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A Tribute



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While at Georgia-Cumberland camp meeting on the campus of Southern Adventist University, I happened upon Eva Anderson and her husband, Herman Anderson, M.D. Always smiling, always bright — she shared that the day before, May 30, she celebrated her 96th birthday. Whenever I meet her it takes me back to my academy years at Greater Miami Academy, and I am glad to publicly testify that the Anderson's were directly responsible for helping me attend an Adventist school.

It was expected that I would work my way through academy and college. I had several jobs — lawn care, working in a print shop, selling various products, and one summer even tried to be a piano teacher. Mrs. Anderson hired me to do odd jobs around the house and to care for the landscaping. I didn't think about it much then, but I know now that what she was trying to do was help me with my tuition. She no doubt made up work for me and, in addition, she paid me very handsomely.

She always encouraged me to keep an eye on the goal. She was affirming and enthusiastic about my work and my education. You might say she took a young 15-year-old under her wing and blessed me financially, so I could keep up with school expenses.

I know for a fact that Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, along with a few others in those days, provided a big chunk of the budget for the operation of Greater Miami Academy. Her helping me with odd jobs was extra. It was God's grace at work in my life. Some days in the summer, Mrs. Anderson had whole lists of projects she needed help with in the yard. But then she would worry that it was too hot and invite me in for some cold Florida orange juice and a sandwich. She took a special interest in a young teenager, and I've never forgotten her kindness.

I know there are many "Mrs. Anderson's" in our Church who quietly, mostly unnoticed, give young students the break they need. There are Adventist employers who go out of their way in the summer to give jobs to students working their way through school. On behalf of all of us who have benefited through the years — Thank you!

And Happy (belated) Birthday, Mrs. Anderson! You're as bright and vibrant as ever. Jesus shines through your life. Thank you for giving me a break so many years ago. And God bless all the Eva Anderson's who seek out students to help and sponsor.

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Cover Caption: *Alicia Hensley, administrator for Spring View Health & Rehab Center in Leitchfield, Kentucky, prefers a hands-on approach to healthcare management. She enjoys spending time with her residents, their families, and the employees as friends.*



Hand-Ups:

Helping Others to Help Themselves

BY ANTHONY V. VERA CRUZ

At first glance, it might be easy to assume that Spring View Health & Rehab Center is not much different than the thousands of facilities in the world that serve the same purpose. Located in rural Leitchfield, Kentucky, this 68-bed long-term care and rehabilitation center services a small farming community of less than 5,000 people. It employs approximately 70 individuals in full- and part-time positions. But the similarities end there.



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Alicia Hensley believes that in order to be a good leader, one must also be a good listener — and her residents have fascinating stories to tell.

This small facility leads the way in reaching out and changing the lives of those it touches in its community — especially its employees and volunteers. Under the prayerful leadership of administrator Alicia Hensley, we find countless examples of the power in allowing God’s hand to guide all that we do. Her story has played an integral role in shap-

ing Spring View into what it is today, and serves as a powerful testimony of God’s plan.

Planting a Seed

Hensley grew up surrounded by health care. Her mother, Georgia, was a registered nurse, and often took her on hospice and home visits.

“I remember watching my mother and the way she cared for her patients,” reflects Hensley, “exposing me to a different kind of care.”

For Georgia, health care was more than just passing out medication or administering injections. She looked for ways to care for the person that extended beyond their immediate physical needs.

“One family will always be etched in my mind,” says Hensley. “My mother was visiting a patient who had 12 kids — one of them with Downs Syndrome. The woman was so loving, yet always seemed so tired. Once a week, my mother would spend the day taking care of the children, so the lady could go shopping and have a little break. It helped humanize what many others simply view as work, and has stuck with me to this day.”

But Georgia was perplexed by the long-term care industry. In a time before assisted living, retirement communities, or rehab centers, not many options existed for the elderly and disabled. And, many of the nursing homes that were

available offered “less than ideal” living conditions.

“When I was in high school, my mother decided that she would start a residential care home for about 10 people, to see if she could offer an alternative to local nursing homes,” says Hensley.

Unfortunately, the program failed due to lack of funding. Georgia was

devastated when she had to readmit her residents into the nursing home, but she just couldn’t make it work financially.

This planted a seed in Hensley’s mind.

“I told my mother, ‘Mom, I’ll go to school, and I’ll learn that part of it, so someday we’ll get something going together that will work,’ ” she recalls.

But before she was able to act on that promise, tragedy struck. Georgia was involved in a major car accident and nearly died. Hensley spent the next year by her mother’s side in the hospital while doctors continually worked to help her heal from her injuries.

This dramatic turn of events made her the sole provider for the family, and she took on several jobs in an effort to make ends meet. She dropped out of her community college classes to provide care for her mother through the three years of rehab that followed.

The Phone Call

It didn’t take long for Hensley to realize that her current jobs weren’t bringing in enough income. In God’s impeccable timing, she received a phone call from her sister, Stacia. A hotel manager in Tennessee, Stacia offered to get her into management where they could work together. She had no way of knowing that this call would change the rest of her life.

After training with her sister in Nashville, Tennessee, Hensley accepted a position in Kirksville, Missouri. She was serving as assistant manager for the Holiday Inn in Kirksville when the hotel hosted some guests that would have a profound impact on her — the gymnastics team from Southern College.

Hensley had never met Adventists before, and in speaking with Joe Milholm — one of the team members — she marveled at his passion. He explained with great enthusiasm that he was studying to be a nursing home administrator and was going to serve his Church and healthcare.

“It was like God was speaking directly to me,” says Hensley. “I



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Christa Kennison (left) experienced many of the same challenges Alicia Hensley faced as a young person. This has created a special closeness between them.

realized that while I enjoyed my job, it lacked a higher mission. But here was Joe, explaining how he was going to be serving God through taking care of disabled and elderly people, and it struck me numb. I now recognized that my whole life, God had been leading me toward healthcare.”

The following school year, Hensley enrolled in Southern’s long-term care program, and was baptized during her first semester. Like Joe, she had a newfound desire to serve not only those needing her care, but also her God through His calling.

Walking Down God’s Path

Upon graduating, and with her promise still at the forefront of her mind, Hensley explained to her mother that she felt the best way to understand how to have a successful alternative to a nursing home would be to go work at one. So she did.

After working for several years, she again came to her mother and explained that she was beginning to realize that nursing homes aren’t bad places; rather, they just need to be run and staffed by caring people.

“I had invested so much — both financially and emotionally — into my long-term care education, with the intent of helping my mother find an alternative to nursing home care,” says Hensley. “Instead, I learned that God’s intent for my life was not to create a completely new alternative, but to manage an existing nursing home — just differently.”

The Spring View Difference

This philosophy of managing differently is evident in the way Hensley continues to lead today at Spring View. And her personal experience plays a defining role in shaping the environment and programs the facility provides.

When you walk into Spring View, you are greeted and welcomed. The atmosphere is very family-oriented, and has been built around a culture of learning.

“When I arrived at Spring View,” says Hensley, “one of the first things I discovered was that not many people here ever finished high school, for various reasons. I remember facing similar academic roadblocks

myself, and I think it impassioned me to help change that reality in our community.”

The theory among most large corporations is that you should only hire the “cream of the crop” — those with the most experience or the best grades in school. Essentially, it’s implied that focusing on anyone else is a waste of time and money to provide the training they need.

Hensley believes this to be entirely false. She and her leadership team have actively sought ways to educate and train members of their community to participate in the vibrant workforce at Spring View. By investing time and resources in these individuals, not only does the overall community flourish, but the facility benefits from a highly effective and engaged staff.

And, they start recruiting early. Spring View has partnerships with all of the public schools in the area. The staff begins working with grade school students through educational awareness programs and then job shadowing, as they get older. Their intent is to not only encourage

students to finish high school, but also to inspire them to go to college as well — possibly the first among many family generations.

For nursing in particular, Spring View partners with the local technical college to provide training to students interested in nursing. This is unusual, since most nursing homes train their nurses on-site. But by utilizing this partnership, Spring View provides an opportunity for its new hires to participate in an actual college experience, overcoming fears that many of them hold about college.

“I view my role here as more of a coach and educator,” says Hensley. “I really prefer walking the halls talking with people than sitting behind a desk. It’s thrilling to touch base with our employees, asking how they are doing in school, and what they are working on this summer to further their academic goals or career.”

A Story of Hope

One such student is Christa Kennison. Like Hensley, she also dropped out of school to help make ends meet at home. Any career dreams or expectations she once had were quickly fading. She applied at Spring View and was personally taken under Hensley’s wing.

“Alicia has always been more than a boss to me,” says Kennison with a smile. “She is like a second mom, always willing to help and motivate me to do more.”

With Hensley’s help, Kennison is now completing her GED and plans to focus her career on therapy.

But as with so many others, Spring View has provided opportunities outside the workplace. In 2006, she participated in a mission trip to Chile. As a result, Kennison found renewed faith in God, began attending church again, and now volunteers at the local prison, witnessing while passing out medications.

