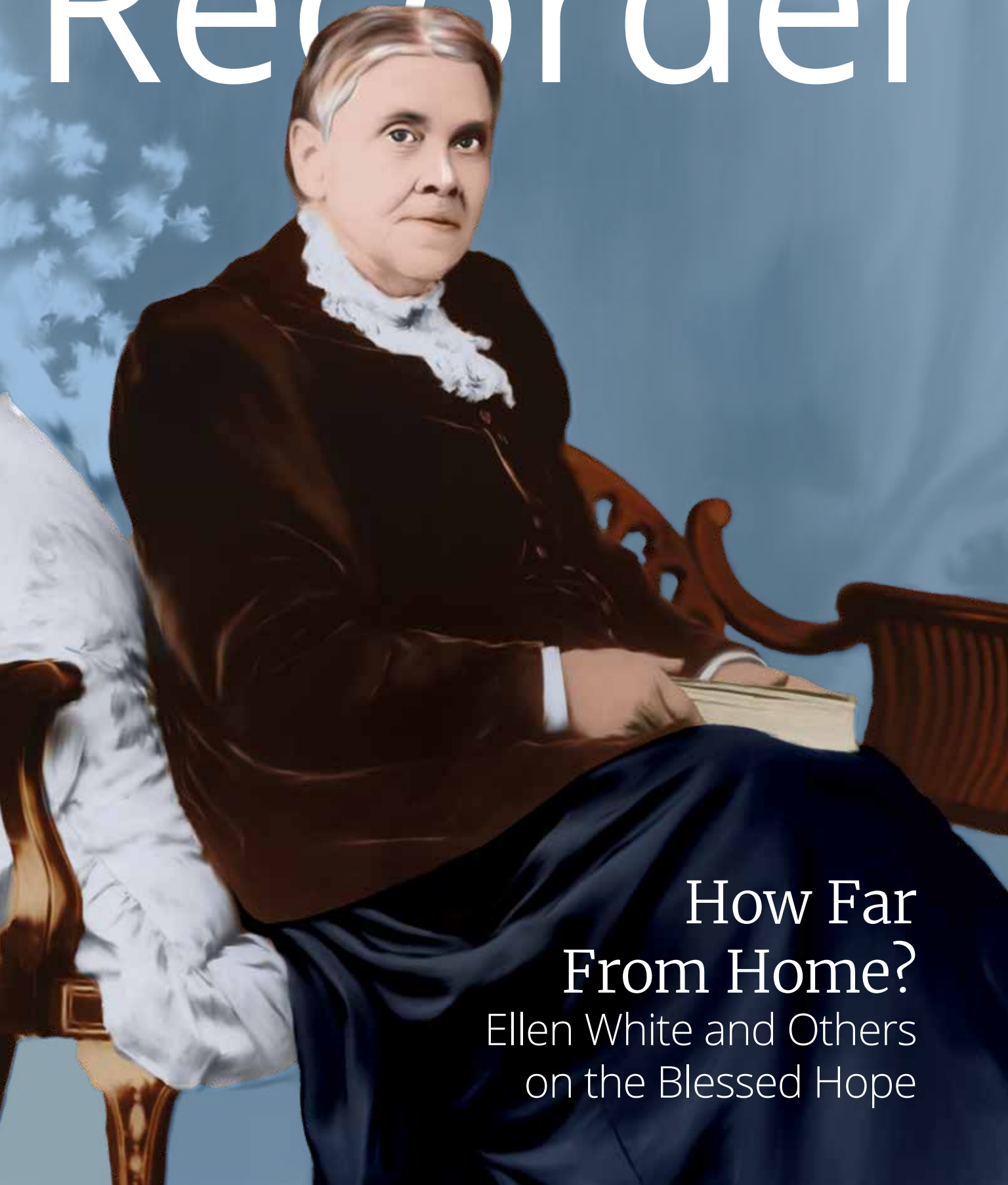


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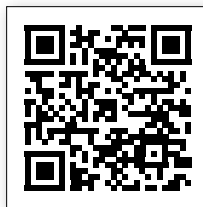
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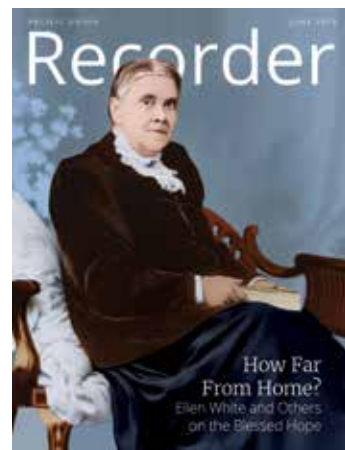
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"The Blessed Hope" is a phrase well known to Adventists. It has special meaning for all those who live in the bright expectation of the return of Jesus Christ. And through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures, we share the same faith and hope, reaching out in one witness to all. Hope, which is fundamental to our faith, is the thematic focus for the *Recorder* this month.

Look for two well-loved Adventist hymns about hope written by Wayne Hooper and Annie Smith on p. 13 and p. 59.





Hope IN THE Lo

BY RICARDO GRAHAM



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It took me by surprise. I was refueling my car at a gas station in a town where I had once been a pastor. I usually stand outside of my car, watching the pump's gauges turn as the fuel flows into the gas tank.

On this particular occasion, I saw, in my peripheral vision, a vehicle pull up to the pumps at an island adjacent to where I was standing, but I didn't really look in the direction of that motion.

Then it happened. I heard a female voice behind me call, "Pastor Graham!" I turned to look, but I didn't recognize the young lady. She came over to me and told me her name, and I was able to connect her to a prominent family in that church. "Pastor Graham," she said. "I am so glad to see you." Then she related the story of how I had visited her when she was a substance abuser, addicted to drugs.

She told me that during this visit I had talked with her and prayed, reminding her of God's love for her and His mercy, grace, and forgiveness in Christ. She told me that this had been the beginning of her liberation from Satan's clutches. I praised God!

In all honesty, I could not remember the visit. However, the fact that I don't remember the visit or what I said to her is not important. What she remembers is. Something I said pointed her to Jesus, and with the hope of victory, she moved forward. All glory to God for rewarding

those who trust and hope and have faith in Him.

As the psalmist states: “But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love” (Psalm 147:11, *NRSV*).

God takes pleasure in those who hope in his



Portrait of Hope

At Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, the Introduction to Christianity class uses participation in the “faith walk” to introduce topics like choice, forgiveness, and hope. Students listen to their partner while walking around blindfolded. After the activity, the class debriefs and then goes over the story of the great controversy—ultimately learning about God’s character of love. Nina, an international student at Rio Lindo, chose to be baptized after being touched by the story of the Second Coming and the hope of seeing loved ones in heaven.



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steadfast love. Hoping in love. What an idea! God takes pleasure in our hoping in His steadfast love for us. God’s love is amazing, simply amazing, and we can give God pleasure by focusing on His love for us.

Hope is a powerful commodity that God has provided. Hope propels people forward in faith. Many who are in dire situations use hope to hold on to faith and are able to strive to achieve what God holds in trust for them.

Hope taps into our God-given mental resources, moving us forward to achieve what may appear to be, in casual observation, unachievable.

The precious Word of God is filled with hope: hope that a better day is coming; hope that our children will be kept safe in an unsafe world; hope that some day we will once again see our departed loved ones who rest in their graves.

Hope leads us to firm convictions—convictions that our sins are forgiven and that Jesus will come again as He has promised.

What is the source of our hope? Certainly not in government or our leaders. Nor is it in our finances or our educational achievements. Our hope is in Jesus. As Paul wrote, “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27, *KJV*).

The only hope that we have in this world is our hope in Jesus.

And Ellen G. White reminds us in the story of Peter’s vision that this hope is meant for the whole world. “Then to that company of attentive hearers the apostle preached Christ—His life, His miracles, His betrayal and crucifixion, His

resurrection and ascension, and His work in heaven as man's representative and advocate. As Peter pointed those present to Jesus as the sinner's only hope, he himself understood more fully the meaning of the vision he had seen, and his heart glowed with the spirit of the truth that he was presenting"

(The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 138-139).

As Peter learned, our hope is found in Jesus and His life, crucifixion, resurrection, and work in heaven as our representative and advocate.

Jesus is our only hope, and by surrendering to Him and following in His footsteps we find the pathway from this life to the next.

While in this world, we must hope for the promise to be fulfilled—the promise of Christ's second coming. I find one of the most encouraging of modern hymns to be *We Have This Hope*, written by the late Wayne Hooper.

*We have this hope that burns within our hearts,
Hope in the coming of the Lord.*

*We have this faith that Christ alone imparts,
Faith in the promise of His Word.*

*We believe the time is here,
When the nations far and near
Shall awake, and shout, and sing
Hallelujah! Christ is King!*

*We have this hope that burns within our hearts,
Hope in the coming of the Lord.*

Just reading these words re-stimulates my faith and hope in the Lord whom we love.

While our love may not yet be perfected, God accepts our faith and trust in Him, and He will lead us to the day of our perfection.

I have come to accept the fact that wherever there are people there will be problems and imperfection. We carry our

faults, frailties, and failings with us. But our hope remains steadfast in the Lord, who takes pleasure in our hope in Him and the faith we have in His ability to fulfill His promises, despite the ruin and decay we see

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all around us.

A preacher turn politician, Jesse Jackson, was heard to say, "Keep hope alive." While not everyone agrees with his particular theology or social practices, I think he made a good point with that statement.

We must keep our hope alive by continually going back to the Source: Jesus Christ the Righteous. I will paraphrase the late Seventh-day Adventist evangelist C. D. Brooks, who once said something like this: "When I look at myself, I don't see how I can make it. But when I look at Jesus and what He has sacrificed for me, I don't see how I can fail."

By looking to Jesus, we will succeed. Let's take our eyes off this world and its failed policies, practices, and programs and look to Jesus, the Hope of the World! ■

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The *Promise* of

In 1914, British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and a group of men left England seeking to be the first expedition to cross the continent of Antarctica. He and his men had to give up on their quest after their ship, *Endurance*, became trapped in ice. Nine months later, they abandoned the ship as it began breaking up. Hoping they would drift to land, they camped on ice floes for about five months, but eventually they boarded their lifeboats and headed for Elephant Island, about 70 miles away. After seven terrible days at sea, they landed—the first time they had been on solid ground in 497 days. Days later, Shackleton and a small crew set off in a reinforced lifeboat to try and reach help, promising to return for the rest of the men.

Since Shackleton's men knew him well, they believed that he would do everything within his power to save them. No matter how difficult the journey, they knew he wouldn't give up until he found help and came back for them.



Each morning Shackleton's second in command, Frank Wild, told the men: "Lash up and stow! Roll up your bags, boys, the Boss may come today." Every day, the men packed up their belongings in preparation for rescue.

Four and a half months later, Shackleton did come back for them, telling a harrowing story of two weeks battling stormy seas, of climbing more than 30 miles over uncharted mountainous terrain, and of three failed attempts to reach the men on Elephant Island before finally succeeding. Incredibly, not one of the expedition members lost his life. Their hope—their confidence—in Shackleton had been well founded.

Nowadays, we tend to use the word *hope* as a synonym for *wish*, such as: "I hope I can visit the South of France," or "I hope my team wins the championship," or "I hope I will be able to catch that next sale." When we read *hope* in the Bible, we assign this same meaning to the word: "We

Hope

BY LEON B. BROWN, SR.

wish the Lord would come” or “We wish that we could see our loved ones again.”

However, the Greek word for *hope* in the New Testament—*elpis*—means something very different. From a Christian perspective, *elpis* indicates that we have a confident expectation of something that hasn’t happened yet, but it will. It’s not a wish; it’s a certainty. It’s not desire; it’s confidence. The Apostle Paul said: “But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance” (Romans 8:25, *NKJV*).

Like Shackleton’s men, our hope is not wishing on a star or keeping our fingers crossed. It’s a firm faith in the word of Someone we know. The explorers put their trust in a man, who could have died on his journey and never returned. But we trust in a God who will certainly do what He has pledged. He will come again and rescue us! “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23, *NKJV*). ■

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Portrait of Hope

When he was young, Noe Lopez Wilberg’s grandmother donated land for Adventists to build a church on. Years later, this memory of his grandmother’s church prompted Noe to search YouTube for an Adventist Hispanic congregation in Oakland. Noe listened to recorded and live messages on Sabbath and then decided to visit in person. Inspired by the explanation for the plan of salvation he heard, Noe felt called to give his life to Jesus and be baptized. His hope is in the assurance that Jesus paid it all—for Noe and all of us.



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A close-up photograph of a hand reaching upwards, palm facing up, against a bright, hazy sunset sky. The hand is silhouetted against the warm, golden light of the sun, which is partially obscured by soft, white clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and aspiration.

We *Still* Have This Hope

A close-up photograph of a hand reaching upwards, palm facing up, against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. The hand is in the foreground, and the background is a soft, glowing light from the sun, with some clouds visible. The overall mood is one of hope and reaching for something higher.

