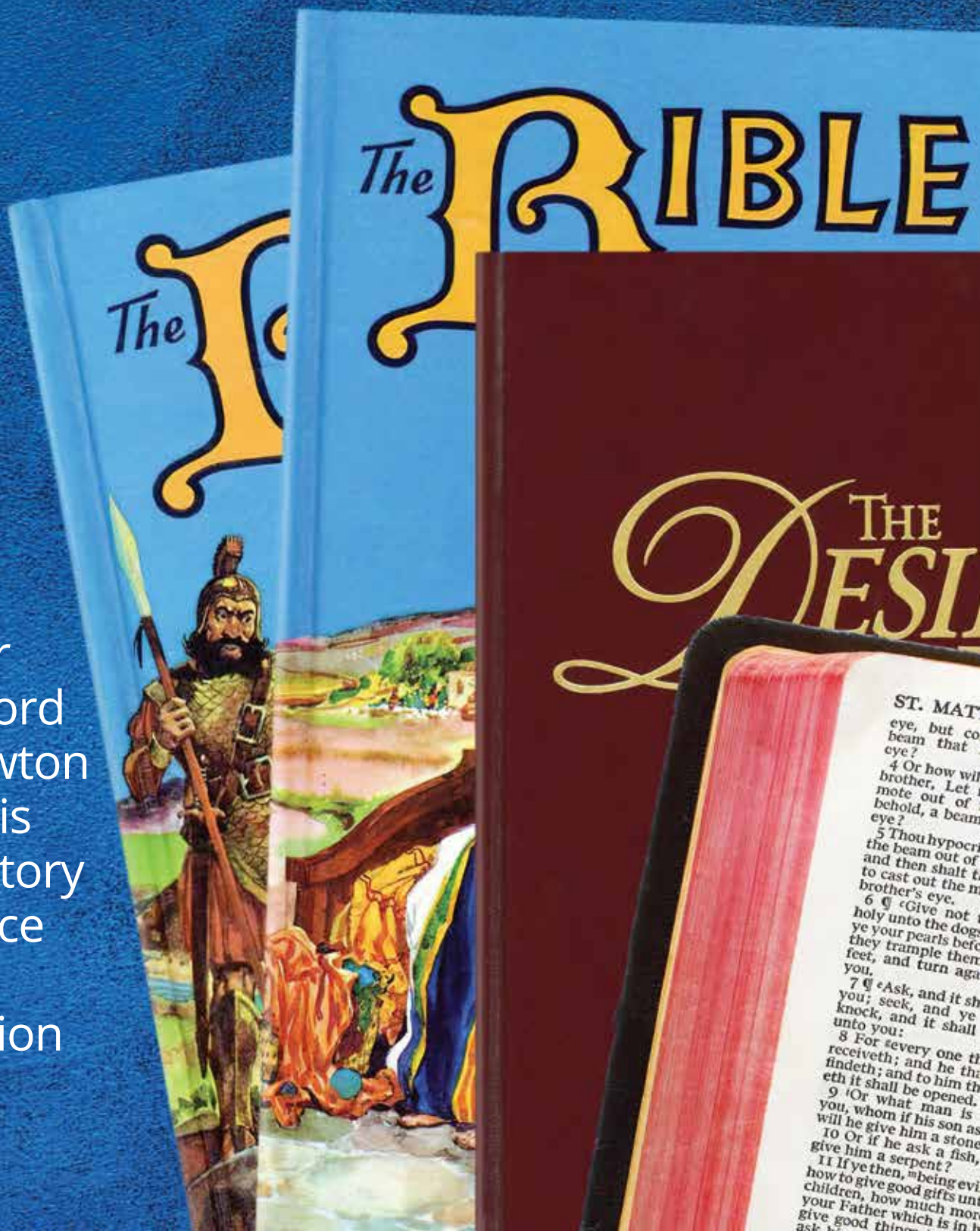


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tells his
own story
of grace
and
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eye, but cast out the beam that is in your eye?

4 Or how will you expect a brother to cast out the mote out of your eye, when you do not see the beam out of your eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 ¶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that will receive, shall receive; and he that will not receive, shall not receive; and to him that will not receive, shall it be opened.

9 Or what man is he that will give his son a stone, when he asks for bread? or what man is he that will give him a serpent, when he asks for a fish?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? or if he asks for a stone, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

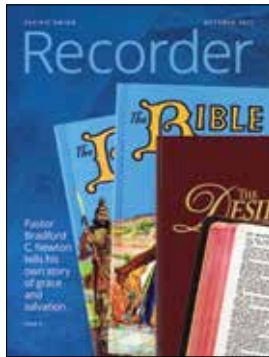


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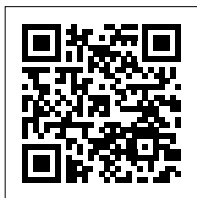
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President of the Pacific Union, takes us on a journey that goes beyond nostalgia, inviting us to focus not on the past but on the way in which we each experience the “power of love” (page 4).



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By Bradford C. Newton

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A colporteur knocked at the door of a young family in Tustin, California, with a lead card held firmly in his hand. The name and address were in the handwriting of a woman who had taken the card from one of the doctors' offices around Orange County. Uncle Arthur's Bible Story books were prominently advertised on a small table, and the colorful cover had caught her attention. This young mother wanted her two little boys to learn more about the Bible, and the display book contained the response card that would soon forever change the life of her whole family.

In 1964 it wasn't unusual for a nicely dressed gentleman to appear at the door during the day. Fuller Brush, vacuum cleaner, and encyclopedia salesmen were just some of the door-to-door representatives that stay-at-home mothers would find standing before them. But the visit on that fateful day was different. Her handwriting was on the card, and the familiar book was in the colporteur's hand. In keeping with the propriety of the day, arrangements were made for this friendly gentleman to return that evening to visit the lady of the house along with her husband.

That evening the colporteur was escorted past the coffee table to the living room couch to sit with the couple. He produced from his case the beautifully bound books. His presentation quickly yielded a closing of the sale, and the young parents wrote out the check for the 10 volumes of Uncle Arthur's Bible Story. "Would you be interested in a set of books

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written for adults who want to learn more about the Bible?” the colporteur inquired. They nodded with interest. They had never before heard of a woman named Ellen G. White or her book series entitled “The Conflict of the Ages.” At this point, money was an issue in purchasing these along with the other books. “Let me see if I can find you a used set that would be much less expensive,” the colporteur said. He later returned with the hardback volumes that included lovely illustrations. They purchased the set for \$100.

This used set of the “Conflict of the Ages” series with the black covers still resides on the bookshelf at my mother’s home. The young mom and dad were baptized as Seventh-day Adventists a few months after meeting the colporteur. Now at 91 years of age, the young mother of 1964 has read those very books many times. One of her little boys remembers reading all 10 volumes of Uncle Arthur’s Bible Story and falling in love with Jesus. That same little boy entered the Seventh-day Adventist ministry in 1983 and serves today in leadership within the Pacific Union Conference. That little boy is me. The destiny of a family was changed in a single day through one little card placed by a man who wanted to share the love of Jesus through the written word.

Ellen White’s magnum opus begins with three profound words, “God is love.” She continues a few paragraphs later, “The history of the great conflict between good and evil, from the time it first began in heaven to the final overthrow of rebellion and the

total eradication of sin, is also a demonstration of God’s unchanging love” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 33). As we consider the sweep of human history and question the role of God in it all, the questions of why and how plague the minds of so many. I have chosen to join millions of others who frame these questions with the testimony of the Bible as reflected in Ellen White’s declaration. To understand my world, I daily seek to know the Creator and Savior who holds my past, present, and future in His nail-pierced hands.

Meaning for life is not found in answering every question or extinguishing every doubt. In fact, the further away in time I move from the little boy who first read Uncle Arthur’s Bible Story books, the greater many of the mysteries of life seem to loom. But I remain anchored in the knowledge that “God is love.” At the first breath drawn by the newborn babe, His love is there. Through the scrapes and falls of childhood and adolescence, Jesus’ love remains. As adults—single, married, divorced; parent or childless; suffering



with disease, loss, disillusionment, or pain—this same Love journeys alongside us. In the fading that comes to all humanity through old age, where the body betrays and the mind forgets, there is the Loving One who never forgets or leaves us.

After the hundreds of pages in the *Conflict of the Ages*, Ellen White closes the final book of the series with these words: “The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats

through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 678). As it began, it also ends. The power of love is revealed from the Source of Love.

I invite you to open your heart anew to this loving God. He is indeed with you right now—even if you cannot feel Him close. Whatever your situation, His love for you has never changed and never will. With Paul, I can testify this to be true: “And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39, NLT).

Bradford C. Newton is the president of the Pacific Union Conference.

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Mission Fulfilled

By Charles Mills

Charles Mills is the author of more than 50 published books and over 300 articles. Mills began his career at Faith for Today and the Adventist Media Center in Newbury Park, California. For the past 35 years, he has been an independent media producer, writer, and radio/television host.

What's a church supposed to do in a world poisoned by racism, discrimination, and injustice? Jesus provides a blueprint for action.

Like the song says, "Zacchaeus was a wee little man." He was small both in stature and in character. As chief tax collector, he went around forcing his fellow countrymen to pay taxes to the despised Romans who forcefully occupied their land. He often collected more than necessary, making himself very wealthy. Is it any wonder the Jewish people despised him?

One day, as recorded in Luke chapter 19, Zacchaeus was in Jericho doing what he did best when he heard that Jesus, the famous rabbi who healed the sick, was passing through. Taxman Zacchaeus decided he wanted to see this popular stranger. But being a wee little man, standing in a curious crowd afforded him a perfect view of backs and bellies.

