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Rejoice in the Lord, Alway...



Ricardo Graham

Paul tells his readers that they are to “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). This is a repetition of what he wrote in Philippians 3:1, where he admonishes the Philippians and all readers to “rejoice in the Lord.” Paul is writing one of the churches he established with his evangelistic team on a journey after receiving the “Macedonian call” (Acts 16:9). But on the actual occasion of this writing, he was imprisoned with an uncertain fate. How could an incarcerated person write of joy and rejoicing?

The key is “relationship.” While he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christ’s followers, he was himself converted to Jesus Christ in a most dynamic demonstration of personal contact. The resurrected Lord appeared and spoke to him. He was transformed into a believer, whose conversion was to the person Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.” The post-Damascus road Paul lived within a submitted relationship to His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through faith.

As such, he relates the joy of praying for his friends (1:4), seeing his church plant thriving and growing. He rejoices in their maturation in the gospel and at their being filled with the fruits of righteousness in Christ to the glory and praise of God (1:11). Even though he is incarcerated, the chains that he wears are “in Christ” and he rejoices that the name of Christ is being preached because of his imprisonment. Paul acknowledged that while some preached Christ insincerely, others did so with genuine

faith and commitment. In either case, Paul rejoices that the person Jesus Christ is being proclaimed (1:18).

Some biblical commentators think that the book of Philippians is a letter of joy. While Paul does speak to some concerns that he has with the church, there is a joy in the letter to the Philippians, which has its source in not circumstances or situations, but a relationship with God. Thus he, and we, can face the uncertain future with the certainty of joy in Jesus, enabling us to “rejoice in the Lord.”

I am convinced that we are nearing the return of Jesus. We face this time knowing that any uncertainty can be met with faith, calm assurance, and joy.

Each of us could supply a list of societal evils that cause us to shudder. Death, destruction and decay surround us; yet, we live with a faith in Christ Jesus that stands true and sure. He continues to manifest Himself by changing our lives. Operating in this fallen world, He persistently invites people to live in a relationship of change and transformation, growth and development, advancement and victory.

And as we do so, we have countless reasons to rejoice in the Lord.

We rejoice in the risen Savior, we rejoice in His gifts of repentance, forgiveness and victory over sin. We rejoice in His grace and goodness toward us, and the end of the Great Controversy when God’s character will be fully vindicated.

We do not delay our rejoicing until then. We rejoice in the Lord daily while we anticipate His return, joining Paul in saying, “Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.”

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Ciccarellis Direct Ministry for Couples

Don A. Roth

Better marriages within a better world is the objective of a unique program organized and conducted by a Southeastern California Conference pastor and his wife who devote valuable private time to a program called Sacred Hearts Ministry.

Jon Ciccarelli and his wife of 23 years, Lisa, have strong convictions that sometimes 21st century marriages are being shaped by today's culture and society and not by the presence of God in the couples' lives. Ciccarelli is senior pastor of the Calimesa church in the Inland Empire.

Their conviction that couples can greatly enlarge their marriage success rate led the Ciccarellis to initiate their program four years ago to "unlock some of the keys to the success of a good marriage in today's mixed-up and sometimes erratic society."

Sacred Hearts Ministry periodically brings couples together to grow in relationships that will improve the home, the church, and society all at the same time.

They do it through marriage retreats usually conducted over a weekend in a secluded atmosphere, where they can give careful consideration to ways and means of making marriage the success that God intended it to be.

The Ciccarellis met in their freshman year of college and fell in love on their very first date. They have two children, Andrew James

and Alana Michele. Together they have had more than 40 years of experience in the area of marriage counseling and spiritual direction. Jon is pastor of a 1,200-member church, and Lisa is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice in Calimesa.

"Many couples," says Jon, "are yearning for the secret to an incredible marriage." He maintains that the secret is a marriage strongly connected to God.

"Marriages can be shaped by the very heart and hand of God," he said in commenting on their program. "Yes, it takes some effort and intentionality, but by the grace of God it can be a reality."

Their program is a yearlong project, according to Jon.

"When a couple decides to be a part of the process, they are committing, with 14 other couples, to be a part of three marriage retreats for a year, one retreat every six



Lisa and Jon Ciccarelli direct Sacred Hearts Ministry, a program to draw couples closer to God and to each other. Jon is senior pastor of the Calimesa church.

months. They will journey together experiencing what only God can do when they are intentional about their relationship with God, their spouse, and others who have the same priority."

Until moving to the Calimesa church in September 2009, Jon was associate and then senior pastor of the Escondido church for a total of 17 years. During that time, he was a chaplain for the American Red Cross of San Diego on an on-call basis. He earned his Master of Arts degree in pastoral studies from the Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif., in 2004.



LLA Awards Diploma to Member of Class of 1939

Mary Morgan, with the Schaefer family

April 10, 2010, was a memorable day for Robert Anthony Schaefer, Loma Linda Academy class of 1939. During Alumni Homecoming, his long-awaited diploma was finally awarded him at age 89.

Schaefer said he just went to enjoy the yearly event and was shocked and amazed that the school would do that for him.

"If someone wants to hire someone with a high school diploma, I can now get the job ... if they can put up with an 89-year-old man," he said.

Most people go to school and earn a diploma to be able to succeed in life. Some people, however, are unable to earn such a diploma for reasons beyond their control, and yet, through their own initiative, are able to succeed. Because Schaefer worked in the academy kitchen to help pay for his tuition, he missed

much of his chemistry class and was, therefore, unable to graduate.

Schaefer married at age 19. He and his wife, Dorothy, welcomed identical twin sons 13 months later. This was right after the Great Depression, when money was scarce, and Schaefer had no opportunity to continue his education while supporting his new family.

In 1943, his parents decided to build a home out in the country. Because Schaefer had no experience in construction, a carpenter neighbor told him how to place the house on the lot, how deep to dig the footings, and continued to coach him until the wood-frame house was completed. In those days, no building permits or home inspections were required.

Schaefer's best friend and academy classmate, Dwight Golay, asked him to help build a house five lots away. With more help from the carpenter/neighbor, Schaefer and Golay built a home out of concrete blocks. Eventually they built a home on Mountain View Avenue in Loma Linda so that Schaefer's sons could attend Loma Linda Academy, starting in the first grade.

These experiences led to Schaefer's constructing custom homes all over Loma Linda and San Bernardino.

Robert Anthony Schaefer, age 89 and widowed, is engaged to be married to Florence Fisher, a 1945 graduate of Loma Linda Academy.



Through Schaefer's exceptional work, his company won the contracts for building what today is known as the Loma Linda University church and the five-story tower on the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

When Schaefer retired at age 75, he started installing satellite dishes so that people could watch Three Angel's Broadcasting Network and Loma Linda Broadcasting Network. To date, he and his business partner have installed more than 6,000 satellite dishes. As a missionary project, Schaefer has purchased and loaned more than 30 satellite systems for people who could not afford their own. He also enjoys restoring antique and classic cars in his spare time.

A widower, Schaefer, has outlived most of his classmates and is now engaged to be married. When one of his sons asked why he recently bought his sixth rental property, he answered, "I've got to be concerned about my future."

L. Roo McKenzie, right, then head principal of Loma Linda Academy, presents a diploma to Robert Anthony Schaefer, a member of the class of 1939 who was unable to graduate with his class. Schaefer's family members, including his identical twin sons, Dick and Bob Jr., joined him onstage for the event.



Photos by Shawna Campbell



Camp Meeting 2010 Draws More Than 2,000

Jocelyn Fay

Praise, prayer and preaching drew more than 2,000 adults, youth and children to the Riverside Convention Center on June 25 and 26 for the Southeastern California Conference Black Ministries weekend camp meeting.

Pastors from the Mt. Rubidoux, Valley Fellowship and Kansas Avenue churches preached at the three worship services for adults. Each service — Friday evening and Sabbath morning at 9:30 and 11 — was a complete worship service that included a sermon, prayers, an offering, and praise in the form of music, mime or the spoken word.

Michael Kelly II, Mt. Rubidoux senior pastor, based his Friday evening message on the superpower available to believers when they call on Jesus for help meeting the challenges of everyday living. That divine power, he said, is far superior to that of the fictional superheroes Batman and Superman, yet is available to everyone who recognizes their need and calls on Jesus.

At the morning meeting for youth, the young people divided into groups for prayer about their major concerns, such as friendships, education and staying free of drugs and other harmful substances.



Photos by Jocelyn Fay



Andrea Trusty King, associate pastor of the Valley Fellowship church in Rialto, preached at the early Sabbath morning worship service.

Andrea Trusty King, associate pastor of the Valley Fellowship church in Rialto, preached at the early Sabbath morning worship service. She based her sermon on the story of Job, quoting Job 23:10: “When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” What’s necessary to turn garbage into gold, she said, is a catalyst, which is trusting in God and looking to Him for transformation of the situation.

Bron Jacobs, senior pastor of the Kansas Avenue church in Riverside, moved the spotlight from the Old Testament to the New as he told the story of Peter and John in Acts 3. He described them as “having been on the same team” when they were Jesus’ disciples but having been jealous and competitive.

“When they began to walk with Jesus, they learned how to resolve

their issues,” Jacobs said. “In the book of Acts, they are finally in the temple praying together” and then healing a beggar who had never been able to walk.

“Real power,” Jacobs concluded, “comes from walking with God.”

Throughout the services, people were invited to write down their prayer requests and drop them into wooden boxes at the back of the auditorium. During the second Sabbath service, the boxes were brought to the front of the room, where Kurt King, senior pastor of the Valley Fellowship church, asked God to answer each request according to His will.

For youth, camp meeting began on Wednesday evening, June 23, and continued through Saturday evening. Guest speaker was Luis Petit-Frere, from the Southern California Conference. Children’s ministry leaders from the Mt. Rubidoux church, led by Nicole Bailey, coordinated the children’s program on Sabbath morning.

Kansas Avenue pastor Bron Jacobs, backed by his church’s praise team, calls for recommitment to Jesus at the end of his sermon.



Loma Linda Indonesian Members Lay First Stones for New Sanctuary

Jackie Sihotang

Loma Linda Indonesian church members held a ceremony on Father's Day, June 20, of laying the first foundation stones to initiate the construction of their new sanctuary. Members young and old attended, dressed in colorful, traditional Indonesian wear, such *batik*, *kebaya*, *kain panjang* and *sarong*.

