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Follow the Lamb

Ricardo Graham



Recently, while driving down a rural road, I saw a herd of sheep. One of them, apparently a mother, was grazing near the fence adjacent to the road. A little lamb followed closely behind her, nibbling the vegetation near its feet. It struck me as a serendipitous illustration of what I am supposed to be doing — following the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Continuing my drive, my mind began an impromptu self-evaluation of my spiritual walk, with several questions. How closely am I walking in the footsteps of Jesus? Am I walking close behind him, following his example, or am I a straying lamb, not following Him by copying his example and living by his principles of obedience, love, mercy, justice and humility? Am I a reluctant follower, or am I eager to seek His presence and attempt to emulate His lifestyle? Many other questions flooded my mind as I followed the Holy Spirit's prompting.

Truly, Jesus is worthy of our worship, praise and adulation. After all, John the Baptist declared Him to be "...the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Matthew declares that He would save His people from their sin (Matthew 1:29). But Jesus is much more than a Saviour from sin. He claims rulership over all, because He is Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer — and much more.

He is also the only example among men whose life we can safely copy in all respects. John the Revelator states that one quality of the 144,000 — that special group presented to the Father as the first fruit of the redeemed — is that "they follow the Lamb wherever he goes" (Revelation 14:4, NLT). That may be the most notable fact that we have about this group, whether literal or symbolic. They follow the Lamb, Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

What does it take to follow the lamb? Choosing daily to submit to His authority and to practice self-denial is

essential, of course. Surrendering the will and faithfully obeying His directives are non-negotiable with Jesus.

The character transformation so needed among us is not dependent on a slavish obedience to Christ's will, but to the heart and soul desire to please the One who died to redeem us from the power, penalty and presence of sin. In the process, we accept the recommendation of Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

The challenge is to examine ourselves under the microscope of God's Word. Are we really living out the faith that Jesus is the "author and finisher" of? (See Hebrews 12:2.) Doing so often results in accepting His Lordship of our lives willingly, lovingly and completely. And, measuring ourselves by Jesus' life, we can determine how well we are doing.

When we examine our lives, we may realize that we've a long way to go to arrive at where the Lord wants us to be, in Him. Yet we can be confident that as we continue to follow the Lamb, surrendering daily, He will make us what He wants us to be. The work of our salvation is fully in His hands, the hands that were willingly outstretched for us and nailed to the cross for our sins, transgressions and iniquities. We receive the merits of His holiness by faith and that faith results in practical righteousness that glorifies and pleases God.

And one day, because we have followed the Lamb spiritually, we will live with Him physically. This is our hope and desire, to be with the Lamb. The best part of eternity may be the wonderful opportunity to stand, sit or kneel in the presence of the Lamb of God, the conquering King of kings, and Lord of Lords and praise Him for His sacrificial service to sinners like us, making us fit to live with Him throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity."

The 144,000 — that special group presented to the Father as the first fruit of the redeemed — "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" (Rev. 14:4, NLT).



Bakersfield Convocation Includes Training Sessions

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Fifteen hundred Adventists and community guests crowded into Bakersfield's Majestic FOX Theater on Jan. 16 for the final weekend of Bakersfield's annual convocation. The preceding week of health presentations, community outreach and lay training had paid off.

"This was the most successful outreach I've seen in my 20 years in Bakersfield," says Fana Taione, Hillcrest church elder.

In previous years, Bakersfield's annual convocation had been inspirational meetings on a Friday night

and Sabbath, bringing members of the 15 area churches together.

The two-day event was usually planned by a handful of pastors and church members.

But this year, a desire to be more evangelistic led to significant changes.

With Doug Batchelor, director/speaker for Amazing Facts, for the closing weekend speaker, the hope was to draw in community members who watch 3ABN or listen to 91.7, Bakersfield's 24/7 Adventist radio station. At an Amazing Facts' suggestion, a health emphasis weekend and a six-day AFCOE-to-Go

evangelism training for members was added. (See sidebar.)

The planning team grew from the usual handful of pastors and members to two members from each church joining the pastors. "Our laity really did this," says Marlan Knittel, pastor of Bakersfield Central and president of the area pastors. "They took care of logistics, advertising, all of it." The San Joaquin Community Hospital and Pacific Health Education Center (PHEC) also helped with promotion.

"This was a big group effort," says Jamey Houghton, Bakersfield

Amazing Facts College of Evangelism Hits the Road

Shenaly Page

Since Frank Farmer became an Adventist in 2006, he has been eager to share the gospel. He attended every Revelation seminar in his area, then began presenting his own ShareHim series. When he learned that AFCOE-to-Go would be part of the Bakersfield Convocation, he wanted to attend. Unfortunately, he couldn't get time off from his job as an EKG technician.

Finally, the night before AFCOE-to-Go was to start, his supervisor granted him a week's leave. Farmer joined 140 lay people from Bakersfield and around the world for AFCOE-to-Go.

"We know not everyone can take months off work to learn how to share Christ," acknowledges Don Mackintosh, director of AFCOE (Amazing Facts College of Evangelism) and Amazing Facts

evangelism. "We designed AFCOE-to-Go as an intense training experience to empower even the busiest professionals to reach family, friends and neighbors for Jesus Christ."

The rigorous Sunday through Friday schedule was 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Their classes covered the empowered church, evangelistic preaching, Bible studies, reclaiming lost members, and friendship evangelism.



One-hundred forty-five graduates from 15 Bakersfield Adventist churches are ready to go into their community for Jesus. The six-day training intensive including practical experience and taught by Don Macintosh, director of Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE), was part of a unique 10-day area-wide convocation which included partnerships with Amazing Facts, Weimar College and Pacific Health Education Center.



Hillcrest associate pastor. “We’ve all gotten together in the past, but not really worked together. This year we jointly planned everything and it felt a lot better.”

New Evangelistic Approach

The ambitious 10-day outreach kicked off Jan. 8 with Dr. Neil Nedley, president of Weimar Center of Health and Education. His “Mind, Body and Spirit” seminar drew large crowds to the Hillcrest church. The seminar continued throughout the week at the PHEC and was taught by other Weimar Center and Amaz-

ing Facts personnel. More than 350 people attended each evening.

One hundred forty-five church members attended AFCOE-to-Go at PHEC during the week. Many had taken off work to participate.

The final weekend with Batchelor drew standing-room only crowds to Bakersfield Central on Friday night and packed the FOX Theater for Sabbath school, church and an afternoon meeting.

“Our door-to-door outreach brought in a lot of non-Adventists,” says Taion, who participated in AFCOE-to-Go. “It’s made me realize that it doesn’t take much

to promote things if everyone gets involved.”

“It was an awesome final weekend,” says Houghton. “It was exciting to see non-Adventists walking in off the street. That’s why we’re doing this.”

“God created a sense of unity between area churches. He inspired our laity for soul-winning. And He confirmed our suspicion that there are already numerous people in our community who are on track to follow the truth, but haven’t stepped out yet. We definitely need to do this again,” Knittel says.



Classmates share a common passion — reaching people for Jesus. Classes and door-to-door field work were all day so “students” had to take off work to attend.

program. I think everyone should do this so we can all be laborers together with God.”

Graduates are currently following-up with their Bible study interests. They are also assisting their churches with visiting the visitors who attended convocation’s health and/or evangelistic meetings.

“The full impact of the Bakersfield AFCOE-to-Go is yet to be seen, but it is already yielding a harvest. AFCOE-to-Go promoted an enthusiasm for soul-winning that I’ve not seen before,” says Marlan Knittel, pastor of Bakersfield Central church.

Participants also developed practical outreach skills by going door-to-door throughout the city distributing thousands of tracts, surveying the community about their needs, praying with people, and extending personal invitations to the nightly testimonies at PHEC. Many people requested Bible studies.

“I gained everything I’d hoped for,” says Farmer. “It’s an awesome

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CCC Members Repond to Haitian Earthquake

Caron Oswald

When Haiti was devastated by the Jan. 28 earthquake, countries, organizations and individuals world-wide immediately responded. In North America, Adventists were encouraged to give to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency for the initial response needs. A second offering, taken Feb. 6, was designated for rebuilding the hundreds of damaged or destroyed Adventist churches and schools.

Whether raising a medical team or needed funds, church members got creative.

Sending a Medical Team

Tricia Strock, an ER physician assistant and wife of Sunnyvale associate pastor Joe Strock, received an e-mail from the Adventist Medical

Sunnyvale medical team volunteer Michelle Cabasaan (seated) listens to an earthquake survivor's needs.



Evangelism Network seeking emergency medical professionals to serve in Haiti. She sent out information to a few colleagues and church members. Within four days, a team of nine, which included three Adventists, was ready to go.

The Sunnyvale church raised more than half the airfare for the team. "It was really miraculous how it all came about," says Joe. The

team lodged in tents, spent long days in make-shift mobile clinics, treated more than 1,000 patients daily, and lived on PowerBars.

"Haitians are not a people who need pity, they are a people to be admired," Tricia says. "They have withstood incredible catastrophe and are a shining example of unswerving faith. I continually consider how I might be even a little bit more like them every day." (See the five minute video on YouTube.com. Search for "Haiti Sunnyvale Relief.")

The Pastor's Weight

The Sabbath school children and their leaders at the San Francisco Central church planned a "Help Kids Help Haiti" fundraiser. A creative decision was to raise the weight of the pastor in quarters.

"We kicked off our campaign with an official "Pastor Mark Weigh-in Ceremony" and

Sabbath school children display their Help Kids Help Haiti fundraising huts at the San Francisco Central Church. Their goal was to raise the pastor's weight in quarters which they did in just two weeks.





Youth with their leaders Matt and Lisa Ward and Sonia Vasquez stand ready to serve haystacks for \$5 a plate. Many customers gave large tips as well, bringing the total raised to more than \$1,600.



discovered our goal would be 155 pounds in quarters, or \$3,100,” Heidi Hsue says. Donations were collected in special “Haiti Huts” at the church exit doors at the end of church service. The goal was reached in two weeks! “Currently we’ve raised \$3,982.36, making us about 44 pounds overweight!” Hsue reports.

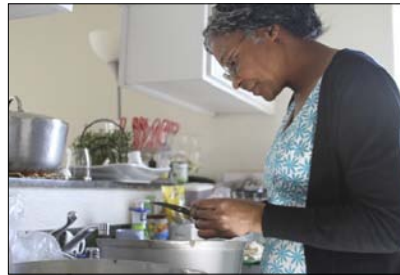
Community Fundraisers

Haystacks for Haiti was an idea of Sonia Vazquez, wife of the Santa Maria church’s pastor. On Jan. 31, one week after the fundraiser idea was shared, the church’s multipurpose room was open from 1 to 5 p.m. selling Haystacks for Haiti.

Ads on radio and TV and posters invited the public. Members donated food and cooked. The youth and young adults served.

“At \$5 a plate, the total raised was \$1,628.54 to ADRA for our response to this disaster,” says Diane Owens.

In Hollister, Haitian Emmanuel Nelson, husband of the Adventist school principal, organized and advertised a benefit dinner (the local



Haitian Christianne Nelson prepares an authentic Haitian meal for a community fundraiser in Hollister, Calif. Joined by other family members, the dinner was a unique experience in flavors and history. The local newspaper ran stories before and after, supporting the event.

newspaper ran an article). Haitian food, prepared by his parents and family members, was served on a donation basis. Nelson also presented a slide show, and his mom explained the traditional foods on the menu. Students from the Adventist elementary school recited Bible verses in the Haitian language and served the food.

“People got the opportunity to take food home. An e-mail list was started so that all the recipes would be forwarded to interested people,” says Pastor Pierre Steenberg. “This was a beautiful example of school and church hand-in-hand.”

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Terry Burns (standing middle), neurosurgery resident and Sunnyvale church member, works with a translator in a mobile street clinic in Port-Au-Prince.

Notice to the Membership

Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-second Constituency Session of the Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas/Henderson, 1340 West Warm Springs Road, Henderson, Nevada.

This purpose of this meeting is to receive the quadrennial reports, to elect conference officers and Conference Executive Committee; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.