Never letting his lack of height interfere with his tall plans, he looked around for a solution and found it towering nearby. Sycamore fig trees dotted the landscape, and just down the road was a wonderful specimen, complete with sturdy branches and enough leaves to hide his curiosity.

Along came the Master Teacher, surrounded by attentive disciples. Zacchaeus smiled inwardly. He'd found the best seat in the house for the spectacle unfolding below him.

Reaching the tree, Jesus suddenly stopped. Slowly, with a smile spreading across His face, He looked up—right at Zacchaeus. The taxman grinned self-consciously. "Hello," he called down, suddenly wishing he were much smaller than he already was.

"Zacchaeus," the Master Teacher called, "come down immediately. I



must visit at your house today.”

In stunned wonder, the short man made the long journey from his tree limb to the ground. “You want to come to my house?” he asked.

Christ nodded.

“This way,” Zacchaeus stammered, pointing down the road. “Just...follow me.”

Later, after Zacchaeus and Jesus had spent some time together, an incredible thing happened to the little man. He grew up. Not in height, but in character. “Look, Lord!” he announced. “Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount” (Luke 19:8, NIV).

Zacchaeus’ injustice to others had been challenged in a way that benefited everyone involved.

Undercover sinner

One day, just after dawn, Jesus was spending some quiet time at the temple in Jerusalem when a group of men tossed a woman at his feet. “Teacher,” they said, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” (John 8:4-5, NIV).

Silently, Jesus bent down and started writing in the sand with His finger. I have no idea what He

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wrote, but the men saw something there that made them decide that they were late for an important appointment elsewhere.

Soon, only Jesus and the accused remained—sinner and Savior standing face to face. “Woman,” He said quietly, “has no one condemned you?”

The woman, sensing that this confrontation was going to turn out quite differently than she’d expected, answered in a whisper, “No one, sir.”

The next words out of Jesus’ mouth, combined with the story of Zacchaeus, changed the way I looked at the global mission of our church. Gazing intently into the eyes of a woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, “Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Our mission as Christians is to provide the opportunity for all people to experience God’s redemption and restoration.



No Way Out

By Charles Mills

The waters
continued to rise.
Alice Hall looked
desperately around
the confines of her
slowly sinking car.
No flashlight.
No phone.

Alice Hall of Bar Harbor, Maine, was driving home from work and decided to take a shortcut along the shore. She forgot just how quickly tides can rush in, and she suddenly found herself stalled in deep saltwater with ever-rising ocean waves pounding against her doors. She was stuck. There was no way out.

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Walter Koester looked up just in time to see tons of earth falling straight at him. His dad, working nearby snatched the only thing he could find—a garden hose—and threw it into the rapidly filling pit they had been digging. Just as his son grabbed it, the landslide completely buried the boy under eight feet of earth.

Walter jammed the end of the hose into his mouth and tried to take a breath of air. One problem. The garden hose was full of water. Walter was in big trouble. There was no way out.

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Frank Brown, an X-ray technician working at Bellevue Hospital in New York City instructed his patient to lie still on the table.

A nurse in attendance, Grace Fusco, watched Frank switch off the machine so he could make some minor adjustments. However, there must have been a short somewhere in the wiring. X-ray expert Brown suddenly found his hand closing a circuit with 75,000 volts of electricity. He couldn't speak or move.

The nurse ran to the technician and grabbed his shoulders.



Seventy-five thousand volts hit her like a speeding bus, knocking her backward across the room.

Two more times Grace tried to rescue the man held in the fiery grip of the current. Two more times she found herself slammed against the far wall. Frank Brown was about to die. There was no way out.

But then ...

The waters continued to rise. Alice Hall looked desperately around the confines of her slowly sinking car. No flashlight. No phone.

Her hand bumped the steering wheel, causing the horn to toot. Wait. The horn. THE HORN!

Captain Fred Hayes, a sailor living by the ocean tilted his head to one side and flipped off his radio. What was he hearing? Then, he paled. That horn in the distance was blowing the international distress signal known to all seamen. TOOT-TOOT-TOOT, T-O-O-T, T-O-O-T, T-O-O-T, TOOT-TOOT-TOOT. That's SOS!

Rushing from his house he spotted the car out in the breakers, quickly called some friends, got a boat, and hurried to the rescue. The woman was saved just as the tide enveloped the car with watery arms.

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Walter Koester knew if he wanted to breathe fresh air from above, he'd have to drink all the water in the garden hose, which he did.

When the hose was finally drained dry, he was able to suck down a bit of air to breathe. Soon rescuers attached an oxygen tank to the other end. After two agonizing hours, Walter was free—shaken, and not thirsty *at all*.

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The commotion in the x-ray room caught the attention of another technician down the hall. What he saw horrified him. Then he did a very scientific thing—not as heroic as the wild courage of the nurse, but a whole lot more effective. He ran to the master switch on the wall and shut off all electricity coming into the room.

Frank Brown slumped onto the floor, unconscious. He'd suffered from burns and shock, but doctors said he'd recover. And he did. So did the nurse.

Sometimes, being a Christian requires facing the bad things that happen to people, creating a plan of action, and coming to their rescue. With God working by your side, there's *always* a way out.



Sandi Bowman always has a smile for customers.

Scottsdale ABC Continues to Minister

Sandi Bowman has been the manager of the Adventist Book Center (ABC) in Scottsdale, Arizona, for eight years. The last year and a half presented some unique challenges for a brick and mortar store. However, the ministry did not stop during that time. The following conversation took place over a couple of weeks during the month of August 2021 through both emails and in-person conversations.

What are the challenges of running a Seventh-day Adventist Christian-based retail business?

Most other Christian bookstores have closed in last few years or have gone mostly online; in fact, there are only a few left in the Phoenix area. We also have a non-traditional approach to retail that makes us unique and unavailable to much of the population. We maintain inventory that aligns with our beliefs, and we are not open on the Sabbath. While we want to be able to connect with those around us, I believe that it is more important than ever to stand for what we believe in and hold fast to biblical truth.

What is the ministry of the ABC?

The primary purpose of the Adventist Book Center is to equip our members and churches with the tools they need to minister to their community. We provide books, Bible studies, Bibles, sharing materials, magazines, gifts, and more to help facilitate ministry events. When churches are hosting evangelistic meetings, Sabbath School, youth ministries, Bible studies, cooking schools, children's church, prayer meeting, or small groups, they rely on the ABC to provide biblically based materials that can be delivered to their church.

We are also open to the public to help customers find

materials and resources to navigate their Christian walk. Customers frequently come in to find a Bible, a baptismal gift or something to encourage a friend, or materials to share with those in their neighborhood or workplace.

How has the ongoing pandemic affected your ministry?

The past year, we have noticed a huge increase in our Bible sales. Some of these purchases are by individuals wanting a new version or a study Bible, but the overwhelming majority are purchased by individuals to share with others. We have also witnessed a large increase in customers purchasing books, pamphlets, and tracts to share with others because they have been unable to pursue their traditional forms of ministry. When everyone was unable to meet together to worship, some took that opportunity to share literature.

Did you have to adjust your business model at all?

Our goal is to make our store accessible, so we are open for walk-in traffic. However, the past year has been a challenge because so many were unable to come into our store and we lost a lot of customer contact. We modified our business as much as possible by adding ways of delivering product—including local delivery in the Phoenix area, pre-paid deliveries to our churches in the conference in lieu of our bookmobile, in addition to traditional shipping options and curbside delivery. We have noticed a huge trend in customers leaning toward shopping online during this time, and that has affected our business. It's a tough time to be a traditional retail store in a changing world, but we wanted to be sure that our customers could receive the materials they needed.

You mentioned becoming friends with your

customers. How has that impacted your ministry?

I believe that ministry is relationship. Jesus gave us that example when He was here and took time to share with those around Him. Spending time together sharing, studying, and worshipping encompasses who we are as Christians. I love that the ABC is a place to learn and a safe place to share. Friendship evangelism is vitally important, and I pray that the ABC can be a place where that happens daily.

Do any of those relationships come to mind specifically?

The past year we have seen people truly searching. One gentleman came into our store a few months ago and started looking around, but he seemed a little lost. I walked out to talk with him and asked if I could help him find anything. He seemed to be very uncomfortable, but he said he was looking for a Bible. I asked if there was a specific version or kind of Bible he was interested in, and he just looked at me and said, "I have never owned a Bible, but I just feel like I need one now." What an amazing opportunity to be available in a moment like that. I have no idea what led him to that decision or how he found our store, but I am so grateful that we were here and able to find a Bible for him that will teach him about Jesus and the tremendous gift of salvation.

Another customer who routinely comes in to purchase Bibles has a passion for sharing with people who are overcoming addictions. She shares Bibles with those who are interested and willing to study. Another customer keeps Bibles on hand to share with individuals she comes into contact with, including homeless individuals or people she interacts with at businesses or in her neighborhood. Both ladies are looking for ways to minister to others in their community, and it is a privilege to be part of their ministry.

I have overheard you talking about the mailman from time to time. What is his story?

We talk with him all the time. He is a Christian, and one day when he was delivering the mail he asked if we had a specific Bible. We didn't, and so we researched it and found it for him. Now when he comes in, he tells us about something he has read in that Bible. We have conversations with people like that all the time. They are coming in looking for something specific, and as we talk, we find out about what is going on in their life. Some are dealing with relationship breakups or abuse, others have experienced death in the family or extreme illnesses, and others are struggling with issues related to parenting.

RIGHT: Plant-based foods and Christian resources for kids available at the Scottsdale Adventist Book Center.