"Today is the culmination of years of dreaming," Clifford Lim, interim pastor, said in his opening remarks. "God has blessed our church in so many ways; if it weren't for His providence and leading, we would not be celebrating this monumental milestone today."

In 2006, Albert James Pardede, senior pastor, started to think about building a new sanctuary, and on July 15, 2006, members at a church business session voted to build one. Two days later, they submitted a letter of intent to Southeastern California Conference. Then some building permit problems arose, preventing the construction of a building with a seating capacity of 1,000 on the property. The plan was delayed.

On March 7, 2009, members purchased 1.99 acres of adjacent land north of their property, which cleared up parking issues and allowed them to build a church with up to 1,100 seating capacity. But then they were delayed by more stringent requirements for flood control after Hurricane Katrina.

The church received a conditional use permit and building permits from San Bernardino County on April 21, 2010, and scheduled a stone-laying ceremony for Father's Day.

"Let's continue what we have started," said William Silalahi, who chairs the building committee, at the ceremony. He added, "God must have had a good reason for delaying the project. May God lead us in unity, and let's work together, all for the glory of God."

Amos Simorangkir, project manager, said that construction of the 98-foot by 95-foot sanctuary was scheduled to start on July 19 and is expected to take approximately eight months.

"What God has done and what God will do, that's what we're celebrating today," said Sandra Roberts, conference executive secretary, in her devotional message, "Building a church is a great sacrifice, but remember, it's temporary — this world is not our home."

Rudy Bermudez, conference vice president for Asian-Pacific ministries, offered a prayer of dedication before the stone-laying ceremony began.

Clifford Lim, Winker Sitanggang, William Silalahi and Amos Simorangkir uncovered the ground where the stones would be laid. Roberts laid the first stone, followed by Bermudez; George Atiga, Pacific Union Asian-Pacific ministries director; representatives from the

church and its various departments; and guests.

ABOVE: The Lolind Kids, directed by Gamal Simorangkir, were among the musical groups to perform for members and guests. A few days later they flew to Atlanta, where they sang at the General Conference session of the world church. Photo by Jocelyn Fay.

The ceremony was also attended by Thomas Staples, conference treasurer; Manuel Vitug, conference associate youth director for children's ministries; Houtman Sinaga, from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division; Indonesian church pastors; and other guests.

After the cutting of *nasi tumpeng*, cone-shaped yellow rice, as a symbol of blessing, members and guests enjoyed a fellowship lunch together.

The church of more than 800 members is located at 10827 California Street, Redlands. Members will continue to meet in their fellowship hall until their new sanctuary is completed.

Deborah Pardede, representing her husband, Albert Pardede, the pastor who initiated the construction project, laid one of the first stones.



Sonny F. Weiskow



Two SCC Pastors Ordained

Betty Cooney

Jin Seong Choe was ordained to the gospel ministry on May 29. He graduated from Sahmyook University with a degree in theology in 2001 and earned his master's degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 2004.

He has served as an associate pastor of the Marietta Korean church in Georgia and as an associate pastor of Rosemead Korean church, where he currently is the senior pastor.

He and Jung Ho Choe have two daughters, Lynn and Elena.

"Upon my ordination, I reflected on the time when no church was calling me for ministry after the graduation of Andrews seminary, but my wife and I believed that God's call is in our lives," said

Choe. "I will never forget this and want to live according to this call and do my best in expanding God's kingdom on this earth."

Jesús Torres

Jesús Torres was ordained on June 5. As a young adult, Torres directed a youth mission project, raising \$175,000. The funds were used to construct a church and plant a congregation in an area of Mexico where residents speak in the Mixtec language, Torres' mother tongue.

Torres earned a degree in theology from the University of Montemorelos in 1999 and a master's in family relations in 2003. Torres and Claribel Contreras, a nursing student, met at the university and were married in 2000. The Torres' are the parents of one son, Abdiel.



Jin Seong Choe, pastor of the Rosemead Korean church.

Leaders pray at the ordination service for Jesús Torres.

Betty Cooney



Torres has ministered in Baja California, Mexico and in the Oregon and Idaho conferences as a Bible worker. In 2006, he was called to serve as the pastor of the West Hollywood Spanish church, and he is currently the pastor of the San Gabriel and Temple City Spanish churches.

"The ordination ceremony was a fulfillment of my vocation and a confirmation of God's call," said Torres. "I feel greatly honored, but at the same time, I feel the responsibility bestowed upon me to care for God's flock. Only with God's help will I be able to carry out all the tasks involved and I humbly accept His call."



Smyrna Church Provides Venue for Neighborhood Farmers Market

Betty Cooney

The Wellington Square Farmers Market is the only certified farmers market out of 200 in Southern California that is entirely vegetarian,” reported JewishJournal.com. “‘It’s quasi-kosher,’ said Judy Katz, a recent Sunday morning shopper who finds the market convenient and likes the fact that it is meatless. ‘It’s one of the reasons I’m here.’”

When representatives of the Wellington Square Neighborhood Association in Los Angeles approached leaders of the Smyrna church, it was to ask about the possibility of the church hosting a weekly farmer’s market on their property. One of the church’s parking lots, a large corner fenced-in lot on busy Washington Blvd., seemed ideal for the venture.

A market was a healthy option in line with the church’s health ministry plans for the year, so leaders agreed to host it, stipulating only vegetarian products. The restriction was not preferred by the association leaders, but eventually they agreed to get a grant for the required certification.

Currently, 18 vendors sell a variety of fresh produce and desserts made from all raw ingredients (no packaged mixes), juices and tamales. Community response is appreciative. “Thank you for allowing your lot to be used for the market where we can fellowship — and thank you for allowing us to come and vote,” one resident wrote. (The

A. Jeremiah Kelly



Marva Berry (right) talks with neighborhood association representatives Kathy Lewis and Laura Davis. The Wellington Square Market started in March and continues each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (wellingtonsquarefarmersmarket.com).

church opens its fellowship hall for elections.)

“Reasonable prices, high quality fresh foods, fruits and veg., and a very friendly atmosphere,” an online review noted, “this is a very welcome addition to the neighborhood.”

“The local councilman comes every week to the market,” noted Marva Berry, the church’s liaison for the market. “Some vendors have dropped out, but flowers are selling surprisingly well.”

Initially, Berry and a deacon who arrives at 7 a.m. each Sunday to open the gate for arriving vendors

were the only church members involved on an ongoing basis. Shortly, though, the church’s health ministry team began planning free monthly blood pressure screenings. Children’s ministry offers children’s programs twice a month at the market and posted a VBS poster on the fence that surrounds the lot.

The church receives a minimal donation to cover use of the facilities for vendors. “The market is more outreach,” both Berry and Pastor A. Jeremiah Kelly said. “It is a service to the community and is creating a positive attitude toward the church.”



SCC Pheron Ministering to Adventists on Secular Campuses

Betty Cooney

A team of SCC youth pastors, chaired by Pastor Iki Taimi, has been meeting for two years to develop Pheron*, a ministry for Adventists on secular campuses within Southern California Conference. Taimi, the pastor of the Genesis Project at Gardena church and chair of the Pheron team, described their activities. “We plan two quarterly student events — one is a social or a social-justice event; the other is spiritual.”

“We are trying to build a social network for Adventist students,” said Cary Fisher, pastor of the Living Stones/Sunland-Tujunga church district. “There is such a need for it. Adventist students are kind of displaced from their spiritual network when they go to their campus. Their home church may be so far away or so different from college life.”

“When Pheron started in 2008, there were no support groups, no functions specifically for collegiate young adults; nothing uniting this age bracket in this conference,” noted Taimi. “We kept wondering

where our young collegiates were disappearing to, without suspecting there was no conference-wide umbrella for this demographic.”

Pheron’s first program invited interested students for an evening of food and socializing. “We were expecting a few young adults and ended up packing out the Fisher home,” added Taimi. “The second event, held at Elder Danny

with nearly 60 kids there, and different ones talking to him, he was almost a ‘social butterfly’ by the end of the evening!”

Pheron committee member Juliana Moon exemplifies the viral nature of developing a student ministry. She and friends at UCLA know friends on other campuses and in area churches. Getting the word out about events travels

fast by word of mouth.

“Close to 100 students, Adventist and non-Adventist alike, now are showing up from several secular campuses, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive,” said Taimi. “One participant told us, ‘This was an awesome event. We would love to do this every month.’”

Defining

Pheron’s goals as

nurture, evangelism and connecting students with churches, Taimi explained, “We are looking to support Adventist kids on secular campuses, encouraging them to bring their friends.”

** Pheron (Greek): A divine upholding — grounded in Christ.*

Students with pastors (center from left) Chris Famisaran and Glenn Gibson enjoy an icebreaker activity. (For Pheron event news, emailpheron@gmail.com.)



Danny Chan

Chan’s Friday-evening Renovatus gathering, doubled their regular attendance, with about 60 students participating.”

“One guy came to a social in the club room of Pastor Cherise Gardner’s apartment building,” said Fisher. “He was kind of shy, but



Church Conducts Vacation Bible School Evangelistic Series

Betty Cooney

Soon after arriving at the Glendale Spanish church, Pastor Jaime Heras announced his first evangelistic campaign. "Vacation Bible School is an evangelistic campaign, not just a children's program," he said. "For this year's VBS, our goal is to have 50 children attending." Because the church only had 25 children attending at the time, the goal challenged members to bring 25 additional children.

Members were invited to participate in one of seven committees, involving about 40 members.

One member invited several families from her apartment complex. They were all busy, except one. "Do you see those children in the park across the street?" a neighbor asked. "I've told them already about the VBS and they all want to come!" After confirming with the children's parents, she brought six of the children, as well as her own.

Group leaders and members prepared and prayed for an attendance of 50. "The first night, we had 65



Approximately 80 children attended VBS at the Glendale Spanish church, which featured a "High Seas" theme.

children," said Heras, "and overall a total of 86 children ages 1 to 12 participated during VBS week. The program was intentionally bilingual, so that non-Spanish-speaking children could understand."

"When we invited the parents to graduation," Heras said. "We told them, 'If you come early, we also have children's classes at 9:30 a.m.' To the surprise of the church, most of them showed up for Sabbath school. We now have about 10 children visiting our Sabbath school classes, in addition to our regular attendees."

