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Lost and Found

Ricardo Graham



I am sure that by now you have heard or read the account of the three teenage boys who were lost at sea near the tropical island of Fiji. The young men — fifteen and fourteen years old — had set out from their island to another one nearby.

They had drifted 800 miles off course and were presumed lost and dead. Their village organized a search, and the military got involved, but the rescue attempt proved fruitless. They found no one — nothing — not even a capsized boat. Survival was impossible, they thought, and they gave up hope. Their home village mourned for them and actually held memorial services, thinking that no one could possibly survive at sea that long in their small fishing boat.

But 50 days after the boys disappeared a crewmember on a fishing boat spotted a small vessel bobbing in the open sea northeast of Fiji. Coming closer, the crew discovered the missing vessel. And the three boys were on it. Emaciated but alive, they had miraculously survived. They had collected fresh rainwater to drink, and caught an occasional flying fish to eat. They even captured and ate a bird that landed on their boat.

As I heard this story on the news and read it again online — writers Pita Ligaiula and Ray Lilley give a full account in their Associated Press rendition — several spiritual thoughts came to mind.

First, there are people — many of them our own youth — lost in the open, seemingly lost from God, living a life abandoned to worldliness without God and hope. They are all around us.

Sometimes we give up on them, thinking that their cause is hopeless. But we should never abandon people. God alone knows their true condition. He alone can read the heart. It may appear to us that they are helpless and hopeless, but Heavenly Forces are always at work, continuing the work of Jesus to seek and save the lost.

See Luke 19:10. Just as Jesus pursued Zaccheus, He searches for people today in ways that we may not know of, through what appear to be coincidences and happenstance, but are actually the well-coordinated movements of Divine Providence.

Second, God has ways to keep their faith alive, though it may appear to us that they are “dead in trespasses and sin” (Ephesians 2:1). The same God who has “quickened us” is at work to resurrect the dormant spiritual life of others. There are many around us who seem to be hopeless when they are actually searching silently, hearts craving

for an answer to their questions of life summarized in the thought, “is that all there is?” The word of God has the answer, and we are prepared to give them hope and help for daily living.

Ellen White once wrote, “All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of

the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 109.

The three young men were found alive and their friends and relatives who had previously mourned them received them with great joy and jubilation. I am sure there was a reunion party that had all the elements of celebration.

Jesus told us in Luke 15:10 “There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

Who knows what joy we can have when our lost are found, transforming tears of mourning into tears of joy?

When it comes to rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying, let's adopt the attitude of Sir Winston Churchill who summarized his World War II resolve by saying, “Never, never, never give up.” Who knows who will be in the Kingdom because we, with God, never gave up?

*“There are many around us
who seem to be hopeless
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"Lifestyle Burning Heart" Launched

TO REACH EVERY HOME IN ARIZONA WITH THE GOSPEL

Phil Draper

During the ChurchWorks Seminar with Marti Schneider more than a year ago, Tony Anobile, Arizona Conference president, determined to boldly advance Arizona outreach for Christ.

"The scriptures testify of the deep love that Jesus has for mankind," Anobile explains. "He has declared that every person will have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel before He returns."

Anobile created a program called Lifestyle Burning Heart — a plan to reach every home in Arizona with the gospel of Jesus.

Realizing that this program was larger than he originally envisioned, he sought the help of Jason Carlson, Arizona Conference literature evangelism director. Carlson, a young man of deep spiritual conviction, leads a team of young workers who have been very successful distributing truth-filled literature throughout Arizona. Anobile passed the torch of

leadership to Carlson who eagerly accepted the responsibility.

On November 14, 2010, Lifestyle Burning Heart was officially launched. Plans included team participants working together to reach every person in Arizona through the unity of Christ-centered ministries — and to actually knock on every door in the state.

To begin Lifestyle Burning Heart, the Arizona Conference has initiated 40 days of prayer and study of the Bible for its members. Participants are following the book *40 Days: Prayers And Devotions To Prepare For The Second Coming*, by Dennis Smith.

At the end of the 40 days, training seminars will begin, to train and equip members for service in God's vineyard. These training seminars will include several components: literature evangelism, medical missionary work, Bible work, and Good-NewsTV. Central to the training is teaching participants how to have a strong prayer and devotional life.

During the next year, seminars will take place at least four times in different locations throughout the conference. Even though a member will specialize in one area of ministry during these seminars, they will be encouraged to attend the basic training of each ministry. This will create an atmosphere of our ministries



Rico Hill, medical ministries director for Lifestyle Burning Heart, explains ministry plans to fellow-participants.

working together instead of working independently.

"Some are tempted to think that our vision is too big," says Carlson. "They wonder how we can reach every person in Arizona with only 20% or less of our members currently doing most of the work — not to mention all of the differences of opinion on how to do the work and the discussion that goes with it. The truth is, if we look at it this way, the dissidents are right. It is impossible to reach every person in Arizona if we are to do the work ourselves."

"The success of Lifestyle Burning Heart," Carlson continues, "is dependent upon a revival in our hearts and a reformation in our lives. We must give up our selfishness, pride, and slothfulness and all other sins that plague us. This can only be accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit. We can expect such a revival and reformation only by spending much time in humble prayer and searching of the scriptures."



Jason Carlson, Lifestyle Burning Heart coordinator, and Amalia Marin, prayer coordinator, introduce 40 Days of prayer.

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PUC Completes Renovations

DINING COMMONS FIRST CHANGE IN PUSH TOWARD EXCELLENCE

Larry Pena

This winter construction crews at Pacific Union College put the finishing touches on a renovation of the campus's dining commons and campus center. This facility, a major hub of student life, hasn't been updated in 30 years. This update is the first of a wave of improvements around campus as President Heather J. Knight seeks to transform the college into a shining example of modern higher education.

"PUC is going to become a great college," says Knight. "When I think about our campus going from good to great, I'm including every area of campus, including our facilities. My vision is that within the next several years the entire campus will be transformed."

The new design incorporates Napa Valley style, a rustic yet contemporary aesthetic based on open spaces and natural materials like wood and stone. Project architect Jarrod Denton, a PUC alumnus, replaced the basic tables and chairs of the dining commons seating area with several unique and inviting sections, including rows of booths, raised pub-style tables, and an informal lounge furnished with sofas. The serving area was also reworked to improve students' access to the food and reduce congestion during busy meal times.

The campus center, which serves as the recreational heart of PUC and the home of the student

association offices, received a new professional-grade food and drink preparation area and a small convenience store. Walls were knocked down to expand the area, and all the furniture was replaced to give the space the fresh and modern feel of a smoothie bar. New paint and flooring was applied throughout the whole facility, matching the dining commons and campus center with a common visual theme.

The students have overwhelmingly approved the changes to the facility. "I like the new layout of the food area, and the booths are a real nice touch!" says junior exercise science major Uzzie Barba.

"It creates a much more inviting space for the students to enjoy," says senior history major Eirene-Gin

Nakamura. "Aesthetically, it's just much better," agrees senior communication and theology major Aren Rennacker.

But the renovation is about more than just boosting morale. Knight believes that PUC's special mission as a Christian institution holds the college to a special standard. "The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy enjoin us to be 'the head and not the tail,'" she says. "We are called to a really high level of excellence based on the exceeding excellence of God Himself. Therefore, we have an important role to play as pacesetters and models of best practices in higher education." At PUC even the simple question of where students take their meals and study breaks receives that kind of attention.



Haley Wesley

Ramiro Cano Elected President of Central California Conference

Caron Oswald

Ramiro Cano, executive secretary of the Central California Conference since 2004, was elected president on November 21. Cano succeeds Jerry Page, who was president for 15 years.

"This is extremely humbling. I solicit your prayers now more than ever," Cano told the executive committee members.

Cano joined the conference team in 1997 as senior pastor of the Milpitas Church, which later became a district that included Cambrian Park, Los Gatos and San Jose Central churches. He also served as associate executive secretary from 2001 to 2003.