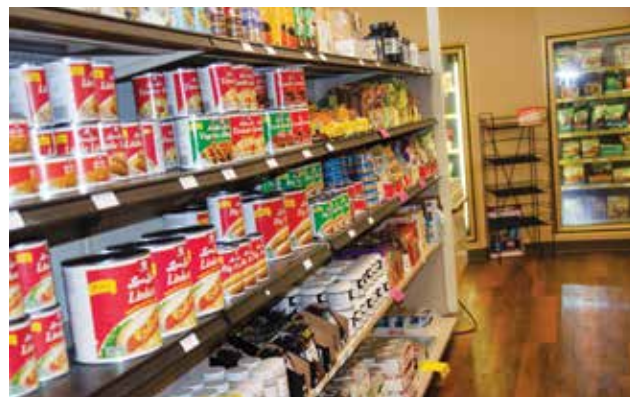
We listen and, in the process of helping customers find the materials they are looking for, we often find the opportunity to have prayer with them.

But we also see silly things. When I first started working here, a lady walked in and asked me what kind of hot dogs she liked. I didn't know, so I asked the previous manager, who told me which ones she liked. Now, years later, whenever she walks into the store and asks me what hot dogs she likes, I know it is Linketts. It's an amazing opportunity to be able to connect with your customers to the point that they become your friends.

You mentioned that people feel this is a safe place to come. What do you mean by that?

We can reach people who would not be willing to attend traditional church but might be willing to shop in a Christian retail store. We develop relationships. And we have people who may have been Adventist at one time but do not attend church anymore. They come in to buy Big Franks because that is what they had when they were kids. We have a gentleman who has a pretty intense life story filled with meth and other things. He has nothing to do with the church, but he comes into the store to buy Tender Bits. People know that they don't have to sign a guest book, be asked to participate in a church event, or be confronted about their beliefs. Our ministry is to be there for them, to serve them, to offer a resource or even a prayer if they want it.

By Jeff Rogers





LEFT: In order to become better acquainted, Serns met with CCC office staff in late August, including Justin Kim, associate executive secretary and pastor of the All Nations church in Fresno.

RIGHT: Ron Rasmussen, CCC executive secretary, introduced Dan Serns, the then president-elect, to office personnel in person and those on Zoom on Aug. 23, 2021.

Welcome, President Dan Serns!



Welcome to Dan Serns,
the new president of
the Central California
Conference

"I don't like tomatoes! I do like ketchup and pizza and spaghetti, but not tomatoes!"

"And I love hikes that end in waterfalls! And baptisms! And taking the Adventist message to new people and places so that it goes to all the world in this generation!"

Starting with these two statements about himself, Dan Serns, the then president-elect of the Central California Conference (CCC), took time over three days in late August to become acquainted with the conference office staff and pastors. Serving most recently as the evangelism director of the Texas Conference, Pastor Dan, as he prefers to be called, also explained that he is serious about every member becoming actively involved in spreading the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14 in this generation. He wants each of us to do our part in every city, town, and rural area in this conference—and beyond—so Jesus can come.

With enthusiasm but also with heartfelt seriousness, Serns laid out some exciting ideas of what he hopes God can accomplish using a dedicated team who wants to work together. As he explained it, "With a team, great things can happen as we rely on each other's strengths. If we work alone, it is so easy to see each other's weaknesses."

Serns feels we need to get into every community where there are no Adventists—planting a church in a chosen "least-worked area" each year both within the conference and at a selected site somewhere in the world. He wants every CCC church, twice a year, to fill the baptistry in their church (or identify a spot in a river, lake, ocean, or even a "tarp in the back of a pickup" if no baptistry is available). The first fill date is scheduled for Dec. 11 of this year. Until then, each church member is encouraged to develop a prayer list of 10 people they would like to see baptized. Then, it is time to clean out the baptistry, check the plumbing, and fill it with water—even if there is no one to baptize. (Although, that would be a good time to ask why).

Because of the importance of Adventist education, Serns hopes that churches will identify children not attending one of our schools ("at least three students

at each church"). The essential task will then be to work out a solution so they can have the benefit of a classroom where every teacher, as an educational evangelist, will bring children to Jesus.

Serns' official start date as CCC president was Sept. 20, but there will be a period of transition from his position in the Texas Conference until he and his wife, Lois, can fully move and get settled in November. Especially for Lois, there were previously planned evangelistic commitments in Texas during October, and both have a Global Mission trip to Egypt and the Sudan. Nevertheless, when Serns begins, he is calling for "40 Days of Listening" from Sept. 21 through Oct. 31. He hopes that church members will take the time to not only listen to God's voice but also to earnestly connect with family and friends in the church and community. If you were at one of the "Listening Events" held in each area of the conference, you heard his three challenges: be healthy, do home visits of church members, and fill the baptistry.

Sern's welcome letter to our members is in the Central Acts newsletter, which is inserted in this issue for CCC members. In it, you will learn more about both him and his family. It also has information about his book, *True Stories of Changed Lives*, which can be ordered at ClovisABC.com.

As the new CCC president, Serns is eagerly looking forward to meeting and greeting each member of his new CCC family. We are happy to welcome him and his wife, and we rejoice that they are joining us in ministry. As Ellen White would remind us, "By giving the gospel to



LEFT: Welcome to Dan and Lois Serns as they join the CCC family. **ABOVE:** The Serns family from left to right: Caitlin and Dustin Serns with Joel; Jacob and Veronica Serns; Dan and Lois Serns with Quinn; Danesa and Brent Aureli.

the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 633). Please, Pastor Dan, keep us focused to that end!

By Deloris Trujillo



CCC pastors were introduced to their new president, Dan Serns, by Zoom in late August and were challenged to preach the everlasting gospel in this generation.





Back-to-School Bash



With summer nearing an end and children everywhere about to return to school, an enterprising group on the Hawaiian island of Oahu decided they would not allow the season to end without one last hurrah. Therefore, plans were laid for the first annual Back-to-School Bash. The event was held at the Honolulu Central church, and children from all over the island were invited to be part of the festivities.

Activities and food were provided—all free of charge. Kids were able to jump in an inflatable bouncer, snack on s'mores, eat a cookout-style dinner, play a variety of games, and try their skill at the dunk tank. The dunk tank featured some of Hawaiian Mission Academy's teachers and the principal, Joe Lee. After dark, Pastor JR Bonilla set up the inflatable screen, and families were invited to stay and watch a movie under the tree.

Central Church member Nolan Low had organized a summer-long collection of school supplies. Kids and parents stopped by the supply table to pick up anything they might need for the upcoming school year. Nolan said that this was by far the most donations he has received in several years of running the collection.

All in all, students had a great time saying goodbye to summer vacation and getting ready for school's opening bell. The adults had fun too and are looking forward to planning next year's event.

By Travis Sager



HMA Ka Lama Iki's Mission to Help, Even from Miles Away

Beach clean ups: canceled. Education Sabbaths: postponed. Elderly home visits: canceled. Amid the challenge of COVID around the Oahu community, the staff at Hawaiian Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki was struggling to provide students with a true mission outreach. Students and teachers hesitated to try to raise money during a time of financial hardship. They had already sent cards to hospitals and given thank you treats to parents at dismissal. What could be done on campus to inspire students during their first Encounter Bible units centering around transformation and furthering the kingdom of God?

The idea for an outreach project came to mind when teachers were cleaning out the staff resource closet. Ka Lama Iki had made the switch from Go Math to Big Ideas, leaving stacks of pre-ordered, unwrapped math books and teacher guides gathering dust. School administrators had sold a few boxes and sent a box or two to other schools, but ultimately they couldn't bear to just throw the rest out. Then it clicked: Send the books to a school in need.

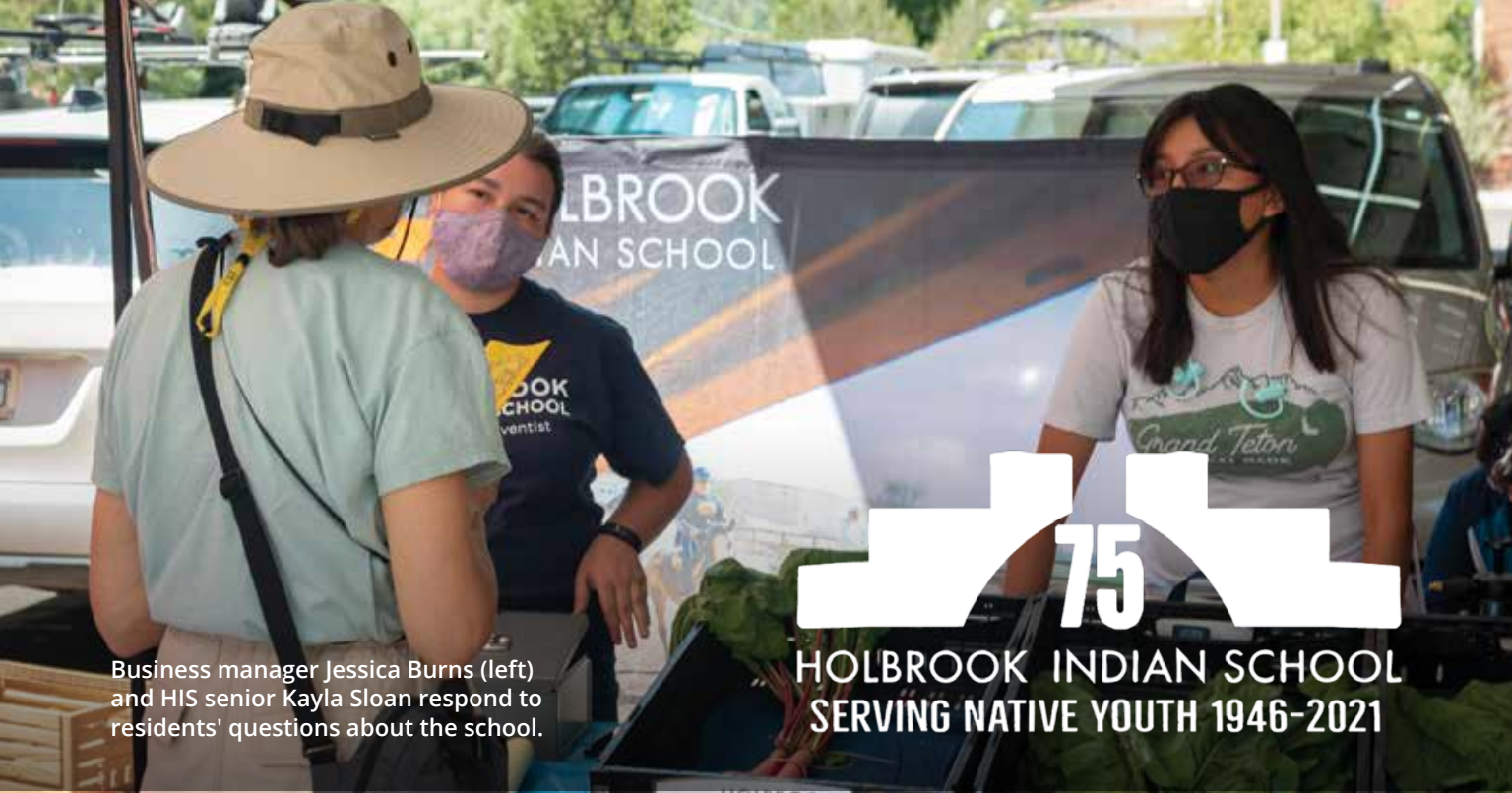
Teaching principal Sarah Traczyk was approached

