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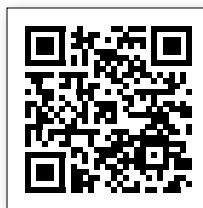
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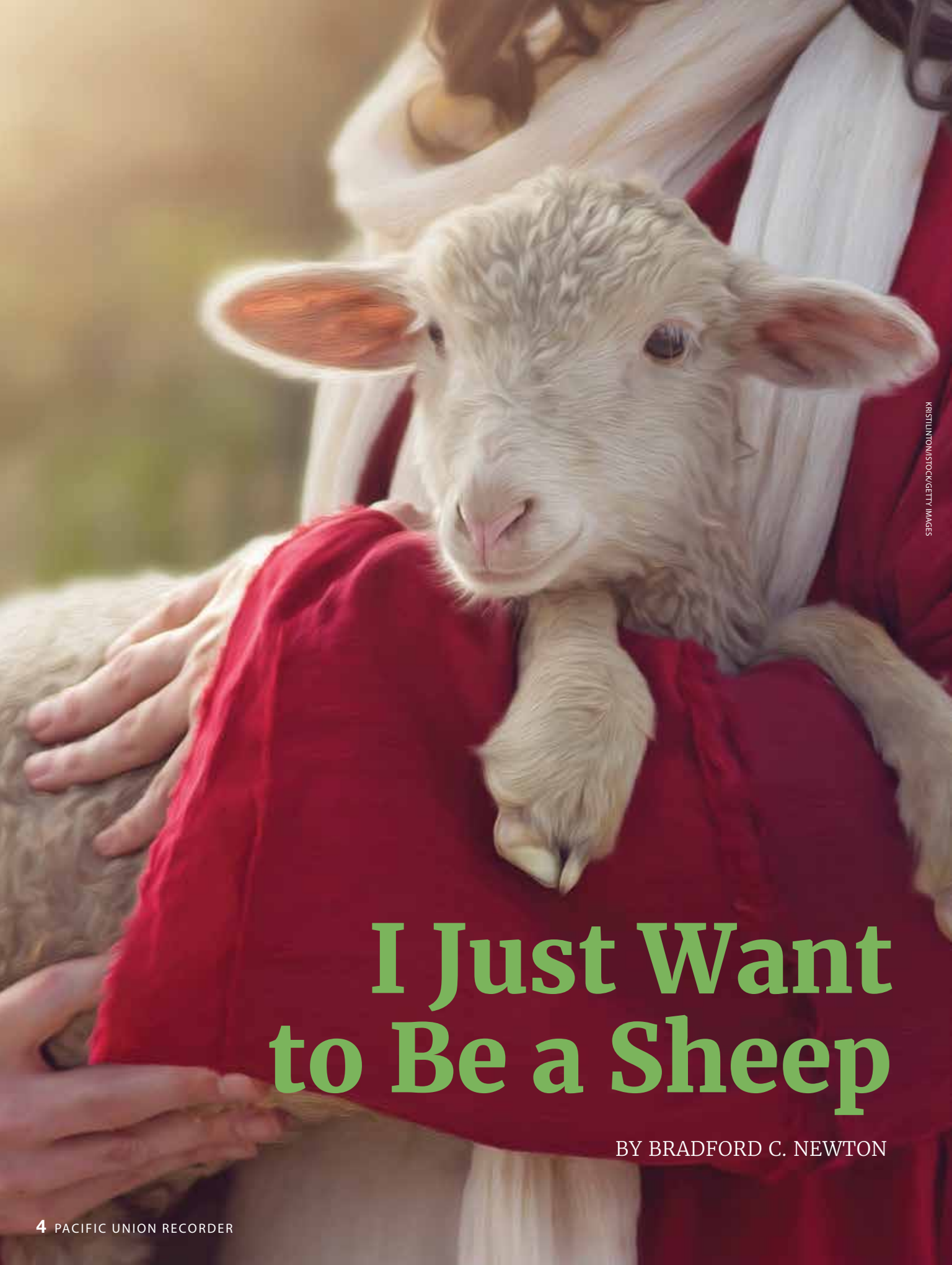
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Shiloh Douglas, a Pathfinder from Mesa, Arizona, has been involved in Pathfinding for five years. This was her first time at an international Pathfinder camporee. During Wednesday's parade, Shiloh helped hold the banner for her club, the Chandler Fil-am Christian Warriors. Bravo, Shiloh!

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I Just Want to Be a Sheep

BY BRADFORD C. NEWTON

At the end, it's the "people test" that interests the Lord. Or, in the language of the parable, am I a sheep or a goat?

Hospitality is defined as "the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers."¹ The Bible repeatedly reminds believers of the central place of hospitality in the Christ-centered life. Hebrews 13:2 suggests we may even entertain heavenly messengers unawares. No doubt this text inspired the pastors I listened to as a child when they exhorted the congregation to be prepared to welcome Jesus if He suddenly rang the doorbell and stopped by for a visit. My young mind imagined the robed and sandaled figure of the Savior, standing on our front porch awaiting entry. What would the neighbors think? Would our dog bark at Him? What would my mother serve for snacks?

It's no longer my childish imagination that has Jesus showing up every day all over town. I meet Him at Target in the greeting card aisle—He chuckles at the funny cards, too. There He is again, waiting in line to order lunch at Taco Bell. Later, I see Jesus passing me on the 101 Freeway in His Honda Civic as I drive home from work at

the Pacific Union office. He isn't wearing a robe or sandals, and yet He's everywhere I travel, shop, eat, worship, work, vote, read, and play.

Before you write to the editor about this author being flippant about the presence of the Lord in our daily life, please consider what Jesus teaches in Matthew 25:31-46. In Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats, the King tells the sheep that they will enter the kingdom because

"I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me."

When the sheep point out that they didn't actually do those things for Him, He says, "I'm telling the solemn truth: *Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me*" (The Message; emphasis added).

Jesus declares that my treatment of others day by day forms the chain of evidence demonstrating whether I am safe to save for eternity. Did my acceptance of God's gift of grace work to such

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a degree that I became a different person? Not the abstract “holiness” or “piety” that religious folks are fond of speaking of, but the practical godliness I impart to others in His name. At the end, it’s the “people test” that interests the Lord. Or, in the language of the parable, am I a sheep or a goat?

The words of Matthew 25:40 direct us to consider “someone overlooked or ignored” as being the Lord Himself. That’s why I consider Christian hospitality to be the practical application of meeting Jesus’ challenge to look at others with new eyes. Recently over dinner, I asked my favorite focus group—my wife and my daughter—the meaning of Christian hospitality. I quickly wrote down their observations because they made such sense in their practicality. “Hospitality is making other people feel welcome in your space. It’s putting others at ease.” They went on to explain that you must understand your guests or audience to do this. We must try to know them. True hospitality requires a mindset that puts others first before your own comfort and needs. Finally, the hospitable person is flexible because things can happen that might require a change of plans.

Imagine what would happen if we applied these

lessons in our local churches, our work in the community, our home, and our neighborhoods? Ellen White predicted the results. “If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one.”² Christian hospitality isn’t merely church potlucks, greeters at the door, or declarations during announcement period that “we’re the friendliest church in town.” It requires much more of us.

The problem of the delay of Jesus’ return isn’t just that other people aren’t persuaded by our teaching of the Bible. Rather, they are often convinced that the words and lives of Christians don’t really add up to anything better than what they already see around them. Jesus calls us to do something about this. This is the calling of Christian hospitality. When someone else is in need, we must find a way to intervene with appropriate help. It’s speaking kindly while at the same time withholding words of censure and criticism no matter how right we think we are. Showing patience for an overwhelmed mother with her fussy children. Finding ways to make newcomers to our communities feel welcome. Taking time to smile and speak to a stranger.

Matthew 25 reminds us that we are doing all this as if Jesus Himself were right there. Hospitality isn't delegated to the deaconess committee. It's a spiritual practice for every believer to live out in a lifetime of service. This realization leads you and me to wake up each day asking, "How can I serve someone today? Where are the needs in my world? How will I get involved?" As the opportunities arise, we are prepared to act because we know that it's for Jesus.

It's never too late to confess that we have fallen

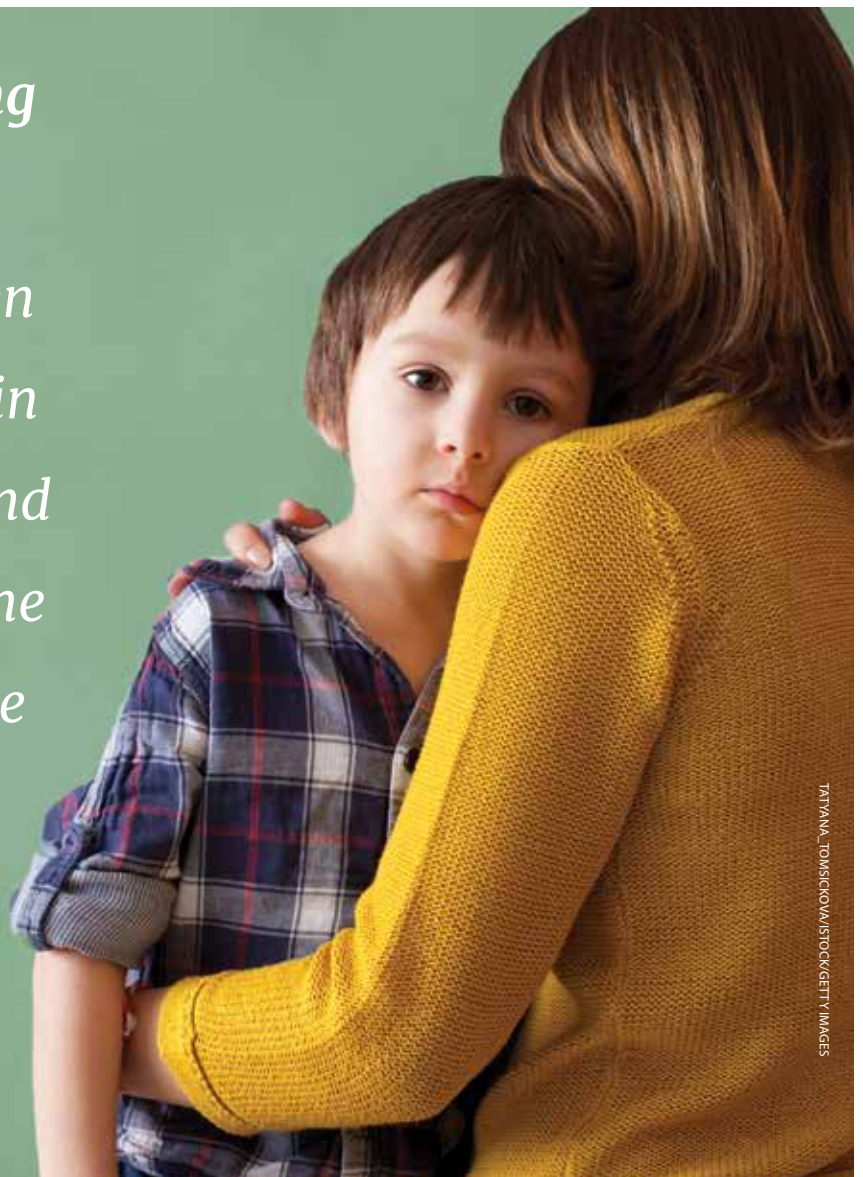
short (we all have) and want to start afresh today to serve more and be served less. To be more of a sheep and less like a goat. To really do for others as we wish them to do for us. In so doing, we answer Jesus' prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10, KJV).

¹Merriam Webster's Dictionary.

²Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 189. This was written August 24, 1905, in Loma Linda, California.

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Taking Hospitality Seriously

BY JORGE SORIA

After Jesus explained to His disciples about His return—the basis for the very name we give ourselves, “Adventists”—He then went on to define those who would be saved and those who wouldn’t.

So what He said should be of the highest importance to Adventists, as believers in salvation and the Second Coming. Jesus explained that when He returned, there would be only two groups—what He called the sheep and the goats. The sheep would be saved and the goats would be lost.

Now what was the difference between them, as defined by Jesus?

Was it whether they had been good evangelists?

Was it if they had been faithful Bible students?

Was it a question of believing the right doctrine?

No. Jesus says the difference between the sheep and the goats was the way they treated people. In a word, hospitality. What did He say exactly?

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your

inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or

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needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’” (Matthew 25:34-40, NIV).

This perspective is at the heart of the ministries we coordinate in our office, such as prison ministries, community services, and disaster response, to name a few. Our love for others reflects God’s love for us—that’s what we want to share!

It makes a difference. As Ellen G. White wrote, “The kindly word, the thoughtful act, true politeness and hospitality, will constantly exert an influence in favor of the Christian religion” (*Our High Calling*, p. 241).

Hospitality is all about looking after people’s needs. Giving them food and shelter. Caring for them when they are in need. Making sure they are clean and comfortable, warm and well fed, not thirsty or troubled in any way. If they are, we’re there to help. If they’re sick or tired, hospitality might mean getting them medical help or even something as simple as providing them with a bed to sleep on.

The Bible has a lot to say about the importance of hospitality. In Romans 12, the chapter on spiritual gifts, we’re told to “practice hospitality” (Romans 12:13, NIV). We are to “offer hospitality to one another without

grumbling” (1 Peter 4:9, NIV).

This goes beyond family and friends—and extends to those we don’t even know. “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2, NIV). The reference in this verse is to the story in Genesis 18 of Abraham entertaining angels before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus tells us: “When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind” (Luke 14:13, GNT). Hospitality is to be offered to everyone, from angels to the homeless.

We are told to even extend hospitality to our enemies! “If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame” (Romans 12:20, GNT).

Now that’s true hospitality, given with true Christian love! In all of our ministries, demonstration of Jesus’ love is key. Love is given without regard as to who the other person is or whether they can pay anything back. It’s a free gift.

That’s why Jesus told the story about the Good Samaritan. For the Jews, a Samaritan was someone they totally rejected. They could not believe their ears when Jesus gave this Samaritan as an example of someone to try to be like. The Samaritan in the parable cared for

the injured Jew. He cleaned the man’s wounds. He arranged for food and shelter for as long as the man needed.

The Good Samaritan story shows us what true hospitality is all about. Caring for and helping people—especially by bringing them home. A place of warmth and shelter. A place of food and happiness. A place where Jesus lives. Let’s open up our doors!

Ellen G. White encourages us to extend hospitality: “Even among those who profess to be Christians, true hospitality is little exercised. Among our own people the opportunity of showing hospitality is not regarded as it should be, as a privilege and blessing. There is altogether too little sociability, too little of a disposition to make room for two or three more at the family board, without embarrassment or parade. Some plead that ‘it is too much trouble.’ It would not be if you would say: ‘We have made no special preparation, but you are welcome to what we have.’ By the unexpected guest a welcome is appreciated far more than is the most elaborate preparation” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 343).

A welcome. It’s what we all long for. And what we all have the capacity to give.

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Entertaining Unawares



BY EDWARD
MOTSCHIEDLER

The first Sabbath in one of my new churches turned out to be memorable for two reasons. The first reason was that the head elder, a retired physician, said while introducing me, “Well, our new young pastor just came from the seminary, and I’m sure he has some new ideas he wants to try out. But we know how to run things here and don’t need to do anything different. He can spend more time at his other churches.” I thought that this man was going to give me a lot of trouble and immediately wished someone else was the elder of the church.

The second memorable thing I noticed was that two elderly men

were sitting in the very last row of the church while everyone else was sitting on the opposite side in the very front. When I met them after the service, I noticed that their clothes and shoes were dirty, and I was almost overwhelmed by their strong body odor. When I visited their home later, I saw empty food cans scattered around the floors and piles of dirty clothes laying on the furniture. I couldn’t understand how people could live like that.

At the time I had no idea how those two observations would affect my understanding of Christian hospitality and the role of church leadership.

After I had been at the church



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While she was telling me the story, I was thinking that this is exactly what Jesus would have done if He had met the brothers.

for several weeks, the elder and his wife invited my wife and me to their home for Sabbath dinner. When we arrived, I was quite surprised to see the two elderly brothers there. While the wife got dinner ready, I tried to coax the brothers into talking, with little success.

After the meal, the head elder left the dining room with one of the brothers. His wife then told me about the brothers and their ministry to them over the years. She said that the men were now in their eighties. The oldest brother had come back from World War I suffering from what was then called shell shock and is now called post traumatic stress disorder. Because the

older brother was not able to take care of himself, his younger brother never married and devoted his life to being his caregiver. Sadly, the younger brother was now suffering from dementia, and they were barely able to take care of themselves. She said that she and her husband had been trying to help them for years.

“Every Sabbath morning, we pick them up at their house, and after church we bring them to our home. After the meal is finished, my husband takes one of them into the bathroom, helps him undress and get into the bathtub, washes him from head to foot, and shampoos his hair. Afterward he has a robe for him to slip into. He then sits the brother in a chair in the bathroom, kneels in front of him, and trims and cleans his fingernails and toenails. Then it’s the other brother’s turn. While the men are getting their baths, I gather up their dirty clothes and place them in a laundry basket for future washing. I then replace them with the clothes I washed from their last visit.”

Every Sabbath the brothers had their only hot meal of the week, their only bath of the week, and their only set of clean clothes to wear during the week, thanks to the

hospitality of this wonderful couple. They did this week after week for years without anyone knowing.

