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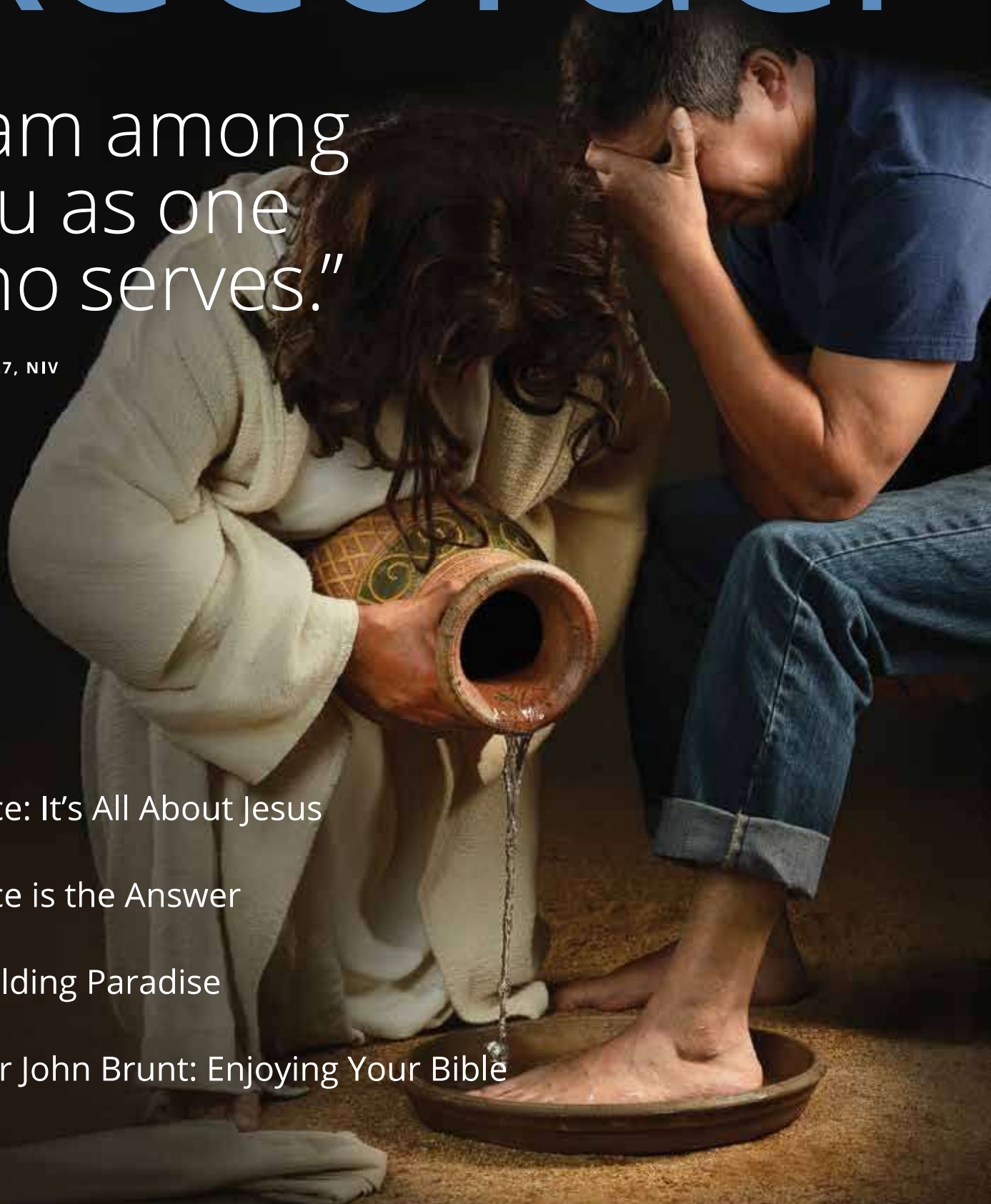
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AND URGENT QUESTION:

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are you  
*doing*  
for others?”

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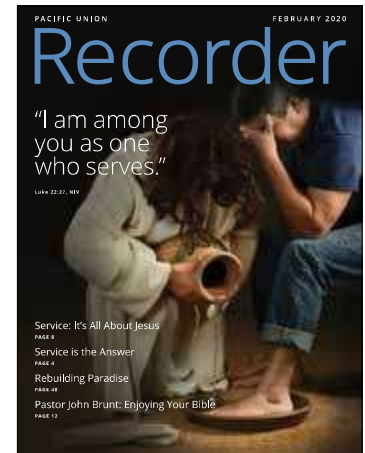


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Writing in the July 14, 1904, edition of the *Pacific Union Recorder*, Ellen G. White directed our attention to the importance of Christian service: "When one is allied to Christ, a partaker of the divine nature, his interest is identified with the interests of suffering humanity wherever found, and he works in unison with heavenly intelligences." (The entire article is reprinted on p. 15 of this issue.)

With this statement, Sister White echoes the words found in 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT): "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."


In this issue of the *Recorder*—and three more times during the next year—we will look closely at the doctrine of Christian service, seeking a better understanding of what it means to serve as Jesus served and to serve in His name.





# Service is the Answer

BY RICARDO GRAHAM



**D**o you remember the acronym WWJD? The letters stood for What Would Jesus Do. It was a popular phrase in the late 1990s—you could see it imprinted on T-shirts and on wristlets or bracelets. Many Christians wore such a bracelet to help them remember to replicate Jesus' example of being a loving, God-honoring, people-serving person. Others may have worn it as a witness to others. It helped serve as a reminder that Jesus is our Great Example in how we are to live.

It's a good question. What would Jesus do? If He were here on earth today, He would serve. In fact, He is continuing in service to humanity in His ministry in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. That's one of a multitude of contributing factors to His greatness. He serves.

Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a

ransom for many” (Mark 10:45, NIV). Jesus did not look to be the recipient of service. He served with a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love. He is the originator of grace and love.

In short, the answer is that Jesus would serve. That is what His entire life was about: service. As I contemplate Jesus’ life by reading the Gospels, I find that He was constantly about service.

As He taught in the Temple courts, He was serving. As He traveled with the 12 disciples, He was serving. As He healed the sick, raised the dead, and

fed the multitudes, He was constantly serving. As He hung on the cross, lay dead in the tomb, rose again, and ascended to heaven, He was serving.

And now, He asks us to be His hands and feet. He asks us to serve.

In one of his final speeches, Martin Luther King Jr. said: “Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

It has been said that ministry is service. I agree and would add this: In any capacity that we serve God or people, we are involved in ministry. Service is ministry and ministry is service.

Is it too big a stretch of the imagination to think that all Christians are called to serve and to minister? If not, then what is the source and direction of ministry? I’m glad you asked.

I believe that the source is the Holy Spirit. Service is a means of getting outside of ourselves and becoming less selfish. Service is always “other” directed. The “other” includes God and all the people we come in contact with. Service is an outward expression of our relationship to God.

The spiritual gifts that are enumerated in the Bible—especially but not exclusively in the New Testament writings of Paul—educate us about the gifts God gives by the Holy Spirit to every person

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## Portraits of Service

One of my roles is to help manage the best trauma care in times of crisis. Recently, when a teenager was killed by a drunk driver, it affected not only our department but the entire community, including police, fire, ambulance, and local bystanders who stopped to assist. We often meet patients on the worst day of their lives, and that is when we can become agents of hope by living God’s love.

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# “Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve.”

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who comes to God through Jesus Christ. Paul writes concerning spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 and about using these gifts in humble service in Romans 12. And here is how he explains service in Ephesians 4:11-13:

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (NIV).

The source of ministry is God Himself. He directs us, and the gifts He gives to us represent Him in the world through service. He desires us to help others. The source is manifested in the compassion that is stimulated within us by the Holy Spirit.

Every talent, ability, and skill can be used to serve. As we direct our gifts outwardly, we are joining God. We have been given the wonderful opportunity to serve the God of the Universe.

In the parable of the sheep and the goats (see Matthew 25:31-46), Jesus taught us that to minister to the sick, imprisoned, hungry and naked, poor and destitute is counted as service to Him. What an amazing and wonderful thought! I serve God by serving those around me. Because Jesus said it, it is an imperative. But while feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the poor are extremely important, they are not the total of Christian service. Taking the principle enshrined here, people can go much, much further in their service to God and humanity.

Ellen White wrote: “The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to ‘the principalities and powers in heavenly places,’ the final and full display of the love of God (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9).

Maybe we can manifest the love of God and make our world, our country, our church, our neighborhood a little bit better—simply by serving.

Mahalia Jackson, a singer of a bygone era, sang:

“If I can help somebody as I travel along,  
If I can help somebody with a word or song,  
If I can help somebody from doing wrong  
Lord, my living shall not be in vain.”

Serving brings meaning to life. Life is enhanced by serving others. The church becomes healthy as she serves.

May 2020 be a year of greater service—to our families, to our schools and churches, and to our soon-coming Savior.

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# It's All About Jesus: The Ultimate Perspective on Serving Others

BY ALBERTO VALENZUELA

**W**hen someone asks me what I believe, in my reply I always want to indicate that it's all about Jesus. Not just to emphasize that I'm a Christian before anything else, but to point to Jesus as the source of all that we believe as Adventists.

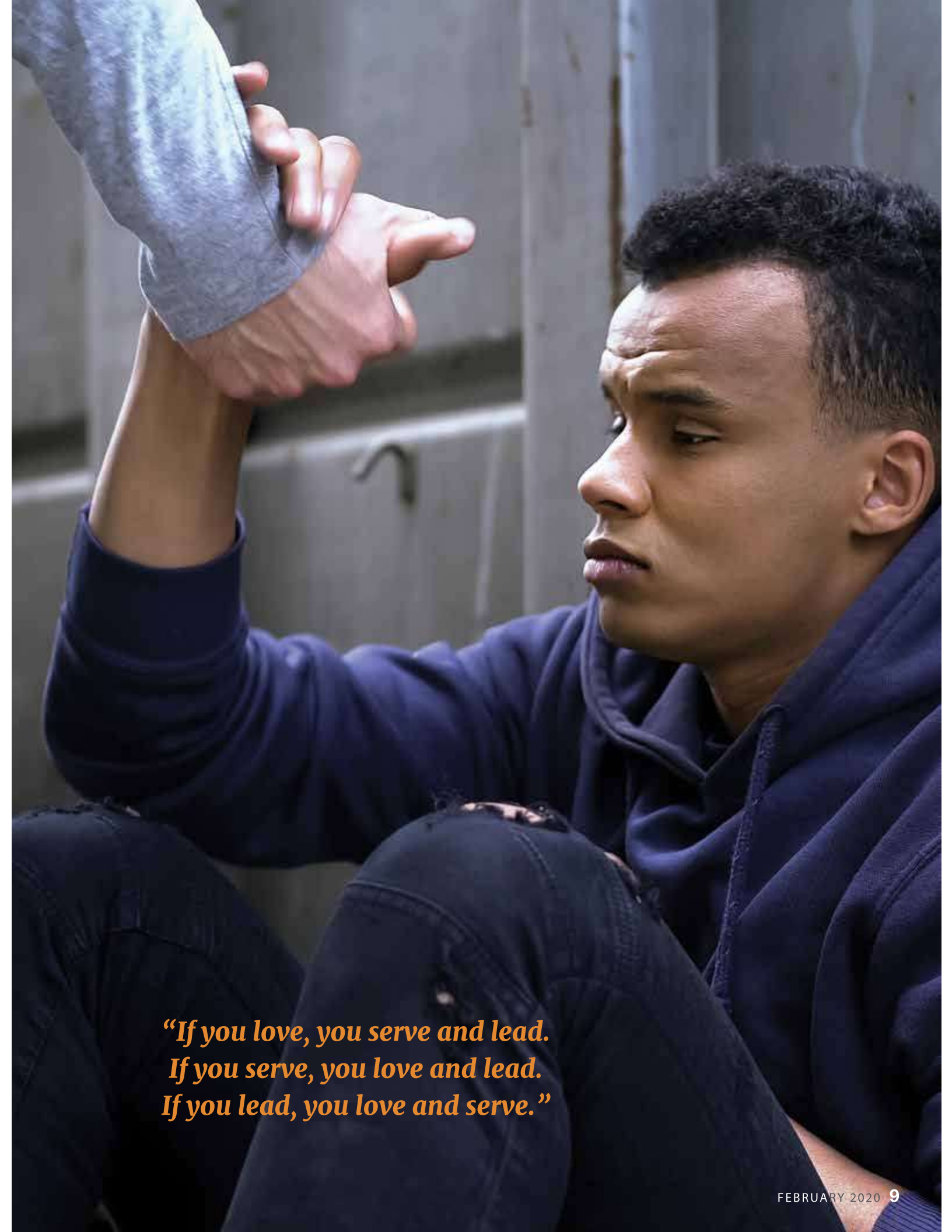
For example, when it comes to talking about the seventh-day Sabbath, I want to remind people that Jesus said He was Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12:8), that He rested in the tomb on the Sabbath (Matthew 28:1), and that as Creator (John 1:3) He was the one who rested on the seventh day and made the Sabbath holy (Genesis 2:1-3).

Or, if it's about the "Adventist" part of our name, it's not simply "the Second Advent." It's the Second Advent *of Jesus*. That's so important—never leave that part out!

The same goes for all our beliefs. Creation. Redemption. Even healthy living, tithing, and the state of the dead. It's all about Jesus!





A young man with short dark hair, wearing a blue hoodie, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left. He is holding the hand of another person whose arm is visible in the upper left corner. The background is a blurred, industrial-looking setting with metal panels. The overall mood is one of support and care.

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If you serve, you love and lead.  
If you lead, you love and serve.”***

# *In fact, Jesus said it very explicitly: “I am among you as one who serves.”*

## **Love. Serve. Lead.**

So let's look at our theme in the *Recorder* for 2020: “Love. Serve. Lead.” It's not hard to see how you can make it all about Jesus, for in so many ways that sums up Jesus' life and ministry. These three principles don't show a chronological progression, with one aspect leading to the next and then the next. They are all part of the same motivation. They work together. You can't have one without the others. If you love, you serve and lead. If you serve, you love and lead. If you lead, you love and serve.

Sometimes we say you have to love before you can serve. But it's also true that by serving you learn to love. They go hand in hand. When we serve, we want to lead people to Jesus as part of that. So let's remember this “combination” approach as we look at what serving is all about.

Our focus this month is on the “serve” aspect. When we think of serving, and make it all about Jesus, it's so easy to see how that applies. Jesus' whole life is well summed up with the word *service*. He gave Himself—His very life—for others. Think of all He said and did throughout the Gospels in terms of helping other people. That's what He was all about.