by a local group of missionaries headed for Cameroon, Africa, asking for any possible book donations. Overjoyed by the opportunity, her fifth- and sixth-grade homeroom students were tasked with packing 30+ boxes with math books, older Bible textbooks, library books, and books on tape. They sealed up the boxes with encouraging notes and Bible verses.

During the process, the cafeteria was littered with uplifting messages to children abroad. Missionaries visited the outdoor cafeteria for a safe pick up, and they are heading to a Christian school in Cameroon, Africa, in January to first repair a critical drinking water well and then assist in repairing the local school, which houses over 650 students.

Ka Lama Iki students were asking what else we could send to Cameroon, and they look forward to hearing from the missionaries when they arrive after the new year. Traczyk said, "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the excitement and love flowing out of students tasked with making a difference!"

By Sarah Traczyk



Business manager Jessica Burns (left) and HIS senior Kayla Sloan respond to residents' questions about the school.

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Moving into New Territory

HIS Joins Local Farmers Market



HIS Agricultural Director Daniel Nicholls

This school year, the agriculture program at Holbrook Indian School (HIS) has begun to move beyond the classroom toward real-world experience. HIS has started participating in the local Flagstaff farmers market, with agriculture director Daniel Nicholls introducing the school's produce and students into new territory.

Every Sunday in Flagstaff, Arizona, large crowds of people flock to the downtown area to visit the farmers market and buy locally grown produce and other items. Vendors from as far away as Phoenix make the trip to take advantage of the crowds. With HIS less than an hour and a half away, Nicholls makes the trip with students with the goal of connecting the school with a larger community through the sale of produce.

"While the primary desire for our produce is that it goes to the cafeteria, we also sell some produce to customers off-campus," Nicholls explained. "We have been running a small operation selling produce to families in the area for several years. This has been reasonably successful, but the



opportunity to participate in the Flagstaff Community Market opens up the possibilities for selling more produce and raising awareness of our school's mission in our community."

The response from the Flagstaff community has thus far been positive and has introduced HIS and its mission to more people beyond the town of Holbrook. "Our presence at the market has been well received," Nicholls said. "And many of the customers that visit the booth are happy to hear about and support our mission to serve the Native American people."

Often, when visitors find out that the students grew the vegetables they are purchasing and that vegetables are used in the school's cafeteria for the garden-to-plate program, they are excited to support the school. They see the value in connecting children with nature through gardening and are impressed by the way HIS offers other vocational programs as well.

While connecting the school and the community is a primary goal, Nicholls has discovered a few other benefits for the students. "Every week that students are available to come, we bring two to assist in loading, setting up, and selling the produce, providing students an opportunity to learn about customer service jobs and sales," he said.

The market runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and both students are responsible for greeting customers and answering questions about the products. "When customers ask about the school and the programs we offer, the impact of the information is far greater when given by students. It is great to see them advocating for themselves, their siblings, their friends, and their community at HIS," said Nicholls.



The students benefit from developing a work ethic as well as practical, real-world sales experience.

It is within this outlook that Nicholls sees possibilities for incorporating the farmers market visits into the official curriculum for the agriculture program at HIS.

"Often when taking classes, it is easy for a student to see no practical application of what they are learning to their life outside of school," he explained. "In our gardening classes at HIS, I try to help the students see the literal value in hard work. One way of doing this is going over the numbers of the cost to produce the vegetables and the price they can be sold for. The market will give even greater chances to help develop an entrepreneurial mentality and a sense of empowerment through the agriculture program."

By Chevon Petgrave and Daniel Nicholls

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-seven 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.

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U.S. News Ranks La Sierra 11th in Western States for Moving Students Forward

US. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2022 guide released Sept. 13 ranks La Sierra University 11th out of 122 universities in the western region for social mobility, its ability to help economically disadvantaged students earn a college degree.

La Sierra's placement, which is tied with San Francisco State University, falls within the "Top Performers on Social Mobility" category, one of nine specialty rankings that fall under the college guide's primary national and regional lists of top universities and colleges. The university is included in U.S. News' Regional Universities West category that provides overall rankings for 126 universities in 15 western states. The social mobility category rates universities on their success in enrolling and graduating students who are recipients of federal Pell Grants. The majority of Pell Grant awardees are those whose adjusted gross family incomes are under \$50,000.

"At La Sierra University, one of the cornerstones of our institutional mission is to serve others. We fulfill that mission first with our students, in particular those who come from difficult circumstances, and we do everything in our power to help them succeed," said Director of Student Financial Services Elina Bascom. "A college education can be absolutely life changing for those who come from financially challenged environments, and it gives us joy to watch students overcome obstacles of all sorts to grow and learn and improve their lives beyond what they'd ever imagined."

During the 2020-21 school year, approximately 54 percent of the university's undergraduates received Pell Grants. Students' eligibility for this aid is identified by the government based on the information in the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

Fourth-year strategic communications major Jacob Ochoa stressed the importance of the Pell Grant to fulfilling his academic and life interests, which involve pursuing a career with the United States Air Force or in San Diego law enforcement. "To me, receiving a Pell Grant means more than money sent to my student account. It's an opportunity for me to achieve my

educational and career goals," he said. "Without a Pell Grant, my tuition then becomes unaffordable. As a first-generation college student, any opportunity or resource given to me has made all the difference. Without the help of FAFSA, scholarships, or grants such as these, a college education would have never been attainable."

La Sierra's focus on aiding those in need has also resulted in top national placements with the annual Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education college ranking each year since 2016. That guide is expected to be released later in September.

By Darla Martin Tucker



Jacob Ochoa, who received the Pell Grant, plays first base for the Golden Eagles baseball team.



ABOVE: In Valle de la Trinidad, Yetlanezy Olgúin, clinic administrator, shares information about the local community and the need for the clinic system. **RIGHT:** Raul Ayala, Adventist Health ambulatory medical officer, leads a discussion about clinic development in Loreto, Baja Sur, Mexico.



Adventist Health Assists with Plans for Baja Health Clinic System

Asix-member team from Adventist Health traveled to Baja Mexico in July to meet with Adventist leaders from Mexico to assist with plans for the launch of a health system in the North Mexican Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The new health system will oversee continued development of two existing rural health clinics that provide general medical and dental services for the communities of Valle de la Trinidad and Loreto, Mexico. Adventist Health will be the primary health system advisor and will support all aspects of system development.

The team of advisors from Adventist Health was organized and directed by John Schroer, Adventist Health Global Mission system lead, and included Adrian Serna, president for Adventist Health Physician Services; Raul Ayala, Adventist Health ambulatory medical officer; and members of the spiritual care teams at Adventist Health White Memorial and Adventist Health Central Valley Network.

The partnership between Adventist Health and Valle de la Trinidad has blossomed following a short-term mission trip in 2014. That year a group from Adventist Health White Memorial traveled to the rural community to assist at a local orphanage. Since that initial trip, the

frequency of visits and the number of volunteers from Adventist Health White Memorial have grown.

During this recent trip, the Adventist Health team met with 10 Adventist leaders from Mexico, including conference presidents, conference health directors, and a public health educator from the University of Morelos. Together, the teams completed a SWOT analysis of the two clinics to develop a sustainable business model for the future. They also developed a strategy and governance structure to support development of the health system.

As the health system continues to grow, collaboration with rural health experts from Adventist Health Central Valley Network—which operates more than 60 sites in Kings, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, and Madera counties—will be key. “Rural communities in America and around the world share the same needs and disparities. They strive to provide the basic human necessities, such as access to quality care, education, jobs, transportation, and access to food and shelter,” said Ayala. “We need to share our collective learnings from our rural communities and strive for a better tomorrow by serving the inequities of life around the world.”

By Kim Strobel

Responding to Need in Haiti

Provider teams arrive in Haiti to assist local Adventist hospital; more on their way.

Loma Linda University Health officials are responding to help residents of the Caribbean nation of Haiti whose lives have been severely impacted by a recent earthquake and tropical storm.