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BY CONNIE VANDEMAN JEFFERY

“When all hope is gone, sad songs say so much,” sings Elton John in his classic “Sad Songs.” His song is way too sad for me. When I’m feeling hopeless I gravitate toward hopeful songs. “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” And, “We have this hope that burns within our hearts.” These are the songs that “say so much” to me. How very blessed we are to have this “Hope” with a capital “H”—the kind of Hope that can come from Christ alone.

Even though I was born with an abundance of hope and joy, I’ve been from hope to hopeless and back to hope a number of times, like a mini rollercoaster of hope. When prayers weren’t answered the way I thought they should be, I’d lose a bit of hope.

From the age of six, I prayed for my brother Ron to be healed of schizophrenia, the chronic paranoid variety of the disease. From a complete nervous breakdown at the age of 21 through to his death at 68, he remained a very sick man. His illness was unpredictable, often scary, and always a complete mystery to me. Our family “hoped and prayed” for decades for the miracle of healing that never

happened. We “hoped against hope” because “hope springs eternal.” I learned all the “hope” quotations and acronyms (Having Only Positive Expectations or He Offers Peace Every day). And I especially learned the verses of Scripture about hope, like this one: “For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all.



Portrait of Hope

The Navajo reservation in Kayenta, Ariz., ranks among the counties with the highest rates of food insecurity. When Pastor James Crosby spearheaded a vegetable garden on the Kayenta church property, member Lorraine Whitehair was quick to get involved. “I hope that our church can have a flourishing garden so that the church members and the surrounding community can be provided with fresh produce,” Lorraine said. “I hope this can be a part of our church’s outreach.”



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Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently” (Romans 8: 24-25, NIV). We waited ever so patiently.

My parents never lost hope. But I did. There were breakthroughs, new therapies, setbacks, some improvements, and more setbacks along the way. It wasn’t until a few years before Ron died, and many years after our parents had passed away, that I came to the life-changing realization that Ron’s once-beautiful mind, which had become so tortured and twisted with mental illness, would be made beautiful again in the earth made new. Hope began to stir anew and took root once again in my heart.

We had a conversation a few years before he passed away that was completely lucid on his part and ultimately healing for me. We almost never spoke of spiritual things. And yet, Ron asked me that day if I’d read the Gospels. “Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,” he said eagerly. “Have you ever read them in one sitting, beginning to end?”

“Of course I’ve read them,” I said, “but not in one sitting. Why do you ask?”

“Because the ‘Story’ is in there and it’s so simple,” he said.

“And what’s the ‘Story,’” I asked hesitantly.

“Jesus took our pain!” he declared triumphantly.

“Jesus took our pain,” I repeated, completely dumbstruck that my mentally ill brother could grasp the essence of the gospel story in just four words. I told Ron that even our dad, great preacher that he was, could never have

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explained the gospel as eloquently as he just had. Ron liked that.

I know I'll see my brother again, with his mind and body restored, because I'm holding onto "this hope that burns within my heart."

My favorite HOPE acronym is **Hold On—Pain Ends**. I know Ron would like that one, too.

It was 57 years ago that my brother Ron had

a nervous breakdown that launched our family into a four-decade journey into the unknown world of schizophrenia. It was also 57 years ago this month that "We Have This Hope" was introduced as the theme song for the 1962 General Conference Session in San Francisco. Wayne Hooper of the Voice of Prophecy wrote the song specifically for the session, the theme of which was also "We Have This Hope." The song was used again as the theme song for the General Conference sessions of 1966, 1975, 1995, and 2000. It remains an Adventist classic that we sing at camp meetings, in churches, at memorial services, and anywhere Adventists gather to praise God. For me, it's my personal anthem of hope that fills me with assurance and faith. We still have this

hope. Let's never stop singing it! ■

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We Have This Hope

Wayne Hooper, 1962 (1920-)

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The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "We have this hope that burns with-in our hearts, Hope in the com-ing of the Lord. We have this faith that Christ a-lone im-parts, Faith in the prom-ise of His Word. We be-lieve the time is here, When the na-tions far and near".

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A Future Full of Hope

BY RANDAL WISBEY

I have spent much of my life surrounded by university students. And I have loved it. While there are many parts of the academic year I always anticipate, none is more exciting than graduation.

To those of you who are graduating this year, I congratulate you and join your professors and family in rejoicing as you celebrate this significant milestone in your formal education—a moment that serves as a gateway for all that lies ahead.

Graduates, I am particularly delighted in your accomplishment as I imagine that you long to serve the world with optimism and commitment. And oh, how

the world needs this today. Everywhere one looks there is trouble and turmoil, unrest and fear. It does not matter where you go in the world, people are uncertain about the future. This is why your church is so grateful for your achievement—for we know that you have been prepared to make a significant contribution to your communities and to your world.

The Boundaries of Time

If you do an Internet search for “30,000 days,” you’ll find a myriad of information about the life expectancy of people around the world. While there are variations based upon where you live and how you live, and while in nearly every country women live longer than men, the average life expectancy of a human being living today is 82 years, about 30,000 days.

If you are 22 when you graduate from university, this means you have already used up more than 8,000 days—a bit more than a quarter of all the days you will live. How will you choose to live those remaining days? As you imagine your future, what will be the impact of your life?

While at university you have been introduced to ideas that have changed the world. Your hearts and minds have been awakened to the countless possibilities available to you.

Yet some of you don’t know what you’re going to do next. And you are concerned. Will you go to graduate school, will you head into the work force, will you get married and begin a family? And, if this were not enough, you are beginning this next stage of your life at one of the most uncertain times in our modern history. Everywhere we look people are struggling, concerned, and captivated by innumerable issues that appear overwhelming.

As I think about these important questions, I am reminded of the words of Parker Palmer in his book, *Let Your Life Speak*:

“Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you. Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent.”¹

I invite you to think about the truths you embody, and to imagine the direction your life will take as a result of your education.

As you do this, I encourage you to add a new word to

A vocation...is a calling. It is what you are passionate about, what you love to do. It is what keeps you up late at night working; at times it doesn’t even feel like work.

your vocabulary: *vocation*. Unfortunately, it is a word that we rarely hear or use today. Instead we tend to talk about our *work* or *job*.

Yet vocation is deeper than a mere job or a task we routinely perform. It comes from the Latin *vocare*, to call, and it means the work God calls us to accomplish. Thus vocation does not mean a goal that I pursue. Rather, it means a calling that I hear. Our vocation comes from listening.

As you prepare to graduate, let me ask: Who will you listen to?

From a Job to a Calling

Another of my favorite authors, Frederick Buechner, provides a magnificent definition of vocation: “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”² I love this definition because it reminds us that God can best use our work and our influence when we find our greatest joy in serving others.

One of the treasured books in my personal library has a unique connection to the campus of Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon. G. Arthur Keough was the first president of Middle East University from 1939-1944. He returned to serve, again as president, from 1961-1965.

When Keough died some years ago, his wife invited me and several other professors to come to their home and to take some of her husband’s books. One that I chose was *The Prophet*, written by the Lebanese poet Kahil Gibran and published in 1923. Keough clearly loved this book, and it is wonderful to see the passages he underlined and commented upon. One of these highlighted passages is very short: “Work is love made visible.”³

God loves you, God created you for a wonderful work, and God will reveal His will through your faithful living.

In a recent survey of people working in the United States, only 51 percent report that they are satisfied with their jobs.⁴ This isn't much of a surprise, as one often hears people say that they dislike their jobs.

That is why, as you prepare to transition from university, it is so very important to think about vocation.

A job is something you do, and you use it to get by and to pay the bills. You may or may not be actively or fully engaged. A vocation, on the other hand, is a calling. It is what you are passionate about, what you love to do. It is what keeps you up late at night working; at times it doesn't even feel like work.

Don't settle for a mere job. Instead, listen to what God is calling you to do, then do it with all your heart!

Live out the truth of Kahil Gibran's assertion—"work is love made visible."

A university education—and most certainly a Christian university education—is far more than facts and figures and dates. It is a journey that has helped you move from information to meaning as you have studied and discussed, questioned and grown. Now you are ready to leave and begin the next phase of your journey.

And while this is your journey, you do not take it alone. As the prophet Jeremiah asserts, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV).

Jeremiah, writing to Israelite captives in Babylon, reminds the people of God that they are not forgotten.



Though they will experience exile for 70 years, they will have a future—one that is full of hope. The beauty of this promise is that it is for all of us. You, your classmates, your family and friends, your professors, the university community, and the larger community beyond. Graduates, the good news of this passage is that God has a plan for you!

I love the privilege of having students stop by my office. It is an honor when I am invited to think with them about an important decision, when I can offer a prayer for their well-being. I often take the opportunity to encourage them to do all that they can to ensure that their life journey is an extraordinary one.

I would do the same for you who are reading this: Dare mighty things, and yes, even risk failure—in order that you might join those who live with passion and with purpose.

Do not forget the lessons you have learned on your journey thus far:

- That each of us, as followers of Christ, are called to expend our lives in service to others.
- That great joy comes when we serve wholeheartedly.
- That to live with great hopefulness and with passion provides meaning that nothing else can fulfill.
- That God calls us to take risks, and that at times we will be successful and at other times we will fail. But we will never forget that we are always to remain focused on serving God and to allow Him to live through us in order that He might transform the world through our faithfulness.

Facing the Unknown

Not one of us knows what the future will bring. Some will go from success to success. For others, the path will be more difficult. But please remember this: God loves you, God created you for a wonderful work, and God will reveal His will through your faithful living.

30,000 days. The thing about living 30,000 days is that they go by faster than we would ever imagine. Recognize how precious these days truly are—and how significant their impact can be when we live them with courage, conviction, and commitment.

You are called to live your life wide awake to the promise that is all about you, secure in the knowledge that God is before you and behind you. His dream for your life is far bigger than you can imagine, and all who

have touched your life, who have challenged you to dream, who have instilled in you a sense of right and wrong, who have awakened your compassion—all of these will continue to make you who you are.

Go forth prepared to do great things, secure in the knowledge that you are ever in God's presence. Live all your days with kindness, with passion, and with gratitude. ■

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Portrait of Hope

Recently, Adventist Health Lodi Memorial took a day to celebrate their young patients who had “graduated” from their new neonatal intensive care unit—a unit that helps keep Lodi babies close to home. This graduation ceremony honored both the patients and their parents, whose fears for their children’s future have been replaced with hope.



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ADVENTIST **WestPoint**



Adventist WestPoint Brings Pacific Union Leaders and Members Together

Over 200 pastors and church members from across the Pacific Union Conference and beyond traveled to Reno, Nev., in mid-April for the 10th annual Adventist WestPoint.

The event—known for its premier training—brings pastors, chaplains, evangelists, departmental leaders, administrators, students, and church members together for three days of workshops designed to encourage, educate, equip, and empower. This year, Adventist WestPoint's theme of "Reaching My Community for the Kingdom" had participants reimagining the look of community engagement.

"WestPoint fed my soul and reenergized my passion for ministry," said Barry Curtis, senior pastor of the Wasatch Hills church in Salt Lake City, Utah. "The overall focus on Christ's method of mingling, engaging in our communities, and involving and training our members was so helpful."

Each morning before the seminars began, attendees visited

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with each other over breakfast and worshiped together during "Morning Manna." In just a short time, Adventist WestPoint participants became a community whose mission and purpose for attending bonded, inspired, and challenged them.

"I was really challenged," said Pierre Steenberg, ministerial director for the Central California Conference, summarizing his experience at Adventist WestPoint. "Challenged to be better for God, challenged to grow church, challenged to engage

community, challenged to be community. I was challenged, in a good way."

Ernest Furness, ministerial director for the Southeastern California Conference, remarked, "It is significant any time a group comes together to interchange with people, to share, to be together, to celebrate the goodness of God."

Seminar topics included "Becoming a Community Asset," "Principles of Innovation," and "How to Win Friends and Influence People for Christ." During the seminars, attendees were invited to share their experiences and respond to the strategies presented.

"Each year, Adventist WestPoint is designed for participants to

experience that transformational moment," said Bradford Newton, executive secretary and ministerial director of the Pacific Union Conference and co-director of Adventist WestPoint with Jennifer Newton. "It can come during a seminar, during a plenary presentation, or in a conversation with someone new. The light bulb goes on and they realize that this can help them make a difference in their local church when they go home."

The speakers at Adventist WestPoint came from across the North American Division and included Dave Gemmell, associate director of the North American Division Ministerial Association; Mike Tucker, speaker/director for Faith For Today Television; Leon B. Brown, Sr., president of the Nevada-Utah Conference; and Kara Johnsson, associate pastor for the Sunnyside church in Portland, Ore.