## **One who serves**

In fact, Jesus said it very explicitly: “I am among you as one who serves” (Luke 22:27, NIV). Jesus said these words near the end of His time on earth, during the Last Supper. His disciples, instead of

helping to serve their Master, were arguing among themselves as to who was the greatest. Jesus pointed to the way earthly leaders operated—as lords and tyrants. Then He said, “But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves” (Luke 22:26, NIV). He explained that because of who He was, He could claim to have the position of the one sitting at the table being served. But instead He took the form of servant (Philippians 2:7) and chose to be the one serving others.

“I am among you as one who serves,” Jesus said. The one who is from above (John 8:23), the eternal I am (John 8:58), the one whose name is King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16) is right here among us as one who serves!

Ellen White comments on this specific verse: “Love and loyalty to Christ are the spring of all true service. In the heart touched by His love, there is begotten a desire to work for Him. Let this desire be encouraged and rightly guided. Whether in the home, the neighborhood, or the school, the presence of the poor, the afflicted, the ignorant, or the unfortunate should be regarded, not as a misfortune, but as affording precious opportunity for service” (*Education*, p. 268).

Sometimes we have an erroneous view of the privilege of helping others. We can feel very superior. We can believe that it's beneath us. We can even suggest that it shouldn't be done, like the disciples trying to stop the children from coming to Jesus.

## The way Jesus lived for others

But when we look at the way Jesus lived for others, helping in every way He could, we have to think differently. As we take the example of Jesus as one who serves, our perspective needs to change. When He came to Lazarus' tomb, Jesus wept, even though He knew He was about to bring Lazarus back to life. Why? Because even in this work of service, Jesus was Himself touched because of the tragedy, and He became emotional too. Because He loved, He cared, and He just had to help. Jesus' service was always centered in compassion and sympathy.

When He spoke to the woman taken in adultery, Jesus told her He didn't condemn her but for her own sake to go and sin no more. He was serving her needs in the deepest way.

When He began His conversation with the woman at the well by asking for a drink, this was the prelude to serving her and showing her the salvation only He could give.

As we take this compassionate ministry of serving others back to Jesus, what do we see? A Savior saving all who come to Him, that they might be healed, that they might have life. If we're true followers of our loving Savior, how can we not do the same?

In all these stories, the words of Jesus ring familiar: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13, NIV). Jesus has saved us by His grace. He showed His great love by laying down His life for us. We have the assurance of salvation—not by something we can accomplish, not by something we can earn, but by what He's already done. He purchased our ticket to eternal life. His blood made it all possible.

And we are to reciprocate that love—not to earn salvation but because of what He has done. The Christian call is to be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth. When we go out of our comfort zone and behave like the Good Samaritan, we can hear the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

When all is said and done, it's all about Jesus!

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## Portraits of Service

My goal each day is to recognize the needs of the clients I serve and to treat them with patience and love. I have the privilege to be the hand of God each day at work and in my community and the opportunity to share with others a kind word.


*Rosa Martinez, Adventist Health Central Valley, employee health associate*



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# Can I Just Read and Let the Spirit Lead?

BY JOHN BRUNT



“I just take the Bible as it reads! Plain reading; no interpretation.” Although such a statement sounds pious, no one really does this. We all decide what is relevant to us, and we make all kinds of decisions in life without explicit reference to what the Bible says.

For example, some time ago my daughter went on vacation with us. When she returned to her apartment in rainy Seattle, there was mildew on the walls. If you read Leviticus, you will find elaborate instructions for what to do in such a case. It involves things like calling the priest, killing a bird, sprinkling blood, and the use of cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet yarn. (See Leviticus 14.) We did none of this. We went to a home improvement store, asked what we should use to get mildew off the walls, sprayed in on, and watched the mildew disappear.

Ah, but you say, “That is the Old Testament. We know many of those laws don’t apply today. But we do follow everything in the New Testament.” Do we really? In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul is quite clear that women should be veiled when they pray in church, but I have yet to see a church that follows that practice.

Whenever we read, we engage in a process of interpretation. Most of the time we don’t think about it because we are so familiar with the material we don’t have to. When we read the news of the morning, we just read, and, for the most part, understand.

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Sometimes, however, we read and there is a piece of news that happens at a place we're not familiar with. Then we might get a map to discover where this place is. Or we may find a word we don't understand and look it up in a dictionary. Then our process of interpretation moves beyond the habitual. The same is true with the Bible. We are always interpreting, and because there is a bigger gap between the Bible and our daily lives than there is between the morning news and our daily lives, our need to look something up is probably more frequent.

A reader might ask, do we really need to interpret since we have the Holy Spirit to interpret for us? There is no question that we always need to pray for the Spirit to guide us whenever we come to the Bible. The Holy Spirit, however, is not in the business of doing our work for us while we let our minds go into neutral. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:15:

"I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also."<sup>1</sup>

The same is true for Bible study. We read with the Spirit and with our mind. The Spirit doesn't interpret for us; rather, it helps us in three important ways when we read the Bible.

First, the Spirit helps us open our minds and be objective. Look at what Jesus did for His disciples after the resurrection:

"Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

They needed to have their minds opened because they came to Jesus with prejudices and misunderstandings about His mission. We too always bring a lot to our Bible reading from our own background and culture.

I heard a vivid illustration of this from a New Testament professor who had taught in three different countries: The United States, an African country, and Russia. He tried a simple experiment with all three groups of students. He asked them to read the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15 and then underline within the passage the primary reason why the prodigal became destitute. In all three groups, the vast majority of the students within that group underlined the same sentence. But each group underlined a different sentence. The American students underlined verse 13:

"A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living."

His African students, on the other hand, underlined verse 16:

"He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything."

The Russian students were different yet. The majority of them underlined verse 14:

"When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need."

Here's how the professor explained the differences. Americans come from an individualistic culture with a strong emphasis on personal responsibility. They see the prodigal as destitute because he squandered his money. On the other hand, the African culture is much more communal. Within the tribe, you take care of each other no matter what a person might have done. For them the most pressing issue is that no one would help him or give him anything. Finally, the professor perceived the Russian culture as quite fatalistic. Whatever happens, happens. So the real problem

is the famine that can't be helped. It is beyond the prodigal's control. Three cultures: three ways of reading the story.

Every time we come to the Bible, we bring our own cultural biases, not to mention personalities and past experiences. We need the Holy Spirit to open our minds.

A second way the Holy Spirit helps in our Bible reading has to do with our hearts. God's purpose in giving us the Bible is not just to provide information but also to transform our hearts and minds. As Paul says in Romans 12:2:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect."

When Jesus met Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus and opened the Bible to them, their response was:

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32).

Only the Holy Spirit can make our hearts burn and transform our lives. That's another reason we always pray for the Holy Spirit when we approach the Bible.

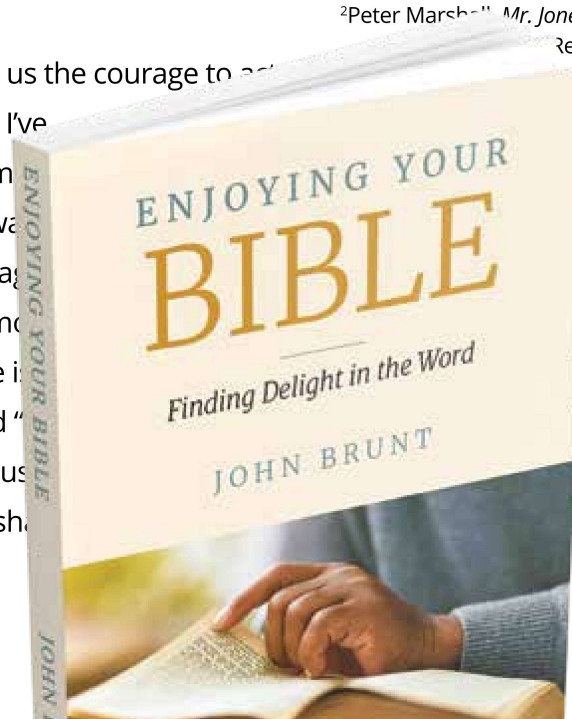
Third, the Holy Spirit gives us the courage to act on what we find in the Bible. I've heard people say, "You can make the Bible say whatever you want it to say." Yet there is a message that the Bible conveys, and more often than we think the Bible is very clear. In a sermon called "The Invitation of Jesus," the famous Scottish preacher Peter Marshall said this:

"There are aspects of the Gospel that are puzzling and difficult to understand. But our problems are not centered around the things we don't understand, but rather in the things we do understand, the things *we could not possibly misunderstand.*"<sup>2</sup>

For example, you can't read through the book of Luke and conclude that he wants us to take the position that the poor are poor because it's their own fault and helping them is useless. God's concern for the poor jumps out at you on almost every page. You can't read Paul's letter to the Galatians and conclude that God values men and masters over women and slaves. There are clear moral mandates in the Bible, but it often takes both wisdom and courage to live them out in everyday life. We need the Spirit to guide us in wisdom and give us courage.

Each one of these three issues (objectivity, transformation, courage) would be reason enough to drive us to pray for the Spirit whenever we open the Bible. The Spirit, however, is never a substitute for the use of our mind and reason. God gave us our minds for a purpose.

<sup>1</sup>All biblical quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version.  
<sup>2</sup>Peter Marshall, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master" (New York: Fleming H. Revell, 1949), p. 128; emphasis added.



John Brunt retired in 2015 as the senior pastor of Azure Hills church, but most of his 50 years of ministry were spent in Adventist higher education. This is an excerpt from *Enjoying Your Bible: Finding Delight in the Word*, now available from Oak and Acorn.

[See page 63 for more details.](#)



# Unselfish Service

By Ellen G. White

“Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.” “He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows;... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.”

In our behalf Christ descended from depth to depth of humiliation until He could go no farther. It was impossible for divine condescension and self-sacrifice to reach lower depths than the death on the cross. This wonderful sacrifice moved all heaven, and can we look upon it without our hearts breaking at the sight?

He who “bore our griefs and carried our sorrows” has an interest in us. His mercy is over all the children of men. His goodness and love are inexhaustible. His work in our behalf never ceases. And in life and character the Christian is bound up with Christ in His plans of mercy for humanity. His character is to be a reproduction of the character of Christ. The unselfish, self-sacrificing life of Jesus is to be copied by every soul who loves the Redeemer.

In union there is strength, and the Source of all power, of all goodness, mercy, and love, takes finite human beings into co-partnership with Himself. His divine power is combined with the efforts of human agencies to diffuse His influence and extend it far and near. Under the transforming influence of His grace there will be a constant exercise of sympathy and forbearance; there will be a holy emulation to support the weak, to aid the suffering members of Christ’s body. When one is allied to Christ, a partaker of the divine nature, his interest is identified with the interests of suffering humanity wherever found, and he works in unison with heavenly intelligences.

The Christian is not to live for self. He is God’s agent, and is to stand as His worker, doing His bidding. His wages have been paid in the blood and suffering of the Son of God; and no other being in the universe has such claims on him as Jesus has. His very existence is the Lord’s; his words, his works, even his thoughts, are to be held subject to the will of Christ.

The world’s Redeemer, as a householder, entrusted His goods to His servants. He has placed in the hands of His agents sufficient to help the needy, so that if each would work unselfishly, as Christ worked, none need suffer for the necessities of life; and if His spirit were manifested by all, none would be left to hunger for words of tender sympathy.

Christ has not given His goods to any to be used for the gratification of pride and selfishness. All that we have is but a loan from Jesus; it is not our own. Money, possessions, intellect, are but lent us to be held as a precious trust for the service of Christ. Reason, ability, knowledge, affection, property have been received from Jesus, and are to be used with wisdom to bring honor and glory to His name.

Those who have the good things of this life, were they unselfish, were they Christlike, would feel it a solemn duty to help in their time of perplexity those struggling with want and sorrow. Selfishness and pride say, “Pass them by; if you attempt to help all who need help, you will have your hands and heart full.” But with what will the heart be filled?—With the pitying love and tender human kindness and sympathy of Christ. And is not this far more desirable than to have it full of self-love, self-caring, self-exaltation.

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# Martin Luther King





# Jr. and Adventists

**W**hat was the relationship of Adventists to Martin Luther King Jr.? While the attitude of Adventist church leadership of the time was against involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, some individual Adventist members were very much at the heart of what they saw as both a social and a spiritual protest.

One example of the tension between church administration and local believers is that of Earl Moore, a black minister in the Southern Union. With a coworker, he collected funds and bought a mobile medical unit that ended up being used in the Poor People's Campaign with Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, D.C. After being summoned to explain his involvement to nervous church administrators, Moore replied, "We're going to Washington because our people are there."

This conviction that they *had* to be directly involved led to Adventists taking a stand with leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, particularly with Martin Luther King Jr. This meant attending rallies where they were at risk of reprisals, marches with the prospect of suffering violence, and the possibility of different kinds of retaliation right where they lived.



**(Left and below) E.E. Cleveland**



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## E.E. Cleveland

The best-known Adventist associate of King was E. Earl Cleveland. Cleveland was a successful evangelist who happened to be holding meetings in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1954, just as King took up pastoral duties in the city at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. One evening, King and a friend stopped by to meet Cleveland, and they had what was described as a “a friendly, though lively, theological debate.”

In fact, the conversation was rather more confrontational than that. King said that he’d heard a black “Billy Graham” was in town, which was the reason he came to visit. But he told Cleveland that he was disappointed because all he heard was “the law, the law, the law.” Cleveland was not the kind of man to be put down like this. Telling King he must have come in late, Cleveland asserted that he always started his sermons with “the Lord, the Lord, the Lord!”

However, despite the initial argument, this was the beginning of a lifelong friendship that saw Cleveland participate in many of the Civil Rights marches that involved King, including the Poor People’s Campaign. Cleveland spent the entire

six weeks in Washington, D.C., and was proud that Adventists were present providing food,

blankets, and medical care, including delivering babies. Some of the 500 people baptized by Cleveland in 1954 took part in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which became an important factor in King’s rise to prominence. In fact,

bus protester Rosa Parks attended Cleveland’s meetings on at least one occasion.

Later when Cleveland was holding an evangelistic series in Washington, D.C., at the Capital Arena, King happened to be passing by with a friend, a Baptist pastor from Baltimore. He told his driver to stop and said to his friend, “Let’s go in here and hear a good sermon.”

Cleveland said he was glad that he participated in the Civil Rights Movement because people were saying that Adventists were so heavenly-minded that they were no earthly good.