LLUH maintains an ongoing collaboration with Hôpital Adventiste d'Haïti (Haiti Adventist Hospital) and has over the years sent doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers to serve there through its partnership with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A response team of LLUH and Adventist Health International providers arrived in Haiti to assist local staff the week following a magnitude-7.2 earthquake on August 14.

The earthquake's epicenter struck in Haiti's southwest region, causing the deaths of more than 2,200 people to date, according to news reports. A tropical storm also arrived two days later. The response from local officials was hampered by limited resources due to longstanding unrest. Additionally, the nation is still grappling with the assassination of its president in July.

The Adventist hospital, located nearly 80 miles northeast of the earthquake, is undamaged. While operations are orderly, the hospital is running at twice its normal capacity. Surgeons are providing free treatment to injured patients, many of whom sustained major injuries from falling walls or ceilings. Under the guidance of the hospital's medical director, Scott Nelson, MD, the hospital in recent years has developed into a high-level orthopedic center, and surgical teams



have been able to save many limbs from amputation.

Nelson, a Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumnus, told CBS This Morning that patients in the emergency department were being placed on the floor and outside due to limited space.

LLUH leaders are working with local hospital leadership through the Global Health Institute to provide subsequent specialty teams in the coming weeks. LLUH has been engaged with the hospital campus since the 1970s, and efforts are underway to further develop it as an LLUH global campus.

Loma Linda University Health responded to Haiti's 2010 earthquake by providing similar services, as well as specialized ongoing rehabilitation services. The School of Allied Health Professions produced a certificate program that trained more than 60 people to work with physical therapists and other professionals serving in Haiti.

To donate to relief efforts, visit ahiglobal.org/ donate and designate the donation "Haiti." Or

donations can be made to the Loma Linda University Health Global Health Institute at giving.lluh.org/GivingHaiti and designate "LLUH Global Health Institute."

By Ansel Oliver

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

PUC's New Conservation Technology Degree Prepares Students to Save the World

This fall, Pacific Union College (PUC) is launching an exciting new Conservation Technology degree, the first undergraduate program of its kind to date.

Simply put, Conservation Technology is the application of technology to environmental management challenges, which is critical to a sustainable future for our planet. The new program will not only prepare students for lucrative careers in the

emerging and rapidly growing field but also prepare them to solve some of the world's biggest problems and to be dedicated stewards to God's creation.

PUC's program will give students hands-on experience learning about the different conservation technologies, as well as the opportunity to apply these technologies with experts in the field through living laboratories in PUC's own 1100-acre forest. This can include wildlife camera traps, satellite remote sensing, geographic information system, eDNA, artificial intelligence, mobile applications, and much more.

"This program allows our students the opportunity to serve our local community and beyond," said Aimee Wyrick, associate professor and chair of PUC's Department of Biology. "Through this program, our students will develop strategies that have a positive impact on both our local and global communities. These students will help take the lead in helping people adjust to increasingly extreme weather conditions and their effects."

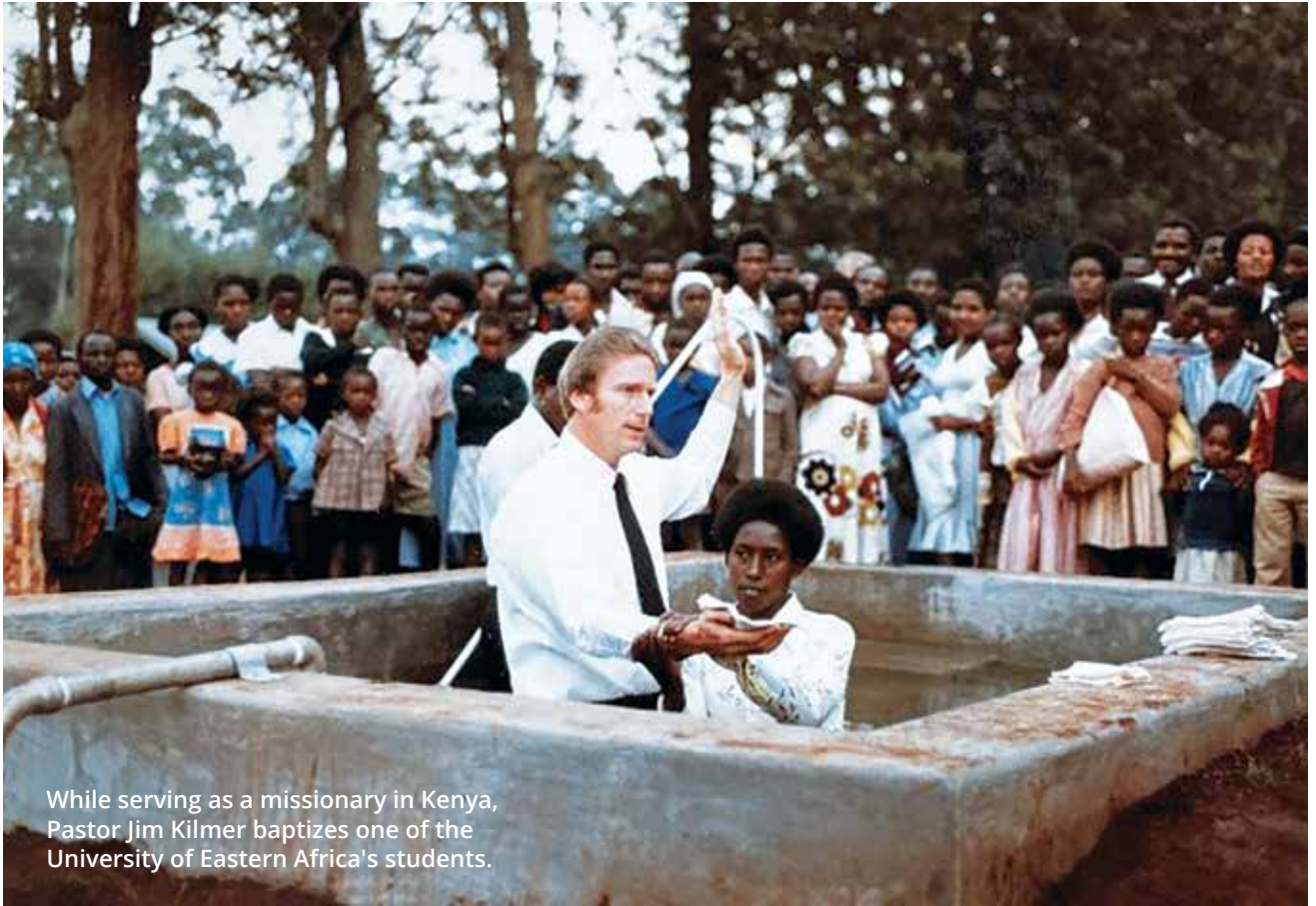
Helping to lead the new program is Dr. Scott Butterfield, Clark Professor of Conservation Technology. Dr. Butterfield, an ecologist who works for The Nature Conservancy's California Chapter, has more than 20 years of experience across the field of conservation and more than 40 peer-reviewed publications and reports.

"One of the most exciting parts of this new program is the fact that training in these technologies is broadly applicable across the job market, making PUC graduates in this discipline highly competitive for jobs immediately out of their four-year degree program," said Dr. Butterfield.

Conservation Technology students can look forward to securing careers in environmental, conservation, and sustainability fields, working for non-profit, for-profit, academic, and government organizations and companies.



By Ashley Eisele



While serving as a missionary in Kenya, Pastor Jim Kilmer baptizes one of the University of Eastern Africa's students.

Share the Joy

For many, joy can be an elusive thing. But anyone, anywhere can experience the joy of Jesus. The only prerequisite is letting Him come into your heart.

A prisoner at the Charlotte Correctional Institution located in Punta Gorda, Florida, found joy in reading a recent story published in the *Signs of the Times* magazine. The June 2021 issue of *Signs* contained a story entitled "Home at Last." Being blessed by reading the story, the prisoner wanted to tell the author.

The inmate wrote a letter to the *Signs* office, asking for it to be forwarded to the author. In his letter he explained, "I have read it two or three times and it just makes me smile! (I am smiling as I write this.) It gives me great joy as I await the time I will ever be with Jesus in heaven. While reading your article, I just giggled, even laughed, seeing the eternal joy I will have one day.... You put it in such a way that just brought joy and a big smile on a lonely prisoner's face!"

RIGHT: The climb to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, at 19,341 feet, not only brought a sense of God's greatness, it gave a wonderful sense of accomplishment to Carl Schafner. **FAR RIGHT:** The original entrance to the University of Eastern Africa.



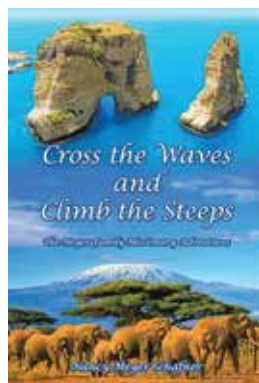


LEFT: The Meyer's Eldoret home in Kenya served as a combination home and school, and the "combi," a combination van and camper. **MIDDLE:** David Meyer at a warming hut, with beautiful Mount Kenya rising to 17,057 feet behind him. **RIGHT:** Not an unusual site in Kenya, this lion is relaxing so near the roadside that no telephoto lens is needed!

There are so many ways to share the happiness that life with Jesus brings. We rarely know when what we've said or done has made a difference. Nancy Schafner, author of the *Signs* story, responded, "I feel amazingly blessed to know my writing has helped someone. I pray God will continue to use the talent He has given me to touch the hearts of those in need and bring honor and glory to Him." The article, "Home at Last," was taken from the last chapter of a book she wrote about her family's missionary adventures during their 43 years of overseas service.