Johnsson shared messages on the book of Esther during Monday and Tuesday's Morning Manna devotionals. During her seminar, titled "The Blessing of Cultural Hospitality," she spoke of the increasing value that cultural hospitality has for evangelism. "The changing nature of our society gives even greater impetus for us to engage in multicultural ministry," said Johnsson. "Breaking down walls,

"...the instructors shared many ways we can improve our evangelism and the best way we can approach people about God and the truth."

giving people, all people, a seat at the table, is a central part of the gospel. Jesus lived it for us. And in our increasingly multicultural society, it is something that we would do well to lead the way in.”

The discussion of multicultural ministry during the seminar was enriched by the culturally diverse group in attendance. WestPoint attendees represented conferences across the Pacific Union and the North Pacific Union—and even as far away as the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ray Aldan serves as an executive committee member for Guam-Micronesia Mission, a layman for the Northern Mariana Islands, and an elder at the Saipan church. When Aldan learned about Adventist WestPoint from the pastor of his church, he booked a 16-hour flight in order to learn more about how churches in the Marianas can reach their communities for Christ. “I want to do my best to go out and share with the people in

the community about God, and coming here gives me a lot that I need to bring back home and share with the church,” he said. “In the seminars, the instructors shared many ways we can improve our evangelism and the best way we can approach people about God and the truth.”

Though participants represented a wide range of leadership roles, the seminars at Adventist WestPoint provided practical tips and strategies for individuals in every area of ministry.

For Jeanie Jones, elder, Sabbath School superintendent, and Pathfinder director for the Elko church in Elko, Nev., Adventist WestPoint gave her a list of ways her church can reach her community without a big budget. “During his Morning Manna talk the last morning, Elder Brown said that ‘we need more walk and less talk,’ so that means getting out into the community,” she said. “We can reach people by loving them.”



When Ray Aldan, elder of the Saipan church in the Marianas, learned about Adventist WestPoint from his pastor, he decided to take a 16-hour flight in order to attend. “I want to do my best to go out and share with the people in the community about God, and coming here gives me a lot that I need to bring back home and share with the church,” he said.



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Rejoice in the Lord

Close the door of the heart to distrust, and throw it open to the heavenly Guest. Put away all fretting and complaining, for this is the snare of the devil. Let us make a pledge before God and the heavenly angels that we will not dishonor our Maker by cherishing darkness and unbelief, by speaking words of discouragement and mistrust. Let every word we utter, every line we write, be fraught with encouragement and unwavering faith. If we live faith, we shall talk faith. Think not that Jesus is the Saviour of your brother only. He is your personal Saviour. If you entertain this precious thought, you will beat back the clouds of despondency and gloom, and make melody to God in your soul. It is our privilege to triumph in God. It is our privilege to lead others to see that their only hope is in God, and to flee to Him for refuge.

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind.” Stay your soul upon God. We are saved by faith in Christ. To those

who realize this, it is, day by day, a source of infinite comfort.

Every act of consecration to God brings us joy; for as we appreciate the light He has given us, more and greater light will come. We must banish the spirit of complaining, and open the heart to the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness. There is peace in perfect submission. Peace follows grace.

They work in perfect harmony, and are multiplied in progression. When the hand of faith takes hold of the hand of Christ, the expression of the heart is: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that

the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Open the windows of the soul heavenward, and let the rays of the Sun of righteousness in. Do not complain. Do not look on the dark side. Let the peace of God reign in your soul. Then you will have strength to bear all suffering, and you will rejoice that you have grace to endure. Praise the Lord; talk of His goodness; tell of His power. Sweeten the atmosphere which surrounds your soul. Do not dishonor God by words of repining. Praise Him with heart and soul and voice. Look on the bright side. Praise Him who is the health of your countenance and your God.

*Sept. 24, 1900,
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For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11-13, NIV).



Going the Extra Mile for Love

BY CICI WINIGER

Adventist Health Howard Memorial in Willits, Calif., has always had a culture of going above and beyond for patients. So when a patient in the ICU told one of his nurses that he wanted to get married, the staff sprang into action and stopped at nothing to make it happen.

Steve and his partner Shilynne had been together for over 10 years but had never married.

Two days earlier, Steve had learned that he had a brain tumor. Fearing he would run out of time before he could make his lifelong dream come true, he told the staff of his wish. His nurse then called the hospital chaplain, who is also an ordained minister. The chaplain worked with another hospital employee who is a notary public to get the marriage license,

and he even drove down to Ukiah and back to pick it up so that it would be ready in time for the wedding. Thanks to everyone's efforts, what would have normally taken weeks came together in a matter of hours.

Everyone went beyond the call of duty to honor the patient's wishes and the occasion. The staff secured a beautiful bouquet for the bride, matching outfits, wedding rings from a local store, and a wedding cake—and within three hours the

wedding was underway.

It wasn't the fanciest of weddings, but it was perfect in every way. In front of friends and family and hospital staff, and amidst overflowing joy and tears, Steve and Shilynne professed their undying love and sealed it with a kiss.

Thanks to the dedication and initiative of the staff, they were able to honor the patient's story and courage. What a great testament of love all around! Indeed, love conquers all.

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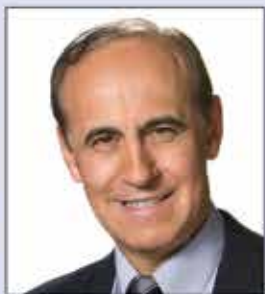
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Desirae King:

Mother, Former Drug Trafficker, and Motivational Speaker

BY FAITH HOYT

While sleeping on her gray mat in a New Mexico jail, Desirae King heard a still small voice in her heart say, "I'm not trying to take anything from you. I'm trying to give something to you!" She knew it was the voice of God.

"I thought it was a joke," she admits. "Here I am, in prison, and God is telling me it's for a purpose?" All King could think about was her three children and what might happen to them.

After some time in jail, King was released on a three-month temporary probation to spend time with her children, pending her trial in Las

Vegas, Nevada, for drug trafficking charges. During this defining time in her life, King experienced God changing her heart and opening doors as she began a journey of inspiring others.

Her 5-year-old son asked if she had gone to jail, and she nodded as tears welled up in her eyes. He responded, "Well, Mommy, just promise me you

will never leave us again." And she prayed, "God, as long as you put air in my lungs, I will speak, because I don't want people to go through what I am going through."

Soon King began finding opportunities at local homeless shelters to speak to those who were facing difficult circumstances. Eventually, she started teaching

“ONLY CHRIST COULD DO THAT! MY CASE WAS ONE IN A MILLION!”

(Right) Every month, King speaks to the young people who attend the Real Talk Youth Impact Program. She encourages the youth to believe in themselves and make good choices. “It’s so important for me to help them because I know what it’s like to not have parents, I know what it’s like to consistently operate in survival mode, and I know what it’s like to stand before a judge,” King said. “I first relate to the kids, then I enlighten them on the fact that there is a better way. They do have the power to make better choices and not to be limited by their environment.”

self-help classes at the shelter and partnered with local organizations to inspire adults and at-risk youth.

King’s background enabled her to connect with her audience. She grew up in Cleveland in a rough environment. Her father was murdered a few months before her birth. Her mother’s drug addiction meant King spent her early childhood bouncing between family members, until her great aunt took her in at age 7. When King turned 18, she moved from Cleveland to Atlanta for better work opportunities. For almost 10 years, she found success in the rental car industry. Then, while pregnant with her third child and living as a single mom, King was laid off from her sales job—leaving her without any means to support her family. “I went back to what I knew,” she said. King began trafficking drugs, focusing

only on survival and putting food on the table for her family. Then she was arrested, followed by temporary probation in Las Vegas.

Her trial was delayed several times. King kept busy motivating others and making connections with those in need of encouragement, expanding her horizons with more invitations and larger venues. When King’s attorney learned of the work she was doing, he recommended she request written feedback from her listeners.

After an 18-month wait, King finally saw a judge. The roughly 300 letters from those she had worked with inspired the judge to give her a reduced sentence of several years of probation. “Only Christ could do that!” King said. “My case was one in a million!”

Roan Higgins, a member of one of the several Facebook groups King participated in, began a conversation with her. After learning King was in Las Vegas, Higgins encouraged her to meet Oneil Madden, an inspirational speaker she knew. Intrigued, King drove to the address Higgins gave her—the



Las Vegas Abundant Life church. Though skeptical, she allowed herself to be mentored by Pastor Madden and accepted his challenge to look at her work differently.

King recalled Madden’s words: “You can either entertain people or you can bring them to Christ so they can begin to change their lives forever.” King realized she could be doing something greater. She and her children took Bible studies and were baptized on March 3, 2018, officially joining the Adventist faith.

Though King will tell you she isn’t a theologian, God uses her in remarkable ways. “The inspiration that I feel she provides is resilience and hope,” said Julie Brown, wife of Nevada-Utah Conference president, Elder Leon B. Brown. “Her testimony is a witness that when you follow God’s lead in your life, anything is possible.”



(Left) A then 7-year-old Desirae King poses for a photo in her aunt’s home in Cleveland, Ohio. (Right) King now shares her story as a motivational speaker.

Hawaiian Mission Academy Celebrates Alumna

BY NANI ELM

On Sunday, March 31, the Hawaiian Mission Academy (HMA) gym was transformed into a celebratory banquet hall, bringing people from all over O’ahu and the neighbor islands to honor HMA alumna Mary Kawena Pukui.

Mary Kawena Pukui (1895-1986) was a Hawaiian scholar, dancer, composer, translator, and educator. She published over 50 scholarly works and wrote more than 150 songs. She is most well known for co-writing the Hawaiian dictionary. She received numerous awards, including being

named a “Living Treasure of Hawai’i” and being inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame.

The idea to honor her was first discussed last school year at HMA’s May Day program. Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame inductee Ku’uipo Kumukahi, who performed for the

program, learned that Pukui had been a graduate of HMA, and she said she would like to work with the school to honor their distinguished alumna.

When the new school year began, the brainstorming started to become actual plans. It was decided



Guests enjoy Hawaiian food and music. (Above left) Hawaiian music legends serenade the more than 300 guests. (Above right) Principal Joe Lee thanks everyone for supporting HMA, alongside emcee Lina Langi.





(Above) Guests *wala`au* (talk story) throughout the night. (Right) HMA Alum Grant Kono and Ei Nei start off the night of incredible Hawaiian music. (Below) Hula dancers gracefully tell the story of Hawaiian music.



that the evening would include a vegan Hawaiian dinner, a musical concert with songs written by Pukui, and a silent and live auction.

Kumukahi reached out to people in the community who had been connected to Pukui, her work, or her music.

Pukui's granddaughter was a consultant throughout the process. Upon receiving her blessing, the entertainment was finalized, consisting of musicians who have numerous Na Hoku Hanohano

Opening the evening with Hawaiian music was Ei Nei, a group led by HMA alumnus Grant Kono. Lina Naipo Langi, a musician, entertainer, and radio personality for a local radio station, was asked to emcee the evening's festivities.

Leah Pualaha`ole Caldeira, from the Library and Archives of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, was asked to give a presentation about the life and works of Mary Kawena Pukui, including her many years of service to the Bishop Museum, a museum celebrating the history, arts, and culture of the Hawaiian people.

Other HMA alumni were brought in to participate in the event. Former first lady of Hawaii Lynne Waihe`e served as an event consultant, and former governor John Waihe`e volunteered to do the live auction—and did an amazing job keeping the audience entertained with his humor and charm.

Marshall Freitas, HMA alumnus and current parent of an HMA student, was flown in from Hawaii Island to lead out in the preparation of the vegan Hawaiian dinner. Auntie Ku`uipo reached out to Teri Orton of the Hawai`i Convention Center,

who graciously provided 30 banquet tables and 300 chairs.

Donors sponsored two tables for *kūpuna* (the Hawaiian word for the elderly) from Lunalilo Home, which was established by the trust of King William Charles Lunalilo, the sixth reigning monarch of Hawai`i, to provide care for all *kūpuna* of Hawaiian ancestry.

After months of preparation, reaching out to alumni and community members, and obtaining items for the auctions, the event was a huge success. The goal was for 300 people to attend, but over 350 people were at the event, including performers and volunteers. Everyone in attendance commented on what a joyous occasion it was.

At the end of the evening, when the *kūpuna* were leaving to go back to Lunalilo Home, one of the residents who had graduated from HMA in the 1940s proudly sang the HMA Alma Mater. It brought tears to everyone's eyes. Several times during the evening, this woman had declared, "This is my school!" Her memory has been deteriorating over the years, and it was moving to see this event trigger memories of her youth and bring such happiness to her and to others.



awards (known to many as the Hawaiian Grammy Awards), lifetime achievement awards, and are in the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame. Karen Keawehawai`i, Haunani Apoliona, and Jerry Santos all agreed to headline the concert with Kumukahi.

Also performing was Halau Hawai`i Aloha, under the direction of Kumu Karen Aiu, daughter of Maiki Aiu Lake, an influential figure during the Hawaiian Renaissance who had worked closely with Pukui.