## Mineola Dozier Smith

Few people know this name in connection with the Civil Rights Movement, but Smith was there at a critical moment. She was on the bus when



PHOTO: SOUTHERN TIDINGS, MAY 2016

Rosa Parks was arrested. Smith, an Adventist, was a

**Mineola Dozier Smith, 95 years old, at a prayer conference.**



**Yolanda Clarke, circled, listening to Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington on Aug. 28, 1963.**

friend of Rosa Parks. They lived just a few blocks apart and traveled by bus to the same place of work—the Montgomery Fair department store.

But that bus journey home on December 1, 1955, was different. Told to give up her seat for a white man, Parks refused. The bus driver called the police and Parks was arrested. She says that they came on the bus and handcuffed her like she had stolen something, treating her like a criminal. They put her hands behind her back and took her off the bus. Smith commented that she didn't say anything but just prayed, asking the Lord to not let anything happen to Parks. She admitted to being a bit afraid because, she said, back then they would beat you for nothing, as if you were a dog or a cat. However, all the black people on the bus got off in protest at the way Parks was treated.

Parks' arrest and later conviction was the spark that led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a major factor that spread awareness of the importance

of Civil Rights. It also gave greater exposure to the work of King and his campaign.

### **Yolanda Clarke**

Photos show Adventist member Yolanda Clarke right up front at what is surely the most memorable of all Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, "I Have a Dream." How she ended up there is something of an accident, she explained.

Originally from Asheville, North Carolina, Clarke had become interested in King's message and mission, and said that she prayed for him every day. She believed that he had been called by God to right the injustices at the center of the Civil Rights protests.

Clarke played the organ in Adventist and Sunday churches, and she was the music director at Union United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York. However, it was as a choir member that she was invited to that memorable day, August 28, 1963. She was excited to be able to sing in the

choir in front of the thousands present. But the choir director told her she needed to play the organ. Initially disappointed at not being able to sing, she found that she was on the dais close to King during his speech, which she described as one of the most marvelous experiences of her life.

Clarke had also met another Adventist there, Dickie Mitchell. Mitchell was an Oakwood

University graduate, there to play the organ for Mahalia Jackson, who sang just before King spoke. Clarke recalled hearing Jackson encourage King to share his idea about “the dream” at the end of his speech, which was not in his notes for that day.

The TV footage from that day shows Clarke wiping tears from her eyes as she reacted to King’s message. She said it was because what he said was so beautiful and breathtaking—the culmination of all the marches and the mistreatment that had now led to freedom.

### **Oakwood College**

Martin Luther King Jr. was looking for somewhere in Huntsville that would allow him to come and preach. He was turned away by multiple venues, and the only place to invite him was Oakwood College. When he came on the platform on March 19, 1962, he presented a message that was the forerunner of his “I Have a Dream” speech, containing many of the same words and allusions.

Dr. Mervyn Warren, former provost and senior vice president at Oakwood University, has a



**Dr. Mervyn Warren has a signed copy of the program of when Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at (then) Oakwood College.**

recording of the speech that was held in the gym on the University campus and was well-attended by local civil rights activists and Adventist students.

### **Conclusion**

There were many more individual Adventists who believed in King and who participated in his marches and rallies. Richard Bland, an Adventist minister and founder of United Prison Ministries, walked just behind King during the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965. King also recognized that Adventists had played roles in the Movement—people such as T.R.M. Howard, Arna Bontemps, Richard Wright, Louise Little, Irene Morgan, Terrance Roberts of the Little Rock Nine, and others. However, the question always comes back—couldn’t we as a church have done more? How about this line about “standing for the right” from someone we as Adventists claim as someone to believe in:

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall” (*Education*, p. 57).

# Adventist Health Expands Locations

BY JUDY LEACH

**A**dventist Health operates under the belief that every community matters, which is why the health system is committed to improving the overall wellbeing of its communities by expanding care into new geographies. By doing so, the faith-based health system is ensuring greater access to the resources needed to live a healthier lifestyle.

Recently, Adventist Health began operating two additional hospitals in California's Central Valley: Dameron Hospital, a 202-bed facility in the greater Stockton area, and Delano Regional Medical Center, a 156-bed hospital in northern Kern County. This will provide more of California's underserved communities with access to Adventist Health services.

"We have a vision to transform the American healthcare experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual, and social healing," said Scott Reiner, CEO for Adventist Health. "Bringing these two hospitals into the Adventist Health network will help us expand our vision and bring care to communities in California that need it most."

"Dameron leadership and staff want to do more for their community, and this agreement makes that possible," Dameron Hospital Board President Bill Trezza said in a recent press release. "Adventist Health has



Dameron Hospital



Delano Regional Medical Center

expanded and improved healthcare services in Lodi since joining the community in 2015, and we're eager to build San Joaquin County healthcare services together."

In the four years Adventist Health has operated Adventist Health Lodi Memorial, the 194-bed hospital has earned designation as a stroke center and has added orthopedic surgery

services and medical offices. It has also earned A grades for hospital safety from the independent Leapfrog organization for the last two years.

In the southern San Joaquin Valley, Delano Regional Medical Center has joined the network that includes recently acquired Adventist Health Tulare. As a result of the 2018 acquisition, Adventist Health has been able to restore a number of resources to the community, including a state-of-the-art birth center and a growing number of physicians, medical offices, and other services. Adventist Health has similar plans for the 10 rural cities served by Delano Regional Medical Center.

"We look forward to transforming lives and communities through living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope in 2020 and beyond," said Reiner.

Adventist Health operates in California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington and serves more than 80 communities.

Janice Krein, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, Betty Baerg, and Pastor Van Bledsoe place boxes for Bags of Love at the Arizona State Capitol Christmas tree.



## Arizona Governor Honors Apache Junction Bags of Love

BY PHIL DRAPER

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey honored the Apache Junction church Bags of Love chapter at the State Capitol Tree Lighting Service on December 3, 2019. Three members of the Apache Junction church were invited to represent the ministry: Pastor Van Bledsoe, Janice Krein, and leader Betty Baerg.

“We have been doing Bags of Love for 13 years now,” Baerg explained. “Arizona decided for the very first time that instead of just the Tree Lighting, they should honor a nonprofit organization and collect things for it around the tree for the whole month of December. They went to the Department of Child Safety to determine whom to honor. Bags of Love was chosen. The Department of Child Safety took three lovely pictures and sent them to me.”

The governor’s office reached out to the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS), which asked Rayetta Sanchez, liaison for DCS between all the volunteer groups. They decided Apache Junction Bags of Love should be honored.

This is the first time a nonprofit group was honored during this event. Seven boxes were placed around the Christmas tree so that people could donate items to put in the Bags of Love during the month of December.

Bags of Love prepares handmade duffel bags filled with a handmade quilt, personal hygiene items, educational toys, activities, stuffed animals, and school supplies, according to age and gender. The duffel bags go to DCS to be given to children who are temporarily displaced. Because of Bags of Love, the children have something of their very own at a foster home.

Baerg says, “We have lots of fun packing the bags, and we pray and trust the Lord directs the bag to the child who will appreciate it.”





## Clearview Pianist Honored for 78 Years of Music Ministry

BY SUSAN BECKMANN

**N**inety-six-year-old Eloise Leftrook of Surprise, Arizona, was honored on November 30, 2019, at Clearview church for her 78 years of faithful service as a pianist and organist. Eloise's remarkable ability to play many assorted selections of music by memory while being challenged with significant age-related macular degeneration (AMD) has impressed and encouraged many.

Eloise was born in her grandmother's house in the agricultural community of Dresden in Ontario, Canada, on September 27, 1923. She discovered her lifelong passion for playing the piano at age six. When asked how long she had taken piano lessons, Eloise replied, "Forever! My first love is the piano. I find it fascinating to play."

As a young woman, she often was the accompanist for her father, a violinist, at many Adventist churches in the Chicago area. While living in Brookfield, Illinois, she rode the streetcar and then the Chicago "L" rapid transit system in order to attend piano concerts and classes. She remembers enjoying a concert series showcasing six well-known pianists for the unbelievable price of \$1.50.

In 1938 Eloise met and fell in love with Nicholas Leftrook, a man of Norwegian ancestry born near the Red River in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Upon completion of Nick's third academic year at Broadview Academy in Illinois, he was drafted into the United States Army. After his military discharge, Eloise and Nick married in May of 1946. Shortly



**(From left to right) Head Elder Ikey Ogden, Sr., Eloise Leftrook, and Pastor Dennis Smith of Clearview church.**

thereafter, Nick graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College with a degree in Theology.

Ms. Leftrook graduated from Chicago Musical College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Music degree. Afterward, she attended Emmanuel Missionary College, now known as Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Eloise's skill as an exceptional sight-reader, as well as her ability to read and play unfamiliar music, kept her in popular demand as a piano accompanist for the recitals of many voice major students.

Throughout the ensuing years, Eloise supported her husband's pastoral ministry and taught piano at various Adventist academies. After



Nick's retirement, the couple moved to Portland, Oregon, and later to the cities of Federal Way and Auburn in Washington. In 1999, they moved to Surprise, Arizona, where Nick enjoyed his beloved Arizona sunshine for three years before his death in 2002.

Presently, Eloise enjoys her favorite music genre by listening to Phoenix's classical music station KBAQ.

When queried about future plans, Eloise exclaimed, "My future plans are to continue playing the piano until I can't play anymore!"

A specially created CD containing a collection of 29 well-known hymns and nine pieces of classical music played by Eloise was made available for sale at the Clearview church in honor of Eloise's 96th birthday. Proceeds from the CDs are designated for Clearview's future handbell choir.

# VHM Science Project Grows Into Community Service

BY JASON MUSTARD

What started as a class science project has bloomed into a full-grown community service ministry at Virgil Hauselt Memorial (VHM) Christian School in Santa Cruz, Calif., with students and teachers transforming their overgrown and unused garden into a thriving green space of organic vegetables to be shared with their surrounding community.

The project is spearheaded by VHM's third- and fourth-grade teacher, Jovinia Mustard. "Our first science unit was on plants and plant cells," explained Mrs. Mustard. "The curriculum called for a more hands-on approach, and I thought 'what better way than getting our hands dirty in the school garden?'"

However, the school garden had been neglected for several years, and the nine 8- by 4-foot garden boxes were full of depleted soil and

overgrown with weeds. "We had a lot of needs and a lot of work to do at the beginning," said Mrs. Mustard. "But my students were excited for the project, and the support we received from our VHM parents and the local Adventist community made it all possible."

That support came in the form of a couple of Sunday work bees, with classroom parents and grandparents helping Mrs. Mustard clear the larger weeds, some of which had grown

several feet tall, and a large donation of organic soil and vegetable starter plants from HP Green Vivarium, an organic nursery housed on the campus of Monterey Bay Academy. The nursery is owned and operated by Heber Perez, a local church member whose two children both graduated from VHM. "Mr. Perez was awesome," said Amie Rasor, VHM parent and Parent Teacher Organization president, as Perez donated organic soil and many starter







surrounding neighborhood posting fliers on doors that ask neighbors to mark whether they would like free vegetables from the Virgil Hauselt Memorial (VHM) garden. Any neighbor that marks “yes” receives a box full of vegetables, GLOW tracts, and a brochure about VHM.

plants. “He was beyond generous and donated everything we needed without hesitation.”

With the soil and plants in hand, the students were ready to get to work. “It was hard at first,” reported Hattie Blum, a VHM fourth grader. “There was lots of weeds and dry soil, but it was fun to see the garden go from gross and dirty to green and growing.”

After a few weeks, the garden began to take shape, with several different types of vegetables growing quickly. “We planted peppers and bok choy, several kinds of lettuce, bush beans, snap peas, and more,” said Mrs. Mustard. “We had quite the harvest, and I realized that our science project could be something more; something that we should

share with the community.”

The next Friday morning, Mrs. Mustard and her students went into the surrounding neighborhood posting fliers on doors asking neighbors to mark whether they would like free vegetables from the VHM garden. Any neighbor who marked “yes” received a box full of vegetables, GLOW tracts, and a brochure about VHM. The next week, Mrs. Mustard and her students returned to make their deliveries. “Everyone said ‘yes,’” said fourth grader Addison Boles with a big smile. “All of the neighbors were really happy and nice. Sharing with our neighbors was the best part.”

VHM’s third- and fourth-grade students delivered boxes to 20 houses in the neighborhood that day, sharing the fruits of their labor and their faith with many people who previously knew nothing about the school. “This is such a great experience for our students,” says Rasor. “It’s so good for our kids see

how God will always provide for us, and it’s such a powerful way to share our school and what we’re all about by having our students give to others.”

According to VHM Principal Deborah Joplin, however, the most exciting aspect of this project is how it will continue to develop. “It is so good for our kids to know that a simple act of sharing can be outreach,” says Joplin. “It’s also good for our neighbors to know that we are a loving bunch of teachers and students here at VHM. With God’s help this project will grow into more opportunities to share Jesus with our community, and there’s nothing more important than that.”

**What started as a class project has bloomed into a full-grown community service ministry at Virgil Hauselt Memorial (VHM) Christian School in Santa Cruz, Calif. Pictured here: Students with their third- and fourth-grade teacher, Jovinia Mustard, who transformed their overgrown and unused garden into a thriving green space of organic vegetables to be shared with the surrounding community.**





# Outdoor School

BY SARAH TRACZYK

# 2019



Unplug, learn, and connect with our Creator: These were the three goals that Hawaiian Mission Academy schools had in mind as principals from three HMA schools planned a re-vamped, three-day Outdoor School for fifth- to eighth-grade students.

Camp Waianae is traditionally used as a summer camp and weekend getaway, but this year principals wanted to give their students a break from the everyday learning routine and bring the classroom outside. So 115 students from HMA Ka Lama Iki, HMA Windward Campus, and Adventist Malama Elementary School pulled into Camp Waianae on a toasty afternoon in November with great excitement and over-stuffed bags.

Students were assigned cabins

based on their home school, but they were also coordinated in groups according to their grade level. Staff didn't want to place students entirely with their regular classmates because they wanted them to get to know their peers from sister schools. "These students will interact soon enough for both sporting events and going into high school," Principal Sarah Traczyk said. "This was a good way to break the ice. We wanted students to not be concerned about what school someone is from and to just view



each other as HMA students.”

Campers woke up to delicious meals and then participated in non-stop activities all day. Students rotated between seven standards-based stations. The staff wanted to incorporate learning standards that are difficult to achieve with upper elementary and middle schoolers in the traditional small-school classroom setting. Science stations focused on dissection, astronomy, and health awareness. There were three physical education stations, a drama station focused on performing arts, and two Hawaiian culture stations.