According to the constitutional provision, each organized church is entitled to one delegate for each fifty (50) church members or fractional majority thereof.

Larry W. Unterseher, President

Jason D. Bergmann, Secretary

Amendment to the Bylaws

Notice to the membership of the Nevada-Utah Association of Seventh-day Adventists (the corporation), a Utah, non-profit corporation in good standing with a current certificate of existence from the Utah Secretary of State's office:

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Nevada-Utah Association of Seventh-day Adventists that at the next biennial session of the Membership of the Corporation to be held on the 30th day of April, 2010, commencing at 2 o'clock p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada, the Board of Directors will propose to the Membership and the Membership will be asked to approve the following amendment to the Bylaws of the Nevada-Utah Association of Seventh Day Adventists as follows:

The amended Bylaws of the Corporation, dated April 19, 2002, should be amended as follows:

On page two of the Bylaws, Article V. Section 5.2, should be deleted in its entirety beginning with the word "Notice" and ending with the words "regular meeting" and replaced with the following:

"Notice of such meeting(s) shall be published in two consecutive issues of the Pacific Union Recorder prior to such meeting(s) and in such other ways as the Board of Directors may deem favorable."

There are no further amendments being proposed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at this time.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2010.

By Jason Bergmann, Corporate Secretary

Association Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the regular Quadrennial Session of the Nevada-Utah Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday May 1, 2010, at the Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas/Henderson, 1340 West Warm Springs Road, Henderson, Nevada.

This meeting is called for the purpose of receiving reports from the officers, electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing quadrennial term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

All duly elected and accredited delegates at any regular or special session of the Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be recognized as delegates of any Association session.

Larry W. Unterseher, President

Jason D. Bergmann, Secretary

Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

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The amended Articles of Incorporation, first recorded by the Secretary of State's Office of the State of Utah on April 12, 1940, should be amended as follows:

On page one of the Articles, the eleventh and twelfth lines from the bottom of the page, beginning with "ASSOCIATION" and ending with "to-wit" shall be entirely deleted and replaced with the following: "ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS: to exist and have continuous, perpetual existence from the date of incorporation; for the following purposes, to-wit:..."; and

On page two of the Articles, the third line from the top of the page, the clause that states: "Meetings of this Association shall be held biennially" shall be deleted and the following clause shall be substituted in its place: "Meetings of this Association shall be held every four years...."; and

On page two, the seventh typed line from the bottom of the page, the clause that states: "There shall be a board of directors of five members" shall be deleted and the following clause shall be substituted in its place: "There shall be a board of directors of seven members."

There are no further amendments being proposed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at this time.

Dated this 25 day of February, 2010.

By Jason Bergmann, Corporate Secretary



Las Vegas Churches Host New Year's Health Fair

Debra Waggoner, Karen Bellow and Ronda Trinidad

The Las Vegas Valley churches collectively began the New Year with a free community health fair on Jan. 3 at Las Vegas Junior Academy.

The idea for the event began when a member of the Centennial Hills church decided to challenge the area churches to participate in hosting a health event. The Centennial Hills church board provided funding, and many members and non-members volunteered to help.

More than 300 Las Vegas residents attended the health fair, which was covered by local television stations and newspapers. Free health screenings, including a blood panel measuring cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose, were a major draw. Participants could have their blood pressure checked and body mass index measured, and even had

private consultations with a health professional.

The fair also included health lectures, massage therapy, fitness consultations, food samples, healthy snacks, musical entertainment and door prizes. At registration, participants received a goodie bag filled with health and Bible literature and a Discover Bible School invitation.

Many area businesses donated food and products for gift baskets and sponsored wellness booths covering different topics and health needs.

"The attendees were very thankful to the church for doing this," said Aleathia Cezar, M.Ed, a health coach and non-member volunteer. "A lot of the people I talked to were uninsured. One lady said she always put her health on the back burner. Her New Year's resolution was to

be healthy. She doesn't drink water, only soda, juice and whole milk. She hasn't been to a doctor in years, so because of her poor

test results, she is going to the doctor and making healthy changes. I am very glad I went. This was a success story for your church."

"The Health Fair served its intended purpose when we witnessed



Gift baskets were donated by community businesses.

Right: A health fair attendee stops for a blood pressure screening.

Below: The health fair included health lectures.



how many uninsured people showed up sharing concerns about their health and well being, and we provided them with help," said Tatiana Sowell, R.N. "There is a need in our society for prevention, and the health fair was addressing it."

The churches plan to host several more fairs in the next two years, and in between the fairs, they are planning cooking schools, wellness seminars, and Bible studies, all leading to a large-scale evangelistic series in 2011.

For more information, contact Debra Waggoner at 702-332-9942.



SECC Responds to Haitian Earthquake Victims

Enno Müller

The tragedy of the Haitian earthquake on Jan. 12 left an impact on people around the world. Members of the Southeastern California Conference responded generously. Two special offerings were taken in SECC churches for this disaster, raising a total of more than \$100,000.

In some churches and schools, people felt the need to do more. Church members rallied around one another to increase their impact, and students brainstormed ways they could raise funds. Here are a few stories of how churches and schools got involved.

The materials collected by the Valley Fellowship church sit in a hangar in Florida waiting to be loaded on a plane.



Valley Fellowship Initiative

Valley Fellowship church in Rialto initiated a relief effort to send medical supplies, food and toiletries to Haiti. Their goal was to fill a semi truck with supplies that would travel from California to Florida, then for the supplies to be flown to Haiti, in partnership with Missionary Flights International. This



Men of Valley Fellowship load onto the trailer all the items collected by their church.

was a task larger than the Valley Fellowship church. When the call went out for help, the response was amazing, according to Andrea King, associate pastor. There were more than 20 churches, schools, community and health organizations, as well as countless individuals and families, who joined to help in the effort.

This movement was propelled by the efforts of young people, too. A fourth-grade student from San Diego Academy wrote to the Paradise Valley Hospital about the project, and the hospital donated medical supplies. A seventh-grade student from La Sierra Academy contacted the Flying Doctors of Mercy, in Rialto, who also donated medical supplies. The Corona Main Street Spanish church Pathfinder Club raised more than \$700 for the effort. The Valley Fellowship church Pathfinder club hit the streets to get the word out. Young people also staffed the drop-off locations and answered the Haiti Hotline.

This tragedy not only brought down walls in Haiti, but also tore down walls in Southeastern California as young and old alike worked

side-by-side. Black, Anglo, and Spanish churches worked together. This was an intergenerational, interdenominational and intercultural collaboration.

Paradise Valley Church

Members of the Paradise Valley church felt the impact of the disaster, as one of their members lost 20 family members in the earthquake. In an effort to help, the members raised more than \$1,000 to assist the remaining family members to rebuild and reestablish a life for themselves in Haiti.

Palm Desert Oasis

The Palm Desert Oasis church also has a close connection with Haiti, as the head deacon of the church, Evenel Mervilus, is Haitian. The church came together to give more than \$6,000 to him. He traveled to Haiti to deliver the money firsthand as well as to help in the relief efforts.



Theresa Alvarez-Diaz

Students at Calexico Mission school sell donated food to their friends and fellow students.

Five days after the earthquake Mervilus was in Haiti, helping at the Adventist hospital as a translator as well as distributing water at ADRA's distribution points. During his stay he noticed that certain areas were not accessible to the relief organization or the government. Mervilus and a team of Haitians went into these areas with food they had purchased with the money from the Palm Desert Oasis church. They distributed more than 400 meals a day. Mervilus has committed to continue to help Haiti by creating a nonprofit organization.

"We are dedicated to building orphanages, health-care facilities and schools," he said. "We plan to be there for the long haul."

Mesa Grande Academy

Sixth graders at Mesa Grande Academy started collecting money in December to help ADRA in its relief efforts in Africa. The fund-raising projects changed after the news of Haiti broke.

"Our teacher showed us videos on the Internet about the suffering in Haiti. The class switched the fund-raiser to go to Haiti," said Ian McKinstry, a student in that class. The class raised more than \$360. The money came from the students themselves. Any extra allowance money they had, they donated.

Tamara Belleau



Girls from La Sierra Academy are ready for their bake sale.

"Whenever we have any extra change, we bring it in for Haiti and put it in the jar. The people in Haiti need that money way more than any of us do," said McKinstry during the project.

Calexico Mission School

Grades 7-12 at the Calexico Mission school participated in Junk Food Day. The students brought in items such as pizza, candy, cakes, sodas and chips that were resold to students during lunchtime. According to Nic Lindquist, vice principal, "Students enjoy having the food they love for a day, and all of the proceeds were donated to ADRA for the Haitians." This fund-raiser earned more than \$750.

"A grandparent joined in the effort and donated \$1,000," said Theresa Alvarez-Diaz, director of development.

Loma Linda Academy

Students at Loma Linda Academy received a brown paper bag that sat

on their desks for two weeks. Jason Calvert, a Bible teacher, said, "The students had the chance to add whatever change they had in their pockets during the two weeks." The money was collected regularly, and at the end of the two weeks more than \$5,000 was raised.

La Sierra Academy Elementary K-6

"My sixth-grade classes decided that we needed to do something for Haiti," said Kiana Krumm. After hearing the news of the disaster, the sixth graders at La Sierra Academy decided, following some discussion, to have a bake sale. The class did the planning and also the execution of the sale. The students brought cookies, brownies or cakes from home and sold them at the street to students, teachers, parents and anyone willing to stop. One student stated, "I think we were inspired, because we knew that we were doing it for a country in need. I felt a little sheepish walking around with a Haiti sign and seeing high schoolers everywhere, but I knew that it was for a cause." In the end the class was able to raise more than \$600.

Andrea King contributed to this article.



Two Indonesian Churches Become One

Jocelyn Fay



Jocelyn Fay

After the church organization ceremony, members and guests walked out to the front of the building, where the new sign was unveiled.

with the idea of joining together, especially the youth, who are very important for the growth of our church.”

Last September, the members sent a merger

proposal to the conference, and the first Sabbath of October they began meeting together regularly as they awaited a reply from the conference.

The conference executive committee approved the merger at their Jan. 28 meeting.

Pastor of the new church is Albert Pardede, pastor of the Loma Linda Indonesian/United Indonesian church district. Members will continue to worship in the church on North Monterey Avenue, Ontario, where Ontario Indonesian members have been worshipping since they purchased it in 1992.

Gerald Penick, conference president, was speaker for the organizational service. Sandra Roberts, conference executive

secretary, led out in the formal ceremony, noting that usually when a new church is formed, it's when a company becomes a church.

“This is different,” she said. “Having two churches merge is a unique event for the Indonesian churches in our conference.”

Roberts asked Pardede to sign the document officially recognizing the United Indonesian church as a constituent church of the Southeastern California Conference. Rudy Bermudez, conference vice president for Asian-Pacific ministries, led in an affirmation of faith, and Pardede offered a prayer of consecration.

“After this ceremony,” Penick said in his devotional message, “the issue will be to keep working together, keep praying together. Let no man — no woman, boy, or girl — tear you apart, and may you stay together, growing together.”

With this challenge still in their minds, members and guests walked outdoors to unveil the new church sign and then enjoyed a fellowship meal together.

“**B**ersatu di dalam Kristus itu indah!” (United in Christ is beautiful!) read the banner stretched across the platform of Southeastern California Conference’s newest church, the United Indonesian church in Ontario.

At a service on Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 20, this new church was officially organized, bringing an end to the Ontario Indonesian church and the Colton Agape Indonesian company, combining them into a new congregation of 362 charter members. According to Oliver Sagala, head elder, members of the two groups began to think about merging at the suggestion of Tommy Wuysang, who was their district pastor until last June, when he left for mission service in Rwanda.

With Wuysang’s encouragement, “Our churches came closer,” Sagala said. “We began worshipping together twice a quarter. We went on picnics together. We did evangelism together. We became comfortable

The UNISDAC (United Indonesian Seventh-day Adventist Church) youth singing group provided music for the church organization service. The church choir also sang during the service.



Jocelyn Fay



Pastor Returns From Iraq to Home Churches

Jocelyn Fay

Colton and Fontana church members welcomed their pastor home from Iraq on Feb. 20 during an all-day celebration at the Colton church.