Connect: Students Share PUC's Worship Experience

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

Last year, junior social work major Annalesie Mata went with a student group to Peninsula Adventist School in Seaside, where they answered teens' questions about college. The experience led her to envision connecting high school students with students at PUC on a regular basis in spiritual encounters such as chapel or vespers.

"I wanted to bring PUC's worship culture to academies," Mata says. "We're passionate, motivated, and progressive, always striving to encounter Jesus in different ways."

It was when Mata brought her idea to the admissions office that she learned about Connect Ministries. Through this program, churches and schools can request a group of students from PUC to lead worship services, retreats, youth events, or other programs where teens are the target audience.

"We have talented students who want to engage with young people through music, speaking, or youth events," explains Mayte Jimenez, admissions counselor and coordinator of Connect Ministries. "We simply plug them into churches where they can be of service."

Jimenez manages a team of five "leads." When a request comes in, she identifies the

best lead for the situation, shares the information, and the lead then compiles a team and works directly with the church or school. Some leads, as well as Jimenez herself, are bilingual, which means Connect Ministries is able to work with Spanish churches as well.

"We want to share worship with churches in our area and inspire other young people to become much-needed worship leaders," Jimenez explains.

Connect groups generally conduct entire worship services, from music to children's story to prayer and sermon.

Working with Connect has solidified for Mata that she wants to continue to work with youth in her career.

"I want them to know there are young adults here who are passionate for Jesus and enjoy worshipping," she says. "When teens worship with college students, it becomes a more meaningful experience for them, and helps them begin to recognize their own ability to lead worship."

Though they began at local

churches, Connect has expanded to include churches and schools several hours away. The leads match their worship style with the places they visit, selecting music, stories, and speakers who will provide what each church or school needs. Jimenez says she has also found it helpful to identify PUC alumni who can partner with Connect to coordinate a program with their local churches.

"Our alumni are speaking positively of their worship experience here at PUC," says Jimenez. "They know we're here to worship God, and they're giving us opportunities to do that with their home churches."

Mata says Connect is a key component in building relationships with people she may not otherwise encounter.

"Community is super important," she says. "And if these students decide to come to PUC, they'll already have a community here, centered around the authentic worship experience they want and need."

Invite a Connect Ministries group to your church or school by emailing mayte@puc.edu. Experience worship live at PUC by scheduling a campus visit: puc.edu/visit.



(Top) Various groups of ministry-inclined students regularly visit academies, churches, and camps by request, providing music, sermons, prayer, and more. (Above) Specially selected PUC students offer a chapel service at Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy earlier this year. (Right) Some students involved in Connect Ministry are bilingual, as is the program's coordinator, making requested visits to Spanish-speaking churches possible as well.



La Sierra Sophomore's Research Poster Wins Prize at San Diego Conference

BY DARLA MARTIN TUCKER

As research poster prizes were announced during a conference in San Diego this spring, La Sierra University sophomore Rhiannon Abrahams was shocked to receive an award for her work.

Abrahams' poster was deemed the best in the genetics category during the 44th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of San Diego. It depicted her analysis of the role that host proteins and lipids play in the life cycle of positive-strand RNA viruses, which is the largest genetic class of viruses and includes pathogens such as Zika, Dengue, and hepatitis C. Abrahams was among 13 undergraduate students from 10 universities and colleges whose research in various subject areas was honored. The group included students from Loyola Marymount University, UC Riverside, Cal State Sacramento, and Scripps College.

"I was actually kind of surprised because there were so many people there with so many different posters, not just about cells and [microbiology] but about macro stuff, conservation of jaguars and such," Abrahams said. "When they actually acknowledged me and the work I've done, it was something really honoring."

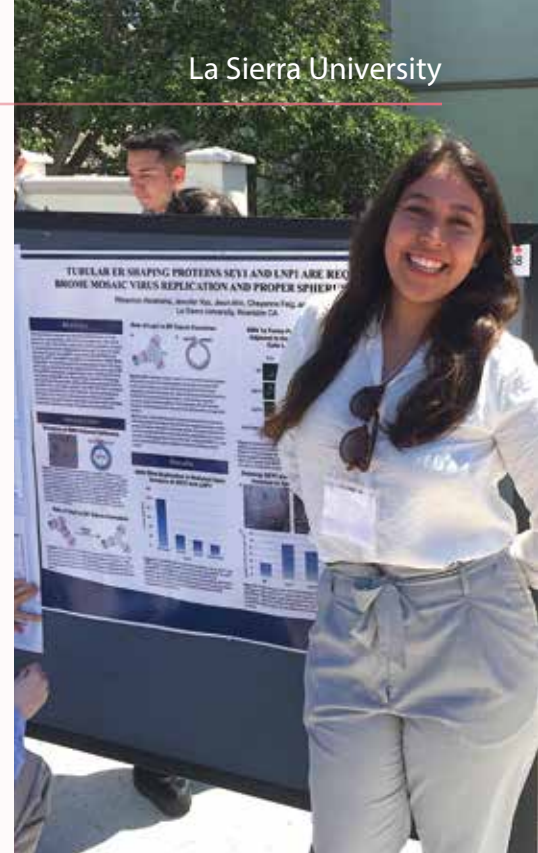
Abrahams, a native of Phoenix, Ariz. and a Seventh-day Adventist, is considering pursuing a doctoral degree in biology once she graduates from La Sierra. She was accepted into the SIGNALS summer research program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she will have the opportunity

to interact with graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, providing her a window into the worlds of graduate school and research careers.

Abrahams is a research assistant in the lab of Associate Professor of Biology Arturo Diaz, where she conducts research on positive strand RNA viruses. Abrahams' work integrates yeast genetics, biochemistry, and molecular biology to identify and characterize the role that host cell proteins play in helping the virus multiply. Gaining a better understanding of the molecular mechanisms used by viruses to replicate will provide a way to design interventions for more effective and diverse antiviral therapies.

She was introduced to virus research as a freshman through a program called SEA-PHAGES in which students identify new viruses that infect bacteria, also known as bacteriophages. SEA-PHAGES is a program of nearly 160 colleges and universities around the country that is jointly administered by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the lab of Graham F. Hatfull, professor of biological sciences at the University of Pittsburgh.

Diaz initiated SEA-PHAGES in La Sierra's biology department in 2017. Each year 20 eligible freshmen are accepted into the program, which replaces general core biology requirements. The students engage in hands-on scientific research at a level traditionally reserved for graduate students and professors with opportunities to discover new viruses



and engage in complex genomics studies.

Freshmen SEA-PHAGES participants also have the unique and career-enhancing chance to publish their findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals. In April, the journal *Microbiology Resource Announcements* published an article produced by La Sierra's 2018 SEA-PHAGES class, which included Abrahams, describing the genomes of KaiHaiDragon and OneinaGillian, two bacteriophages that students recovered from soil samples in the Riverside area.

"The opportunity to do research with undergraduate students is incredibly rewarding," Diaz said. "Although they don't have as much experience as Ph.D. students, if they are properly mentored and motivated they are capable of generating data that is as good, and in some cases better, as that produced by graduate students. Our students have been able to present their research at regional, national, and international conferences. It's exciting to see when other scientists recognize the quality of our students' work, as was the case for Rhiannon."



(Above) The Santa Rosa Spanish church prepares candidates for baptism. (Top right) The Lodi Spanish church welcomes 10 new members into their congregation. (Bottom right) Stockton Spanish church Pastor Ruber Alvarez baptizes Sandra Alcauter Salvador, along with her son Gerardo and daughter Kimberly.

Hispanic Evangelism Effort Results in 117 New Believers

BY JULIE LORENZ

In April, the Holy Spirit blessed a mass evangelistic effort among Northern California Conference (NCC) Hispanic congregations, resulting in 117 baptisms and professions of faith. In addition, 77 other people indicated they were interested in learning more about the Adventist Church. “We praise God for the progress of His Kingdom!” said Roman Leal, Hispanic ministries coordinator.

Officially, the evangelistic effort lasted for 15 days, but pastors and laypeople worked for three months ahead of time to start small groups in their communities. During the first week of the campaign, 66 small groups met throughout the NCC territory, with an average of four non-church members in each one.

Students from the NCC’s Instituto Laico Adventista de California (ILAC) served as preachers and preachers’ assistants in the groups. “The purpose of ILAC is to give tools to our lay members to fulfill the mission of the church and preach the gospel,” said Leal. “Last year, we trained the lay students to do neighborhood evangelistic campaigns.”

During the second week, pastors

from the Llanos Orientales (Eastern Plains) Conference—part of the South Colombian Union in the Inter-American Division—held meetings in almost every NCC Hispanic congregation. “Contact with pastors who work in different conditions to ours mutually enriches our ministerial effectiveness,” said Leal.

As a result of the campaign, 22 people joined the Stockton Spanish church through baptism, followed by the Santa Rosa Spanish and Oakland Spanish churches with 14 baptisms each. “I saw the Lord blessing our evangelistic campaign in a special way,” said Marco Molina, pastor of the Oakland Spanish church. “Almost all the members got involved.”

Seven were baptized into the Ukiah Spanish group, which had recently experienced the baptisms of nine people after a previous evangelistic campaign in January. After several years with no baptisms, the Lodi Spanish church congregation happily welcomed 10 new members through baptism.

Molina looks forward to nurturing the faith of the newly baptized brothers and sisters in his congregation. “We are all excited to see the spiritual growth of our new believers,” he said. “They are already participating in the small groups of the church, and they are also attending the post-baptismal class each Sabbath.”

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Blessings Go On and On

BY DELORIS TRUJILLO

Did you attend Soquel Camp Meeting last summer? If so, you might like to know that you made a difference in the lives of those who attend the Visalia Central Bilingual church. Because of you, two people were baptized recently, with five more soon to follow and dozens more who recommitted their lives to Jesus Christ. During the meetings at Soquel, those who attended gave of their means to advance the gospel in a variety of ways. If you were there, more than likely that is what you did as you experienced the blessings and saw the need in the Central California Conference (CCC).

In one of these opportunities, the “Fish Bowl Challenge,” churches were able to present their creative ideas for evangelism. The Visalia group, under the direction of Pastor Justin Aguilar, won the first prize of \$6,000 to work on bringing more young adults to their congregation. However, this has also led to several additional blessings for this church. They worked hard to improve their church facility so that it was possible to include young adults, and they also decided to hold a major evangelistic outreach in their area from March 2–16.

God more than blessed their efforts. Daniel Gouveia, the associate pastor of the Fresno Central church and Area 7 coordinator for CCC, was the featured speaker for the series, which was entitled “Come Back to God.” Assisting him were Aguilar, the local pastor and translator; Stephanie Vargas, the local Bible worker; and six young Bible workers from SOULS West, who helped for ten weeks.



The Visalia Central Bilingual church is sharing the gospel and the love of God. There were 29 visitors who attended the recent series, “Come Back to God,” and many more were watching at home every night.

As Gouveia described his experience, “From the very first Sabbath morning sermon on March 2, I was immediately surrounded by warm, loving, and caring people who love Jesus and want to see Him come soon. But not only that, the Lord has blessed this church with a pastor who loves and embraces everybody, and Vargas is a committed, proactive, and competent leader.” Gouveia was also impressed with the young people who came to help with the preparation and implementation of the series. He felt they were “wonderful young people who aspire to a life of service in the work of Christ and had a very positive influence in this event. It was an amazing blessing for me to preach in this church.”

Sharing the everlasting gospel and love of God had its results. There were 29 visitors who attended the series, but many more were watching at home every night, through a social media account with roughly 500-600 viewers.

It is hard to know at this point what will be the result of such a venture. However, it should be evident to those who give for evangelism at camp meeting or at their local church that they can praise God for using them to spread the gospel. As Gouveia remarked, “I pray that God may lead us to make the gospel more relevant, not only in local congregations but on web platforms and social media as well.”

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Hispanic Pastors Actively Engaged In Lay Training

BY CYNTHIA MENDOZA

In March, after six months of study, 205 Hispanic Bible workers from Orange County graduated from Andrews University's SAL program (Seminario Adventista Laico, or Adventist Lay Seminary), which equips laypeople for personal discipleship as a means of supporting their local church in sharing the Adventist message. The cap and gown ceremony was held at Orangewood Academy.

SAL is just one way that several Hispanic pastors in the Southeastern California Conference territory have been actively equipping their members for personal ministry.

"There is need to engage and inspire laypeople to get involved with their pastors and churches, and to make disciples as we wait for Jesus to return," said Caleb Jara, pastor of the Santa Ana Spanish church and SAL coordinator for Orange County. "We are thankful we have the full support of the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference. Everyone is working together as a team." Funding for the Orange County area SAL was made possible by a grant from the Pacific Union.

The 24-month program was divided into four six-month stand-alone components, including discipleship, biblical preaching, Adventist church history, and youth ministries.

According to Jara, as a result of SAL training and students' heartfelt desire

Over 200 Bible workers from Orange County celebrate their graduation from the Seminario Laico Adventista program (SAL). This program teaches and empowers them to support their local churches more effectively in sharing the Adventist message.