Although the students enjoyed being out in nature, conquering their

fears of bugs, new surroundings, no cell phone reception, and being away from home were all challenges to overcome. “The most encouraging part of planning these stations is the participation of HMA’s community and pastoral programs. Teachers, pastors, interns, and community members from all three schools came together to volunteer their time,” Traczyk stated.

The mental and social health of students in grades five to eight is always a concern that principals and teachers face. This Outdoor School trip, though short and sweet, offered the opportunity for teachers and staff to pause and have extra conversations with students by the pool or around the cafeteria tables. The students could interact with staff and peers on a much deeper level than they are able to at school.

Students voted the best part of the week (besides the food) to be the evening worship time under the lights of the tree canopy. Every morning and evening, pastors were called in to share some good old-fashioned campfire stories and worship songs. The theme of these messages for students was based around overcoming fears of the unknown and knowing that God is with them. Students were able to praise God and grow closer to Him under the starry skies of Waianae.

HMA principals are hoping to invite more students from the outer islands next year. “We saw how God was helping us plan even the smallest details. He wanted these students to come out and have a new learning experience,” said Hilda Scott, principal at HMA Windward Campus. Outdoor school plans are already in the works for next year. Reflecting on student and staff input will make next year’s Outdoor School even better.





# HOLBROOK INDIAN SCHOOL

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

## Making Music at Holbrook Indian School

BY MICHELLE NIEB

“Miss Nieb, are we having music today?” This question often greets me as I’m passing between classes or eating in the cafeteria. I have the privilege of being the music director, in addition to teaching English and math, at Holbrook Indian School (HIS). I love the energy and enthusiasm the students have for artistic expression and for music at this school.

Holbrook was built with a strong emphasis in music. However, when the previous music director retired 15 years ago, the music program closed. For 12 years, no solid connection to music existed at Holbrook. About three years ago, Loren Fish, counselor at HIS, launched a program to expose



students to classical music through recitals and concerts. Last year, task force worker Amy Loredo began involving students in making music through instrumental lessons and group singing. These two efforts

drummed up student excitement leading into this school year as the first year of a full music program officially launched.

We are building strong foundations of musical principles and life skills



to set students up for success. First-through third-graders are learning through singing games; students are practicing important concepts as we play. The students in fourth through sixth grade are building musical literacy through singing, instrumental work, and other activities. The seventh- through

every level so that, as time passes, students will be able to notice their musical abilities improve.

Practicing and making beautiful music is rewarding both intellectually and spiritually. For the first performance, the seventh- through twelfth-grade choir sang 3- and 4-part rounds at an assembly. During the warm-up the students' nerves were

twelfth-grade classes are participating in beginning band and a choir. I am excited about being able to educate students at

evident, but their voices were strong. I prayed with them and told them to rely on their hard work and on Jesus. They amazed everyone with their tone and ability to sing parts in such a short amount of learning time. The choir students glowed and walked with extra confidence after creating beauty for everyone to enjoy.

As the music teacher at HIS, my desire is to lead students to gain confidence in Jesus and in what He can do through them. Lessons in the classroom carry over into life situations. My hope is that the students learn that they are capable of holding their heads high in a setting where failure seems inevitable and that they will continue to trust in God.



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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## For Three Presidential Scholars, Future Plans Pivot on Service

BY DARLA MARTIN TUCKER

Despite hectic schedules, three high school students in Redlands and Loma Linda decided that helping disadvantaged individuals was worth putting in longer days. Their subsequent experiences serving others solidified their career interests in medicine and were also among the reasons the students were awarded the largest scholarship given by La Sierra University.

While enrolled respectively at Redlands High School and Loma Linda Academy, Ailinh Nguyen and twin brothers Grant and Tyler Yonemoto dedicated free time outside of demanding classes and extracurricular activities to aid local populations struggling with lack of adequate health care, homelessness, and other severe challenges. Following graduation, they enrolled last fall as freshmen biomedical sciences majors at La Sierra and are committed to continuing their community outreach during college while they focus on maintaining high grades.

Each of them was recognized as this year's Presidential Scholars, La Sierra's largest scholarship given once annually, which provides recipients with \$15,000 a year for four years toward tuition costs. Scholarship criteria includes a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6, and a demonstrated dedication to improving the world.

Nguyen received the news about her Presidential Scholarship at the

end of last school year during a 7 a.m. meeting at her high school with her parents and La Sierra Vice President for Enrollment Services David Lofthouse. "I remember trying to hold back the tears of immense joy and surprise at this miraculous announcement," Nguyen said. "I am so ecstatic and humbled that La Sierra personally welcomed me to the school and presented me with this distinctive honor. I feel so blessed by God's unconditional love."

Nguyen has been a member of the Loma Linda Filipino church most of her life and resides in Loma Linda with her parents and her three dogs, Creampuff, Romeo, and Coco Chanel. Her career goal is to become a child and adolescent psychiatrist and work with underserved communities in the Inland Empire.

Nguyen graduated with a 4.48 GPA and earned many awards. Throughout high school she pursued performance activities in music and theater while engaged in experiences that furthered her knowledge of

medical science, such as the White Coat Spring Break Internship program offering shadowing experiences with physicians and other medical professionals. She also engaged in scientific research through the Focused Interdisciplinary Research and Scientific Training at California Northstate University.

Community involvement included advocacy with government and civic leaders on behalf of the arts in schools, summer school programs, peacemaking, and the plight of the homeless. She also functioned as an Inland Health Professions Coalition student ambassador for Redlands and facilitated plans for individual and group health service projects for residents. Her position provided a platform for relaying suggestions on various health-related topics to a Kaiser Permanente-sponsored focus group.

"By having had the privilege to volunteer in different settings within the underserved communities, I have been humbled by the life narratives

*"By having had the privilege to volunteer in different settings within the underserved communities, I have been humbled by the life narratives of the disadvantaged men, women, and children struggling to exist."*

of the disadvantaged men, women, and children struggling to exist," she said. "They have inspired me to continue on as one of the 'thousand points of light' for those in need and to focus on my studies so that I may apply my knowledge to help others lead better lives."

The Yonemoto brothers, residents of Redlands and members of the Azure Hills church, aim to become physicians and to continue leading Urban Mission, LLC, which they co-founded in Redlands, Calif. The mission provides clothing, healthcare, and food to homeless and disadvantaged populations through clothing donation events, fundraising, and collaboration with Loma Linda Academy, Path of Life Ministries in Riverside, civic organizations, and other groups. Urban Mission collects and distributes 5,000 articles of

clothing annually and contributes donated funds for healthcare and food for the homeless. "Seeing people with almost nothing smile and get such joy and love from receiving just a few articles of clothing touched me and called me to continue this mission work," wrote Grant in a scholarship essay.

The brothers also participated as volunteers in the academy's annual Family Volunteer Night aimed at providing aid to local homeless and low-income residents, led Vacation Bible School summer programs for kids, and served their peers as school tutors.

In addition to earning A's in all their coursework and receiving multiple academic awards, the brothers' achievements included taking advanced courses such as a pre-engineering and technology,

pursuing an independent research project at the California Proton Center, earning awards of excellence from the National Academy of Future Physicians, and National Merit commendations. Both were members of the academy soccer team, wind symphony, and symphony orchestra, and both pursued National Honor Society activities.

As they go through college and move beyond to medical school, they are both committed to continuing leading the organization that has further inspired their careers of serving humanity.

"We will continue with our mission work, not just because we see the joy and hope within those we serve," stated Tyler. "We are following God's plan for our lives."

For more on this story, visit [www.lasierra.edu](http://www.lasierra.edu).

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Left to right, Grant Yonemoto, Ailinh Nguyen, and Tyler Yonemoto, this year's Presidential Scholarship winners, in a photo taken at Forest Falls, Calif. during September freshman orientation.





PHOTO: SHEANN BRANDON

## Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Receives 2019 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award

BY SHEANN BRANDON

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital was named a Top Children's Hospital nationally for the third consecutive year by The Leapfrog Group—an independent hospital watchdog organization—on December 17, highlighting the hospital's achievements in patient safety and quality. The Leapfrog Top Hospital awards are widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive.

Approximately 2,100 hospitals across the nation were considered

for the awards, and LLU Children's Hospital was one of only 10 children's hospitals to be recognized by The Leapfrog Group.

Scott Perryman, senior vice president and administrator for LLU Children's Hospital, said receiving this award was only made possible through the efforts and commitment from the hospital's staff.

"We are very honored to be again acknowledged as among the best children's hospitals in the nation," Perryman said. "We participate in

numerous national quality and patient safety reporting efforts because we want to do better and be better for our babies, children, teens, and their families. Recognition for a third time in a row demonstrates that our collective work to establish a culture of safety and quality is taking hold in a transformative way."

Moreover, three consecutive years is the longest streak for receiving the award—an honor held only by two hospitals, including LLU Children's Hospital.



# Leo Ranzolin Jr. Appointed Dean of the School of Religion

BY LARRY BECKER

**L**oma Linda University Health's Board of Trustees has named Leo Ranzolin Jr., ThD, to serve as dean of the School of Religion, effective January 1, 2020. Ranzolin previously was the School of Religion's associate dean since 2015, and he has held the post of interim dean of the school since July 1, 2019.

He succeeds Jan Paulien, PhD, who served as the school's dean since its founding in 2007. Paulien relinquished the dean post in June of 2019 to return to teaching and continue directing the school's William Johnsson Center for Understanding World Religions.

The School of Religion serves students in all eight of Loma Linda University's health professional schools, focusing on the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ, says Ranzolin.

"Our role is to train these future healthcare practitioners how to integrate Seventh-day Adventist faith, health, and science as they address the challenges awaiting them in today's complex world," Ranzolin said. "We have been entrusted with the mission of articulating the story of God's gracious plan to redeem a lost and broken world in a Seventh-day Adventist health science university setting."

Ranzolin holds a Doctor of



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Theology degree from Boston University, earned in 2001, where he specialized in biblical studies. He also holds a Master of Theology degree from Duke University, a Master of Divinity from Andrews University,

and a Bachelor of Science degree in management from what is now Washington Adventist University. Prior to joining the Loma Linda University School of Religion faculty, Ranzolin was a professor of biblical studies at Pacific Union College from 1998 to 2014.

Ron Carter, PhD, university provost, says that along with Ranzolin's strong commitment to Loma Linda University Health's mission and values, Ranzolin assumes the dean's post with an understanding of the complex nature of the university and of the school.

"The School of Religion dean must lead the spiritual growth of our campus. The position requires leadership, patience, and vision," Carter said. "The school's faculty and the courses they provide are core to the identity of our institution. Dean Ranzolin's integrity, love for Jesus and the gospel, and his desire to find solutions to difficult situations will bless him as a leader, as well as this university."

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PHOTO: WANDA BRIMMER

# Classrooms, Canines, and Honey Bees

BY MORIAH WARD

**F**allon Adventist Christian School (FACS) is a multi-grade, one-room school. Although teaching multiple grades can present difficulties not found in other classroom settings, FACS's teachers, Diana Pleitez and Wanda Brimmer, have tackled the mission with a passion. Both teachers love project-based learning, have unique second jobs, and have introduced the students to them: training service dogs and beekeeping.

Mrs. Pleitez and her husband, Salvador, train service dogs for veterans in honor of their son, Spc. Benjamin Pleitez, who was killed while on deployment in Afghanistan in 2012. While the process of training service dogs is costly and time consuming, the end result of teaming a veteran with a perfectly matched companion is very rewarding.

Before the Pleitez's moved their business to Fallon, the service dogs began their training at a prison. Not only was this beneficial for the rescue dogs, it also helped teach the inmates healthy coping mechanisms and how to interact with others. Now the Pleitez's do all the training themselves. Whenever Mrs. Pleitez is in the classroom, Chester, one of the dogs in training, is with her. Part of

a dog's training involves learning to go out in public and doing everyday things like taking elevators, standing in line, and being around large groups of people without panicking. Being around the students helps Chester learn to stay focused on his job and ignore the distractions surrounding him.

When Mrs. Pleitez gives Chester permission, the students can pet and play with him. According to Mrs. Pleitez, "Research shows that kids perform better and have less anxiety in the classroom when they can interact with dogs at school."

Not only is Chester's presence helpful for the students in the classroom setting, they also are learning how to interact with all service dogs they come in contact

**(Left) Fallon Adventist Christian School students with Chester, a service dog in training. (Top) Students learned to easily recognize and find the queen.**



PHOTO: DIANA PLEITEZ

with. When kindergartener, Emily Gill, was at the store with her family, they saw a service dog. Her brother, Nathan, was so excited to see a puppy and wanted to go pet it. Emily immediately stopped him and explained that he couldn't approach the dog because it was working. "I was so proud of her for knowing that was a service dog and how to act around him," Emily's mom, Sarah Gill, reported.

Mrs. Brimmer has brought her passion for bees into the classroom. She has raised bees for eight years, and this year she started sharing her passion for bees and local honey with her students. The students are learning everything about bees and beekeeping—from the life cycle to harvesting and selling the honey. Mrs. Brimmer has donated one of her hives to the school. The older students will help track the finances and make purchases for the beehive. The income from the honey sales will benefit the school's science program. This project helps students from kindergarten through eighth



**A family of one of the students has been blessed by the Pleitez's project. They were able to adopt Cello. He was not a good fit for the service dog program, but he is perfect for their family.**

they deal with bee numbers, project costs, and income from the honey.

After only a month of school, Emily Gill saw a beehive display at the Utah State Fair. Armed with the confidence of a five-year-old and her newfound knowledge, she marched confidently up to the beekeeper. She began explaining how the hive worked and the roles of the different members of the colony. The woman at the booth was amazed at how much Emily knew.

grade learn about science with the study of the bees themselves; about technology and engineering as they design hives according to "bee space" and minister to other needs of the colony; and about mathematics as

As Satsuki Shibuya said: "By doing what you love, you inspire and awaken the hearts of others." When one sees Mrs. Brimmer and Mrs. Pleitez interacting with their students, it is easy to see that sharing their passions for dogs

and bees has inspired the young minds they have been entrusted with.

**(Below) Incorporating art and science, bee crafts are part of project-based learning at FACS.**



PHOTO: WANDA BRIMMER

**(Above) The final product of the bee project will be sold by the students, with the funds used to benefit FACS. (Right) A science project board on the life cycle of the honeybee was a great learning tool for the bee project.**



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# Not Forgotten: Prison Ministry Changes Lives

BY JULIE LORENZ

On a Sabbath in November, church members from around the Northern California Conference (NCC) gathered at the West Sacramento church for Prison Ministry Day, a time of inspiration and training.

Attendees witnessed firsthand the power of a changed life. Vincent Williams, who was incarcerated for 30 years, described how prison ministry volunteers introduced him to a saving relationship with Jesus. "Vincent testified how God gives us hope of a resurrection—even in impossible situations when we make devastating mistakes in our lives," said Willie Johnson, NCC prison ministries coordinator.