The morning worship service was followed by a fellowship luncheon, a sacred concert by Jim and Ann McClintock, a vesper service, a light supper and game night.

Ulisese Mataafa had been pastor of the Colton and Fontana churches less than a year when he was called to 400 days of active duty in Balad, north of Baghdad, as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve. He returned to his pastoral responsibilities on Feb. 20.

"You have come from one battlefield to another," Ernest Furness told Mataafa, referring to the spiritual warfare between good and evil. Furness, Southeastern California Conference ministerial director, welcomed Mataafa back to his pulpit on behalf of the conference administrators.

In his sermon, "The Battlemind Readiness," Mataafa carried the military theme further. Battlemind

readiness strengthens soldiers to endure war and stay on top of situations that arise, he explained. As a chaplain he helped teach that. In spiritual warfare, battlemind readiness prepares the Christian for the cosmic battle between good and evil, he said, referring the congregation to Revelation 12:7-12, which assures victory in Jesus Christ.

In Iraq, Mataafa was one of four chaplains on an administrative team for 70 chaplains who served the division's four 10,000-member brigades. His specific role was pastor for the base's personnel, with duties that included counseling, conducting Bible studies with officers, and providing general pastoral care.

"When I was away," Mataafa told his congregation, "every Sabbath I would go to my chapel, and every time I entered my chapel I would think of Colton and Fontana. I missed the fellowship." He conducted services on Saturdays for a group of 25-35 Seventh-day Adventists from the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force, and was associate pastor for a large congregation that met on Sundays, he said.



"What did you do when you were gone?" asked nearly-5-year-old Faith. "I told people about Jesus, and when they said they loved Him, I baptized them," Mataafa answered. He conducted three baptisms in Iraq.

Baptizing three brothers and sisters in Christ into the Adventist Church was the most rewarding aspect of his service in Iraq, he said.

Also rewarding, but by far the most difficult of his duties, was delivering short messages of hope before the caskets of soldiers killed in action were put on planes for burial in the United States.

While he was gone, members supported him with cards, letters and cookies. "I was very popular over there because of all the goodies they sent me," he said. "It feels good to know your church family is behind you. I was lonely, but the churches' support was very comforting to me."

Kimberly Mohr, a Fontana member, was particularly glad to welcome Mataafa back home on Feb. 20, which was her birthday. "It was my best birthday present," she said.



Photos by Jocelyn Fay

Patriotic decorations abounded at Mataafa's welcome home celebration. Dessert at the potluck luncheon was a flag-decorated cake.



Campers can sail through the treetops on mile-long zip lines.

Arizona youth director Erik VanDenburgh recently returned from staff recruitment trips to Southern and Southwestern Adventist universities inspired by the zeal of his former staffers. They even lined up potential candidates for him to interview.

Their experiences at Camp Yavapines, they said, were life-changing — and they wanted their friends to also have opportunities to demonstrate Jesus to the campers.

“Statistics of what a youth camp experience does for the lives of our counselors are staggering,” VanDenburgh explained. “In a survey

Conference Makes Summer Camp Affordable

Phil Draper

done by La Sierra University, 73 percent of those who have worked at our youth camps ultimately work for the church in some capacity — teachers, pastors, administrators. In addition, they find a new love for the Adventist church as they get to know the beauty of this message.”

“When I came to Camp Yavapines, I wasn’t sure if I even believed in God. But after the talks, dramas and friendships, I realized that God was real,” said Kyle. “It would be a total betrayal not to serve Him after all He did for me!”

Kyle was one of 27 baptized during the 2009 camp season at Yavapines. “More than 80 percent of our non-baptized youth made decisions to accept Christ and be baptized,” VanDenburgh said. “I witnessed so many miracles at camp. I want more and more of our young people to have this wonderful opportunity — not just to ride horses, fly through the air on zip lines, or race on the go-kart tracks. Here they can

experience a relationship with their Creator.

“Summer camp is a one-week youth evangelistic series where campers spend the first part of the week building relationships with activities they enjoy. Then, when deep trusts are formed, we’re able to lead them to the cross. We simply take the hand of the child and place it in the hand of Christ.”

VanDenburgh wanted to make camp available to all the youth within Arizona, so he developed a plan to reduce the cost for a week to \$100.

“Winning our youth to Jesus is top priority,” said Tony Anobile, president of the Arizona Conference. “We must make any sacrifice for the salvation of our young people. And I feel confident that God will bless this program as we go forward in faith. Plus, we’re making future church leaders.”

Staff gather for an annual photo.





"We're making camp affordable for parents, grandparents, and even our neighbors to give their children a life-changing week at Camp Yavapines — and a chance to meet and know Jesus," said VanDenburgh.

For more information, e-mail erikvandenburgh@azconference.org. To register, call Karen Glassford at 480-9911-6777 ext. 125.

Challenging outdoor activities are abundant, including rock climbing.



Devin Howard Inspires at Hymn Festival

Phil Draper

On Feb. 7, Phoenix organist Devin Howard united his talents with Claudio Marsollier and the Paradise Valley Sanctuary Choir for a hymn festival. Howard is the head organist for the Paradise Valley church and for Victory Lutheran Church in Mesa.

"The PV choir was formed on Sept. 25, 2001, just 15 days after 9/11, remembers Claudio. "Through the years, choir membership has averaged about 30 people. Not being a group of professional singers, their only qualification for singing is a desire to praise God through music."

Howard and Marsollier worked to create a concert that would feature the recently purchased Rogers organ, which was moved center-stage for the event. The hymn festival consisted of classical pieces by Mendelssohn and Bach, interspersed by hymns from the Adventist Hymnal.

Howard started playing piano at age 8 and organ at 13. He earned a bachelor's degree in organ performance at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., in 2003.

Phil Draper



Devin Howard

He then spent the 2005-2006 academic year studying organ performance and technique at Codats Conservatorium in Rotterdam, Netherlands, as a Fulbright scholar.

The following year, he pursued independent study in improvisation with Sietze de Vries on historic organs of the Groningen province in the Netherlands.

Currently, Howard is a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate at Arizona State University, where he is also a teaching assistant.

Phil Draper



Phoenix ASU organ major Devin Howard plays the new Rogers organ during a hymn festival at the Paradise Valley church. Claudio Marsollier directs the choir.



Southern California Hosts Fifth Reversing Diabetes Seminar

Betty Cooney

Yesterday, my blood sugar was 235. Today it is 120 and I am so thankful, because it has been out of control before this weekend."

"I attended last year and since then have changed from milk to soy milk. I eat fewer desserts, more fruit and less meat. I started eating whole wheat bread and now have more energy."

These comments were shared at the 2010 Reversing Diabetes, Obesity and Heart Disease Seminar, co-sponsored by Loma Linda, Glendale Adventist and White Memorial Medical centers and Simi Valley Hospital, and based on Weimar Center for Health & Education's NEWSTART® plan.

Four physicians made presentations laced with the latest statistics and information to help diabetics and others meet health challenges with lifestyle changes.

The seminars have been held at the same hotel in the City of



Betty Cooney

Dr. Doug Plata, Susan Jensen, Drs. Loraune Barton, Daniel Choo and Michael Orlich. The panel responded to participants' questions about their health.

Industry Hills, explained one coordinator, because the program includes twice-daily outdoor walking, and the hotel has hiking paths. This year's 80-degree weather made the walks especially enjoyable, giving participants opportunities to speak with physicians leading their group and network with attendees.

Susan Jensen, RD, provided cooking classes focused on

preparing whole plant food recipes. Her husband, South Bay church Pastor John Jensen, emceed the weekend program, leading in stretching exercises between presentations.

"This program really works," said one third-time participant. "When I first came, my blood sugar levels were between 200 and 300, my cholesterol was 300, and I was taking two blood pressure pills daily. Now, my diabetes is gone, my cholesterol is down to 168, and I'm still working on my blood pressure. I'm down to one pill a day. I work 12 hours a day and run eight companies. I am 72 and feel great. Make a commitment to follow this program and just do it. You'll feel fantastic!"

In his closing presentation, Dr. Michael Orlich noted, "True self control is a gift God wants to develop in us, and is the key to taking a NEWSTART® and carrying it to a successful finish!"



Lynn L. Barton

Tillie Sakai, a member of the SCC Health Response Steering Committee which coordinated the seminar, led in some stretching exercises.



URBAN IMPACT Takes Church to the Streets

Manuel Arteaga with Israias Uribe

In months that have five Sabbaths, a Los Angeles Adventist youth group takes every fifth Sabbath “off” and conducts youth church in the streets.

Recently, a security officer greeted the youth group when they arrived in a Home Depot parking lot. As Manuel Arteaga, associate pastor of the Central Spanish church, approached him to shake hands, “He looked me straight in the eye and said, ‘Traes fuego,’ (You brought fire),” the pastor reported.

The group brought 300 lunches with literature for the men who usually are looking for jobs at the location. After Jose Rivera shared a devotional thought, the young men and women prayed with the men, interceding for them.

Afterward, one man acknowledged, “This morning as I left to go to work, I had no idea

how I was going to eat today. I had no money, no food to bring for lunch; nothing. But I told my God, ‘Lord, I don’t know how, but I just know you will feed me today.’ Sure enough, the Lord brought you young people to feed me and these men. God will reward your faithfulness.”

“Wow!” the youth told his friends. “We were someone’s miracle as an answer to a prayer.”

After cleaning up, the pastor approached the security officer to thank him for allowing them to be there.

“Many people come here and feed the men,” the officer replied, “but you guys actually showed you cared for them. Please, feel free to

come here any time. I have been sitting here in my security car watching you guys in action. Pastor, the Holy Spirit broke through to me today. I wept as I watched you guys bring God’s love to these men.

“My father is a Christian pastor. I strayed many years ago. Today, watching the youth bring God’s love to these men, it was I who received it. Please, feel free to come and continue witnessing any time.

“Remember what I told you when we first shook hands, ‘Traes fuego?’” the guard asked. “I was right, you guys are filled with the fire of the love of God; you’re filled with the Holy Spirit.”

The pastor smiled at him, then quietly promised, “We’ll be back.”



Christian Escobar

“The men were noticeably moved by the prayers of the youth,” the pastor (center) reported. “Tears, testimonies and a heavenly atmosphere flowed in the Home Depot parking lot.”



Medical Center, Church and School Join in “Hospital Sabbath”

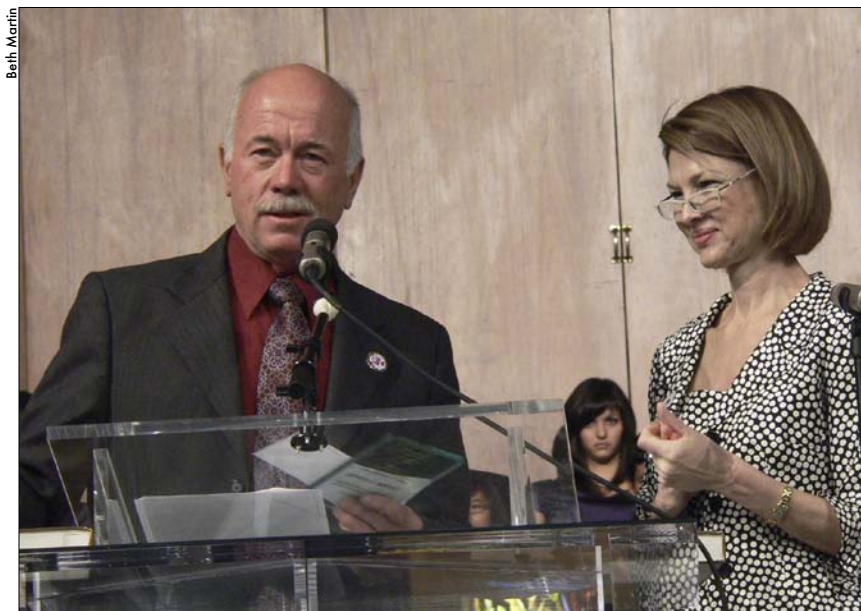
Betty Cooney

“Hospital Sabbath, held each year at the White Memorial church, is a chance for all White Memorial Medical Center employees and physicians of any religion or faith to worship together and share our spiritual bond,” said CEO Beth Zachary.