As a VBS follow up, all families were invited to the Kids in Discipleship program starting in

August. The church planned a monthly children's church that also was advertised in the community.

At the a potluck following graduation, a grandmother asked if church members would sing Happy Birthday to her grandson Israel, which the members were happy to do. Later, when asked if he wanted to continue to come to the church, Israel said, "Today has been the happiest day of my life. Sure, I want to continue to come!"

The following Sabbath, Israel joined the Juniors' Sabbath school class. "I not only want to come to church," he told his aunt, a member of the church, "but I want to get baptized."





Biloff Retires After a Life Dedicated to Education

Caron Oswald

After more than 42 years in Adventist education, Vern Biloff retired on June 30. “I had mixed emotions leading up to the decision. I love education and educators,” he told a group of Pacific Union Conference educators when he received a Lifetime Service Award April 13. Biloff was one of five union educators to receive the award.

On hand to present the award were Dr. Gil Plubell, former General Conference education vice president; Dr. Kelly Bock, Pacific Union director of education; Jerry Page, Central California Conference president; Jan, Vern’s wife; and colleagues and friends.

“I am a product of the soil, the west, and our church’s education system,” Biloff told the attendees as he thanked those with whom he had worked for so many years.

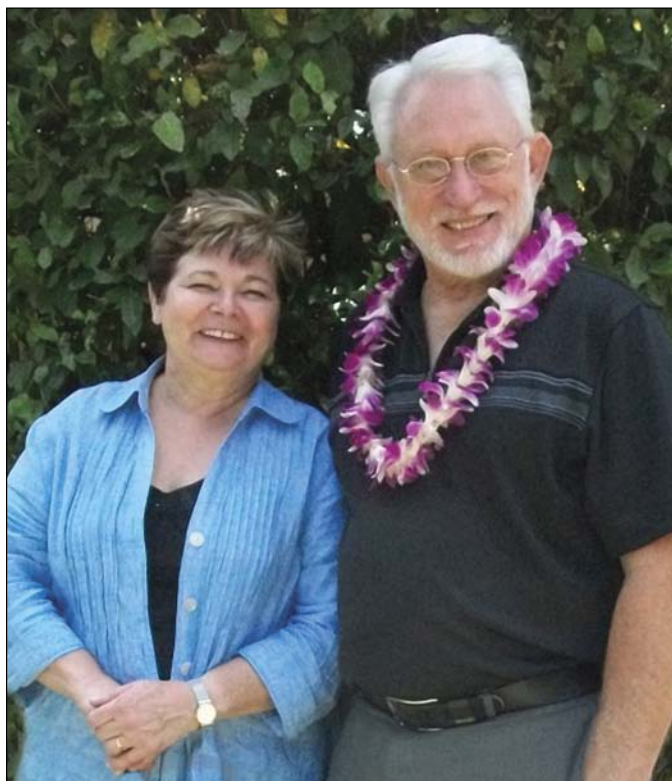
Biloff served as a secondary teacher for five years at Yakima Jr. Academy in Washington. He then served as a school administrator for 16 years in four junior and senior academies in the North Pacific Union. For the remaining 21 years, Biloff served as vice president of education for the Kentucky/Tennessee and Central California conferences.

“He is a guy who has been committed to the Lord all his life, someone whose integrity I have never questioned,” says Jerry Page, conference president. “He takes the axiom that ‘We should be thinkers and not just reflectors of other men’s

thoughts’ very seriously.”

Raised in a German immigrant culture as a rancher’s son in North Dakota, Biloff was accustomed to hard work and the great impact of nature. He left home for academy in the ninth grade. Learning a construction trade allowed him to work his way through college, first at Union College, then Walla Walla College.

“I knew I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives,” Biloff says. Education rose to the top while he attended Walla Walla. “Education and books opened the whole world to me. I owe a debt to special individuals at Walla Walla College that took this rebellious, third-generation Adventist kid, who grew up with all the do’s and don’ts, and taught me to read God’s Word and the red books with new eyes, searching for principles to live by. It



Jan and Vern Biloff

has helped me to stay centered and to mentor others to do the same.”

Vern married Janet Loy Jones, his academy sweetheart, in 1963. Jan currently serves as the director of Planned Giving and Trust Services for CCC. They are the parents of three children: Brooke, Scott and Ross, all deceased in childhood.

Serving in the field of educating God’s children has not always been easy. “The highs are when I interact with communities that embrace the vision of what Adventist education can do for them and their children,”



Yard Sales Fund Scholarships

Caron Oswald

Adventist education runs in 84-year-old Eola Cross's veins. "I was one of those children from a big family, and people helped us to stay in church school," she says about her family of 11 children. "We were taught to share with others — food, literature — and to help each other."

Cross's four children, one by birth and three by adoption, went to Adventist schools. Now living on a fixed income, she doesn't have extra money to give. So she raises it. "I sell things that people don't want," she says about her three-times-a-year yard sales in Watsonville, Calif. Donations of goods to sell are collected year-round.

In 2009, she earned \$3,000 for the church's Worthy Student fund. Free literature and invitations to upcoming programs are also distributed. "One woman uses a book I gave her for a women's Bible study in her church," Cross says.

She's used to doubters. Once referred to as "junk", her yard sales yield up to \$1,700 an event. "God asks us to use what is in our hand. Moses had a staff. I ask the Lord to give me "X" amount of dollars because we know the need. The main thing is we've got to pray and go out there and do what we can," Cross says. "If everybody in this church would work, we could go home."



Eola Cross is surround by six of the seven students from the Watsonville, Calif., church she helps attend the local Adventist school. She hold three year sales



he explains. "The lows are when I find communities and individuals that feud over power and control issues."

Biloff's passions and priorities are an open book. He poses the question: Is it best for a young person to have a static world view or to be mentally and spiritually equipped with enduring principles to weather rapid changes in knowledge and world perspective? "How we, as the Adventist church, deal with this core issue will determine the future of the generation at hand," he says.

Vern Biloff

He is optimistic. "Our children's future will be secure if they are encouraged to ask questions and, in turn, receive thoughtful, ethical and Christ-centered answers from their pastors and teachers. I am pleased to have seen some evidence of this as a result of the ValueGenesis studies."

"All humans are created with an innate thirst for knowledge," Biloff believes. "One of the most powerful things you can do is to further your education of God and the world around you. It is a life-long quest. Nevertheless, when winds of change come from every direction, a mind and heart centered on God is our only protection."



Fresno Westside Joins Partnership for a Safe Community

Caron Oswald

On Sabbath morning, May 15, the street in front of the Fresno Westside church was filled with activity. Neighborhood residents explored the more than 30 health education and services booths while a praise band performed.

“Partnering with city officials, other denominations and community organizations allows our church members to reach out and heal,” said Pastor Earl Canson about Fresno’s Safe Community Partnership Strategy Initiative.

Bible stories and activities for children, a prayer booth, a one-quarter scaled exhibit of the Old Testament Tabernacle were added to the many health fair offerings. Food bags and clothing give-a-ways and plenty of good hot food kept the neighbors coming.

Inside the cool sanctuary, neighbors could attend a special morning

Sabbath school program. Canson presented a short message for the crowd from the bandstand while church members moved to their assigned places.

The event, “Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life,” was sponsored by the church, West Care California and the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Initiative.

“It will take God’s people to make a difference in broken neighborhoods,” Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin told the crowd. “It is such a pleasure to work with people like you.” Acknowledging that tough times are around the corner, Swearengin shared her vision of a community transformed as a “testimony of how God can intervene in a city. He is faithful.”

“Gangs are out to destroy America,” Police Chief Jerry Dyer said. “For far too long we have looked at government for answers. The church comes in to play when Jesus and church gets involved with youth.”

At the end of 2008, Fresno had the lowest crime rate since 1973; gang prevention and eradication continues to be a high priority. Currently Fresno County is home to 141 validated gangs with approximately 24,000 members. Eighty-five percent live in Fresno.

Well-known in the community, Westside church members have



Pastor Earl Canson and local church elders pray over Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin and Police Chief Jerry Dyer.

served their neighborhood for years. At 7:30 a.m. every Sabbath, a free breakfast is available in the fellowship hall. They host summer youth camps, parenting classes, individual family support, personal Bible studies and more.

“Our church is right in the middle of the area. This let’s people know who Adventists are and gives us credibility by demonstrating interest in the needs of the families around us,” says Wanda Flowers, local church elder.

Two weeks after the event, 1,000 tons of food was distributed from the church through their food bank partnership.

“The answer for our [neighborhood] families is to turn their lives over to Jesus,” Canson says. Serving others is the first step.

More than 30 booths, manned by church members and local organizations, lined each side of a portion of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. for the block party.





Another MBA Teacher Receives Teacher of Excellence Award from AAF

Nathan Henderson



Science teacher Bob Nobuhara explores the inside of the classroom's 840-gallon aquarium.

Robert Nobuhara, biosciences and marine biology teacher at Monterey Bay Academy, has been named "Teacher of Excellence" by the Alumni Awards Foundation. Each spring the AAF selects only 10 recipients out of countless teachers nominated across North America for the TOE award.

For the eighth year in a row, a teacher from the academy has received the TOE award. "Although the foundation board's purpose is to look for excellence in all schools in the North American Division, consistently MBA has nominated teachers who undeniably deserve this recognition," says Melanie Litchfield, director of the Alumni Awards Foundation. "It's unprecedented in our 15-year history of this award that one academy has eight consecutive 'Excellence in Teaching' awards."

"Mr. Nobuhara's recognition is due in large part to his instrumental role in the renovation and expansion of MBA's marine biology program, including an 840-gallon tropical salt water tank filled with fish and coral from Fiji, Samoa and the Great Barrier Reef," explains MBA Principal Tim Kubrock.

"Perhaps through this window, students may see the Creator's workmanship and come to know Him — that is my ultimate desire," Nobuhara says. His class activities routinely involve tide-pooling, sea kayaking, and whale watching, as well as extended field trips to Costa Rica or scuba diving in La Paz,

Mexico. College professors comment on how well prepared Nobuhara's former students are in college pre-med courses.