He first began in ministry as a lay pastor in Reserve, New Mexico, in 1989. In 1993 Cano was called to full-time ministry in the Texico

Conference, where he served as pastor of two districts until 1997.

Prior to ministry, Cano worked in the corporate arena as manager of systems and programming for ARCO Transportation Company and director of information services for Syncor International. He later taught at Western New Mexico University.

His family immigrated to the U.S. from Colombia, South America, when Cano was a young boy. He grew up in Southern California with his eye firmly on the American dream. "I never had my sights on being called to serve as a pastor," Cano says. "Certainly not a conference president!"

Cano gives God all the glory for "the myriad experiences and the many people that have served to shape the person I am today."

He and Mary Ellen Marin have been married for 38 years. They have three children and six grandchildren. All three adult children live in central California. Their daughter teaches in an Adventist school, one son is a pastor and the youngest son is a fireman and graphic arts designer. All three graduated from Adventist universities.

"I am someone who is most comfortable staying in the background," says Mary Ellen Cano. "From the beginning of Ramiro's call to ministry, my prayer has been, 'Lord, help me be always willing to do whatever you want me to do.'"

The Selection Process

Ricardo Graham, Pacific Union Conference president, led the 28 CCC executive committee members, plus an additional 16 delegates chosen from the eight conference areas, during the search and selection process. "I am stunned at the spiritual process by Ricardo," says Gerson Perla, a Bay Area delegate. "The grace and spiritual direction were amazing!"

Four town hall meetings were held in September to solicit input from church members and pastors. Detailed notes of characteristics and qualities desired in the new president were taken, as well as names of 61 candidates.

The criteria gathered at the town halls were used as the reference tool. "Every comment was written down. We represented the people in every way," Perla explains about the constituents' input. The 44 search committee members were divided into groups of four. Each small group was assigned names and given one month to vet the candidates.

"It was obvious to me that the Holy Spirit was with us. All of the candidates were examined very carefully, with a good spirit," says Norma Maynez, delegate from the Fresno area. "Once we got to the very last vote, we felt this was the person God wanted for the conference at this time."



Ramiro and Mary Ellen Cano. Ramiro is the new president of the Central California Conference.



K.I.D.S. in Discipleship

Caron Oswald

Pastor Dan MacLafferty's ah-ha moment came as an answer to a prayer: "Lord, what have you dreamed up for children?" His church sponsored wonderful programs for kids of various ages and parents gratefully dropped off their children for the activities. Yet, something kept bothering him.

The answer finally came: "Dan, you are not discipling the children."

Thus began K.I.D.S. in Discipleship, a new paradigm for families where parents are connected spiritually with their children, where parents are the moral and spiritual mentors of their children. The program spotlights children from ages 4 to 13, and their parents. Interested church members are more than welcome, too.

Twelve churches sent teams of four or more participants to the three-day K.I.D.S. University training held in Clovis, Calif., on November 7-9, 2010. Team members included the pastor, parents, children's division leaders, and interested members.

"I believe it will help strengthen our families and our churches, that we will have spiritual growth and numeric growth too. It is discipleship at its best!" says Santa Maria Pastor Jose Vasquez about the K.I.D.S. program.

Each team left with an action plan and a timeline which included a series of sermons on the importance of family, the selection of 10 small group leaders, a 12-week

parenting/mentoring program for parents and interested church members. In fact, the goal is for the entire church to be trained so everyone knows how to disciple the children of the church.

"The 12-week program helps the parents and mentors fall in love with Jesus. The foundation is falling in love with Jesus," says Rosa Gillham, conference children's ministries director.

Next comes a 24-week small group for parents and their children that meets once a week for one hour. Each family goes home with interactive family worship ideas and additional activities for the coming week.

"As a parent I need to know what my children are thinking and this is going to help me know how to get closer, with interactive worship and fun, so they can talk to me and I can talk to them," says Gillham. "The parents become disciple-makers, then the children become disciple-makers. Parenting/mentoring at home produces children who want to share Jesus."

"K.I.D.S. provides a structured ministry designed to provide parents with tools and skills that will assist them in raising spiritual giants," says Steve Horton, vice



Will and Peggy James (l), pastoral couple and K.I.D.S. University trainers from Paradise Valley, Calif. take a break during a training session. They are joined by Steve Horton (center) vice president of church ministries and Rosa Gillham (r), children's ministries director. Gillham and Horton planned and hosted the three-day event.

president of church ministries for the conference. "Participants kept telling me, 'Praise the Lord for a definite plan we can follow!'"

Did you know...

- that by their mid-20s, at least 50 percent of Adventist young people in North America have left the church? (Why Teenagers Leave the Church, Roger Dudley)
- that by age 13 a person's spiritual identity is largely set in place for the rest of his or her life? (Barna Research Group)
- that most parents abdicate responsibility for their children's moral and spiritual development to someone else?



Fallbrook Member Shares Recipes With Readers and TV Viewers

Patricia Humphrey

Karen Houghton never dreamed that her personal interest in health would one day lead to a 224-page, full-color cookbook and a television ministry with a potential audience of millions. Today she hosts “Naturally Gourmet,” a cooking program on the Hope Channel, and is the author of a plant-based cookbook by the same title. Karen’s ministry began forming when she learned that health has its own recipe. She decided everyone should know about it.

Karen’s interest in health began when, at age 16, she went away to academy.

“I never really enjoyed eating meat,” Karen recalls. “So I decided to quit eating it, since they didn’t serve it anyway. I never missed it!”

That was the beginning of her journey toward a healthier life, but there were still more changes ahead. In college, she learned from one of her professors, Charlotte Hamlin, how to make good bread and other simple foods that help to prevent disease. Those nutrition classes at Andrews University made a lasting impression on her.

After graduating with a degree in nursing, Karen moved back to Wisconsin, where she worked as a home health nurse. Around that time, her father developed type 2 diabetes and attended the NEWSTART® program at Weimar Institute in California. The changes Karen saw in her dad were impressive. He lost weight, felt better, and was able to stop taking his medication. That experience further convinced Karen that diet and exercise are part of the recipe for good health.

Karen especially remembers the day she attended an ASI convention seminar by Mark Finley. It was called “Making Friends for God.” After the seminar, she felt compelled to share her knowledge with others. Her first step was to make a positive dietary change in her own life — to a plant-based, dairy-free diet. She immediately felt better physically.

Next, she held a health seminar in the fellowship hall at her church — and 90 people showed up, most of them from the community. It was at that point that Karen began stepping out of her comfort zone.

“I really didn’t feel I was a public speaker,” Karen says, “but I knew that with God, ‘all things are possible.’”

Karen vividly remembers one woman in particular who attended the seminar. A week after the first lecture on the importance of exercise and a healthy breakfast, the woman returned to class and asked if she could share her experience. Prior to the class, the woman’s family had never eaten breakfast and had formed the habit of sleeping in every day as long as possible. Then they would race off to school and to work. After hearing about the benefits of breakfast and exercise, the entire family began to get up early, take a walk, and then eat a big breakfast. After making these changes, they were amazed at how much better they felt and how much more energy they all had. She





Hope Channel



Production for the “Naturally Gourmet” cooking show is a family affair, with sons and daughters-in-law assisting Karen Houghton, center, in demonstrating recipes.

said her family members felt like they were actually living again.

Over the years, Karen has continued teaching others about healthful living and has watched with satisfaction as people have reaped the benefits of their new lifestyles. Of course, when you’re teaching others about a healthful diet, “the proof is in the pudding.” It’s one thing to talk about change, but it’s another to actually get people to make those changes and stick to them. Karen’s philosophy is that food should taste good and be healthy at the same time.

“When you’re raising two sons, taste is everything,” she says emphatically. Through her cooking classes, Karen has had the opportunity to demonstrate her favorite recipes, many of which she has adapted from not-so-healthy versions of popular foods. It was

only natural that she would one day publish a cookbook of her own — something she’d been planning for a long time.

