay ahead. They were hopeful for recovery, but did not want their father to suffer. Palliative care supported this family by providing them multiple opportunities to express their concerns and validated their emotions as they each dealt with the reality of the situation and helped them reframe hope. Palliative care service offered meaningful presence and humanity in the face of a challenging situation."

Kona Youth Take Lead in Evangelism

Kona church recently held an evangelistic series conducted by their youth. While the youth have enjoyed studying and playing music together, the leadership of the church recognized their potential for the year's fall evangelism. This opportunity would develop their young people spiritually, give others an opportunity to learn about Jesus, and help those who were still uncommitted.

Under the watchful eye of youth leader Julie Alani and personal ministries coordinator Bernard Vermeulen, the idea was realized. Early this summer, the elders and leaders met with the youth and their parents to discuss the idea



Speakers included children and young adults ages 10 to 23. From left to right: Jedidiah McGuire, Rofel Kobayashi, Rachel Reyes, Justene McGuire, Larissa Clubb, Ruth Seipel, Sierra Clubb, Ella Seipel, Kevin Mendoza.



Larissa Clubb and Justene McGuire share a moment after preaching a message together.

of doing a weeklong series that ended Sabbath morning. Using resources from "Share Him" evangelism, topics chosen ahead of time were validity of the Bible, the Gospel, the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath, baptism, state of the dead, forgiveness, and Christ's second coming.

During that first meeting, organizers answered parents' questions about commute times, children going to bed late on a school nights, whether the children were mature enough to speak up front for 30 minutes, and more. While some parents had reservations, it seemed clear that the youth were committed, and the series was approved. Seven youth, ages

10-15, and two young adults agreed to speak. Other children joined the praise team and led Scripture readings.

After Kevin Mendoza's sermon, a visitor commented that it was the clearest presentation of the gospel that he had ever heard. When Ella Seipel, 14, concluded her talk on

the Sabbath, a visitor said that she understood the seventh-day Sabbath better and would talk with her boss about not scheduling her to work during God's sacred hours. Sierra Clubb, 14, made the call to follow Jesus through baptism, a teenager attending without her parents came forward and gave her heart to Jesus. She is currently receiving Bible studies.

Rachel Reyes, 23, taught what the Bible says about death. This was a hard topic for her because of her fear of death. As she prepared, she thought of her grandparent who had died. Initially, it brought sadness and tears, but as she studied, she felt comfort in Jesus, the Author of Life. Reyes was able to share her hope that she will see her grandparent again when Jesus comes.

Organizers used the church van to shuttle children to the meetings whose parents were not attending. Each night, there was a quiz on the previous night's topic, and kids as young as 7 were answering the questions.

"I thought the kids would not be able to make a 30 minute presentation," said parent Dave Seipel. "I am so glad we pressed on. My children have learned so much just preparing."

Jim Kiyabu



The praise team led attendees in praise and worship each evening.

Women Gather for Annual Maui Retreat

The sixth annual Maui Christian women's retreat, hosted by the Lahaina church, was held Oct. 3-4 and featured speaker Jennifer Christian Newton.

The Lahaina women's ministry team spearheaded, organized, cooked, prayed, and sang their way to a successful event. Friday night began with music and prayer by women from the Kihei and Kahului churches. After her introduction, Newton caught everyone's attention by opening with a bold statement: "I used to be a Christian — until I married a pastor!" The clever play on her maiden name ensured she had everyone's attention.

Newton gave a unique presentation on the Ten Commandments as a guide to those endeavoring to dedicate themselves to a relationship with Jesus. Women were challenged to a renewed commitment to Christ, recognizing how lifestyle is connected to faith. Her messages gave practical life applications. For instance, Newton presented biblical references that reflect Christian financial obligations in correlation to the Ten Commandments. Many of the women remarked how new and refreshing it was to see how Scripture applied to their daily lives.

The following morning's activities took place on the west side of Maui at the Plantation House, nestled in the tall pine trees and lush Kapalua environment. Breakfast was flavored with music from Brothers in Christ, a group comprised of Sean Ramos, Edgar Inesk and Corey Char. Several women said it was fun to have men at a women's retreat. Later, Newton continued her message connecting the Ten Commandments and the various personal situations drawn from the attendees.

Newton's warm sense of humor and down to earth approach helped her connect to the multiethnic and multigenerational group. There were approximately 50 participants from the three Maui churches (Kahului, Kihei and Lahaina) — including attendees from Oahu. Hawaii Conference Director of Women's Ministry Norma Galiza also attended.



Attendees gather for a group picture at the Plantation House.



Women join hands as they sing at the Lahaina church.



Jennifer Christian Newton shares a message on renewing a personal relationship with Christ.

Nancy McMillan

Adventist Mission Scholarship Sparks Department Growth

Over the last five years, two departments in particular at Pacific Union College saw incredible growth in their student headcount. Since the fall quarter of 2009, the number of students declaring a major in religion or theology grew by more than a third, while the education department saw a significant increase in the number of students seeking teaching credentials and bachelor's degrees in early childhood education.