“We have so many emotional stories like Christa’s here at Spring View,” says Hensley. “There’s just such a wonderful return when you invest time in people. It’s difficult to measure because the people you

help end up helping many others. I never know where God will lead these individuals, but I’m honored to be a part of it.”

Giving Hand-Ups

However, Spring View’s programs aren’t limited to young people. The facility seeks to empower individuals of all ages to enrich their lives through education and service. It participates in many community programs that bring in both volunteers and paid staff, and equips them with the tools and training they need to make a difference.

“Certainly our main focus is patient care,” says Hensley. “But, I’ve found that developing and encouraging people plays a vital role in the care we are able to provide to our residents and guests. For our staff, it’s not about the job — it’s about the experience and how they can share that with everyone they encounter.”

To date, nearly half of the entire staff have been recruited by or impacted by one of Spring View’s community outreach initiatives. In total, it’s estimated that at least 300 people have been directly affected by these programs, and we may never know how many lives have been changed as a result.

“The programs we have here are

not about giving anyone a handout,” explains Hensley. “We focus on giving people a ‘hand-up’ in life and I think this is where we have found success.”

Our Mission, Our Purpose

God loves people. He has called each of us to be ministers for Him. But, our method of ministry can be as unique as we are as individuals.

He laid His path in front of Hensley before she realized it. He placed her in situations while growing up that would shape her views on healthcare, and inspire her to discover the new and innovative approaches she employs today. And then He introduced her to Joe at a time when she needed him most to reorient her life, and encourage her to follow the path He intended for her. By choosing to follow that path, God has been able to share His love and healing with hundreds through her testimony.

We may not fully understand our purpose until we reach Heaven, but by hearing God’s voice and following in His example, we are assured that our impact will be far greater than anything possible by our own merit. In this way, we can effectively reach out, touch hearts, and heal the lives of those around us.



Alicia Hensley prefers to spend most of her time away from her desk, making her rounds and interacting with her employees.

Adventist Education Makes Significant Contributions in Social Work

BY MICHELE SOLOMON

In times like these when the world is witnessing an increase in the frequency and intensity of natural disasters, many times leaving families in a state of bewilderment, it is reassuring to know that undergraduate programs focused on humanitarian service are alive and well on our Adventist campuses.

One such program can be found at Oakwood University (OU) in Huntsville, Alabama. Its social work department is widely recognized within the field of social work education because of the quality of Christ-centered education offered at the undergraduate level. Department graduates have matriculated to successfully complete the master of social work (MSW) degree at some of the of the highest ranking graduate schools of social work, such as the University of Michigan, Boston University, Howard University, University of Alabama, Barry University, and Western Michigan University, to name a few. These Adventist students have left a positive impression concerning the high caliber of students produced at our Adventist campuses.

Each year, a variety of social work graduate school recruiters from some of the top graduate schools across the country go to OU to recruit its social work students. These recruiters have consistently commended the high level of academic preparedness and spirituality that Oakwood students typify upon entering their graduate studies. In fact, many OU social work graduates receive full graduate scholarships and fellowships for their graduate

school education. Oakwood graduates are also widely sought after for field practicum experiences within the Madison County community of North Alabama.

Oakwood's Department of Social Work began in the mid-1970's when Calvin Rock, Ph.D., OU's president at that time, felt there was a need for Adventist schools to have a social work program. Prior to the 1970's, there had been some human services classes taught by Chlora Ward Young in which students collected clothing and passed them out to the needy. The program started with four students who switched over from the sociology department. Juliaette Phillips was the only instructor in the department at that time and taught every class, including field. She was later joined

by Gregory Mims. By the 1980's, Ellen Anderson and Edith Fraser, Ph.D., joined the faculty, and social work became an autonomous department utilizing the national standards of the Council on Social Work Education as a curriculum guide.

Will Scott, Ph.D., was instrumental in overseeing the program's accreditation process, which was completed in 1988. It allowed social work majors to complete the MSW in one year as advanced standing. Through the years, the department has seen considerable growth. Though the Class of 1988 had only five students, by the next year that number had doubled to 10 social work graduates and has grown to an average of 15 to 25 in succeeding years.

One particular area in which graduates of Oakwood's social work program have excelled is in the field of community service. These graduates contribute to community development in a variety of ways. Most serve on various social service boards within their local communities where they provide practice consultation (i.e., community development), administrative leadership, and a linkage between agencies and higher education. Other social work educators have chosen to get involved in the political arena (i.e., Oliver Davis), providing political leadership within their local community. Within their institutions, many serve on committees that are responsible for developing policies and procedures, intervening concerning social issues pertaining to their institutions, or developing practical



George Ashley, Ph.D., social work department chair at Oakwood University



Gary Jones, Jr., assistant professor at Southern Adventist University (recently admitted to Howard University's Ph.D. social work program)

solutions to combat institutional social problems. Some social work graduates choose to serve in the mission field, going to faraway places like Korea to teach English. Others have gone to Ghana and Nigeria.

The international Association of Adventist Social Workers utilized Oakwood University graduates in the

founding of the organization. Presently, Ann-Marie Jones, Ph.D., serves as the organization's co-president and teaches at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

One alumnus of Oakwood University, George Ashley, Ph.D., social work department chair, recalls that while he was a student, his professors served as mentors and role models, exemplifying what social work, as a profession, was really all about. "Not only did they teach social work education, but they also modeled social work practice in their lives and by their participation in community development and other practice opportunities within the community.... As I think back on the program, we had multiple opportunities to get involved in social work practice as students, and were encouraged to participate in leadership venues, both on and off campus," he added.

Several graduates of Oakwood University's social work program are

currently serving as educators at other Adventist institutions across the North American Division, including Oliver Davis and Ann-Marie Buchanan, Andrews University; Kesslyn Brade, Columbia Union College; Gary Jones, Southern Adventist University; Standley Gelleneau, Walla Walla University; Eva Forde, Northern Caribbean University; Sibyl Beuleau, LaSierra University; and George Ashley, Helen Fischle, and Lorraine Frye, Oakwood University.

The Adventist Christian perspective is so paramount to the field of social work, it is no wonder interest in this particular area of study has peaked considerably during the past couple of decades. How good to know that our Adventist campuses continue to contribute significantly to this much needed arena of service to God and humanity.

Michele Solomon collaborated with Edith Fraser, Ph.D., and George Ashley, Ph.D., to submit this feature.

Here are what some Oakwood graduates had to say about why they chose to study and/or serve at Adventist institutions:

"As a student, I felt that the faculty and staff of Oakwood University's social work program provided an educational atmosphere that was challenging, supportive, and practical. I felt that my voice was vital to the education process.... As a student, we understood that our skills could be utilized in any professional arena. As a professor at Southern Adventist University's Social Work and Family Studies Department, I have adopted these values and practices in order that my students may leave with the ability to be effective agents of change."—Gary L. Jones, Jr., M.S.W., LGSW, Southern Adventist University.

"The Oakwood University School of Social Work has had a great impact on me as a person, a clinician, and a professor. If I had to attribute it to one thing, that would have to be the professors in the social work department. They all had their very own personal style of teaching and instructing. This

allowed me the opportunity to observe and learn in a way that was paramount to any other experience I have had.... I would also have to say that the caring and compassionate environment had also prepared me to be a caring and compassionate instructor who strives to understand the needs of students." —Gayl Crump-Swabey, M.S.W.

"There are three significant memories that stand out in my [mind] of matriculating through the social work department at Oakwood University. The first is how dedicated the faculty was while I was a student. They didn't mind staying after and giving their time — time that went beyond the regular instructional hours. The second was how they pushed me to excellence. There were times when I thought they were requiring too much from us, and I'm sure they were, but when I went to graduate school, I realized why they did this. The faculty wanted us to be the best we could possibly be.... The

third...[is] the genuine concern for us as students."—Ryan Smith, M.S.W.

"What I found to be most helpful was the professors' open-door advisement policy. Several professors sat down and discussed the benefits of continuing my educational pursuits. Their overt belief in me birthed a sense of confidence that was so inspiring I decided to attend graduate school and later to become a social work educator.

"Throughout my professional journey, I have continued to benefit from their mentoring long after their formal obligation was complete. Their dedication to their students' long-term success and to the social work profession made such a lasting impression that I emulate their model as I seek to research social issues and to share knowledge, values, and skills with my students." —Virletta Bryant, M.S.W., Ph.D.

Florence Student Wins Science Fair

Andrew Woods, an eighth grade student at the Florence Adventist School in South Carolina, won first place in the Earth Science-Space division for grades 6-8 at the 2008 Sand Hills Region IV Science Fair held at Francis



Marion University, March 26-28, 2008.

Woods' project was on using "Pycrete" instead of ice as a refrigerant. Pycrete, a homogenous mixture of water and pine wood particles frozen in a unique way, cools to a lower temperature than ice and stays cooler longer, a great advantage in power outages or in the transportation of sensitive materials.