Nobuhara joins the ranks of six TOE award recipients still serving at MBA in the areas of math, science, English and history. Incoming math teacher Chris Morris also received the TOE award in 2003 while serving at Thunderbird Academy. Morris will teach advanced placement calculus, which is an addition to MBA's enriched curriculum that includes A.P. U.S. history, A.P. English literature, anatomy and physiology, marine biology, graphics technology, art, photography, woodworking, and more.

For more information, go to www.montereybayacademy.org or e-mail info@montereybayacademy.org.

Computer-based Reading Tool Brings Tech to the Classroom

Caron Oswald

Fresno Adventist Academy has been recognized on a national level for its achievement in student reading practice by Renaissance Learning Inc.'s Accelerated Reader program. Accelerated Reader is a computer-based comprehension tool that teachers use in grades K-8. Over a three-year period, FAA elementary teachers have worked to put this program in place, restructuring the library and integrating technology into the classroom. As books are read, students take a comprehensive quiz. An 80 percent score is needed to continue to the next reading level. Regular reading skills assessments also allow teachers to assist or expand a student's range. "A



second grader called his teacher and asked for his computer log-in so he could access the program from home during the summer. That is just wild!" says Principal Dan Kittle.



Redding Adventist Academy Students Give and Receive on Belize Mission Trip

Diane Butler

In mid-March, 18 students from Redding Adventist Academy headed to San Ignacio, Belize, to build walls for the future chapel of Eden Adventist Primary School.

“Cool things happen when you’re with teenagers,” said Wayne Gungl who, along with 10 other adults, accompanied the group on the two-week trip.

The students built two walls out of blocks and cement, and formed out windows and doors. The room they built will house a chapel for the students who now carry their desks outside for meetings under the trees. The Redding students also sang for worship services on both Sabbaths and presented a special Vacation Bible School program for younger students.

The RAA teens were struck by the local people’s lack of material possessions and by their generosity of heart. They were surprised

“When our teens came and worked all day in the heat, some not feeling well at times, some with injuries or sunburn, still taking the time to talk to the kids and get to know them personally, [the local kids] saw the love,” said Laura Redlich, a parent who went on the trip.



Redding Adventist Academy junior Kelcie Rice works on the chapel wall. “The trip was amazing! It brought me a lot closer to God, and seeing the people there was just awesome. They’re always happy no matter what!” she said.

and touched when the local church members — who didn’t have much themselves — took up an offering to aid the poor.

“The kids’ homes were very modest,” said Aundie Kutzkey, RAA senior. “Just four walls and a dirt floor. But they were so happy. One kid told us, ‘I wish I could give the kids in Haiti everything I have.’”

“Our students realized right from the beginning just how truly blessed they are,” said RAA teacher Debbie Gungl, who organized the trip.

At a morning worship, parent Laura Redlich challenged the group to consider sponsoring some of the Eden school students. From their own travel money, the teens raised

\$162, which will sponsor eight children for a year. (Families pay \$20 a year to send their child to an Adventist school.) “We thought maybe we don’t need to buy so many souvenirs,” said junior Claire Brayshaw.

The RAA team demonstrated the value of in-person mission work rather than just sending financial support. “If only the money had arrived, the kids in Belize would not have made the connection that loving, giving people were on the other end of that gift,” said Redlich.

The Belizean teachers and students appreciated the chance to interact with the teenagers. The head teacher at the school told the Gungls: “You’ll never know how precious it is to see people come from another culture and show us that they care.”

Young children enjoy the VBS program, held in a local church. “The people in Belize showed me God, and, hopefully, I showed God to them,” said RAA junior Trinity Griswold.





Samoan Evangelism Leads to Many Baptisms

Kili Silafau

Last spring, 17 people were baptized as the result of an evangelistic outreach aimed at the Samoan community in Fairfield.

A growing membership of Samoans in his church led Fairfield Community church pastor Leon Brown to reach out to Fred Toailoa, pastor of the Citrus Heights/Sacramento Samoan district, for assistance in establishing a Samoan branch within the Fairfield church. Bible worker Pale Siolo immediately began Bible studies with the Samoan community in Fairfield.

In 2008, Toailoa founded Lavea'i Ministries in conjunction with the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. Lavea'i, which means "Save," is a team of AFSCOE-trained Samoan Bible workers whose aim is to expand the Three Angels' message to the Samoan community via prophecy seminars on the west coast. The Lavea'i team successfully

conducted outreach meetings in Hawaii and Sacramento before coming to Fairfield.

Two months before each series of meetings, a team of Bible workers goes into the area to train church members and to visit people recommended by local Samoan Adventists. "It's not like evangelism in an English church where you just flood a neighborhood [with invitations]. You have to know the address and go look for them. It's a little bit of a challenge," said Toailoa.

He has discovered that the outreach meetings are most successful when they are conducted in English and Samoan. In the past, young people have been reluctant to attend meetings conducted only in Samoan.

According to Toailoa, Samoans are open to Adventism because their culture is traditionally Christian. "They know all about God, but they don't understand all the truths of the Bible," he said. When people become interested, they start bringing their family members.

Many who committed their lives to Christ at the Fairfield meetings determined to make lifestyle changes as the result of their baptisms. A study of the effects of hip-hop music on the Christian initiated Fatilua Satiu's



Fred Toailoa baptizes former gang member Drew Serquina.

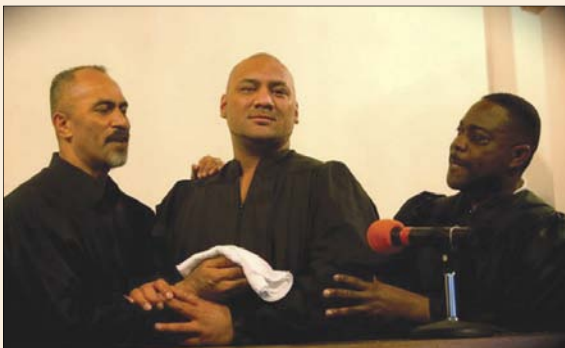
thirst for truth. During his post-baptism testimony, he stated that he now makes different music choices.

"If there's anything in your house that is an abomination to the Lord, get rid of it!" said Juanita Ieremia, during her testimony after her baptism.

Drew Serquina was also baptized during the Fairfield series. Previously, Serquina was one of the founding members of the infamous prison gang or revolutionary Marxist group known as "The Black Guerrilla Family." During the shocking and powerful testimony of his past life and how he came to know Jesus, he said, "I knelt in my cell and prayed, 'Lord, if you save me, I'll work for you!'"

Currently, a Samoan group is meeting at the Fairfield Community church on Sabbath afternoons, and there is also a Samoan Sabbath school.

Citrus Heights/Sacramento Samoan district pastor Fred Toailoa and Fairfield Community church pastor Leon Brown stand in the baptistery with Fatilua Satiu.





Rio Lindo Academy Students Make Decisions for Christ

Bruce Yingling

The water in the Russian River was muddy from late spring rains, but spirits were high as 29 Rio Lindo Adventist Academy students publically committed themselves to Christ through baptism the Sabbath afternoon of graduation weekend.

Two pastors — Krystalynn Martin from the Rio Lindo Academy church and Jonathan Henderson, from the Oakland-Grand Avenue church — performed the baptisms, along with two ordained elders: Rio's community service director Steve Martin and boys' dean and Bible teacher Jason Foster.

Six other students were baptized earlier during the school year, making the total number 35. Of these, 20 were first-time commitments, including five international

students, and 15 were re-baptisms. Ten other students plan to be baptized next year.

Even though a large number were being baptized on a very busy day, the baptisms at the river were not rushed. Each student had the chance to give a personal testimony, or to have one read.

In his testimony, Justin Dew, a senior, expressed the purpose of Christian education and the joy of a new life in Christ. When he arrived at Rio his junior year, he had been associated with a bad group of friends in his hometown. He first apologized to his parents for



Pastor Jonathan Henderson, spring week of prayer speaker, prepares to baptize Justin Dew while his friends look on in support.

the hurt he had caused them, and then he told about a conversation he had with Foster when he first arrived. "Dean called me aside and asked me who I was, not who I had been in the past, but who Justin was right now. At the time, I couldn't answer him. But now I know the answer. I am a man of God."

Most of the students baptized were following through on a commitment they made at the conclusion of the spring week of prayer when Henderson, who was the speaker, gave an altar call. However, the decisions for baptism were not just positive responses to a powerful sermon.

"We had been working with most of these students before week of prayer through dorm Bible study groups, personal Bible studies, and throughout our many outreach activities, including the Thailand mission trip," said Krystalynn Martin. "The spring week of prayer when Pastor Henderson invited the students to commit to Christ was

During the baptism, brothers and sisters from three families were baptized together. Here, Nathan Isaac is baptized while his sister Rochelle supports him.



Photos by Bruce Yingling



Pastor Krystalynn Martin shares the story of Karence White-Belton's decision to be baptized.

just the right time for most of these students to respond. The seeds had been planted and were ready for harvest."

According to Martin, today's teenagers are interested in religion only if they can see its effects in real life. She said that the positive spiritual tone on campus this past school year has been achieved by balancing on-campus spiritual programming with an active outreach ministry. "We've seen that meaningful outreach programs, especially the Open Table ministry to the homeless and mission trips, have really changed the students and made them want to be followers of Christ," she said.

All five of the international students who were baptized made their decisions to follow Christ based on Christianity's emphasis on personal outreach. Reese Park, a sophomore from Korea, said he chose to be

baptized because "I want God to give me the strength to help others and to take my fear away when it comes to talking to others about God and helping them."



Gabriella Urrutia, Rumbie Chihwai and Danny Castillo share a special moment together as friends in Christ.

Judy Yeh, a sophomore from Taiwan, shared that she made the decision to be baptized to show others that she wanted to give her life to Jesus. "God is like a Father to me," she said. "He takes care of me, and I've also found Him to be a Friend I can talk to."

Several students who were baptized found a personal connection with God on the school's mission trip to Thailand. "They had known the facts about God, but these facts didn't click until we were living out what it meant to be a follower of Christ on the mission trip," said Martin. "They really wanted to continue what God had started in them

when they came back to the States and to the Rio campus."