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Caleb Jara (right), Santa Ana Spanish church pastor and SAL coordinator for Orange County, speaks during the graduation service for students who completed the six-month Seminario Laico Adventista (SAL) training program. On his left is Ricardo Norton, SAL program director and associate professor of church growth at Andrews University.

to share the gospel, 19 people have been baptized. He added that all SAL graduates are actively involved in their local churches.

Alfonso Valenzuela, pastor of the San Bernardino Spanish church and SAL coordinator in San Bernardino, is also passionate about building the kingdom of God through lay training.

"A pastor's number one job is to train the laity so they in turn can help grow and strengthen the church," Valenzuela said. "In our conference territory we are also blessed to have access to so many qualified instructors."

On Sabbath, April 27, Valenzuela's group of SAL students completed the final class in the pastoral theology certification course. Though not a program requirement, many in this group drove to Andrews University at the end of May to celebrate their graduation.

Valenzuela hopes to begin a new

course on health and nutrition, which is also available through SAL to grow health ministries.

Yohalmo Saravia, vice president for Hispanic ministries, said he is excited by what he has seen so far and what future efforts will yield.

"We are hoping to see church members with a clear vision for mission and able to share the gospel. Discipleship is a central component in the life of the Christian church," he said. "Even though we are in the early stages, we are already witnessing growth in churches that are participating in the SAL program. Overall we are hoping to have disciples that are preparing others to be ready for the second coming of Jesus."

For more information on how to enroll in the SAL program, contact Caleb Jara, calebjara@gmail.com, or Alfonso Valenzuela, alfonsovalenzuela@aol.com.



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(Far left) The staff at Well-One Health Inc. are passionate about serving the community through healthcare. (Left) Well-One Health Inc. provides free healthcare to the people of Perris through a partnership with the Lake Perris and Perris 5th Street churches.

Perris Churches and Clinic *Come Together for the Community*

BY NATALIE ROMERO

In 2014, Tracy Dawes had what most people around her called a crazy idea. Today, the clinic she founded brings free health care to the people of Perris. Thanks to a partnership with Perris 5th Street and Lake Perris churches, Dawes was able to keep the promise she had made to God during her years as a public health and nursing student—that she would use her skills and knowledge for His glory.

Well-One Health Inc. primarily serves uninsured Hispanic women between the ages of 30 and 80. The clinic offers adult acute and chronic care, women's health services, and some pediatric care. These services have a strong focus on preventive health. With various other partnerships, Dawes also runs regular dental clinics, diabetes classes, and more.

"This ministry is a collaborative effort between many people," said Dawes, founder of Well-One Health. "I have the support of my husband, my friends, past professors, advisors, students, other Adventist churches, colleges, and volunteers."

Recalling how the clinic got its start, Dawes said she was naive but

full of faith and persistence. Before she even had a fully formed plan, she knocked on the office door of Wade Forde, district pastor of the Perris 5th Street and Lake Perris churches, asking if she could use one of his churches as a base for a clinic. He agreed without hesitation, creating a relationship that has benefited the Perris community for the past five years.

"There is a great deal of overlap," Forde said, explaining church participation in the clinic. The work of the clinic relates directly with the mission of his parishioners, as both congregations strive to make an impact on their community. "Health care is one of the greatest needs," he said. "We support this ministry because we believe in bettering our community and making man whole."

The clinic recently moved from the Perris 5th Street church to the Lake Perris church to allow for greater access to community members, as the medical clinic is now open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., when the Lake Perris church food bank is also open.

Apart from physical health, the presence of the clinic has helped

provide the people of Perris with a doorway to spiritual health. As a result of various outreach efforts by the Adventist churches in Perris and the work of the clinic, Forde has noted more visitors in his churches and an increase in the number of people baptized. "We see our outreach as a way to love people," he said. "This is our best attempt at evangelizing our community."

"Ultimately, this project is God's creation, not mine," Dawes insisted. Now a board-certified family nurse practitioner, Dawes is the only clinician at Well-One Health. She hopes that will change by the end of this year.

"With so many health care professionals in our churches, we can help make health care more accessible to the most marginalized in our population," she said. "We are simply an instrument in God's toolbox that He can use to bring healing to His people."

If you would like to have more information or would like volunteer for the Lake Perris church's food bank, please contact Lily Gardner, 909-361-2676, or Tracy Dawes, 610-858-7145, for Well-One Health clinic.

Rosemead Korean Church Celebrates 50 Years of Ministry

BY ARAYA MOSS

The first Sabbath in April marked a special day of celebration for the Rosemead Korean church as its congregation commemorated 50 years of ministry.

"We welcome you with open hearts," said Choon Soo Kim, pastor of Rosemead Korean church, to those in attendance. "Today you are witnesses to how God led us here."

A wave of Korean immigrants arrived in Los Angeles between 1950-1970 and started establishing Adventist churches in the area. The Rosemead Korean church began in 1969 with a small group led by Elder Bass and Elder Park. Families from San Gabriel, Monterey Park, and Temple City worshiped together in the Chantry Flat Recreation Area within the Angeles National Forest.

The church and its members moved throughout the San Gabriel Valley, from Monterey Park to Alhambra, and from Rosemead to San Marino, before relocating back to Rosemead at their current building.

To recognize its immigrant history, the church opened with a special ceremony including a commemorative video, a short concert giving glory and thanks to God, and dedication of a handwritten Bible—transcribed by members of the church. Orville Ortiz, SCC treasurer/CFO, then presented the church with a check for \$5,000 for evangelism.

Members of the Choi family, who have attended Rosemead Korean church for 49 of the 50 years of the church's history, were also honored. "Elder Zun-Sik Choi is in his mid-80s," said Kim. "However, he had been serving God every Sabbath as an organist until February 2019. His wife, Deaconess Soon-Ai Choi, is also in her mid-80s but is still an active Sabbath School teacher."

SCC President Elder Velino A.

Salazar delivered the message, which was translated into Korean by Elder Samuel Lee, SCC Asian-Pacific director, current member and former pastor of Rosemead Korean church (1999-2007).

As a first generation immigrant, Salazar related to the church's story, reminding the congregation that they have overcome many hardships: learning a new language, adapting to a new lifestyle, and even experiencing embarrassment, yet, "in spite of this, the Lord has been good to us."

"Paul says we are no longer strangers in this land but citizens of the Kingdom of God," Salazar continued, sharing Paul's message in Ephesians 2:19. "He made us citizens because we have accepted Him as our Father, Creator, and Savior."

As Rosemead Korean church looked back, Salazar gave members hope for

the next 50 years, as they continue to spread God's word. "We also have a responsibility to be a light in other places and to reach others," he stated. "We need to let them know there is a place for them in the Kingdom of God. Jesus who died on the cross is ready to accept them."



(Above) Salazar (left) delivers a message as Lee (right) interprets. (Left) Kim (left) receives the handwritten Bible, which was written by members of Rosemead Korean church.



(Far left) The congregation streams forward in a show of expectant faith in response to the divine worship appeal, singing "Turning Around for Me." (Left) Peeler reminds the congregation that even when it seems as if there is not enough in our limited resources, God's resources are unlimited.

Participants Commit to Re-focus on the Family at 52nd Annual GLAR Convocation

BY ARAYA MOSS

GLAR (Greater Los Angeles Region) convocation is the one time a year pastors and lay members from 19 churches in this region gather for a weekend of dynamic worship.

"Our theme again this year was 'Re-focus on the Family,'" said GLAR Director Royal Harrison. "We are intentional about equipping and strengthening our families, which in turn, we believe, will strengthen our churches and help impact our communities in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The weekend began Friday night with an opportunity for attendees to show off their Bible knowledge during GLAR's annual Quiz-a-Rama at Los Angeles Adventist Academy. The event continued Sabbath morning at White Memorial church with programs geared toward children, youth, young adults, and adults.

Emil Dean Peeler, pastor at Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., and S. Eliot Brooks III, pastor at City Temple church in Dallas, Texas, were the guest speakers for Sabbath morning worship. Donovan Childs, associate pastor at University church, coordinated the children's church program that included singing, crafts, games, storytime, snacks, and a wild science show.

Peeler's sermon, entitled "We Have More Than Enough," was inspired by 2 Kings 4:1-3 and implored the congregation to give what little they have to God, knowing He can use what they have to turn their situation around. "Whatever little bit of faith you have is more than enough," Peeler emphasized.

Brooks spoke to the youth and young adults with a message centered on Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4:35-41. "Sometimes we face situations that we thought we were in control of," Brooks said. "We have to trust Him when we don't know, and even when we think we're experts in an area."

Brooks ended with both an appeal and a challenge: Think about what you're afraid to give to God, then write down what you are giving up to God daily and watch the transformation.

The Sabbath afternoon and evening programs were equally moving. Edward Woods III, minister/director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Lake Region Conference, led a community impact seminar. Professional gospel saxophonist Mark Bunney, whose performance Harrison described as "simply breathtaking and spirit lifting," gave a special concert. The Skit Guys showed the gospel through humor and relevancy. The weekend of

events concluded with sports, food, games, and family fun.

"The music was inspiring; the evening programs were just as inspiring," Harrison reflected. "Overall, the convocation was a great time for fellowship, spiritual enlightenment, and a look toward the future."

NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION

Please take notice that the 65th regular Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

Place: White Memorial
Seventh-day Adventist Church
401 North State St., Los Angeles, CA
Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019
Time: 7:55 a.m.–1 p.m.,
or until business is completed

The purpose of this session is to receive reports, to elect conference officers, the Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Committee, and the Bylaws Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Delegates are invited to join the SCC Prayer Team for prayer from 7–7:50 a.m.
Velino A. Salazar, President
John H. Cress, Executive Secretary



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Athletes of All Abilities Triumph at 17th Annual PossAbilities Triathlon

BY CASSANDRA WAGNER

Annual athletic event is part of Loma Linda University Health's outreach to community with disabilities.

Nearly 1,000 athletes of all abilities triumphantly ran, walked, wheeled, biked, and swam their way through the 17th annual PossAbilities Triathlon, 5K, & Kids' Triathlon held at Loma Linda University's Drayson Center, Sunday, April 28. The event included both an adult and children's triathlon, 5K run, fun activities, and vendor booths for families to explore. All athletes received official finish times and a finisher medal.

Cotie Williams, interim program director of Community Development and Outreach at Loma Linda University Health, noted that some participants are members of PossAbilities and former patients at Loma Linda University's Medical Center East Campus and that the

community program was originally created to serve as a continuum of care for the patients.

"Today we had many challenged athletes participate who had been recent patients, and it's incredible to see them post-injury, through rehab, and now thriving," Williams said. "It's empowering to see how the mission of Loma Linda University Health 'to make man whole' is evidenced in an event like this."

The annual triathlon sets out to bring together athletes of all abilities and ages in friendly competition and serves as preparation for some PossAbilities members who are professional athletes and Paralympic hopefuls.

Andre Barbieri has been participating in the event since

2011. The triathlon has served both as part of Barbieri's journey to the Paralympics and as an opportunity to support the program he cares about.

"PossAbilities has given me so much," Barbieri said. "What little I can do to give back I will, because the program has helped me become an elite athlete and I'll be forever thankful for that."

The event is hosted each year by PossAbilities, a free community outreach program of Loma Linda University Health that offers disabled and challenged individuals a sense of community and a healthy social network.

For more information about PossAbilities, call 909-558-6384, email possabilities@llu.edu, or visit the website teampossabilities.org.

Plant-based Diets are Linked to Lower Obesity, BMI among Hispanic Adventists

BY JAMES PONDER

Plant-based diets are associated with lower body mass index (BMI) among Hispanic members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, according to a new study.

The results of the study, published in the journal *Frontiers in Nutrition*, found that Hispanics who eat a plant-based diet generally weigh less and have lower BMI. Excess weight was associated with high rates of inflammation in the study.

“The study demonstrates that plant-based diet choices can help maintain healthy weight in the Hispanic population,” said Pramil N. Singh, DrPH, director of the Center for Health Research at Loma Linda University School of Public Health and lead author of the article.

While previous studies have found that plant-based diets help prevent and control obesity and metabolic disorders in largely non-Hispanic subjects, researchers from Loma Linda University, UCLA, and White Memorial Medical Center wondered if similar results might apply to Hispanics.

To find out, they enrolled 74 Adventists from five Hispanic churches within a 20-mile radius of Loma Linda University into a cross-sectional study of diet and health. The 74 were chosen because they lived close enough to come in for lab tests, weighing, and BMI analysis on a regular basis, and because many Adventists are vegetarians.

Researchers categorized participants according to their eating patterns:

- The vegans in the study did not eat meat, dairy products, fish, poultry, or eggs.



- The lacto-ovo vegetarians ate eggs and dairy, but not meat, fish, or poultry.
- The pesco-vegetarians added fish to their otherwise vegetarian diet.
- The semi-vegetarians occasionally ate meat, fish, or poultry.
- The non-vegetarians regularly ate meat, fish, and poultry.