Woods also won the Discovery Channel's Young Scientist award, which entitles him to compete in the International Science Fair held in Washington, D.C. Woods also won the Presidents' Award for academic excellence, receiving a certificate from the White House and a letter of congratulations from President and Mrs. George Bush.

—BY DANIEL WOODS

Three Angels Film Produced in Carolinas

Charlotte, N.C., University Church member Kris Allen has a desire to share his faith and the Church he loves with others. Which is why he recently embarked upon a new and exciting project, a documentary about the Adventist Church and its mission to proclaim the endtime message.

The film, entitled, "The 3 Angels Messages – As proclaimed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church," showcases how the Church is fulfilling its commission through humanitarian, educational, publishing, health, missionary, broadcast communication, and evangelistic methods. It first details the messages of Revelation 14, and then introduces the viewer to the Church whose mission it is to proclaim it.

With a background in graphic communications, video, and film production, Allen's desire has always been to use these methods to reach the masses with God's love. He joined the Adventist faith through a Prophecy Seminar held at the Charlotte Sharon Church in 1991. "I had been searching for the truth all my life. And when I found the Adventist Church, I knew

I had found what I'd been searching for!" He began his own production company, Revelation Films, as a way to share his faith.



Allen has had the opportunity to work with *Share-Him* and *The Quiet Hour* as a mission segment producer. Seeing the global Church in action, "It was like God took me on a personal tour of His special Church. After viewing it from a global perspective, I was excited to share my experiences with everyone." In partnership with *The Quiet Hour*, he began production on "The 3 Angels Messages" in 2005, with the goal of showing what the Adventist Church is doing around the world.

The new documentary is ideal for sharing with neighbors, friends, and family members, or as a gift to the newly-baptized. It is an excellent way to introduce people to Christ, and invite them to learn more about Seventh-day Adventists.

"The Adventist Church is such a special jewel among the many denominations," says Allen. "It is more than just another church, it's a powerful movement raised up by



Kris Allen preaches during a ShareHim evangelism campaign in Africa.

God Himself, with a special mission to take the good news of God's mercy and salvation to the ends of the Earth."

You can obtain copies of this documentary by visiting www.3angelsdvd.com or by calling *The Quiet Hour* at 800-900-9021.

Invisible School Has Visible Results

Eric Davis, Mark Gregson, Bernadette Ngetich, and Eddie Perez all attend a 100-student Seventh-day Adventist academy in High Point, N.C. It's an invisible school, but it's definitely real.

These four students are part of the Internet-based, Adventist Education for the 21st Century (AE21), distance education program offered by Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla.

What makes this academy unique is that the 100 students and their four full-time and 12 part-time teachers are scattered over 15 states and three different time zones.

As part of this fully-accredited program, teachers provide the majority of their instruction through an online course management program where students



can participate in online discussions, submit work, and obtain grades and feedback. An emphasis on

a personal relationship with Jesus and service to others sets AE21 apart from most other high school distance learning programs.

To enhance the learning experience, students regularly interact with their classmates and teachers in live videoconferencing sessions. The students attend school at their local Seventh-day Adventist Church, Church school (Davis, Gregson, Ngetich, and Perez all meet at Tri-City Christian Academy), or at home. In fact, 90 percent of the AE21 students are from small school sites across the country, with 95 percent going on

to college.

Senior Melissa Owens (pictured left) of Nome, Alaska, is very happy with her two years spent with AE21. As a participant in the famous Iditarod dogsled race in Alaska (Melissa finished 30th this year) AE21 has allowed Melissa to pursue her passion while attending a Seventh-day Adventist school.

"AE21 has given me a chance to keep doing what I love and to continue with an Adventist education," says Owens.

If you would like to learn more about how you can bring AE21 to your community, visit their web site at www.AE21.org.

—BY DON DAVIS

Special Miracle Witnessed in Haw River

The baptism occurred January 12, 2008, though it was supposed to happen in December of 2007.

Jackie Clark had hoped that her husband, Jimmy, would give his heart to the Lord so they both could be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For this reason she asked to be accepted by Profession of Faith into the Haw River Church (formerly the Burlington Church) years ago, in the hope that Jimmy would later join her in baptism.

Clark remained faithful and active in the Church all through Jimmy's illness, praying for a miracle. But sadly, Jimmy died last year,

never committing his life to Christ.

Around this time Lee Fisher began attending Haw River by invitation from Jackie's sister, Kay. He soon became a regular at the Wednesday night Bible study group. The Lord blessed Jimmy and brought him through many health struggles, helping him to quit smoking. He was finding peace in the truths of scripture.

But something else was happening in Fisher's life. A special miracle was developing — not known to their fellow church members — as Fisher and Clark found a special friendship in each other. They decided not

only to give their lives anew to the Lord, but to mutually share their love in marriage.

It turns out Fisher had been baptized in the very same church building many years ago when it belonged

to a Baptist congregation. This time, Clark was with Fisher as he entered the baptistry, and the couple made their commitment to Christ together.

—BY ANDRES SEQUERA



Lee Fisher looks on as Andres Sequera, pastor, baptizes Jackie Clark into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Naples Church Members Help Hurricane Victims

Members from the Naples, Fla., Church traveled to Nicaragua, March 28-April 5, 2008, to work with the Tasba Raya area Meskito Indians after the devastation caused by Hurricane Felix. The mission trip was part of the humanitarian effort of

ACTS' (Active Community Team Services) world relief program.

After the hurricane destroyed 92,000 homes last September, the elderly and single moms with small children were particularly in need of help. Except for

plastic-covered sticks used as ceilings, there had been no roofs over their heads since the hurricane. People huddled together to sleep wherever they could find an enclosed area.

The eight volunteers on the Naples ACTS team repaired six homes during a five-day period. Waves of appreciation followed the group wherever they went. In the Meskito language and in Spanish, the people expressed their thanks with words and hugs. Some even brought fruit and vegetables from the remains of their gardens that had been mostly destroyed by the hurricane.

As the mission trip began, flight delays, misplaced luggage, and primitive accommodations did not dampen the spirit of these

volunteers. God's protecting hand guided them as they prepared for an emergency return one day early to the States when unrest broke out in the city of Puerto Cabezas where they were to board a plane.

Getting to the plane required several modes of transportation: truck, bus, taxi, as well as walking. They were the only mission team allowed to cross through the road blocks. Thankfully, they got the last eight seats on the last plane out of the area. Later, they learned that the airport had been barricaded and no planes were allowed to fly.

Plans are under way to make a return trip to Nicaragua next year.

—BY MARLENE SMITH



Naples team members: Herb Boothby (left), Ken Teakell, Dan Smith, Bob Snyder, Jackie Hernandez, Ariel Hernandez, Aaron Winans, and Leo Heddix.



The mission group rebuilt this home for a mom and daughter.



When political unrest created road blocks in Puerto Cabezas, the Naples mission team was the only mission group given clearance to proceed to the airport. Transportation to their plane included bus, taxi, truck, and walking for more than half a mile.

Hurricane Season Tips

The Florida Conference family is praying for a quiet hurricane season; however, Adventist Community Service and disaster response leaders need to make every effort to prepare for the worst:

- Organize and activate a band of hurricane prayer warriors.
- Stay tuned to the news for weather updates.
- Regularly inform church members of news.
- Organize and mobilize volunteer responders.
- Stock up on resources (cash and kind) for a possible disaster.
- Obtain contact information for all public and private disaster relief agencies in your area.

—CONRAD DUNCAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION/VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

ACTS is designated as Florida Conference's official disaster relief agency. The appropriate way to obtain ACTS' help in a disaster is through the local church.

North Florida Camp Meeting Goes Western

Florida Conference's traditional North Florida Camp Meeting transformed early this year into Cowboy Camp Meeting and attracted more than 1,800 people to Camp Kulaqua near High Springs. Bill Einhellig, Cowboy Camp Meetings of America director from Gentry, Ark., coordinated the weekend event.

"As a team, we were spiritually filled in our own lives from having been there," said Einhellig.

"I feel we reached out to people who had not been in church for a long time, and this gave them a connection back," said Phil Younts, Conference administrative director of camp ministries.

Featured speaker was Jim Gilley, president of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). Music guests included Driven Quartet; Mark Trammel Trio; Andrew Ishee, pianist; Sarah Jilge and Joe Pearles, soloists; and Robert McGuire, worship leader.

Appreciation for the weekend prompted a North Florida Camp Meeting Committee vote to host Cowboy Camp Meeting again — March 6-8, 2009.



Driven Quartet provided sounds of Southern gospel music.

"We'll bring a new program to next year's camp meeting," says Einhellig. "We plan to diversify enough so we draw those back who were there and, at the same time, provide enough of the same type of program to draw people who were not able to attend this year.

"Next year, Driven Quartet, Robert McGuire, and Sarah Jilge will return. Spoken 4, a group of young men who are rapidly becoming well-known, will join them. This group's pianist, Tommy Fairchild, has won Grammy Awards and has played with the Blackwood Brothers and The Oak Ridge Boys."