When the Hope Channel invited Karen to create a cooking show, that invitation provided the stimulus she needed to fast-forward the launch of her *Naturally Gourmet* cookbook. It came off the press last May, and she has been receiving positive responses ever since. For some of the recipes, or to purchase a copy of the cookbook, visit www.NaturallyGourmet.com.

Karen, who is health ministries director of the Fallbrook church, continues to hold local health seminars, generally attracting an audience of anywhere from 90 to 130 people each time. But in April, her ministry coverage expanded worldwide with the launch of “Naturally Gourmet” on the Hope

Channel. During the show, Karen demonstrates how to prepare healthy foods, while co-host Dr. Wes Youngberg, director of the wellness program at the Rancho Family Medical Group in Temecula, describes their health benefits.

Although ministry success can’t be measured by size or numbers, Karen gains satisfaction from knowing her efforts are impacting many people’s lives in positive ways. It all starts, she says, with a tablespoon of conviction and a cup of knowledge, mixed thoroughly with God’s blessing and clear guidance.

“Over the years I can say that the Lord has never let me down,” says Karen. “If you take that step in faith and trust Him, He will come through for you.”

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Sikh Nurse Joins Adventist Church

Keith Dobbs

It was the American dream for Gurpreet Mahli's family. At the age of 10, the curious brown-eyed girl left Punjab, India, with a parent holding each hand and her older brother following behind them. It was 1995 and they were bound for the promised land of California.

Her family was Sikh and her grandmother had taught her to pray and read the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the ten successive gods. Sikhism is the fifth-largest organized religion in the world.

As she progressed through high school and college, she recalls, "I just kept getting more and more confused with so many different gods to worship."

Divine Appointment

Several years later, Mahli had a bachelor's degree in nursing, but no real plans for a job, as the economy had spiraled downward. She heard the same resounding message: No one wants to hire a new graduate nurse.

Her full-time occupation became looking online for nursing jobs. Her letters, applications and inquiry calls went unanswered. In frustration, she prayed to her gods and applied for a job with Versant RN Residency, a placement program for recently graduated registered nurses.

Within days, Mahli received an invitation for a Versant open house

at Ukiah Valley Medical Center, an Adventist Health hospital located three hours from her home. Gurpreet learned that the program had eight openings and 180 applicants. She felt blessed to have been chosen.

"We are fortunate to be able to hire someone such as Mahli who has diverse views and such a

spirit of compassion and care," says Terry Burns, president and CEO of Ukiah Valley Medical Center.

Godly Discovery

Shortly after she arrived at Ukiah to start the residency program, Mahli was befriended by Douglas Houghton, the recruiter for UVMC, and Adrienne Horton, another young person in the community.

"They talked about this person named Jesus," says Mahli. Little did she know that He had big plans for her.

One Friday night, Mahli called Houghton to ask what they were going to do on Saturday. He told her that he was going to church.

"Perfect. I'll go with you. I need to pray," responded Mahli.

After she had invited herself, Mahli was a little apprehensive as this would be her first visit to a church in her 15 years of living in the U.S. She had attended only Sikh temples.

She spent that Sabbath at the Ukiah Seventh-day Adventist Church where she heard others talking about Jesus. Through continued invitations to church, Mahli kept hearing about Jesus and John 3:16, the text that everyone seemed to know by heart.

"Who was this God that gave His only son for me? For my sins?" she wondered.





She started Bible studies with a church member but it was difficult for her to understand. That's when Houghton gave her a special Bible that Mahli called a "simple Bible" with easy-to-understand words. It was there that she read the scripture in John 3:16 for herself, and understood it.

"Everything just stopped. My heart skipped a beat. I was in tears when I realized that Jesus had done this for me. I couldn't ignore Him if He'd done this for me."

Barriers in the way

She struggled with how to tell her parents about the new revelations she'd just experienced and her decision to be baptized. She didn't want to hurt them or be disowned. Numerous trips to visit her parents were unsuccessful as the timing never seemed right.

In July, after much contemplation, Mahli wrote a letter to her parents and left it under their

messages.

Mahli showed her friend the copy of the letter that she'd written to her parents. The two prayed to God and asked the Holy Spirit to help her family understand her decision to be baptized.

Minutes after the prayer, Mahli received a call from her brother. However, it wasn't the news she wanted to hear. He said she should quit her job and leave Ukiah — the family would pay the \$5,000 to break her contract with Versant. The family also decided that Mahli should get married, and could even select her own husband if she'd give up the thoughts of being baptized as a Christian.

"At this stage in my life, I didn't want to get married to anyone except my Savior and Lord," recalls Mahli.

During the next few days, Mahli continued to wrestle with her family's desires to remove her from the life that had exposed her to the real

pillows. After she left their home, she called to tell them to read the letter. Silence — dead silence — for weeks. She tried calling both home and cell numbers, but they wouldn't answer her calls or return the

God. Her friend Houghton kept telling her, "Satan will always put something in your way."

"He Isn't Finished With Me Yet"

The next weekend, Mahli and some friends attended a series of meetings where Ivor Meyers, pastor of the Templeton Seventh-day Adventist Church, was speaking. She was tired from working the night shifts on the med-surg unit and kept dozing off during most of his seminars.

"Something woke me up during the last two minutes of Pastor Meyers' sermon, in time to hear him say Satan would always be putting up barriers," she recalls.

God had given her the answer: Satan was using her family as a barrier. She made her decision to be baptized whether or not her family blessed it. Strong in her convictions, Mahli gave her parents the date, time and location for her baptism with an invitation to come celebrate with her.

On October 30, she was baptized — without her parents there to witness it. However, there were tears of excitement from her new church family as they heard her testimony and watched her make a fresh start in the hands of her Heavenly Father.

"God isn't finished with me yet," says Mahli. "I know He's going to use me to be a witness to my family. I'm a John 3:16 nurse."



Church Hosts Family-Focused Evangelism

Rogelio Paquini

In October the Spanish-American Church in Los Angeles conducted an innovative evangelistic series based on marriage, family and relationships, entitled “Love for a Lifetime.” Senior Pastor Rogelio Paquini was the speaker.

“We have never experienced anything like this before,” said Alfredo Ramirez, first elder. Our church had

Paquini adds, “When Adam and Eve were created in the Garden of Eden, God had longed for them to share a love that was for eternity. Unfortunately, because of sin, relationships among all creatures deteriorated. Nevertheless, God’s desire still is the same: He wants all of his creatures to enjoy everlasting love with each other and with Him.”

Following the baptisms, members had the opportunity to witness a double wedding for newly baptized members Paulino and Vianey Mendez and Raul and Claudia Rojas. After accepting Jesus through baptism, both couples solemnized their decisions to receive the Lord’s blessing in marriage. Along with them, more than 50 other previously

married couples — members of the church and friends — renewed their marriage vows. “Now I am whole,” commented Claudia Rojas with joy,

The pastor noted that the purpose of the series had been to bring healing and encouragement to the families in the church’s spiritual community, but God had more amazing plans. “This event was historic,” Hilda Carranza, who led the Bible-training team, said. “Not only was it a blessing to our new members, but it also brought revival to our church and has moved

other couples in similar situations to receive God’s blessing in their home.”

After the service, several other couples began making arrangements for marriage in order to be baptized in the near future. The team of instructors is working hard with several other friends and interests in preparation for the next event.



From left: Claudia and Raul Rojas, Pastor Rogelio Paquini, Vianey and Paulino Mendez.

witnessed baptisms, weddings and even marital vow renewal ceremonies; but never had they been all at the same time. The purpose of the event was to bring not only spiritual healing to the people, but also to heal their marriages and families. If the family is healthy, the church is healthy and if the church is healthy, the community is also.”

For several months previous to the series, a well equipped and dedicated team of people worked hard to prepare friends though Bible studies and witnessing. Their efforts resulted in 25 people giving their lives to Jesus though baptism. This event marked the first time that this many people had been baptized at once in the church.