During the baptisms, Henderson said, "Baptism is not a graduation, but rather an enrollment," and, accordingly, Martin has plans to support the students in their new walk with Christ. For all the students, she planned to write encouraging notes throughout the summer. For returning students, she plans to involve them next school year in spiritual leadership to keep them growing spiritually. For seniors, she hopes to find out where they are going to college, so she can try to get them plugged into a group or ministry at their next school.

Martin solicits prayers for the continued youth ministry at Rio. "Apart from God's Spirit, anything we do at Rio is just another program."

Jason Foster, Rio Lindo Academy boys' dean, introduces Yu Tan, III, a student from the Philippines.



Pastor Krystalynn Martin shares Anika Aceves's favorite scripture before baptizing her.



CHIP a Hit on Molokai

Teryl Loeffler

One year ago, the first Coronary Health Improvement Project on the island of Molokai made a big splash, and the local people loved it. Now a year later, 43 participants attended the second CHIP program at the Molokai church. There was such a huge interest that people were added to a waiting list for the next program.

"This interest was generated over the last year and a half through the cooking schools we'd been conducting," according to Pastor Kurt Unglaub, CHIP director. "People had seen the CHIP introductory DVD and heard testimonies from some

endless possibilities with a vegetarian diet. Several of the participants thought they would not survive the first week giving up meat, coffee, soda pop and junk food. But, by the end of the first week, they were feeling so good and seeing such results, they became converted "CHIPers."

At the end of the program, Molokai saw the typical results: an 11 percent drop in cholesterol, 9 percent drop in blood sugar, weight and blood pressures coming down. There were several outstanding individual results. One man lowered his cholesterol more than 100 points. Five individuals who began the program with blood sugar levels in the diabetic range were able to get them down to normal. An 8-year-old girl weighing 280 pounds lost 16 pounds and is excited about her new diet and exercise program. Her mother tearfully shared with the group on graduation night that this was the first time she had ever had any success in helping her daughter. The mother, herself a diabetic, has gotten her blood sugar almost down to normal.

Participant fees were kept to a minimum thanks to the generous collaboration of the community.



The Native Hawaiian Health Services provided free before-and-after health screenings.



A full meal was served on Wednesdays to demonstrate the endless possibilities with a vegetarian diet.

church members who had changed their lifestyle and achieved amazing results. That was all it took to create a stampede of interest."

CHIP includes a before and after lifestyle evaluation, 16 evening health presentations, and small group support. A full meal was served on Wednesdays showing the

The Native Hawaiian Health Services provided the before and after screening free of charge. Local merchants donated all the food used in the cooking demonstrations and sample meals.

"On graduation night the participants prepared the various dishes," says Unglaub. "The food was excellent, and everyone was very proud of their accomplishments."

Because of the high demand, the church is considering hosting two CHIP events each year.

"CHIPers" enjoy their first vegetarian meal.



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PREACHING *by Dick Duerksen* Grace

Preaching is a lot like convincing Minnesota Viking fans that Brett Favre is a great quarterback. We pray long, study hard, and then weave God's message together with creative syntax and memorable illustrations. Then we add a dollop of personality and pray that the Holy Spirit will translate it all into a meaningful ... and personal ... message for each listener.

I find camp meeting sermons to be the most difficult. Usually I know little about the congregation or their specific spiritual needs, so I choose the "best" sermons and pray.

A number of years ago I spoke for the adults at a number of camp meetings around the world, using the

same eight sermons and begging the Spirit to host my words.

Donna and Rick were in one of those congregations. Married a couple of years, they were a divided home with Donna attending church and Rick disinterested. Though Donna was paying tithe on her portion of the family's business, Rick was not ... and saw no reason to do so.

Just before camp meeting Rick decided that it was time for him to quit smoking. Donna convinced him that the pastor could help, so they requested that the pastor anoint Rick and ask the Holy Spirit to "take away the desire for tobacco."

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Do You Care About People?

"I once heard about a pastor who wanted to impress upon his leaders the need to care about sharing Christ with the people in their community. To personalize his appeal, he would cut obituary notices out of the local paper and bring them to read at the beginning of their church board meetings. This simple act underscored the fact that real people were dying in their community everyday. The obvious question was, are we doing all we can to reach those who are still alive?" — Ron Mellor, Lead pastor, Placerville Adventist Church

Read Ron Mellor's interview on evangelism at:
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West Point: A New Direction

AN INTERVIEW WITH BRAD NEWTON, COORDINATOR FOR WEST POINT

Editor: Brad, as Ministerial Secretary for the Pacific Union Conference, one of your responsibilities is to plan and coordinate a training event known as West Point. It has been around for a number of years under the direction of Lloyd Wyman, our recently retired ministerial director for the Union. What exactly is West Point? What's been done in the past.

Newton: West Point was originally conceived as a training and inspirational gathering for professional evangelists employed by the media ministries and conferences within the Pacific Union. Over time the audience expanded to pastors and lay members from around the country interested in the soul-winning mission of our church. The program has included preaching, practical workshops on a

variety of topics, as well as vendors providing resources for ministry. The high quality leadership of Elder Lloyd Wyman as well as the sponsorship of our Adventist media ministries has made West Point a "must-attend" program each year.

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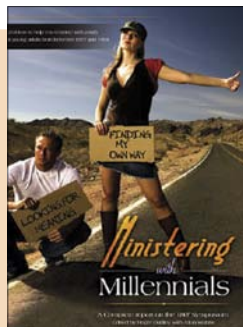
Brad Newton is Ministerial Secretary of the Pacific Union Conference



Plan now to attend West Point (Dec. 5-8, 2010) to network with leaders, evangelists and members who are on the cutting edge of outreach ministry. West Point is open to anyone interested in reaching out to others with God's message of hope.

Ministering With Millennials

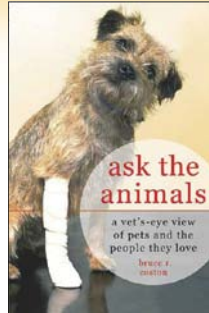
Last fall's 180 Degree Symposium — hosted by the Center for Creative Evangelism on the campus of Andrews University — gathered 30-plus NAD church and youth leaders to discuss solutions for improving young adult ministry. Presenters included Monte Sahlin and Mike Stevenson. Participants' 25 papers are the framework of this powerful book full of ministry ideas on topics like the importance of church climate, using short-term mission trips as a connector, creating relational young adult ministries, and how to "hand on faith" to the next generation. Available through www.AdventSource.org



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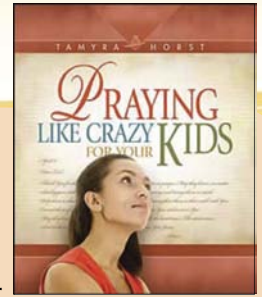
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Evangelism Today

by Ricardo Grabam

President, Pacific Union Conference

While the form and shape of the delivery method for evangelism may change, the core message is still the same one found in Revelation 14:6-12, a message that clearly enunciates God's will for His earth and His people, a warning message of love that — when rightly taught and understood — results in ushering more and more people into the family of God.

Church planting, church growth, public and personal evangelism is, as someone has said, the "life-blood" of the church. Without it, what would the church be? Perhaps the church would

turn into a country club-like entity with no eternal purpose. But, praise God, Jesus spelled out our purpose when He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

In addition, we have been counseled, "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was



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What About Flaxseed?

by Dixie Dee Reed



Some of my earliest memories of my grandmother are of her trying to put flaxseed on my morning cereal. She was what we considered a health nut and espoused many of the teachings of John Harvey Kellogg: natural healing, nutrition, hydrotherapy, and, of course, enemas. She and a few of her eight sisters established a nursing home in northern Virginia and used many of those healing practices to keep their patients in the best physical condition.

In her later years, Maw, as we called her, lived with us on a farm near Charlottesville and worked tirelessly alongside her children and grandchildren. Rarely a day goes by without thinking about my dynamo grandmother, but it wasn't until I was diagnosed with high triglycerides that I remembered my

grandmother — the flaxseed pusher.

I never connected the two until I was complaining to my friend Linda Parsons about my diagnosis and she mentioned she had lowered her triglyceride numbers through the use of flaxseed. Ding, ding, ding.

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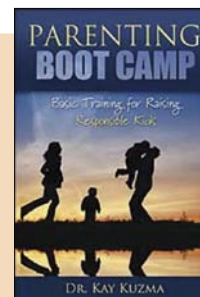
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Parenting Bootcamp: Basic Training for Raising Responsible Kids

by Dr. Kay Kuzma

Cutting the umbelical cord doesn't make you into an informed, capable, and effective

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organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world." Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, page 9. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a historical perspective on the proclamation of the "everlasting gospel" in the context of the Three Angels Messages that form our commitment to taking the message everywhere.

As we in the Pacific Union Conference

continue to fulfill the Great Commission, Jesus promises His presence to guide, inspire and direct us to the accomplishing of His will. What a joy is ours to share this wonderful message with someone else, advancing the Kingdom of God under the blood stained banner of Prince Emmanuel!

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Students Get Involved in Community Efforts

Lainey S. Cronk

Every year, a group of Pacific Union College students heads to the State Capitol armed with new knowledge about a legislative project, passionate about a cause, and ready for real-world experience with social justice. Last year's project was geared toward emancipating foster youth in the transition from the child welfare system; this year's focused on forgotten veterans.

At the head of this project is social work professor Fiona Bullock, who asks students in her Social Welfare Policy and Contemporary Social Issues class to work on a legislative project focusing on individuals, families, groups or communities in need. She has them learn about the legislative process a bill passes through, teach others about

the process, become familiar with a specific current bill, and take on a worthy cause so they can get first-hand experience making an impact.

"It shows the class (and other students from the department) how accessible government is to them and that apathy is *not* acceptable," Bullock says.

This year's project was inspired when two Patriot Guard Riders spoke to Bullock's students about the Missing in America Project. MIAP locates unclaimed cremated remains of veterans for proper military burial with full military honors, and Patriot Guard Riders is a group of motorcycle riders and others that support veterans by attending funerals. One of them asked the class, "What would it take for college students to get involved in this project?" Bullock decided to take on that question. "That was enough for me to research the subject for current legislation, and off we went from there," she says.