Living in the mission field was a great experience for Nancy Meyer Schafner, who is now a member at Wasatch Hills church. She and other family members remember vividly not only the heartbreaks of mission service and the desolation of war but also the unbelievable beauty of the land and people. As they surveyed the beauty surrounding them from the

***Cross the Waves and Climb the Steeps*, by Nancy Schafner, tells stories of her missionary family during their 43 years overseas.**



summit of the two highest peaks in Africa, Mt. Kenya and Mt. Kilimanjaro, the handiwork of God was so evident, they were awestruck. Also unforgettable were the blessings that came from experiencing the closeness of wild nature while on safaris. However, the ultimate joy came from seeing Jesus change the lives of the people they had come to serve.

In an effort to share her experiences and those of her family members—along with intriguing cultures, customs, cuisines, history, geography, ornithology, and zoology—Schafner has authored *Cross the Waves and Climb the Steeps—The Meyer Family Missionary Adventures*.

Her hope is that, like the prisoner mentioned above, readers will be drawn closer to God by the biblical applications, and that a flame will be kindled in their hearts to serve others.

The book is available online at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com, and liferichpublishing.com/en/bookstore. It can be ordered through any bookstore, including Adventist Book Centers. Just tell them it is on the Ingram book list.

By Michelle Ward





God's Hand Protects the NCC Family

By the end of August, the Northern California Conference (NCC) territory had been hit by 12 wildfires, unprecedented in their growth rate and intensity. "Although this has been a very challenging time for many, we praise the Lord for keeping our members safe," said President Marc Woodson. "At the same time, we mourn with those who lost their homes."

Caldor Fire – Leoni Meadows

Leoni Meadows staff members became aware of the Caldor Fire about three hours after it started. As it burned toward the camp, the staff evacuated horses, packed up valuables, and endeavored to protect the buildings. They used a bulldozer to cut fire lines, blew pine needles off roofs, and moved flammable items away from structures.

After leaving for safety, they—along with people around the conference and the country—prayed and waited to see what would happen. "We heard competing rumors," said Eric Henton, Leoni's assistant director. "Multiple people said there was nothing left."

However, when he and other staff were able to get back to the property, they saw that most of the main buildings were still standing, including the Leoni Lodge, the Meadow View Inn, and the historic

Leoni House. "We were pretty relieved," said Henton. "God is good."

Unfortunately, some staff members lost their homes, and the property was badly burned. "We lost between 90 and 95 percent of the growth on our 1,000 acres," said Executive Director Craig Heinrich. (Read his story of God's providence at right.)

"It's a mixture of emotions—a rollercoaster," said forestry manager Chris Pappas, who lost his home in the blaze. "We are so grateful that nobody got hurt, the horses were evacuated, and so much was saved. At the end of the day, it was a positive outcome compared to what could have been. Everyone is safe, and the core of the camp is still there."

Caldor Fire – Placerville Area

As of this writing, 27 families from the Placerville church and El Dorado Adventist School have evacuated their homes and are waiting to see if they are still standing. The church continues to serve the evacuees, providing food and spiritual nurturing. "While this is a challenging time, people are seeing needs and doing whatever they can to bless others," said Ed Fergusson, interim senior pastor.

In addition, 23 families from the Camino/Camino Spanish district have evacuated, including Pastor Avimael Mendoza.

River Fire

As the River Fire approached, Grass Valley church Senior Pastor Jeff Richards was evacuated from his home, along with 15 other

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church families, some of whom lost their homes. Grass Valley church member Shirley Grear, a Camp Fire survivor, had created a disaster response plan for the church before the fire hit. "We've been especially blessed by Shirley, who used her tragedy to minister to others," said Richards. "It's always sweet to see members rally to show God's love to each other and the community."

Cache Fire

Within a few hours, the Cache Fire burned through an entire neighborhood and threatened the community of Clearlake. School had to be canceled at Clearlake SDA Christian School. Fortunately, every church and school family member evacuated safely.

Disaster Relief Fund

During the month of August, compassionate donors from around the country and Canada gave \$6,963 to the NCC Disaster Relief Fund. This fund enables the NCC to give \$100 to members and those connected with NCC churches and schools who must evacuate their homes. As of this writing, the conference has distributed close to \$6,300, with more requested.

Communication and Development Director Laurie Trujillo wants donors to realize how much their gifts mean to those forced to evacuate. "When Dolly Milholland, teaching principal at the Clearlake school, gave \$100 to one of the families from her school, they broke down in tears of gratitude," said Trujillo. "The gift was very meaningful to a family that felt alone and uncertain about the future."

*By NCC Communication
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PHOTO: LAURIE TRUJILLO

God's Mercy, the Shutdown, and Firefighters

When I drove away from Leoni Meadows as the Caldor Fire advanced, I wanted to take a mental picture of my favorite place in the world!

Thinking back over the past 18 months, COVID-19, budget challenges, and now fire, I wondered what could be next. Little did I know that God had it under control the whole time.

You see, during the pandemic shutdown, the camp was closed, and I had a crew of staff that needed jobs. So, we started raking, clearing brush, and burning piles of needles and branches all over the inner part of camp. The work we did would help save Leoni Meadows.

Unbeknownst to us, fire personnel came into the camp and dug in. Using the shutdown-cleared areas around the cabins and larger buildings, they began the firefight of their lives.

Later, I heard that intense flame—at times over 100 feet in the air—roared like a freight train through camp. The firefighters held their ground.

When I was able to get back to camp to check the damage, I knew there would be nothing left. The flames had been too intense; the fire had moved way too fast to fight. I expected everything to be gone. That's when a cheerful fireman met me at the Leoni Lodge, grinned, and said, "We saved her."

Indeed, God's mercy, the shutdown, and the firefighters saved the best parts of camp. The heart of the Leoni ministry, our kitchen, was perfect. The Meadow View Inn had minimal damage, and—believe it or not—16 out of 20 cabins were untouched. While much of the outpost areas, our beloved Nature Center, and the Craft Building were destroyed, the tools for ministry remain.

By Craig Heinrich

Joining the SECC administrative team in 2011, Jonathan Park has been a part of a variety of ministry events, including Deirdre Soloman's ordination in 2020 and a pastors' meeting in 2019.



PHOTOS: ENNO MÜLLER

SECC Elects Elder Jonathan Park as New President

PHOTO: ENNO MÜLLER



On September 8, 2021, the Southeastern California Conference Executive Committee voted to elect Elder Jonathan Park as the conference's next president, following a recommendation from the Nominating Committee. Park has served as conference executive secretary since 2013.

"I believe our newly elected president, Elder Jonathan Park, has been shaped and formed by the Spirit of God for this responsibility," said Elder Sandy Roberts, executive secretary of the Pacific Union and outgoing SECC president. "He carries a deep passion for the Adventist church, loves people well, is adventurous, thinks strategically and creatively, and walks closely with Jesus. Southeastern California Conference will be even better as a result of his leadership."

Park's love for ministry came from observing the ministry of his uncle, Pastor Daniel Ha, and from studying Korean theology books before he could speak English. His first pastoral position came at the Glendale Korean church in Los Angeles before serving in Spencerville, Maryland, and Loma Linda, California. Park joined the SECC administration team in 2011 as vice president of Asian/Pacific Ministries.

"Being named the next president of SECC is an honor," Park said. "I am excited to continue working with my wonderful colleagues in ministry as we re-commit to discerning God's will for our conference and build

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PHOTO: DANIEL PARK

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Park’s greatest passion in ministry is empowering and equipping church leaders and members to fulfill the Great Commission. As a pastor, he helped establish Empower Ministry, a nonprofit organization that trained young Korean Americans to effectively serve as lay leaders in their churches. Since then, he has learned new discipleship methods both as an administrator and as a student. In 2017, Park received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University on cross-cultural conflict resolution.

“God is the screenwriter and director of my life, while I am just one cast member in the telling of His story,” Park said. “In this new role, I will continue to let God lead. I trust His script and guidance, so I will obey.” He and his wife, Ashley, have been married 25 years and have three children: Evelyn, a teaching principal in SECC; Brandon, currently serving as a student missionary in Palau; and Sydney, an academy senior.

Park begins his term during a unique period for the SECC. Like all

conferences, Southeastern continues to navigate the oscillating nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disrupted the regular patterns for services, attendance, and giving. The conference is also seeking to expand affordable access to Adventist education and embrace technological advances in ministry while encouraging members to rejoin their congregations. Park also transitions into the presidency during the middle of a normal term, with the next constituency session coming in 2023.

“We have many opportunities and challenges ahead of us,” he said. “Some challenges may not have clear solutions today, but our God will journey with us and give us the answers in His time. I believe that when we trust God’s guidance, we will always find opportunities to advance His kingdom.”

By Aren Rennacker



TOP: Jonathan Park speaks at the 10th anniversary service for the Yorba Linda church.

RIGHT: Jonathan Park with his family (from left to right) Ashley, Sydney, Evelyn, and Brandon

God's Closet: More Than Free Clothes

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" (Aesop). This is the sentiment Jesus shared in Matthew 25:36-40, emphasizing the importance of tending to the basic needs of others.

The Sunland-Tujunga and Living Stones churches have been doing just that for the past two years, working together to host God's Closet for the community. "In the time of COVID, sometimes we become introverted, and we worry about ourselves," noted John Aitken II, pastor of Living Stones and Sunland-Tujunga churches. "It's good to become extroverted as a church, to care about the outside, those around us, and the community."

After reading an article on God's Closet in 2017, Lily Cirstoiu, Sunland-Tujunga church member and God's Closet - Tujunga director, became convicted to introduce the ministry in her community. As a school nurse, she encountered families needing even basic necessities, and she saw God's Closet as a way to help, ultimately applying for chapter status. To date, the team has held four events, three of these during COVID.