While many of the students in these departments choose more than one major, it is very encouraging to the religion and education faculty, as well as the administration at large, to see so many students committing themselves to these majors. "Providing pastors and teachers to the Adventist church has always been central to the mission of PUC," said Nancy Lecourt, vice president for academic administration and academic dean. "This scholarship has made it possible for more students to follow God's call into these vital areas."

The Adventist Mission Scholarship, previously offered to students of religion, became available to the department of education three years ago. This scholarship granted incoming freshmen \$1,000 per quarter if they declared education as their field of study. Eventually, this scholarship



"The Ultimate Bible Challenge" was a fun Sabbath activity during October's religion department retreat to the Albion Retreat and Learning Center, PUC's campus on the Mendocino coast.

expanded to include students switching to an education major after arriving on campus, drawing even more interest to the program. This sustained department growth has been heartily welcomed by the education faculty.

"Our second year courses have doubled in size," said Tom Lee, chair of the department of education. "We're thinking that this is not just a flash in the pan. People think about teaching,

and they'll look, then look away — but with \$1,000 they might look back!"

The Adventist Mission Scholarship has also resulted in sustained interest from potential religion and theology majors. "The \$3,000 scholarship for theology majors is having a wonderful impact upon the religion department," said Leo Ranzolin, professor of biblical studies. "The scholarship has led to the increase in the number of students taking the theology major and has made their education more affordable. The department is deeply appreciative of the administration's initiative in creating this scholarship for it is playing a role in preparing future ministers to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ."

Laura Helms, a junior from Placerville, Calif., is looking forward to helping students fall in love with reading through a career as an English teacher. "It was exciting to get a scholarship to pursue something that I've always wanted to do," Helms shared. "College is expensive, so this extra help is really a blessing as I pursue my dream of becoming a teacher and working with kids."

Learn about all of PUC's scholarship offerings at www.puc.edu/scholarships.



PUC's future teachers get regular time in the classroom as part of their curriculum.

Emily Mathe

PUC Sees Largest On-Campus Enrollment in 19 Years

Pacific Union College's full residence halls and busy academic buildings are the result of a remarkable increase in retention.

Following the Oct. 12 census date, when the college analyses fall enrollment data, PUC is reporting the highest on-campus enrollment since 1995. This fall quarter, 1,634 students are enrolled at PUC's Angwin campus. Adding off-campus programs such as the RN-BSN program in Napa brings the college's total enrollment to 1,674 students.

"We are blessed that so many students and their families have chosen Pacific Union College," states Jennifer Tyner, vice president for enrollment management and marketing. "PUC's outstanding academics and Seventh-day Adventist faith community make it an excellent investment, and I am excited to see what we

will accomplish this year as we fulfill the college's unique educational mission."

The college is especially proud of the high number of students who chose to return to PUC to continue their undergraduate education. "The return of such a high percentage of last year's freshmen, sophomores, and juniors is a great indicator that PUC is continuing to provide the excellent, Christ-centered education we promise," comments Nancy Lecourt, vice president for academic administration and academic dean. "The high impact learning practices and incredible faculty mentoring PUC students experience are designed with their success in mind."

The college's new students, both freshman and transfer students, are an integral part of the campus community, which is already benefiting from their unique contributions. The quality

of new students on campus does not surprise Tyner and her team. "The enrollment team and I are thrilled that so many new students will be experiencing life as PUC Pioneers this school year," Tyner shares. "As we met these students and talked to them over the last year, we were impressed by their enthusiasm and spirituality. It's great to hear faculty, staff, and returning students already commenting on the impact they're making on campus!"

Tyner and the team in the office of enrollment services have already begun working with the students who will be joining PUC in winter and spring quarter, as well as those who will be part of the student body in September 2015. Visit www.puc.edu/admissions to learn more.

Cambria Wheeler



ALLISON REGAN

PUC's Prayer Chapel is quiet place for students to pray and reflect on their calling.



NATAN VIGNA

More than 400 La Sierra freshmen attended IGNITE 2014, held in a camp near Big Bear. La Sierra's IGNITE program is designed to help new students connect with other members of their class, student leaders, and key university staff members. This year's freshman class contributed to a fifth straight year of record enrollment.

Record Number of Students Enrolled at La Sierra University

For the fifth straight year, La Sierra University has reached the highest enrollment in its history. The 2014 fall quarter's enrollment is 2,510, an increase of 70 over fall 2013, and 414 students over the fall enrollment in 2010.

Increased retention rate of current La Sierra students has been a factor in the university's five years of enrollment growth. "The large number of returning students reflects their real satisfaction with the education and living environment they find at La Sierra University," says Randal Wisbey, university president. "Our faculty provides an outstanding education in each of our programs. Their work has done much to contribute to our growing retention success."