“Larry Caviness, Southern California Conference president and vice-chair of the White Memorial Governing Board, riveted attendees with the heart-wrenching but ultimately uplifting story of his son’s brave struggle with a rare, terminal illness,” Zachary added.

Chaplain Edgar Urbina originally suggested the concept of an annual “Hospital Sabbath” that is now scheduled each October. “As a hospital, we want to have fellowship with the community, which includes the White Memorial church and the White Memorial School,” said Urbina. “On that Sabbath, our administrators and board members lead out, providing even a children’s story, in 2009 led by Roland Fargo, vice president of Business Development; Peter Baker, manager of Business Analytics; and Ray Morales, M.D.” Comparing the Sabbath celebration to Old Testament annual Sabbaths, Urbina noted that nearly all of the administrators were on the church program and are looking forward to the 2010 service.

“Each year, the hospital gives an award to someone who has made a positive impact on the community,” Urbina said. “Our first honoree was



Devon Ludwig accepts an award from WMMC CEO Beth Zachary.

Belen Tamayo, a White Memorial church member who started Sabbath afternoon singing bands in the hospital and has continued leading them for years. Devon Ludwig, White Memorial School principal, was our latest honoree.”

“I accepted the award in acknowledgement of the fantastic work of the school staff,” Ludwig explained. “We have worked to improve the school, painting the exterior and fencing; landscaping and planting fruit trees. Alfendy Mamora, grades five and six teacher, works weekday mornings at 6:30, picking up litter and sweeping streets around the school, assisted by some students who arrive early.

“When neighbors saw our improvements, some who had planned to sell their homes decided to stay, and have begun improvements on their homes.

“The award is also shared by White Memorial School students, who provide music for medical center occasions,” Ludwig added.

“We enjoy strengthening our relationship with the hospital on Hospital Sabbath,” said Ben Del Pozo, senior pastor. “White Memorial Medical Center soon will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and the church’s history will be forever attached to their history because of our friendship.”



South Bay Friendship Program Plays Out on the Field

Betty Cooney with John Jensen

When Adventist Junior Recreational Program teams play ball Sunday mornings at South Bay Junior Academy in Torrance, they participate in a friendship program that can outlast playing seasons and have life-changing effects. At least 15 people have joined the Adventist church as a result of the program.

“Member Carl Voigt, assisted by Quiet Ncube, started the recreation program in 1991,” explained John Jensen, pastor of the South Bay-Redondo Beach church and AJRP executive director. “Like other Adventist schools’ recreation programs, AJRP gives Adventist and other Sabbath-keeping children and youth sports opportunities without compromising their beliefs or Sabbath observance.”

“The progressive friendship aspect of the activities happens because many parents whose children attend our schools are not Adventists. They receive invitations through the



Players pray before playing. Parents get involved with their children in coaching, refereeing, running the snack stand, setting up or cleaning up.

schools to have their children and youth play in our program.

“They make friends with church families involved in the program,” Jensen noted. “Those friendships lead to conversations about deeper things in life. Lay people in our church have invited these interested families and individuals to Bible studies or small groups in their homes. A number of families have joined the church as a result.”

“AJRP does not allow competition to be overemphasized,” said Jensen. “We do not publish team standings until the last two weeks of each season in playoffs and finals.”

Everyone participating in a season receives the same trophy.”

Men from the South Bay-Redondo church usually direct the various sports seasons, though occasionally individuals from another Adventist church have served. Current school year sports directors include Jim Kidder, baseball; Alvin Clavon, basketball; and Craig Chow, soccer.

Rocky Saviano directed basketball for four seasons. “I found my place for service in the AJRP,” he affirmed. “One day, sitting in my office, I realized that I was selfish, and decided to do something to help in the community. As I became friends with other people in the program, they shared their faith with me, opening my eyes to the Bible and prophecy. I became a believer in Jesus and joined the Adventist church.”



Spencer Reed takes a shot in basketball practice. Students can participate in three, 10-week recreation seasons: softball/baseball, September to November; basketball, January to March; and soccer, March to May.



Fundraiser Was Almost a Close Shave for Galt Teacher

Julie Lorenz

Teacher Michael Rosich kept his hair — just barely. He almost lost it for a worthy cause.

Each year, Galt Adventist Christian School holds a fundraiser to help others. In early 2010, the students participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon, a program designed to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital while at the same time improving kids' math skills. Math-a-Thon participants obtain pledges and then complete a variety of math problems in a "Fun-book." They earn prizes depending on the amount of money they raise.

Rosich, lower grades teacher, wanted to make the challenge more interesting. "After watching the video that St. Jude's sent to help promote the Math-a-Thon, I was trying to think of a way that could help motivate our students to help raise money," he said.

Rosich decided to put his hair on the line. He announced that if the school had 100 percent student

participation, and if the kids raised a total of \$400, the top fundraiser would be given the privilege of shaving his hair. "Participation was defined as doing the entire math booklet, having at least one sponsor, and having all materials turned in to the school on time," said Janice Deibel, principal and upper grades teacher.

The kids eagerly took on the challenge. "I felt good about myself, knowing that I was helping all those kids. I also liked the responsibility of finding sponsors and doing the work," said seventh-grader Noelle Trant.

On Friday morning, Feb. 12, students handed in their materials, while the teachers checked the Funbooks and counted money. After all the donations were tallied, they discovered that the school's 27 students had raised a total of \$1,400 for St. Jude's.

The top fundraisers were second-grader Luke Mann, who raised \$300, and sixth-grader Sarah Verdin, who raised \$275. Quincy Williams, a seventh-grader, donated \$20 of his own money.

While all the students participated to some extent, several didn't meet all the requirements. "It was enough to spare Mr. Rosich, but not enough to diminish my pride in them," said Deibel.



The 27 students at Galt Adventist Christian School raised \$1,400 for a children's hospital.

"I enjoyed calling people. It was fun to have most people do the project," said Mann.

Rosich is planning to wager his hair for charity again some time in the future with a different kind of contest. "I'll raise money to keep my hair, and the kids will raise money to cut my hair. Whoever raises more wins," he said. "The real winner will be the organization and the people they help."

"It is our goal to develop in our students an awareness of the needs around them," said Deibel. "I believe that we are achieving that goal one project at a time. I am extremely proud of the good job our kids did on this particular job, and appreciate the added incentive Mr. Rosich gave them."

Teacher Michael Rosich almost lost his hair to top fundraisers Luke Mann and Sarah Verdin.





NCC Hispanic Laypeople Equip Themselves for Service

Julie Lorenz

More than 250 people attended the fourth annual Northern California Conference Hispanic Laypersons Training Conference, held at the Concord International church on Sunday, Feb. 21. The event was designed for local church officers and other laypeople interested in learning skills to better serve their churches.

After meeting together in the sanctuary for worship and inspiration, each person chose to attend one of 13 seminars. Participants selected between sessions for elders, deacons, youth leaders, women's ministries leaders, treasurers, clerks and more. Afterward, everyone met together again for lunch.

Almost every NCC Hispanic church pastor participated in the training seminars. "Rather than each pastor taking all year to train his church officers, we brought all

the pastors together to train many people in one day," said NCC Hispanic Ministries coordinator Richard Dena.

"It was an excellent idea," said St. Helena Spanish church member Lena Escandón who helped conduct the church clerks' seminar. "I hope we have more of these."

"The energy level in my class was very high," said José Díaz, pastor of the Chico Spanish company/Lincoln Spanish church/Live Oak Spanish company district, who conducted the training seminar for elders. "It was a nice interchange of ideas."

Díaz presented practical information about visitation, board and business meetings, the pastor-elder relationship, and more. In response to a question, he gave a step-by-step demonstration of an anointing service for the 31 elders in his group.

Concord International church Pastor Pedro Trinidad demonstrated the eAdventist church membership database at the seminar for church clerks. "I brought my perspective as a pastor, how it could help the church," he said. He spoke about the benefits of accuracy, speed and cost effectiveness when churches use eAdventist.

St. Helena Spanish church member Jessica Buller, who co-led the Women's Ministries seminar, emphasized: "Women's ministries is a lifestyle." Although she spent some time talking about programming ideas during the two-hour



Lena Escandón talks to church clerks about the importance of sending prompt reports to the conference office.

seminar, she wanted the women to realize that programs should not be their main focus. "It's not just about the pretty get-togethers and the breakfasts," she said. "Women's ministries is a branch of the gospel commission."

Dena's special emphasis for the day was the prayer seminar, conducted by Norberto Liernur, a layperson working with the Auburn Spanish-speaking group. "We invited all the prayer leaders to attend from every NCC church, company and group," said Dena. "We want to establish a strong connection between the prayer leaders and the conference so we can work together to encourage our church members to pray more."

Dena's focus is to encourage everyone — layperson and pastor — to grow spiritually. "Every opportunity I get I will use to emphasize the importance of prayer, close communion with God, and training others how to reach people using Christ's method," he said.

"People want to do the work," said Oakland Spanish church Pastor Paul Guevara, who conducted the personal ministries seminar. "They realize that they need training and that they need to have more tools to do the work."





Sunset Oaks Sponsors Apartment Evangelist Experiment

Julie Lorenz

How does a church reach out to a young, white-collar, well-educated community that does not feel a need for God? “The traditional means by which we have done outreach are no longer as effective as we hoped,” said Walt Groff, Rocklin-Sunset Oaks church senior pastor.

Located on a busy road and closely surrounded by four apartment complexes, the Sunset Oaks church is a prominent building in its neighborhood. The goal of the church leadership is that its neighbors will regard Sunset Oaks as their community church.

“We hope that they find they are welcome here and that we’re here for them,” said Associate Pastor Greg Webster. However, the strict rules of many apartment complexes forbid church members from going door-to-door to contact residents.

The church decided to conduct an experiment in outreach by supporting an apartment evangelist — a 30-year-old Bible worker named Ben Wesley.

Wesley lived in one of the complexes and experimented with creative ways to reach out to people. He learned to bake bread so he could give away fresh loaves as get-acquainted gifts. He received permission to start an apartment newsletter, which reported upcoming community events, including activities at the church. He played in a Sunday morning flag football

game at a nearby park with other young adults from the church.

The church started seeing the results of Wesley’s efforts. He conducted Bible studies with a woman who started visiting the church. A man from the weekly football game began attending a Life Transformation Group at the church. Wesley started exercising with the assistant manager of one of the apartment complexes, which resulted in positive on-going contact for the church.

Friendship evangelism is a delicate balance. Wesley wanted to be approachable: “I try to put myself in other people’s shoes a lot and be friendly to everyone I meet.” However, he didn’t want to scare his wary neighbors. “I can’t come across like some crazy person.”

Wesley found his experience was very different from his previous evangelistic work. “As a typical Bible worker, you go door-to-door

looking for ripe interests. If no one answers, you move on.” But in this situation, “It’s about consistently loving your neighbors.”

“The generation that are Ben’s age and younger, they are skeptical by nature,” said Webster. “They won’t be fooled by any superficial attempts to proselytize. An actual relationship is the only way they are going to be moved.”

After nine months, Wesley found employment elsewhere, and the church leadership evaluated their experiment. “As most things are, this was a bit of a trial and error experience,” said Groff. “It was very positive, as far as it went.”

Groff believes churches need to stop being afraid of trying new ways to evangelize. “We copy the methods of others; there are fewer and fewer examples of innovation,” he said. “We need to be creative and take more risks with our outreach.”

Ben Wesley and other young adults from the Sunset Oaks church played a weekly flag football game in a park near the church. “We prayed at the beginning and end of the games,” said Wesley. “It was about the people — not the plays.”





Sue Urive Teaches “You Can Create Community”

Jenny Oliver

Sue Urive’s “You Can Create Community” seminar is designed to help others connect to God and to each other by creating and maintaining small group fellowship.

Her ministry with small groups emerged from her personal experience. Frustrated with a job she could barely tolerate, she asked the Lord to give her an outlet in an otherwise discouraging situation. Soon afterward, a neighborhood lady invited her to a small group women’s fellowship, which provided a positive venue during this especially difficult time in her work life.