Students started becoming familiar with legislative projects and with Assembly Bill 1644 specifically, a current bill proposing to simplify the effort to locate, identify and honorably inter the remains of forgotten veterans. They presented an educational meeting and organized student participation and educational materials for a rally in Sacramento, Calif. In Igo, Calif.,



Courtesy Becky Broeckel

Students attended a funeral for veterans with the Missing in America Project.

the students attended the funeral of three MIAP veterans, representing the families of those unclaimed veterans. "Being able to attend the funerals in Igo was humbling, and the students were impressed by the warmth of the veterans," says Bullock. "We are going to take the flags presented to us on behalf of the MIAP veterans and hang them in a place of honor in the department."

Student Becky Broeckel, a member of the class who got involved by designing buttons and a poster and photographing the events, found that it had everything to do with community. "I want to advocate for veterans, and the AB 1644 is a way to promote community and support," she says. "The veterans that escort newly discharged veterans and attend funerals get fellowship and understanding from each other and from being involved in these programs. I feel like it is worth supporting."

At the California State Capitol, students educate people about Assembly Bill 1644 and honoring forgotten veterans.



Becky Broeckel



ALCA Graduates Three Students its First Year

Gayle Ellis

Abundant Life Christian Academy, located in Las Vegas, opened its doors for the first time in August 2009 with 29 students in first through eighth grades. On June 3, 2010, the school's very first graduates — Moises Juarez, Jordan Lewis and Angela Mays — received their diplomas.

Abundant Life church's head elder, Clarence Brown, spoke for graduation and challenged the students to "not be common, but be peculiar like Esther and Joseph, and stand for the right and not be afraid to call sin by its name."

Six students received medals for academic excellence; two for citizenship; one for most improved; one for outstanding talent; one for being an all-around good Samaritan; and two for perfect attendance.

All ALCA students took the Presidential Fitness Challenge and received certificates signed by President Barack Obama.

"For the last two years the ALCA Planning Committee, and later the ALCA school board, were on an historical journey of faith — faith that we were following God's will in planning and implementing our Adventist church school," said school board chair Dr. Eileen Knight White. "For every challenge that emerged, God sent a solution. We trusted that He would open doors and believed that if we created a quality Adventist educational experience, families would come and join us in educating spiritual champions for Christ."

Changes for next year include the addition of a kindergarten class and a new principal. Johnny Holliday

is relocating from Macon, Ga., to serve as principal/teacher, replacing Eula Washington, who is retiring.

"The story of ALCA is filled with adventure born of adversity. That so much could be done with so little is truly miraculous. The destiny of any church, culture or community depends on how well it educates its young," said youth pastor Russell Lewars. "Thankfully, the Abundant Life church has been sacrificial in its giving and support, and our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. As we provide a climate in which a positive self-image may be developed, we carry on the noble idea of Isaiah 54:13: 'And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.'"

Moises Juarez



Jordan Lewis



Angela Mays





Conference President Larry Unterseher and Secretary/Treasurer Jason Bergmann try their hands at archery at Camp N.U.C.A.



Kids Attend Camp in Castle Valley

David S. Hall, Sr.

The Nevada-Utah Conference held its annual week long summer camp — known as Camp N.U.C.A. (which stands for Nevada, Utah, California and Arizona — states with churches within the conference) — from June 6 to 13 at DayStar Academy in Castle Valley, Utah.

Campers arrived on Sunday not sure what to expect as temperatures approached triple digits. As they sought refuge in cabins, bonds began forming among cabin groups.

Nevada-Utah Conference President Larry Unterseher and Secretary/Treasurer Jason Bergmann stopped by camp on Thursday to observe campers in action. They were able to listen as campers gave impromptu reports on how meaningful camp had been to them.

The campers were able to participate in activities such as mountain biking, horseback riding, archery,

kayaking, swimming, hiking and visiting Arches National Park in Moab. On Friday night, camp pastor Giancarlo Banuchi (Paradise church youth pastor) preached, and as a result, many rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ. Eight decided to be baptized, and their decisions were forwarded to their local church pastors.

“I felt something I cannot explain on Friday night,” said Yadira Santana. “It was a good feeling. A lot of kids gave their lives to God. There were many tears of happiness. I am so happy my parents sent me to camp.”

The final day of camp was a bittersweet one for both campers and staff. Campers traded hugs, tears and e-mail addresses as they prepared to go back to their respective locations all over the conference.



Campers pose with Conference President Larry Unterseher and Secretary/Treasurer Jason Bergmann.

“Going to Camp N.U.C.A. really made a big difference in my life,” said Leigh Moratwe Baker. “I got to know God better.”

“The camp made a huge difference in my life,” said Angela Mays. “I can’t wait until camp next year.”

“This has been one of the best experiences of my life,” said camp counselor Elaine Bersaba. “I am so grateful for this experience. And I thoroughly enjoyed ‘my girls.’”

Horsemanship was among available activities at camp.



TCE and HIS Students Impact Holbrook Community

Phil Draper

In early May, Thunderbird Christian Elementary School in Scottsdale, Ariz., sent 35 middle school students to join forces with students from Holbrook Indian School to make a difference in the Holbrook community.

Project sponsors scoured the Holbrook community looking for a suitable project for this joint venture. They met a family in need and began planning how to lend a helping hand.

The mother of the family, Nora, explained their situation. Her 11-year-old daughter, Kenya, had been battling a cancerous growth in her leg for five years. On one occasion, her leg had to be broken in order to remove the tumor that was threatening her life. Repeated trips to Phoenix for treatment had totally exhausted the family financially.

Then, in December 2009, Nora's husband, who was working in Albuquerque, N.M., was struck by

a car and seriously injured. With little money available, the family suffered and their house fell into serious disrepair.

Holbrook staff members called Camelback Youth Pastor Benjamin Lundquist and proposed the home make-over project for the students. Lundquist had pioneered the X-treme Home Make-over concept at Arizona

camp meetings in years past and had successfully involved youth from the conference in some major community projects. He was eager to be involved and volunteered the help of the TCE students.

The Holbrook X-treme Makeover began with a massive clean-up of the lawn. Beautiful flower beds were constructed and trays of colorful flowers were planted. Then the students completely repainted the exterior of the house. As the home began to take on a cheerful new exterior, the family could not say enough in expressing their deep gratitude.

Among the biggest blessings were the relationships growing between TCE and HIS students.

"The paint on the house and the flowers may last for a few years," Holbrook pastor John Martin, observed. "But the relationships built between the students will last a lifetime."

"Typically, our Native American students find themselves on the



TCE and HIS students formed close friendships as they worked to help a needy family in Holbrook, Ariz.

receiving end [of service projects]," Lundquist observed. "But this time they were the givers. Over the years, HIS students have watched with grateful hearts as volunteers from many parts of the United States and Canada have come to their school to do volunteer work. Now they were on the giving end, and through their participation, they received blessings beyond belief! They were the hands and feet of Jesus reaching out to their community."

Students who have often received help in the past were delighted to be the "givers" to a family in need.



A Holbrook Indian School student works diligently to add fresh paint to the remodeled home.

Shane Davis Ordained at Arizona Camp Meeting

Phil Draper

Pastor Shane Davis was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Arizona camp meeting on June 19.

Davis was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. A natural athlete, he excelled in sports throughout high school and college. After graduation, he began a career in law enforcement with the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

After working in that position for one year, Davis moved to Iowa, where he continued working in law enforcement as an Iowa State Trooper. After five years, Davis felt

a call to the gospel ministry. He left a promising career in law enforcement to begin working full-time for Jesus.

Davis chose to complete his religious training at the seminary at Andrews University, where he received a Master of Divinity degree.

After seminary, he became the assistant pastor of the Des Moines, Iowa, church. He had served there for only one year when he received an invitation to move to the Arizona Conference to pastor the Gilbert Christian Fellowship and Chandler churches.



Phil Draper

Shane Davis was ordained to the gospel ministry during Arizona camp meeting.

At the time of his ordination, Davis pastors the Chandler church and also the Phoenix South Mountain church.

Davis says his greatest joy in ministry is making disciples of others while sharing the love of Jesus within the context of Seventh-day Adventist Christianity.

He and his wife, Hayli, have two children, Hope and Noble.

Most of the TCE and HIS students had never met before. One young HIS student returned to his dormitory with tears streaming down his face. This usually stoic youth was touched by the experience, and his heart was simply filled to overflowing by helping another in need.

Holbrook is in the northern part of Arizona and often experiences high winds. There was great concern that blowing dust would interfere with the painting.

"We had many miracles," Lundquist explained. "Winds typically blow 40 to 50 m.p.h. in Holbrook, and the red dirt could ruin a paint job. But on the evening when we arrived, the wind stopped blowing. All day while we were painting, there was no wind. But the next day

when the painting was completed and the project finished, the winds returned. The students believed this was a gift from heaven."

On another day, a tire blew out on one of the buses transporting 10 of the students. The rupture was so violent that the disintegrating tire broke windows on the bus and damaged the sides. Horrified students in the following bus watched the near-disaster unfold.

"Now I have a personal testimony of what God has done!" TCE student Nephtali Marin told Lundquist after the incident.

TCE principal Paula McElvania and HIS principal Janet Claymore-Ross hope to join forces again next year on another project for the Holbrook community.



Pastor Benjamin Lundquist (left) worked with Pastor John Martin to involve TCE and HIS students on this at-home mission project. Martin died a few weeks after the project was completed.



Cancer Center Care Restores Hope

Fylvia Fowler Kline

It was November 2009. Herb was in his doctor's office and nothing could prepare him for the words he was about to hear. "You have cancer." Over the next few days, numbness enveloped his family. They didn't know what to do.

Despite rising survival rates, cancer continues to be the second most common cause of death in the United States, claiming 1,500 lives every day. Regardless of type, cancer is a complicated disease with a tedious and stressful treatment regimen. A heavily-involved and fragmented process, cancer treatment necessitates a variety of specialists, procedures and tests. Often, these services are not available at a single facility. Some hospitals may have an oncology department, but no oncology surgeon. Patients and their families are shuffled from one place to another over the course of several months. Cancer takes a toll not just on the victim, but on the entire family. In addition to the physical and emotional devastation, families must cope with time away from work, travel costs, childcare,

side effects of treatment and financial drain.

Facing a daunting future, Herb and his family were gripped with fear. They felt helpless at the prospect of navigating a future so uncertain, so out of their control. But all that changed when Herb and his family met Cindi Cantril and the caregivers at Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center. "She took the pressure off of everything. The center was the absolute perfect setting for healing from every aspect."