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL



PHOTOS: LEE BENNETT

Robert McGuire (right), led spirit-filled music throughout the weekend with Andrew Isbee on piano.



Sarah Jilge, 13, touched hearts with her musical selections.



Cowboy hats stood in for traditional offering plates.



Haystacks and fellowship provided a memorable Sabbath meal.



Glenn and Helen Rice Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Glenn and Helen Rice celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 1, 2008. After service in the military medical corps, Glenn met Helen, his bride to be, when they both attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

After college graduation, Glenn attended medical school at Loma Linda University. He practiced medicine for 40 years while Helen was a homemaker raising daughters Glenda, Karen, and Cindy, and son Bob. They have two grandchildren, Ryan and Kristin, and three great-grandchildren, Gaby, Riley, and Aubrey.

Bulletin

- More than 120 attended Atlanta Belvedere Church's first Park Ministry Social, April 27, 2008, in Atlanta, Ga.

- The Youth Crusaders ShareHim group, of 12 young people, ages 10-17, held their first full-scale evangelistic series at the McDonald Road Church in Tenn., with 10 decisions for baptism.

- The Cohutta, Ga., Church recently held an "8 Weeks to Wellness" seminar at the Cohutta Community Center.

- The Hixson, Tenn., Church held a June Vacation Bible School. Nearly half of the children who attended were from the community.

- The Peachtree City, Ga., Church feeds the homeless of Atlanta the first weekend of every month. On June 7, 2008, the group brought enough food for 150 people, but by the end of the day they had fed more than 300.

- Don't miss the Northeast Tennessee Church Retreat, September 26-28, at The Oaks, near Greeneville, Tenn. Visit www.gccsda.com for more details.

- Audio and video from Olde Time Camp Meeting and Collegedale Camp Meeting are available at www.gccsda.com.

—COMPILED BY
MADISON KEIZER

Olde Time Camp Meeting Held

"Victory in Jesus" was the theme for Olde Time Camp Meeting where 300 people attended worship services under an open air pavilion, June 19-21, 2008, at the Meister Memorial Church grounds in Deer Lodge, Tenn. The guest speaker was Wendell Stover, pastor of the Chatsworth and Ranger churches in Georgia.

Susan Mills, from Col-

legedale, Tenn., director of the Sabbath afternoon featured musical group, Renaissance, shared that she grew up attending outdoor camp meeting in New York Conference. "It reminds me of childhood and those memories," she said.

—BY TAMARA
WOLCOTT FISHER



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The entire camp meeting program was packed with good old fashioned music and a variety of presentations.

Hispanic Camp Meeting Draws 1,400

Edgar Brito, president of the Venezuelan Adventist University in Nirgua,



TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Approximately 1,400 people attended this year's Hispanic Camp Meeting.

Venezuela, was the guest speaker for 1,400 individuals during the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting, June 13-15, 2008, at Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga.

Other events from the weekend included a 60-congregation flag parade and Bible contest. "The

objective of the flag celebration is to celebrate our growth, motivate continued growth, and help the congregations realize we are a big family through the conference," says Neftaly Ortiz, Conference ministerial director for Latin Ministries and Hispanic Camp Meeting coordinator.

The Conference has held Hispanic Camp Meetings for more than 20 years.

—BY TAMARA
WOLCOTT FISHER

Korean Camp Meeting Held in May

Five hundred people attended the 18th annual Georgia-Cumberland Conference Korean Camp Meeting, May 16 and 17. The weekend brought together 11 Korean churches from the Conference.

The theme for the weekend was "The Practical Theology of Relationships," which focused on ways to improve relationships between families, friends, and church members. Featured

speaker Sung Hyun Um, Ph.D., specializes in family ministries and is the pastor of the Upper Room Fellowship in Temple City, Calif.

"Our faith has everything to do with meeting one another in a most profound way — in a way that the world cannot provide," said Um.

—BY REBECCA BROOKS



REBECCA BROOKS

Featured speaker Sung Hyum Um, Ph.D., shares the Sabbath morning message at Korean Camp Meeting.

Conyers Hispanic Organized as 156th Church

The Conyers, Ga., Hispanic Church was officially organized as the 156th church in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, June 21, 2008. The group began meeting in 2000 with eight people from the Atlanta First Church.

“The organization of this church has been made possible by a group of dedicated laymen who, compelled by a vision of establishing a church for the growing Hispanic community east of Atlanta, refused to give up when success seemed distant and uncertain,” said Steve Haley, Conference vice president for administration/

secretariat. “Through prayer, faith, hard work, and a commitment to prioritize personal evangelism above all things, God has brought the Conyers Hispanic Church from dream to reality.”

During the service, church member Janet Cuadros shared how the Conyers Hispanic Church led her to God. “I had heard very little about [the Conyers Hispanic Church], but I decided to go find it,” she said. “I thank God because not only did He show me the way, He showed me a home...In the Conyers Church I found a circle of unconditional friends.”



Members sign the charter member list of the Conyers Hispanic Church.

Ed Wright, Conference president, said, “Today we celebrate the birth of this new church, but that is only the beginning of your experience in growing this

family...I hope you will still experience the same love, acceptance, and encouragement in this place.”

—BY REBECCA BROOKS

Evangelism Scholarships Offered

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference announces a new scholarship opportunity — the Student Evangelist Scholarship for up to 10 students during 2008. This new venture, patterned after a model in use at the Arizona Conference, was developed by Ed Wright, Conference president, and

Cynthia Gettys, Conference vice president for education, and funded by the Conference’s evangelism budget. It was developed to provide matching dollars for returning academy or college-age students interested in evangelism.

Wright stated, “This is one of the most valuable opportunities available to our Conference members. If they become involved in evangelism as a student, it is our hope they will remain involved in

evangelism through their adult years.”

To qualify for up to \$1,000 from the Conference, the student must preach a full 16- to 18-night evangelistic series at an overseas destination. To qualify for up to \$1,500 from the Conference, they must preach a full 16- to 18-night evangelistic series connected with a Conference church. Atlanta Adventist Academy, Collegedale Academy, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, and Southern Adventist University have all agreed to participate in this matching program.

Details and the scholarship application are available at www.gccsda.com.

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Smalls Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary



Katherine and James Small celebrated their 65th year of marriage, September 21, 2007. The Smalls attend Greeneville, Tenn., Church. The couple met in nurses training in 1939, and were married in 1942 before James served as a medic in the Air Force for three years. The couple then worked in the medical field for many years. Their strong faith has remained an unmovable force in their lives and has been an inspiration to family and friends.



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Columbia Church Hosts Community Play Day



The church's goal is to build a positive image in the community by hosting free events, most of which are targeted toward the youth.

Exciting! Unusual! Colorful! Fun! These are some of the expressions used to describe the recent Community Play Day hosted by the Columbia, Miss., Church. Three huge, inflatable jumpers — the Jungle, the Castle, and the Monster Truck — were rented by the church one Sunday for the neighborhood children to enjoy during the summer vacation. Although the temperature was hotter than anticipated, the children

didn't seem to mind.

The jumpers, as well as refreshments and crafts, were provided by women's ministries. "Even though our church is small, our church members and women's ministries department are always thinking of ways we can reach our community with low-cost activities," reports Lynne Powell, women's ministries coordinator. "Last year we held our first "Free School Supplies Giveaway." It was

so successful we are planning to make it an annual event."

"Our goal is to be a benefit to our community by hosting free events throughout the year, most of which are targeted to the youth," said Bill Devine, pastor. "In addition, we hope to build a positive image in the citizens' minds concerning our church."

The members utilize no-cost public service advertising through the local

radio station and newspaper, plus door-to-door invitations. The young members are not bashful about walking with the pastor, knocking on doors, and inviting the community children.

The church's evangelism council is planning several projects to reach out to the community in preparation for the upcoming evangelistic meeting in the fall.

Hills Receive John Hancock Award of Excellence

The Pathfinder Council presented the John Hancock Award of Excellence to Bob and Bea Hill on the first Saturday evening during Gulf States camp meeting. The Hills have spent a large portion of their time, talents, and life working for young people. They have been a part of the Conference Pathfinder Council since its inception more than 20 years ago. They were staff members on the first teen mission trip in 1990, and have served on each one

since then. They have taken on many responsibilities on these trips. Both have been the trip directors and bus drivers. Bea Hill served for many years as the mission trip Vacation Bible School director, and her husband coordinated the work projects.

Besides her involvement with Pathfinders, she volunteers her time as the Adventurer Club coordinator for the Conference, and also serves on the North American Division Ad-

venturer Council.

Other activities for Bob Hill include directing an annual rock climbing and a caving teen invitational for the youth.

—BY
REBECCA
GRICE



Bob Hill (left); Bob Kimbro, Pathfinder Council chairperson; Bea Hill; and Jeff Wood, Conference youth director

Opelika First Church Breaks Ground



Local church and Conference leaders symbolically scooped up dirt to commence the construction of the new church building.