From that experience, Urive was encouraged by a non-denominational pastor to obtain training for small groups. “But I’m not from your church!” she responded. He told her that it didn’t matter — she would be able to help others with such a ministry.

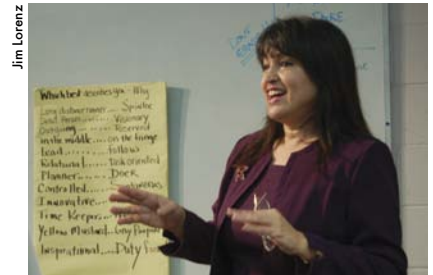
Since that time several years ago, Urive and her husband Ben have led a small group in their home, which she refers to as their “care group.” Following her own counsel, she attempts to arrange the living area in their home to provide face-to-face interaction with all members.

“We had to move some furniture permanently out of the living room,” she chuckled. “We have a nice decorative stack of folding chairs in the corner. This, after all, is what we do. This is what our home is for.”

Urive’s extensive work with care groups, the training she received and the many books she has read on the subject make her a good resource person and an effective trainer. In her seminar, she presents a trove of information, from how to begin a group, to developing focus and covenant statements, to maintaining an atmosphere of safety and confidentiality.

“It’s a great way for people to find support,” said Melanie Ward, who attended Urive’s workshop at the St. Helena church last year. “They have someone they are comfortable with when they have personal struggles; they are encouraged to go to God instead of making bad choices.”

During her seminar, Urive presents many practical tips, including ideas for helping participants get to know each other, such as using icebreakers. She still uses icebreakers at every meeting of her care group, even though they have met for several years.



Urive speaks at the Pleasant Hill church seminar. “She is very passionate about the benefits of small groups,” said church member Leonard Coy. “They provide camaraderie and build relationships.”

Urive takes her workshop attendees through the history of small groups, beginning with members of the early Christian church. She points out that, by their example, small groups should not only study and socialize together, but that they should also be service-oriented. Her group visits a board and care home to interact with the residents “and bring little acts of kindness into the lives of others,” she said.

“It’s a two-way street. You go to a small group for the community and the safety, and from there on you grow and produce fruit,” said Serena Kam, who attended Urive’s seminar at the Pleasant Hill church in February.

“I was glad for the information,” said Augustine Liew, who attended the St. Helena workshop. “I always thought you had to do it all by yourself, but I was glad to see how you can do it as a team, and it’s not so frightening. I see now that we can do a group together.”

After Urive’s seminar at the St. Helena church, the group prays together.



Students Provide Stability for Kids

Larry Pena

Aren Rennacker is a busy man. He's a full-time student. He plays varsity basketball. He's a resident assistant in Grainger Hall dormitory. These things are all major time commitments. You'd think this 21-year-old would take advantage of his weekends for a little rest and relaxation. But like many other student volunteers at Pacific Union College, he's up at dawn on Sabbath mornings — shuttling local children of broken homes to KidzReach, one of PUC's most powerful student ministries.

"It's just an amazing ministry that's reaching out to those who really could use it," says Rennacker. "And I see it as a direct response to Christ's command to deny self and serve other people who are suffering."

KidzReach connects children of incarcerated parents and similar troubled backgrounds with volunteers who are committed to providing a positive influence. On Sabbath mornings, the student volunteers fan out across Napa and Lake counties to pick up the children at their homes and bring them to church. The children are fed breakfast, lunch and dinner. Beyond that, they spend the day in the care of the volunteers — playing in the park, or just hanging out

with stable, loving, Christian young adults.

KidzReach was born out of a local prison ministry, when the founder began to worry about the families the inmates he was serving had left behind. To assist with this project, he recruited PUC students to help take care of these kids, providing for their spiritual and emotional needs.

Perhaps even more importantly, this program creates a path to Christ and a community of believers that might not exist otherwise for these children. "They want to go to church," says Lauren Waychoff, currently the longest-serving PUC student in the program and the unofficial leader. "And it's not because they get to go sit in a pew — it's because they get three meals,

they get to hang out with people they don't see all the time, and they get that positive attention."

That positive experience becomes an important part of the lives of both the children and the student volunteers. "The kids wait for this all week long," says Waychoff. "During the summer, it's the worst time of the year for them because the PUC students go home. They're always calling me asking, 'When are we gonna do KidzReach?'"

"When I'm with them, it doesn't feel like I'm giving my time," says Sonia Moses, another volunteer who has been with KidzReach for a year. "They make me feel so happy!"

So perhaps the time volunteered by a busy student isn't so notable after all. "Half of [what keeps me involved] would be that it's a great ministry," says Rennacker. "And then you start to love these kids."



Diana Klonck

Students spend the whole Sabbath every week making the day a special and caring one for kids from troubled homes.

Many of the children remain with KidzReach for years, and the change in their attitudes and behavior becomes evident with time. "You always see the impact that they've had from growing up in a rough environment," says Rennacker. "Spending the time with them you see that they still have the heart of a child, and that comes out."

Pediatric Residency Brings Physicians Face-to-Face with the Health Care Needs of Inner City Kids

James Ponder

A pediatric residency program designed to meet the health care needs of inner city kids in San Bernardino, Calif., is proving to be a blessing for the families it serves as well as the pediatricians it educates.

According to Marti Baum, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, the residency started a pediatric continuity clinic at the Social Action Community Health System (SACHS-Norton Clinic for short) in 2006. SACHS-Norton is housed in a 42,300-square-foot site on the campus of the former Norton Air Force Base.

Baum says there are currently nine residents — graduate physicians taking additional clinical training under the supervision of licensed physicians — in the program. Although they're only at the clinic half a day each week, they gain invaluable experience during the three years' duration of the program.

"One-tenth of their time in the residency is dedicated to continuity care, either at the pediatrics teaching office in Loma Linda, or here at SACHS-Norton," she notes. "They follow their own patients and develop a mini-practice.

"Residents follow a family from the time a baby is born," she says. "They start with three patients the first year, pick up one additional patient in year two, and another in year three. By the time they finish,

they have a five-patient caseload per half-day clinic.

"The really important thing," Baum continues, "is that pediatricians learn to survive in the community by being good, solid doctors who consistently make good clinical decisions in the best interests of their patients — even if their patients have very little resources. There is also the need to learn to connect with patients' family members and other county agencies, and to develop good case management skills for coping with difficult situations that their patients find themselves in. That's what we hope to emulate and model at SACHS."

Baum is happy to report that residents are committed to coming to the SACHS-Norton clinic, even though it requires them to drive across the San Bernardino Valley. "They love coming here," she shares. "We have no trouble attracting residents who want to take their continuity clinic here."

One of the primary draws of inner city clinics is that they offer residents wide exposure to conditions not often encountered in a suburban context.



Employees of Loma Linda University's SACHS-Norton Clinic took time last December to bring a bit of Christmas joy to two grateful patients. (From left) Norma Vargas, medical assistant; Marti Baum, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, LLU School of Medicine; and Rosie Lazaro, medical assistant, prove it truly is more blessed to give than receive.

"This is the poverty clinic," she notes. "We have kids here who have lived in tents, been homeless, or come across the border. Many of their families have food insecurity issues."

"During their third year, residents do a month of pediatric advocacy and community service learning projects," Baum reports. "Residents work in a homeless clinic, work with pregnant teens, track nutrition and obesity issues in junior high, and lecture on safety and injury reduction in second and third grades. They also work in juvenile hall clinics.

"I love my job! Every morning when I wake up, I'm excited to go back to work. I think the best part of being a Christian is being allowed to serve God; it is the best of the best."

iPhone App Strengthens Campus Communications

Darla Martin Tucker

Freshman Fawaz Tarzi knows how to stay plugged in to campus events at La Sierra University no matter where he is. When the pre-dentistry and biology major wants information, he presses one of several icons on his Apple iPod Touch to browse the week's offerings of LSU sports, concerts, news, library data and other information.

This connection with campus life is exactly the sort of result a team of La Sierra staff and faculty envisioned when they created the enrollment incentive and high-tech campus communication project dubbed BlackGold. Funded by the La Sierra University Board of Trustees, the program provided free iPhones and iPod Touch devices to incoming freshmen and included the creation of a La Sierra University software application, or app, that allows touch-screen access to a plethora of campus life information.

Last October, following weeks of development, Cupertino-based technology leader Apple, Inc., approved the new La Sierra University software application that instantly connects users with campus events, news, sports scores, library data, a faculty/staff directory, maps, event photos, audios of sermons at the La Sierra University church, videos

from University Worship and First Service from Friday nights, and other information.

"It's about creating a much more engaged campus community," said Yami Bazan, La Sierra's Student Life vice president and the primary driver behind the BlackGold project. The idea for the iPhone/iPod Touch program derived from student focus groups the Student

Life division held in fall 2008 and spring 2009 to assess students'



La Sierra University's iPhone app gives users current access to news, campus events calendars, library data, a faculty/staff directory, event photos, audios of sermons from the LSU church, and videos from University Worship and First Services. The free app can be downloaded from the iTunes store.

needs. "The students desired better ways for communication on campus to occur. We explored many options, but this one seemed much more visionary and relevant to current student body needs," Bazan said. After researching similar programs at other campuses, Bazan contacted Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, and solicited their assistance in the creation of La Sierra's BlackGold pilot program.

La Sierra's BlackGold taskforce included representatives from

various campus departments. The group spent six months developing and implementing the La Sierra software application. "This would never have gone anywhere without the brilliance of the taskforce and the student input," Bazan said. In May 2009, Bazan approached La Sierra trustees about the project and they agreed to pay for the BlackGold program out of their own pockets.

La Sierra art student Kiyomi Fukui, a native of Japan, designed many of the application's graphics under the guidance of Tim Musso, assistant professor of art. "It is very exciting that I was able to get involved with this project, which is in most every student's hand now," said the junior graphic design major. Musso guided Fukui in each stage of development, from rough sketches to computer drafts. "He made me aware of many different perspectives. I always have a lot to learn from him. I am very grateful to have him as a teacher," Fukui said.

Parents, alumni, and those interested in following events and updates from La Sierra can download the app for free from the App Store section of Apple's popular online iTunes service. Just type La Sierra University in the search box in the iTunes store, and click on the La Sierra University app link. The software works on iPhones and iPod Touches.



Lobby Day Attendees To Learn Religious Liberty Activist Techniques

Ed Fergusson

The Church State Council will hold its second annual Lobby Day on Monday, May 3, at the Citizen Hotel, 926 J Street in Sacramento. This event is for Seventh-day Adventists who wish to learn how to have an impact on government from the state level all the way down to their neighborhood.

Beginning at 9 a.m., participants will receive training on how to approach a senator, assembly member,

or a member of their staff. While the focus will be on the state level, the principles can be applied to city or county level governments, as well.

Presenters will include Dr. Marc Woodson, executive secretary of the Northern California Conference, and Dr. Alan Nakanishi, former assemblyman and current candidate for the Board of Equalization. Also presenting will be Jeanice Warden-Washington, legislative director

for assembly member Wilmer Carter, who will give insight into how visits are seen by staff and legislators. In the afternoon, participants will go in teams to do actual lobby visits at the capitol.

The day will be capped by a reception where Dr. John Graz, secretary general of the International Religious Liberty Association will address attendees. Graz is a citizen of both Switzerland and France. In July 1995, he was elected

director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He serves as secretary general of the Conference of Secretaries of the World Christian Communions — a conference of Christian leaders representing two billion Christians. He is also a member of the board of the International Academy of Religious Freedom.

“It was very satisfying to put the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church out to the legislators in a positive way,” said Lawrence Defehr, NARLA-West board member and participant in last year’s lobby day. “It was very worthwhile to inform law makers how we view the issues.”

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Adventist Health's Mission is Multi-Faceted

Emily Young

An obvious part of Adventist Health's mission is patient care, but that's just the beginning. Each of the organization's facilities also is committed to ministering to patients, families, staff and the surrounding community. This commitment is evident through a program that facilitates prayer for coworkers, a doctor who ministers to the homeless in his community and a course that teaches hospital staff to spiritually serve patients and their families.