While she was telling me the story, I was thinking that this is exactly what Jesus would have done if He had met the brothers. I could picture Jesus helping them into the bathtub, gently washing them, and then kneeling before them to clean and clip their nails.

Afterwards I regretted that I had so wrongly judged the elder, and I wished I had an elder like him in every church. Afterwards I prayed that my wife and I would be able to offer that kind of loving hospitality and encourage others to do the same.

Oh, and by the way, the elder was right. They did know how to run the church well, and I was able to give more time to the other churches. I also learned the valuable lesson of trusting church members to use their gifts in leading the church.

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Hospitality at the Core

BY CYNTHIA NGUYEN

When John Huynh, director of development for Southern California Conference, was a child, every Sunday he would take turns—attending a Baptist church one week with his mother and a Buddhist temple the following week with his father. When he was 13, he paid a visit to the Baptist pastor and asked to be taught more about the Bible, but the pastor told him he was too young.

As he walked out of the church, he saw a flyer for a prophecy seminar. Excited, he told his grandmother, and she mentioned that a nearby church was offering rides to the meetings in vans they had rented. Week after week, John went to the meetings; he was impressed by the warm welcome he received from the people there and was curious about their source of joy. Eventually he

was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church.

John extended the hospitality he had received at the El Monte Vietnamese church to his family and friends, and that welcome has drawn his grandmother, mother, sister, best friend, and best friend's neighbor (who is now his sister's boyfriend) into the church. They are all now serving in various ministries at the church, empowered by the opportunities created by Pastor Vinh Nguyen, who actively encourages young adults to be involved in leadership. The young adult group works tirelessly to make sure that every guest feels that they are part of the family.

Reaching out to the community

The El Monte Vietnamese church conducts various activities and programs of interest for the community. They offer cooking

classes, beach activities, homeless outreach, and basketball clinics, to name a few. Every member is encouraged to bring a friend to church. Each Saturday there is a fellowship luncheon where members spend time with each guest—and the youth always wash dishes and clean up afterwards. The Sabbath is an all-day event at church, from morning to evening.

In addition to Sabbath School, worship services, and choir, the church offers unique and substantial ministries such as summer school and after school programs, a Vietnamese language school, printing and publishing, and a communications/media ministry.

Supporting children

The summer school, after school, and Vietnamese language school are outreach programs in which

90% of the participants are non-Adventist children from the local community. Most of the children are from a Buddhist background. Summer school children come for the full day, Monday through Friday, for lessons in core subjects, health, music, and character building. During the school year, the church operates the Vietnamese language school every Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. The church has become a second home for many of the children. They thrive under the attention of devoted teachers and staff who truly care about them. They learn about a God who also cares for them at a personal level.

One young family enrolled their daughter, Grace, in the summer school program because she needed help with her grades. Through daily contact with the family, a close relationship was formed. One day the father collapsed, and the family called the church for help. Kim Chi, one of the school staff, took him to the hospital, where it was discovered that he had suffered a stroke. Grace's father was hospitalized for a month before he entered rehab. During this time, several church members helped out—Stephanie helped the family apply for disability benefits, Jesse helped fix a gas pipe leak in their home, and the church subsidized the tuition for Grace's summer school.

"Through our summer school, we were able to reach out to Grace and her family," says Pastor

Nguyen. "Her father's stroke left him immobile and her mother did not know how to drive. We were able to visit, minister, and pray for the family. We helped them with paperwork and with housing, and incorporated them as part of our church family. The father really appreciates our church because they have no other family or friends. Now the mother comes in each day to assist in the kitchen, and the family has been attending our church services each week!"



The church as family

The El Monte Vietnamese church is mainly comprised of immigrant families. The community children often come from low-income families, with parents who are busy working every day. When the children have some happy news or some sadness in their lives, they come to the church for support and encouragement.

Many of the church youth and young adults are the only Christians in their Buddhist families. The church has become their family. "When I was going through rough times at home, I would run over to the church to find peace and solace," says Vuong Doan, a young adult member.

The core of our mission

Hospitality and service are at the very core of the mission of the El Monte Vietnamese church, which endeavors to involve each member and guest in ministry. "It is always important to ask ourselves: Are people drawn to Christ at my church? Do they experience His warmth when they come?" reflects Kristi Huynh, young adult member and English worship service leader.

Hospitality can strengthen ties between members and can be the opening wedge in connecting our hearts with others. Ellen G. White supports the idea that hospitality should be the rule of life for the Christian community. "The Bible lays much stress upon the practice of hospitality. Not only does it enjoin hospitality as a duty, but it presents many beautiful pictures of the exercise of this grace and the blessing which it brings" (*The Adventist Home*, p. 445).

El Monte Vietnamese church practices hospitality by bringing it fully into the center of church life. As John Huynh explains, "The sermons and music are good at our church, but our core strength, which attracts new members and retains them, is the hospitality that members demonstrate every day—just the way Christ would have done."

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When Love Begins At Home

BY CYNTHIA MENDOZA

From the outside, the High Desert Bilingual church blends seamlessly into the arid desert surroundings, but from the inside, brotherly love and hospitality flow out as modeled in Romans 12—love between the three separate language congregations that worship there every Sabbath.

Originally a Spanish and English

language church, since 2016 it has become home to a third language: Samoan. The story of how three distinct cultures came to form such a close-knit community is reminiscent of the early Christian church, which simply sought to build community and share the gospel with their neighbors.

In 2016, a group of about 15 Samoan people were looking for

a place to worship. Churches of other denominations opened their doors to them for a few Sabbaths a month, but they really longed for a church building they could call home.

“We prayed for a long time,” said Matautu Brown, a member of the Samoan group. “We trusted that if God was willing to do it, it would happen.”

Their persevering prayers resulted in a conversation with Andy Silva, then pastor of the High Desert Bilingual church, who, according to Brown, opened the church's doors without hesitation.

Brown became emotional as she recalled the experience. "Pastor Silva said, 'Don't worry about payment; you can come worship here. This is your church,'" she said. "I got on my knees and thanked the Lord."

The High Desert Bilingual church happened to have a third building that was not used for worship, so they offered it to their new Samoan church family members.

The Samoan group transferred their membership to their new location. Word quickly spread in the Samoan community that there was a new place to worship, and the Samoan group has grown to about 50 people, some of whom make the approximately 70-mile one-way trek from Orange County.

While three language sections of

the church now each conduct their own services and activities as well as their own outreach ministries, they have come together through shared Sabbath lunches by mutual invitations, joint communion most of the year, and other activities.

"The goal was to maintain unity," said Michel Aguinaga, former English ministry coordinator at High Desert Bilingual church. "That's why communions and baptisms are done together. It's truly the spirit of one big church."

The melding of three distinct languages into one unified worship experience has also been conducive to learning about each other's cultures in a way that builds friendship and understanding.

"We blessed the Samoan group by opening our doors, but we have been blessed by them too," said Arturo Ramirez, head elder of the church. "The Samoan culture is very respectful. They love people and are very friendly."

"The goal of the church is that anyone who comes feels welcomed and appreciated," said Aguinaga.

According to Aguinaga, the greatest period of growth experienced by the High Desert church was under Silva's leadership, including 120 baptisms and membership transfers in a three-year period that includes welcoming the Samoan worshippers.

The church is also very outward focused by conducting food banks, blood drives, health fairs, and other community activities. But, as the saying goes, the love begins at home—by serving each other.

"Even though we have different languages, we serve the same living God," said Matautu. "It may be difficult to understand another language, but we can all feel the Christian love."

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Pacific Union Conference Mile

How do you succinctly capture the history of the Adventist church in a territory that encompasses nearly half a million square miles? How can a few stories of a handful of people properly represent a church of 813 congregations, with 223,422 members, who come from dozens of different cultures—and worship each week in approximately 30 different languages? How do you summarize in just a few paragraphs the story of God’s providence over 150 years? What are the milestones of God’s leadership and grace?

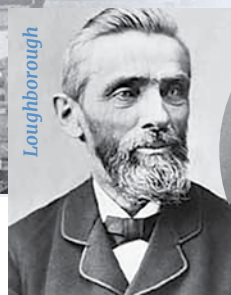
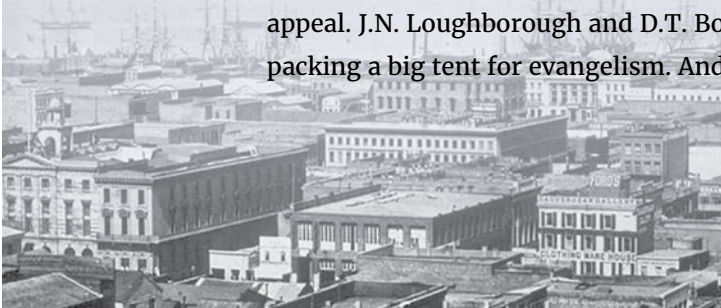
Perhaps it’s not possible, but here are some of the stories that help us remember how God has led us in our past history.

1859

By wagon train to San Francisco

The first Adventist in California was Merritt G. Kellogg, the oldest son of J.P. Kellogg. He came across the plains in a small wagon train in 1859, and after settling in San Francisco he began sharing his faith. In October 1865, Merritt Kellogg and a few believers from San Francisco sent a call and \$133 in gold to the General Conference, asking for evangelists to be sent. The GC replied they could not send anyone immediately; however, it seems they did keep the gold. Kellogg continued to press the case for the West—even traveling to the General Conference session to make a personal appeal. J.N. Loughborough and D.T. Bourdeau answered and arrived in 1868—packing a big tent for evangelism. And we were on our way!

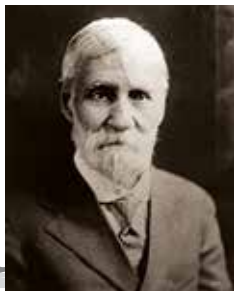
San Francisco
1859



Loughborough



Bourdeau



Merritt Kellogg
1832–1922



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1869

The first Adventist church in California established in 1869—150 years ago this year

Dispatched as missionaries to the West by the General Conference, J.N. Loughborough and D.T. Bourdeau (along with their spouses) arrived in San Francisco by boat on July 18, 1868. Within a month of their arrival, they launched a series of tent meetings in Petaluma, at the invitation of an Independent church. They then proceeded to hold meetings in four more communities in Northern California. As a result of their work, the first Seventh-day Adventist church in California was established and organized in Santa Rosa, California, in November 1869.

Santa Rosa, 1876. (Right) Santa Rosa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1975.



(Left) The old Central California Conference office. (Above) Healdsburg College, 1887.

1878

The first African-American Adventist minister ordained

Charles M. Kinny was born a slave in 1855 and was 10 years old at the end of the Civil War. As a young man he worked his way west to Reno, Nevada, and it was there on July 30, 1878, that he attended a meeting conducted by J.N. Loughborough. The guest speaker was Mrs. Ellen G. White—and she preached a sermon Kinny would never forget.

Baptized on the last day of September, he became a charter member of the Reno Seventh-day Adventist church. In 1883, church members in Reno, together with the California Conference, sent him to Healdsburg College (now Pacific Union College) for further education. Kinny became the first ordained African-American pastor in the Adventist Church. He worked initially in Kansas and then throughout the South, with great success.



*(Above) Pacific Union College, 1906.
(Below) San Francisco, 1858.*



1892

Adventist evangelism in the Asian community

Adventist evangelism among the Asian community began in the 1890s in California. A Japanese convert, T. H. Okohira, had been baptized after public meetings in Paso Robles, California, in 1892. He then went to Healdsburg College, and as a student there he led out in establishing the Golden Gate Japanese-English School in San Francisco.

In 1894, at the close of the school year, he appealed for a volunteer to go with him to take the Adventist message to Japan. The president of the college, W. C. Grainger, responded. In 1896, they went as the first missionaries sent by the General Conference to Japan. In 1907, Okohira and H. Kuniya became the first ordained Japanese ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Okohira took part as a delegate during the General Conference sessions of 1913 and 1936. His son started the first Japanese church in Los Angeles.

1899

The first Hispanic Adventist church was in Sanchez, Arizona

In 1899, in Sanchez, Arizona, Abel and Adiel Sanchez discovered while studying their Bibles that the day of worship was the seventh day, *sabado*. They learned that Marcial Serna, the pastor of the Tucson Mexican Methodist-Episcopal Church, had become an Adventist through the work of Adventist colporteurs, and they contacted him. Eventually so many of the Methodists in Sanchez became Adventists that the Methodists gave them their church on the condition that the Adventists help them build a new one—and the church in Sanchez became the first Hispanic Adventist church in the U.S. Pastor Serna continued to share his newfound beliefs with those he knew in Tucson, and many of them became Adventists, forming the second congregation of Hispanic believers. The following year the Methodists deeded their church in Tucson to the Adventist group. Marcial Serna was granted a ministerial license by the General Conference and so became the first Hispanic ordained Adventist minister.



(Right) James and Ellen White. (Below) Furlong Seventh-day Adventist Church, the first Black Adventist church in the Pacific Union (est. 1908), Los Angeles, California, 1912.



1905

John Burden and Ellen White moved decisively to purchase the property at Loma Linda

John Burden, along with his wife Eleanor, had worked as the manager of the Rural Health Retreat in St. Helena and was instrumental in establishing Wahroonga Sanitarium in Australia, as well as the sanitarium in Glendale. Mrs. White challenged him to find a suitable property for an additional sanitarium in Southern California, and Burden found a large and beautiful property in Loma Linda. The purchase was opposed by the General Conference, who in a telegram instructed him not to proceed with the purchase. Ellen White immediately and directly countermanded these instructions, telling Burden to “secure the property by all means...without spending time to ask the advice of the brethren.” The College of Evangelists opened in 1906.

1918

Ruth Janetta Temple, the first African-American graduate of Loma Linda University

Ruth Janetta Temple began her studies at the College of Medical Evangelists (later Loma Linda University) in 1913. She was the first African-American to graduate from the institution when she received her M.D. in 1918. Temple received a scholarship from the Los Angeles City Health Department to pursue a Master's in Public Health at Yale University. Dr. Temple became the first health officer of Los Angeles City in 1942, later becoming the city's Director of Public Health.



1929

1929 - Adventist Media Ministries began in Los Angeles, California

H.M.S. Richards began his radio ministry on Oct. 19, 1929—and launched the use of mass media by Adventists for proclaiming the gospel. H.M.S. Richards, Pérez-Marcio, William and Virginia Fagal, George Vandeman, Walter Arties, C.D. Brooks, Milton Peverini, Dan Matthews: these Adventist broadcasting pioneers either began or brought their ministries to the Pacific Union, and for some 90 years, media ministries have flourished in the West.



Group of ministers gather for picture at 1936 General Conference, held in San Francisco, California.



(Left) H.M.S. Richards. (Above) C.D. Brooks on the *Breath of Life* television broadcast, 1974.

1929

Pathfinder Clubs become a global movement

The global youth movement known as Pathfinders was nurtured and developed in the Pacific Union. The name *Pathfinder* was first adopted by a camp in Southern California and then a club in Anaheim. The first conference-sponsored Pathfinder clubs were in Southeastern California, and many of the foundations of Pathfinding—the familiar triangular emblem used worldwide, Pathfinder Fairs, Camporees—all got their start here in the West. Henry Bergh, youth director for Central California Conference, was asked to write a Pathfinder Song, but he protested that he was neither a musician nor a composer. However, while driving to a Sabbath appointment on the Monterey Peninsula, he began to think of lyrics—and pulled to the side of the road to write them down. Then on the drive home, he started humming—and pulled over to jot some dots over the words to help him remember the tune. And if you've ever heard it, no doubt that tune is playing in your head right now. This August, Pacific Union Pathfinders joined 50,000 Pathfinders from around the world in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the International Camporee, celebrating the importance and spiritual influence of Pathfinder ministries.



*Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong
Whose servants of God are we
Faithful as we march along
In kindness, truth and purity.
A message to tell to the world
A truth that will set us free
King Jesus the Saviour's coming back
For you and me.*

For 150 years:

MILESTONES OF GRACE AND PROVIDENCE

These are just a handful of the milestones that have marked our pathway forward here in the Pacific Southwest. Just a glimpse, really, of how we have been led by the Holy Spirit and have experienced the abundant grace of God.

One last story—of Ellen White, that amazing woman we love to call “sister.” James and Ellen White first visited California in the winter of 1872, and they made California their winter home until James passed away in 1881. Healdsburg remained home for Sister White until she moved to Australia in 1891.



In 1900, Ellen White returned to the United States and to California and found a home at Elmshaven, just outside of St. Helena and down the hill from the sanitarium. It would become her home for the rest of her life—and here she prepared some of her most popular and important books and wrote hundreds of articles and messages. Elmshaven

is now owned by the Pacific Union Conference. Hundreds of people visit it each year and are inspired to learn more about Sister White's life and ministry.

These stories, and so many others—including your story of God's providence and care—remind us of words from the pen of inspiration that have become so familiar to Adventists throughout the world: “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (*Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, p. 204).

Southeastern California Conference *Ordains Four Pastors*

BY CYNTHIA MENDOZA

During the spring and summer months, the Southeastern California Conference ordained four pastors.



PHOTO: DANIEL JEON

Paul Jeon
Paul Jeon, associate pastor of Riverside Korean church's English ministry, was ordained on Sabbath, March 30, at Riverside Community church. Jeon believes that ordination is something that flows into all areas of life.

"Ordination is an opportunity to walk even closer with God," he said. "It is not something to be taken lightly."