April 22, 2008 marked a special milestone for the Opelika, Ala., First Church. For three years, the church has met in a renovated house on their current property of 7.3 acres. The members agree that this prime property, with frontage to a main thoroughfare, will provide a visible setting to their new church building,

was Heaven sent.

In 2005, Sam's Wholesale Club purchased the church's old property for \$1.35 million. The property had originally been purchased in 1981, and the former church was built there in 1985. With the proceeds from the sale of that property, the members were able to purchase their

new location for \$300,000 and still have more than one million dollars in reserve for a new church.

The ground-breaking service was well planned. Under the shade of a white canopy, several church members gathered as Don Shelton, Conference ministerial director, opened the special occasion with a prayer of thanksgiving. Then Lee Whitman, Opelika pastor, welcomed everyone. As one of the senior charter members, Jackie Rogers highlighted Opelika's history.

Joe Ruscin, the architect and owner of Design Plus, revealed a view of the new church comprising approximately 9,360 square feet of family-friendly space for both worship and ministry.

Melvin Eisele, Confer-

ence president, spoke words of encouragement to the group of believers. After, a prayer of dedication by Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary, church and Conference leaders donned hard hats and picked up golden shovels for the long-awaited moment. Clumps of fresh grass and sod were scooped up as earth was moved to symbolically commence the construction of Opelika's new church.

In May the Gulf States Conference Association Board of Trustees approved the plans for the church, and a construction contract was signed with a projected cost of approximately \$930,000. It is fully expected that the new Opelika Church will open its doors debt-free.

—BY LESLIE LOUIS

Birmingham First Youth Enjoy VBS, WOW Wednesday

Vacation Bible School graduation for the more than 60 children at the Birmingham First Church was the completion of a very successful VBS and the beginning of a new program designed for all members of the family.

WOW Wednesday was scheduled to begin on the following Wednesday evening and continue throughout the summer. Activities begin with supper at six o'clock. At seven, attendees will choose from a variety of classes and seminars. These include a traditional prayer meeting, fun activities and classes for all youth, classes

on parenting, a seminar on how addictions affect society, a praise session, and an exercise class. Each month the seminar topics will change so that all interests are met.

Under the direction of Madeline Young and Tamie Fernandez, the church has sponsored successful VBS programs, with good community participation, for many years. "We always wanted to follow up on our contacts, but we were all too tired to do much after everything was over," says Fernandez. "Now others are helping with WOW Wednesday and we're excited!"

As a result of the children's exposure to the church through VBS, community parents have enrolled their children at the church's school, Hoover Christian School.

This year several of the school's teachers were involved with VBS, and one parent whose child attends the school, but is a member of another faith, also volunteered to help.



Because of WOW Wednesday, the fun doesn't have to end for these VBS graduates.

Karl Doemer, Birmingham First pastor, sums it up this way, "This is true ministry."

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Pewee Valley Students Conduct Evangelism Series

In the summer of 2007, the Pewee Valley, Ky., Church hosted the ASI Youth for Jesus program. Students from Pewee Valley were exposed to young people who were on fire for Jesus, and some of them took part in the training. These students enjoyed their time working with the ASI group.

The teachers at Pewee Valley Junior Academy, wanted to keep this enthusiasm alive and looked for ways to keep the energy going. The thought came that the students could conduct their own evangelistic series. But, could elementary school students succeed at such a bold endeavor? With a lot of prayer, teachers decided to take on the challenge.

When the students were presented with the idea, they were excited. Each student would take on one topic and present a single sermon. Students that were not preaching were given responsibilities such as greeters, hosts, registration, and special music. The series would be presented for one week entirely by the students.

The series was scheduled for March 2008 and students received their sermons in January. Each week Rich Teller, pastor, and Brian Hadley, associate pastor, met with

students to rehearse and perfect their talks. Carly Hadley worked with students to create music to enhance the topics of the evening. The goal was to have the students preach confidently as well as cre-



Morgan McDonald

ate an environment where the students couldn't help but succeed.

The theme "Into Every Heart" was chosen because the message of Jesus was to reach the heart of

every individual present. Full-color brochures were created and handed out to the congregation. Students invited family, friends, and neighbors.

By the first night, the students were ready to go. There was a buzz in the air as the host welcomed everyone. After a brief song service, the speaking

began. Each speaker spoke clearly and confidently. The evenings were inspiring and every-

one who attended stated that they were truly blessed. Several people responded to the altar calls and rededicated their hearts to the Lord.

These meetings were



Austin Neuner

just the start of what will continue at Pewee Valley Junior Academy. The students are now ready to prepare for another series and extend the topics.

These students are showing what Christian education is all about. Not only are students being trained for this world, but now they are excited and ready to continue preaching the Gospel "to all the world."

Student speakers included Jessica Barnett, Jillian Barnett, Lexi Hartline, Marcus Hassan, J. T. Johns, Morgan McDonald, John Moriarty, Rebekah Moriarty, Ashley Neuner, Austin Neuner, Danny Pauliah, Darin Shepherd, Selina Shepherd, and Kaytlyn Sizemore.

—BY RENEE OTTS



The student choir provided music for the meetings.

Women Minister in Shelbyville

On April 12 and 13 the Shelbyville, Ky., Church women's ministries held their ninth annual local women's retreat. This is a tradition started in 1999 by the women from the Gratz Church in an effort to unite the three small churches of that district, Gratz, Shelbyville, and Lawrenceburg.

The Gratz women held the retreat at their church for the first three years, then started a



rotation among the three churches. Every year there are between 30 and 50 women who attend including some from the Pewee Valley and Middletown churches.

This year the retreat was held at Chandler Ridge, a local lodge in Bagdad, Ky. There were 38 women that attended Sabbath and 29 that stayed that

night. Some of the women who live close by returned on Sunday for the close of the program and brunch.

The theme this year was "In His Time." Hazel Burns, associate pastor of the Kettering Church in Kettering, Ohio, gave a presentation on how God can use His people anytime and anywhere. She was accompanied by Desi Harning, who gave her testimony and a concert.

—BY JULIE LA PLANTE

A Child Shall Lead

This is the year of evangelism at Louisville, Ky., First Church. The focus for Vacation Bible School this summer was outreach, with the goal to reach children in the church and those in the neighborhoods surrounding the church. They were invited to a dynamic program and introduced to a strong and loving personal Savior. The best advertisement was when the children invited their friends.

At the request of Louisville Junior Academy's K-2 teacher, Kristi de Melo, registration forms were delivered to her classroom. De Melo asked for the forms because, as she stated, "We have a little evangelist in our class. Golda Ruckle is really

promoting VBS to her classmates who don't attend our church."

Golda, a very energetic seven year old, had invited her friend and classmate Max, who is not an Adventist, to come to "Power Lab." She told him, "Last



Tim Madding, pastor, really got involved with the Power Lab program leading the singing with his guitar.

year VBS was so much fun, and this year there is a science theme." She was so successful at making the program sound fun, that Max invited one of his

neighborhood friends. Golda explained, "I invited Max because he had never really been to our church, and I wanted him to know about Jesus."

The VBS program, Power Lab, is endorsed by the General Conference. Children were placed in small groups called crews. They were led from one station to the next by crew leaders. The crews rotated through seven stations each night. At each station the leader reinforced the daily Bible point in different and exciting ways. Power Lab was science-themed and focused on "Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power." Each time the daily Bible point was spoken, the



Kurt (left.), Max, and Golda are excited about discovering Jesus' miraculous power through the Power Lab program.

children responded with a rousing *Aha!* and pointed to Heaven.

Golda was there with her friend, Max, and his neighbor, Kurt. Max's father attended the Friday night program and participated in the fun. Because of one little girl, three people were introduced to Jesus, Who gives the power to be thankful, helpful, brave, immortality, and to tell others about Him.

—BY LIANNE MCCONNELL

“Experience the Joy” Draws Large Attendance



William L. Winston (left), Conference executive secretary; Rear Admiral Clara Cobb; Vanard Mendingball, Conference president; and Larry Johnson, Conference treasurer

“The South Atlantic Conference empowers and encourages its members to invite people to know Jesus and experience the joy of salvation.” This is the Conference’s mission statement, and it was from this statement that the theme for camp meeting and the entire calendar year originated. “Experience the Joy” was the theme for the 10-day gathering at the River Oaks Camp in Orangeburg, S.C.

The economic strains of the times raised questions of whether or not the members would be in attendance as in years past. However, Joseph McCoy, director of the Regional Retirement Plan, reminded all that faithful

stewards of God need not worry about the economic difficulties during this time. As prices rise, so does giving to the cause of God. His statements were evident in the large numbers that attended the encampment during the last weekend. Many members who could not attend, along with some church congregations, took advantage of the Internet streaming service provided by Churchpond and viewed each of the services on their computers.