“Vegetarian diet patterns were associated with significantly lower BMI, waist circumference and fat mass as compared to non-vegetarians,” the study reported.

Singh and other researchers recently conducted a larger study of 3,475 Adventist Hispanics. Singh’s colleague Karen Jaceldo-Siegl, DrPH, MS, published findings of that study in the *American Journal of Health*

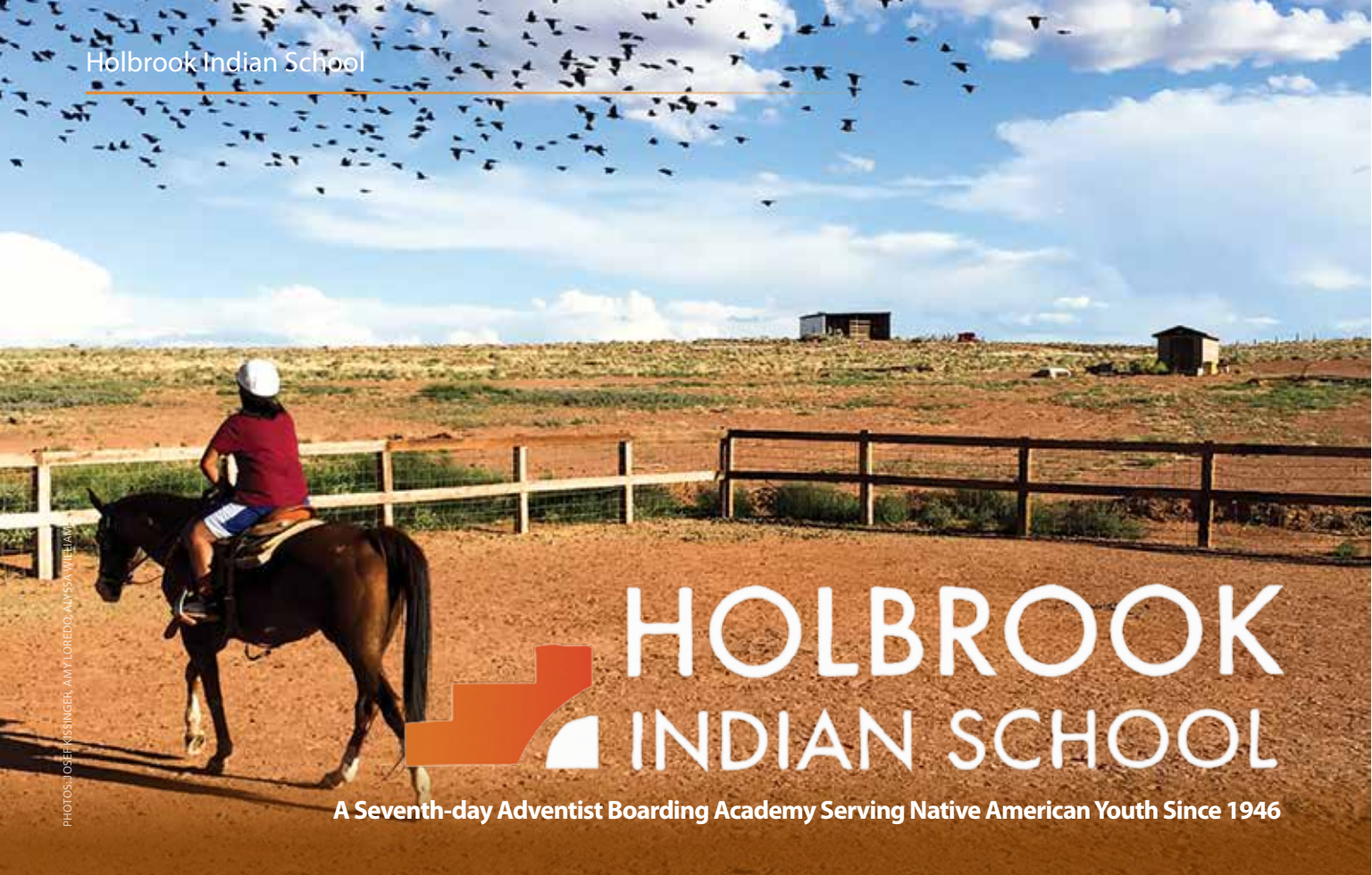
Promotion in February.

While the two studies took different approaches, Singh noted three major trends from the findings.

“First, plant-based eating is associated with BMI in the recommended range. Second, those who ate meat had a BMI in the range of overweight and obesity. Third, higher BMI was associated with significantly higher levels of inflammatory biomarkers, such as interleukin-6,” he said.

Funding from the Center for Hispanic Health at White Memorial Medical Center will enable the team to conduct further investigations into how plant-based eating can help U.S. Hispanics maintain healthy body weight.

See the latest news and Health & Wellness stories from Loma Linda University Health at news.llu.edu.



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HOLBROOK INDIAN SCHOOL

A Seventh-day Adventist Boarding Academy Serving Native American Youth Since 1946

Summer Leadership Program: A Safe Haven

BY KELLY WILLIAMS

Two years ago, Holbrook Indian School stepped out in faith to begin the Summer Leadership Program (SLP). The purpose of this program was to continue to provide a safe haven, which many of our students depend on, through the summer months. Rather than regressing or risking new traumas, they would be provided with a place where they could continue to grow and learn.

The best part about the program, according to deans Ben Ingersoll and Alicia McGuire, is the bonding that happens between students and staff. Close relationships develop due to the time spent together in a small group setting. They do everything together, including making all their meals, going on outings, and participating in activities and worships. Mealtime is a favorite. Students have fun learning to cook their meals and enjoy having

time to talk and learn from each other. A family feeling is what gives the summer program a special tone.

The summer program is set up so that the students can have a job and pay part of their tuition by working on campus. There is a surplus of work opportunities, and all involve a solid work ethic. This is an excellent teaching opportunity in which our staff can demonstrate the expectations for a strong and reliable

worker. Many of our students have not learned these skills prior to this, which is a challenge. By the end of the summer, students have gained a work ethic and experienced the rewards of a job well done.

Our students love the yearly trek to the Arizona camp meeting. They spend the entire week there. For Shawnewa, one of our SLP participants, these meetings are her favorite part of the summer program.

Summer Program Insider's Scoop

Class opportunities:

- Life skills: budgeting, menu planning, healthy relationships, communication skills, personal prayer, and devotions
- Spanish
- Math
- Photography
- Horsemanship
- Survival skills

Paid work opportunities:

- Development
- Maintenance
- Front office
- Grounds
- Barn
- Farm

Week-long trips:

- Arizona Camp Meeting
- Tween Camp
- Teen Camp

Extra activities:

- Bonfires
- Town trips
- Park
- Bike rides
- Swimming
- Camping
- Night hikes
- Volleyball
- Basketball game
- Holbrook town events



Shawnewa is the only Christian in her family, and she is actively pursuing opportunities to grow in her walk. These meetings allow her to worship and learn with others who are looking for God, just like she is. Our students have shown much interest in spiritual knowledge, and camp meeting provides an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth and to meet peers who are searching as well.

It is amazing how God molds this program each year so that we can be His hands and feet to our students and community. This past summer, our students led a VBS program on the Navajo Reservation. Classes on campus this summer will expand, and we are developing student leaders either through their work, their participation in campus offices, or their influence on campus culture.

This summer our counseling department will be available to the SLP students. The majority of our students carry traumatic memories

and struggle with depression as a result. Providing counseling opens a wide door for all of our students to qualify for the program and benefit from continued mental health support.

"Participating in the [summer] program was the best choice I made for my summer break," said Adrienna, a student at HIS. As summer approaches this year, our students are already excited about the plans being made. We started with just eight students our first summer and are hoping, in this third summer, to take 30 students!



Holbrook Indian School (HIS) is a first-through twelfth-grade boarding academy operated by the Pacific Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. HIS also manages a first-through eighth-grade day school on the Navajo reservation in Chinle, Arizona. Eighty percent of funding comes from individuals who have a desire to support Native American ministries and Christian education. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities they serve. **Thank you for your support.**



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Blythe Church Aids in Riverside County Humanitarian Crisis

By Faith Hoyt

Responding to the need created by the sudden influx of homeless migrant families in Riverside County, Adventist believers from the Blythe Spanish church are providing help in the form of food, lodging, and clean clothing.

According to an article published by the *Desert Sun* in April, “On March 28, Yuma sector Border Patrol officials started releasing migrant families from their custody, because their three processing centers—including one in Blythe—were overflowing with recently apprehended migrant families.”

Jesus Jacquez, pastor of the Blythe church, reported that his congregation first got involved in providing help to local homeless in the spring of 2018 when the church was approached by Riverside University Health System’s “HHOPE” program about providing aid.

The church responded by inviting homeless people to their facility to take showers, to get clean clothes during the weekdays, and to eat a hot meal. This year, the church expanded their outreach ministry to include providing a place for homeless migrants to stay overnight, access to on-site social workers, and free Bibles and copies of *Steps to Christ* (*El camino a Cristo*).

The church’s outreach efforts are made possible solely through donations from church members and the local community, which have included funding, clothes, food, and volunteers. Jacquez shared that his small congregation has stepped up to help even though the church struggles to cover their growing



(Top) Blythe church members Maria Arenas, Marta Hernandez, and Silvia Samaniego serve an evening meal to migrants. (Bottom) Church members tend a booth with free books and magazines in Spanish for migrants.

outreach expenses.

For now, the congregation provides various services for an average of 70 people each day.

“The primary reason the church became involved was because we wanted to become active in the community,” Jacquez said. “The migrant crisis is an opportunity to help. We have the facility, so we went forward by faith.”

For the Blythe church, now is the time to apply the words of Leviticus 19:34: “The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself” (NIV).

Learn more about the Riverside County humanitarian crisis at: www.desertsun.com.

To learn more about how you can support the Blythe church outreach efforts, call 760-922-0644.

Loma Linda University Health Announces Passing of Leonard Bailey, MD

By Ansel Oliver

Leonard Bailey, MD, the renowned Loma Linda University Health surgeon who garnered international media attention in 1984 for transplanting a baboon's heart into a human infant known as "Baby Fae," the research from which spawned human-to-human infant heart transplants and other cardiac treatment breakthroughs, died on Sunday, May 12, at the age of 76 following a battle with cancer.

Bailey's pioneering and controversial procedure became one of 1984's biggest news stories, drawing daily attention of national news networks to the case in which the patient died 21 days later. He went on to transplant hearts in 376 infants and became an authority on congenital heart surgery and a consultant to physicians around the world.

His work also propelled Loma Linda University Health to become the world's leading pediatric heart transplant center and led to innovations that enable surgeons to repair certain complex congenital heart defects instead of patients having to undergo a transplant.

Bailey served as a distinguished professor of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery and of pediatrics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and surgeon-in-chief at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. He served at Loma Linda University Health for a total of 42 years.

Though widely recognized for transplantations, they were only a small part of his practice, which consisted of all types of pediatric and infant open-heart surgeries.

Many of his infant heart-transplant patients came back to visit him as



teenagers and adults. At least one went on to medical school.

"When we operate on these babies, the hope is that they will live longer than us. It's nice to know that's playing out," Bailey said in 2017 after a 36-year-old former patient visited him. "Often when we start a case we thank the Almighty that He has put us in this position to help and that the outcomes will be according to His will."

"Our colleague and friend, Len Bailey, served this institution and the world beyond with dignity and courage," said Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Health. "Despite his fame, he was always part of our own faculty family and stood tall in later years as one of our senior statesmen. His humble demeanor and quest for quality exemplified the best of our core values."

Bailey is survived by his two sons, Brooks and Connor. His wife Nancy, MS, a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Nursing, preceded him in death on April 7.

Read this article in full at: <https://news.llu.edu/clinical/iconic-baby-fae-surgeon-bailey-dies-age-76>



Pacific Union Hosts NAD Asian-Pacific Pastors' Convention

By Faith Hoyt

Pastors from across North America, Canada, Guam-Micronesia, and Bermuda gathered in Ontario, Calif., from May 13-16 for the North American Division Asian-Pacific Pastors' Convention.

About 400 pastors and spouses registered for the convention, which was hosted at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center.

"The convention brought our pastors a renewed passion for study of the Bible and helped them embrace the relevance of planting and growing healthy churches," said VicLouis Arreola, director of Asian-Pacific Ministries for both the Pacific Union Conference and the North American Division. "This gathering was an upper room experience that prepared them to meet the challenges of these end times and finishing the work."

According to Arreola, this is the third NAD-wide Asian-Pacific pastors' convention to be hosted. As the host of conventions in years past, the Pacific Union extended invitations to other unions. Now, NAD Asian-Pacific conventions bring Asian-Pacific pastors together once every three years, and Pacific Union conventions continue to be hosted yearly.