Taking Prayer into the 21st Century

At Adventist Health's corporate office in Roseville, Calif., the New Year brought more than just resolutions. It also brought the beginning of a new program to more efficiently communicate prayer requests.

Stanley Snyder, web services team leader, helped start a program called Adventist Health e-Prayer Requests with mission leader Wayne Judd, web developer James Mason and communication coordinator Shawna Malvini as a way to relate employee's needs to other employees. The requests are submitted through a new feature on Connect, the office's intranet site.

"I think it's been really neat," says Bonnie Webb, a professional assistant at the corporate office. "It shows that we care about each other."

Employees can submit their requests anonymously or write their name on them. However, Webb says most of the requests are submitted anonymously. Then an e-mail is sent out to a group of people who have chosen to be on the prayer list, the e-Prayer Band.

The reach of the e-prayers goes past communication on computers. At the end of the week, the e-Prayer Band comes together to pray over the requests as a group.

Though technology sometimes keeps people physically apart, the corporate office now uses technology to

enhance employee interactions. The e-Prayer Requests program facilitates real prayer with real people in an innovative way.

Doctor Helps Hawaii's Homeless

Camping on a Hawaiian beach may seem like the perfect vacation, but for the homeless population of Hawaii, living on the beach is less than ideal. The state of Hawaii has the third largest homelessness rate in the United States, with more than 15,000 homeless people, according to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The growing problem motivated Denis Mee-Lee, M.D., a doctor at Castle Medical Center, to do something. Each month, Mee-Lee spends the last Saturday feeding up to 200 homeless people in local parks.

"Feeding the homeless is a spiritual commitment I've held for the past 12 to 15 years," explains Mee-Lee. "We go to the park at the end of the month since most people have run out of food stamps by then."

When he is not helping the homeless, Mee-Lee is very busy at CMC. He chairs the department of psychiatry and directs the behavioral health unit, which he founded 32 years ago. He is also the president and principal investigator of the Hawaii Clinical Research Center, which he co-founded 20 years ago.

Mee-Lee also is involved with the community surrounding CMC. He teaches psychiatry as a clinical professor at the University of Hawaii and lectures about pharmaceutical and forensic psychiatry.

Despite all these responsibilities and more, Mee-Lee still makes time to participate in outreach with his church family at the Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church in Manoa,



Dr. Denis Mee-Lee feeds the homeless the last Sabbath of each month, and, along with his wife, organizes his church's participation in an interfaith ministry called Family Promise.



where he is a senior elder. He and his wife, Valerie, organize the church's participation in Family Promise, an interfaith program where congregations shelter, feed and support homeless families with children for a week at a time.

California Hospital Trains Staff to Minister to Patients

At Feather River Hospital in the Sierra foothills, Chaplain La Freeda Thomas developed a program to give employees the tools to witness to patients if the opportunity arises. She started the Mission Ambassador Program in 2005 with the vision that everyone employed at FRH, from volunteers to physicians, should be prepared to deal with spiritual issues if necessary.

"Everything doesn't have to come from the chaplain," Thomas says. "Housekeepers see themselves as people who clean the rooms, but they are one group of people who see the same patient every day. They can give them a word of encouragement."

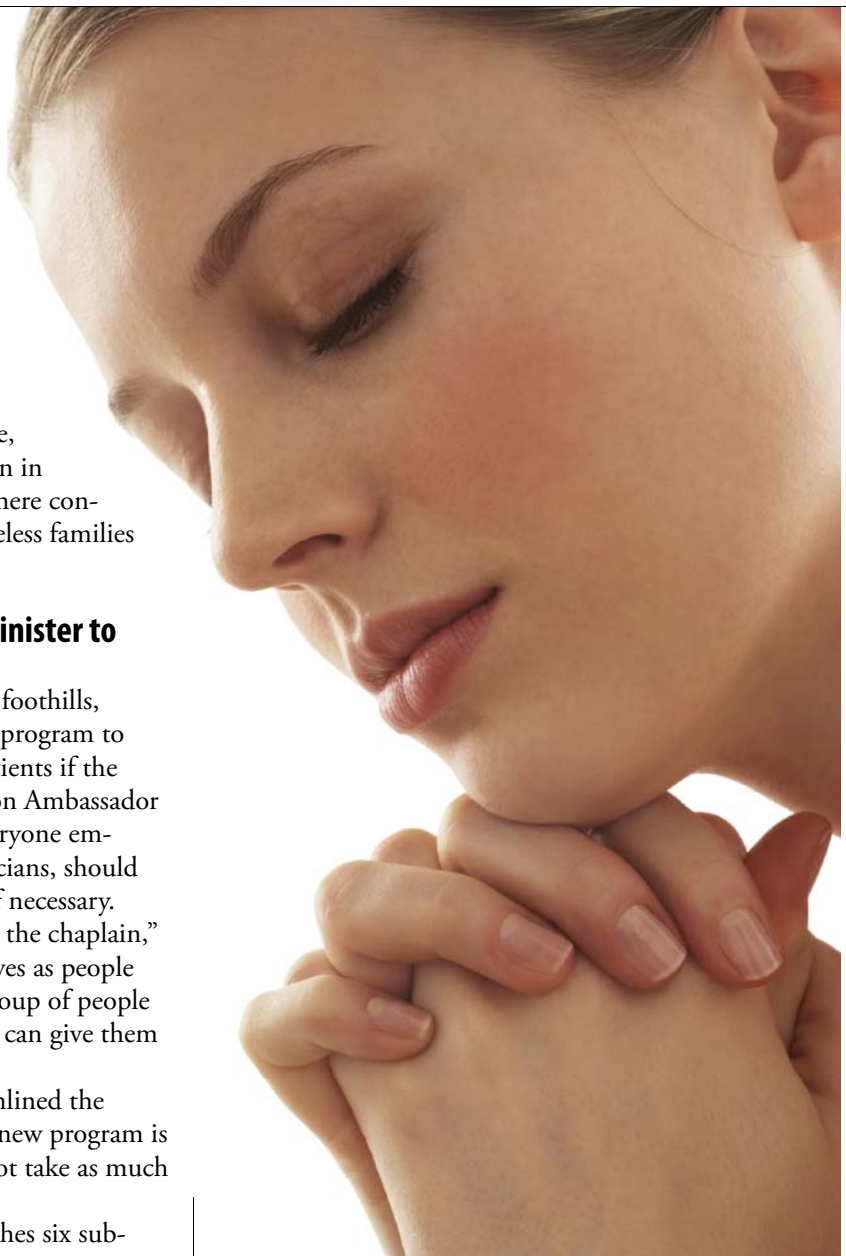
Since 2005, Thomas refined and streamlined the program to make it what it is today. The new program is faster to complete, so the training does not take as much time away from employees' jobs.

The Mission Ambassador Program teaches six subjects: compassionate presence, emphasis on service, sacred realm, spiritual assessment, cultural and spiritual diversity and chaplain services.

"I boiled it down to those steps so any staff member can utilize the program," Thomas says.

Department directors went through the program first, so they understand the importance of training the employees in their departments. Interacting with the directors also gives Thomas ideas of how to cater the program to each department when they come for training.

Scheduling is the biggest obstacle to getting every staff member trained, but Thomas hopes to have more than half of the staff trained by the end of the year. She also makes a continual effort to ensure the employees who have not gone through the training yet still understand the concepts behind the Mission Ambassador Program.



Though official training just started recently, Thomas has already gotten positive feedback about the effects of the program.

"I've heard patients say they can sense a difference in the environment," she says.

These are just a few examples of how employees at Adventist Health put the mission statement, "to share God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing," in action at facilities across the West coast. Whether it is a technological advance to bring people together in prayer, a mission to less fortunate individuals in the surrounding area or a program to create a community of employees dedicated to showing God to patients, Adventist Health is innovating ways to go above and beyond simply giving patients health care.



CALENDARS

Arizona

PATHFINDER CAMPOREE AND FAIR (April 1-4) Strawberry, Ariz. Guest speaker is Pastor Steve Hamilton of the Central California Conference, and music by Evidence. Info: Karen Glassford, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

JESUS LOVES JEANS (April 17-24) Sponsored by the Arizona Conference Youth Department. Central Spanish Church, 821 W Flower, Phoenix. Speakers are Michael Goetz and Carlos Acosta. Info: Karen Glassford, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT (April 23-25) Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Ariz. Speakers are Anita Requez-Moses and Dr. Nati Berdejo. Info: Maria Denny or Cinthia Riffel, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

Central California

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (April 2-4) Camp Wawona. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpasillas@cccsda.org.

PATHFINDER BIKE-A-THON (April 2-4) Monterey Bay Academy. Info: Norma, 559-347-3174 or nvillarreal@cccsda.org.

TEEN GIRLS RETREAT (April 9-11) Soquel Conference Center, for girls ages 13-19. Info: Leah Page, 661-330-8450 or teengirlsretreat@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP TRAINING & VBS SESSIONS (April 17-18) CCC office and the Clovis church. Info: Susan, 559-347-3183 or sschwarz@cccsda.org.

KIDS DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING (April 30-May 2) CCC office. Deadline: March 15. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpasillas@cccsda.org.

PRISON MINISTRY SEMINAR (May 2) CCC office. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpasillas@cccsda.org.

SOQUEL CONFERENCE CENTER VOLUNTEER PROJECT (May 2-5). Come for one or more days, meals and lodging included. Info: Caron Oswald, 559-347-3181 or coswald@cccsda.org.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 14-16) Central Valley Christian Academy. Info: Norma, 559-347-3174 or nvillarreal@cccsda.org.

CAMP WAWONA VOLUNTEER PROJECT (May 16-19) Come for one or more days, meals and lodging

included. Info: Caron Oswald, 559-347-3181 or coswald@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT (May 21-23) Camp Wawona. Featured speaker: Pastor Manuel Moral, "Como Sobrevivir... el Fin" Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

La Sierra University

FRANCES BARNARD MEMORIAL OBSERVATORY (April 2 and 16) Gaze at the stars weather permitting, 8-11 p.m. Info: 951-785-2273.

WORLD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (April 3, 10, 17, 24) Open 2-5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2209.

STAHL CENTER MUSEUM OF WORLD CULTURE (April 3, 10, 17, 24) Open 2-5 p.m. Info: 951-785-2041.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (April 11) 5-8 p.m.

ALUMNI VESPERS CONCERT (April 16) 7:30 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

52ND ANNUAL CONCERTO CONCERT (April 17) 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

FACULTY RECITAL (April 18) Junwon Jin, piano, 7 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

STUDENT RECITAL (April 24) Natalie Choi, soprano, 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP (Fridays) 7:45 p.m. Info: 951-785-2090.

Northern California

MUSIC MINISTRY EASTER PROGRAM (April 3) 11 a.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 7601 Lemon Hill Ave. Info: 916-381-5353.

"FORSAKEN" (April 3) Remembering the Last Days of Christ. 10:45 a.m. Church choir and orchestra. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Info: 916-487-8684, ext. 111.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (April 9-11) Sacramento-area hotel. Info: Rob or Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798 or purvis4@comcast.net.

SENIORS MINISTRY DAY (April 10) 11 a.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 7601 Lemon Hill Ave. Info: 916-381-5353.

PATHFINDER BIKE-A-THON (April 11) Sleep Train Amphitheater, Marysville. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

CHURCH FAMILY BIKE RIDE (April 11) Sacramento-Capitol City church, 7601 Lemon Hill Ave. Info: 916-381-5353.

TEEN PATHFINDER ROCK CLIMBING (April 15-18, 22-25) Yosemite. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

KING'S HERALDS (April 16) Evensong concert, 7 p.m. Lodi-Fairmont church, 730 S. Fairmont Ave. Info: 209-334-1844.

YOUTH RALLY (April 16-18) Paradise church, 5720 Academy Dr. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

WEEK OF PRAYER (April 17-24) 7-9 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 7601 Lemon Hill Ave. Info: 916-381-5353.

NCC SPELLING BEE (April 18) 10 a.m. Rio Lindo Academy. Come celebrate the achievements of 5-8 grade students from NCC schools. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1261.