Each morning, noon, and evening service were filled with powerful preaching which incorporated “experiencing the joy.” The speaker for the first Sabbath service was James Doggette, D.Min., professor of religion at Oakwood University. On that same Sabbath, the Conference honored one of its members, Rear Admiral Clara Cobb. She is the first African American female to attain

this status in the department of Public Health Service, and also serves as the assistant to the Surgeon General of the United States.

Charles D. Brooks presented a moving message during the second Sabbath’s worship service, which was followed that

afternoon by the ordination service. The ordainees were John Pooler and Donovan Washington.

Pooler has served in South Atlantic for four years and is presently the pastor of the Greenville/Kinston district in North Carolina. Washington served for three years in the Central States Conference, and two years in the Nevada-Utah Conference before joining South Atlantic in 2007. He and his wife, Tahirah Barnes-Washington, are serving the Goldsboro/LaGrange district in North Carolina. Craig Newborn, se-



The attendees of the “Origins of Faith” seminar assembled after the graduation service for a class picture.

nior pastor of the Oakwood University Church, was the speaker for the service.

Stephen Brooks, Conference youth director, was instrumental in designing a dynamic program for the youth. Keith Gray, Southwest Region Conference youth director, and motivational speaker Jonathan Rolle, along with the drama group Lyrics & Melodies, captivated the attention of the senior youth, while the junior youth department was treated to presentations by Mike Faison. There was an intentional evangelistic effort placed on the youth



Mike Faison instructs the junior youth on the importance of good nutrition to stay healthy.

programs this camp meeting, which resulted in 12 baptisms.

Camp meeting is known for good preaching, but there were interesting workshops available too. One of the most popular workshops was “Origins of Faith.” Lawrence Hamilton, Conference ministerial director, and Drake Barber, pastor of Mt. Olive and First Riverdale churches in

metro Atlanta, conducted this course, which consisted of comparing the core beliefs of 20 different denominations based on the Bible. They also learned how to give a Bible study just by using their Bible markings. The class of 138 was attended by senior citizens and young adults. As a result of the information given, a young woman became a Seventh-day Adventist. There was a graduation program held at the conclusion with each participant receiving a diploma.

—BY JAMES K. LAMB



William Winston (left), newly ordained pastor Donovan Washington and his wife, Tabirah; Ephel Pooler with her son, newly ordained pastor John Pooler; Vanard Mendingball; and Larry Johnson

Four-Star General Visits Abney Chapel

General William “Kip” Ward, the only active African American Four-Star General in the military, visited Abney Chapel Church in Fayetteville, N.C. General Ward was recently hand-picked by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and subsequently confirmed by Congress to be the first commander of the newly formed U. S. Africa Command (AFRICOM).

Ward selected an Abney Chapel member, Colonel Dyfied Harris, to

be his executive officer. Colonel Harris is the son of long time Abney Chapel members Ruth and the late Fred Harris, Jr. After reading a book written by Colonel Harris’ brother, Ward insisted on meeting his mother and family. The book, entitled, *It All Starts At Home*, tells how Colonel Harris’ parents successfully raised nine children.

Ward attended Abney Chapel’s worship service where he received a warm and enthusiastic welcome

from the pastor, Crawford Humphrey, and the Abney Chapel members. Ward was impressed with the church members and the Harris family. Other Harris siblings who are Adventists include Larry C. Harris, M.D. (author of the book); Deborah Harris, Ph.D.; Mitchell; Michael; Mabel; Freda; Ruth; and the oldest, the late Fred Harris, III, D.D.S.

—BY CRAWFORD HUMPHREY



Colonel Dyfied Harris (left), Ruth Harris, and General William “Kip” Ward

Group Brings Hope to the Hopeless

Jesus said in His Word that the two greatest commandments were to love the Lord with all thy heart and soul, and to love your brother as thyself. The men of Hope for the Hopeless Inc. are carrying these words into the deepest, darkest areas in the city of Atlanta. Hope for the Hopeless Incorporated (HFH Inc.) is a group of men who go out every Sabbath morning and distribute food, clothes, and spiritual literature to the homeless community.

This group of dedicated volunteers sprung from the Maranatha Church in Atlanta, Ga., and has been going strong for more than one year. They received non-profit status in 2007, and took on the name Hope for the Hopeless. The idea behind the name is that it’s one thing to be homeless, but it is another thing to be hopeless. The blessing of

this ministry is in meeting a homeless person, and sharing a smile, lunch, and the love of Jesus — you have just given him a bit of hope.

There are times when the group has gone into the homeless shelter to distribute items, to find that what awaits them is most deplorable. There are malnourished men sitting in a dimly lit room with a look of depression and despair on every face — just sitting there staring at nothing. Some bury their heads with the hope that sleep will carry them away from their reality and their existence. Words of encouragement are sometimes hard to speak to people who have lost the basic desire to be out in the fresh air and sunshine. It’s that kind of



Hope for the Hopeless volunteers are with B.J. (left), one of the men from the shelter: Joey Powell, Dennis Ray, Brevard Benton, and Reggie Mat-tison (kneeling), Southern Union sign engineer.

man that HFH Inc. wants to reach.

On average, the volunteers will feed 100 to 175 people each Sabbath morning. The blessing, however, isn’t just in passing out food, but in the interaction with the men in need of assistance. Relationships have been established and friendships have been formed. The looks on the faces when the caravan arrives is truly a sight that goes

beyond description. More than anything the volunteers for HFH Inc. don’t desire notoriety. At the very core, they just want to give every person they meet a little bit of Jesus.

The assumption that many have about the homeless is that they are all drug addicts and alcoholics, but the reality is there are many who have just faced unfortunate

circumstances in life. While a good amount of homeless battle with substance abuse or depression, these same issues can be found in every church in America.

As we walk with Christ daily, we need to remember to help the less fortunate and be compassionate as we venture to point them to Jesus through witnessing and giving.

—BY EDWIN S. POWELL

Youth Congress Held in Kentucky

They came from near and far, by bus and by car. The youth who came to celebrate the theme, “Let Go, and Let God,” represented constituents from northern Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. The

theme was designed to encourage young people to cease relying on self-sufficiency and to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ fully and completely.

The Lexington, Ky., Convention Center underwent a transformation on March 28, 2008. The city of Lexington’s largest event facility was transformed into a worship and praise center for South Central youth and guests.

Lima Drive Church in Lexington, was the host church for this year’s Youth Congress; Debleaire



MICHAEL HARPE

There were 326 delegates and more than 2,200 people in attendance on Sabbath for divine worship. Of that number, hundreds came forward to give their hearts to Christ. These were not just the young people, but also those who are young-at-heart, who heard the call of Jesus and responded.

the Radisson Hotel. The breakfast was followed by exciting and Spirit-filled morning worship services. The hotel staff also prepared buffet dinners each day.

The entire weekend represented a time where the youth could come to-

Snell is the pastor. Officers and members of the Magazine Street Church in Louisville also assisted in the life-changing event; Kennedy Lockett is the pastor.

The objective of the Congress was to bring young men and women in close connection with Jesus, as well as a life-saving relationship. The days were packed with a variety of activities — interactive workshops and seminars, prayer, and uplifting music designed for young people to connect with Jesus.

Each day start-



MICHAEL HARPE

Lorenzo Shepberd (center), pastor of the Springfield and Franklin, Tenn., churches, is the former South Central youth director and was inducted into the South Central Youth Ministries Hall of Fame. Vandeon Griffin (left) and Roy Parham pose with Shepberd.

gether, fellowship, and represent to the Lexington community what Christian Adventist youth believe.

The scheduled Pathfinder parade was rained out. Nevertheless, South Central youth represented themselves well among those who were in attendance at the Convention Center complex and to others attending different events at the adjoining Rupp Arena, Hyatt Regen-



CHRISTOPHER BAILEY

Benjamin Browne, South Central president, and his wife, Janice Browne, Ph.D., greet worshippers.

ed with a brisk walk at 5:45 a.m., through the downtown area of the city. After returning, the delegates and their chaperones were provided a delicious vegetarian buffet breakfast, served by



CHRISTOPHER BAILEY

Roy Parham (left), Conference associate youth director, and Vandeon Griffin, Conference youth director (right), were inducted into the South Central Youth Ministries Hall of Fame. Les Rilea, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries field representative for the Southern Union Conference, poses with them.



MICHAEL HARPE

There was music, music, and music. The Congress choirs, groups, and praise teams were energetic, uplifting, and inspirational each day, with a finale concert on Sabbath afternoon.

cy Hotel, and the Radisson Hotel.

The Friday morning devotionals were conducted by two young men who were filled with the Holy Spirit: Joseph Moore from Lexington, and James Doggett Jr., a theology major and teen pastor at his father's church, Madison Mission in Huntsville, Ala.

On Friday evening, the young people were challenged by Laurent

Grosevenor, youth pastor from the United Kingdom, with the message "You Came, You Saw, You Conquered!" Grosevenor challenged the young people with the statement, "Rather than sitting on the premises, why not stand on the promises!"