For Arreola and his team, who work to provide this opportunity for those in ministry, the NAD convention is a time to celebrate the diversity of and ministry to 33 different cultural language groups. The convention is also an opportunity for the Asian-language advisories to meet, plan, and renew their mission and vision for reaching the communities in this division.

"One of the goals of having this

convention is to gather the pastors in the North American Division and fellowship together," said Bernard Castillo, administrative assistant for Asian-Pacific Ministries in the Pacific Union, "as well as continuing education for all the pastors."

Pastors who attend the convention earn five continuing education units through attendance at various sessions hosted by professors from Andrews University Theological Seminary and the HMS Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University, as well as other guest presenters. Pastors attended courses on New Testament theology, Old Testament theology, archaeology, pastoral care and counseling, systematic theology, and church growth and evangelism. Course curriculum included SDA



Ricardo Graham, president of the Pacific Union Conference, delivers his talk based on Isaiah 57:15 for session one on Monday evening.



Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, shares a morning devotional on Tuesday titled "Each and Every Action."

foundational studies, interpersonal ministry, outreach in the community, applied pastoral skills, and concepts of church growth.

Sessions were also offered for the spouses of pastors and were coordinated by Imelda Arreola. Topics by guest presenters included "How to Thrive in the Journey of Ministry," "Serving with my Spiritual Gifts," and "The Pastor's Wife and Healthy Self-Worth."

This year's convention was themed "Redeeming the Time." Guest speakers included Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division; Ricardo Graham, president of the Pacific Union Conference; and Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church.

The pastors in attendance represented many of the 820 Asian-Pacific churches across the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, and Guam-Micronesia. For these pastors, the fellowship, continuing education, and time for spiritual renewal make these conventions both a professionally and spiritually significant event.

Pacific Union Launches Quarterly *Recorder en Español*

By Faith Hoyt

At the beginning of the year, the *Pacific Union Recorder* launched the first ever quarterly edition of the magazine in Spanish.

The *Recorder en español* features editorials, news from Hispanic ministries in the seven conferences, and information about events of interest to Spanish-speaking members. In January of this year, the Union launched the winter (*invierno*) edition of the magazine, followed by a spring (*primavera*) edition in April. The summer (*verano*) edition is expected to go to press in late June.

“The membership of the Pacific Union includes Spanish-speakers, and we want to acknowledge them as part of our fellowship,” said Alberto Valenzuela, editor of the magazine and associate communication director for the Pacific Union. “A *Recorder* in Spanish provides a good way to share the news that is coming from a large part of our community here in the Pacific Southwest.”

Prior to producing the *Recorder en español*, the Pacific Union Hispanic Ministries department produced *En Contacto*. Following departmental changes, production of *En Contacto* paused, and ultimately the goals and vision of the publication transitioned into the production of the *Recorder en español*.

“Since we stopped the old magazine, *En Contacto*, it is a good time to send this!” shared Jorge P. Soria, vice president of the Pacific Union. “The new magazine includes great articles that can be shared with those who are studying the Bible. It is good for churches to have it on hand to share with visitors.”

The Pacific Union Department of

Communication and Community Engagement works with Pacific Press to drop ship the magazine directly to the Hispanic churches in the Pacific Southwest. Currently, *Recorder en español* reaches an estimated 20,000 Adventist homes in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah.

According to Alberto Ingleton, director of Hispanic Ministries for the Pacific Union Conference, a regularly produced magazine in Spanish shows care and meets an important need in the Pacific Union Conference territory. “We have a large community of first generation Hispanics,” Ingleton explained. “Their native language is Spanish, and a magazine in Spanish will allow for greater understanding and more effective

communication. These members hold leadership positions such as elders and departmental directors, and a Spanish magazine helps us connect to the leaders in our Hispanic churches.” Ingleton shared that part of the connection includes being able to share events, news, and projects with members that, through their involvement, help to fulfill the mission of the church.

With an estimated 15 million Spanish and Portuguese-speaking people living in the five states in the Pacific Union region, the Pacific Union recognizes the need to offer more multi-lingual resources.

Read the latest edition of the *Recorder en español* by visiting: adventistfaith.com/recorder



Alberto Valenzuela, editor of the magazine and associate communication director for the Pacific Union, presents the second quarterly edition of *Recorder en español*.

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Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department Seeks to Train Leaders for Greater Effectiveness

By Jim Park

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department actively participates in the education of young people. It is now focusing on enhancing the potential of the SOULS West program. In this two-year program, with about 50 current participants, students just out of high school or currently in college are instructed in Bible work. The department is now working with Pacific Union College (PUC) to accredit the program and offer 12 to 15 transferable academic units—which will deepen the relevance to

the participants, and strengthen the relationship between PUC and SOULS West.

Using the experience of the leadership and advisors to the Personal Ministries department, services available to Pacific Union churches include in-person or video conference seminars on topics such as understanding the dynamics of growth for the local church, developing a wholistic Sabbath School program, how to give conversion-oriented Bible studies, how to be a dynamic preacher, how to conduct wholistic small groups,

and other topics upon request.

Personal ministries is the heart of true conversion and centers around meeting people's needs rather than a program-oriented approach. Sabbath School is a unique and on-going ministry opportunity that, if properly conducted, can both improve and expand the church. The purpose and mission of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of the Pacific Union Conference is to inspire, instruct, and consult pastors and leaders on the wholistic growth of the local church.

Native American Ministries Serves Unreached Communities in the Pacific Southwest

By Nancy Crosby

The Pacific Union Conference is home to over 1.2 million Native Americans, the largest population of Native Americans residing within any of the unions in the North American Division. Yet this population is the least reached by our church. We are called to witness to all nations, but Native Americans have been neglected. Native American Ministries is currently working to reverse this problem.

The Nevada-Utah Conference decided early in the year to focus

on supporting the Kayenta Mission in Arizona as it reaches out to share the gospel with the Navajo people. The fruits of these efforts are now being harvested. Kayenta Mission has begun a women's brunch ministry and has held two successful events so far. The ladies enjoy fellowshiping together at these brunches. Also, the mission received needed repairs thanks to missionary supporters from Daystar Academy, who helped with

Children from a summer day camp pick green beans at the Seeds for Life community garden.





A local Girl Scout troop tours the Seeds for Life community garden in Page, Ariz.

landscaping work, painting, and fence building.

Southeast of Kayenta, Chinle Mission is sharing the gospel with many whose lives are filled with addiction, abuse, and pain. Walla Walla student Rebekah Fink is currently leading the children's

ministry for the mission. Don Krimmer, an Adventist Alcoholics Anonymous volunteer abuse counselor at Chinle Mission, is another integral worker in witnessing about Christ's love and forgiveness. At least one precious soul is currently receiving Bible studies as a part of a journey to become an Adventist as a direct result of the help, love, and acceptance felt from the church.

In Page, Arizona, volunteer Bible worker Milika Saafi is doing door-to-door work and giving Bible studies. Moreover, the Page Mission community garden, Seeds for Life, added several new plots thanks to Pacific Union funding. Interest from the community is growing, and with the largest coal-powered plant west of the Mississippi closing in December, the hope is that the garden will help provide for those in need.

Preliminary planning stages for an Adventist World Radio station in the Navajo Nation are in motion. All conferences involved are very supportive of this project. We hope

that the station will reach the majority of the Navajo Nation. Through this, we pray that many Native Americans will have the opportunity to hear the gospel and that as the work moves forward many souls can be harvested for the kingdom.

Together with North American Division Community Services, the Nevada-Utah Conference is exploring other opportunities to connect with Native Americans. They have begun using *American Indian Living Magazine*—an Adventist lifestyle publication that encourages healthy living. Over the next few years, the Pacific Union will supply churches with this magazine to distribute to tribal offices and clinics in their area.

There is still a need for short- and long-term missionaries. If you, your church, or your school would like to experience the life-changing and gratifying experience of serving on a mission, please contact Nancy Crosby at 217-322-2516 or pucnativeministries@gmail.com.



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(Left) Volunteers from the Valley Center, Calif., church work on building a block wall fence in Page, Ariz. (Right) Community members gather for a women's brunch hosted at the Kayenta Mission.

Women's Ministries Events, Programs, and Study Materials Provide Encouragement and Support

By Dorothy Means

Women's Ministries was first established in 1898 at the urging of Ellen G. White. She wrote, "The Lord has a work for women as well as for men. They may take their places in His work at this crisis, and He will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Savior will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance and will give them a power that exceeds that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their labor is needed" (*Evangelism*, p. 464).

The Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministries Department is dedicated to using every opportunity available to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to be effective soul winners for Christ, we must first establish a solid relationship with the Lord.

To support and encourage women, we provide several ongoing programs and events, as well as inspirational study materials.

Programming and Events

Since 1990, Adventists have promoted a special day when women have the opportunity to strengthen their spiritual bonds as they pray for and with each other. The International Women's Day of Prayer is the first Sabbath

of each March. The theme for the 2019 Women's Day of Prayer was "Walking with Jesus." Program packets with activities, Sabbath School programs, workshops, handouts, and PowerPoint slides for seminars are available in English, Spanish and French.

The 2019 Women's Ministries Emphasis Day is June 8. The sermon resource packet, written by Raquel Arrais, associate director of women's ministries for the General Conference, is titled "The Call to Arise and Shine," and it urges us all to be a shining light in all we do.

The North American Division Women's Ministries Offering will be July 13, 2019. The women of the church make a significant difference in their communities and their congregations, and this offering helps to affirm their work and ministry.

End It Now is a global initiative to raise awareness and advocate for the end of all forms of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. It seeks to increase personal awareness, responsibility, and involvement to effectively help end violence in every family and community.

Bibles Studies by Women for Women

- Journey of Joy: Healthy Emotions and Holy Hearts, by Carla Gober
- Surprised by Love: From Genesis to Revelation, by Elizabeth Talbert
- Pursued: Stories of the Relentless Love of God, by Lola Moore Johnston

Our purpose is to teach women the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus as they touch the lives of those around them.

For more information about women's ministries, contact Dorothy Means, 916-505-0928, dot.mns@sbcglobal.net



In April, more than 100 people attended the third annual NCC Young Women's Ministries Recognition Banquet, held at the Sacramento Central church. Nineteen young women received "Fruit of the Spirit" awards for their ministries in their local churches. The banquet was coordinated by Mari Ditgen, young women's ministries chair for the Northern California Conference's Women's Ministries Advisory Board.

Pacific Union Creative Evangelism Grant Enables Press Together Juice Bar to Open in Ogden

By Faith Hoyt

With help from a Pacific Union grant, a new ministry-focused juice bar in Ogden, Utah, opened their doors for business in mid-May.

“This 500-square-foot business located on historic 25th Street in downtown Ogden, Utah, provides a sustainable platform for young people to minister in their context and is a new approach to church that is focused on reaching millennials,” said Ryan Hablitzel, pastor of the Ogden church and director of Press Together.

The inspiration for opening a juice bar came in 2016 when Hablitzel noticed how young people gravitated to each other and to engaging in ministry



(Left) Pastor and Director Ryan Hablitzel with two Press Together team members, Abel and Jazmin Alvarado. Not pictured: Debra King, accountant for Press Together. (Right) This 500-square-foot business, located on historic 25th Street in downtown Ogden, Utah, isn't going to be your average juice bar, as its director, Pastor Ryan Hablitzel, will tell you: “Press Together is a new approach to church that is focused on reaching millennials.”



when presented with meaningful opportunities to get involved. In order to create more opportunities,

he started working with the Nevada-Utah Conference on the purchase of Press Together, a then Atlanta-based business being sold by the two Adventist men who founded the company. With the help of a creative evangelism grant from the Pacific Union, as well as funds from the NUC and the North American Division, they secured the purchase of the business.

“We are excited to see how Pastor Ryan and his team—Debra King and Abel and Jazmin Alvarado—have worked to make this ministry a reality,” said NUC President Leon B. Brown, Sr.

To learn more about Press Together and how you can get involved, visit: presstogether.com. Look for an upcoming episode of All God's People featuring this ministry at: Adventistfaith.com/all-gods-people.



Abel and Jazmin Alvarado bottle fresh cold-pressed juice. For the Alvarados, the juice bar is a catalyst for developing relationships with the community—ultimately leading to a relationally focused, New Testament form of discipleship in which Bible studies are given in people's homes.

CALENDAR

**La Sierra University
La Sierra University's
Commencement Weekend**
(June 14 - 16) Info: www.lasierra.edu/graduation.

**The Academy of Visual and
Performing Arts at La Sierra
University annual summer
music camp** (June 17-28) for youth in kindergarten through grade 12. Tuition is \$380 plus a \$35 registration fee. Info: avpamusic.com/summer-music-camp, 951-785-2086, or avpa@lasierra.edu.

**La Sierra University offers two
science camps:** GameMaker Science Camp (June 17-21) and World of Worms Science Camp (June 24-28). Tuition is \$200. Info: 951-785-2105, or email datapamp@lasierra.edu.