The enrollment services team's efforts have played a key role in university growth, as well. During the past five years, freshman enrollment has averaged 465 per year.

The university has seen strong interest in several new programs started in the past three years. The criminal justice program now operates

on two campuses, in Corona and Ontario, and has 239 majors. The film and television program has 32 majors with many students expressing a growing interest in the program.

The HMS Richards Divinity School saw a 22 percent jump in its graduate enrollment. The School of Education this year set a new five-year high in enrollment in their graduate programs. And the Zapara School of Business enrollment reached 427 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. La Sierra's largest department is biology, with nearly 300 majors. And 360 students are enrolled in the 21 pre-health professional programs the university offers.

"Every person who works at La Sierra University contributes to providing our students a strong academic environment within a context of Christian faith," says Wisbey. "We are committed to offering the finest education and services to our growing student body."

Larry Becker

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Fresno Adventist Academy
Hollister Adventist Christian School
Kern Adventist Elementary School
Los Banos Adventist Elementary School
Mariposa Adventist Christian School
Miramonte Adventist Elementary School
Monterey Bay Academy
Mother Lode Adventist Jr. Academy
Mountain View Academy
Oakhurst Adventist Christian School
Peninsula Adventist School
San Francisco Adventist School
Sierra View Junior Academy
Templeton Hills Adventist School
Valley View Junior Academy
VHM Christian School
West Valley Christian School

Hawaii

Adventist Malama Elementary School
Hawaiian Mission Academy (9-12)
Hawaiian Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki
Hawaiian Mission Academy-Windward Campus
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Kohala Mission School
Kona Adventist Christian School
Maui Adventist School
Mauna Loa School

Nevada-Utah

Abundant Life Christian Academy
Bishop Adventist Christian School
Deamude Adventist Christian School
Eagle Valley Christian School
Fallon SDA Elementary School
Las Vegas Junior Academy
Monument Valley Mission School
Riverview Christian Academy
Summit Christian Academy
Susanville Adventist Christian School

Northern California

Adventist Christian Elem. School of Red Bluff
Adventist Christian School of Willits
Adventist Christian School of Yuba City
Bayside SDA Christian School
Chico Oaks Adventist School
Clearlake SDA Christian School
Cloverdale SDA School
Crescent City SDA School
Echo Ridge SDA Elementary School
El Dorado Adventist School
Feather River Adventist School
Foothills Elementary School
Fortuna Junior Academy
Galt Adventist Christian School
Hilltop Christian School
Humboldt Bay Christian School
Lodi Academy
Lodi Adventist Elementary School
Magalia Adventist School
Manteca Adventist Christian School
Middletown Adventist School
Napa Christian Campus of Education
Orangevale SDA School
Pacific Union College Elementary School
Pacific Union College Preparatory School
Paradise Adventist Academy
Pine Hills Adventist Academy
Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy
Redding Adventist Academy
Redwood Adventist Academy
Rio Lindo Adventist Academy
Sacramento Adventist Academy
Sutter Hill SDA Elementary School
Tracy SDA Christian Elementary School

Ukiah Junior Academy
Vacaville Adventist School
Westlake SDA School
Yreka Adventist Christian School

Southeastern California

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

Southern California

Adventist Christian School
Adventist Union School
Antelope Valley Adventist School
Conejo Adventist Elementary School
Crescenta Valley Adventist Elementary School
East Valley Adventist School
Glendale Adventist Academy
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Newbury Park Adventist Academy
San Fernando Valley Academy
San Gabriel Academy
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White Memorial Adventist School

Pacific Union

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VOTED NOV. 13, 2014, BY THE PACIFIC UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Statement on Unity Through Diversity

Whereas many members and leaders in the Pacific Union Conference:

Believe the Bible supports the ordination of women to pastoral ministry, while others do not.

Whereas some local conferences in the Pacific Union Conference:

Have ordained women to pastoral ministry, while others have not.

Whereas Acts 15 records that:

When faced with this kind of conflict while the apostles were still living, the church preserved unity for mission by establishing different practices for different peoples.

Whereas the North American Division Theology of Ordination Study Committee agreed that:

Seventh-day Adventists can disagree on women's ordination and still have a "thorough commitment to the full authority of Scripture"¹ and, by implication, live together in the same church in unity.

Whereas the General Conference Theology of Ordination Study Committee voted:

"To affirm that in spite of the differences of opinion on the subject of women's ordination, the members of the theology of ordination study committee are committed to the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church, as expressed through the 28 Fundamental Beliefs."

Whereas the 2014 GC Annual Council action:²

1. Indicated that the issue of women's ordination is not an issue on which the church has been able to reach consensus and it doesn't "directly involve fundamental beliefs," and
2. Voted to put before the delegates in 2015 the question of whether each division should be authorized to determine its own policies on the ordination of women to ministry.