While a student at La Sierra University, Jeon served as a ministerial intern at the Garden Grove Korean church. After graduation, he continued to serve at that church, then he transitioned to Loma Linda Korean church and eventually ended up at Riverside Korean church.

In this new chapter of ministry, Jeon embraces Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (NIV).

Cris Manlongat

Cris Manlongat was ordained at the Paradise Valley church, where he is currently serving as associate pastor, on Sabbath, May 11.

"Ordination is just the beginning



PHOTO: TRIMEE SANTOS

of ministry, not the culmination of it," Manlongat said when asked what ordination means to him. "It makes me humble and more accountable for caring for this flock." He pursued the call to ministry from a young age, not just in terms of his studies but in a heartfelt desire to serve God.

He is passionate about community outreach and believes that the church is a center of worship, spiritual education, and whole-person care.

"Ordination is just the beginning in serving God and being more accountable to the responsibilities He has given me," he said.



PHOTO: ENNO MULLER

Nick Snell

Nick Snell, youth pastor at Azure Hills church, was ordained on Friday evening, June 14. For Snell, ordination is one more step in a ministry in which he already felt affirmed. However, it wasn't until the ordination service that he experienced its true magnitude.

"Ordination took on a new

meaning and felt very significant—almost like a wedding," Snell said.

Snell served as a student missionary and helped plant a young adult congregation in Philadelphia prior to his call to serve at Azure Hills.

With a passion for discipleship, Snell said that he looks forward to affirming others in their own callings the way he has been affirmed in his. He also feels a renewed sense of commitment to prayer.

"I feel convicted in a fresh way to pray more, both for myself and the congregation," he said.



PHOTO: MAY ANN LIAO

Elbert Moralde

Elbert Moralde was ordained on Sabbath, July 20, at Waterman Visayan Fil-Am church. He currently serves as senior district pastor for the Apple Valley and Waterman churches.

"Ordination is a relationship with people and with God," Moralde said. "It's about advocating and interceding for people."

As a newly ordained pastor, Moralde said he plans to continue conducting evangelism and encouraging intergenerational worship and community outreach.

"I want to expose people to a life-changing and spirit-filled worship experience," he said.



(Left) Guests attend a social justice rally during the SHIFT Conference on Sabbath, June 22. On the stage (left) is Robert Edwards, vice president for Black Ministries. (Below) A praise team leads song service at the SHIFT Conference held at Mt. Rubidoux church.



PHOTOS: ENNO MÜLLER

SHIFT Conference Focuses on Healthy Pastors and Churches

BY NATALIE ROMERO

This summer, a brand-new type of camp meeting for Southeastern California Conference took place at Mt. Rubidoux church. Organized by Black Ministries, the SHIFT Conference—so called to reflect a shift in purpose, thinking, and behavior—was held from June 19 to 22 and included guest speakers, music, activities, and more.

Traditionally, camp meetings are held at large venues or campsites. But instead of allocating money to rent a convention center, the conference planning committee, spearheaded by Robert Edwards, vice president for Black Ministries, took a leap of faith in proposing that the camp meeting be held at a local church.

"It's brilliant, out-of-the-box thinking," said church member and SHIFT attendee Hilma Griffin-Watson. "The funds previously used for renting a space can now be used to support and build up the infrastructure of our churches."

A change in location was just the first shift in focus that the conference would accomplish. One of the missions of Black Ministries is to help people shift aspects of their lives in order to move from where they are

to where God wants them to be. This inaugural conference's focus was "centered on healthy pastors and healthy churches," Edwards explained. "We want local church pastors to be lifelong learners."

Beginning with a pre-conference workshop on Wednesday, various speakers shared thoughts on power and purpose throughout the event.

"I really enjoyed Kendra Haloviak Valentine's Sabbath School," said Griffin-Watson. "What a powerful message!"

Church members were also actively involved in praise and worship, and the Friday services were centered on children, youth, and young adult groups. "The atmosphere was electric," recalled Edwards. "To see them worship together with adults was inspiring."

Edwards said the response to the conference was overwhelmingly positive. "It can be considered a pep rally," he said, reflecting on the unity and encouragement that the event fostered among attendees. However, it was a pep rally with an ongoing game plan.

Black Ministries, Edwards said, is passionate about doing both "in-reach as well as outreach." Since SHIFT 2019, Black Ministries has already sponsored several young members of the church and local community to attend both music and summer camps.

The SHIFT Conference will return in the summer of 2020, according to Edwards, and will again have the theme "Healthy Pastors/Healthy Churches."

Mentone Church Members Bless, and Are Blessed, in Bali

BY LYLIAN HUERTA

A team of 53 excited church members from the Mentone church gathered in the city of Denpasar on the island of Bali, Indonesia. During the course of 15 days in July, the group was divided between five locations, where they led out in health talks, music camps, weeks of prayer, and Vacation Bible School programs.

Bali, known as “the island of the gods,” is overflowing with vitality and natural beauty, but it also abounds in idolatry. It is a place where professing belief in Jesus can lead to ostracism and rejection.

“Part of the reason we chose Bali is that, growing up, I saw much need there,” said Gatra Suhari, then associate pastor of Mentone church. “But it is not about the place; it is about creating the opportunity for our church to do this type of outreach.”

The first eastern sunrise was met by a group of church members traveling Bali’s congested highways to the Jodie O’Shea House, an orphanage named after a young woman who was killed during bombings in Bali in 2002. There the group from Mentone conducted

preventive dental care and education.

“It was eye-opening to watch the children light up for the little things we take for granted, like sharing a song or a friendly word,” said Karenna Lee, one of the volunteers. “Happiness was easily given and received, and to see the smiles on their faces was a special blessing.”

As the first day came to an end, the team gathered at the Denpasar Adventist church for vespers, during which volunteer speakers were given gifts of traditional Balinese head scarves and leis made of vibrant marigold flowers to thank them for their work. The rest of that week, part of the group conducted health visits, while others distributed GLOW tracts and struck up spiritual conversations with local Balinese people.

Every evening of the first week was dedicated to week of prayer and VBS programs, but during the second week the volunteers spent their days conducting music camps at the Nusa Tua and Hang Tuah churches. The programs overflowed with eager students, who enjoyed a variety of music classes and participated in daily



PHOTOS: GATRA SUHARI

Steve Lee, a member of the Mentone church, is having as much fun as the kids he and other volunteers serve during a mission trip.

choir practice to prepare to perform a song at a combined church service on Sabbath.

The team also put in a lot of work at Panti Asuhan Adventist Orphanage, where they put up ceilings, cleaned bathrooms and bedrooms, patched walls, and painted. The couple who run the complex held back tears as they expressed their gratitude.

“My prayer going into this was that God would lead—that not only would He guide our hands to make a change in Bali but that this experience would leave a lasting impact on the hearts of our church members, too,” Suhari said.



Members from the Mentone church lead out in fun activities during a mission trip to Bali in July.

U.S. Dream Academy at San Bernardino Community Church

Mentors At-Risk Youth

BY CYNTHIA MENDOZA

In a community that is riddled with significant social challenges, including human trafficking and shootings, San Bernardino Community church is striving to make an impact in the lives of youth in their immediate surroundings through U.S. Dream Academy, a nationwide program for children of incarcerated parents, founded by Adventist singer Wintley Phipps.

Dream Academy targets children from second through eighth grades by mentoring and supporting them in three key areas:

1. Skill building, in areas such as math, reading, and writing;
2. Character building, by teaching kids to do what is right by obeying God's laws and the laws of the land;
3. And, as the name implies, dream building, through activities that encourage kids to dream beyond their current circumstances.

One of the program's driving mottos is that "a child with a dream is a child with a future."

The program offers one-on-one mentorship for each child, one hour per week during the school year. Peer mentorship is also offered for the high school students in the program.

"Our vision is to bring about positive physical and mental change around our church and in our city," said Jerrold Thompson, pastor of the San Bernardino Community church. "As a church, we felt we needed it, especially when we have K-12 schools in our own backyard that we can serve. Our church is all about service."

Indeed, it could be argued that the church's location is providential; the church is situated next to a public high school football field, an area that is regularly overflowing with youth and families. There are also two other K-12



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Officials from U.S. Dream Academy, the San Bernardino Community church, the city, and the conference celebrate the opening of the newest Dream Academy.

schools in the same general vicinity.

On the first day of the program in March there were four kids in the program. Now it is capped out at 20. The desire and dream is to serve up to 60 children.

The San Bernardino Dream Academy is one of eight nationwide, but it is the only one on the West Coast. Other Adventist churches in the area have supported this Dream Academy, including Loma Linda Korean church, which provides music classes twice a

month, and Azure Hills church, which hosted a book drive to help build the program's library.

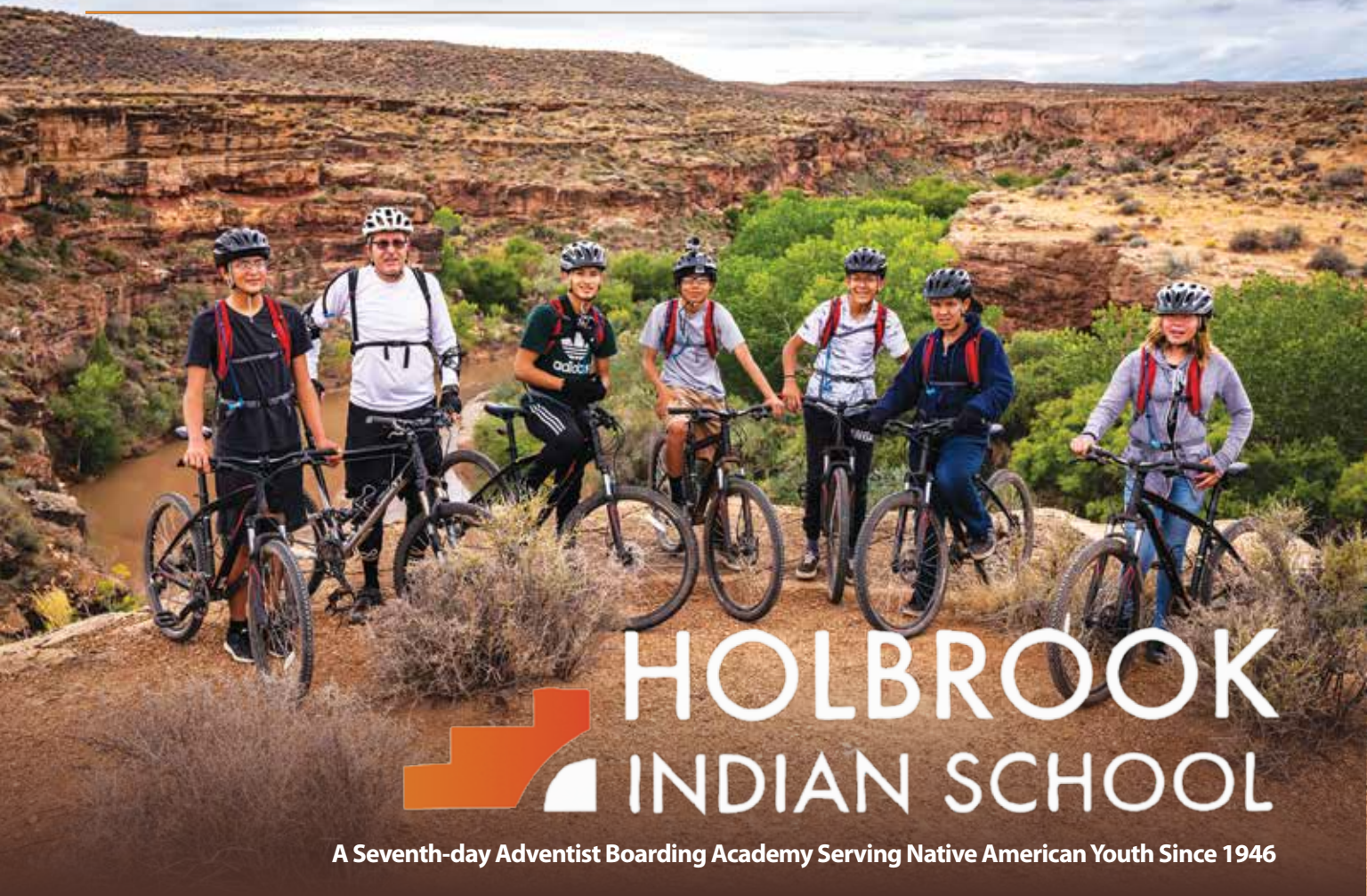
According to Montrice Shabete, San Bernardino director for Dream Academy, feedback from parents has been positive. One of their frequently asked questions has been, "Will you be back next year?" The answer is yes.

"Parents are happy about what their children are being exposed to," she said. "We are intentional in what we do to keep kids from falling through the cracks. We are excited to see what the future holds for Dream Academy in San Bernardino."

For more information on U.S. Dream Academy please call Jerrold Thompson at 909-883-2400.

A kid explores the brand new rooms of the newest U.S. Dream Academy, which is located in the San Bernardino Community church.





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

Bike Program: Learning a Healthy Lifetime Activity

BY PEDRO OJEDA

My first campout with Holbrook Indian School (HIS) students took place in the fall of 2012. It was to be a boys' dorm outing to a campground in nearby Show Low, Arizona. At the time the school owned a box truck that the deans filled with all the camping gear, food, and bicycles. As an avid mountain biker, I was excited to learn that the school had bicycles for the students. My excitement mounted as we prepared to go on a bike ride with the 10 or so students and Sam Hubbard, our bike guru at that time. That is, until I saw the bikes.

Several bikes had flat tires that had to be pumped up or repaired. The brakes on most of the bikes barely worked, and the shifters were in the same poor condition. These circumstances did nothing to deter the smiles on our students' faces as we took off on the trail to the ice cave. It

turned out to be a great ride, despite the number of large rocks in the trail and the need for several students to walk their bikes up the hills because of fatigue and the lack of shifting.

Over the next two years I went on several bike rides with students, using these bikes that had been donated

to the school. The wheels in my mind started turning in rhythm with the wheels of our bikes. I was thinking about what we could do to improve the quality of this experience for our students. The person who had suggested that I apply for the job as principal at HIS had told me that

I would soon fall in love with our Native students, and those words were true. As a result, I wanted the best for them, and I still do.

In the summer of 2014, I sat down with our then development director, Barbara Willis, and told her we needed new bikes for our students. She agreed that it was a great idea and asked me how much money I thought we would need. Thanks to funds from many generous supporters, we are now starting the sixth year of our bike program, with ten bikes, water bottles with cages, helmets, gloves, and a trailer.

My favorite experience last year took place on our first ride. Randell, a new student who had excellent biking skills, nevertheless became concerned soon after we started our ride on Panorama Trail in Show Low. He asked me if we were lost. Even though I showed him on my GPS exactly where we were, he kept asking for proof every few minutes. Randell was also worried about students he could not see riding ahead or behind us.

This experience riding with Randell taught me that our students need opportunities to learn how to handle new, difficult, or disconcerting situations in a safe environment with safe people. Many of our students come from traumatic backgrounds,



and our programs provide the students with a fun outlet to learn, process, and make positive memories. Randell has since gone on several bike rides without any display of anxiety.

Thank you for your support of our programs. We hope to see you on the trail someday.



Benefits of the Bike Program:

Fun, danger, joy, risk-taking, awareness, hard work, camaraderie, leadership, aerobic and anaerobic exercise, trust, obedience, mechanics, balance, the value of equipment, discernment, kindness, social interactions, disappointment, success, learning a healthy lifetime activity, and hanging out with God in His house.



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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El Monte Vietnamese Church Demonstrates Unity in Diversity at Pacific Union Conference Tour and Ministry Showcase

BY ARAYA MOSS

In June, officials from the General Conference (GC) and the North American Division (NAD) began their Tour and Ministry Showcase of the Pacific Union Conference (PUC). The first stop of the tour was in the Southern California Conference (SCC), featuring a presentation by El Monte Vietnamese church. Here, our visitors saw a preview of how the local conference accomplishes its mission to “exalt Christ by serving others.”

Simply put by NAD Executive Secretary Alexander Bryant, the purpose of this showcase is to visit different conferences to see how they do ministry.

GC Secretary G.T. Ng introduced representatives of the 12 divisions, representing 200 countries and 21 million Adventists worldwide. Each representative briefly shared their role, duties, and the ministry projects they are involved with in their respective



GC, NAD, and PUC officials lay hands on the members of El Monte Vietnamese church in prayer.

divisions. One such ministry from the GC included VividFaith’s soon-to-launch app, which would continue to connect people with service opportunities all over the world.

SCC President Velino A. Salazar spoke of the history of SCC as a diverse territory, noting many of the first churches that organized in the territory, from the first church in 1879 to the first Mongolian group in the United States formed in SCC last year.

“Our strength and our treasure is our diversity,” said Salazar, emphasizing

SCC’s mission. “Our feet are planted here, but our hearts and minds are global.”

Salazar then highlighted several churches that are taking innovative approaches to be more relevant in this diverse society, including Vallejo Drive, Breath of Life, Gardena Genesis, Los Angeles Central Korean, Tehachapi, Philadelphian, Los Angeles Cantonese, and, of course, El Monte Vietnamese church.

“It is my honor to serve,” said Vinh Nguyen, pastor at El Monte Vietnamese church. “But most of all, it is important to understand how the immigrant church works in this territory.”