Van Nuys Saturday Night Series Attracts and Nurtures

Betty Cooney

After he arrived at his new church, Pastor John Aitken and the Van Nuys church board took a hard look at how to reach out evangelistically. Knowing commuters' work schedules, Aitken suggested Saturday night evangelistic meetings, a schedule that had worked well for his church in Manhattan. "Let's give it a try," agreed Head Elder Gerry Moss. The board agreed, and the experiment began.

"Buried Blueprints," a 10-week series, focused on the Bible from an archaeological viewpoint. Aitken illustrated his presentations with artifacts from his collection. The meetings started with nearly a full house, and audiences grew as word of mouth attracted additional people.



From left: Ely and Ruth Dela Cruz with Simon Star.

Prayer teams prayed each night before and during the meetings. After the meetings, visitors enjoyed refreshments in the fellowship hall, where Mavis Shakespeare and

her team created a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere for guests and church members to get acquainted.

Aitken says that the use of innovative still and moving graphics of biblical archaeology has proved to be the most effective evangelism in his ministry. "Utilizing Natural Church Growth principles, Bible studies, church attendance and involvement have been keys to procuring and retaining new members," he says.

"I give people plenty of opportunity to tell me they want to be baptized," Aitken said. "When they do make their decision, they often tell me how much they appreciated not being pressed for the decision. And I've found," he notes, "that those are the ones who stay."

"'Buried Blueprints' is a nurturing series," Aitken explains. "From these meetings, we are nurturing about 30 individuals. They are starting to come to church, we are befriending them, and they are becoming a part of the church family."

Many participants commented at the meetings' conclusion that they wished the meetings could continue because they liked coming there on Saturday nights." A Saturday-evening Daniel and Revelation Seminar is planned for the spring of 2011.



After each night's presentation, guests visited the biblical archaeology and anthropology museum for a hands-on experience. Pastor Aitken explains exhibits to some of the many young people attending the meetings. They especially enjoyed digging for hidden artifacts in a large sand box.

Before "Buried Blueprints," Simon Star was researching religion online. Recognizing that he agreed with certain Seventh-day Adventists beliefs, he looked for an Adventist church near him. Ruth and her husband Ely Dela Cruz invited him to attend.

"When the series was announced," Ruth Ely said, "we invited Simon. Our church is a very warm, international congregation, and many other members joined us in welcoming him warmly. He had many questions about the Bible and soon asked Pastor Aitken for Bible studies. On the series' final evening, Simon came forward, dedicating his life to Christ and requesting baptism."

"We believe Simon and others were providentially directed to the church," Ruth adds. "Seeing how God led reminded all of us how important it is for the church to welcome visitors. That friendship keeps people coming back."

Adventist Education Featured in National Media

Larry Becker and Elissa Kido

La Sierra University's groundbreaking CognitiveGenesis Project is featured in the Christian Science Monitor, in an opinion-editorial piece submitted by CognitiveGenesis project director, Dr. Elissa Kido. The piece deals with the importance of holistic education and the Adventist denomination's commitment to generating students who are well rounded academically, spiritually and physically.

This research and analysis project spanned four years and involved tests and surveys of 51,706 students in 935 K-12 Adventist schools across the North American Division. Over the past few months, the positive results of this unprecedented study have been shared with segments of the global Adventist community. Dr. Kido's piece, which follows, has introduced the public to the broader benefits of a Seventh-day Adventist education.

"For Real Education Reform, Take a Cue From the Adventists"

Education reform has taken center stage lately as Americans struggle to close the oft-condemned achievement gap. But quietly in our midst, the second largest Christian school system in the world has been steadily outperforming the national average — across all demographics.

The Seventh-Day Adventists' holistic curriculum serves as a model

for how to overcome that gap — the disparity in academic performance between low-income and minority students and their peers in higher-income communities. But even more, it shows how to narrow the gap between mind, body, and spirit, truly educating students for success.

Now, I'm not advocating for religious instruction to be included in school curricula. Rather, what my research indicates is that holistic learning — an education that doesn't erect artificial barriers among disciplines and between mind, body, and spirit — does indeed result in greater student achievement.

Adventist Schools Outperform Their Peers

Since 2006, as part of the CognitiveGenesis study, two colleagues and I have gathered data on more than 50,000 students enrolled in Seventh-Day Adventist schools. (Unbeknownst to many, the Adventist church runs a Christian school system second only in size to the Roman Catholic parochial schools.) While we have long believed in the effectiveness of the holistic approach Adventist schools take, we wanted to quantify, empirically, how well students in Adventist schools perform.

Even we were surprised by the results. Our four-year, independently financed study showed that students at Adventist schools outperformed



Elissa Kido is a professor of education at La Sierra University, where she directs the CognitiveGenesis Research project.

their peers at the national average in every subject area.

Between 2006 and 2010, my colleagues and I analyzed test scores of 51,706 students, based on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Grades 3-8, the Iowa Test of Educational Development for Grades 9 and 11, and the Cognitive Abilities Test for all grades, as well as surveys completed by students, parents, teachers, and school administrators.

In each subject category, students attending Adventist schools scored higher than the national average. They also scored higher than their expected achievement based on assessment of individual ability — a factor few other schools measure.

One of our most dramatic findings is that students who transferred to Adventist schools saw a marked improvement in academic



achievement. The more years a student attended an Adventist school, the more his or her performance improved.

Socioeconomic Status and Funding Aren't Factors

A skeptic might argue that private schools such as those run by the Adventists are made up primarily of wealthy, white, upper-middle-class students, hence the reason for higher achievement. Not so.

Our research shows the demographics of Adventist schools are closer to those of public schools, with high economic and socioeconomic diversity. Enrollment is open, meaning students are admitted without the kind of screening for ability that many other private schools employ. In North America, the Adventist church runs almost 1,000 schools, many of which are small and rural. We found no relationship between the size of the school that students attended and achievement.

Significantly, in this time of decreasing budgets for public schools, we found no link between per-pupil spending and student achievement.

Research by Dave Lawrence, a graduate student at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif., indicates that students at Adventist schools that spend as little as \$2,000 to \$4,000 per pupil are roughly at the same achievement level as students in schools that spend as much as \$12,000 per student. Mr. Lawrence found no significant correlation between a school's budget and student achievement.

The Advantages of a Holistic Approach

So how do we account for the Adventist advantage? We believe it lies in the holistic approach these schools take — a commitment to educating mind, body, and spirit. Unlike public schools, Adventist schools across the country have a standard curriculum. It includes the traditional “three R’s” along with emphasis on spiritual and physical development. There’s a coherence and a connectedness between Adventist schools that doesn’t often exist in other systems.

Some of the biggest predictors for student achievement, according to statistical models we developed,

include whether students have a positive spiritual outlook, have a healthy relationship with their parents, and take care of their own health. These are all attitudes that can be cultivated, and they point to the importance of a holistic approach to education.

In recent years, the Adventist church has been the subject of much public fascination because of its focus on health, longevity, and wholeness. (PBS ran a documentary earlier this year [2010], “The Adventists,” and the book “The Blue Zones” came out in 2008.) But our research shows that Adventist education can also be a learning lab, showing how K-12 students nationwide can excel beyond expectations.

True reform of the public school system will take hard work and innovation, but the Adventists provide a model that can help reformers hit the “reset” button. Eliminating artificial barriers between subjects and helping students see the link between how they live and how they learn are first, but crucial, steps in laying the foundation for true reform.

Prisoner Becomes Evangelist

Barbara Herlan

Born 66 years ago in Los Angeles, Bill Church lived most of his life in Southern California. As a troubled youth, Church found himself in and out of juvenile detention facilities and, later, in a jail cell.

After moving to Las Vegas in 1975, at the height of the cocaine and amphetamine craze, Church's involvement in motorcycle gangs included buying drugs from the Hell's Angels and selling them to other biker gangs. In 1977 Church plead guilty to selling drugs and was given a 20-year sentence. But in Nevada State Prison Church's life changed when he began to study the Bible. Various church groups visited the prisoners regularly, and one group, The Heaven Bound Singers, sang and gave Bible studies to those interested.