Whereas the NAD Year End Meeting voted a resolution to:

"Encourage expressions of disagreement that are honest and open, based upon a sincere desire to arrive at truth as expressed in Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy," but "to avoid participating in, or being party to, all forms of unhealthy and demeaning discourse, [and] to govern our communication according to the high standards of Christian conduct ... so that God may be glorified in all we say and do."

Whereas we are all committed to the same mission of proclaiming the three angels' messages, and

Whereas we are unified in our commitment to the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the church, and

Whereas Ellen White commented that:

"In the different branches of this great work, as in the branches of the vine, there is to be unity in diversity. This is God's plan, the principle which runs through the entire universe."³

Therefore: The Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee stands in support of the statements and actions voted at NAD TOSC, at GC Annual Council 2014 and at NAD Year End Meetings 2014, affirming unity in diversity. And we stand in support of a vote at General Conference Session 2015 that will authorize each Division of the church to develop and practice its own policies on women's ordination, because we believe diversity will best preserve the unity of the worldwide church and will enable the church in each part of the world to fulfill its mission of service and evangelism.

1 "We believe that an individual, as a Seventh-day Adventist in thorough commitment to the full authority of Scripture, may build a defensible case in favor of or in opposition to the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, although each of us views one position or the other as stronger and more compelling."

2 "The biblical example of addressing differences that do not directly involve fundamental beliefs,"
"Whereas the unity for which Jesus prayed is vitally important to the witness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,"
"Whereas various groups appointed by the General Conference and its divisions have carefully studied the Bible and Ellen G White writings with respect to the ordination of women and have not arrived at consensus as to whether ministerial ordination for women is unilaterally affirmed or denied,"
"After your careful consideration of what is best for the Church and the fulfillment of its mission,"

3 EGW, Ltr. 71. 1894. 1895 General Conference Bulletin, pp. 373



VOTADO 14 DE NOVIEMBRE 2014 POR EL COMITÉ EJECUTIVO DE LA UNIÓN DEL PACÍFICO

Declaración sobre unidad a través de la diversidad

Dado que muchos miembros y líderes de la Unión del Pacífico:

Creen que la Biblia apoya la ordenación de las mujeres al ministerio pastoral, mientras que no es el caso con otros.

Dado que algunas conferencias en la Unión del Pacífico:

Han ordenado mujeres al ministerio pastoral, mientras que otras no lo han hecho.

Dado que Hechos 15 registra que:

Al hacer frente a todo tipo de conflictos durante la vida de los apóstoles, la iglesia preservó la unidad en su misión al establecer diversas prácticas para diversas personas.

Dado que el Comité de Estudio sobre la Teología de la Ordenación de la División Norteamericana (NAD TOSC) estuvo de acuerdo que:

Los Adventistas del Séptimo Día pueden estar en desacuerdo en relación a la ordenación de las mujeres y conservar una «dedicación completa a la autoridad plena de las Escrituras»¹ y, por ende, conviven unidos en la misma iglesia.

Dado que el Comité de Estudio de la Teología de la Ordenación de la Conferencia General votó:

«Afirmar que a pesar de las diferencias de opinión en el tema de la ordenación de las mujeres, los miembros del comité del estudio de la teología de la ordenación están comprometidos al mensaje y la misión de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día, conforme se expresa en las 28 Doctrinas Fundamentales».

Dado que la acción del Concilio Anual de 2014 de la Conferencia General:²

1. Indicó que el tema de la ordenación de las mujeres es un tema sobre el cual la iglesia no ha podido llegar a un consenso y no se «relaciona directamente con las doctrinas fundamentales», y
2. Votó presentar a los delegados en 2015 la pregunta «si cada división debería de autorizar la determinación en sus propias políticas en relación a la ordenación de las mujeres al ministerio.»

Dado que la Reunión de Fin de Año de la División Norteamericana votó una resolución de:

«Fomentar expresiones de desacuerdo que sean honestas y abiertas, basadas en un sincero deseo de llegar a la verdad conforme está expresada en las Escrituras y el Espíritu de Profecía», pero «evitar participación o ser parte de toda forma de presentaciones dañinas y degradantes y gobernar nuestra comunicación de acuerdo con las normas elevadas de la conducta cristiana... para que Dios sea glorificado en todo lo que decimos y hacemos».

Dado que todos estamos comprometidos a la misma misión de proclamar el mensaje de los tres ángeles y

Dado que estamos unidos en nuestro compromiso con las 28 Doctrinas Fundamentales de la iglesia y

Dado que Elena White comentó que:

«En las diferentes ramas de esta gran obra, como las ramas de la vid, ha de haber unidad en la diversidad. Ese es el plan de Dios, el principio que rige todo el universo».³

Por lo tanto: El Comité Ejecutivo de la Unión del Pacífico apoya las declaraciones y acciones votadas por NAD TOSC, durante el Concilio Anual de la Conferencia General en 2014 y las Reuniones de Fin de Año de NAD en 2014, afirmando unidad en la diversidad. Apoyamos un voto de la Sesión de la Conferencia General en 2015 que autorice a cada división de la iglesia para desarrollar y practicar sus propias políticas sobre la ordenación de las mujeres, porque creemos que la diversidad preservará mejor la unidad de la iglesia mundial y capacitará a la iglesia en cada parte del mundo a cumplir su misión de servicio y evangelismo.