Personalized Treatment Eases Fears

Established at St. Helena Hospital in Northern California, the Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center is designed to be more than a medical facility. It is a healing center with personalized cancer treatment. Here, patients and their families can find everything they need for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Three key elements — comprehensive services, a caring medical team and a message of hope — combine to create this incredible healing environment.

The 12,500 square foot facility was built with patients and ease of use in mind. Describing the concept behind the center, St. Helena Hospital President/CEO Terry Newmyer says, "We designed our cancer



The 13-foot high Hope Tree boasts 48 symbols of hope from various cultures around the world.

center to provide convenient, centralized care. Patients and their families are literally steps away from everything they need to navigate the healing process." With all aspects of patient treatment housed under one roof, Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center is able to provide truly comprehensive care.

In addition to these centrally located services, the center has developed a partnership with one of the top 10 cancer research facilities in the nation — University of California, San Francisco. This affiliation allows patients access to National Cancer Institute-sponsored clinical trials. Their unique brand of specialized, patient-centric care attracts cancer sufferers from beyond the Napa Valley. Forty percent of Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center's patient-base comes from the





economically-disadvantaged areas of Lake County, 90 minutes away. To accommodate those patients, the center operates a free shuttle service — picking them up from a sister clinic in the area.

Offering a Complete Package

But services at the center extend beyond traditional cancer treatment. The facility's staff focuses on whole-person integrated care with behavioral therapy, nutritional support and spiritual counseling. The center's restoration spa is paramount in providing a peaceful, healing environment for patients and their families.

Also available is the resource library. A free service open to the community, the library houses a large collection of books, magazines and other media. Here, patients and family members are guided by a resource specialist. The resource library has proven that a better understanding of cancer and its treatments can alleviate the fear of uncertainty that can accompany diagnosis.

The team at Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center is comprised of 11 oncology specialists in a variety of fields, including radiation, chemotherapy and surgery among others. These caregivers collaborate to create personalized treatment plans for every patient. Shepherding these patients through the treatment process is a “nurse navigator,” Cindi Cantril. An oncology-certified

cancer nurse, Cantril has more than 30 years of experience. But her greatest asset is her genuine interest in her patients. She makes a point of forging personal relationships with patients, making them feel comfortable and secure throughout their treatment. She is available 24/7, even giving out her personal cell phone number to patients. “I want my patients to know I really care,” she says. “I’m like their GPS. I follow them on my computer while they are at the center and make at least 12 to 15 face-to-face contacts every day.”

Visually Depicting Hope

There is an overriding theme at the Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center — at the heart of its personalized treatment plans, resource library and nurse navigator. It is hope and it is embodied in the 13-foot high sculpture that adorns the lobby.

JoAline Olson, vice president of Innovations at Adventist Health says, “The Hope Tree is the first thing you see upon entering the facility. We want everyone who comes through the door to feel peace, relief, to know that they’ve found a place that will help them through this ordeal.”

Bathed in warm yellow and green earth tones, the lobby exudes a feeling of peacefulness. Engraved on the tree are 48 symbols of hope from around the world, representing different cultures and faiths — praying hands, angels and olive

branches. A sleeping lamb lies tucked behind its roots, symbolizing peace amidst the struggles of life. In the trunk is an opening that holds messages from patients, family members and caregivers. These are messages of hope, of encouragement, of love. They serve as a hopeful reminder to new patients: you are not alone.

These messages gave Herb and his family the strength to endure their struggle with cancer. Six months later, Herb was declared cancer-free. Now, his story will do the same for others.

The Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center not only inspired hope in Herb and the rest of its patients, but also in St. Helena Hospital as a whole. The team's care epitomizes the Adventist Health mission “to share God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing.” Their focused care and success of patients like Herb has revitalized the entire Adventist Health system, imbuing them with sense of purpose and accomplishment.

To learn more about the Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center, visit www.napavalleycancer.org.



Out of the Rubble: LLU Documentary on Haiti Premieres During Six Month Anniversary of Quake

Dustin R. Jones, M.A.

Eight-year-old Sebastien Lamothe was playing with his friend and grandmother in a second-floor apartment of a three-story building in the Carrefour district of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, when the earth started to shake. The city laid in ruins as Sebastien's aunt rushed to the house where her nephew and mother were last seen. The house was little more than rubble, and she was told that everyone inside was dead.

Sebastien has never had an easy life; he's never known his father, and his mother died of an illness last year. Over the next three days, little Sebastien would go through more than most people endure over a lifetime.

Two days after the earthquake, a man passing Sebastien's house heard a voice. Sebastien's aunt rushed to the ruins and heard Sebastien yelling for help. He was squeezed deep in the rubble between the first and third floors of the collapsed building; his right leg was crushed, the bone was exposed. The dead bodies of his friend and grandmother lay on top of him, keeping him trapped in the rubble. Attempts were immediately made to reach the boy, but progress was slow. Friends and relatives were able to get food and water to Sebastien, but they could not get him out of the collapsed house. As the sun went down on the second day after the earthquake, Sebastien asked only that he not be left alone.

The next day, two men, who did not know the family, came to the house, crawled into the rubble, and began to work their way toward Sebastien. After hours of work, one of the men emerged from the rubble. There was not enough room for two people to work. Hours later, the other man stumbled out of the ruins with Sebastien in his arms. His aunt then took him to Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti, where doctors determined that his leg needed to be amputated. When Sebastien woke up and saw that he was missing a leg, his only wish was to go to church so a pastor could pray for him and his leg would grow back.

Jan. 12, 2010, found Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti (HAH), located in Carrefour, Haiti, at the epicenter of a fierce 7.1 magnitude earthquake.

Early reports suggested the hospital was completely destroyed, while others stated that the hospital was partially destroyed but completely useless.

Fortunately, the hospital, a 70-bed facility built in 1978, received minimal damage. This facility had joined Adventist Health International, a nonprofit international organization based at Loma Linda University, in 2001. "We had already been working with Haiti for a number of years," reports Richard Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of LLU and AHI, "so we knew the facility well and had direct relations with the hospital leadership."

In the days that followed, HAH began serving as one of the clinical centers for the nation, helping hundreds of patients and families

Scott Nelson, M.D. (left), a 1996 graduate of LLU School of Medicine, pauses between surgeries with Lesly Archer, M.D., medical director of Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti.



Photos courtesy Loma Linda University

Eight-year-old Sebastien Lamothe is one of many young Haitian children who lost limbs following the catastrophic earthquake Jan. 12, 2010. Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti is working to help these children and many others. Watch Sebastien's story at www.llu.edu/360.

like Sebastien's. Many of these patients camped outside the hospital waiting to be treated. Scott Nelson, M.D., an LLU School of Medicine graduate based in the Dominican Republic, came to HAH and began performing orthopedic surgeries immediately. He was soon joined by Andrew Haglund, M.S., a faculty member from LLU's School of Public Health, who was dispatched to coordinate logistics at the hospital. To maximize response to the humanitarian crisis in Haiti, LLU partnered with Florida Hospital in Orlando. From this collaborative effort, a reliable system for scheduling and transporting medical teams, supplies, and equipment into Port-au-Prince emerged. Loma Linda University has been coordinating volunteers who arrive in Haiti

at the rate of 20 to 30 per week, including medical personnel and logistics support from many other entities. "All indications are that when some of the temporary medical facilities leave Haiti, Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti will be the most advanced hospital in the country," says Haglund.

Adventist Health International and the Global Health Institute at LLU continue to receive names of individuals offering to assist at the hospital, as well as donated medical supplies. They will continue to send volunteers to HAH in response to the current needs. Along with many of the other patients, Sebastien and his aunt moved into a small tent in the post-op section of the camp outside the hospital. He was given crutches and began to learn how to



live with one leg. Much of Sebastien's future is uncertain, but there is hope. He has a loving family, and there are aid organizations that are now working in Haiti specifically to help the many new amputees. One thing is certain for Sebastien: following his ordeal, he is determined to be a doctor when he grows up.

A website at LLU is still accepting donations for Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti. Individuals who would like to donate to the relief effort of HAH are invited to visit the website at www.llu.edu/news/haiti or contact Adventist Health International at 11060 Anderson Street, Loma Linda, California 92350. The phone number is 909-558-4540.

A special documentary on Sebastien and Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti has recently been completed by LLU and AHI, titled "Out of the Rubble." The documentary can be viewed at www.llu.edu/news/360.

Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti withstood the many tremors of the January earthquake, and is currently among the best hospitals in all of Haiti.



Education Professor Tapped for Provost Position

Darla Martin Tucker

La Sierra University has selected Steve Pawluk, La Sierra education professor and department chair, to serve as the university's provost. Pawluk began his new duties July 1. The provost serves as chief academic officer and chief operating officer for the university.

Pawluk chaired the department of administration and leadership in La Sierra's School of Education and served there as professor of administration and leadership. He replaces Provost Warren Trenchard who left the post to pursue other assignments at the university. Trenchard served as provost for six years. He is

also a professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature in La Sierra's School of Religion.

Pawluk brings to the office 33 years of higher education, administrative, K-12 and church leadership experience, as well as a wealth of knowledge from a variety of past pursuits in reserve law enforcement, politics, welding, contracting and sales.

Pawluk arrived at La Sierra in June 2007, drawn to the opportunity by his appreciation for the mission and important biblical values promoted by La Sierra University, he said. A native of Southern California, Pawluk came from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., where he was the senior vice president for academic administration for five years. Previously, he served as an education professor and dean of the School of Education and Psychology at Walla Walla University. His past leadership roles include serving as superintendent of schools and youth director for the Montana Conference and as a church pastor in Montana and Washington.

During the past three years, Pawluk's achievements in the School of Education include authoring his department's Preliminary Credential (Tier

1 Administrator) and Professional Clear Credential (Tier 2 Administrator) accreditation reports for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, leading to full accreditation for each credential program. He also planned and facilitated recruiting activities in public school districts for master's and doctoral education programs.

At Southern, Pawluk developed a shared vision by involving the faculty and various committees in the development of the Academic Master Plan 2006-2012 with annual measurable benchmarks. He instituted the School of Visual Art & Design Production Company, initialized and developed Southern's Office of Graduate Studies and launched development of its Virtual Campus.