Throughout the presentation, guests were able to experience Vietnamese culture through food, music, and dance. Nguyen shared how, through God’s grace, the church has had a large impact on the community by opening its doors seven days a week. El Monte Vietnamese church hosts the Vietnamese Adventist Heritage School, where 100 students participate in a tutoring program from Monday through Friday and a language school on Sunday. Students are presented with the gospel along with their academic learning. “When we reach the children,” said Nguyen, “we reach the whole family.”

Participants were then invited to tour the campus to see the various ways El Monte Vietnamese church



John Huynh, member of El Monte Vietnamese church and SCC director of development, shares how the church’s in-house printing press enables it to spread the gospel.

Members Focus on God's Protection in Response to Ridgecrest Earthquakes

BY ARAYA MOSS

“All is well with church and church family,” reported William Sellers, pastor at Ridgecrest church, on the Sabbath immediately following the July 4 and 5 earthquakes in Ridgecrest. “Church is still on for today, as we have much to praise Him for.”

When multiple temblors occurred, with magnitudes of 6.4, 5.4, and 7.1, Sellers knew phone calls to check on his members were not enough. He was impressed to personally visit as many of his church members as possible. Sellers and his team, including Mark Reynolds, first elder at Ridgecrest church, and Nancy Danelson, principal at Ridgecrest Adventist Elementary, spent many hours immediately following the quakes visiting members of the church and school.

One of these members was Dodi Holly, who lives north of Ridgecrest in Inyokern. When the first quake hit, Holly's initial reaction was to remain calm. “God was with me the whole time,” she said. “There was no need to worry. I could feel His presence with

me in the room.” Soon after, Sellers called to check in. “My daughter was in Alaska with her daughter,” continued Holly. “Pastor Will went over to her house, turned off her gas and water, and did the same for the neighbor next door.”

God was watching over the entire community. After the first earthquake, Ridgecrest Cinemas made the decision to close Friday night, a popular time for moviegoers. This proved to be a blessing because, shortly after Friday's quake, the roof collapsed in one of the larger rooms that would have been screening *Toy Story 4*.

Just weeks before this seismic event, Sellers had conversations about shared interests in disaster

preparedness and seismology with Richard Guy, a member of the Santa Clarita church and a scientist at the Caltech Seismological Laboratory.

“William reached out to me to come up to Ridgecrest to talk about the Southern California earthquake environment generally,” said Guy, who has been working with seismic instrumentation and data collection for 15 years, “and specifically about Ridgecrest and what preparedness is appropriate for that area.”

Now that such an earthquake has taken place, Sellers and Guy are planning to revisit their initial plans.

“By God's grace, Ridgecrest suffered very little damage,” said Sellers, “and none of our members suffered injury or damage.”

engages with its community for the advancement of God's kingdom.

At the end of the tour, officials gathered with church members in the sanctuary to pray over the church and its leaders. Ng compared the work of El Monte Vietnamese church to that of a local conference, noting the countless ministries in the church: media, printing, Sabbath school, children, language, and many others. Of 150 active members, about half are involved in ministry volunteer positions.

El Monte Vietnamese church

is just one of many to carry on the mission of the world church in a diverse community in this small West Coast territory.

“We are not alike; we are as diverse as our many cultures, languages, and worship styles,” said Salazar. “We are a family, and we are happy.”

Students from the Vietnamese Adventist Heritage School perform a cultural dance.



Philadelphian Church *Transforms Its Deaconess Ministry*

BY ERYLENE PIPER-MANDY

Many members might traditionally think of deaconesses as being conventional, quiet, older women dressed in white, whose duties are merely to fold the communion cloth and make the communion bread. For the past four years, the deaconesses at Philadelphian church have been revolutionizing the church's idea of their office, following the model of the amazing impact the first deacons had on the early church.

These courageous women have been encouraged to be part of a true ministry and to join all the church's ministries in helping others to begin a saving relationship with the Lord.

In 2015, head deaconess Willie Mae Lightcsy wanted to encourage all of her deaconesses to minister and witness in the Long Beach community. She contacted the Royal Care Skilled Nursing Center (RCSNC) for permission to bring Philadelphian church's worship service to the residents in the facility. Once a month, the deaconesses, the pastor, and other church members witness to the residents through song, praise, and Scripture.

After four years of ministry, the program has been so successful that the deaconesses have been able to not only encourage dozens in their spiritual experience but also conduct multiple Bible studies and baptisms, including that of former RCSNC Activities Director Elizabeth Lopez and her daughter, Ellesse Lopez.

"Philly has been a prayer answered for both me and my daughter," reflected Elizabeth. "This is where God led me, and this is where I'm happy to be. The deaconess ministry is like a



PHOTOS: DAVID ZAID

(Left) Elizabeth Lopez gives thanks to God for leading her to Philadelphian church. (Right) The deaconesses at Philadelphian, the church of brotherly and sisterly love, adhere to its mission: "Where love hopes, heals, and helps."

pillar of fire, the pastor is like the fuel, and the church is like a refuge of hope for me and my family."

Word about the success of the program spread throughout the community. The Santa Fe Skilled Nursing Facility contacted Lightcsy and asked if she could pioneer the deaconesses' innovative program at their facility. The deaconesses were happy to serve another center, and now these dedicated women of God are sharing the love of Jesus with another group of residents once a month.

"I believe this ministry has changed the way our church members see deaconesses," said David Zaid, pastor at Philadelphian church. "However, I believe the greatest transformation is in how

our deaconesses see themselves as partners in ministering to the community."

Today, the deaconesses and deacons at Philadelphian are committed to engaging with their community through a variety of methods, including providing encouragement to sick and homebound members through home and hospital visitation and sending get-well cards, church bulletins, audio CDs, and other Christian literature. These faithful servant leaders have taken to heart the exhortation of Jesus Himself: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, KJV).

Hope for Gbuglakope:

Smyrna Church Member Plants a Church in Ghana

BY ARAYA MOSS

Lawrence Klutse's dream to build a church in Ghana came to fruition in early May when Gbuglakope Shilo church was planted in the town of Aflao, in the Volta Region of Ghana. Using the inspirational theme "Hope for Gbuglakope," the three-week mission trip was led by Klutse, a member of Smyrna church.

"At the beginning of the campaign, we prayed that God would prevent the powers of darkness from touching us," said Klutse. "We also prayed for God to keep the rainfall from interrupting the campaign, because it was an open-air camp meeting and it was the rainy season in Ghana."

The crew did experience heavy rainfall that at times stalled the work. One afternoon, while Klutse was speaking with Elder Alex Kportima and the nightly security team, a rainstorm destroyed the wooden pulpit and shattered the glass on top of a five-foot platform. However, no one was injured, and there was no additional rain until after the church building was complete.

In addition to rainfall, the team experienced challenges at the ground level, including multiple snake encounters during construction at the campaign site.

Aflao District Pastor Paul Harvey Mawutor oversees five churches, while several elders rotate preaching at each. Twenty years ago, there was only one district, with one Adventist church. Now the organizational structure has expanded to include four districts, each with multiple thriving churches. Gbuglakope Shilo church joins four others in Aflao District: Aflao Central church, Aflao-Border church, Maranatha church, and Huime church.

"Aflao District lacks funds for evangelism," said Mawutor. "It was therefore an answered prayer and a blessing to open a branch at Gbuglakope so that many poor people—mostly idol worshipers—may have the privilege of knowing the true God." Mawutor intends to establish a small Adventist food outlet in the area to benefit members and further spread the gospel.

On the last sundown of the campaign, retired assemblyman Moses Abuya arrived to meet with Klutse and two of his team members to encourage them to continue the work they had begun in the village.

"He told us he used to practice

Juju, but now he has a better understanding of the Bible, based on the Adventist doctrine," said Klutse, sharing part of Abuya's testimony from that night. "He had been sick and unconscious in the hospital for several days. Yet, he made a miraculous recovery." In sharing his story, Abuya simply thanked God for allowing the Hope for Gbuglakope team to bring His message to the community.

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 education, 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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Several baptisms took place during the three-week campaign, including that of the village chief's uncle.

\$55k in Scholarships Moves STEM Students Toward Careers

BY DARLA MARTIN TUCKER

It has been frequently reported by news media and predicted by industry groups and others: the United States is in dire need of qualified workers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, fields and will face an even greater need in the future.

According to an article published by U.S. News and World Report last summer, the country's manufacturing industry alone is projected to create about 3.5 million positions by 2025. Nearly 2 million may go unfilled due to a dearth of qualified applicants, the report states.

Universities and colleges are tasked with supporting students who are interested in STEM careers toward helping fill the current and anticipated gap. At La Sierra University, an important facet of that support consists of scholarships that help students stay in school and pursue their dream careers. On May 23, the Office of Advancement held its annual scholarships awards ceremony, during which a total of \$565,473 was formally presented to 258 students. These funds included a total of \$15,000 from Edison International for seven Edison STEM scholars and \$40,000 in science scholarship awards from Victor and Alina Tolan awarded to 20 students in STEM majors.

Edison STEM scholarships went to two students in mathematics, Bowen Xiao and Hana Assefa, and five students in computer science, Shaanan Curtis, Christopher Friedrichsen, Cody Johnson, Ethan Morales-Vierna, and Mia Laurea.

This is the fifth grant since the 2014-15 school year that Edison International has awarded to La Sierra

for scholarships benefitting students in STEM majors. In total, the energy conglomerate has given La Sierra University \$90,000 in scholarship awards.

"We are grateful to Edison [International] for the continued support for our students working toward their degrees in much needed STEM fields," said Marvin Payne, associate professor of biochemistry and chair of the chemistry and biochemistry department. "The scholarships they receive help them focus more on their studies and encourage them to continue to pursue their dreams."

Students who received the Tolan science scholarships were Emnet Ejigu, Bryan Guerra, Jaziel Huerta, Tess Jackson, Mikayla James, Madona Kelada, Yonghe Li, Harold Limon Guerrero, Meagan Lopez, Gillian Miller, Cole Mupas, Ethan Peterson, Kellie Phan, David Ramirez, Gillian Ramirez Hernandez, Benjamin Toledo, Cassandra Ward, Ashley Wysong, Tongtong Zhao, and Sunny Zhou.

The Tolans began offering the scholarships a couple of years ago,

Students conduct research in a science lab at La Sierra University. The institution offers a variety of STEM-related programs for students as well as scholarships for STEM majors and the sciences.



inspired by the ubiquitous need for graduates schooled in the sciences and by the career opportunities available to students who pursue STEM majors. Victor Tolan, an engineer who is president and chief executive officer of B&K Precision in Yorba Linda, has difficulty finding qualified applicants in engineering and computer science, his wife, Alina Tolan, said. She has also noticed a decline in qualified high school science teachers. Alina, a retired

clinical pharmacist, is a La Sierra University trustee and also sits on the personnel committee for Orangewood Academy in Garden Grove, Calif.

“Also with so many opportunities in technology, we felt that more of our students could earn a degree that would give them a better opportunity in life,” she said. “Education is very important to us, and with the costs of education rising it has become harder for so many

young men and women to be able to go to college. We decided that it is important for us to give back to our community and help students achieve an education that will enhance their future career.”

For further information on endowed scholarships at La Sierra University, visit <https://lasierra.edu/endedowed-scholarships/>. Information on institutional scholarships and financial aid is available at <https://lasierra.edu/sfs/scholarships/>.

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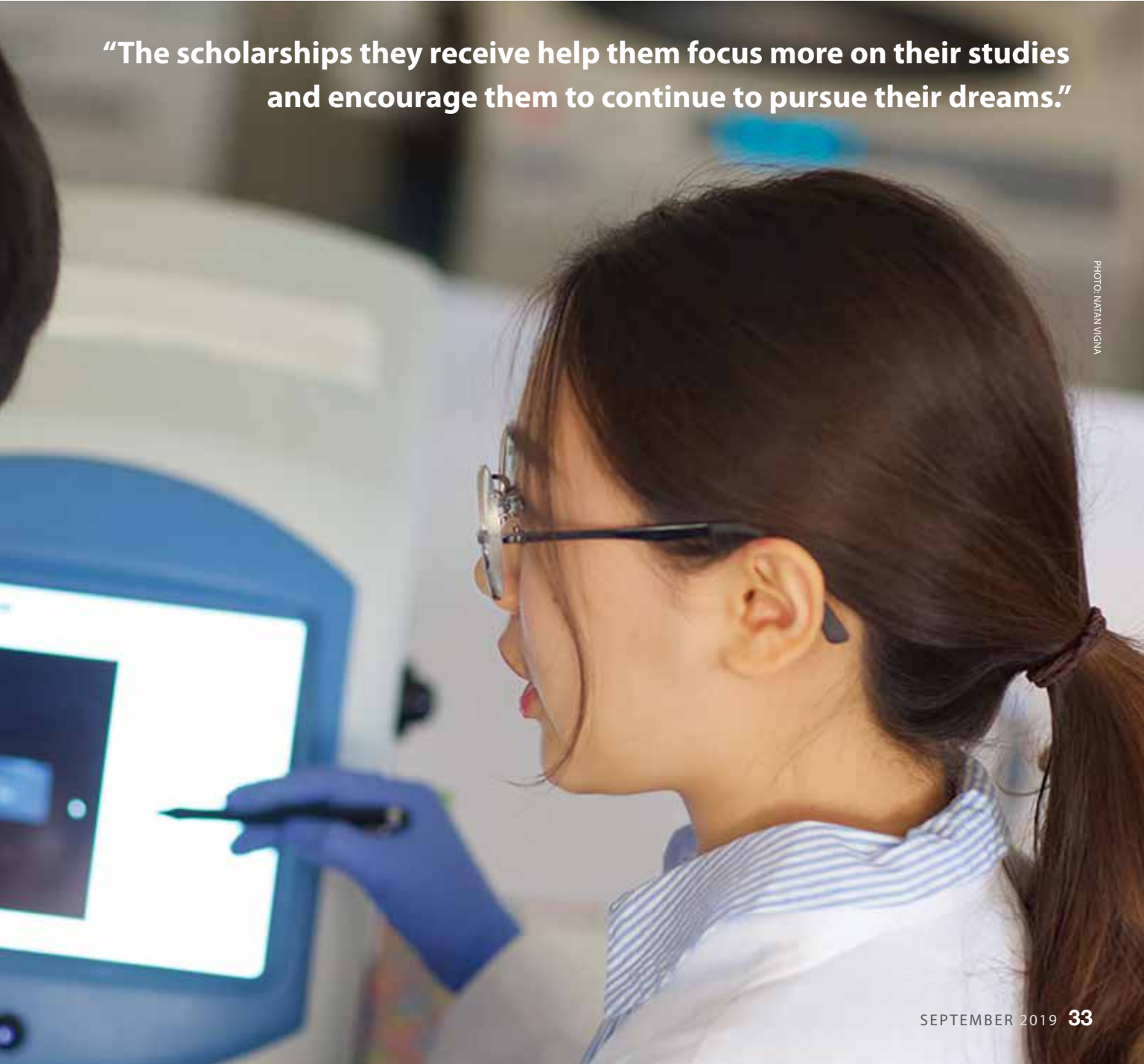


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Arizona Native American Camp Meeting

BY PHIL DRAPER

More than 100 visitors converged on the Navajo Indian Reservation on the weekend of July 5-7 for the annual Native American camp meeting. People came from surrounding states to the campsite in Kinlichee, Arizona.

Kinlichee-Window Rock pastoral couple Jonathan and Katie Chitwood hosted the event. They were assisted by an enthusiastic, hard-working mission team from the Philadelphia church in San Antonio, Texas. These dedicated workers spent the preceding week laying evangelistic groundwork in the community with health classes and a VBS. They also devoted many hours beautifying the campus and setting up the large tent where the adult meetings were held. The Philadelphia church group also provided food service for the weekend and led out in children's meetings during the camp meeting.

The highlight of the weekend was the keynote sermon by Arizona Conference President Ed Keyes on Sabbath morning, who spoke to the congregation in a tent that was filled

almost to overflowing. His focus was on the theme "To All Nations." He shared the fascinating story of his own dramatic conversion from the streets of urban New Jersey many years ago. His message was translated into Navajo by Kyle Boyd of the La Vida Mission church in New Mexico.

The Sabbath afternoon testimony meeting is always an eagerly anticipated feature of Arizona Native American camp meetings. This year was no exception as many shared from their hearts the miracles God has been working in their lives over the past year.

Guests received an update on plans for an Adventist World Radio station to connect with the largest unreached Native population in North America, the Navajo Nation.

The Sabbath concluded with a message by Raymond Nez, lay elder from the Gallup church in New Mexico, ending with a powerful appeal for a new birth experience in each person's life.

Other special features of the camp meeting included: a Friday evening message by Arizona Native Coordinator Dale Wolcott; early morning devotionals



(Above) Elder Keyes presented the morning message, translated into Navajo by Kyle Boyd of the LaVida Mission church in New Mexico. (Left) Elder Keyes received an authentic Native painting in appreciation for his leadership.



The mission group from San Antonio Philadelphia church received an authentic Native painting in appreciation of their hard work.

by Emilio Gomez from Kinlichee and Bud Joe Haycock from Monument Valley, Utah; s'mores treats around the campfire on Saturday night; and a Sunday morning multigenerational fun run with over 20 participants, several of whom completed the full 5K+ route and received a participation medal.