1 «Creemos que un individuo, como Adventista del Séptimo Día en completa dedicación a la autoridad plena de las Escrituras, puede presentar un caso defendible a favor o en oposición a la ordenación de las mujeres al ministerio del evangelio, aunque cada uno de nosotros considera una o otra de las posiciones más fuerte o más convincente».

2 «El ejemplo bíblico de señalar las diferencias que no involucran directamente las creencias fundamentales, «Dado que la unidad por la cual Jesús oró es de vital importancia para el testimonio de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día, «Dado que varios grupos designados por la Conferencia General y sus divisiones han estudiado cuidadosamente la Biblia y los escritos de Elena White en relación a la ordenación de las mujeres y no han llegado a un consenso en relación a si la ordenación ministerial de las mujeres es afirmada o rechazada unilateralmente, «Después de cuidadosa consideración de lo que es mejor para la iglesia en el cumplimiento de su misión».

3 EGW, carta 71, 1894, 1985 General Conference Bulletin, pág. 373.

CALENDARS

Arizona

FAMILY MINISTRIES COUPLE'S Retreat (Dec. 5-7) Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, 6902 E. Greenway Parkway, Scottsdale. Retreat includes hotel and four meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday breakfast. Info and cost: Betty Valenzuela, 623-806-0465, or Pastor Glenn Ste. Ana, 520-404-8059.

RETIRES CHRISTMAS DINNER (Dec. 7) Arizona Conference Office, 13405 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Info: Shirley Chipman, 480-991-6777.

"ONE SMALL CHILD," Thunderbird Adventist Academy's Christmas Music Program (Dec. 12) includes the full TAA Community Orchestra and Brass Ensemble and Drama students presenting vignettes. This all-sacred performance will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday evening in the TAA Auditorium.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK Supper (Dec. 13) held the 2nd Sat. of each month, Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. Info: stanhewerton@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

DESERT COVE SDA CHURCH Christmas Program (Dec. 13) 5:30 p.m. The address for their brand new facility is 12400 W. Desert Cove Rd., El Mirage, Ariz. Info: 623-466-7202.

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Central California

CONFERENCE CLERK AND Treasurer Training (Dec. 7) Central California Conference office. Clerks contact: Debbie, 559-347-3194, treasurers contact Claudia, 559-347-3196.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND Sabbath School Training (Dec. 13) Bakersfield Adventist Academy. For info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142.

HISPANIC CHURCH OFFICERS and Sabbath School Training (Jan. 3) San Jose Hispanic Church. For info: Florina, 559-347-3144.

K.I.D. UNIVERSITY (Jan. 23-25) Clovis Adventist church. For info: Leah,

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WOMEN'S RETREAT (Jan. 30-Feb. 1) Tenaya Lodge. For info: Pat Curtis, 559-642-2396 or 2patcurtis@gmail.com.

Northern California Conference

NATIVITY DRIVE-THRU (Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13) 6:30-9:30 p.m. Roseville church (914 Cirby Way). Live the experience! Live animals and actors. Info: 916-786-8350, www.rosevillesdachurch.org/nativity.

DRIVE-THRU LIVE NATIVITY (Dec. 12, 13) 6:30-9:30 p.m. Santa Rosa church, 840 Sonoma Ave. 18th annual event! Free. Stay in your car to see live actors in nine scenes and hear taped narration on provided CDs. Info: 707-578-8883.

CONCERT (Dec. 17) 7 p.m. Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Singers from British Columbia, Canada. Paradise church, 5720 Academy Drive.

CONCERT (DEC. 19) 7 p.m. Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Singers from British Columbia, Canada. Lodi English Oaks church, 1260 West Century Blvd.

"A DAY IN BETHLEHEM" (Dec. 20) Join us for breakfast 9 a.m.; special worship service, 10 a.m.; soup/salad lunch

(noon). Come be a part of this interactive worship experience! Orangevale church, 5810 Pecan Avenue. Info: www.ovsda.org, 916-967-2838.

CONCERT (Dec. 20) 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Singers from British Columbia, Canada. Sacramento Central church, 6045 Camellia Avenue.

Pacific Union College

POGO & FRIENDS - The Art of Walt Kelly. Rasmussen Art Gallery. An exhibit of the art of Walt Kelly, one of the most respected cartoonists of the twentieth century. Show runs through Dec. 7. Info: 707-965-6303.

ACADEMY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Dec. 3-6) PUC hosts an invitational tournament for academy basketball teams. Info: www.puc.edu or 707-965-6652.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS Concert (Dec. 6) 4 p.m. PUC church. Complete your holiday season with the joyous sounds of this annual Christmas celebration for the whole family Info: www.puc.edu or 707-965-6201.

NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP (Dec. 11-19). Students devote their Christmas break to service in Nicaragua.

Info: www.puc.edu/spiritual-life or 707-965-7190.

CHRISTMAS VACATION (Dec. 12-Jan. 4).

WINTER QUARTER BEGINS (Jan. 5). Students begin the new academic term. Info: www.puc.edu/admissions.

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Southeastern California

CONCERT (Dec. 5) 7 p.m., Paradise Village, 2700 E. 4th St., National City. Soprano Jillianne Wagner will perform a Christmas concert. Info: 619-245-5845.

SIMPLICITY OF CHRISTMAS (Dec. 5 and 6) 6-8 p.m., Loma Linda University church, north lawn, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda 92354. Take a guided tour through Biblical scenes of Bethlehem with junior high students and live sheep.

CONCERT San Diego Academy will present a Christmas concert. (Dec. 13) 10:40 a.m., Paradise Valley church,

2701 E. 8th St., National City. Info: 619-245-5845.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CANTATA (Dec. 19) 6:30 p.m., Hemet church, 27025 Girard St., Hemet.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CANTATA (Dec. 20) 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Hemet church, 27025 Girard St.

"LOVE CAME DOWN at Christmas" Cantata (Dec. 20) 11 a.m., Fullerton church, 2355 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton. The Fullerton sanctuary choir will present the cantata by Joel Raney. Info: 714-525-4561 or emailoffice@fullertonadventist.org.

CONCERT (January 2) 7 p.m., Paradise Village, 2700 E. 4th St., National City. Soprano Esther Neal will perform a holiday concert. Info: 619-245-5845.

Southern California Conference

YEAR-END WEEK of Prayer (Dec. 1-6) Speaker, Pastor Jin Wook Lee, from Alberta Conference. Los Angeles Central Korean church, 1666 Michigan Ave., Los Angeles 90033. Info: 323-269-0670.

THIRD & FOURTH-GRADE Music program. (Dec. 4) 7 p.m. Glendale Adventist Academy. Info: 818-246-4867.

"A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS," (Dec. 5) 7:30 p.m. Glendale City Sanctuary Choir, Mountainside Master Chorale and the Baroque Orchestra. Kemp Smeal, organist; Sébastien Vallée, conductor. Composed by Handel, Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Buxtehude, and Charpentier. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: glendalecitysda.org or 818-244-7241. www.facebook.com/events/1488912441365501.

ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY Walk-through (Dec. 7) 6-7 p.m. Baby angel choir, live animals; hot chocolate and fellowship. Adventist Christian School, 555 Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest 93555. Info: 760-375-8673.

"ANGEL ALERT," South Bay Junior Academy Christmas Program (Dec. 10) 6:30 p.m. In the School Gymnasium, 4400 Del Amo Blvd., Torrance 90503. Info: 310-370-6215.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Dec. 11) 7 p.m. Glendale Adventist Academy auditorium, 700 Kimlin Dr. Info: 818-244-8671.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT Program (Dec. 12) 7:30 p.m. Logan Dickinson and his team are planning an outstanding program to usher in the Christmas season. Camarillo church, 3975 Las Posas Rd. Info: 805-486-4632.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING CONCERT (Dec. 14) 6 p.m., featuring the Student Orchestra of Los Angeles with guests: Mirielle Enriquez, Cecile Coe, Donald Shelton, White Memorial School Choir, Angklung Ensemble. White Memorial Church, 1720 Cesar Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90033. Info: Gina Royo, 323-268-7159; email, ginamroyo143@gmail.com; Mirasol Agustin, 323-401-1150.

"STILLE NACHT" (Dec. 14) 4 p.m. A German Christmas concert ("Weihnachtskonzert") in the beautiful German tradition. 424 Echandia St., Los Angeles 90033. Sponsored by the German-American Adventist church. Info: 310-542-9813; Sabbaths only, call 310-991-9813.

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT (Dec. 18) 6 p.m. Adventist Christian School (555 Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest 93555), grades 5-8 and homeschoolers. Join us for soup and bread at 5:30; the concert starts at 6 p.m. Info: 760-375-8673.

WORLD-RENOWNED PIANIST Calvin Taylor, D.M.A. in concert (Dec. 27) All day, including a.m. and 4 p.m. concert. His products will be available after sundown. Ojai Valley church, 291 E. El Roblar Dr., Ojai 93023. Info: 805-640-0358.