On Sabbath, the Lord's presence was manifested even more as Michael B. Kelly, pastor from Lincoln, Neb., led the convocation



CHRISTOPHER BAILEY

The days were packed with a variety of activities — basketball, interactive workshops, seminars, and prayer.

to a mountain-top experience as he presented the divine worship message. Hundreds came forward, some with tears, giving their hearts to Christ, some for the first time, others for recommitment. These were not just the young people, but also those who are young-at-heart, who heard the call of Jesus and responded.

Next year's Youth Congress

is already anticipated and scheduled for Birmingham, Ala.

—BY CHRISTOPHER BAILEY



MICHAEL HARPE

Michael B. Kelly, pastor from Lincoln, Neb., was the dynamic Sabbath speaker.



MICHAEL HARPE

Joi McCall (left) and Paige Reynolds, South Park Pathfinder Club, Birmingham, Ala., exhibit smiles that capture the essence of Youth Congress.



CHRISTOPHER BAILEY

Children are special little people, and for them Kids Congress was creative, exciting, a lot of fun, and educational.

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eAdventist is the North American Division's (NAD) official software program for conferences and local churches to manage their membership lists. Used in 57 out of 58 conferences Division-wide, and by more than 1,900 local church clerks, eAdventist provides state-of-the-art SSL encrypted web-based program, which allows church clerks to securely log in and update information, such as members' names and addresses, family structure changes, baptisms, and deaths; request and accept membership transfers electronically; and much more.

Benefits for Clerks and Members

With address information kept current in eAdventist, members can easily be added to the church officer list (instantly being added to the information for your conference's directory), various church and conference committees, or listed as delegates to conference constituency sessions. For instance, if you are selected as a church officer or delegate for a constituency session, your church and conference clerks will be able

to send you the required information for your area of responsibility or the session information.

Benefits for Pastors

With the centralized nature of this program, as

copy, contact your local church clerk.

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NATHAN ZINNER

Kathy Ward, Atlanta Berean Church clerk, demonstrates how easy it is to process membership transfers, maintain the membership roster, and much more through the eAdventist software.

soon as your church clerk — or conference clerk if your local clerk is not yet using eAdventist — saves any change, this updated information is available to the conference for their required duties, including, as another example, facilitating the delivery of your monthly issue of *Southern Tidings*. All members of the Southern Union Conference churches should be regularly receiving a complimentary copy of *Southern Tidings*. If you are not receiving your

list and be able to print up-to-the minute membership and statistical reports. Pastors can even track new baptisms and transfers, and have up-to-date address information for visitation. New features are planned for eAdventist that will allow your pastor even more flexibility with monitoring interested visitors to your church.

Other tasks that church clerks and pastors can accomplish through eAdventist:

- Verifying the existence

to look up your church. Listings include a church or organization profile and a link to the web site, if any. These search capabilities will allow you to find the closest church for your next vacation, or to discover whether there are Adventist schools near the town where you or a loved one are considering relocating. eAdventist is improving the organization of information for Seventh-day Adventist churches today.

—BY SHERRI INGRAM-HUDGINS

Wildwood's Hospital Reopens to Public

The hospital at Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, in Wildwood, Ga., reopened to the public on June 9, after being closed for about one year.

To complete the reopening process, six inspectors conducted a three-day recertification process, during which no deficiencies were found.

While being assessed, staff members answered many questions posed by the inspectors, including questions related to Seventh-day Adventists and health.

"Some of the people that were inspecting us were quite impressed about how different everyone was at this facility," says Lynn Carpenter, director of nurses for Wildwood Hospital, "They asked what made Seventh-day Adventists different from other denominations, and we were able to answer that."

As the inspectors observed, Wildwood Hospital is a place to come for health and healing that offers more than a conventional hospital. The hospital's team of internal

medicine doctors is able to treat the full spectrum of medical conditions using primarily natural remedies. Some of the diseases that they treat include diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, depression, and cancer.

"Wildwood uses natural remedies because it is the biblical way of taking care of the sick," Carpenter says. "The council that we have in the Spirit of Prophecy is also to use the natural remedies — of which there are eight."

The eight natural remedies are exercise, sunlight, water, nutrition, temperance, fresh air, rest, and trust in God. Drawing from these, the staff is able to customize treatments to a person's indi-

vidual needs, both physically and spiritually.

"We look for opportunities," says Donna Anthes, a hospital nurse, "to share spiritual insights with the patients when they are discouraged."

Carpenter agrees, "The doctors and staff are dedicated to help the patients in every way.

When treating patients, the doctors will also pray with and for them."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI



Computer Donations Go to Schools in Need

Southern's School of Education and Psychology donated 20 computers to four schools in the Southern Union this summer.

Every three years for the past decade, the EdTech Lab, a state-of-the-art classroom and computer lab in the School of Education and Psychology, has donated computers and other hardware to schools with limited resources.

The schools that received them this year were

Laurelbrook Elementary, Heritage Academy, Savannah Elementary, and Memphis Junior Academy.

The donation was a blessing for Shymone Moses, a teacher at Laurelbrook Elementary School, who was given eight computers for her classroom.

"We'd received donations from other schools," says Moses, "but they were not operational. I've been pray-

ing, and the Lord blessed with these computers."

These donations are

one way School of Education and Psychology shows its commitment to helping schools.

"We feel that we have a responsibility to our communities," says John Wesley Taylor, education professor, "whether it's schools, students, or teachers, to help them be more effective in what they're doing."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI



Graduate assistant Rob Scott hands over a computer to Shymone Moses for use in her classroom at Laurelbrook Elementary School.

Student Missionaries Rise to the Call

Southern has seen a jump in the number of student missionaries from 75 to 100 this year.

Brennon Kristein, Southern's chaplain, attributes this increase to the dedication of Gayle Moore, student missions coordinator, and the student missions club officers who work together to promote the student missions program.

Throughout the past school year, the officers

met weekly to brainstorm how they could support and encourage more students to accept the call to work in a



mission field.

As a former student missionary, Kristein is also very passionate about student missions.

"My year as a student missionary changed me more than any year before or since," Kristein says. "It was an absolutely pivotal, critical year. I have a passion that as many students as possible go and have the opportunity for their lives to be changed."

When Kristein came to Southern in 2007, he set a goal for the University to send out 10 percent of the student body as student missionaries every year. This increase is a big step toward realizing that goal.

"Mission trips keep alive the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," says Kristein. "We are to be a movement. We are to be active in getting out."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI

Student Receives NextGen Leaders Award

Laurel Dominesey, a senior non-profit administration and development major at Southern, has been awarded an American Humanics NextGen Leaders scholarship.

The NextGen Leaders scholarship is an award designed to focus on the need for the next generation of strong, passionate leaders in

the nonprofit sector.

"The nonprofit internship," says Kala Stroup, president of American Humanics, "allows American Humanics students to apply what they have learned through coursework and live the daily routine of a nonprofit professional."

Dominesey is one of 66 American Humanics stu-

dents across the nation to receive the \$4,500 scholarship, which is provided to help cover the living and educational expenses during a 300-hour internship. Dominesey's internship will be with Western New York Land Conservancy.

In addition to the scholarship, Dominesey will also be paired with a nonprofit

professional to mentor her during the internship.

"Being selected as a NextGen Leader," says Stroup, "is a nationally recognized honor for the student, for Southern Adventist University, and the campus' American Humanics Program."

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI

Young Adults Experience GODencounters

BY LISA HOPE



LISA HOPE

Young adults participate in the service project Sunday morning after camp meeting.

“Make me a servant, humble and meek...” The words from the familiar song caused me to stop short. The four young adults cleaning the long-neglected, roach-infested kitchen of this downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee, home continued, “Lord, let me lift up those who are weak...”

Young Adult Camp Meeting in Collegedale, May 28-31, 2008, had concluded the previous night, except for the 10 young adults participating in the “morning after” service project by fixing up a home in downtown Chattanooga, on June 1.

During camp meeting, the young adult division had joined with GODencounters, focusing on “Worship as a Way of Life” as the theme.

GODencounters (www.godencounters.org) is a movement of young adults who are wholeheartedly seeking a 24/7 experience with the living God, recklessly living for His renown. The movement grew out of Florida Conference’s Young Adult Camp Meeting seven years ago and is spreading around the country. More than a program, GODencounters aims to deepen devotion with Jesus by developing disciples and walking in His footsteps.

During the weekend, the Collegedale Church sanctuary filled with, quite possibly, record numbers of young adults. The worship led by Joe Horness, associate pastor and director of worship arts at the Bay Pointe Community Church, Traverse City, Michigan, was deep and engaging. The messages presented by Sam Leonor, LaSierra University chaplain, were food and water for the soul.

“I was truly blessed,” said John, age 24. “The work that God did in my heart over the weekend was incredible.”

Tanya, age 30, shared “[GODencounters] really made me think about

aspects of my worship life where I am just going through the motions and places where I am a little dry.... This weekend helped me to see ways that God and I can connect more and I can surrender more of my heart to Him.”



REBECCA BROOKS

Sam Leonor speaks in the Collegedale Church on Friday evening.