Also during the day, the NCC honored Pacific Union College church members Art and Betty Westphal for their 35-plus years of service as prison ministry volunteers. (See next page.) "I am inspired by the commitment and dedication of the Westphals," said Johnson. "Only in

heaven will we learn the full results of their labor."

"Art and Betty have been so faithful," said Victor Beale, Pacific Union Conference prison ministries coordinator. "They have given their lives to prison ministry."

In the morning, retired Pastor George Jackson spoke for the worship service, and in the afternoon, Michael Ashley, president and founder of Touch of Love/New Beginnings ministries, led a training seminar for the attendees. Touch of Love has shared God's Word with more than 100,000 prisoners since 1988.

The NCC prison ministries department presents two training events each year. It also purchases Adventist books and magazines for prisons and jails. The department is currently raising money for a project titled Blade of Hope, which aims to provide transitional housing for released inmates in the Sacramento area. "Many of those we have baptized have asked if we have transitional housing, and we've had to tell them 'no,'" said Beale.

Johnson and Beale hope that more people with a passion for prison ministry will want to get involved—especially those in their 20s and 30s. "There are a lot of young people in prison, and what greater influence



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**Michael Ashley, president and founder of Touch of Love/New Beginnings ministries, inspires attendees during Prison Ministry Day.**

An advertisement for the 2020 Prayer Retreat. The background features a silhouette of two hands holding a glowing cross against a sunset sky. Text on the left includes: "DON'T MISS THE 2020 PRAYER RETREAT", "March 13-15, 2020", "LEONI MEADOWS", and "GUEST SPEAKER Randy Maxwell, Renton Church Pastor/Prayer Ministries Director, Washington Conference". A small inset photo shows Randy Maxwell speaking. At the bottom, it says: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 (NKJV). Register online at www.nccsda.org or call (530) 626-3610. For questions, contact Esmé and Robert Ross, (530) 210-4723. WWW.NCCSDA.COM/PRAYERRETREAT

can there be than a young person on fire for the Lord?" said Beale.

The next NCC Prison Ministry Day will be held on April 25 at a location to be determined. Visit [nccsda.com/prison-ministries](http://nccsda.com/prison-ministries) for more information. "If you are really committed, prison ministry is one of the most gratifying ministries there is," said Beale, who has been involved for more than 31 years. "It's such a blessing."



**Vincent Williams describes how prison ministry volunteers introduced him to Jesus.**

## "I Was in Prison, and You Visited Me."

BY JULIE LORENZ

Almost every Sabbath for more than 35 years, Art and Betty Westphal have awakened at 5 a.m. and made the 55-mile drive from their home in Angwin to Vacaville, where they participate in worship services at either the California State Prison Solano or the California Medical Facility.

Years ago, Art pondered the words of Matthew 25 and realized: "I've done all the proper things, but I've never visited anybody in prison." He accepted a friend's invitation to participate in a prison ministry. The friend later quit going, but Art didn't stop. He invited Betty to come and play the piano, which she still does almost every week.

"We decided we didn't want to be benchwarmers," said Betty. "We wanted to do something active for the Lord."

Art often leads the Sabbath School lesson discussion in English or Spanish. "The inmates love to discuss and get involved in the study," he said. "They could spend the whole time discussing one section of the lesson, so I have to remind them to move on." For many years, he also led a Tuesday night



**(Left) Willie Johnson, NCC prison ministries coordinator (far left), and Victor Beale, Pacific Union Conference prison ministries coordinator, present an honorary plaque to Art and Betty Westphal. (Right) Married for more than 60 years, the Westphals have ministered to people in prison for more than 35 years.**

meeting and conducted Bible studies.

The couple has a real empathy for the inmates. "Half of them never get a letter, call, or visit from home; their families divorce them," said Art. "They are just warehoused in there—crowded and extremely lonesome. When somebody, who doesn't have to be there, shows them Jesus' love, it makes a big difference in their lives."

Through the years, inmates and former inmates have expressed their

gratitude to the Westphals, and the couple has been delighted to witness and participate in baptisms. One inmate who was baptized early in their ministry was transferred to San Quentin, where he started a new Bible study group.

The Westphals emphasize that their ministry is not a drudgery; it's a joy. "We get the greater blessing," said Betty.

"It's been no sacrifice," said Art. "It makes church come alive."

# Coming Together and Building Up

## Maranatha Brings Renovations to PUC Campus

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

For three weeks this summer, the PUC campus saw community members and students, as well as active and retired PUC faculty, come together with Maranatha volunteers. Together, the group worked on the renovation of 31 student dorm rooms in Newton Hall, one of PUC's four residence halls.

Each person had a specific job responsibility, including building and installing cabinets, replacing dressers and countertops, putting in new ceiling lights, wall patching, repainting, and prepping for and laying down new flooring. A total of 81 volunteers contributed to the project, with an average of 35 to 45 helping each day and nearly half being first-time volunteers.

Project coordinator Ed Jensen started doing volunteer work about 40 years ago, but he became much more involved when he retired. For this project, he helped to register and provide information for volunteers.

"When a volunteer comes to the job, their housing and food is provided. They just need to come," he said. "And when these people work, they really put their heart into it."

Heidi Lukowicz, graphic designer for the college and first-time Maranatha volunteer, decided to help with this project because she wanted to give her young sons the experience of volunteering and

connect them to Maranatha and the larger PUC community.

"It's amazing how fast you can get something done with many hands," said Lukowicz. "It doesn't matter if you know how to renovate a dorm; it only matters that you do the task at hand. I only did my small part, which was screwing in the subfloor, and I helped redo an entire dorm!"

Many current and retired faculty were also able to help with the renovations. Sylvia Rasi Gregorutti, professor of world languages, said she wanted to volunteer because she loves PUC and wants students to be comfortable in their on-campus housing.

"I was touched to learn that Maranatha volunteers are praying for the future occupants of the Newton Hall rooms they renovated," she said.

After painting, Gregorutti said she was tired and a little sore, but she felt good after helping. "Volunteering is good for both heart and mind," she commented. "It takes you outside of yourself, away from your issues and problems."

Although many of the volunteers were already well acquainted with PUC, some were new to the campus and formed valuable connections while here. Carlos Van Phillips came with his wife, who surprised him by bringing him to California for a Maranatha project—something he had always wanted to do—rather than the vacation he thought they had planned. They helped to measure and map out flooring in each room.

"Everybody there worked together, and I loved it. Everybody helped each other, and the camaraderie was wonderful," Van Phillips said. "PUC is not my alma mater, but I feel connected to PUC now. You can't help but fall in love with the place!"

When asked if he would do more volunteer work in the future, he was very eager to come back again. "I loved working with Maranatha and I will do another project in a heartbeat!" says Van Phillips. "I would not exchange this experience for anything."

Maranatha will be back on the PUC campus in August 2020 and are recruiting volunteers now. Learn more or sign up today at [maranatha.org/projects/tgid2943](https://maranatha.org/projects/tgid2943).

To contribute financially toward PUC's residence hall renovation projects, please visit [puc.edu/give](https://puc.edu/give) or contact Alumni & Advancement at 707-965-7500.

*"It's amazing how fast you can get something done with many hands. It doesn't matter if you know how to renovate a dorm; it only matters that you do the task at hand."*



**Pacific Union College faculty, staff, alumni, and others volunteered their skills with Maranatha to renovate dorm rooms on the PUC campus.**

San Diego Broadway Spanish church rings in the Christmas season with its Christmas cantata. The yearly event includes people of all ages and from nearby churches.



## Christmas in SECC: Honoring the Season in Different Ways

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

For many people, Christmas means family, friends, and food. For others, it's a time of sadness and grief. Churches across the Southeastern California Conference honored all these aspects of the holiday season, welcoming their communities to celebrate and even mourn, but in all ways connecting with the most important part of Christmas: Christ.

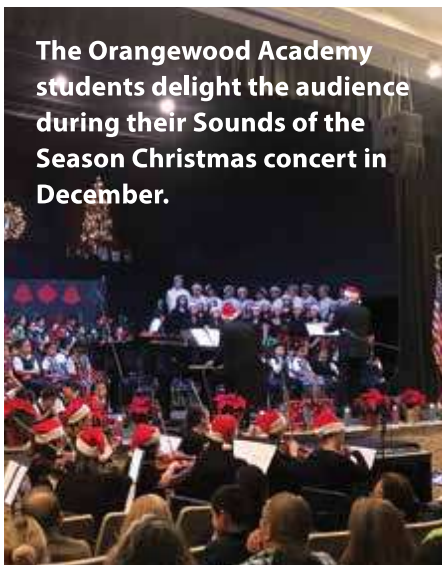


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The Orangewood Academy students delight the audience during their Sounds of the Season Christmas concert in December.

### Sounds of the Season

In early December, Orangewood Academy held its annual Christmas event, Sounds of the Season, in two separate concerts: Pre-K and K-12. Both groups were accompanied by a professional 14-piece orchestra and the academy's ensemble, a small group of students playing piano, bass guitar, and drums.

"It was an incredible concert, one of the best we've had in a very long time," said Zaidy Olivarría, marketing and alumni relations director at the academy. A total of nearly 600 people attended the concerts.

"The holidays are about coming together," said Olivarría. "Every day we're in classes, and performing is an opportunity to step away and just sing together. It's also special to come together as a community that believes in and celebrates Christ."

### El Mejor Regalo (The Best Gift)

San Diego Broadway Spanish church hosted its annual Christmas cantata, an event that has rung in the Christmas season in the community for more than 20 years.

"We love inviting our community to experience this wonderful





**The Moreno Hills church's Christmas cantata features both the children and adult choirs together and youth narrators dressed as Nativity participants.**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Silent Night," and other Christmas carols.

"It's a quiet service where people can show up just as they are and aren't expected to put on a happy face," Orlich said. "It's an acknowledgment that while at Christmas we celebrate the Light of the World, the darkness is real. By speaking our pain, we create a space for healing and spreading light."

opportunity each year," said Flaviano Dalisay, church elder and director of the vocal ensemble. "It's a beautiful way to remember Christ's birth and purpose for this world."

It takes about six months of planning to organize the cantata, as it also includes participants from other churches, such as El Cajon and Chula Vista. The 90-minute program presents music and scenes from the birth of Christ to more than 250 people, followed by a special Mexican dinner.

"The cantata not only shares the joy of the Nativity," Dalisay added, "but also relays the importance and significance of His coming and His sacrifice: *el mejor regalo*—the best gift—for us all."

**Jesus Means Christmas to Me**

For more than 20 years, the Moreno Hills church has been presenting a cantata at Christmas time. About four years ago, the church began offering both a church choir and a children's choir version.

"Doing two cantatas each year required huge effort," explained Al Imperio, elder for music ministries. "This year, we decided to combine." Narrators were all youth and children dressed as Nativity characters. The church was full.

"At Christmas, people's minds are more open to Jesus and the gospel," said Imperio. "Our focus is putting Jesus back into the center of Christmas. It was powerful to hear

little children singing 'Jesus Means Christmas to Me.'"

**Blue Christmas**

In December 2009, La Sierra University church member Myrtle Valdez lost her husband, Jose, leaving her a single mother to their 8-year-old son. The following year, she and some friends held the first of many BLUE (Bridging Loss through Understanding and Empathy) Christmas services at the church. The 2019 service was held on Dec. 20, the Friday night closest to the longest night of the year.

"We lit four candles, remembering those we've lost, the pain of different kinds of losses, the burdens we carry, and the hope the story of Christmas offers," explained Raewyn Orlich, pastor for discipleship and nurture. The 50 attendees sang verses from



**(Left) BLUE Christmas at La Sierra University church, as in other churches who hold similar events, is an opportunity for holiday fellowship for those who are mourning a loss or struggling. (Right) The crèche festival at the Norco church, sponsored by the Stahl Center of La Sierra University, showcases Nativity scenes from around the world, such as this one from South America.**

**Community Crèche Festival**

For more than 25 years, La Sierra University has held an annual community crèche festival, displaying more than 100 Nativity scenes and collections from around the world. In 2019, the Stahl Center for World Service hosted the event at the Norco church, pairing the festival with a candlelight concert by violinist Jaime Jorge.

"It was a wonderful evening for the community," shared Robert Roth, organizer and pastor. "We are so happy to begin a new tradition in which people can reflect on the birth of our Savior and enjoy the special connections this season offers."

The Norco church and Stahl Center plan to continue this annual Christmas event in 2020 with another candlelight concert featuring a special musical guest and the crèche festival. Their goal is to display more than 300 Nativity collections.





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## Long Beach Church Brings Jesus to the Community

BY LAUREN LACSON

**T**his past Christmas season, the Long Beach church shared holiday cheer with its neighbors through free services, food, clothing, and more. Pono Lopez, pastor at the Long Beach church, summarized the purpose of the event as an opportunity “to begin to develop our relationship with our community through serving those who need it the most during the holidays.”

The weather forecast wasn't promising for an outdoor event. Still, the potential for rain wasn't a deterrent for the local community; hundreds came to the event with their umbrellas and raincoats. The drizzle that started near the end of the event didn't even put a damper on the festivities.

In fact, while the team was prepared for around 200 people, the event brought in 450 people. “We didn't expect this,” said one volunteer, amazed at the turnout. After the food ran out, volunteers made a quick fast-food run to provide more sandwiches and meals to those who were still waiting.

This large effort was made possible by generous donations and volunteers. The church received donations from private donors and Trader Joe's that went to toys, shoes, and more. The county donated \$998 for food, some of which was used for a Thanksgiving breakfast for the church's Adventist Community Services food bank. Free haircuts, social services, live music, and a bounce house for kids were offered on site. Guests also picked up free literature, including Bibles, books, and GLOW tracts. “The Bible is the hot commodity of the day,” said Sonny Pasco, head elder at Long Beach church.



PHOTO: PONO LOPEZ



PHOTO: LAUREN LACSON

**(Left) A family receives gifts and blessings from Long Beach church. (Right) Lopez (right) announces the final giveaways before offering a closing prayer over those in attendance. (Top) So many visitors lined up to receive free services that the line wrapped around the church and around the corner.**

“Many who attended felt that they received what they intended to receive,” Lopez shared. “Although some had to leave empty handed, people left in good spirits.”

The last community event of this kind hosted by the church took place in 2016, and the church is ready to hit the ground running for the next event.