EL DORADO NATURE CLUB CAMP OUT (April 23-25) Almond Tree RV Park, 3124 Esplanade, Chico. Join the fun! Renew old friendships; make new friends. Come for weekend or for Sabbath. Friday night: soup/

salad potluck and vespers; Sabbath: Sabbath School, church and noon potluck. Reservations: Charlene Adams, 530-223-5026 by April 16.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING (April 25) Kids' and God's Communication Network. NCC office. Info: 925-685-4300 ext. 1282.

CAMINO CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (May 1) Come help the 98-year-old congregation celebrate 50 years at its present location. Services begin at 9 a.m. Camino church, 3520 Carson Road. Info: 530-644-2236.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 2) Napa Christian Campus of Education. Info: Youth Dept., 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT (May 7-9) Our 21st year... New date! Leoni Meadows. Don't miss hearing Herb Larsen encourage and equip you in sharing and living the life of Christ. Info: Steve Nicola, 530-260-3616 or 530-626-3610.

Pacific Union College

ACADEMY KEYBOARD FESTIVAL (April 1-3) Academy students from Northern and Central California are invited to enjoy ensemble music, master classes, and demonstrations and play in a concluding concert April 3 at 8 p.m. in Paulin Hall. Info: 707-965-6201.

COLLEGE DAYS (April 8-11) High school students from across the U.S. are invited to campus to participate in spiritual, academic and social activities. Info: 707-965-6425.

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STUDENT ART EXHIBITION (April 15) The opening reception and awards ceremony for the student art show takes place at Rasmussen Art Gallery at 7 p.m. The show is on display through May 4. Info: 707-965-6604.

CONCERT (April 17) The ensembles of the music department perform a grand concert at 4 p.m. in Paulin Hall.

EVENSONG (April 17) End the Sabbath with music and the spoken word in the PUC church at 7 p.m. Info: 707-965-6201.

Southeastern California

PATHFINDER TEEN REWARD RIVER TRIP (April 8-11) Info: 951-509-2265, judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org, or www.seccyouth.com.

"THE SEARCH" EVANGELISM SERIES (April 10-May 8) Garden Grove church, 12702 Ninth St., Garden Grove, 7 p.m. Experience a fresh look at Daniel and Revelation, presented by Dan Smith, senior pastor. Info: JKoch@chiptonross.com or 714-534-1987.

SECC JUNIOR HIGH BAND FESTIVAL CONCERT (April

15) 7 p.m., Alumni Pavilion, La Sierra University, Riverside. Info: 951-509-2313.

ADVENTURER FUN DAY (April 18) SECC grounds, Riverside. Info: 951-509-2265, judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org, or www.seccyouth.com.

Southern California

JURIED ART EXHIBIT (April 3) "On the Way to the Cross," Alhambra church, 220 S. Chapel, Alhambra 91801; 5-7 p.m. with living works of art, "The Last Supper," "Christ before the High Priest." Artists' submissions in 2-D or 3-D mediums. (Judging, April 2) Info: 626-289-6137.

SCC MEN'S MINISTRY CONVOCATION (April 9-11) "Men on the Move 2010," Keynote, Marcel Schwantes, personal development coach, career consultant, writer. Ages 18+, youth evangelist Juan Arias; Camp Cedar Falls, 39850 State Highway 38, Angelus Oaks, Calif. Info: Frank Fulgham, 818-601-0340; Oscar Santuri, 626-732-1933; Charles Dolcay, 323-734-1276 or 323-353-8234.

SURVIVING IN A WORLD OF ADDICTIONS (April 10) Yoli Hernandez; part of a continuing series featuring stories of women who

faced earth-shattering situations and, by God's grace, became survivors. 4-6 p.m. Thousand Oaks church, 480 W. Gainsborough Rd. Info: 805-373-0320.

ORGAN CONCERT (April 10) Second Saturday Series featuring Kimo Smith. 4 p.m. at the Glendale City church, corner of California and Isabel. Info: www.glendalecitysda.com.

3RD ANNUAL CHIP PROGRAM (April 11-May 16) Alhambra church, 220 S. Chapel Ave. The Coronary Health Improvement Project provides education, motivation and personalized, local, on-going support to help you reach your goals and stick with them. Info: info@alhambrachip.org; 818-949-8357; www.alhambrachip.org.

GLAR CONVOCATION (April 21-24) "Transforming Lives, Sharing Christ." 7 p.m., April 21, 23, Breath of Life church, 425 S. La Brea Ave., Inglewood; April 24, starting with 8 a.m. prayer service, Los Angeles Adventist Academy, 846 East El Segundo Blvd., Los Angeles. Info: 818-546-8445.

PACIFIC UNION ASI CONVENTION (April 22-25) "Prepared, United." Hyatt Regency Hotel, 17900 Jamboree Road, Irvine, Calif. Featured speakers: Robert Folkenberg, Neil Nedley, M.D., and Skip Dodson. Music by James and Joseph Hearn. Meeting available for children 2-12. Info: asipuc.netadventi.org; 818-546-8461.

K.I.D. UNIVERSITY (April 23-25) Prepares churches for discipleship ministry; parents to spiritually mentor, disciple their children to Jesus. Glendale Adventist Medical Center Auditorium, 1509 Wilson Terrace. Info: Lucy Benitez, 818-546-8448.

LOS ANGELES ADVENTIST FORUM (April 24) "Exploring the Center of Adventism: A Student - Professor Dialogue." Presenter, Gary Chartier, Ph.D., assoc. dean, LSU School of Business; assoc. prof., law, business ethics. 3 p.m. Chapel of the Good Shepherd at Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

WEBCLINIC TRAINING (April 25-26) Sun.: netAdventist basics, 8-10:15 a.m.; Bible StudyTracker, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jesse Johnson, instructor. AdventistChurchConnect, Judi Paliungas, instructor. Mon.: netAdventist training only. SCC office, 1535 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale. Info: bcooney818@sbcglobal.net; http://scccomm.adventistfaith.org/communication-events.

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LA SIERRA ACADEMY Alumni Weekend (April 23-24) Friday golf tournament, vespers, Sabbath services at LSA gym, class reunions, basketball game. Yearbooks available for sale. Visit your campus, renew your friendships. Honor classes '40, '50, '60, '70, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05. Info: 951-351-1445 x 244 or lsalumni@lsak12.com.

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY Alumni Homecoming (April 16-18) Honor classes: 1950, '60, '70, '80, '85, '90, and 2000. Banquet; church service featuring John VanDenBergh, '60; Fred Hoyt Library opening, various reunions. Info: 909-785-4LSU or www.lasierra.edu/index.php?id=135.

CORRECTION: NEWBURY PARK ACADEMY Alumni Day (April 10) Guest speaker, John Haney, 1960; registration

8:30 a.m., potluck; honor classes ending in "0." Info: www.npaa.info, 805-498-2191; or M. Johnson, 805-588-1919 or mrsjnpa@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE Homecoming (April 16-18) Alumni gather to celebrate our "Distinguished Past, Confident Future" in a weekend full of events and programs. Info: www.puc.edu/alumni or 707-965-7500.

PLEASANT HILL ADVENTIST ACADEMY Homecoming (May 1) Honor classes '00 and '05. Info: www.phaacougars.com or alumni@phaacougars.com.

REDDING ADVENTIST ACADEMY Alumni Sabbath (April 10) Pastor Beejay Wheeler, 2005, will speak. Academy students will deliver a presentation on their mission trip to Belize Sabbath, 10 a.m. Alumni Association meeting will follow lunch. 530-547-4579.

RIO LINDO ACADEMY Alumni Weekend (April 2-4) Info: Principal's office, 707-431-5100.

SACRAMENTO ACADEMY Alumni Reunion (April 3) Events begin at 9 a.m. Church service, afternoon vespers, and activities planned by honor classes: '90, '80, '95, '70 and '60. Info: slovell10@sbcglobal.net.

SAN GABRIEL ACADEMY 50th Anniversary Celebration (April 10-11) 8827 East Broadway. Former faculty, staff and alumni especially invited. Featured speaker, John Hughson, '63, exec. pastor, PUC church; day concludes with alumni/varsity games. Sunday, Family Spring Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 626-292-1156.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY and Arizona Academy Alumni Weekend (April 2-4) 7410 E Sutton, Scottsdale. Honors classes of AA: 1920, '25, '30, '35, '40, '45 and '50. Honor classes for TAA: 1901-55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, 2000 and '05. Info: Sherry Warren, 480-948-330 or alumni@thunderbirdacademy.org.

WEIMAR COLLEGE Alumni Reunion weekend (April 16-18) Call 530-422-7933 to register. Info: alumni@weimar.edu.

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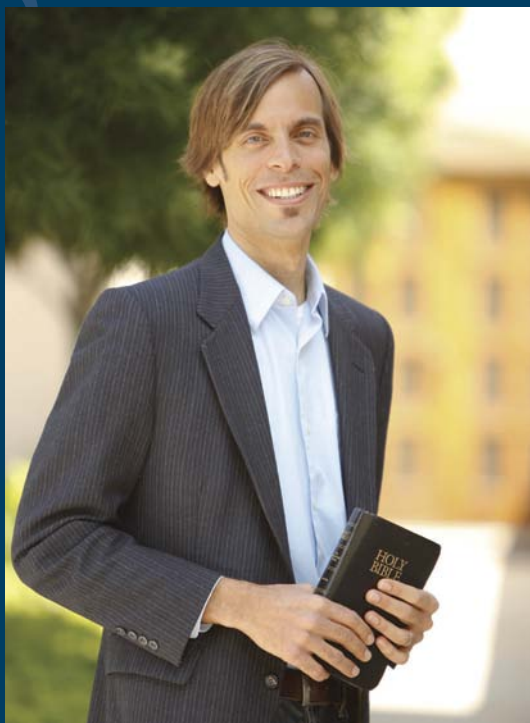
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Vespers (Class of 2000) — 8.00p

Sabbath, April 24



SABBATH SCHOOL/WORSHIP — 9.30a

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Potluck Luncheon — 12.30p

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BOLLIER, EARL W. — b. Dec. 18, 1927, Wash., D.C.; d. Sept. 15, 2009, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: sons, Bill, Vance; daughters, Cindy Thomas, Mindy Russell, Karen Zembower, Brenda; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

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BURKE, MARGE — b. Nov. 23, 1921, Philadelphia, Pa.; d. Jan. 24, 2010, Templeton, Calif. Survivors: husband, John; son, Thomas Gilmartin; stepsons, Anthony, Vincent, Chrisfor; daughter, Wendy Schrader; step-daughters, Mary Lynn Cordano; Karen Ann, Shawn Hawley.

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CHAMBERLAIN, MARK E. — b. April 15, 1949, Oceanside, N.Y.; d. Nov. 19, 2009, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Deborah; sons, John, Matthew, Justin; one grandchild.

CHAMPLIN, WALTER — b. March 12, 1919, Montrose, Colo.; d. Jan. 1, 2010, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: stepsons, Dale Harry, Jack Harry, Larry; stepdaughter, Sharon Dozier; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

CLARK, GRACE MAKIKO OGURA — b. July 29, 1928, Tokyo, Japan; d. Dec. 21, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Winston; stepsons, Douglas, David. Worked 35 years as a clinical dietitian at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

CLOUGH, JOHN, R. — b. Dec. 7, 1919, Carrollton, Ill.; d. Dec. 18, 2009, Wagonite, Ore. Survivors: wife, Roberta Boswell; sons, Robert Arthur, John Kenneth; daughter, Barbara Larson; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Palmer. Served at La Sierra University and in the Marshall Islands.

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27, 2010, Sonoma, Calif. Survivors: sons, Frank, Jack; daughter, LouAnn Clemons; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Served 50 years in her local church children's ministries.

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CRANDALL, DOROTHY ROSE (MCCOWAN) — b. April 11, 1923, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. Jan. 7, 2010, National City, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ray; sons, Ronald, Darrell; one grandchild.