Each event brings families to the church to shop for new and gently used children's clothes, shoes, toys, and more—all for free. Yet, it's about far more than giving away clothes. At the latest event, shoppers also received free Christian literature, lunch, and information about local community resources presented by Glendale Academy Principal Israel Olaore and his wife, Augusta.

Numerous partnerships, including L.A. Kids



One shopper chooses free clothing items for her family.



PHOTOS: PASTOR JOHN AITKEN II

Volunteers gather for a photo before opening the doors to welcome shoppers for the most recent event on August 15, 2021.

Consignment, Comprehensive Community Health Center, First Baptist Church of Sylmar, Bombas socks, Costco, and more, make this event possible. Church members get involved by volunteering their time or donating needed items. Volunteers from multiple churches and schools also participated, including Altadena, Glendale Filipino, Glendale Academy, and more.

Countless personal connections were made. "A single mom brought her two teenage kids in hopes they could pick out new clothes," recalled Melissa Romero, La Voz Sylmar church member and volunteer for God's Closet - Tujunga registration. "Their therapist had recommended God's Closet as a resource for them. Filled with grateful anticipation, they went on to explain their story to me as I greeted them. I am in awe of the wonderful privilege we have to serve our community!"

Maylen Naranjo, Living Stones church treasurer and God's Closet - Tujunga volunteer, was stationed near the exit of the event where shoppers picked up free food and literature. "My favorite part was to see the look of gratitude on their faces as they collected their things and walked out the door," she shared.

"My favorite part," Cirstoiu shared, "is when shoppers ask, 'I would like to come to this church. When are you open?'"

"The thing I love the most is being able to pray with people," Aitken shared. Some shoppers said this was the only event they'd attended where someone prayed for them. "That moment when you're able to do something for someone who could never repay you is the biggest blessing a human being could experience."

To learn more or volunteer, visit scc.adventist.org/godscloset-stls.

By Lauren Lacson



FAR LEFT: Members gather in preparation for baptism. At the church's first evangelistic crusade, 43 souls were saved.

MIDDLE: Members meet for Sabbath School.

LEFT: Miranda (right) shares cake with Maasai people after worship.

Compassion in Malibu Leads to Changed Hearts in Tanzania

When Judith Miranda, lay leader of Malibu Group, was browsing Facebook a few years ago, she saw a photo of a child sitting alone underneath a tree. Concerned by this image, and moved with compassion, she reached out to discover who he was—and where he was from. Her inquiry led to three years, thus far, of sharing God's love with the Maasai people in the Arusha Region of Tanzania.

Miranda learned that the child in the photo, Joel, was the younger brother of Israel Laizer, who lived in TingaTinga, a small village in the Arusha Region. A student studying at the local Adventist university to become a pastor, Laizer was the only Adventist in his village. Upon connecting with Miranda and developing a friendship, Laizer requested that Miranda visit his village to help him share the gospel with the Maasai people there.

"I prayed about it, and the Lord blessed me to go," recalled Miranda of her first mission trip to Tanzania in 2018.

Since that first trip, Miranda, with support from the Malibu Group in the U.S. and the help of Laizer, has led evangelistic crusades, orchestrated baptisms, taught the health message, installed a water system, and built a church that is also used as a school in TingaTinga.

"We have God working to change people's hearts

with the help of His people from Malibu church," said Laizer, who now works as a pastor at the TingaTinga church, which was built almost two years ago. "Here at TingaTinga, we have seen the grace of God working through His people, and we see the love of God in our midst."

This year, Miranda visited in June to set up housing and provide food for widows in TingaTinga. Soon after that trip, Miranda was moved to go back in August, this time to help find housing and schooling for orphans in a nearby village. Miranda worked with Laizer and the people in the village to create an orphan center in TingaTinga and arrange for 32 orphans to attend boarding school.

"I had no idea that God would send me back," said Miranda. "If God impresses me, I have to go."

Malibu Group, which was first formed more than 10 years ago when Miranda and her husband discovered there was no local Adventist church in that community, has been instrumental in supporting this mission work in Tanzania. In addition to offering financial, moral, and spiritual support, a few members plan to join Miranda for an upcoming trip.

"God so loved the world," Miranda added. "We as Adventists must show that love. You can see a difference because we show love."

By Araya Moss

Calendar

Central California Conference

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La Sierra University

Brandstater Gallery exhibit. Brandstater Gallery will hold an exhibition titled "Thomas Mueller: Seeing

the Elephant" Oct. 4–Nov. 18. Prof. Mueller is Chair of Art at the USC Roski School of Art and Design. Artist's reception: Sun., Nov. 10, 6–8 p.m., artist talk at 6:45 p.m. For further information, please contact tmusso@lasierra.edu.

Archaeology Discovery Weekend. The Center for Near Eastern Archaeology will hold its 13th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend Nov. 13-14 in virtual and in-person formats. The weekend will feature presentations by leading scholars on the theme "Southwest Turkey: Famous Cities, Churches and Synagogues." For further information and to register, visit <https://lasierra.edu/cnea/discovery-weekend/> or email archaeology@lasierra.edu.

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African American Ministries/Urban Ministries

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Junior/Senior Retreat (Oct. 22-24) For academy, high school, and home school juniors and seniors. Info: Youth Department, 916-886-5613.

Prison Ministry Day (Oct. 23) Sacramento Central church, 6045 Camellia Avenue, Sacramento. Speaker: Sacramento Central church Associate Pastor Mike Thompson. Theme: "Continue to Remember Those in Prison." Training for prison ministry volunteers in the afternoon. Info: nccsda.com/prison-ministries.

Evangelism Campaign in Oakland (Oct. 23-30). Speaker: Pastor Robert Costa. Info: Luis F. Manrique, 516-262-2369.

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Hanford English Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pam Whitmore, 900 N. Redington St., Hanford, CA. 93230, 559-582-0034; email: hanfordadventist@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for helping us contact the following missing members: Jacob Angle, John Boyd Jr., Jessica Chase, Julie Christian, Junior Christian, Lisa Christian, Lois Christian, Matthew Cleveland, Doral Denham, Thomas Denham, Joseph Gervais, Diana Goodman, Michael Goodman, Michael Hall, Debbie Hefner, Larry Hefner, Gina Jones, Susan Markle, Kim Melashanko, Tyler Murphy, Clayton Negrete, Don Nichols, Donovan Nichols, Barbara Richey, Jim Richey Jr., Sandra Richey, Kevin Ricks, Terri Russo, Shamara Squire, Katie Stickel, Nicole Stickel, Sameena Stillinge, Angela Thompson, Gerald Thompson, Sam Uhrich, Michelle Vierra, Mark Williams, Brent Yamada

At Rest

Aguilar, Trinidad P. – b. March 27, 1931, Quipot, San Juan, Batangas, Philippines; d. April 11, 2021, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sisters, Avelina Caponpon, Flor La Villa, Marietta Reyes, Rosalinda Ando; brothers, John, Joselito, Josue, Nehemias, Reuben.

Amey, Dorothea Eleanor – b. Aug. 7, 1943, Belle Fourche, S.D.; d. Sept. 4, 2021, Beaumont, Calif. Survivors: husband, Eugene; sons, Mark, Michael; three grandchildren. She was a teacher, missionary, Associate Superintendent of Education for Michigan Conference, and Associate Director of Education for Pacific Union Conference.

Banta, Jane (Barker) – b. Oct. 7, 1932, Yakima, Wash.; d. Sept. 1, 2021, Colton, Calif. Survivors: son, Lew Barker; daughters, Susan Reynolds, Jennifer Barker; brothers, Porter Lombard, Ben Lombard, Dave Lombard, Henry Lombard; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Knew God to be a loving and trustworthy friend and wanted to share the good news of God's character with all she met.

Capitani, Patricia – b. Oct. 3, 1946, Vallejo, Calif.; d. Sept. 2, 2021, Vacaville, Calif. Survivors: husband, John; sons, Shawn, Curtis; four grandchildren.

Cornwell, Gladden – b. March 5, 1931, Peavine, Okla.; d. Aug. 2, 2021, Hanford, Calif. Survivors: sons, Steven,

Chuck, Rich; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. She served as a nurse aide in St. Helena Hospital.

Curtis, Paul – b. Feb. 11, 1936, Ogden, Utah; d. July 27, 2021, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ann; daughter, Rita Curtis. He was a loyal and committed physician. He did much to support his church and sponsored many educational and humanitarian projects around the world.

Dunn, Eunice Sackett – b. May 11, 1935, Mount Vernon, Ohio; d. Sept. 1, 2021, Chico, Calif. Survivors: sons, John Sackett, Wally Sackett; daughter, Ronda Unterseher; sisters, Jeanne Shafer, Joyce Burdy; stepchildren, Doug Dunn, Kirk Dunn; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Former Dean of Women, Loma Linda University.

Elias, Manuel – b. June 26, 1924, Bakersfield, Calif.; d. Dec. 23, 2020, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivor: wife, Violeta.

Jauch, Virginia Ann – b. Oct. 2, 1934, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; d. Sept. 6, 2021, Angwin, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; sons, James, Robert; daughter-in-law, Bridget; two grandsons; two great-granddaughters.

Knutson, Robert Eugene – b. May 25, 1929,

Milwaukee, Wis.; d. July 23, 2021, Cherry Valley, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert, Tom; daughter Cheri Babb; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren. Served at Wisconsin Academy for over 30 years as teacher and principal, then became Superintendent of Education for Wisconsin Conference. Before retiring, Robert and Thelma worked for the Washington Conference in the Family Life Department.