Keyes said, "I greatly appreciate the missionary spirits of the Chitwood, Wolcott, Gomez, and Haycock families who give so unselfishly to see our Native American work prosper and grow. I'm sure God will continue to bless their unique ministries as they work tirelessly, enthusiastically, and totally devoted to saving our Native American brothers and sisters for the kingdom."

It's My Very Own: Share Your Joy!

BY CHRISTINE MAGNUSON

Few situations are as traumatizing and confusing to a child as when they are removed from home by authorities, such as Child Protective Services agents. Displaced children face the uncertainty of a new life, with nothing to take with them but the clothes they wore that day.

It's My Very Own (IMVO) is an organization with the aim of easing the transition from a child's present home to their new, yet unknown home. IMVO provides "bags of love" filled with toys, basic necessities, books, and a handmade quilt to these children as tangible expressions of human caring, encouraging the child to hope.

Betty Baerg began working with It's My Very Own in 2006. In early 2007, she and her group took 10 bags of love to the local Department of Child Safety (DCS), and the DCS team was thrilled to receive the contribution. "They couldn't believe someone wanted to do this," said Baerg about how the DCS welcomed the bags. "They told us that people donate lots of items to them, but this was not just a stuffed bear or a blanket—these bags are the complete package."

Fast forward 13 years, and the volunteers from the Apache Junction church, as well as members from other churches in the area, have continued making and distributing bags of love and have given nearly 3,000 bags total.

Though the men and women who assist in the stitching and bag-making



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do not get
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reaction to receiving their gift, the volunteers are content knowing that they had a hand in making a special gift that a child in need might cherish forever.

Once in a while Baerg and her team receive letters. "One foster mother who had two little foster kids had them put their hands into paint and place their palm prints onto the letter," Baerg said about a letter they received. "That touched us—these moments really make us keep wanting to do this."

One lady who used to live in Arizona still buys stuffed animals and sends them by mail. Almost every

(Above) Betty Baerg (right) and Apache Junction church volunteers fill bags of love for needy children. (Left) A child in transition cuddles his very own toy bunny.

week there is a donation at their door that the volunteers have not even asked for. All they had to do was spread the word about their ministry to as much of their community as they could.

"I just trust the Lord more and more than I did before—you just can't help it when you see things turn out so wonderful," said Baerg about God's guidance in this endeavor. "Everyone in our group feels that way."

To find out more about how to reach children in need, visit www.imvo.org. For questions, requests for more information, or new chapter registration, please contact Susan Schnell, International Director, at 423-408-3142 or email susan@imvo.org.



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Summer VBS Programs

Engage Children and Church Members

BY FAITH HOYT

This summer, congregations across the Nevada-Utah Conference (NUC) engaged young people and church members in innovative Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs.

From building special props and facilitating activities to making large quantities of food and putting in long hours, NUC church members demonstrated their dedication, as well as their creativity, through the hosting of VBS.

In Elko, Nevada, the Elko church invited young people from their church and community to a fiesta-themed VBS during the last week of June. Youth learned about Jesus

through songs and activities that integrated the Spanish language and culture. Highlights from their program included “Sing and Play Olé” time, “Hot Bible Adventures” with Bible story reenactments, and “Cactus Crafts,” which encouraged kids to use their creativity to make plaster foot prints, design colorful T-shirts, and cultivate potted plants. They also participated in “Grande Games,” which combined physical activities with spiritual lessons.

“Church members were very involved in hosting this event,” shared Mario Navarro, pastor of the church. Support from Elko members included designing the stage,

(Top) A group of young people pose by the stage built by Elko church members for their week of VBS. (Above) Maranatha church member Destiny Lewis stands by the revolving door built for the Route 66-themed VBS that took young people on a “road trip” through the 66 books of the Bible.

planning activities, keeping the program in prayer, and contributing financially.

Roughly 400 miles south, in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Maranatha Spanish church hosted an average of 70 kids each evening at their Route



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(Above) VBS leader and Maranatha Spanish church member Vany Carballo leads a group of primary-aged young people at one of the Bridge of Connection stations. Every evening, VBS participants made crafts and participated in activities that reflected the Christian value highlighted that day.

66-themed VBS held during the last week of July. “The name is based on the 66 books of the Bible,” shared Dan Hilasaca, associate pastor of the church.

According to Hilasaca, members volunteered countless hours to



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(Above left) LJ Davis (left) and Jonathan Carbury (right), two of Elko’s VBS participants, pose for a quick photo during the “Grande Games” that combined physical activities with spiritual lessons. (Below left) Elko church member Lleyde Miller holding MyCaia during “Maraca Munchies” snack time.



PHOTO: MARIO NAVARRO

and team-building activities.

For churches like Elko, Maranatha Spanish, and many more, VBS is a special way for congregations to participate in children’s evangelism and engage young people in meaningful ways.

Both Hilasaca and Navarro believe that the time spent singing, memorizing Bible verses, and learning about Christian values through activities helps to strengthen children’s understanding of what it means to follow Jesus.

“VBS is a valuable time that helps children learn about Jesus by teaching them His life lessons and love in a simple yet creative manner,” Navarro said. “This can help impact their lives by setting a foundational relationship with Jesus that can be carried though to adulthood.”

build props (including a revolving door that looked like a giant Bible), design decorations, and transform the rooms in the church to look like an iconic road trip—one that taught young people about Jesus and the Bible.

“We had a dozen volunteers that led kids to each of the six stations where they participated in different activities,” Hilasaca explained. Maranatha’s VBS program included science experiments, learning songs,



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(Left) VBS leaders Shelly Miller (left) and Amy Martin (right) lead out during an evening at their Fiesta-themed program at the Elko SDA church. (Right) Maranatha Spanish church’s Primary 2 class sitting at the Rest Stop VBS station, where they learned how to make delicious and healthy snacks or desserts.



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(Right) Central California Conference officers pray over the evangelism offering box the last evening of camp meeting. (Below) The Heritage Singers gave a musical concert the second Sabbath of Soquel Camp Meeting 2019. The concert was sponsored by Adventist Health.



Central California Conference Soquel Camp Meeting has Attendees Looking uP

BY CINDY R. CHAMBERLIN

From Thursday, July 9, through Saturday evening, July 20, Central California Conference's (CCC) annual 10-day camp meeting convened, featuring a robust praise team and popular presenters such as Debleaire Snell, David Asscherick, Wesley Knight, Pavel Goia, Joseph Kidder, and Alejandro Bullón. All presenters spoke to the topic of prayer as the convocation sought a deliberate focus, calling all CCC members to Look uP.

"I have been in this conference for 22 years, and I personally feel like this camp meeting has been the best yet," said Joyce Mulligan, CCC's Prayer Ministries director.

Planners of this year's convocation

focused on prayer. Much planning went into avoiding an expected format, instead presenting active programming. CCC's Prayer Ministries team held a prayer walk the weekend prior to camp meeting, uplifting each

department, leader, camper, and guest. Upon arrival, nearly 10,000 camp meeting attendees were met with prayer walls, which had been erected around the Main Auditorium and supplied with markers for



"The authenticity and intentionality seemed to bring greater permissions for small groups to spontaneously stop in supplication amid campus programs, and there was a great sense this camp meeting was not business as usual," said one woman.



Here three pastors, Stephen Eastwood of Mariposa/Merced Olive East; Chris Blake of San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay; and Hananiah Ruff of Bakersfield Southside, conduct a “Relentless Surrender” segment—programming dealing with the struggles and challenges of prayer.

attendees to write petitions and praises. There was a prayer room open throughout camp meeting for prayer warriors to saturate programming with intercessory prayer. The room also featured a children’s prayer corner. Scripture cards were passed out by children and the Prayer Ministries team to all attendees.

One camera vendor in charge of technology related receiving a scripture card from a young girl who offered to pray with him on a busy day of filming. “I almost cried,” he said of the encounter.

Midweek there was a special appeal made by Pavel Goia, *Ministry Magazine* editor and keynote

presenter, for attendees to place burdens, addictions, and sins into a burn barrel for symbolic cleansing. The following evening there was a showing of the Christian movie the *War Room*, showcasing the power in prayer.

Programmers for the Main Auditorium wished to speak authentically to the challenges of prayer life. The nightly “Relentless Surrender” segments featured Christians who have struggled with seemingly unanswered prayers.

Highlights of the week included seminars, health lectures, exercise classes, nightly musical mini concerts,

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(Left) Soquel’s Studio 48, which broadcasts to more than 96 different countries and millions of viewers around the globe, was transformed into a mini prayer chapel, creating a soft space for supplications in the midst of camp meeting busyness.



(Right) David Asscherick, co-founder of ARISE ministry, was one of the keynote speakers in the Main Auditorium.



(Left) Speakers paused to write their own prayer requests on the main stage before speaking each evening. Here, Debleaire Snell writes on the prayer wall. (Above) Upon arrival, nearly 10,000 attendees were met with prayer walls to write petitions and praises.



(Right) Midweek there was a special appeal for attendees to place burdens, addictions, and sins into a burn barrel for symbolic cleansing.



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praise singing, an ABC book sale, a Pathfinder parade, and baptisms. Cyiza provided a concert the first weekend, while the Heritage Singers were in



Life Hope Centers vision and dental clinics were offered throughout the week.

concert the second weekend. Life Hope Centers vision and dental clinics were offered throughout the week.

“I’ve had the privilege of participating with 22 consecutive Soquel camp meetings. Each has made lasting and indelible spiritual prints in my heart,” says Ramiro Cano, CCC president. “Many encounters made, as well as testimonies that reveal the tangible influence of the Divine. This year’s camp meeting stands out as one of the most impressionable. The theme Looking uP was Spirit-led, bringing the posture of prayer as a vital and indispensable focus in our Christian journey. It was impactful for me. I pray it was for you as well.”

Just as Webster’s dictionary defines up as, “Toward a higher place

or position, toward a higher level,” so attendees were asked to adjust their vision during their stay and upon their departure to Look uP to where their help resides.



Wesley Knight was a keynote speaker for the last weekend at Soquel Camp Meeting. Speakers addressed the theme of prayer and encouraged attendees to Look uP.

Children and Their Angels at Soquel Camp Meeting 2019

BY DELORIS TRUJILLO AND CINDY CHAMBERLIN

Surely God and His angels enjoyed Soquel Camp Meeting this year. Just image His joy when a little girl in the Primary Tent walked up to one of the leaders with a huge smile and exclaimed, “I just love this!” More than 1,348 children registered this year for camp meeting, where the theme of prayer was reprised in each division.

Wynter Chamberlin, a little resident from nearby Aptos, Calif., takes in Sabbath School at the Beginners Tent.



In the **Beginners Tent**, director Donna Smith and helpers explored “God’s Amazing Creation” with zero-to three-year-olds. Newly created this year were the puppet and song centers.



The **Kindergarten Tent**, with leader Richelle Rickard and her team of helpers, experienced “Lava Lava Island, Where Kid’s

Overflow with Jesus Love!” a creative tropical approach to learning about God for more than 190 energetic four-to six-year-olds.





Pastor Gerry Lopez, NAD Children's Ministries associate director, uses a puppet in the Primary Tent to talk about prayer.

In the **Primary Tent** seven- to nine-year-olds were led by Monica Barlow, day director, and Ashley Singta, evening director, using the theme "Prayer is Primary." Children rotated through games, crafts, and Bible-study centers promoting prayer activities.



Ten- to twelve-year-olds in the **Junior Tent**, led by Barbra Tabura, were inspired by special speakers using the theme "Who You Say I Am?" Pastor Damian Chandler filled young hearts and minds with the gospel of Christ. Juniors were shown that, while standing up for Christ can be tough, it is not shameful and



together they could be proud of their faith.

They also conducted community service for their third year in a row in partnership with the Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department to beautify the Seacliff Village County Park in nearby Aptos, Calif.



Decisions were made for baptism—some were baptized during camp meeting and others chose to be baptized at their local churches when they return home. There were also many additional decisions for Christ made, along with testimonials of how camp meeting had impacted and changed young lives.

There is no doubt that God wanted to be with the children and youth and sent His angels by the thousands to Soquel. Angels will surely be back next year!



NOTICE OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION

The Central California Conference Thirty-fourth Constituency Meeting is called to convene as follows

Date: November 17, 2019

Location: Fresno Adventist Academy
5397 E. Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

Time: Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Begins: 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports; to elect a president, an executive secretary, a treasurer, a vice president for ministries, an associate executive secretary, and any other such officers as deemed necessary by the delegates; to elect such director(s) for ethnic ministries as deemed necessary by the delegates; to elect members of the Executive Committee and the Bylaws Committee; and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Ramiro Cano, President

Ronald Rasmussen, Executive Secretary

Tithe Teaser
FriChik (maybe), a Good Slogan, and an Honest Tithe
 Most Adventist Christians do not eat chicken and are healthier because of it. However, most do not know that this famous entrepreneur was a faithful tithe-payer and believer. Others may remember his slogan. To find out who this was and read another tithe story by Cindy R. Chamberlin, go to www.centralcaliforniaadventist.com.

Redwood Camp Meeting Offers a Spiritual Oasis

BY JULIE LORENZ

Once again, church members from throughout the Northern California Conference (NCC) and beyond received a blessing at Redwood Camp Meeting—a favorite tradition for more than 65 years. Since 1976, the camp meeting has been held on grounds near the Eel River, about 27 miles south of Fortuna. This year’s event, held July 18-27, was themed “Following Jesus: Christ’s Method Alone.”

Program Highlights

Pacific Union College Chaplain Kent Rufo and retired NCC Pastor Ben Maxson spoke in Pepperwood Pavilion. Dan Smith, from Quiet Hour Ministries, was the main speaker in

the Adult II tent, and Jean Sheldon, professor of Old Testament at Pacific Union College, spoke in the Young Adult tent.

Campers could choose among a wide variety of seminars, including “Live, Laugh & Love,” by Kay Kuzma, author and educator; “Addictions and the Devil’s Battleground,” taught by Angeline David, North American Division health ministries director; and “The Return of Elijah: Preparing People for the Coming of the Lord,” given by Gary Venden, pastor of the

Glendale church in Arizona.

Other highlights of the 10 days included concerts by Cyiza Music Ministry and the Emmanuel Quartet, as well as mini-concerts each evening presented by a variety of people.

Campestre Hispano

While NCC pastors presented most of the twice-daily meetings at Campestre Hispano, Alberto Ingleton, Pacific Union Conference Hispanic ministries director, spoke on the final Sabbath. Laypeople also participated in the programs. “Brothers and sisters gave testimonies about their spiritual experiences, their conversions, and how God guided their lives,” said Roman Leal, NCC Hispanic ministries coordinator. “It was phenomenal.”

The Spanish-speaking campers were surprised and happy when 80 people from the Hemet Spanish/Ontario Spanish church district in the Southeastern California Conference drove for 12 hours to join the camp meeting.

Summer on the Run

In addition to attending meetings especially for their age groups, kids enthusiastically participated in activities provided by Summer on the Run, the NCC’s mobile summer day camp program, led by Eddie Heinrich, NCC youth director.



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(Top) Cyiza Music Ministry presents a concert in Pepperwood Pavilion. (Left) Pastor Josie Asencio baptizes Robert Irwin Chew Jr. in Pepperwood Pavilion. (Below) Asencio and Pastor Ezequiel Osorio rejoice with Chew, as he displays a button that reads “I was baptized at Redwood Camp Meeting.”



PHOTOS: JOSE MARIN



Many people minister to others at Redwood: (Top left) the Summer on the Run team provides fun and friendship evangelism; (top right) dental professionals volunteer their services during Community Service Day; (below left) Pacific Union College Chaplain Kent Rufo speaks in Pepperwood Pavilion; (below right) musicians lead worship in the Earliteen Division; and (bottom) volunteers gather for Community Service Day.



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For the past several months, the program's team members—Adventist young people—have traveled to various locations around Northern California to engage both church and community kids. "My favorite part about camp meeting was reacquainting with kids that we met earlier in the summer from their involvement with Summer on the Run's program in their hometowns," said Hailey Snyder, one of the 12 team members at Redwood.

The activities included a bounce house, obstacle course, archery, and a giant water slide. Campers of all ages—as old as 80—took a thrilling ride down the water slide. "My favorite part was being able to interact with not just kids but also teens and adults," said team member Katiana Ivette. "We got to open up our activities to those of all ages who were willing to participate in what we had to offer. Plus, it's a blast!"

Community Service Day

More than 100 campers participated in Friday's annual Community Service Day. While some worked on a painting project at Fortuna Junior Academy, most volunteered at an AMEN clinic, held at the Fortuna Adventist Community Services building. Young people went door to door in the nearby neighborhoods, inviting people to come receive free dental, medical, and vision care as well as physical therapy,

life coaching, spiritual support, and more.

Not only did community members receive much-needed help, the campers received the blessing that comes from reaching out to others. "People stopped me and said, 'I really feel like I made a difference. I hope we can do this again,'" said The Haven church Pastor Josie Asencio, the event's organizer.

Friendship and Fellowship

Most people return to Redwood year after year because of the loving and supportive relationships that flourish there. Many have camped in the same spot for decades and enjoy catching up with family, friends, and their once-a-year neighbors. "My favorite part is our family being together, fellowshiping under the trees," said Harry Salvini, camp director. This summer, his wife,

Kathy, was undergoing some major health challenges, but she insisted on going to Redwood. "She wanted to sit under the trees, listen to music, and visit with the people we don't see during the rest of the year," he said.