ECKLAND, ROSEMARY V. — b. Sept. 8, 1918, in Omaha, Neb.; d. Jan. 6, 2010, in Grand Junction, Colo. Survivors: son, Richard; daughter, Donna Raye Priest; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

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FURMAN, OLIVER H. — b. June 29, 1914, Pottsville, Pa.; d. Dec. 7, 2009, Cloverdale, Calif. Survivors: wife, Avis; son, Payton; daughters, Karen Starr, Vickie Nakabayashi; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

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GRAY, THELA MAE — b. Aug. 11, 1912, Gridley Township, Ill.; d. Feb. 12, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Beverly Haffner; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

GRIFFITH, ARTHUR W. — b. Aug. 25, 1920, Remer, Minn.; d. Jan. 16, 2010, French Camp, Calif. Survivors: wife, Alyce; sons, Alfred, Donald, Benjamin; daughter, Doris Regen. He was ordained as the Adventist Church's first Deaf minister in 1969.

GRIFFITH, BARBARA JEANETTE (WESTERHOUT) — b. July 17, 1931, San Francisco, Calif.; d. Jan. 14, 2010, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: sons, Randy, Ron; daughters, Jan Widmann, Julie Porter; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Robert Westerhout; sisters, Dorothy Harris, Elizabeth Barclay, Joyce Hansen. Served with her pastor husband, C. Wayne Griffith, in the

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HARDESTY, JOHN KINZIE — b. May 22, 1931, Modesto, Calif.; d. Dec. 21, 2009, Glendale, Calif. Survivors: wife, Florence; sons, Robert, Jeffrey, Timothy; daughter, Candra Hardesty-Garcia; 12 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

HARE, HAROLD HENNESSY — b. Jan. 14, 1920, Eagle Rock, Calif.; d. Feb. 3, 2010, San Jose, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marjorie; son, Robert; daughters, Dodie, Helen Perry; three grandchildren.

HARRIS, MARILYN M. — b. June 23, 1930, Napa, Calif.; d. Nov. 20, 2009, Bexar, Texas.

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HILLS, MATILDA ANABELLE "MILLS" — b. June 4, 1916, Brazo, Mich.; d. Feb. 3, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Carol Huddle, Betty Woods, Cindy Ford; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Kathryn Mills, Alyce Fund, Madalyn Lathrop. Served on the faculty of Loma Linda University School of Nursing.

HIVALE, SAMUEL BENJAMIN — b. Feb. 14, 1928, India; d. Feb. 6, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: sons, Ronald, John; daughter, Ann Hivale-Mahabee; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

JOHNS, DANIEL — b. May 18, 1939, Mesa, Ariz.; d. Feb. 14, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jackie; sons, Kevin, Kenneth, Keith; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

JONES, ELVA (DUNKEN) — b. Aug. 27, 1938, Lemoore, Calif.; d. Sept. 1, 2009, Fortuna, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; son, David Ogle; stepsons, Robert Jones Jr., Michael Jones; daughters, Lee Ann Reeves, Mary Massei, Sherry Flock, Terry Strahan, Sandra Bigham; stepdaughter, Lynette Bilodeau; 29 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren.

KLEIN, GORDON — b. Dec. 17, 1939, Arlington, S.D.; d. Dec. 28, 2009, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dona; son, Michael; daughter, Karla Curtis; three grandchildren. Served as a pastor and evangelist with Kenneth Cox Ministries.

KULAKOV SR., MIKHAIL P. — b. March 29, 1927, Leningrad, Russia; d. Feb. 10, Highland, Calif. Survivors: wife, Anna; sons, Pavel, Peter, Michael; daughters, Evangelina Romanov, Maria Zubkov, Elena Rudoy; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Served as the first

president of the Euro-Asia Division; led in establishing Zaoski Adventist University; established the Bible Translation Institute at Zaoski and was its main editor.

LECOMPT, DORIS MARJORIE (MARSH) — b. Dec. 14, 1932, Madison, Wis.; d. Feb. 12, 2010, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: husband, H. Cary; sons, Mark, Russell, Darin; daughter, Cheryl Wren; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a registered nurse for the Washington Sanitarium & Hospital in Takoma Park, Md. and at LLUMC.

LITTLE, NANNIE — b. April 10, 1923, Fort Smith, Ark.; d. Jan. 10, 2010, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Jim; daughter, Ruth Swan; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

LOZANO, OLIMPO — b. June 26, 1933, Villa Rica, Tolima, Colombia; d. Feb. 16, 2010, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Stewart; three grandsons. Worked for more than 35 years as a literature evangelist and lay minister.

MEYER, EARL — b. Nov. 15, 1916, Beaumont, Calif.; d. Jan. 21, 2010, Ceres, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Martha Butcher; one grandchild.

MILLER, LUCILLE M. — b. Aug. 25, 1916, Ukiah, Calif.; d. Jan. 17, 2010, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: sons, Wayne, Lee, Lynn; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

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Calif. Survivors: wife, Paula; son, Rodger; daughter, Noel (Cookie) Compere; three grandchildren. Worked in literature evangelism for two conferences for more than 25 years.

MUTH, LELAND — b. Oct. 19, 1921, Walla Walla, Wash.; d. Jan. 20, 2010, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: wife, Alice; son, Stan; daughter, Judy Bunch; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served on Golden Gate Academy board for many years.

NAGEL, EDITH — b. March 4, 1917, Kansas City, Kan.; d. Nov. 14, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Sherman; sons, Lewis, Charles, James; daughter, Betty Steinke; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Served for 23 years with her husband as a missionary in Nigeria.

NGO, WYMAN — b. Jan. 22, 1913, Singapore; d. Feb. 2, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Hannah; sons, Eric, Eddie, Earnest; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

NORD, LINNEA — b. April 20, 1905, Hogsby County, Sweden; d. Dec. 28, 2009, Calistoga, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Mary Tillay; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

OLIVER, CAROL — b. Jan. 27, 1956, Ann Arbor, Mich.; d. Feb. 10, 2010, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: mother, Eva Mae;

brother, Tim; sisters, Linda Christensen, Diane Bock, Bonnie Oliver.

PARFITT, MELISSA — b. Aug. 26, 1915, Sugar Bush, Wis.; d. Jan. 26, 2010, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: sons, John, Lawrence; daughter, Beverly Wilhelm; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

RASMUSSEN, TEDFORD — b. Aug. 27, 1922, Rawlins, Wyo.; d. Sept. 20, 2009, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: sons, Michael, Timothy; daughters, Merri Beth Callender, Kathleen Williams; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a pastor and singer in the Michigan, Florida and Northern California conferences.

REID, PAMELA LYNN — b. June 2, 1962, San Jose, Calif.; d. March 28, 2009, Santa Clara, Calif. Survivors: son, Maxwell Helwig.

ROSADO, MARIA (SILVA) — b. Dec. 8, 1939, Aveiro, Portugal; d. Jan. 29, 2010, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ottoniel; daughters, Debra, Melissa; four grandchildren. Served as assistant dean of women at Pacific Union College.

RUE, GRACE (CORRECTION) — b. July 28, 1910, Anaheim, Calif.; d. July 13, 2009, Chico, Calif. Survivors: stepson, George; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Served for 20 years as a missionary with her husband, Dr. George

Rue, in Seoul, Korea, where they opened a hospital, school and orphanage.

SHARP, DORIS ELAINE (VENDEN) — b. Sept. 4, 1927, Portland, Ore.; d. Jan. 28, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Douglas, Walter; daughters, Barbara Melton, Nelda Woodin; 11 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

SNIDER, MILDRED — b. March 22, 1915, Johnson City, Mich.; d. Feb. 10, 2010, Hemet, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dennis, James; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

SPAINHOWER, GOLDIE — b. Aug. 12, 1910, Harrison County, Mo.; d. Jan. 6, 2010, College Place, Wash. Survivors: sons, Jerry, W. Carroll; daughter, Dona Klein; 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren.

TAGALOG, MARVEL — b. Nov. 28, 1949, Davao City, Philippines; d. Jan. 6, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Melna; sons, Michael, Marvel Jr.; daughters, Mia, Mimzy.

TURNER, RONALD EUGENE — b. July 16, 1946, Indianapolis, Ind.; d. Nov. 25, 2009, San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: wife, Belle; son, Tylaun; daughter, Yvette Scates.

VASSAR, ROBERT L. — b. March 12, 1930, Cloverdale, Calif.; d. Sept. 24, 2009, Santa Rosa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lois; daughters, Debra Hufnagel, Kathy Brooks; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

VENEGAS, DANIEL HERNANDEZ — b. April 17, 1930, Santa Barbara, Calif.; d. Oct. 9, 2009, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Luz Ayala-Venegas; sons, David, Daniel; daughter, Alicia; two grandchildren.

WEAVER, HILMA RAUMA — b. Aug. 1, 1915, Nivala, Finland; d. Sept. 15, 2009, Roseville, Calif. Survivors: daughters, JoAnne Brown, Lois Stupka; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

WHITTAKER, KATHRYN (FURBER) — b. Feb. 25, 1918, Klamath Falls, Ore.; d. Nov. 24, 2009, Tonopah, Nev. Survivors: three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

WINTER, BETTY — b. May 8, 1915, La Moille, Wis.; d. Jan. 30, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Robin Baldwin, Christie. Was a missionary to China 1939-1949.

YARNELL, EVELYN — b. July 26, 1915, San Fernando, Calif.; d. Nov. 4, 2009, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Shirley Warner; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

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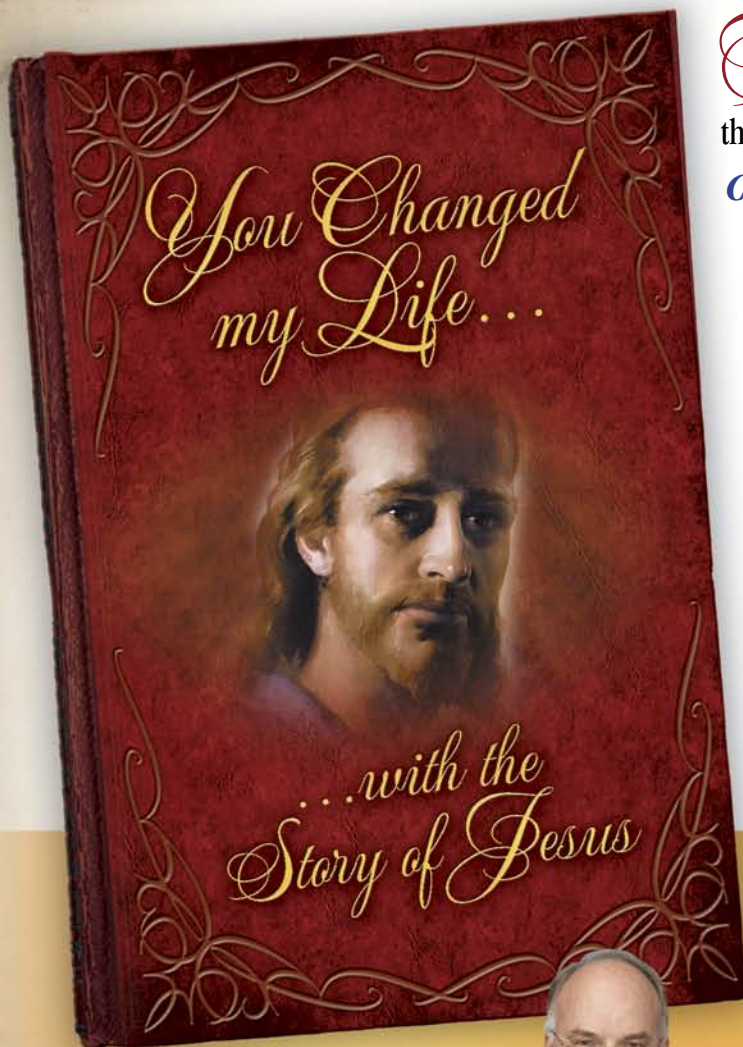
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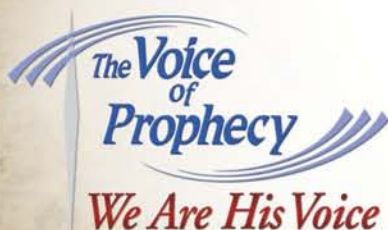
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