“Many within our church are excited for what will come of the next year,” Lopez shared. “Our leaders who were a part of this event are already planning for the 2020 year, marking possibly three or four

other events placed strategically throughout the year to continue to develop relationships with the Long Beach area, but especially the neighborhoods surrounding Long Beach. Long Beach is an extremely saturated city with a wide radius, so many of our members are ready to step foot outside of our church to show what Jesus looks like as exactly that—a Jesus on the move.”

“We're just grateful,” Lopez concluded. “What we really care about the most is that the Long Beach area knows about us. We're really trying to build these relationships—this is a start.”



## Valley Crossroads Celebrates Six Decades Closer to Christ's Return

BY ARAYA MOSS

Last fall, members and friends of Valley Crossroads church in Pacoima joined together for a special day recognizing the congregation's 60 years of ministry.

Former pastors were acknowledged, such as Royal Harrison (2011-2015), who currently serves as the Greater Los Angeles Region director. "God has tremendously blessed Valley Crossroads church," said Harrison. "My family and I are so honored to have been a part of the history and legacy of this landmark church."

Valley Crossroads was founded by a small group of women who were interested in Bible studies in the Pacoima area. "Some may call them charter members; others may refer to them as a company of believers," said John Trusty, pastor at Valley Crossroads. "I call them champions of God." As their group grew in number, they required a larger venue. One of these women, Myrtle Williams, invited Anderson Fields, a recent Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) graduate, to help with the beginnings of what would be Pacoima church. Wendell Nelson became the first pastor in 1955. The church changed its name to Valley Crossroads in 1999.

Duane C. Darrett, a lifelong member of Valley Crossroads, recognized these first members and presented charter members Madeline Merriweather-Gonzalez, Yolanda Minor, and Helen Robinson with accolades for their years of service. Richard Davis, a Valley Crossroads patriarch, was also honored



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**(Left) Darrett (right) and the congregation honor Valley Crossroads patriarch Davis (left). (Middle) Trusty shows the letter from California State Senator Bob Hertzberg, which expressed gratitude for the church's contributions in the community. (Right) Trusty (left) introduces guest speaker Smith as the Valley Crossroads Chorale readies to sing. Attendees were asked to wear navy and silver in honor of the celebration.**

and received a standing ovation from the congregation. "For decades you have been our elder, mentor, mighty prayer warrior, advisor, and friend," said Darrett. "You have demonstrated patience with people of all ages and all walks of life."

Ronald C. Smith, president of the Southern Union Conference, who credits Davis with training him how to be a leader, was the guest speaker. His message centered on the importance of carrying on Christ's mission in the last days. "No superficial connection with Jesus is going to do; no ordinary faith in God's sovereignty will do," said Smith. "It must be a faith that can endure."

Valley Crossroads has a history of maintaining a key presence in its community—giving to those seeking food, clothing, and other resources. The church hosts a food bank program through a partnership with MEND, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization,

to bring healthy produce and non-perishable food to Pacoima. The church also provides cooking classes and counseling through its Celebrate Recovery program.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and California State Senator Bob Hertzberg expressed gratitude for the church's contributions in the community. "Your dedication to the spiritual and physical well-being of the community is greatly appreciated," said Garcetti in his letter. "Your collaboration with other organizations to bring the necessary services to the San Fernando Valley has not gone unnoticed."

The festivities concluded with an afternoon program featuring special musical selections and continued praise.

"We must pray always and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus alone," said Trusty. "Let this celebration be a prelude to the celebration we'll experience when we all get to heaven."



He found his way to Riverside and a job at La Sierra College as a truck driver. It was here that a happenstance introduction brought Cheryl into his life. This led to a marriage of 45 years. It was just before their wedding when David decided to go back to school. Choosing a printing class as an elective was all it took for him to announce to Cheryl, "I found what I want to do for the rest of my life."

David received his degree in graphic arts and was hired to work at the Loma Linda University Press. But before he could start, he received a call from the Central California Conference (CCC) with a job offer. He initially rejected the offer, but then he decided to take the job and they moved to San Jose for the next seven years. They made the move to Clovis with the Conference, and he retired there 36 years later.

"As I think of David Crouch, I can apply the full meaning of the term, he 'walked the talk,'" reflected Ramiro Cano, current president of CCC. "He was true model and example of what Christ longs to see in His children. David was a constant and faithful man of prayer, a dedicated family man, and one who extended himself in support of men in the office, the local church, and community. I was enriched and blessed to have observed his dedication—a genuine servant of the Lord."



**(Above) David Crouch lived a life filled with service. (Opposite page) During the memorial for David Crouch, those in attendance remembered a few of his favorite things.**

## Growing in family and God

The Crouch family increased when Rebecca Jean Crouch was born early in 1979. She remembers how much her dad did with her, his patience and sense of adventure—from early on teaching her to ride a bike, throw a baseball, or play croquet to later years of discussing religion and politics and tackling projects around the house.

While living in San Jose, David got involved with Pathfinders, which carried over to Fresno when Becky reached the age to join the club. His compassion and nurturing nature continued to grow as he went on to become the area coordinator. In addition, David taught Primary and, later, Youth Sabbath School. He had a way of connecting—by treating the kids with respect. In return, they

respected him.

Making the Sunnyside church his home, David's love for his God led him to be an amazing husband, father, friend, and coworker. He was always there to encourage support, listen, and pray.

Anyone who passed through his work area at the Conference office knew they were welcome to visit—not just coworkers but vendors and delivery people as well. One printing vendor, Bill Price, responded and they became fast friends. They, along with some other friends in the printing business, attended a Promise Keepers Conference in town. It reinforced their belief that men are yearning for a rooted, authentic relationship with God. This impressed Bill and David to start a



**Early in his career in San Jose, David Crouch shows off his printing press.**

men's Bible study, which they attended faithfully. The group became known as the Thursday Knights.

This was the beginning of David's involvement in men's ministry. It grew through attending additional conferences, through the Thursday Knights' Bible study, and through becoming involved with the Men's Ministry at the Conference office. "Dave loved God and loved

people. He could talk about anything to anyone showing true interest," Price recalled. "That personal connection became his opportunity to share the love of Christ. He invited countless people to know his Savior, regardless of their gender, age, race, or religion. Dave was a man after God's own heart."

### **Rooted in service**

David found real joy in encouraging men to be strong and committed leaders in their homes and in their churches. One of these men, Tom Cope, shared these words:

"I was invited to a Christian men's fellowship in the early 90s. It was a group of men in the printing industry getting together to read scripture, pray, and just talk.

"God, working through that group of men [Thursday Knights], changed my life. I was having a difficult time in my marriage when I started going to that Thursday night fellowship. I can't say it changed my marriage, but it changed me.

"I learned how important it is for men to have a place to talk about failures and faults, wants and weaknesses, all in a Jesus-centered atmosphere. The godly love and support of these men helped me tremendously.

"The genuine, kind love Dave lived out was truly born of his love of God. His humility was courageous in a world where men are full of pride. His ability to admit his weaknesses

***"He gave of himself so other men might experience the forgiveness and love of God."***

showed great strength. His dedication to men's ministry demonstrated his faith in the One who loved him first.

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Barnes wrote in a letter to David, "It is amazing how you lived your life. I have watched and tried to live my life by your example. You have been my spiritual rock; you are a fisher of men."

David endured three bouts with cancer. In 1998, a quick surgery left him with a clean bill of health. Nineteen years later, it was major abdominal surgery, leaving him with some other challenges. When the diagnosis of cancer came up again in August, it was far more serious. He



**When David Crouch was around, it was not uncommon to find men in prayer.**

entered hospice care a month later, and passed away on Oct. 5, 2019.

His passing leaves a hole in the life of anyone who knew him. With the strength that comes through faith alone, we will look forward to the day of being reunited when Jesus comes again to take us all home to heaven. In the meantime, we will live, laugh, love, and serve those around us.

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**David Crouch (back right) played a big role in organizing the men's retreats each year in Central.**





# Rebuilding

BY JULIE Z. LEE

PHOTOS: TOM LLOYD





# Paradise:

Volunteers Build 202 Sheds for Camp Fire Survivors

Last September, Joelle Chinnock was spending a lot of time on Facebook. However, she wasn't scrolling through pictures of friends' vacations or pasta dinners. She was searching various pages that had popped up in the aftermath of the devastating Camp Fire in Paradise, California—pages for survivors, ways to help, and information.

"People were posting things they needed, the desperate situation they were in," said Chinnock, director of development and disaster recovery for Love Paradise, a ministry of the Paradise church. "And Garrison asked me to find people we could



## Portraits of Service

As a chaplain, I try to live God's love every day by providing spiritual and emotional support to patients, their families, and Adventist Health associates. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

*Edgar Urbina, Adventist Health White Memorial, director of Mission and Spiritual Care*



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**(Previous page) Maranatha volunteers celebrate the completion of 202 storage sheds for Love Paradise, an outreach ministry of the Paradise church. The sheds will go to survivors of the Camp Fire, a wildfire that devastated the town of Paradise in November 2018.**

start helping."

Garrison Chaffee was the associate pastor at Paradise church, which had burned to the ground during the wildfire that ripped through the city in November 2018. The entire pastoral team was dedicated to helping their community recover. Already they had organized multiple outreach events, including giving away home kits and providing clean water from the church well. Now they were looking for the next project, the next need. Then something caught Chinnock's eye.

"I saw somebody on one of those [Facebook threads] saying that they were going to build a shed for somebody, because they needed a shed. And I thought that was a great idea. And I immediately sent it to Garrison and said, 'Hey, let's build some sheds,'" remembered Chinnock.

Out of the more than 26,000 residents who used to live in Paradise, approximately 2,000 have



**Susie Fox, from Cottonwood, Calif., cuts pieces of the trim board for the sheds. Fox has been on multiple Maranatha projects around the United States, volunteering with her husband.**



**Ashley Gilmer stands in the trailer that has been her home for the past year. She lost her house in the wildfire. She has no storage, and most of her things have to be kept outside—including boxes of medical supplies for her dialysis.**

moved back onto their properties. Most of them lost their homes to the fire and live in trailers as they wait for insurance payouts and permits to rebuild. Few have a place to store their personal belongings, and theft has become a major issue. In one desperate situation, a woman on dialysis was having to store her medical supplies outside in cardboard boxes. For the survivors, a shed would be a godsend.

Chinnock figured that the church could build a couple of structures in the church property parking lot and hand them out. But Chaffee had another idea. He recalled a conversation with Maranatha Volunteers International soon after the fire. Maranatha had offered to help when the community was ready to rebuild.

“He put two and two together and made the call, and Maranatha was on board. They came up

within a day or two of that phone call... and it was all thumbs up from there,” said Chinnock.

At that September meeting, Maranatha and the Paradise church agreed to build 200 storage sheds with a volunteer project scheduled to begin in November. Over the next eight weeks, Love Paradise rushed to secure funding from a variety of charities, corporations, and local businesses. They also worked with local leadership to create an application process for recipients of the shed. In the meantime, Maranatha designed a shed, developed a construction plan, and recruited volunteers. They also searched for lodging for the volunteers—no easy feat, given that Paradise is still essentially a disaster zone; few places have water or electricity. An attitude of flexibility would be a must, along with quite a few generators.

On November 5, 2019, Maranatha volunteers



**(Left) Bonnie Ammon-Hilde, from Woodburn, Ore., cuts lumber for the Paradise storage shed project. Nearly 400 volunteers came from all over the United States to help build 202 sheds for survivors of the Camp Fire. (Middle) Lois Clark, from Ardenvoir, Washington, works on the roof of a storage shed. She was one of nearly 400 volunteers that helped to build 202 storage sheds for the survivors of the Camp Fire. (Right) Rebekah Shepherd, from Roseville, Calif., paints the completed storage sheds. She works for Maranatha and took a day to volunteer on the job site.**

from all over the United States began arriving in Paradise. Participants parked their trailers at Paradise Adventist Academy—which has been closed since the fire after suffering partial damage—or camped out on cots in the classrooms. The Northern California Conference loaned the project a portable shower trailer. Two classrooms were converted into a kitchen and dining hall. Multiple generators were borrowed or purchased to power construction tools, kitchen appliances, and lights for the volunteers.

Across the street from the campus, Maranatha established a construction site in the parking lot of the Adventist church, setting up an assembly line with stations for the base, walls, roof, and paint for each 10- by 12-foot shed.

The next day, the project was off and running, with approximately 80 volunteers and less than 100 applicants for sheds. Thanks to several reports on the project from local newspapers and news stations, more than 100 volunteers arrived by the weekend. The number of applicants also began to soar. By the end of the project, Love Paradise had received more than 700 applications.

“Shortly after the first shed was built, the word

spread through town immediately,” said Kyle Fliess, vice president of projects for Maranatha. “Everybody was aware that the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church was building sheds and giving them away. The media attention spread the news throughout Northern California, and pretty soon we had volunteers showing up to help from two to three hours away. Some of these people had never heard of Maranatha or were not familiar with the Adventist Church. And we used that opportunity to make friends with a large group of people that we would have never met otherwise.”

In total, Maranatha volunteers constructed 202 sheds. Nearly 400 people volunteered on the project, including several survivors of the Camp Fire who also lost their homes. Americorps, a federal service organization for 18- to 24-year-olds, sent a team of volunteers. Several members of Cal Fire spent a few days at the project. The neighborhood Lowes Home Improvement store not only offered discounts for materials but employees came by on multiple days with pastries, warm drinks, and gratitude for the volunteers.

“I cried the first time I came up here,” said Charissa Gorman, a Lowes employee who stopped by the project one day. She and her family lost

everything in the fire, and she now lives in a neighboring town. “It’s absolutely amazing meeting people from all over the United States, some from other parts of the world, just coming in and without a stop of a heartbeat just helping.”

By the end of the second week of the project, Love Paradise started delivering the first batch of sheds, thanks to the generosity of several organizations. With each shed weighing 2,500 pounds, delivery was not a quick process. But it was certainly a joyful one—full of gratitude from the recipients.

“This shed means space, a little bit of freedom inside of my little trailer, a little bit of normalcy. I’ve been thinking all night long about what I’m going to put in it, stock in it. It really does mean a lot and I’m really grateful to everybody who’s helped put this together—the volunteers that have come from far and wide, out of state, that have helped build them, and the volunteers that are bringing them and delivering them,” said shed recipient Andrea Hitt, a Paradise resident who lost her home in the fire. “We’re very grateful to Seventh-day Adventists and everybody that’s helped put this together.”