Church well remembers the difficulty he faced telling other prisoners about his newfound interest in spiritual things: "You have to remember that bikers in those days were mostly Aryan Brotherhood, white supremacists," he says. "They hated everyone, so it was no easy thing to talk about Jesus to a bunch like that. Mostly they ignored me."

After three years in prison, Church decided to be baptized — in the Carson City church, which he had never attended. The warden laughed at the idea, but Bill continued to pray and his persistence paid off. The warden finally permitted him to go to the church for

baptism, accompanied by two prison guards. This was Church's first time inside the walls of an Adventist church.

From that day, Church says, the Lord opened amazing opportunities. First he was sent to a fire camp, then to a Restitution Center in Reno, then to work for Art Wilson, head elder of the church. Church's minimum sentence was seven to 10 years, but after three years he was released.

But that is not the end of Church's story of rescue and redemption. Since leaving prison he has been very involved in prison ministry. Currently, as elder in charge of evangelism for the Hilo church, he has a passion for a new ministry opportunity.

Hilo's local Christian radio station, KCIF (Keep Christ In Focus) 90.3 FM, invited local churches to present a program involving youth. Church told them the youth of the Hilo church were interested, so the station gave him his choice of days for the broadcast. Church chose Sabbath.

At the first Sabbath broadcast, Church invited Joey Freitas, the Mauna Loa school principal, and two students to join him. The following week he took a few more with him, and now, Church says, "We get a room full of young



Michael Andres, co-host, left, Bill Church, back, and Steve Wohlberg of White Horse Ministry, center, join a group of young people for a Sabbath afternoon broadcast

people wanting to talk about Jesus and what He is doing in their lives. And other young people from the community call in to ask questions about Bible topics, or talk about the challenges they face being Christians."

Excitement bubbles up among the youth of the Hilo church as they take an active role every Sabbath from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the "Youth for Jesus" broadcasts, singing, playing instruments and giving their testimonies for Jesus.

"Uncle Bill," as he is known to the young people, has come full circle from prisoner to evangelist. He continues to share the good news of Jesus every opportunity he gets, whether on the radio, as chaplain of a local motorcycle club, as witnessing leader in his church, or as a productive member of his family and community. But the young people are especially dear to his heart. As Church says it, "The main thing is to encourage our young people to be active and involved. I love to hear the gentle and genuine praises of the children to the Savior, their beloved Jesus."

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Nevada-Utah Member Receives Rare Honor

Denny Krause

It's not often that anyone has a museum named in their honor, but one Nevada-Utah Conference member was recently so honored.

On Oct. 6, Oakwood University, located in Huntsville, Alabama, honored Clara Peterson Rock by naming its newly-renovated library museum in her honor.

The museum, created by Rock in 1971 as the Oakwood College Archives and Museum, was housed in the then newly-completed Eva B. Dykes Library. Rock envisioned the museum collections to chronicle the history of Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) and black Adventist history in the southern states.

At the time, Rock was the first lady of Oakwood College while her husband Calvin B. Rock was president. Not only that, she was the first presidential daughter to later become a first lady of the college, her father having previously served as college president.

For twelve years, seizing on this unique vantage point, Rock relentlessly, unselfishly, and proudly



Cutting the ribbon for the grand opening are (l-r) Mrs. Paulette Johnson, director of the Eva B. Dykes Library; Dr. John Anderson, vice president of academic affairs; Mrs. Minneola Dixon, retired archivist; Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Rock, honorees; Dr. Mervyn Warren, interim president; and Mr. Howard Bullard, museum designer.

organized, catalogued, and displayed the many vital historical documents that have come to be an important part of Oakwood and southern black Adventist history.

Now, her work — those historic photographs, precious artifacts, one-of-a kind memorabilia, and evidence of historic gifts to the college — stands as a memorial to the storied past and bright future of an important Adventist institution.

Since 2002, Rock has been the first lady of the Abundant Life

church in Las Vegas, Nev., where her husband is senior pastor.

Nevada-Utah Conference President, Larry Unterseher comments, "We are delighted that Clara Peterson Rock has received the honor of having the Oakwood University Museum named after her. This honor gives evidence of her dedication to the Lord, which is a blessing to this conference and to many individuals around the world."



Clara and Calvin Rock enjoy the museum dedication.

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Men's Choruses from California Minister Through Song

Edwin Garcia

Music aficionado Art Garbutt has sung in choirs and choruses throughout his adult life. Yet he never expected to coordinate a combined chorus comprised of six talented groups and 110 God-praising men from the Northern, Central, Southern and Southeastern California conferences.

But that's what happened on Nov. 6 at the Men's Chorus Festival, held at the Carmichael church in Sacramento. The event drew a pew-filling, folding-chair-sitting, standing-room-only audience of about 900 people.

"I had no idea it would turn out to be something so involved," Garbutt said. "And I'm glad it has evolved that way because it has become an outreach and a ministry for each of the individual groups that comes here."

Garbutt organized his first men's chorus festival in 2003, with just three groups. The 2004 festival had six, the 2005 festival featured four, and the most recent, in 2007, attracted five.

The 2010 turnout was boosted by a professional Southern California men's chorus, Christian Edition, directed by Calvin Knipschild, whose 21 nationally touring members sang side-by-side with less experienced vocalists from five church-based groups.



Rod Freeman

The 110-man group sings at the Men's Chorus Festival, held at the Carmichael church in Sacramento.

The groups and their leaders included: Bakersfield Hillcrest Men's Chorus (Judy Houston), Modesto Praise Men's Chorus (Gordon de Leon), Sonora Community Christian Men's Chorus (Rod Kerbs), Carmichael Men's Chorus (Art Garbutt), and Bay Area Men's Chorus (Milton Wheeler).

Steven Baker of Sonora, one of 30 baritones, said he experienced a difficult-to-describe "deep, down joy" singing with so many talented individuals, especially when Knipschild was directing.

"I love his philosophy," Baker said. "You need to be delivering a message when you're singing — a sermon. For him it needs to be worship."

The free concert opened with six songs by the combined chorus, which had gathered for the first time the night before. Previously, each group had been practicing for months. In addition, each director selected two songs for the combined

chorus to sing, and took turns leading out. Each group also performed on its own.

Knipschild said audience members afterward repeatedly conveyed the same message to him: "That was the most spiritual program I've attended."

"The Festival was a great experience, a glimpse of the praise that we will sing around the throne," said Carmichael Men's Chorus member Dan Carr, about singing with the 110-man group. "The chorus members were blessed to sing and share praises to our God."

As Garbutt starts to plan the 2011 festival, he's realizing that Carmichael — one of the largest churches in the Pacific Union — may be too small a venue. On the upside: if the festival moves to a public auditorium, the concert can witness to more people from the community.



St. Helena Church Hosts Homecoming

Jenny Oliver

The roots of the St. Helena church run long and deep. Well-preserved logbooks with their fancy pen-and-ink script are kept at the church. The first inscription records the proceedings of the first Sabbath school, held in a home on November 8, 1873.

Almost 137 years later, on Oct. 23, 2010, the church held a homecoming, which Pastor Daniel Freedman hopes to make an annual event. Former pastors were invited, and invitations were sent to as many church members as could be found. Over three hundred people attended, despite rainy weather.

"The most exciting part of homecoming was seeing so many from the old youth group from the late '70s and early '80s," said church member Melanie Ward. "We have all aged, but it was the highlight of the day to see them all."

During the church service, Meade Baldwin, 90, gave a brief history of the church, and his youngest great-grandson, Tanner Cholmondeley, was dedicated to the Lord. Dan

Oliver and John and Debi Taylor harmonized in singing "Coming Home," a song written for the homecoming, reflecting former Pastor Pete Geli's sermon on "The Triple Blessing of Church Attendance."