**Robotics Summer Camp for
ages 9 and up** (June 17-21) and (July 8-12) 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Participants will build their own robots for a robot competition capping each camp. Tuition is \$290 and includes an Arduino microprocessor kit. Info and registration at RobotsForFun.com or info@robotsforfun.com.

Nevada-Utah Conference

FEJA Youth Congress
(June 28-30) hosted at La Sierra University. Bible Bowl, volleyball, basketball, and soccer tournaments. More information at: perosino.info.

Tahoe Camp Meeting (July 29-Aug. 3) "Building the Kingdom." A yearly Seventh-day Adventist summer retreat in the serene forests of South Lake Tahoe & Reno. Visit: tahoecampmeeting.com

Northern California Conference

Urban Camp Meeting (June 20-22) Stockton Mayfair church, 6940 El Dorado Street, Stockton (Thurs.); Christian

Life Center, 9025 West Lane, Stockton (Fri. and Sabbath). Habitat for Humanity project (June 17-20). Theme: "Time to Engage." Programs for children and youth. Info: NCC African American Ministries Department, 925-603-5047, www.nccsda.com/FITtoIgnite.

Church Treasurer Training
(June 23) 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Bring your laptop computer. Lunch provided. RSVP. Info: NCC Treasurer's Office, 888-434-4622, ext. 209.

Prayer Ride (July 13) 3 p.m. Redwood Area Camp, 2437 Dyerville Loop Road, Redcrest. Meet in the security area at the main entrance. Participants will ride on the camp shuttle and pray at each meeting area. Info: email, nccinfo@nccsda.com.

Redwood Camp Meeting
(July 18-27) Redwood Area Camp, 2437 Dyerville Loop Road, Redcrest. Meetings for all ages, Summer on the Run kids' activities, various seminars, Community Service Day! See the ad on page 33 in the Northern California Conference section of this issue. Info: nccsda.com/redwood.

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Southeastern California Conference

**Vacation Bible School at
Loma Linda University church**
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Registration: lluc.org. Info: 909-558-4570.

Sizzling Summer Kick-off
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**Vacation Bible School at
Waterman Visayan Fil-Am
church** (June 17-22) 4:30-7:30 p.m. 882 S. Waterman Ave, San Bernardino. Theme: "Jamii Kingdom: Where We Were All Part of God's Family." Info: Maria Ejurango, 909-567-7728.

**Vacation Bible School at
Azure Hills church** (June 24-28) 6-8:30 p.m. 22633 Barton Rd, Grand Terrace. Theme: "Roar: Life Is Wild but God Is Good!" Registration: azurehills.org. Info: 909-825-8611.

**Vacation Bible School at El
Cajon church** (June 24-29). 1630 E. Madison Ave, El Cajon. Info: 619-444-0763.

PSR Family Camp (June 26-29). Time to enjoy outdoor family fun at our annual family camp at Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Rd, Mountain Center. Registration: www.psr.camp. Info: Savannah Ault, 951-509-2266, sault@seccsda.org.

**Vacation Bible School at San
Marcos church** (June 26-29). 363 Woodland Pkwy, San Marcos. Info: 760-744-9777.

Pacific Union FEJA Congress
(June 28-30). La Sierra University gymnasium, 4500 Riverwalk Pkwy, Riverside. The speaker at this event will be Andres Peralta, associate youth director at the General Conference. The weekend includes Bible Bowl and sports activities. Registration: perosino.info. Info: Magbis Leonora, 951-509-2333, mleonora@seccsda.org.

Southern California Conference

**Eagle Rock Church Women's
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**Second Saturday Series
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**Los Angeles Adventist
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Community Health Fair
(June 22) 1-5 p.m. Free health screenings, information booths, giveaways, plant-based food tasting, and spiritual counseling. Free and available to all ages. Valley Crossroads church, 11350 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima 91331. Info: <https://valleycrossroadsca.adventistchurch.org>.

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Sunday Brunch Seminar (July 21) 9 a.m. Presented by James Brown, MBA, CSPG, president of Western Adventist Foundation, Scottsdale, Ariz. Walk-ins welcome! Info: 818-546-8421 or email Geof Park at gpark@scsda.org.

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City	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Alturas	8:34	8:37	8:39	8:40
Angwin	8:32	8:35	8:37	8:38
Bakersfield	8:09	8:12	8:14	8:15
Calexico	7:48	7:51	7:53	7:53
Chico	8:33	8:36	8:38	8:39
Death Valley (Furnace Ck)	8:03	8:06	8:09	8:10
Eureka	8:03	8:06	8:09	8:10
Four Corners [E]	8:33	8:37	8:39	8:39
Fresno	8:16	8:19	8:21	8:22
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	7:43	7:46	7:48	7:49
Half Dome	8:17	8:21	8:23	8:24
Hilo	6:57	7:00	7:02	7:03
Holbrook	7:32	7:35	7:37	7:38
Honolulu	7:12	7:14	7:16	7:17
Joshua Tree	7:54	7:58	8:00	8:01
Lake Tahoe	8:23	8:26	8:29	8:29
Las Vegas	7:55	7:59	8:01	8:02
Lodi-Stockton	8:25	8:29	8:31	8:32
Loma Linda	7:58	8:01	8:03	8:04
Los Angeles	8:02	8:05	8:07	8:08
McDermitt [N]	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:30
Moab	8:40	8:43	8:46	8:47
Monterey Bay	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:30
Mt. Whitney	8:09	8:12	8:15	8:16
Napa	8:30	8:34	8:36	8:37
Nogales [S]	7:26	7:29	7:31	7:32
Oakland	8:28	8:32	8:34	8:35
Paradise, CA	8:32	8:35	8:38	8:39
Phoenix	7:36	7:39	7:41	7:42
Puuwai, Ni'ihau [W]	7:20	7:23	7:25	7:26
Reno	8:24	8:27	8:30	8:31
Riverside	7:58	8:01	8:04	8:05
Sacramento	8:27	8:31	8:33	8:34
Salt Lake City	8:56	9:00	9:02	9:03
San Diego	7:54	7:57	7:59	8:00
San Francisco	8:29	8:32	8:35	8:36
San Jose	8:26	8:29	8:31	8:32
Santa Rosa	8:32	8:36	8:38	8:39
Sunset Beach	8:00	8:04	8:06	8:07
Thousand Oaks	8:05	8:08	8:10	8:11
Tucson	7:28	7:31	7:33	7:34

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AT REST

Bailey, Leonard – b. Aug. 28, 1942, Takoma Park, Md.; d. May 12, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Brooks, Conner; two grandchildren. He was a pioneer in heart transplant surgery. He became world renowned on Oct. 26, 1984, when he and his team transplanted a baboon heart into "Baby Fae." He served as a professor of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery and of pediatrics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and as surgeon-in-chief at Loma

Linda University Children's hospital for a total of 42 years.

Bailey (Schroder), Nancy Ann – b. May 18, 1946, Jamestown, N.Y.; d. April 7, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Brooks, Conner; two grandchildren.

Bock, Raymond Kenneth – b. April 24, 1951, Walla Walla, Wash; d. April 9, 2019, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: wife, Penelope; stepsons, Ronnie, Rodney, Royce Williams; four step-grandsons; sisters, Patti Schimke, Linda Cannon.

Coffman, Esther Brent – b. Sept. 4, 1919, Kilmarnock, Va.; d. April 9, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, William Brent; daughters, Joni Cowgill, Mary Ann Jones, Cheri Moreno; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. She was an active member of the Loma Linda Lopers for many years.

Crabb, Milton – b. Feb. 5, 1940, Richmond, Calif.; d. Dec. 13, 2018, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Judy; daughters, Brenda Holmes, Becky; stepsons, Tom Stetson IV, Peter Stetson; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served at Adventist Health St. Helena and worked on several Maranatha mission trips.

Dern, Judy – b. Oct. 26, 1939, South Bend, Ind.; d. Feb. 28, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Chad Dern; daughter, Tracy Dern; one granddaughter.

Evans, John Dave – b. July 22, 1934, Clarksville, Tenn.; d. March 28, 2019, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Bonnie; sons, David, Mark; daughter, Collette Sutterfield; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Funada, Yoshiko – b. June 19, 1933, Chiba, Japan; d.

Jan. 5, 2019, Villa Park, Calif. Survivors: husband, Junichi; sons, Raymond, Dean; daughter, Leanne.

Gates, Ralph E. – b. Feb. 18, 1924, Stockton, Calif.; d. Dec. 9, 2018, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Beverly; son, Jeffrey R.; daughter, Barbara; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Taught at San Fernando Junior Academy.

Gregoroff, Dolores – b. March 26, 1929, Atlanta, Ga.; d. March 25, 2019, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Jean Joyce, Bonnie Peterson; one grandchild; one great-grandchild. Served as administrative assistant in the education departments of the Southern California, Hawaii, and Northern California conferences.

Guhl, Keith Allen – b. Aug. 16, 1932, Lyman,

Neb.; d. March 22, 2019, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Kathryn (Stuart); son, Brent; daughters, Chana Tollefson, Sheila, Terrie, Heather Gray; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Served as hospital administrator, missionary to Marshall Islands, started the SDA educational work on Ebeye, and worked with Maranatha and the Quiet Hour.

Mohr, June – b. Dec. 10, 1942, Wichita, Kan.; d. April 9, 2019, Beaumont, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ted; son, Daniel Charles; daughter, Tamara A. Shaw. She and her husband served as missionaries in Venezuela, and she was administrative secretary at Campus Hill church for over 20 years.

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Osborn Gordon, R. – b. July 5, 1927, Takoma Park, Md.; d. March 23, 2019, Palm Desert, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mary Ann; son, Gordon Robert (Bob); daughters, Jeannie Tillay, Barbi Kalua-Mena; stepsons, Steve Shearn, Chuck Shearn; stepdaughter, Kathy Decker; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served as a physician/surgeon in

Bakersfield and at St. Helena Hospital.

Reed, Krisha Shalom (Raymond) – b. July 25, 1977, Napa, Calif.; d. Nov. 20, 2018, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Richard; parents, Leland and Judy Raymond; sisters, Shannon Raymond, Tara Davis.

Rose, Carl Wendle – b. Nov. 8, 1933, Okanogan, Wash.; d. March 28, 2019, Hillsboro, Ore. Survivors: daughter Sherrill Rose Hawley; son Howard; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister Myrtle Age. Served as principal, teacher, and pilot at

Monument Valley Mission; pastored in Arizona and Oregon.

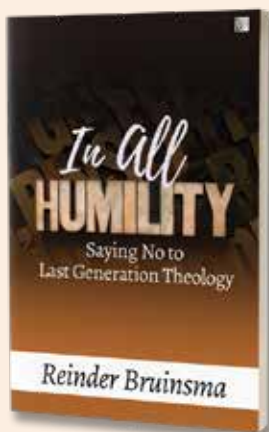
Sumaraga, Elmor “El” – b. Jan. 25, 1944, Antique, the Philippines; d. March 29, 2019, Stockton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Merly; son, Brent; daughter, Amiee Dizon; brothers, Doug, Ed; sisters, Estrella Long, Betty Jean Moore; five grandchildren. Former Chapel Records artist known as “the Tenor.”

Taylor, Eugene Rolland – b. Oct. 26, 1926, St. Helena, Calif.; d. Dec. 22, 2018, Mesa, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Evelyn; sons, Lyndon, Marvin; three

grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Teichman, Janelle (Shaw) – b. Dec. 24, 1963, Escondido, Calif.; d. March 19, 2019, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Michael; son, Alex; daughter, Hanna Pridmore; parents, Wynton and Darlene Shaw; brother, Robert Shaw; sisters, Doreen Wentland, Dyanne Cogley.

York, Edna Leone – b. Jan. 13, 1916, Garland, Maine; d. Feb. 12, 2019, Calimesa, Calif. She served in Nuzvid, India, and Karachi, Pakistan, as dean of the schools of nursing and chief nursing administrator.



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1. How far from home? I asked, as on I bent my steps—the watchman spake:
2. I asked the war-rior on the field: This was his soul-inspiring song:
3. I asked a-gain; earth, sea, and sun Seemed, with one voice, to make reply:
4. Not far from home! O blessed thought! The trav'ler's lonely heart to cheer;

"The long, dark night is al - most gone, The morning soon will break.
"With courage, bold, the sword I'll wield, The bat-tle is not long.
"Time's wasting sands are near - ly run, E - ter - ni - ty is nigh.
Which oft a heal-ing balm has brought, And dried the mourner's tear.

Then weep no more, but speed thy flight, With Hope's bright star thy guiding ray,
Then weep no more, but well en-dure The con-flict, till thy work is done;
Then weep no more—with warning tones Portentious signs are thick'ning round,
Then weep no more, since we shall meet Where weary footsteps never roam—

Till thou shalt reach the realms of light, In ev - er - last - ing day."
For this we know, the prize is sure, When vic - to - ry is won."
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