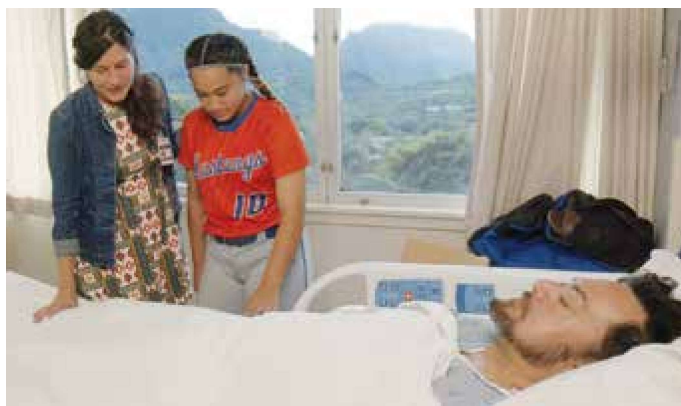
“This project was unique for us in many ways, but ultimately it was special because we had an opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of more than 200 families who are hurting. At every delivery we hear a story of why the shed is so important to the recipient. And every story makes you realize how desperately needed these sheds were. So we are grateful that we were able to help make this project a reality,” said Fiess.

*Love Paradise and Maranatha are planning a second shed project for Paradise in April 2020. To donate or volunteer, check out [loveparadise.net](http://loveparadise.net) and [maranatha.org](http://maranatha.org).*

*Maranatha Volunteers International, based in Roseville, California, is a non-profit, Christian organization that organizes volunteers to build churches, schools, and water wells around the world. Established in 1969, Maranatha has constructed more than 11,000 structures in nearly 90 countries and mobilized more than 85,000 volunteers.*

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*Julie Z. Lee is vice president of marketing at Maranatha Volunteers International.*



## Portraits of Service

I love to serve because it opens life up to unexpected opportunities. The world becomes most alive to me when I choose to live in it. Life is so full of interesting narratives and new possibilities. Serving others has shown me that the world becomes a bit more hopeful when we show up in love to all moments—even the beautiful broken moments. Service has become a compass to betterment.

*Sara-May Colon, Adventist Health Castle, senior chaplain*



PACIFIC UNION  
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# Pacific Union Designates Five Million in California Workers' Compensation Employee Safety Funds for School Improvement Projects

By Faith Hoyt

**A**dventist academies and elementary schools are putting unused California Workers' Compensation funds to good use through projects that increase campus and workplace safety.

In 2015, the required reserves in the Self-Insured California Workers' Compensation fund exceeded the requirement from the State of California, meaning excess monies were available to be returned or designated for special projects. The Workers' Comp Board for the Pacific Union decided to create a renovation fund and made the funds available to schools within the four California conferences for safety enhancement projects.

"This program has been a real blessing as there is more than one



**San Antonio Christian School in Ontario, Calif., utilized approximately \$48,000 of the Pacific Union renovation fund to install fencing on the school property.**

benefit; yes, the primary goal is improving employee safety, but along with that it also improves student safety—and additionally, many of the projects visually improve the look of the campus," said Stephen Mayer, treasurer of the Pacific Union. "In many cases, it has a three-fold benefit to our schools."

According to Mayer, data reveals that schools incur the most claims to the fund, and academies comprised 79 percent of the those

claims. The highest claim category for the Pacific Union are slips, trips, and falls. "The Workers' Comp board really wants to see the amount of injuries reduced, and since there was extra funding, why not use these funds to try to prevent injuries?" Mayer said.

The Union designated \$2 million for Workers' Compensation Employee Safety Funds in 2015, and in 2016, the Workers' Compensation Board voted that \$1 million more be made available for school employee safety projects. Due to the success of the program and ongoing successful reduction of claim costs, the board continued to allocate \$1 million in 2018 and in 2019. Altogether, \$5 million has been reinvested back into Employee Safety Projects.



**Loma Linda Academy in Loma Linda, Calif., received approximately \$12,000 from the renovation fund for a scissor lift to enable employees to safely change light bulbs.**



**Rio Lindo Academy launched a road repair project in 2017, which utilized \$130,000 of the Pacific Union's renovation fund.**

Each of the four conferences in California received a portion of the \$5 million. The Central California Conference was allocated \$930,164, of which \$629,094 has been utilized; the Northern California Conference was allocated \$1,269,359, of which \$916,092 has been utilized; the Southeastern California Conference was allocated \$1,704,360, of which \$1,338,352 has been utilized; and finally, the Southern California Conference was allocated \$1,077,605, of which \$756,952 has been utilized.\*

Recent renovation projects include sidewalk and flooring repairs, replacement of AC units, lighting upgrades, asphalt blacktop repairs, and installation of fences around school property.

Schools who received funding include San Francisco Adventist School, Templeton Hills Adventist School, Central Valley Christian Academy, Redlands Adventist Academy, Simi Valley SDA School, Moreno Valley Christian School, Needles SDA School, Antelope Valley Adventist School, Linda Vista Elementary, Loma Linda Academy, and Newbury Park Adventist Academy.



“At NPAA, the safety of our students is of the utmost importance,” said Sheldon Parris, principal at Newbury Park Adventist Academy. “Our sidewalks had been lifted and uneven for some time and posed a risk for those who walk our campus. The workers’ compensation fund allowed us to redo our sidewalks and make our campus safer. We are certainly grateful.”

California schools interested in funds for employee safety renovations should submit a request through their local conference. Projects must be started, and the first draw taken, within a 12-month timeframe, or the project allocation will be returned to the Workers’ Compensation Safety Fund pool. Projects that qualify for funding

include repairing walkways and uneven or broken pavement, broken or hazardous fixtures, purchase of safety equipment to prevent injury and enhance personal safety, broken or damaged glass and/or upgrades to safety glass in high frequency areas, handrail installation, stairway repairs, and other improvements to employee safety.

“The number one goal of this program is to protect the life and safety of our most important asset, our employees!” Mayer added. “Every injury prevented is funding that can be spent on our primary mission, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ!”

*\*Amounts as of December 2019—some monies will be distributed upon completion of projects currently underway.*

# Pacific Union Early Childhood Education Workshop Highlights Collaboration and Accreditation

By Faith Hoyt, with Julie Yamada

Over 20 Pacific Union early childhood education (ECE) directors met together at the Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario, Calif., this last November during their 2019 ECE workshop to focus on “Creating a Culture of Collaboration.”

Marie Alcock, president of Learning Systems Associates, presented a seminar for educators on understanding and shaping a school culture. Alcock also addressed personalized learning, brain-based learning environments, and instructional practices.

At the workshop, ECE directors became more familiar with the process of accreditation for early childhood programs during a training provided by Evelyn Sullivan, the North American Division early childhood education director. Many of the teachers attend local workshops or online trainings to help keep their Pacific Union Professional Achievement Recognition certificate and state permit up to date.

Workshops like these are hosted every other year to keep ECE directors updated on ECE Adventist accreditation, California ECE legislation, and childcare licensing regulations. Additionally, the workshop provides Adventist educators with resources and training to help young people on their journey to excellence. Recently, the Mauna Loa Preschool in Hilo, Hawaii, received



PHOTOS: JULIE YAMADA

**Pacific Union Conference early childhood education (ECE) directors meet together for the 2019 ECE workshop hosted at the Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario, Calif. At the workshop, educators focused on “Creating a Culture of Collaboration” with main presenter Marie Alcock. Workshops like these are hosted every other year to keep ECE directors updated on ECE Adventist accreditation, California ECE legislation, and childcare licensing regulations. Additionally, the workshop provides Adventist educators with resources and training to help young people on their journey to excellence.**

the first ever preschool accreditation by the Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA). They also received a renewed accreditation from the National Council for Private School Association (NCPSA), who partner with the AAA on accreditation. “Accreditation helps ECE programs meet a higher standard and gives recognition for the great work they are already doing,” said Julie Yamada, associate director of early childhood education at the Pacific Union Conference. “More Adventist preschools in the Pacific Union will soon go through this process.”

In the Pacific Union, 29 early

childhood education (ECE) programs provide a safe and fun learning environment for over 1,000 children ages 2-5. Of these programs, five ECE centers also care for infants ranging from 3 months to 23 months. Most ECE centers are located throughout California (25 total), and four operate in Hawaii. Many operate on the same campus as Adventist K-8 or K-12 schools—and some are found at local churches.

“ECE programs are important for children who enjoy a social atmosphere where they can learn from and play with peers,” Yamada said. “In our SDA programs, they



learn about God and the Bible. They learn basic math concepts, language sounds and early concepts, simple science, and social and emotional skills.”

To look for an ECE program near you, visit: [adventistfaith.com/education](http://adventistfaith.com/education).

Are you an ECE Professional? Join the Pacific Union ECE Professionals Facebook Group by scanning the QR code.



Some of the over 20 early childhood education directors from around the Pacific Union Conference work together on an activity that helps groups learn collaboration techniques. This and other activities were part of the 2019 ECE Directors Workshop.

# Prof's Temple Excavation Uncovers Rare Ancient Altar Inscription

By Darla Martin Tucker

**T**hey found it back in 2010—a cylinder-shaped stone object partially immersed in the earth of an early temple site in Jordan. When washed with water, its mysteries would shed light on an epic biblical battle and reveal a very rare discovery—the possible earliest known written mention of the name *Hebrews*.

La Sierra University professor and archaeologist Chang-ho Ji, along with several La Sierra students, found the

pedestal-like cylindrical altar in the ruins of a 3,000-year-old Iron Age temple at Khirbut Ataruz, which Ji discovered in 2000. Ten years later, the temple grabbed international media attention as the largest such structure in the Levant. The temple ruins produced hundreds of artifacts, including the carved pedestal altar that is nearly 20 inches high and more than seven inches in diameter and that bears two



PHOTO: DR. CHRISTOPHER ROLLSTON

A close-up photo of ancient Moabite script scratched into the surface of a cylindrical, pedestal-like altar found at a temple excavation site in Jordan.

inscriptions in Moabite language and early Moabite script.

Read the full article on La Sierra University's website: <https://bit.ly/371pZP7>

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## CALENDAR

### Central California Conference

**Life Hope Centers** (Feb. 9) for the Arroyo Grande community in Arroyo Grande, Calif. Volunteers are needed for this free event. The more dentists, medical professionals, and optometrists that volunteer, the more community members can be served. Sign up at [LifeHopeCentersCentral.com](http://LifeHopeCentersCentral.com).

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### Couples Retreat—Perfect

**Union** (Feb. 27-March 1) at the Wyndham Garden Airport in Fresno, Calif. You won't want to miss the dynamic speaker lineup as they tackle issues like conflict resolution, parenting, finances, communication, dealing with extended families, and more. Register at [centralcaliforniaadventist.com/couplesretreat](http://centralcaliforniaadventist.com/couplesretreat) or call Leticia at 559-347-3142.

### La Sierra University The La Sierra University Wind Ensemble

under Dr. David Brennan will perform Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium. Tickets: students \$5, seniors 55+ \$10, general admission \$15. Info: [lasierra.edu](mailto:lasierra.edu), [music@lasierra.edu](mailto:music@lasierra.edu), 951-785-2036.

**The Department of Music** will present the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.; March 1, 3:30 p.m.; March

7, 7:30 p.m.; March 8, 3:30 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: <https://music-events.lasierra.edu/winter-quarter-events/>; [www.lasierra.edu](http://www.lasierra.edu); email [music@lasierra.edu](mailto:music@lasierra.edu); 951-785-2036.

**Violinist and music faculty member Ken Aiso** will perform Sat. Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium. Aiso has performed widely in Europe, the U.S., and Japan at prestigious venues such as Queen Elizabeth Hall in London and before the Emperor and Empress of Japan. Info: [music@lasierra.edu](mailto:music@lasierra.edu), 951-785-2036.

**Academy high school juniors and seniors** are invited to attend University Experience to find out more about college life and all that La Sierra has to offer (Feb. 23-24). Info: contact Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services Wayne Dunbar at [wdunbar@lasierra.edu](mailto:wdunbar@lasierra.edu).

**La Sierra University Drama's Festival of One Acts** will present "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon and Anton Chekhov (Feb. 27, 29, and March 1) 7:30 p.m. each performance. Matheson Hall. Tickets: \$10. Info: email [drama@lasierra.edu](mailto:drama@lasierra.edu) or call 951-785-2241 or visit La Sierra University Drama on Facebook.

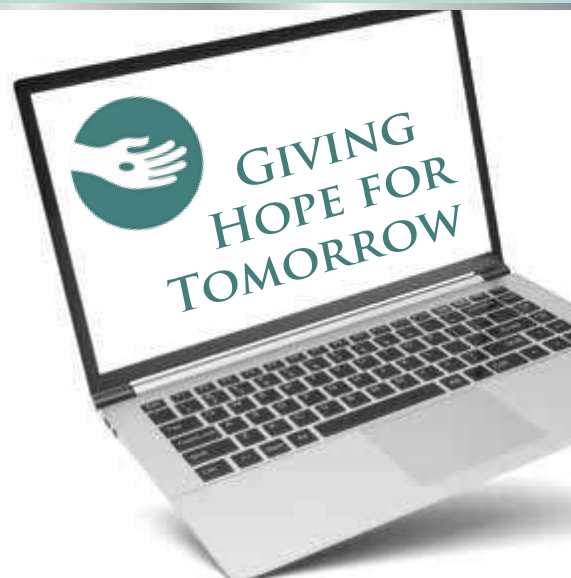
**The Hanson-Koobs Chamber Music Series**, which features professional concert artists, will present Los Angeles Philharmonic Assistant Principal Violist Ben Ullery with other top musicians Sun., March 1, 7:00 p.m., Troesh Conference Center, Zapara School of Business. Tickets: students \$5, seniors 55+ \$10, general admission, \$15. Info: <https://lasierra.edu/hanson-koobs/>, [music@lasierra.edu](mailto:music@lasierra.edu), 951-785-2036.

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**Freshmen/Sophomore Retreat** (Feb. 7-9) Leoni Meadows. For academy, high school, and home school freshmen and sophomores. Info: Youth Department, 916-886-5656.

**Hispanic Marriage Retreat** (Feb. 14-16) Leoni Meadows. Speaker Gabriel Velazquez. Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 916-886-5614.

**VBS Training in English** (Feb. 22) 3-6 p.m. NCC Office, 2100 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. "Bible Heroes." Info: Children's Ministries Department, 916-886-5654.

**Church Clerk Orientation and Training** (Feb. 23) 9:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. NCC Headquarters, 2100 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Lunch included. RSVP. Info: clerk@nccsda.com, 916-886-5627.

**Instituto Laico Adventista de California (ILAC)** (Feb. 23) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific Union College. Training for Spanish-speaking laypeople. "Revelation 1-11." Speaker: Félix Cortez Valle. Info: nccsda.com/ilac.

**VBS Training in Spanish** (Feb. 29) 3-6 p.m. NCC Office, 2100 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. "Bible Heroes." Info: Children's Ministries Department, 916-886-5654.