Following lunch (a gigantic spaghetti feed), everyone was invited to a hymnfest and sharing time. Personal memories were the highlight of the afternoon, interspersed with songs of praise and historical facts. Later in the day, Margie Salcedo Rice graced the audience with song and testimony. The homecoming concluded with a game night.



Former St. Helena youth reunite at homecoming: Back row, from left: Patrick Benner, Phillip Ward, Melanie Ward, Scott Alvord, Vandy Erbst, Jenny Shaefer, Joe Martinez, Lori Cholmondeley; Front row: Tisha White, Gregg Stutchman, Karen Alvord, Lynda Gates, Tanner Cholmondeley, Juliana Martinez

"Many of my former youth were at the homecoming with their families," said Gregg Stutchman, who served as a youth leader for 18 years. "Being with them again was a foretaste of heaven. They were and always will be a part of my heart."

Read more about the history of the St. Helena church at www.shsda.org, under the "About Us" heading.

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Festivities Mark 20th Anniversary of Proton Treatment Center

James Ponder

More than 600 friends of the James M. Slater, M.D., Proton Treatment & Research Center (PTRC) at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) came together on Sunday, Oct. 24, for a 20th anniversary salute to the man whose pioneering research is saving the lives of thousands of individuals with prostate, brain, and other forms of cancer. Unfortunately, Slater was unable to attend due to a minor illness.

Thanks to Slater's groundbreaking work, LLUMC became the first hospital in the world to treat cancer with protons. Proton therapy is a precise form of radiation treatment in which tiny particles penetrate the body from outside and destroy cancer cells with minimal or no damage to surrounding tissue and organs.

Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA) took the podium to share his experience of proton treatment at LLUMC. After confiding that his scariest moment was receiving a diagnosis of prostate cancer, Lewis told how his research on treatment options led him to Loma Linda.

Lewis was not the only person in attendance to both benefit from the PTRC and become a strong advocate and supporter. According to J. Lynn Martell, D.Min., director of special services for the department of radiation medicine, "Bob Marckini has developed an amazing support group of former prostate

patients from around the world. The members of this international group — the Brotherhood of the Balloon (BOB) — are proactive as advocates for prostate awareness and for proton therapy. Bob and his group have made an incredible positive impact upon thousands of men and their families across this country and around the world. They have also been responsible for raising several million dollars for research at Loma Linda."

Martell observed that a direct correlation exists between the meteoric success of BOB — which grew from 19 members a decade ago to 5,000 today — and the intrepid dedication of its founder, Bob Marckini. Since his own prostate cancer was successfully treated at LLUMC in 2000, Marckini has devoted as many as 85 hours per week to the ministry he loves.

Ruthita J. Fike, MA, CEO of LLUMC, asked Congressman Lewis to rise and be recognized as a valued friend of the James M. Slater, M.D., Proton Treatment and Research Center. The congressman recalled how the senior Slater's brilliance and persuasion disarmed skeptics in Congress and resulted in allocations of \$40 million to launch the PTRC.



Bob Marckini and Jerry Slater, M.D., proudly display the check which members of the Brotherhood of the Balloon presented to the James M. Slater, M.D., Proton Treatment & Research Center in support of the organization's ongoing proton research. Marckini is founder and director of the Brotherhood; Slater is chair of the department of radiation medicine and son of proton pioneer James M. Slater, M.D.

"The message," Congressman Lewis concluded, "has been received: this application has wonderful, wonderful future prospects for health care and for humankind."

When Martell invited Marckini back to the podium, Marckini reminded the audience that he is "one of tens of thousands of patients worldwide" who've benefitted from the work of the Slaters. "I'm proud to report," Marckini told Jerry Slater, "that over the past 10 years, our group has introduced thousands of men to proton therapy for prostate cancer, most of whom have come here to Loma Linda for their treatment. I'm even more proud to report that our group has been responsible for contributing about \$6 million to proton therapy research." He then presented Slater with a check from the Brotherhood in the amount of \$500,000. "God bless Dr. Jerry Slater, Dr. James Slater," he said, "for the gift they have given, for how they are changing the world!"

Loma Linda Continues Medical Work in Haiti

Richard Weismeyer

In July a small group of Loma Linda University students working under the auspices of Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) made their way to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where they provided needed services at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti (HAH).

Following the devastating 7.0 earthquake of January 12, 2010, at 4:53 p.m., three million people were left in desperate need of emergency aid, while 33 aftershocks ranging in magnitude from 4.2 to 5.9 continued to rattle the city. After months of LLUMC physicians and staff rotating through HAH, the first SIMS-sponsored trip was led by Jack Bennett, M.D., a recently retired physician, assisted by Linda Davis, Pharm.D., assistant professor in the School of Pharmacy.

Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti remained intact during the earthquake. No major damage was reported, and the Adventist Health International facility was one of only a handful of major hospitals available to the population during the first days and weeks following the earthquake. Much of the city was destroyed during the earthquake, including the Presidential Palace. Tent cities sprung up around the devastated city including the hospital grounds and the Adventist university located adjacent to the hospital. Many of the local population are staying in make-shift "homes" at many locations throughout the city.

Students accompanying Bennett included Michael Nguyen, a School of Pharmacy student; Kevin De Leon, a School of Medicine student; and three students from the School of Public Health — Sarah Daguplo, public health educator; Sonya Reese, health policy student; and Julie Turner, global health student.

"Our mission was to sort relief supplies," Davis says. "And we noticed that the hospital pharmacy did not have an adequate inventory system. The pharmacy supplies were not sorted and solutions were scattered throughout the hospital. Expired medicines were mixed in with the current medicines."

The group started in the multiple storage rooms, according to Davis. They gathered all donated medications and centralized them to the pharmacy and one pharmacy storage room, categorizing the medications according to the World Health Organization model list.

"One of the immediate needs includes a complete drug inventory and developing a continuous inventory, utilization, and ordering system," Davis relates.

When the team arrived in July, even though the earthquake happened six months prior, the group found that the city was still devastated. Only 5 percent of the quake debris has been cleared. Officials estimate at the current rate, it will



The group from Loma Linda, standing on the front steps of Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti, includes (from left) Nathan Lindsey, M.P.H., assistant administrator of HAH and a Loma Linda University alumnus; Amy Lindsey, HAH volunteer coordinator; an unidentified Haitian boy; Julie Turner, an LLU School of Public Health student; Jack Bennett, M.D., clinical instructor in the LLU School of Medicine; Sarah Daguplo and Sonya Reese, both LLU School of Public Health students; and LLU School of Pharmacy students Laurent Wally Jeanty and Michael Nguyen.

take several years to move the earthquake debris.

With a population of nearly 10 million people, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Eighty percent of the population in Haiti is living below the poverty line. Most Haitians live on less than \$2 per day.

Davis hopes to make Haiti trips ongoing during vacation time for the students. SIMS has its next trip scheduled for spring break 2011. "It was such a privilege for us to go there and offer our help. We are looking forward to the next trip," she says.

Donations toward the continuing work at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti are still being accepted at www.lluglobal.com/haiti.

REACH North America Launched

Strategic Plan Adopted for North American Division

NAD Staff

Revival and reformation and a renewed emphasis to come together in love and unity to reclaim missing members and to reach our communities with the gospel, was a significant message presented during General Conference Autumn Council and the North American Division Year-end Meeting in late 2010. Presidents Ted N. C. Wilson, GC; and Dan Jackson, NAD; introduced documents that were read and voted and that are intended to impact church life and its mission during the next five years.

President Dan Jackson shares his vision for NAD: “I believe that we are living in that segment of time that the Bible writers describe as “the end of the age.” For Seventh-day Adventists of all generations the resounding message of the Scriptures is: Jesus is coming soon! However, as I consider the scope of the task God has given us, it is not difficult to see that the mission is far more extensive than can be accomplished through human energy and means. As never before, you and I must have the power of God’s Spirit to take control of us personally and corporately. It is not acceptable for us to think that we can continue to carry out God’s work as we’re doing now, or have in the past. We are in desperate need of spiritual renewal. As individuals and as a division-wide family we



must appeal to God to gift us with His Spirit to such an extent that our hearts will continually focus on His will and His plan for us and for the world around us.”