During the planning phase of the program, the coordinators discussed how great it would be to live out that life of worship through service on Sunday morning.

By Saturday night, however, the last thing anyone felt like doing was getting up Sunday morning and driving to downtown Chattanooga to fix up a house. Little did we know, but the most poignant encounter with God was yet to come.

“... make me a servant, make me a servant, today.” As the words echoed off the walls of the neglected home, the ground felt holy as I witnessed the hands and feet of Jesus in action. It was evident that these young adults had encountered God.



REBECCA BROOKS

Encounters Café was held in KR’s Place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Announcements

North Vernon 100th Anniversary – Aug. 8, 9. North Vernon, IN. All former pastors and members are invited. Details: manuelojeda25@hotmail.com or 812-591-3805.

Berkeley Springs Church 40th Anniversary – Aug. 16. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to participate in all-day services, including a fellowship luncheon. If you have any stories, articles, or pictures for a public display, or for more information, contact Denise Mayberry at 304-258-6679 or denifrakin@aol.com.

Mid-America Union, Rocky Mountain Conference, and Centura Health – May 31-Aug. 30. Will be providing Sabbath services at Yellowstone National Park. Please plan to join these services if you will be visiting the Park this summer. Details: 303-282-3670.

Maranatha Volunteers International's 2008 Convention will be held Sept. 5 and 6, at the Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin, Oregon (a suburb of Portland). All are invited to attend this inspirational weekend. Featured speakers will come from India, Mozambique, Ecuador and Chile. Come and see how God is moving in different parts of the world and how you can be involved. For more information contact Maranatha Volunteers International at 916-920-1900 or www.maranatha.org.

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Birmingham First SDA Church will host Shelley Quinn from 3ABN Network – Sept. 20. Details: birmingham7th@bellsouth.net.

Sunnydale Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend – Oct. 2-5. Honor classes are: 1948, 1953, 1963, 1978, 1983, 1988, and 1998. activities start with the Silver Showcase, Thursday evening, Oct. 2. For details, call 573-682-2164, or visit www.sunnydale.org.

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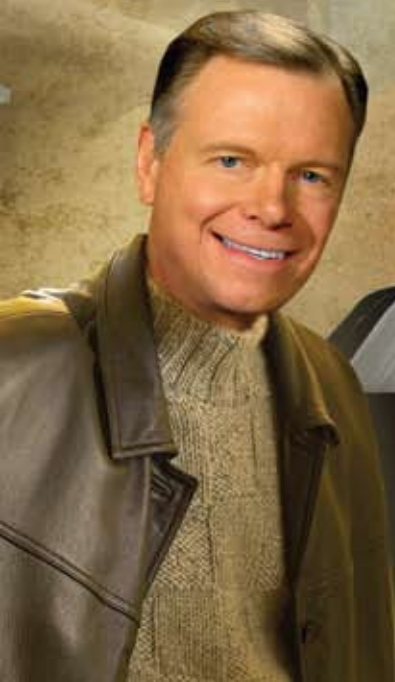
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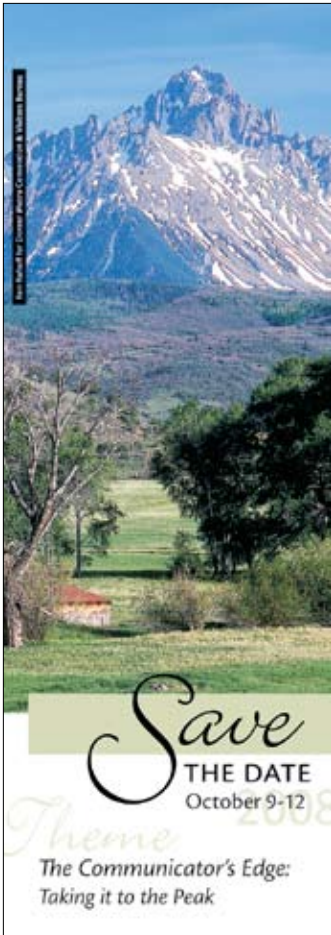
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Carolina Retiree Retreat – Sept. 8-11. NPR.
Hispanic Camp Meeting 2 – Sept. 12-15. NPR.
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting – Sept. 26-28. Oak Island.
Young Adult Retreat – Sept. 26-28. NPR.

Florida

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Liberación (Hispanic youth rally) – Aug. 22-23. Tampa Bay area. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
Evangelism Series
 Aug. 30-Sept. 4. Melbourne. Lester and Zula Pratt.
 Oct. 5-Nov. 25. DeLand. Bill and Sunshine Waters.
 Oct. 18-Nov. 22. Miami Temple. Lester and Zula Pratt.
 Nov. 1-8. La Red 2008. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.
Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars
 Sept. 13. DeLand.
 Sept. 20. South Brevard.
 Sept. 27. Victory in Port St. Lucie.
 Oct. 4-5. Plantation.
 Oct. 18. Mt. Dora.
 Nov. 15-16. Winter Haven.
 Dec. 13. Miami Springs.
Spanish-language Men's Ministries Convention – Sept. 13. Ephesus Junior Academy, West Palm Beach. Free admission with lunch provided. Details: leonard.fernandez@floridaconference.com or 407-618-0265.
Children's Ministries Fall Convention – Sept. 19-21. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme:

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West Coast Youth Rally – Sept. 27. New Port Richey Church. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
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South Florida Youth Rally – Oct. 18. Host church: Fort Myers. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
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Georgia-Cumberland

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Health Rally – Aug. 2. Mountain City, TN.
Health Rally – Aug. 9. Thomasville, GA.
Hispanic NET '08, Alejandro Bullón – Aug. 10-27. Part I, Broadcast from Chicago, IL. (check local church for more details)
Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 15-17. Cohutta Springs.
NE Tenn. Women's Conference – Aug. 16. Rogersville, TN.
Health Rally – Aug. 16. Hixson, TN.
Adventurer Ministries Convention – Aug. 22-24. Cohutta Springs.
Hope for Hurting Hearts – Aug. 22-24. Chattanooga, TN.
Sabbath in the Smokies – Sept. 5-6. Cades Cove.
Health Rally – Sept. 6. Auburn, GA.
Kids in Discipleship Training – Sept. 7-10. Collegedale, TN.
Elder's Certification Training – Sept. 12-14. Cohutta Springs.
Hispanic NET '08, Alejandro Bullón – Sept. 13-20. Part II, Broadcast from Phoenix, AZ. (check local church for more details)
Retired Workers' Retreat – Sept. 18-21. Cohutta Springs.
Pathfinder Drill Instructor Boot Camp – Sept. 19-21. Cohutta Springs.
Health Rally – Sept. 20. Murphy, NC.
Southern Deaf Camp Meeting – Sept. 25-28. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL.

NE Tenn. Church Retreat – Sept. 26-27. The Oaks, outside Greeneville, TN.
Health Rally – Sept. 27. Fayetteville, GA.

Gulf States

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Conference Workers' Convention – Aug. 3-6. Bass Memorial Academy.
Birmingham First Church Homecoming & 110th Anniversary – Aug. 2. The guest speaker will be former pastor, Paul Boling. Brakeworth school reunion will be held Saturday evening.
Bass Academy Registration – Aug. 10.
First Day of School – Aug. 11.
Literature Evangelist Summer Retreat – Aug. 7-10. Camp Alamisco.
Youth Leadership Convention – Aug. 14-17. Camp Alamisco.
Conference Executive Committee – Aug. 19. Conference Office.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 12-14. Camp Alamisco.
Junior High Bible Conference – Sept. 19, 20. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board Sept. 30. Dec. 9.
Conference Executive Committee Sept. 30. Dec. 9.
Pastors/Teachers Retreat – Aug. 3-6. Indian Creek Camp.
Literature Evangelists Summer Retreat – Aug. 7-10. Indian Creek Camp.
Young Women's Retreat – Sept. 19-21. Indian Creek Camp.
Conference Pathfinder Camporee – Sept. 25-28. Salt Lick State Park.
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Atlanta, GA	8:32	8:25	8:17	8:08	7:59	7:49
Charleston, SC	8:13	8:06	7:58	7:49	7:40	7:31
Charlotte, NC	8:20	8:13	8:04	7:55	7:45	7:36
Collegedale, TN	8:37	8:29	8:21	8:12	8:02	7:52
Huntsville, AL	7:42	7:35	7:27	7:18	7:08	6:58
Jackson, MS	7:53	7:46	7:38	7:30	7:21	7:12
Louisville, KY	8:46	8:37	8:28	8:18	8:08	7:57
Memphis, TN	7:57	7:49	7:41	7:32	7:22	7:12
Miami, FL	8:02	7:57	7:51	7:44	7:37	7:29
Montgomery, AL	7:37	7:30	7:22	7:14	7:05	6:56
Nashville, TN	7:46	7:38	7:29	7:20	7:10	7:00
Orlando, FL	8:11	8:05	7:58	7:51	7:43	7:35
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