**VBS Training in English** (March 14) 3-6 p.m. El Sobrante Appian Way church, 980 Appian Way, El Sobrante. "Bible Heroes." Info: Children's Ministries

Department, 916-886-5654.

**NAD Children's Ministries Training – Track 1** (March 21) 2-6 p.m. NCC Office, 2100 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Special needs, multiple types of intelligence, dealing with children in the 21st century. Info: Children's Ministries Department, 916-886-5654.

**Instituto Laico Adventista de California (ILAC)** (March 22) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific Union College. Training for Spanish-speaking laypeople. "Revelation 12-22." Speaker: Félix Cortez Valle. Info: nccsda.com/ilac.

## Southeastern California Conference

**Palms Springs Church Camp Meeting** (Feb. 7-8) 620 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs. The speakers will be Richard Duerkson, Randy Roberts, and Sandra Roberts. Music will be provided by the La Sierra University Choir and Steve Darmody. There will be a Sabbath morning program for kids 12 and under. Sack lunches will be provided on Sabbath. Info: 760-327-5112, palmspringsadventistchurch.com.

**3ABN Winter Camp Meeting** (Feb. 13-15) Campus Hill church, 11057 Hill Dr., Loma Linda. Featuring Danny and Yvonne Shelton, Greg and Jill Morikone, Shelley Quinn, John Lomacang, Kenny Shelton, Wintley Phipps, Ivor Myers, James Rafferty, Tim Standish, Tim Parton, and Ryan Day. Info: <http://www.3abncampmeeting.org>. Please note times listed on the website are in Central Standard Time.

**VBX Training** (Feb. 23) 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. San Diego Broadway Spanish church, 2411 Broadway, San Diego. Info and registration: <http://www.seccyouth.com>. Registration deadline: Feb. 13.

**41st Junior High Choral Festival** (Feb. 28) 7 p.m.

Escondido church, 1305 Deodar Rd, Escondido. Join us as we celebrate 41 years of choral festival music in Southeastern California Conference with more than seven schools participating. Info: Teri Vasquez, 951-509-2313.

**60th Annual SECC Pathfinder Kite Day** (March 1) 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., Mariner's Point, 1215 Mariners Way, San Diego. This year's theme is Biblical Heroes. For info and registration: <http://bit.ly/SECCKiteDay2020>. Register for Kite Day by Feb. 17.

**VBX Training** (March 15) 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mt. Rubidoux church, 5320 Victoria Ave., Riverside. Info and registration: <http://www.seccyouth.com>. Early Bird registration: Feb. 20. Registration deadline: March 5.

## Southern California Conference

**Spiritual Support Series: Cancer** (Feb. 1) 2:30 p.m.

Discover keys to spiritually supporting those with a life-threatening illness. Panel discussion with representatives from the Cancer Support Community of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and surrounding areas. The Place Adventist Fellowship church, 999 Rancho Conejo Blvd., Newbury Park 91320.

**Second Saturday Concert Series** (Feb. 8) 4 p.m. Presented by Aristeia Trio. Admission is by free-will offering. Reception to follow. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale 91206. Info: 818-244-7241.

**Estate Planning Brunch** (Feb. 16) 9 a.m. "Does Your Estate Plan Reflect Your Life's Changes?" presented by Karen La Madrid Atiga, Esq., Scholl Canyon Estates, 1551 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale 91206. RSVP info: 818-546-8421.

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**Health Training Weekend** (Feb. 21-23). Theme: How to Plan and Present Seminars for Better Living. Available for church health ministry directors in the Pacific Union Conference. Presenter: Don Hall, DrPH, CHES, a fitness, nutrition, and health promotion expert. Adventist Health Glendale auditorium, 1509 Wilson Ter., Glendale, 91206. Registration: [healthmin@sccsda.org](mailto:healthmin@sccsda.org).

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#### Araujo, Sarah M. (Perry)

– b. Sept. 23, 1924, North Dartmouth, Mass.; d. Oct. 5, 2019, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: brother, Abe Perry; sisters, Cecelia M. Perry, Betty

Simpkins, Daisy Diaz, Dolores Kuhn. Worked at Pacific Press.

#### Benson, Claudia (Brand)

– b. Feb. 2, 1928, New York, N.Y.; d. Dec. 1, 2019, Napa, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert, Frederick; daughter, Claudia Benson Flaiz; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

#### Broome, Sueellen –

b. July 31, 1945, Columbus, Ohio; d. Nov. 5, 2019, Groveland, Calif. Survivors: husband, Kenneth Broome, Jr.; son, Kenneth Broome III; daughter, Samantha Stacey; seven grandchildren.

**Bush, Nellie** – b. May 20, 1930, Lone Wolf, Okla.; d. Dec. 10, 2019, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Debra Jordan, Sheri Darrough; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**Day, Robert** – b. May 7, 1923, Jacksonville, Ill.; d. Dec. 11,

2019, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: wife, Theresa Jane; sons, Jon, Timothy; daughters, Judith Ann Shepherd, Rose Brady; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Worked as a principal and teacher in Michigan, Illinois, and California.

#### Evans-Luce, Esther (Douglas)

– b. Aug. 28, 1916, Murphy, Idaho; d. Oct. 30, 2019, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Helen Escobar; sisters, Helen Bohme, Jean Douglas; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

#### Herman, Margaret A.

(Peggy) – b. Feb. 4, 1943, Camden, N.J.; d. June 30, 2019, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Norman; sons, Mike, Frank, John; daughter, Peggy DeGroot; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Served as a leader of the Parkwood Pathfinders in Modesto for 55 years and

as the Central California Conference Area 8 Pathfinder Coordinator.

#### Horning, Beverly –

b. May 20, 1921, Brea, Calif.; d. Nov. 1, 2019, Bend, Ore. Survivors: sons, Chuck, Phil; daughter, Kathy Klein; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. She was the last living founder of Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif.

#### Morehead, James –

b. Dec. 28, 1934, Bakersfield, Calif.; d. May 15, 2019, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rae (Hacker); son, David; daughter, Danette; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a teacher at Mountain View Academy for 27 years and at Monterey Bay Academy.

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**O'Dell, Betty Lou** – b. Dec. 14, 1927, Corpus Christi, Tex.; d. Sept. 8, 2019, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: son, Chuck; daughter, Charlinda; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

**Olson, Alyse Hansen** – b. May 20, 1930, San Jose, Calif.; d. Dec. 6, 2019, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: sons, Eric, Bob, Bill; daughters, Karen Johnson, Donna Grimes; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

**Osborne, L. Charles (Chuck)** – b. June 13, 1951, St. Helena,

Calif.; d. Nov. 20, 2019, Eagle, Idaho; wife, Carole; brothers, John, Edward; stepdaughter, Cindy Nicholl.

**Rafuse, Mark K.** – b. Mar. 31, 1963, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; d. Dec. 8, 2019, Atlanta, Ga. Survivors: wife, Nancy; son, Ryan; daughter, Kristen; parents, Don and Ruth; brothers, Brad, Jonathan Woods; sister, Beverly.

**Roberts, Jean** – b. Dec. 2, 1922, New Zealand; d. Nov. 3, 2019, Temecula, Calif. Survivors: sons, Leonard, Brian, Kevin; daughter, Denise McIntosh; one grandchild. Worked in the Primary division at Redwood Camp Meeting.

**Scully, B. Jean McKim** – b. Nov. 18, 1919, Anaheim, Calif.; d. Dec. 23, 2019, Palm

Desert, Calif. Survivors: son, Jonathan O.; daughters, Kathleen McCurdy, Carolyn Thompsen Morton, Margaret Lagos; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren. Jean and her husband Orval served as missionaries in South America, Bangladesh, Haiti, and Ireland for many years.

**Williams, Marion Louise** – b. Feb. 8, 1929, Thakur, Green Island, Jamaica; d. Dec. 20, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Roger, Darryl; daughter, Valerie; eight grandchildren. Served on the board of directors of Adventist Health Systems/West and St. Helena Hospital and Health Care, and as a trustee of Pacific Union College and Rio Linda Adventist Academy.

**Woolley, Morton Murray** – b. Sept. 24, 1924, Atlanta, Ga.; d. Dec. 11, 2019, Hailey,

Idaho. Survivors: wife, Emma Jane; sons, Douglas, James; daughter, Cynthia; one grandchild; one great-grandchild. He was an alumnus of the Loma Linda School of Medicine, class of 1951.

**Vessels, Gladys Belle** – b. Nov. 11, 1922, Hale, Mich.; d. Dec. 6, 2019, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Frank Sr.; sons, Frank Jr., Steve; daughter, Cheri Schideman, Kitty Stier; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Ruby Sorensen.

**Correction: Pote II, William (Wayne) Wainwright Houston** – b. May 25, 1920, Newport, Del.; d. Nov. 30, 2019, Ceres, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Cheri Joseph; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren. Served as a member of the CCC Executive Committee, Lay Advisory Council.

**Sunset Calendar February 2020**

City	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Alturas	5:26	5:35	5:43	5:52
Angwin	5:39	5:47	5:54	6:02
Bakersfield	5:30	5:37	5:44	5:50
Calexico	5:20	5:27	5:33	5:38
Chico	5:34	5:42	5:50	5:58
Death Valley (Furnace Ck)	5:20	5:27	5:34	5:41
Eureka	5:42	5:50	5:58	6:07
Four Corners [E]	5:05	5:15	5:25	5:34
Fresno	5:31	5:38	5:45	5:52
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	6:01	6:08	6:15	6:22
Half Dome	5:28	5:36	5:43	5:51
Hilo	6:16	6:19	6:22	6:25
Holbrook	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:15
Honolulu	6:24	6:28	6:32	6:35
Joshua Tree	5:21	5:27	5:34	5:40
Lake Tahoe	5:27	5:35	5:43	5:51
Las Vegas	5:13	5:20	5:27	5:34
Lodi-Stockton	5:34	5:42	5:49	5:57
Loma Linda	5:25	5:31	5:38	5:44
Los Angeles	5:29	5:35	5:42	5:48
McDermitt [N]	5:12	5:21	5:30	5:39
Moab	5:46	5:54	6:02	6:09
Monterey Bay	5:38	5:46	5:53	6:00
Mt. Whitney	5:26	5:32	5:38	5:44
Napa	5:38	5:46	5:53	6:01
Nogales [S]	6:05	6:11	6:17	6:23
Oakland	5:38	5:46	5:54	6:01
Paradise, CA	5:32	5:41	5:49	5:57
Phoenix	6:05	6:11	6:17	6:23
Puuwai, Ni'ihau [W]	6:15	6:18	6:21	6:24
Reno	5:26	5:34	5:42	5:50
Riverside	5:25	5:32	5:38	5:44
Sacramento	5:34	5:42	5:50	5:57
Salt Lake City	5:52	6:00	6:09	6:17
San Diego	5:26	5:33	5:39	5:44
San Francisco	5:39	5:47	5:54	6:01
San Jose	5:38	5:45	5:53	6:00
Santa Rosa	5:39	5:47	5:55	6:02
Sunset Beach	5:29	5:35	5:42	5:48
Thousand Oaks	5:31	5:38	5:44	5:51
Tucson	6:02	6:08	6:14	6:20

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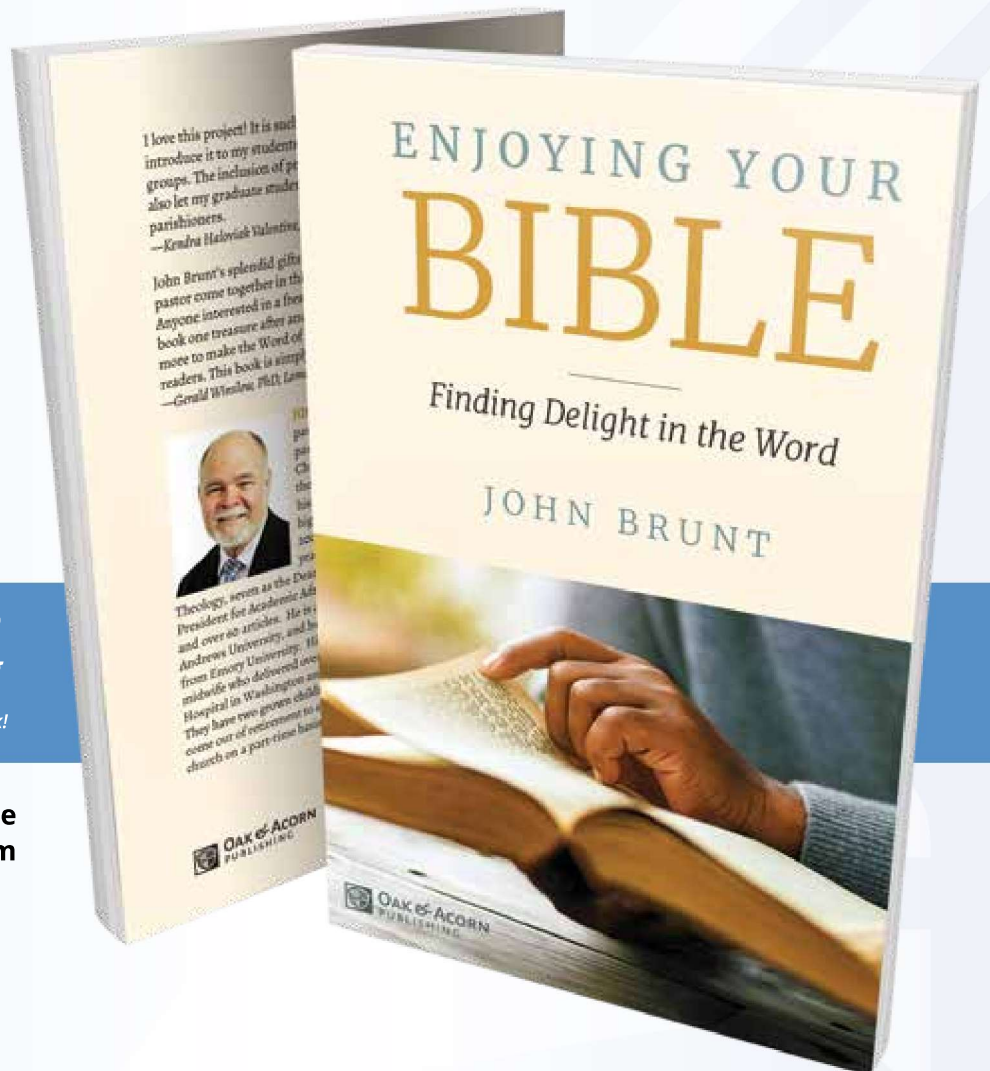
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