The Christian harmony at Redwood can be an antidote to the stress of everyday life. "My favorite part is the ministry that goes on at camp meeting beyond the meetings—between church members who get together and talk and pray together," said Ed Fargusson, assistant to the NCC president. "There is a dynamic that can happen if you are open to it—mutual support for one another."



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Gordon Botting Served as a Bold and Creative Leader

BY JULIE LORENZ

Family, friends, colleagues, and church members throughout the Pacific Union Conference (PUC) and beyond are mourning the passing of Gordon Botting, retired Northern California Conference (NCC) department director and pastor, who died on July 11. At the time of his death, Botting was serving as union stewardship director, a position he held since 1993.

Botting was director of three NCC departments—community services, health, and stewardship—for more than 16 years before his retirement earlier this year. He was an active and engaging leader, organizing a variety of training seminars, outreach programs, and retreats.

Colleagues remember Botting's ingenuity and vision. "He wasn't afraid to create and promote big ideas that would empower churches to help their neighbors by sharing ways to improve their health and finances, as well as reaching out through numerous community service projects," said NCC President Marc Woodson.

The author of many books, seminar materials, and articles, Botting was probably best known for his monthly stewardship bulletin, "The Stewpot," which he began in 1996. Botting wrote most of the articles himself, dealing with stewardship in all areas of a Christian's life: money, time, talents, health, marriage, and more. Distributed worldwide, "The Stewpot" is available in a number of languages.

Earlier this year, Botting received the North American Division (NAD) Lifetime Achievement Award for stewardship and the General Conference Lifetime Award of Distinction in health ministries. "I was amazed by his skill, encouraged by his

fortitude, and blessed by his winsome ways," said Angeline David, director of NAD health ministries. "Gordon was a trusted counselor, a valuable mentor, and a dear friend."

Sung Kwon, executive director of NAD community services, remembers Botting's inspired leadership. "Dr. Botting demonstrated exemplary competencies and the attitude of a leading servant," he said. "He was an innovative social entrepreneur who initiated several creative ways to reach out to the communities, including community gardens and thrift ministries."

Born and raised in New Zealand, Botting graduated from Australia's Avondale College. After working as an assistant auditor for the South Pacific Division, he served as a pastor at a number of churches in the North New Zealand Conference, where



he was ordained. He then earned a double master's degree in nutrition and community public health and a doctorate in preventive care from Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

In 1981, Botting came to the NCC to serve as associate pastor at the Carmichael church. Five years later, he became senior pastor at the Sacramento Central church, and in 1991 he transitioned to be associate pastor of the Auburn church. Two years later, he also took on the role of union stewardship director.

Botting's leadership impacted an untold number of lives. "Friendly, efficient, and productive, Gordon was an idea factory of ways to connect people with God through the Seventh-day Adventist Church," said PUC President Ricardo Graham. "I will always remember him for his contributions to the work of God in the Pacific Union Conference."





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Church Leaders from Around the World *Enjoy Dinner at The Veg Hub*

BY JULIE LORENZ

On an evening in early July, executive secretaries from the Adventist church's world divisions and the General Conference—along with their spouses—came to Oakland's The Veg Hub restaurant for dinner.

The visit was part of the "2019 NAD Experience," a tour hosted by North American Division (NAD) leaders to offer the executive secretaries a glimpse of ministry in this territory. For nearly two weeks, the group traveled to sites in British Columbia, the North Pacific Union Conference, the Pacific Union Conference, and the Southern Union Conference. They visited a number of places in the Northern California Conference (NCC), including Pacific Union College, Elmhaven (Ellen White's home), and Adventist Health headquarters.

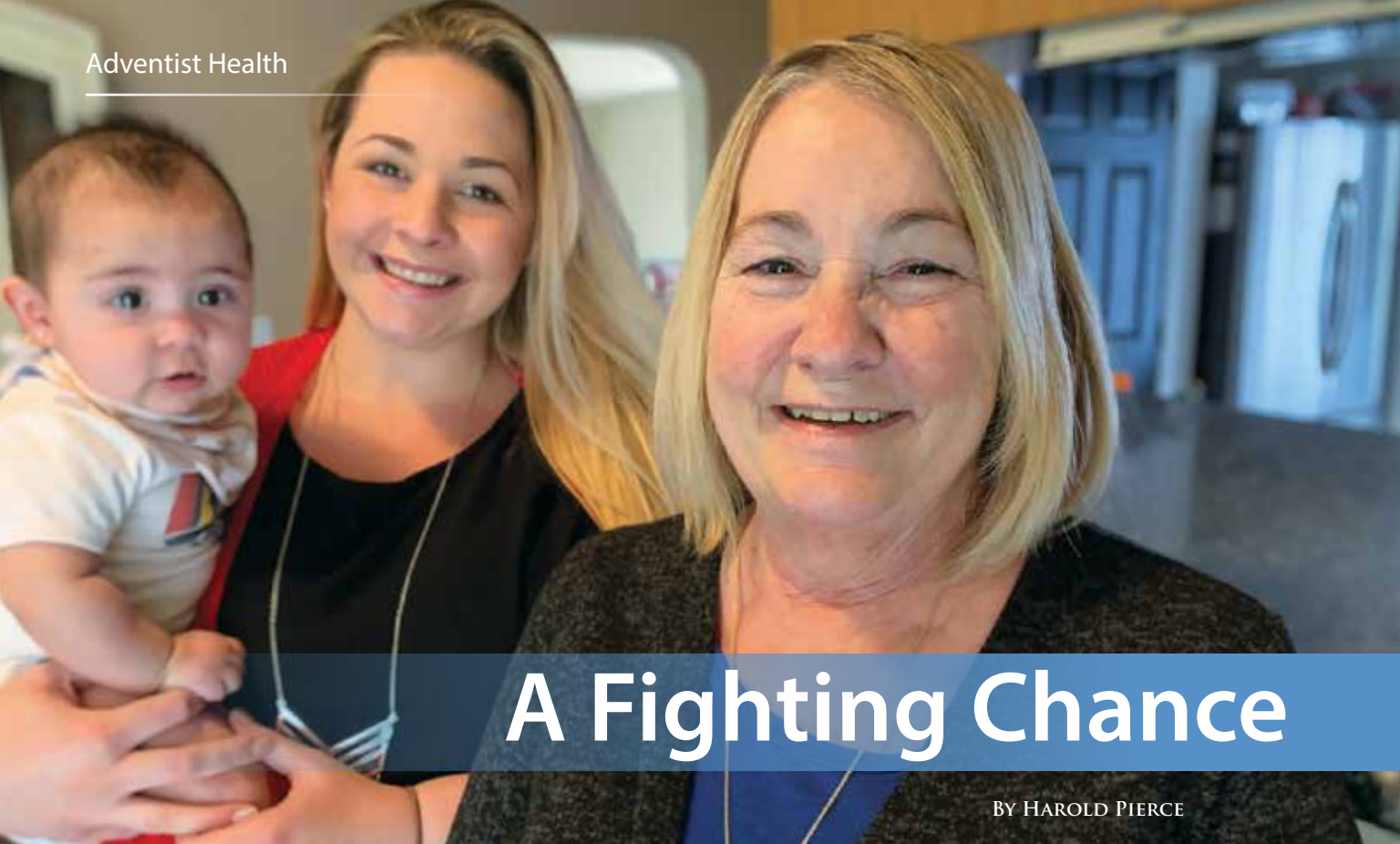
On July 3, more than 60 people crowded into The Veg Hub restaurant to enjoy Chef GW Chew's signature vegan soul food favorites, including macaroni and "cheese," "fried chicken," greens, and more. Chew was excited to share his food, describe his

personal journey, and report on God's leading in The Veg Hub ministry. "The experience was almost a dream come true," he said. "It was humbling to feed the world church and let them see what God has done."

Through delicious plant-based food, friendly service, and a strong commitment to the local community, The Veg Hub restaurant is a center of influence, opening doors to share the gospel in a neighborhood with no Adventist presence. It's a modern response to a model that Ellen White envisioned.

"One of the highlights of the night was to hear that this center of influence in a way is fulfillment to one of Ellen White's dreams," said NCC Executive Secretary Jose Marin. "She wrote: 'Other restaurants similar to the one on Market Street should be opened in San Francisco and in Oakland. Concerning the effort that is now being made in these lines, we can say, Amen and amen'" (*Counsels on Health*, p. 549).

Read an article about the entire "2019 NAD Experience" at bit.ly/gcnadtour.



A Fighting Chance

BY HAROLD PIERCE

Just moments after waking up and stepping onto her patio for a cigarette and a cup of coffee, Michelle Weller was brought to her knees. The pain was unbearable as a ripping sensation tore through her chest. She dropped her cigarette, stumbled inside, and hollered for someone to call 911.

"I wanted to die," Weller says. "That's what I was thinking. The pain was that bad. I thought I was going to die."

But nurses at Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley wouldn't let her.

Weller's nurses, Rebecca Mateiro and Michelle Adams, diagnosed an aortic dissection, a serious condition occurring when the inner layer of the aortic blood vessel branching off the heart tears. It's often fatal.

The dissection was caused by a combination of smoking, stress, and heredity. Michelle had been a smoker for 35 years, ignoring family members when they asked her to quit. She would stress easily over little things. Her father had died of an aortic aneurysm and her brother died of an aortic dissection. She was terrified.

At a critical access hospital in a rural community, options for

treatment are limited. The nurses called hospitals nearby to see if a cardiothoracic surgeon was available to perform immediate open heart surgery. They found just one—at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Meanwhile, Michelle's pulse dropped to 20 beats per minute. Her kidneys began shutting down. She faded in and out of consciousness, and a chaplain stood bedside. When her daughter, Heather Silva, arrived, Mateiro cried with her and then prayed for her mother.

"I told her we would do what we could to give her a fighting chance," Mateiro recalls. "She was going to make it—just as long as we got her the surgery she needed."

Because of the smoke caused by wildfires blazing across Southern California, flying a helicopter into

Loma Linda would be impossible.

"We can't wait," Mateiro told them. Within 30 minutes they had arranged an ambulance, inserted a breathing tube in Michelle's throat and packed everything they needed to keep their patient alive.

Adams and Mateiro traveled alongside the ambulance for the two-hour drive into Loma Linda, and they provided her daughter, Heather, with text updates.

"I remember them wheeling her out, and the nurses were right there with her. You wouldn't expect to go to work and then end up driving almost three hours with a patient. They didn't even hesitate. I'm so thankful. They didn't even think twice," Heather says. "They were going to do whatever they had to do, and I felt she was in really good hands. If it weren't for Michelle

(Adams) and Rebecca (Mateiro), my mother would not be here. They saved her life.”

Michelle’s operation was successful, and the experience set her on a healthier path. She no longer smokes. She finds ways to reduce stress in her life, and she’s begun watching her diet and limiting her portions. She’s finding ways to be heart healthy so that she can be there for her five grandkids (and a new one on the way).

“All these years my family told me to quit smoking and that it would kill me. I came so close,” Michelle says through tears. “I don’t want the people I care about to ever feel what I felt.”

A heritage of community investment

Healthcare in Tehachapi, California, has always been a product of community investment. When Harold and Madge Schlotthauer, a husband and wife team of Seventh-day Adventist doctors trained at Loma Linda University Medical Center, came to Tehachapi in 1934, it was to provide healthcare to the underserved. They purchased and converted a two-story hotel to establish the first hospital

the rural community had ever known. They built clinics across the region, stressing preventive care and offering free well-baby clinics. They partnered with schools to offer vaccinations and provide nutritional information to parents. The couple practiced medicine until they sold their hospital and retired in 1969.

Now, 50 years later, Adventist Health has picked up where the Schlotthauers left off. In November 2018, Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley opened a new, state-of-the-art hospital, ushering the region into a new era of healthcare while paying homage to the area’s roots. For many, the opening of the new hospital was a community celebration. During a time when hospitals in rural communities across the nation are shuttering, Tehachapi had achieved what seemed impossible.

For too long, residents in Tehachapi and east Kern County were forced to travel up to 90 minutes for care



Drs. Harold and Madge Schlotthauer

because their hospital lacked services. Some would forgo care altogether. But since opening, emergency department volumes have spiked, suggesting that those residents who used to travel are now staying local for care. The intensive care unit team has nursed critically ill patients back to good health, and they did it close to home where it is convenient for their families to visit.

Most importantly, the hospital’s team of compassionate caregivers provides the highest quality of care because they love their community and know their friends and neighbors deserve nothing less. Drs. Harold and Madge Schlotthauer would be proud.





(Above) The Class of 1959 attends the homecoming weekend. (Right) The HMA alumni praise team provides music for the event.

Hawaiian Mission Academy Homecoming Weekend 2019

BY RUSSELL KIM

Hawaiian Mission Academy (HMA) alumni homecoming weekends are special events. It is always so enjoyable to see a multitude of people sharing memories of their beloved HMA. This year was no different as alumni, faculty, and friends gathered together on June 22 and 23 to participate in various activities that reunited and rekindled the bonds of friendship.

Sabbath services were emceed by Jonny Kono ('73), opening with the traditional roll call of the alumni. Beginning with the class of 2019, the roll call ended with the class of 1949, represented by Doug Waterhouse. Dr. Charles Yamashiro, class of 1939, was honored for many years of service to the school and church. This year's weekend events would have been his 80th homecoming, but unfortunately he was not able to attend.

Stella Crouch ('59) and Dolly Tabura ('53) led the attendees in singing the HMA school song to its exuberant finish: "our alma mater HMA!" Other participants in the church service included Lynne Kobashigawa Waihee ('64), who gave a beautiful offertory prayer, and 2019 class president Dannica Roberts, who presented the scripture reading. Joyce Garrigus-Harris ('58) and Rhoda Kim Lau ('55) facilitated intercessory

prayer by encouraging attendees to think about how HMA had changed their lives, then write it on Post-it notes and place the notes collectively on a specially created rainbow board.

Attendees were also inspired and blessed with special music by Justin Conferido ('19) and Kristi Lane ('20), a worshipful gift of hula by Halau Hula O Leialani Ke Kukui O Ka Honua, and



an inspirational drama performed by Marshall Freitas ('83) and his team.

An inspiring sermon was given by Diamond Garcia ('15), who shared his testimony of how God led him from a life of dealing drugs and stealing to become an evangelist after reading *The Great Controversy*.

After the potluck, the afternoon program honored the classes of 1959 and 1969 as they shared pictures and stories in a walk down memory lane. Through the stories, a common thread was woven: students were impacted by the caring people of the HMA campus. Faye Haginaka Ficher, class of '69, said it best: "HMA prepared us for life and higher education. There were teachers that cared and helped us to achieve. Mahalo!"

The Sabbath closed with a musical vespers presented by various alumni. The evening culminated with a dinner prepared by Kathleen Roberts and prizes sponsored by the alumni association.

Many supporters came together to assist in making the weekend run smoothly. Coleen Kenjo Nakamura ('92) and Karen Paty ('71) helped take care of the registration and paper details. Scott Schwarz ('07) managed the AV and sound system. The praise team, which prepared numerous songs, was led by Esther Nakashima ('81) and included team members Miki Hampton ('62), Julianna Juarros ('73), Russell Kim ('82), Marshall Freitas ('83), Charles Bryant, Jr. ('84), Lisa Leonardo



(Above) Retired teacher Cindy Nylen enjoys seeing her former students. (Right) Class of 1969 attends the homecoming weekend.



('87), Leslie Del Prado (former HMA teacher), Charles Bryant, Sr., and Adrian Etumeleu on the piano.

On Sunday morning the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament completed the weekend events. Organized and facilitated by Greg Nakashima ('79), this fundraiser was well attended by alumni athletes and friends. Clayton Chan ('78), Jake Chan ('09), and Seth Katada ('09) helped referee the games. A big congratulations to the tournament winners, the class of 2009!

The 2020 homecoming weekend celebrating Hawaiian Mission Academy's 100-year anniversary is set for June 19-21, 2020. The theme for this centennial celebration will be "*Nānā i mua, nānā i hope*." The

English translation is "To look to the future, you must first look to the past." However, Hawaiian names and phrases often hold a deeper meaning than the literal translation. This theme confidently expresses that HMA looks forward to the Lord's leading as He leads their future based on the wisdom of the past.

We hope to see many of you there to celebrate 100 years of HMA! Check out the Hawaiian Mission Academy Alumni Association Instagram and Facebook pages for more 2019 event highlights and for information on the upcoming 100th anniversary event.

(Far left) Diamond Garcia, Class of 2015, gives an appeal. (Left middle) Jon Kono, Class of 1972, speaks to the attendees. (Left right) Rhoda Kim Lau, Class of 55, stands with her rainbow Post-it board. (Right) Alumni enjoy a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Sunday.



Laura Naranjo volunteered to tutor children while in nursing school.

Passion Into Action

Students volunteer to connect with local children and teens.

BY HEATHER REIFSNYDER



PHOTO BY CHET WILLIAMS

As a nursing student, Laura Naranjo wanted to serve the community while in the midst of her studies.

“If we’re in school because we want to make a difference, we don’t have to wait until we’re done with our education,” she said.

So Naranjo tutored kids as part of the La Escuelita (The Little School) program, helping children with their homework and practicing math and reading skills.

Her volunteer service helped her understand the bigger connection of nursing within the hospital walls and outreaching in the community—coalescing to show her the importance of the public health aspect of medicine.

Now, almost three years after graduation, Naranjo works as a nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Looking back, she says volunteering enhanced her school experience and her sense of purpose.