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Fresno	4:42	4:43	4:46	4:50
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Honolulu	5:49	5:51	5:54	5:58
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Lodi	4:45	4:45	4:48	4:52
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Reno	4:35	4:35	4:38	4:42
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Sacramento	4:44	4:45	4:47	4:51
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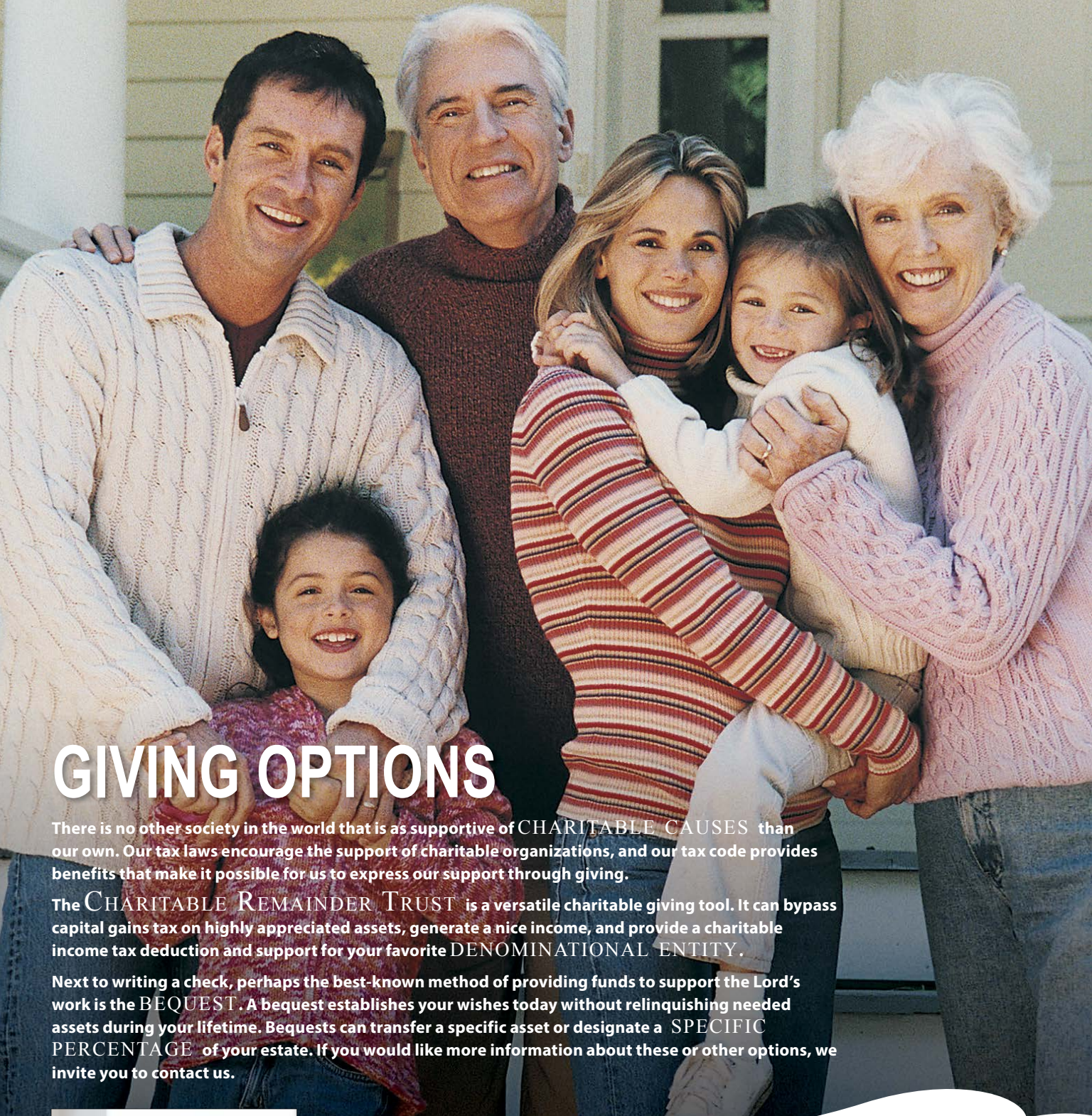
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BOWEN, EVA REBECCA — b. May 27, 1937, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Oct. 11, 2014, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Eric; daughters, Yvonne Quirarte, Sylvia Newman; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

CHALMERS, MAC — b. Jan. 10, 1931, Hilo, Hawaii; d. April 20, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivor: daughter, Linda. A graduate of Loma Linda, was the first practicing PT in Glendale, Calif. Continued to serve his patients for over 50 years.

CHALMERS, NORA (STERLING) — b. Aug. 4, 1927, Nanaimo, Vancouver Island; d. Feb. 3, 2013, Altadena, Calif. Survivor: daughter, Linda. A graduate of Loma Linda, worked as a RN for 43 years in Glendale area hospitals.

Correction: **CHAVEZ, CHADWICK PAUL** — b. Aug. 9, 1975, Hawaiian Gardens, Calif.; d. Aug. 5, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Alyssa; brothers, David, Kevin.