At the autumn meetings, members of both sessions voted overwhelmingly to endorse the following statements:

The challenge of taking the gospel to the world is not new. The disciples faced this challenge in the first century. We face it in the twenty-first century. The New Testament Church was seemingly confronted with an impossible task. But empowered by the Holy Spirit the Church exploded in growth (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31).

Christ’s Great Commission was accompanied by His great promise. The Savior commanded His disciples “not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4). The Savior promised, “But you shall receive

power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

The love of Christ controlled every aspect of the lives of the disciples and moved them to a passionate commitment to His service. They sought God for the promised power of the Holy Spirit and knelt

before Him in heartfelt confession and earnest repentance.

Too often God’s mission of saving a lost world has not taken first place in our hearts. At times in our busyness doing good things we have neglected the most important thing — knowing Him. There is nothing more important than knowing Jesus, studying His word, understanding His truth and seeking His promise for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power for the fulfilling of the gospel commission. God’s last-day prophet to the remnant wrote in words too plain to be misunderstood, “A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work” (*Selected Messages*, Volume 1, p. 121).

If a genuine spiritual revival is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs, should we not place priority on seeking Heaven’s promised



blessing with all our hearts? (Excerpts from Annual Council Action, voted 10/11/2010. God's Promised Gift. Complete document found at www.nadadventist.org.)

Jackson continues, "As president of the North American Division I want to appeal to each layperson and to every employee to take this matter personally and seriously. This kind of commitment alone will move the church into the kind of future that God has in mind for our Division."

Before the 2010 Year-end Meeting, the NAD leadership team met in an exercise of strategic planning for the next five years. "We resolve that by 2015, the church in North America will have become transformed by the Holy Spirit and moved to action in the following five ways," says Jackson.

The initiative, "REACH North America", was adopted as a guideline and measuring device both for personal revival and for corporate nurturing and outreach.

REACH UP (Revival and Reformation)

Churches experience a revival and reformation that results in life-changing transformations.

Members enjoy a vibrant and joyful relationship with Christ.

REACH ACROSS (Unity in Diversity)

New members love for Christ is a catalyst to reinvigorate their congregations. New members are oriented to and inspired by the life-affirming culture of Adventism and are integrated into the fabric of the church.

Each member is actively involved in church life and ministry. Discipleship training and compelling leadership opportunities are provided to children, youth, young adults, students in public education, seniors, and members with disabilities.

Adventists disengaged from church life are recognized as valued members of our family. Congregations implement ways to actively reconnect with them.

Congregations embrace and practice the concept of "unity in diversity: in such matters as age, gender, race, and socio-economic status; congregations are intentional in planning ways to educate members.

REACH OUT (Evangelism, Community, Discipleship)

North American Division organizations of every type combine their efforts in communicating Adventism's distinctive message of hope; and wholeness to every person within the NAD territory with a focus on big cities.

REACH IN (Growing Disciples/Adventist Education)

Because Adventist education is a core value of the church, the local church is an education center for members of all ages—combining with the school to serve and to evangelize children and youth within church and the community.

Through NAD resources, the church makes distinctively Adventist education available to every Adventist child.

The church finds a way to help strengthen and build a system of Adventist higher education.

REACH FORWARD (A Focus on Leadership)

The NAD, unions, local conferences, and institutions collaborate to support mission and strategy through responsible stewardship and a culture of inclusive participation.

Organizations and institutions have in place a well-designed and active program to cultivate and develop leaders.

The NAD significantly increases member donations.

The NAD and at least four unions to implement Assessment for Excellence programs that promote and document levels of financial integrity, operational efficiency, program quality and staff effectiveness.

Complete document is found at www.nadadventist.org

Jackson challenges every pastor, lay-member, church administrator, departmental leader, institutional worker, health worker, literature evangelist, chaplain and educator to make revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism the most important and urgent priorities of our personal lives and our areas of ministry. "As we seek Him together, God will pour out His Holy Spirit in abundant measure, the work of God on earth will be finished, and Jesus will come", concluded President Jackson.

Please join the North American Division family in experiencing God's blessing and direction in the final moments prior to His return.



CALENDARS

Central California

HISPANIC SABBATH SCHOOL/ Church Officers Training/Lay Recognition (Jan. 8) San Jose Spanish church. Info: Florina 559-347-3150 or e-mail: fmorales@cccsda.org.

PRAYER SUMMIT (Jan. 14-15) Clovis church. Info: Joyce Mulligan 209-996-5393 or e-mail: joycejmulligan@sbcglobal.net.

GLOW RALLY (Jan. 16) Fresno Central church. Info: Desiree 559-347-3152 or visit: www.goglow.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT (Jan. 28-30) Tenaya Lodge. Info: Pat Curtis 559-642-2396.

WOMEN'S RETREAT (Feb. 4-6) Soquel. Info: Pat Curtis 559-642-2396.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT (Feb. 4-6) Tenaya Lodge. Info: Florina 559-347-3150 or e-mail: fmorales@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC CONVOCATION (Feb. 12) Bakersfield Hispanic Church. Info: Florina 559-347-3150 or e-mail: fmorales@cccsda.org.

MARRIAGE RETREAT (Feb. 17-22) Burlingame. Info: Liseth 559-347-3176 or e-mail: lpasillas@cccsda.org

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RALLY (Feb. 18-19) Fresno Central church. Info: Florina 559-347-3150 or e-mail: fmorales@cccsda.org.

SKI DAY (Feb. 27) North Star, Tahoe. A full day of skiing. Three guest speakers: Matt Parra, Jeffrey Rosario, Ivor Myers; concert by Athena. Discounts for lodging and lift tickets available. Info: Tony, 415-756-8970.

La Sierra University

THE STAHL CENTER FOR WORLD Service presents "Marimbas, Mariachis, and Mission," a day-long celebration of world service at the LSU church (Jan. 15). Featured speaker is Jose Vicente Rojas, NAD. Meetings will be at 9:30 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m. For

more information, contact the Stahl Center at 951-785-2041.

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY Music Department offers Faculty Recital Series with Giovanni Santos, trumpet, and David Kendall, low brass, on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., in Hole Memorial Auditorium. Free admission.

THE BRANDSTER GALLERY features the annual La Sierra University Art Faculty Exhibition, January 24 to February 20. Info: 951-785-2959.

WINTER QUARTER instruction begins on January 9. For the latest enrollment information, contact 1-800-874-5587.

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Northern California

SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE RETREAT (Dec. 30-Jan. 2) Monterey Hyatt Regency. Great presenters, music, worship, art gallery, children & youth programs, free time. Speakers: Michael & Helen Pearson, Newbold

College; David Newman, Adventist Today; Norman & Heather Knight, PUC; and more. Info: srrmonterey.com or e-mail jhughson@puc.edu.

SUNDOWN PRAISES (Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) 4 p.m. English Oaks church, 1260 W. Century Blvd., Lodi. Sopranos Effie Reiswig, JeAnn Davis with Lee & Morris Venden DVD; Bob Tan, Bonnie Ruth Scott sing-along and Venden DVD; speaker Matthew Priebe; "Sounds of Lockeford" (Star Byles & friends); singers Margaret Maisel, Lidia Smith. Info: 209-369-1021.

FUSION: YOUTH SABBATH (Jan. 8) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Revelation 14: Three Angels' Messages. Student-led preaching, music, drama, giveaways. Lunch will be provided. Info: Youth Department, 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

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MARRIAGE/PARENTING Seminar (Jan. 21, 22) Sacramento-Central church, 6045 Camellia Avenue, Sacramento. Speakers: Jim and Sally Hohnberger. Info: 916-457-6511.