“I felt that my life was balanced,” she said. She continues to volunteer post-graduation in community events, believing in the importance of “service outside my paycheck.”

Whether via tutoring, teaching a musical instrument, or telling about Christ’s love, Loma Linda University students have abundant choices

if they wish to volunteer to help community children.

“There is no one way to serve” is the philosophy behind the variety of volunteer opportunities set up through the university’s Community-Academic Partners in Service (CAPS) program, part of Loma Linda University Health’s Institute for Community Partnerships.

The choices also allow students to find a volunteer outlet that matches their varying schedules, with both weekday and weekend programs, as well as once quarterly and seasonal.

The mission of CAPS is “to connect Loma Linda University students, staff’s, and faculty’s passion for service and academics in partnership with the local community in mutually beneficial and sustainable ways.”

This mission manifests in the variety of volunteer programs it coordinates in the local region. In addition to La Escuelita—and the La Escuelita Family Resource Center, serving adults—the programs and events include:

- Goal 4 Health—a community soccer league to promote health
- Community Kids Connection—tutoring and musical instruction
- Special Ops—mentoring at-risk children and teens
- Kids ROCK!—Saturday afternoon spiritual programming
- TIGERS Water Safety—teaching

basic swimming skills and how to identify water dangers

- Project Hope—equipping expectant teens with knowledge and skills for parenting
- Street Medicine—providing basic medical care on the streets of San Bernardino
- My Campus—speed-mentoring for high school students and introduction to various academic programs
- Robotic Surgery Simulation—demonstration event for high school students interested in a health profession
- Summer Gateway Program—a three-week experience for underrepresented minority high-school students interested in pursuing a healthcare profession

“It’s not just about what students can do for the local community,” said Pablo Ariza, director of the CAPS office. “It is about what service can do in the lives of the students who are serving. Getting to know people from different life circumstances disarms us of misconceptions and fears, thus collapsing the barriers we create between us.”

To learn more about academic programs at Loma Linda University, visit home.llu.edu/future-students.

TV Show Featuring Local Teenager Wins Emmy®

BY HEATHER JACKSON

Mound City Films took home an Emmy® at the 45th annual Pacific Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Emmy® awards ceremony for its *Life on the Line* series episode about an Inland Empire teenager who received a heart transplant.

Mound City Films was one of two teams that won the best program or special for the health/science category. The production house's episode, "Love for Lexi", followed a 16-year-old whose heart stopped just weeks after being diagnosed with a rare form of heart disease, which resulted in her being placed on the heart transplant list.

Following this frightening experience, she received her care at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. The episode shared her journey through the eyes of her doctors and family while they all fought for her life. Lexi eventually received a lifesaving heart transplant and is now thriving.

Life on the Line showrunner Patricia Kelikani said it's a privilege to tell the stories like "Love for Lexi."

"It's an honor to share stories on television of those who inspire and create meaning out of life's darkest moments," Kelikani said. "The amazing individuals featured on the show remind us to never give up and to live life to the fullest."

In 2016, *Life on the Line* won its first Emmy® in the category of health and science for a NICU episode called "Rough Beginnings." The following year, the show took home seven Emmy® awards for its third season. This year's award was Mound City Films' 14th Emmy®.

Life on the Line is a real-life television show narrated by TV personality Lisa Ling that features compelling stories of hope and courage from Loma Linda University Health. The series offers a unique, up-close look into the lives of those faced with immense tragedy, revealing the resilience of humankind in the Inland Empire.

Members from Mound City Films accept their Emmy® win for one of their *Life on the Line* episodes at the Pacific Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences award ceremony in Las Vegas.



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

“Work Hard, Study Hard, Pray Hard:” PUC Alum Lands Residency at Harvard

BY SARAH TANNER

Biochemistry major and member of PUC’s graduating class of 2015 Daniel Amponsah has become the first Loma Linda University graduate to accept a residency at Harvard Medical School.

Amponsah credits PUC professors such as Aimee Wyrick in biology and Marie Pak in chemistry for preparing him for the challenges medical school presented. While at PUC, he also participated in a variety of non-academic activities that helped take his transcripts to the next level—extracurriculars such as participating in student government, being a chemistry TA, and working with the Gospel Sabbath School on campus.

As he reflected on his time at PUC, Amponsah encouraged current medical school hopefuls to “always study hard and do well, as cliché as that sounds. Challenge yourself while in college, participate in events, and remember to have fun.”

He continued, “Work hard, study hard, pray hard, and everything will work itself out.”

As he looks toward the future, Amponsah plans to complete his residency at Massachusetts

General Hospital with the title of Harvard Clinical Fellow. He is currently focusing on internal medicine and hopes to specialize in interventional and structural cardiology.

“I am looking forward to amazing learning opportunities from some of the top leaders in medicine, and I hope to be able to teach, join leadership, and participate in minor research at an academic hospital,” Amponsah explained.

He concluded with some thoughtful advice for all students, saying, “Don’t be scared to ask for help. Reach out to those who have been where you are, who have seen the process of where you want to get to or are where you want to be. Most people are happy to pass down their experiences and knowledge.”

As Amponsah embarks on his residency, there is no doubt he will continue to develop his skills as a clinician and continue to make significant strides in the medical community.

For information about the pre-professional programs at PUC, email admissions@puc.edu. Schedule a visit to see the campus for yourself: puc.edu/visit.

Daniel Amponsah, 2015 Pacific Union College graduate, recently became the first Loma Linda University medical student to accept a residency at Harvard University.





Public Campus Ministries and Adventist Christian Fellowship: *Hospitality as a Two-way Street*

BY FAITH HOYT

Attending a public college means stepping into a fast-paced world where many of life's big decisions are made. In addition to managing rigorous class schedules, attending perception-expanding lectures, and committing endless pages of assigned reading to memory, students must work, eat, sleep, and find a way to socialize within this community. For those who crave Christian fellowship, college can be a lonely experience.

According to University World News, the number of students enrolled in higher education around the globe is forecast to more than double to 262 million by 2025.¹ With an ever-growing number of students (including Adventist young people) attending public college campuses,

our church has an ever-growing opportunity to reach out and provide meaningful support.

In the Pacific Union Conference, Public Campus Ministries (PCM) recognizes—and is responding to—the needs of students who want to strengthen their walk with God while in college. Among the list of priorities for PCM is to create networks for Christian students that will help them experience fellowship, receive mentorship and spiritual encouragement from local congregations, and grow in their journey as Christians through service and outreach opportunities.

In order to help build up these networks for students, PCM works to help establish Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) chapters at each public

and private non-Adventist college and university where Adventists attend. Pacific Union's ACF Chapters join the estimated 200 chapters across the NAD, and each of these student-led groups is supported by school faculty, staff advisors, and local congregations. Throughout the school year, these groups meet to fellowship, share meals, study the Bible, and work together on service or outreach projects that engage other students on campus.

Ron Pickell, PCM volunteer ministry coordinator, has served various roles in campus ministries for the last 32 years. In the approximately five years that Pickell has served as the Pacific Union's coordinator, he has seen ACF's mission, "Reach the Campus—Change the World," realized in the lives of participants.

“I have seen firsthand how public university students are hungry for God and can end up finding Jesus, becoming a part of the Adventist church, and making a huge contribution.”



“I’ve watched Adventist Christian Fellowship have a positive impact on students’ spiritual lives because of the opportunity it creates for them to engage in relational evangelism,” he said. “It’s helping them stay connected to God and build their faith. It joins old friends and new ones to study the Word and grow in their faith. They become a family, and this experience is invaluable.”

According to Pickell, ACF meetings become a significant place for students to gather with other people their age to worship and find ways to live God’s love on their campus—and local meetings are just a start. “ACF participants also get to attend retreats where they meet other students from different schools,” Pickell adds. “When they start to really build their own networks, they go to church together,

organize events, and everyone gets involved somehow. They grow as individuals and as a group—together.”

In helping establish networks in which Adventist young people can experience a church community, PCM provides opportunities to connect local pastors and churches to those networks. It’s a win-win situation. The local church provides mentorship and hospitality and the students connect the congregation to a bigger community and more opportunities to share the love of Jesus.

LIFE Adventist Church of Berkeley is a prime example of a local church that is deeply embedded in public campus ministry. Church members provide a fellowship lunch every Sabbath for university students in particular. Also, a considerable portion of the church operating budget is in support

of PCM. Students are the life of the church, serving on the church board and helping out in the weekly service, and church members are committed to student ministry and outreach to the UC Berkeley campus.

Michael Brownfield, recently retired pastor in the Hawaii Conference, spent years working with PMC. “I have seen firsthand how public university students are hungry for God and can end up finding Jesus, becoming a part of the Adventist church, and making a huge contribution.” Brownfield has spent the last four years connecting with students at the University of Hawaii and is excited that a new chapter is forming at the university this year.

As observed by pastors like Brownfield and Pickell, the network that forms when young people are connected to churches and vice versa opens doors for students to take up roles at their local churches, such as deacons, greeters, Sabbath School teachers, and other ministry positions. Because of this experience, students often continue their involvement in church life after graduation.

A successfully formed ACF chapter that is connected to a local congregation is one of several steps PCM takes to support students during their educational journey. Pickell and his team of local conference coordinators have focused on two key areas: the development of resources and the expansion of opportunities for students.

Resource development includes Bible study and leadership materials, as well as training in apologetics—the defense of Christianity. Resources for ACF students are developed by the Adventist Center for College and

For steps on how to launch a chapter

Join us in praying for the students of our public colleges and universities. Pray for their educational experience and their walk with God. Ask Him to bless and encourage them through participation in Adventist Christian Fellowship.

Contemporary Faith Resource, based out of LIFE Adventist Church next to the UC Berkeley campus. The Center authors evangelistic field school programs and professional training for campus ministries in the Pacific Union. Training developed by the Center includes ACF Institute, an annual weeklong training for ACF student leaders and those supporting PCM.

For the students, pastors, chaplains, and church members involved in PCM, the opportunities to live God's love on public campuses grow exponentially and impact not only students but also local churches through the intentional connection to their local campuses.

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Note: This is the list of campuses where there is either a current or consistent Adventist ministry presence over the years. Some groups are stronger than others, but the contact person listed for each conference can help direct students that may be attending one of these campuses in the 2019 fall semester.

of Adventist Christian Fellowship, visit acflink.org.



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Pacific Union Pathfinders Attend 8th International Oshkosh Camporee

By Ray Tetz, with Faith Hoyt and Connie Vandeman Jeffery

The 2019 International Pathfinder Camporee brought more than 56,000 Pathfinders and leaders from 92 countries to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during the week of August 12-17—including more than 7,000 from the Pacific Union.

Representing the Pacific Union

were over 230 clubs from each of the seven conferences. Each day of the Camporee included a host of different activities and events. This year's list of honors and activities proved especially innovative and unique, and young people earned honors for endangered species, stars, tornados, lighthouses, stewardship, spaceflight exploration,

braille, and refugee assistance.

Pathfinding is now a global youth movement—and it was nurtured and developed right here in the Pacific Union. Our history with Pathfinders goes back some 90 years, including foundational work done in the 1940s and 50s. *Pathfinders* was first adopted by a camp in Southern California

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and then a club in Anaheim. The first conference-sponsored Pathfinder clubs were in Southeastern California, and many of the most familiar aspects of Pathfinding—the triangular emblem used worldwide, Pathfinder

Fairs, Camporees, the Pathfinder Song—all got their start here in the Pacific Southwest.

Our Pathfinder roots go deep and they continue to deepen. Each night on the main **(Continued on page 60)**

(Opposite Page) Nikko Bedoya, a member of the Inland Empire Filipino Pathfinder Club, participated in Wednesday's parade by holding his club's banner. What's he most excited about? Participating in some of the many events hosted at this year's International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin! **(Above right)** Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham and Youth Director Eddie Heinrich enjoy meeting with Pathfinders from around the Union.

Arizona Conference

Luis Ruiz, a teen leader in training (TLT) and member of the Tucson Thunder Pathfinder club, has been involved in Pathfinding since 2011. "The most valuable experience I've had so far has been interacting with other cultures and hearing people talk in different languages. It's been really fun." This is his first time attending an international camporee, and he's excited to make memories—and lasting friendships.



The Arizona Conference brought a particularly special surprise for Pathfinders at Oshkosh—a

Reformation expo complete with a replica of the 95 Theses. The display was designed and built entirely by Arizona pastors. The roof and fencing were built at Thunderbird Adventist Academy, and the whole display took five days to assemble at Oshkosh.

Included in this expo are portraits and stories of major reformers such as John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, and

Martin Luther, as well as pages of the Gutenberg Bible printed in 1455. Each day, hundreds of Oshkosh attendees made their way through this piece of living history and took away their own copy of the 95 Theses.



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Central California Conference



(Left) Sonora Stars club Pathfinders pray after worship. (Below) The entire Central California Conference delegation pauses for a large group photo.



(Above) Central Valley Golden Eagles pose together after assisting in raising the flags on Thursday morning, Aug. 15.

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Hawaii Conference



PHOTO: MARSHALL FREITAS



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(Above and left) Three clubs represented the Hawaii Conference at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh.



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On Thursday evening at Oshkosh, a group of six Pathfinders from the Aiea Ali'i Pathfinders in the Hawaii Conference performed a hula dance inspired by the camporee's theme and the story of David. The song, "In the Palm of My Hand," and the hula illustrated how we are held by God. The group began practicing the hula dance in May—and were excited to bring a piece of their Hawaiian culture to Oshkosh. Hula dancers: Danielle Roberts, Allie Clapp, Kimberlee Guadiz, Bethia Taylor, Danssnye Roberts, and Cailyn Castaño.



Pacific Union Pathfinder clubs represented in Wednesday afternoon's parade on Celebration Way in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



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PHOTO: TERENCE BOWEN

Damian Chandler, senior pastor of the Capitol City church in Sacramento, Calif., served as this year's keynote speaker at the international camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.



PHOTO: SERGIO CANO

(Top) The Visalia Pioneers club perform during an evening program. (Above) The Madera Spanish Disciples club clean dishes after dinner.

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stage, Pastor Damian Chandler, lead pastor of the Sacramento Capitol City church in the Northern California Conference, and keynote speaker at Oshkosh, shared messages about God as our refuge—that He sees us, and that He has chosen us to do great things for Him.

At its core, the Camporee is designed to inspire young people to lift up Jesus in their lives. At this year's camporee, 1,309 young people were baptized—including some 200 from the Pacific Union. Thursday evening of Oshkosh was a special time for our Pacific Union clubs, as large crowds gathered on the left side of the main stage to participate as witnesses in the baptisms of dozens of young people from our conferences.

The 2024 Camporee theme was announced on the final day of the Camporee. The next Camporee theme is "Believe the Promise." The dates for the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee are August 12-17, 2024.

Nevada-Utah Conference

(Right and below) Members of the Tala Ki Mamani club from Salt Lake City, Utah, participated in the drilling competition on Thursday, Aug. 15—and took time to pray together prior to their competition.



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(Top right) Caleb Tomlinson, a TLT from the TomBurHil club in Salt Lake City (left) and Sarah Grindstaff, a master TLT from the Zion Pathfinder Club in Las Vegas (right) pose with a Pathfinder leader after assisting in the raising of the flags. (Right) While at Camporee, members of the Orion Pathfinder club from Las Vegas, Dulos and Mountaneers clubs from Salt Lake City, and the Great Basin club from Reno fellowshipped together.



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Northern California Conference



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The Ukiah Timberwolves club spent their first full day at Oshkosh earning honors such as the tornado honor and the Star honor. For some of the group, the trip to Oshkosh took 38 hours. From left: Samantha Ahumada Garcia, Tori Corbett, and Gabriella Deleon hold up their club pin. (Right) The Oakland Spanish Robles de la Fe Pathfinder club visits the petting zoo while at Oshkosh.



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(Above) The “Summer on the Run” team from the Northern California Conference—led by Pastor Eddie Heinrich, volunteer coordinator for youth ministries in the Pacific Union, and youth director for the NCC—brought the iconic large blue slide that they have been using in day camps across their conference this summer.

Southeastern California Conference

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(Left) Pathfinder clubs from the SECC pose together under their conference banner. (Right) SECC Pathfinders in rain jackets stand under a tent to stay out of one of the several torrential downpours during the Oshkosh Camporee.



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Hundreds of Pathfinders participated in the Drill and Drum Corps Competition, including the Kansas Ave. Pathfinder club from Riverside, California. Before competing early Friday afternoon, some of their team posed for a photo with Sandra Roberts, president of the Southeastern California Conference. Kansas Ave. Pathfinders took home the 2nd place International Drum Corp competition award later that day.



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Southern California Conference



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(Far left) Two SCC Pathfinders explore the museum set up in Hangar D. (Left) Young people from SCC Pathfinder clubs took turns climbing the rock wall brought to Oshkosh by Pacific Union College. (Below) On Sabbath, Aug. 17, Pathfinders of all ages from the Southern California Conference were invested as Master Guides at the Oshkosh International Camporee.



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At this year's camporee, 1,309 young people were baptized—including some 200 from the Pacific Union.



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Northern California Conference Moves Headquarters

By Julie Lorenz

This summer, the Northern California Conference (NCC) moved its headquarters to a new office building at 2100 Douglas Blvd. in Roseville. The office officially opened for business on Aug. 5.