Manzel, Christine Ellen – b. Aug. 13, 1934, Severy, Kan.; d. July 13, 2021, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: son, Kevin Manzel; sisters, Melba Zimmermann, Georgann Van Kirk. Christine graduated from Campion Academy in 1952 and Loma Linda University School of Nursing in 1956-B. She worked at Loma Linda Hospital and as a school nurse for LA Unified for 40 years.

Melton, Gertrude (Paffel) – b. May 25, 1927, Spooner, Wis.; d. July 25, 2021, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: son, Larry Melton; daughters, Ginger Melton, Terry Eisenstadt, Sue Seibel, Sally Allred; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. She was very involved with Community Services, serving as leader for many years.

Palaio, Joyce C. (Haynes) – b. Sept. 10, 1930, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; d. Aug. 16, 2021, Bonita, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ted; sons, William Haynes Jr., Robert Haynes, Bryan Haynes; daughter, Shirley Spencer; sister, Jean Kelln; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Reis, Christine – b. Nov. 15, 1952, Newark, N. J.; d. May 20, 2021, Green Valley, Ariz. Survivors: husband, Ray Reis; sons, Joey and Bryan Goresh; brother, Peter Copolla; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Christine was a first-generation Adventist. Her passion was personal ministry; she organized many events for the church.

Ruf, Helen Knittel – b. Nov. 26, 1929, Plainview, Texas; d. March 31, 2021, Collegedale, Tenn. Survivors: husband, Rolland; son, Jeff Knittel; daughter, Sherry Campbell; stepchildren, Rolland Ruf, Jr., Warren Ruf, and Stephen Ruf; five grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

October 2021 Sunset Calendar

City/Location	OCT 1	OCT 8	OCT 15	OCT 22	OCT 29
Alturas	6:43	6:31	6:20	6:09	6:00
Angwin	6:51	6:41	6:31	6:21	6:12
Bakersfield	6:39	6:29	6:20	6:11	6:03
Calexico	6:26	6:17	6:08	6:00	5:53
Chico	6:49	6:38	6:27	6:17	6:08
Death Valley (Furnace Ck)	6:30	6:20	6:10	6:01	5:53
Eureka	6:57	6:46	6:35	6:25	6:15
Four Corners [E]	6:58	6:48	6:38	6:29	6:21
Fresno	6:41	6:31	6:22	6:13	6:04
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	6:18	6:08	5:58	5:49	5:41
Half Dome	6:40	6:30	6:20	6:10	6:02
Hilo	6:07	6:02	5:56	5:51	5:47
Holbrook	6:04	5:54	5:45	5:36	5:29
Honolulu	6:07	6:01	5:55	5:50	5:46
Joshua Tree	6:28	6:19	6:10	6:02	5:54
Lake Tahoe	6:41	6:30	6:20	6:10	6:02
Las Vegas	6:23	6:13	6:04	5:55	5:47
Lodi-Stockton	6:47	6:36	6:26	6:17	6:08
Loma Linda	6:32	6:23	6:14	6:06	5:58
Los Angeles	6:36	6:27	6:18	6:10	6:02
McDermitt [N]	6:31	6:19	6:08	5:57	5:48
Moab	7:00	6:49	6:39	6:29	6:21
Monterey Bay	6:50	6:40	6:30	6:21	6:13
Mt. Whitney	6:36	6:25	6:16	6:07	5:59
Napa	6:51	6:40	6:30	6:21	6:12
Nogales [S]	6:34	6:25	6:16	6:08	6:00
Oakland	6:51	6:41	6:31	6:21	6:13
Paradise, CA	6:48	6:37	6:26	6:16	6:07
Phoenix	6:12	6:02	5:54	5:46	5:38
Pu'uwaiaiu, Ni'ihau [W]	6:09	6:03	5:58	5:53	5:48
Reno	6:41	6:30	6:19	6:09	6:00
Riverside	6:33	6:23	6:15	6:06	5:59
Sacramento	6:48	6:37	6:27	6:17	6:08
Salt Lake City	7:08	6:57	6:46	6:36	6:26
San Diego	6:32	6:23	6:15	6:07	6:00
San Francisco	6:52	6:41	6:31	6:22	6:13
San Jose	6:50	6:39	6:29	6:20	6:12
Santa Rosa	6:53	6:42	6:32	6:22	6:14
Sunset Beach	6:50	6:39	6:30	6:21	6:12
Thousand Oaks	6:38	6:29	6:20	6:12	6:04
Tucson	6:07	5:59	5:50	5:42	5:35

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"So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God." Hebrews 4:9

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Helen married Frank Knittel in 1956 and began a decades-long partnership during which they served at several SDA universities. She taught English and business courses at Southern Adventist University while her husband was president. In 1983, the couple moved to California where Helen taught at Loma Linda and La Sierra universities and served as a registrar for La Sierra Academy. The couple retired to Tennessee, and after Frank's death in 2015, Helen married Rolland M. Ruf, a retired minister.

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Rusk, Gary Wayne – b. Aug. 16, 1933, Carthage, Mo.; d. July 1, 2021, St. Joseph, Mich. Survivors: wife, Joan; five children, nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Director of Mission Church Builders for almost 30 years, then returned to his farm in Michigan to retire and enjoy his remaining years with his family.

Scribner, Beverly E. – b. July 1, 1924, Le Raysville, Pa.; d. Aug. 18, 2021, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Gordon; daughter, Sandy Balli; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Sharp, Donna Lee – b. May 7, 1928, Long Beach, Calif.; d. June 18, 2021, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: sons, Edward Allen, Eric Allen, Evan Allen; daughter, Esther Allen; stepdaughter, Sharon Sorrells Sharp; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. She was a pastor's wife at Bishop and Reno, Calif. Served in the Philippines for four years. Beautiful pianist, having a musical degree from La Sierra College.

Snider, Claire Adabelle – b. Feb. 23, 1928, Fields Landing, Calif.; d. July 9, 2021, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: son, Paul Cody Snider; daughter, Carol Hallman; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Stirling, James Heber – b. Aug. 14, 1921, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Dec. 12, 2020, Olalla, Wash. Survivors: five children; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He graduated from La Sierra University (1941) and Walla Walla University (1943). He served as copy editor at the Pacific Press and, after earning his PhD, he became an anthropology professor at Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities.

Tramel, Mary Jean – b. Sept. 11, 1936, Newkirk, Okla.; d. Aug. 16, 2021, Hanford, Calif. Survivors: son, Rob;

stepchildren, Darrell, Britt, Dena; sister, Margaret; brothers, Victor, Lyle; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

Volpi, Brian – b. July 17, 1974, Santa Barbara, Calif.; d. June 9, 2021, Cusco, Peru. Survivor: brother, Brett Volpi.

Ward, Richard Ellsworth – b. Feb. 21, 1932, Glendale, Calif.; d. Apr. 29, 2021, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: sons, Rick, Chris; daughter, Tamara Schlotthauer; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren;

Warren, Nelda Harris – b. Sept. 16, 1927, Mountain View, Calif.; d. Aug. 24, 2021, Los Altos, Calif. Survivors: son, Greg Warren; daughter, Wendy Letner; two grandchildren. Nelda was a dedicated teacher serving at Miramonte SDA School.

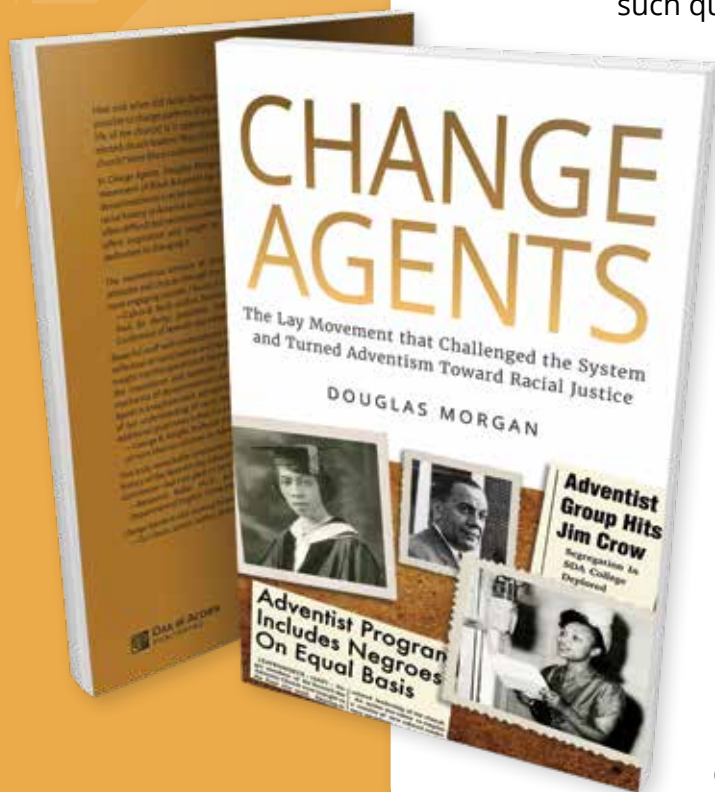
Willhelm, Helen – b. Aug. 15, 1944, Great Falls, Mont.; d. Feb. 14, 2021. Survivors: husband, Glen; daughters, Carol Willhelm, Lisa Willhelm Cooney; two grandchildren. She was a teacher at Lodi Academy, Rio Lindo Academy, and Columbia Union College.

Williams, Lydia Emilia – b. Feb. 17, 1919, Manila, Philippines; d. June 5, 2021, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Amabel Tsao, Adelaine Purdy; sister, Ofelia Gonzaga; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Lydia lived in various countries, teaching from high school to special education. Her musical talents were used in teaching piano, leading bell choirs, and playing the organ in her home church until she was 90 years old. Her autobiography, *A Child of the Enclave*, chronicles the simple lives of a community of faithful Adventists who pioneered a great educational institution in the Philippines.

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