CLARK, WILLARD HUDSON — b. Nov. 22, 1919, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. Oct. 8, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Millie; sons, Robert, Lawrence; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

DAVIS, PAULINE M. — b. Oct. 10, 1920, Potter, Neb.; d. Oct. 8, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: husband, Billy; sons, Steven Peterson, Scott Peterson; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

DUNN, GERALD MARION — b. July 19, 1944, Glendale, Calif.; d. Oct. 22, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Jeff; daughter, Karyn Prehm; four grandchildren.

FABIANI, JACK — b. Jan. 29, 1933, Nogales, Mexico; d. Oct. 10, 2014, Vacaville, Calif. Survivors: sons, Richard, Steven, Marc.

FOO, DORIS (WONG) — b. Jan. 25, 1938, Penang, Malay Peninsula; d. May 19, 2014, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: husband, Jonathan; sons, Bright, Roy; daughter, Grace; four grandchildren.

GOTT, ROSELLA — b. Oct. 2, 1922, Manila, Philippines; d. Oct. 23, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: son, Tom; daughters, Patsy Arrabito and Jacque Stallinga; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

HANSON, SALLY GALIA — b. Sept. 2, 1912, Warren, Ohio; d. Oct. 12, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Barry Brandt; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

HICKMAN, MAXINE LOUELLA (WRIGHT) — b. Aug. 20, 1940, Oakland, Calif.; Sept. 17, 2014, Sapulpa, Okla. Survivors: husband, George; daughter, Caroline Cameron Fisher; stepson, Mark Hickman; stepdaughter, Rhonda Foster; four grandchildren; two great-nieces; sister, Emily Rae Sauerbry.

HICKS, TIM — b. July 28, 1982, Bakersfield, Calif.; d. Sept. 28, 2014, Taft, Calif.

HOLBROOK, ANN RODEL — b. March 24, 1922, Killdeer, N.D.; d. Oct. 10, 2014, Colton, Calif. Survivors: husband, Delmer; daughters, Sharon Ticer, Charlotte Penington; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Mike and Lonny Tachenko.

HOPPER, CAROLYN IRENE — b. Nov. 8, 1946, Turlock, Calif.; d. Dec. 19, 2013, Eureka, Calif.

KING, LILLIAN (BORIS) — b. July 31, 1926, Gary, Ind.; d. Dec. 27, 2013, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: son, John; daughter, Lisa; one grandchild; four nieces; two nephews.

LEWIS, LUCILLE — b. Jan. 27, 1919, Calabasas, Calif.; d. Oct. 31, 2013, Candler, N.C. Survivors: brother, Glen. Served as a nurse at Paradise Valley Hospital; profession of nursing at LLU; volunteered at St. Helena Hospital.

LOGAN, NEINA (ROE) — b. June 11, 1929, Dromfield, England; d. Sept. 15, 2014, Vista, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Fiona Meyer, Madeline Logan-Davis, Yolanda; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Monica (Roe) Norman.

RODRIGUEZ, CELICIA YVONNE — b. July 6, 1995, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Sept. 21, 2014, N. Hollywood, Calif. Survivors: mother, Trudy.

SEGORIA, RALPH — b. March 8, 1923, San Francisco, Calif.; d. Sept. 20, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Tom; two grandchildren.

TAYNES-MUTH, CINDA LUE — b. Sept. 21, 1951, Modesto, Calif.; d. July 25, 2014, Hollister, Calif. Survivors: husband, Brian; brothers, Arthur Jaynes, Vernon Jaynes. Served as a member of the Adoration Singers and soprano soloist of sacred music.

TOWLE, ROBERT WELLESLEY — b. Jan. 24, 1921, Berkeley, Calif.; d. Oct.

2, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, June; son, Philip (deceased); daughters, Patricia Bowen, Lanelle Smith; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

VIERA, ALICIA MEIER — b. Sept. 27, 1937, Swiss Colony, Uruguay; d. Sept. 24, 2014, Duarte, Calif. Survivors: husband, Juan Carlos; daughter, Elizabeth Talbot; served as a Bible teacher.

WARREN, HELEN (HUENERGARD) — b. Oct. 1, 1914, Rosedale, Calif.; d. May 1, 2014, Coos Bay, Ore. Survivors: daughters, Norma Johnstone, Joan Hafer, Janet Ray, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS, ROBERT D. — b. Feb. 21, 1924, Toledo, Ohio; d. Sept. 29, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ann; sons, Chuck, John; daughter, Marci Henley; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Served as director, producer and announcer for "Your Story Hour"; sang baritone with Gospel Heralds Quartet; worked as a pastor in the Michigan Conference, at Lodi English Oaks church and as interim pastor at several churches; served as Northern California Conference stewardship/family life director.

Correction: **YOUNG, EVELYN TERESA** — b. March 16, 1939, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Aug. 20, 2014, Carson City, Nev. Survivors: son, Ronnie Shortt; daughter, Lisa Slaght, Cynthia Spencer, Sandra Davis; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; brother Harry.

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