The building is the former headquarters of Adventist Health, which recently relocated to a newly constructed building, also in Roseville. Adventist Health is leasing about a quarter of the NCC office for some of its operations.

Through the years, the



President Marc Woodson (left) and Executive Secretary Jose Marin (right), along with some Northern California Conference employees, stand in front of the new NCC headquarters in Roseville.

headquarters of the Adventist church in Northern California has been located Lodi, Santa Rosa, and Oakland. For the past 47 years, the NCC has been based at 401 Taylor Blvd. in Pleasant Hill.

Roseville—about 20 miles northeast of Sacramento—is more easily accessible to a greater number of church members throughout the conference territory and has a lower cost of living than the previous location in the East Bay.

For the time being, the NCC-operated Adventist Book Center

store, located in the Pleasant Hill building, is still open for business. In the

near future, the Pleasant Hill ABC and the Sacramento ABC (located on Madison Avenue) will join together into a single store in the NCC headquarters.

Find the new NCC address and telephone number, as well as other contact information, on page 45.

Seventh Annual iShare Conference

By Bill Krick

The 2019 iShare conference was held at the Riverside Convention Center on Aug. 16-17. Now in its seventh year, iShare is an annual conference sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference that seeks to help equip young adults with the fire to share the gospel and the skills to do so effectively.

The theme of the conference this year was “Think Different.” Speakers included Clifford Goldstein, editor of the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly; Anil Kanda, young adult coordinator at Central California Conference; Chef GW Chew, founder of the Veg Hub Restaurant and Something Better

Foods, and Cynthia Heidi from the Nicodemus Society. More than 1,100 young adults attended the event.

Through inspiring music and thoughtful presentations, attendees were encouraged to RE-examine how they have approached their faith, RE-think current worldviews, RE-vive the zeal and “gospel fire” that may have cooled, and RE-store the love for our shared faith.

A highlight of the iShare conference was a baptism on Sabbath afternoon during which 18 young people committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

A ministry of the Pacific Union Conference, iShare seeks to connect



young people with Christ in a personal relationship that will bring spiritual revival and awaken the desire to do evangelism. The ministry provides training and resources for young people in the Pacific Union, fostering a year-round lifestyle of evangelism.

CALENDAR

Central California Conference

Camp Wawona 90th Alumni Reunion (Sept. 13-15) at Camp Wawona. Grab your friends and stay together in a cabin. Featured speakers include pastors Jim Pimentel, Curtis Wright, and Myron Wareham. Info: Call Susan at 559-573-3009.

The CONNECT Retreat—Rooted in the Vine (Sept. 13-15) presented by the Pacific Union and North American Division at Hume Lake. You won't want to miss Karen Stubbs and others at this children and family ministries convention in the Sequoia National Forest. Registration required at <https://www.childminchat.com/connect-retreat>.

African American Convocation (Sept. 20-22) at

Fresno Westside church, 2750 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Fresno. Join other guests to hear Myron Edmonds and others present on "Keep Looking Up." Info: wflowers@cccsda.org or 559-470-1777.

Men's Convention (Oct. 4-6) at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Fresno, Calif. Register ministries@cccsda.org.

Northern California Conference

Adventurer and Pathfinder Leadership Convention (Sept. 6-8) Leoni Meadows. Info: NCC Youth Department, 916-886-5652.

National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training (Sept. 21) 2-4:30 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Online event from DYM - Download Youth Ministry. TED Talk-style training from eight leading voices in youth ministry. Info: downloadyouthministry.brushfire.com/events/451558.

Church Treasurer Training (Sept. 22) Anderson church, 2769 Balls Ferry Road, Anderson. Bring your laptop computer. Lunch provided. RSVP. Info: NCC Treasurer's Office, 916-886-5607.

Instituto Laico Adventista de California (Sept. 22) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific Union College. Training for Spanish-speaking laypeople. First session of 2019-2020 course. Speaker: Eric Mendieta, "Introducción a la escatología." Info: www.nccsda.com/ilac.

NCC Pathfinders Invitational Camporee (Oct. 3-6) Patrick's Point State Park. Info: NCC Youth Department, 916-886-5652.

Christian Women's Retreat (Oct. 4-6, 11-13) Leoni Meadows. Keynote speaker and musician: Kirsten Hart; mini-session speakers: Mary Johnson, Judy Ness, Aimee Wyrick-Brownworth, Jill Borth, Lisa Rosenstrauch. Info: www.ourchristianladies.com.

Junior/Senior Retreat (Oct. 18-20) Leoni Meadows. For academy, high school, and home schooled 11th and 12th graders. Info: NCC Youth Department, 916-886-5652.

Instituto Laico Adventista de California (Oct. 20) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific Union College. Training for Spanish-speaking laypeople. Speaker: Alberto Treier, "Predicación evangélica." Info: www.nccsda.com/ilac.

Men's Chorus Festival (Nov. 2) 5 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Featuring five groups in concert: The Bay Area, Carmichael, Christian Edition, Hinsdale, and Modesto Praise Men's Choruses. Free admission! Info: 916-487-8684 or www.carmsda.org.

Women's Turning Points Conference (Nov. 9) 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Redding Adventist

Academy, 1356 East Cypress Avenue, Redding. Keynote speaker: Dorothy Means, Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministries director. Learn from a variety of breakout sessions. Lunch included. Registration opens in mid-September. \$40. Info: nccwmab@nccsda.com, 916-642-9417 or www.nccsda.com/turningpoints.

Hispanic Lay Retreat (Nov. 15-17) Leoni Meadows. Info: NCC Hispanic Ministries Department, 916-886-5616.

Women's Spiritual Koinonia Retreat (Nov. 15-17) Murieta Inn & Spa, Rancho Murieta. "It Won't Be Long." Keynote speaker Carmela Monk Crawford, JD, *Message Magazine* editor. Open to women 18 and older. Limited space. Spiritual renewal for mind, body, spirit! Registration: \$260. Deadline: Sept. 30. Info and registration: www.womenskoinoniaretreat.com.

Pacific Union College

Fall 2019 Registration: Incoming and returning students can register for the ideal fall quarter schedule as they prepare for career or graduate school. Applications still being accepted, and scholarships are available. Info: 707-965-6336 or puc.edu/admissions.

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Southeastern California Conference

Azure Hills Flag Football League (Sept. 8-Nov. 10). The football league will be fun and will teach teamwork, promote healthy living, and engage the entire family. The league is for kids ages 6 to 14, and will take place at Loma Linda Academy fields, 10656

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Equipped2Serve (Sept. 21) 3 p.m. This training event is focused on helping church members discover their calling how to best serve their church and community. Speakers will present on various topics related to ministry. Held at Loma Linda Academy, 10656 Anderson St., Loma Linda. Food will be served.

Adventurer Beach Day (Sept. 22). Adventurers will be closing out summer with fun in the sun at Bolsa Chica State Beach in Huntington Beach. Info: 951-509-2265.

Family 5K Walk/Run and Pancake Breakfast (Sept. 29) 8-11 a.m. Hosted by the Laguna Niguel church at the regional park, 28241 La Paz Rd., Laguna Niguel. \$35 per adult, \$25 for children under 12 and

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Southern California Conference

Back to Basics: The Fundamentals of Nutrition and Spirituality (Aug.-Sept.) 6:30 p.m. Tuesday nights. Each night will include a plant-based meal and discussions on nutrition and spirituality. South Bay church, 401 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach 90277. Info: www.southbaychurch.net/South_Bay_Church/Back_to_Basics.

Second Saturday Series Concert (Sept. 14) 5 p.m. Featuring Trojan Brass Ensemble. Admission is by free-will offering. Reception to follow. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale 91206. Info: 818-244-7241.

65th SCC Constituency Session (Sept. 22) 7:55 a.m.-1 p.m. The purpose of this important meeting is to receive reports, to elect conference officers, the superintendent of education, the executive committee, and the bylaws committee, and to transact any other business. White Memorial Church, 401 North State St., Los Angeles 90033.

Blessed in His Presence (Sept. 27-29). Hispanic Women's Ministry spiritual retreat. Speakers: Susana Campos Madrigal, M.D., Vanessa Quintana, M.D., and Pastor Patricia Carrillo. Space is limited. Pali Mountain Retreat, 30778 CA-18, Running Springs 92382. Info: 818-546-8448.

SYA Leadership Summit (Oct. 6). Ruth Chung, Ph.D. presents on the importance of relationships. Open to all leaders, parents, youth, young adult groups or teams. White

Memorial church, 401 N. State St., Los Angeles 90033.

The Prayer of Gethsemane (Oct. 18-20). Hispanic Prayer Ministry spiritual retreat. Speakers: Pastor Mabel Duncan, Pastor Ismael Castillo, and Professor Lupita Aragon. Space is limited. Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Rd., Mountain Center 92561. Info: 626-272-6073 or sccministeriodeoracion@yahoo.com.

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Bogdanovich, Berniece – b. Jan. 12, 1929, Lincoln, Neb.; d. May 28, 2019, Saratoga, Calif. Survivor: daughter, Patti Larkins.

AT REST

Adams, Earl Richard – b. Aug. 6, 1930, Allegheny, Pa.; d. July 14, 2019, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: sons, Earl Robert, Jonathan Byron, Greg Vincent; daughter, Wendy Carla Adams; two grandchildren.

Amaya, Nicholas – b. Oct. 5, 1939, San Salvador, El Salvador; d. April 5, 2019, San Francisco, Calif. Survivor: wife, Maria Romero.

Cox, Kenneth O. – b. Aug. 22, 1934, Chicago, Ill.; d. July 3, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, James; daughter, Laura Becker; stepsons Bart Vaughan, Bob Vaughan; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Known as a pioneer in multi-media evangelism, his service in ministry included working at Southeastern California Conference, Voice of Prophecy, Inter-American Division, and

Sunset Calendar September 2019

City	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Alturas	7:27	7:15	7:03	6:51
Angwin	7:30	7:19	7:08	6:57
Bakersfield	7:14	7:04	6:54	6:44
Calexico	6:58	6:49	6:40	6:30
Chico	7:29	7:17	7:06	6:54
Death Valley (Furnace Ck)	7:06	6:56	6:45	6:35
Eureka	7:39	7:27	7:15	7:03
Four Corners [E]	7:36	7:25	7:14	7:04
Fresno	7:18	7:08	6:57	6:47
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	6:54	6:43	6:33	6:23
Half Dome	7:18	7:07	6:56	6:45
Hilo	6:30	6:23	6:17	6:11
Holbrook	6:38	6:28	6:18	6:08
Honolulu	6:41	6:35	6:28	6:21
Joshua Tree	7:01	6:51	6:41	6:32
Lake Tahoe	7:21	7:09	6:58	6:47
Las Vegas	6:59	6:49	6:39	6:37
Lodi-Stockton	7:25	7:14	7:03	6:52
Loma Linda	7:06	6:57	6:47	6:37
Los Angeles	7:10	7:01	6:51	6:41
McDermitt [N]	7:14	7:02	6:50	6:37
Moab	7:39	7:28	7:16	7:05
Monterey Bay	7:27	7:16	7:05	6:55
Mt. Whitney	7:16	7:05	6:55	6:44
Napa	7:29	7:18	7:07	6:56
Nogales [S]	6:42	6:33	6:24	6:15
Oakland	7:29	7:18	7:07	6:56
Paradise, CA	7:28	7:16	7:05	6:53
Phoenix	6:45	6:36	6:26	6:16
Puuwai, Ni'ihau [W]	6:49	6:42	6:35	6:28
Reno	7:20	7:09	6:58	6:46
Riverside	7:07	6:57	6:47	6:38
Sacramento	7:26	7:15	7:04	6:53
Salt Lake City	7:50	7:38	7:26	7:14
San Diego	7:05	6:56	6:46	6:37
San Francisco	7:30	7:19	7:08	6:57
San Jose	7:27	7:16	7:06	6:55
Santa Rosa	7:31	7:20	7:09	6:58
Sunset Beach	7:27	7:16	7:05	6:55
Thousand Oaks	7:13	7:04	6:54	6:44
Tucson	6:40	6:31	6:21	6:12

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– b. Feb. 16, 1938, Everett, Mass.; d. June 27, 2019, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: wife, Theodora; daughter, Cassandra.

Ferguson, Laurie

– b. June 22, 1963, San Jose, Calif.; d. July 8, 2019, San Jose, Calif. Survivor: son, Jason Ferguson.

Golles, Clara Lou

– b. Jan. 26, 1932, Albert Lea, Minn.; d. June 3, 2019, Ontario, Calif. Survivors: husband, Eugene; son, Dee; daughter, Sharon; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Served as a teacher at San Diego Academy, in Guam, and in China.

Gosney, Roberta Nickles-Jacob

– b. July 30, 1932, Stoneham, Colo.; d. July 8, 2019, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert, Ronald, Gregory Temple.

Grape-Dugo, Esther A.

– b. Jan. 17, 1923, White Plains, N.Y.; d. July 16, 2019, Red Bluff, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Jean; seven stepchildren; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; brother, Roger Grape. Served at Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio, and Loma Linda Medical Center as a unit secretary.

Harms, Edward C.

– b. March 27, 1926, Boise, Idaho; d. May 15, 2019, Gladstone, Ore. Survivors: daughters, Kathryn, Annette Hottal (Rusty); son, Steven; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Served as a minister, as a hospital chaplain, and as a teacher in Idaho, Oregon, and California.

Huenergardt, Dorothy Rouse

– b. April 22, 1922, Shelton, Neb.; d. July 1, 2019, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: son, Darrel Huenergardt; daughter, Cheryl Huenergardt Gaul; five

grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Jackson, Sarah M.

– b. July 13, 1924, Ocala, Fla.; d. July 14, 2019, San Bernardino, Calif. Survivors: son, Craig; daughter, Denise; five grandchildren. Served as a health educator at West Indies College.

Johnson, Nancy Lucille (Richardson)

– b. Dec. 15, 1931, Santa Monica, Calif.; d. July 5, 2019, Rocklin, Calif. Survivors: husband, C. Walter; sons, John, Jeremy Fujimoto-Johnson; daughters, Judy Broeckel, Jeanette; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Knutsen, Vivian J.

– b. Aug. 15, 1922, Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. July 2, 2019, Carlsbad, Calif. Survivors: sons, Allen, Kevin, Craig; daughters, Linda Marzo, Wendy, Karen Crommett; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren.

Kuehnert, Evelyn Leroyce Murphy

– b. Aug. 10, 1933, Goleta, Calif.; d. May 1, 2019, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: husband, Karl Kuehnert; sons, Ron Murphy, Mike Murphy; daughter, Linda Griesbach; brother, Ted Bowerd; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lysinger, Myron Eugene (Gene)

– b. May 22, 1919, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Jan. 20, 2019, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: sons, Myron Eugene Jr., Walter; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a missionary in Cuba, a teacher at San Pasqual Academy, and a dentist in Napa.

May, Laura (Butts)

– b. Sept. 28, 1923, Upton, Wyo.; d. April 18, 2019, Taft, Calif. Survivors: sons, George, Winfield; daughters, Eileen Mattox, Evonne Hubbard, Marilyn Johnson, Debbie Hawley, Kim Miller; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two

great-great-grandchildren.

McCloskey, Ann Virginia (Kost)

– b. July 28, 1922, Chicago, Ill.; d. June 29, 2019, Napa, Calif. Survivors: sons, Bruce, Craig; brother, Nicholas Kost; one grandchild; one great-grandchild.

Morrill, Victor Vasquez

– b. Sept. 24, 1961; d. May 23, 2019, San Diego, Calif.

Poulos, Nick

– b. May 7, 1924, St. Louis, Mo.; d. July 26, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sophia; son, Nicholas Dean; daughter, Elaine Valles; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Nick and Sophia served as missionaries in Greece.

Radoycich, Steve

– b. Jan. 11, 1925, Rafenica, former Yugoslavia, now Croatia; d. June 26, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Helen; daughters, Grace, Diana Neuendorff.

Schneider, Jr., Harry Mills

– b. March 14, 1954, Atlanta, Ga.; d. Sept. 16, 2018, Rancho Mirage, Calif. Survivors: wife, Karen; son Eric (Michelle); mother, Ruthmary. Served as a dentist in Palm Desert, Calif.

Stem, Jeannie Laverne

– b. Oct. 6, 1950, Miami, Okla.; d. March 23, 2019, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: husband, Roger;

daughters, Sara, Amy Stem-Faulk; five grandchildren.

Willey, T. Joe

– b. Oct. 30, 1938, Fort Collins, Colo.; d. April 23, 2019, Colton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Barbara; sons, Bruce, Mark; daughters, Christina, Kelly; five grandchildren. Served as a teacher and researcher at LLU Medical School in Neurophysiology.

Wright, Melvin Gene

– b. Aug. 30, 1938, Eatonville, Wash.; d. April 16, 2019, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: wife, Francisca; son, Chuck; daughter, Carolyn Selivanoff; three grandchildren.

Correction: Keszler, Irene (Horst)

– b. Sept. 4, 1919, Streeter, N.D.; d. May 29, 2019, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Bruce; daughter, Sharon Blaufus; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

Correction: Knoefler, Iva Nette (Ruf)

– b. April 7, 1926, Shattuck, Okla.; d. May 23, 2019, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Lloyd; daughters, Evelyn Adams, Lucy, Lynette Adams; sisters, Lu Etta Sherman, Laura Lea Ruff, Bonita Jean Ruf Petree; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Served at Loma Linda Foods factory.

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