One of Pawluk's first goals as La Sierra's provost will be to work with faculty, administration and staff to develop a new strategic plan for the university, prioritizing specific action steps for innovative programs and new facilities.

"I'm excited about the opportunities that this position offers. I think La Sierra is doing many things well already. If my skill set can help the university continue to move forward, that would be great," Pawluk said.

At La Sierra, Pawluk said he has found spiritual strength and support. "The presumption that the people I work with love Jesus and are loyal to the denomination



Steve Pawluk

allows us to speak freely in an attitude of trust. And in an attitude of trust, we can do important work," he said.

Pawluk's leadership style involves collaboration and support and is based on the belief that the majority of employees aim for success. "I think most people here believe in the university. My job is to provide the encouragement and the resources they need to do the jobs," Pawluk said. "Part of leadership is to help people figure out how to use limited resources now and over time for maximum benefit."

Pawluk holds a doctorate in education from Montana State University, a Master of Arts in religion from Loma Linda University and a Bachelor of Arts in theology from the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. His numerous awards include a leadership fellow appointment in 2004 by the Milton Murray Foundation for Philanthropy, a designation that allowed him to complete a summer institute at the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. He also received a "Keep My Fires Burning:

Storyteller" Pendleton wool blanket for his support of Native Americans in higher education, and the "Por apoyar la educación en Bolivia" citation for his work with the Universidad Adventista de Bolivia.

Pawluk's wife, Carol, teaches music at Loma Linda Elementary. The couple's son, Matt, is a research and development engineer in Temecula. Their daughter, Kate, recently graduated from Walla Walla University with a Bachelor of Arts in history and a minor in philosophy.

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CALENDARS

Arizona

SPANISH CAMP MEETING (Aug. 2-11) "Preparando el Reino de Dios," Camp Yavapines, 2999 Iron Springs Rd., Prescott. Info: Cinthia, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

TRUST SEMINAR (Aug. 8) Arizona Conference Office, 13405 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Info: Betty, 480-991-6777, ext. 132.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY pre-registration (Aug. 12) 4-8 p.m., 7410 E. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Info: Sherry, 480-948-3300.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY registration and first day of school (Aug. 15) 7410 Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Info: Sherry, 480-948-3300.

Central California

YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE (May 29-Sept 4 except July 17) Lower River Amphitheater; sponsored by the Central California Conference. Info: Edie and Ray DeFehr, 209-586-4325 or rayandedie@mlode.com.

HEALTHY COOKING SPIRITUAL RETREAT (Aug. 6-8) Camp Wawona. Info: 209-375-6231.

7 SECRETS OF EFFECTIVE FATHERS (Aug. 7) 3-5 p.m. Central California Conference Office, Barney Zapata is the guest speaker. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR (Aug. 14) 3-6 p.m. Mountain View Central Church, Pierre Steenberg is the guest speaker. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC MARRIAGE RETREAT (Aug. 20-22) Leoni Meadows. Info: Florina, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

ARISE FLAGSHIP PROGRAM (Aug. 31-Dec. 11) Sonora. Info: www.ariseinstitute.com.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR (Sept. 4) Fresno Westside Church. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

Nevada-Utah

LAKE TAHOE CAMP MEETING (Aug. 2-7) Dr. Karl Haffner and Pastor Bud Roberts, speakers. Camp Richardson,

1900 Jameson Beach Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158. Info: Virginia Rose, 916-967-5932 or http://tahoecampmeeting.adventistfaith.org.

RENO AREA CONVOCATION (Aug. 6-7) Dr. Karl Haffner, speaker. Camp Richardson, 1900 Jameson Beach Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158. Info: Virginia Rose, 916-967-5932 or http://tahoecampmeeting.adventistfaith.org.

UTAH AREA CONVOCATION (Sept. 18) 9:30am. Jim Gilley, 3ABN President, speaker. Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Info: Bernie Anderson, 801-824-4975 or pastor@wasatchhills.org.

Northern California

26TH ANNUAL WESTERN KOREAN Conference (Aug. 2-8) Pacific Union College. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1293, or varreola@ncc.adventist.org.

NCC MEDICAL/DENTAL RETREAT (Aug. 5-8) Leoni Meadows. Combine family fun with classes offered through Loma Linda University. Info: 530-626-3610.

23RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY and Mortgage Note Burning Celebration (Aug. 14) 9:30 a.m. Stockton Fil-Am church, 1324 S. Golden Gate Ave. All former members invited. Info: Margie Daligcon, 925-586-6411 or mmdaligcon@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GARDEN PARTY (Aug. 15) Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento. Info: Melody Germany-Wilson, 916-381-5353.

YOUTH RALLY (Aug. 28-29) Rocklin-Sunset Oaks Church, 3500 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin. Info: 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (Sept. 10-12) Sacramento-area hotel. You CAN have a better marriage! Info: Rob and Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798 or purvis4@comcast.net.

Pacific Union College

ALBION FIELD STATION (Aug. 1-31) During August, the Albion Field Station doesn't host any classes so it's available for families and groups to rent cabins, use the meeting rooms, or host events. A workbee is scheduled for September. Info: www.puc.edu/albion or 707-937-5440.

Southeastern California

BIG BEAR SERVICES (Weekly) Members of the Big Bear Valley church invite visitors vacationing in the area to join them for Sabbath services: Sabbath school, 9:30 a.m.; church, 11 a.m. 349 E. North Shore Dr., Big Bear City. Info: 909-547-6115.

GAME NIGHT (Wednesdays throughout the summer) 6 p.m., Hemet church, 27025 Girard St., Hemet. Info: 951-756-1960.

SECC LAY MINISTRY TRAINING (Aug. 8) 9 a.m.-3 p.m., SECC assembly room, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. Info: 951-509-2298 or anthony.penick@seccsda.org.

"KEYS TO A HAPPY FAMILY" RETREAT (Aug. 20-22) Pine Springs Ranch. Presented by SECC Hispanic Family Ministries. Guest speakers Enrique and Viviana Calandra, from Florida. Music and programs for youth and children. Info: 951-509-2333 or http://seccchispm.in.adventistfaith.org/camps.

Southern California

TAMARIND AVENUE CHURCH 45th Anniversary Celebration (Aug. 1-8) An evangelistic celebration featuring former pastors, with keynote speaker Pastor Helvius L. Thompson, and a

picnic on Sunday. 417 S. Tamarind Ave., Compton 90220 Info: visit www.tamarindavenue.com or call 323-774-0181.

SCC HISPANIC YOUTH CONGRESS (Aug. 7) Featured speaker, Carlos Craig, VP, Texas Conference. All day, starting at 9 a.m.; concluding at 4 p.m., Forest Lawn, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Hollywood Hills 90068. Info: 818-546-8448.

EGYPT: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY From Prison to the Palace VBS (Aug. 9-13) 6 p.m. til 8:15 p.m. Compton Community Church, 1226 West Compton Blvd, Compton 90221. Closing celebration Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. Info: 424-221-4923.

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| Alturas | 8:12 | 8:02 | 7:52 | 7:41 |
| Angwin | 8:13 | 8:05 | 7:55 | 7:45 |
| Calexico | 7:34 | 7:27 | 7:20 | 7:11 |
| Chico | 8:13 | 8:04 | 7:55 | 7:44 |
| Eureka | 8:25 | 8:15 | 8:05 | 7:55 |
| Fresno | 7:59 | 7:51 | 7:42 | 7:32 |
| Hilo | 6:54 | 6:50 | 6:45 | 6:39 |
| Honolulu | 7:06 | 7:02 | 6:56 | 6:50 |
| Las Vegas | 7:39 | 7:31 | 7:23 | 7:13 |
| Lodi | 8:08 | 7:59 | 7:50 | 7:40 |
| Loma Linda | 7:44 | 7:36 | 7:28 | 7:20 |
| Los Angeles | 7:48 | 7:41 | 7:33 | 7:24 |
| Moab | 8:21 | 8:12 | 8:03 | 7:53 |
| Oakland | 8:10 | 8:02 | 7:53 | 7:43 |
| Phoenix | 7:22 | 7:15 | 7:07 | 6:58 |
| Reno | 8:05 | 7:56 | 7:46 | 7:36 |
| Riverside | 7:44 | 7:37 | 7:29 | 7:20 |
| Sacramento | 8:09 | 8:01 | 7:51 | 7:41 |
| Salt Lake City | 8:35 | 8:26 | 8:16 | 8:05 |
| San Diego | 7:41 | 7:34 | 7:26 | 7:18 |
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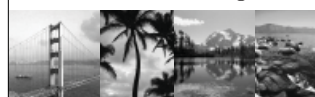
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BATES, VIOLET — b. Jan. 3, 1920, Hankow, China; d. May 26, 2010, Fortuna, Calif. Survivors: son, Leonard; daughter, Lorna Lonnstrom; nine grandchildren. Served as director of Dental Hygiene at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

BELL, WILLIAM — b. Sept. 27, 1922, Wilburton, Okla.; d. June 17, 2010, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Helen; son, Dennis; daughters, Ethlyn Wheeler, Jeanne Wakefield, Penny Johnson; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

BIRKS, GEORGE — b. Aug. 23, 1926, Laurens, S.C.; d. May 18, 2010, Stevenson, Calif. Survivors: wife, Josephine; sons, Larry, Allen; daughters, Carolyn, Lynda, Sharon, Valda, Charlene, Adriane; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

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GRANT, CHESTER LLOYD — b. Nov. 26, 1915, Ontario, Calif.; d. Oct. 1, 2009, Deer Park, Calif. Survivors: son, Larry; daughters, Nancy Michel, Rosalie Rose; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

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JOHN, ESTHER ELIZABETH — b. Jan. 9, 1919, Twin Falls, Idaho; d. March 13, 2010, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: husband, Donald; son, John Jr.; daughters, Julie Nye, Jannie King.

JONES, PAMELA (OLMSTED) — b. Dec. 26, 1967, San Jose, Calif.; d. May 10, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Whitney Olmsted, Jasmine, Simone.

Correction: **LANDIS, DERWIN LLOYD** — b. May 9, 1930, Shanghai, China; d. Jan. 3, 2010, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: wife, Erma; four sons: Joseph Zhang, Phillip Ma, David Chen and Daniel Feng; six grandchildren; sister, Norma Hilliard.



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