TAKE IT TO THE STREETS (Jan. 21-23 & Jan. 28-30) San Francisco. Info: Youth Department, 925-685-4300, ext. 1280.

CHURCH CLERK TRAINING Seminar (Jan. 30) 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. NCC Headquarters. Topics include: eAdventist membership, keeping records, new clerk's manual and more. Lunch provided. Info: Conference Clerk, 888-434-4622, ext. 1201 (toll free).

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HISPANIC CHURCH MINISTRIES Training (Feb. 6) 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. No-cost training for variety of local church ministries. Lunch provided. Concord International church, 1655 West Street, Concord. Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 925-685-4300, ext. 1292.

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Southeastern California

LIGHTS FOR LITTLE LIVES Memorial Walk (Dec. 31) 3:30 p.m. Two locations: Palm Desert Civic Center, 73-510 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert; and Ronald McDonald House, 11365 Anderson St., Loma Linda. Annual candlelit walk by The Unforgettables Foundation. Info: 760-837-7373, 951-680-9996.

WEEK OF RENEWAL (Jan. 8-15) 11:45 a.m., Speakers, Randy Roberts and Richard Hart. Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. Open to the public. Info: 909-558-4570, ext. 47091.

WINTER WEDNESDAYS (Jan. 12-Feb. 9) Light supper, 6 p.m., seminars, 7 p.m. LLU church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. Topics include biblical studies, family, prayer, health, and natural sciences. Participants must enroll and pay a fee to help with expenses. Contact: 909-558-4570.

MIND, SPIRIT IN DIALOGUE (Jan. 21) 7:30 p.m., LLU church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. Speakers, panels, and questions on the topic "Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version: History, Literature, Continuing Impact." Info: 909-558-4570.

SECC INTERMEDIATE HANDBELL Festival (Feb. 4) 7 p.m., Palm Desert Oasis church, 74-200 Country Club Dr., Palm Desert. All are welcome. Info: 951-509-2313.

PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL Winter Camp Meeting (Feb. 4-5) Speaker, Craig Newborn, senior pastor, Oakwood Univ. church. Palm Springs church, 620 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs. "Help for Haiti," presentation during Sabbath School, Info: 760-327-5112.

GARY BONNER SINGERS (Feb. 12) 7 p.m., Tierrasanta church, 11260 Claremont Mesa Blvd., San Diego. Info: 858-576-9990.

CHURCH TREASURERS' Workshop (Feb. 27) 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, SECC office, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. Lunch will be served at noon. Info: 951-509-2243.

LA SIERRA ACADEMY ALUMNI Homecoming (April 29-31) Honor classes: 2001, 1996, 1991, 1981, 1971, 1961, 1951, and 50-plus years. Info: lsalumni@lsak12.com or 951-351-1445, ext. 244.

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| Jan 4 Armona Union Academy
El Dorado Adventist School
Mountain View Academy | 18 Calexico Mission School
PUC Preparatory School
San Gabriel Academy |
| 5 Fresno Adventist Academy
Pine Hills Adventist Academy
Thunderbird Academy (at 6:30 pm) | 19 Mountain View Academy |
| 6 Bakersfield Adventist Academy
Loma Linda Academy | 24 Lodi Adventist Academy
Orangewood Academy |
| 10 Los Angeles Adventist Academy
Redding Adventist Academy
Redwood Adventist Academy
Sacramento Adventist Academy | 25 Glendale Adventist Academy
La Sierra Academy
Napa Christian Academy
Redlands Adventist Academy |
| 11 Central Valley Christian Academy
San Diego Academy | 26 San Fernando Valley Academy |
| 12 Escondido Adventist Academy
Paradise Adventist Academy | 27 Mesa Grande Adventist Academy
Newbury Park Adventist Academy
Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy |
| | Feb 8 Hawaiian Mission Academy |

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BATES, MILTON — b. March 22, 1920, Swatow, China; d. Oct. 16, 2010, Tracy, Calif. Survivors: son, Leonard; daughter, Lorna Lonnstrom; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

BRUCE, WILLAMINNA — b. Nov. 2, 1922, Delhi, Calif.; d. May 12, 2010, Escondido, Calif. Survivors: son, James, Jr.; two grandchildren.

CHAPMAN, PAUL R. — b. Dec. 2, 1928, Chattanooga, Tenn.; d. Sept. 28, 2010, Lancaster, Calif. Survivors: wife, Pauline (Edgar); sons, Lynden, Marvin, Gary; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

CLAYTON, PERRY — b. Oct. 30, 1921, Whittier, Calif.; d. July 8, 2010, Santa Cruz, Calif. Survivors: son, Les; daughter, Candy Eiseaman; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

EBERHARDT, MARGARET EVELYN (HEALD) ROYSTON — b. Sept. 4, 1913, Moore, Mont.; d. Nov. 2, 2010, Benecia, Calif. Survivors: sons, Richard, David, Glenn; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

GULKE, MILDRED A. (SHERMAN) — b. Nov. 6, 1923, Lindsay, Calif.; d. Oct. 27, 2010, Napa, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Dolie, Cherri.

JONES, RICHARD — b. July 8, 1933, Cleveland, Ohio; d. Sept. 16, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: sons, Chris, Jeffrey; daughters, Ramona Abbott, Stephanie Ward; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

LIND, ROSE AZZOLINA — b. Nov. 10, 1912, Milwaukee, Wis.; d. Oct. 12, 2010, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

LOWMAN, MARIE VIDA — b. Jan. 4, 1916, Algona, Iowa; d. Oct. 23, 2010, Palm Springs, Calif. Survivors: son, David; daughters, Marilyn Lowman, Shirley Siggers, Nancy McFall; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren.

MASSEY, THEODORE L. — b. June 12, 1928, Madison, Wis.; d. Nov. 10, 2010, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Kathy Ensminger, Debbie Jones, Carol Shilue; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

MCDERMOTT, DON LEE — b. July 2, 1934, Idaho Falls, Idaho; d. June 4, 2010, Fullerton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Audrey; sons David, Dana and Dale; brother, Mickey McDermott; two granddaughters and four grandsons.

MCGILL, DOROTHY — b. July 22, 1923, Richmond, Va.; d. Aug. 15, 2010, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: sons, Ron McGill, John Grauberger, Chuck Grauberger, Albert Grauberger; daughters, Joline Smith, Nita Buck.

MITCHELL, DOUGLAS S. — b. Dec. 10, 1942, Quantico Cove, Va.; d. Oct. 29, 2010, Escondido, Calif. Survivor: wife, Cheryl Kathleen.

NICKEL, MILTON F. — b. June 15, 1927, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. Oct. 26, 2010, Stockton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Virginia; son, Thomas; daughters, Terri, Heidi McFadden; three grandchildren.

ORTUNO, RAMON — b. Aug. 31, 1925, Cochabamba, Bolivia; d. Aug. 8, 2010, San Diego, Calif.; Survivor: wife, Yolanda.

PERMAN, LYDIA (KESZLER) — b. Nov. 5, 1915, Washburn, N.D.; d. Oct. 11, 2010, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Monte; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Correction: **PRICE, ARDYTHE B.** — b. Sept. 27, 1948, Alberta, Canada; d. Aug. 18, 2010, San Jose, Costa Rica. Survivors: son, Steven; daughter Shelley; father, Peter Tym; sisters, Sharon W. Foley, Bonnie Corson, Berna Tym.

Savage, Robert E. — b. Dec. 14, 1952, Glendale, Calif.; d. Oct. 29, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marlene; son, Michael; daughters, Kelly Fleck, Katie Magi; one grandchild.

SCHUTTER, RUTH ELIZABETH — b. July 14, 1926, Takoma Park, Md.; d. Oct. 28, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Louis; daughters, Cheree Aitken, Sylvia Retzer, Linda Dunn; six grandchildren.

SPAULDING, DONALD B. — b. March 22, 1924, York, N.D.; d. Oct. 22, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ferol; daughter, Susette Elmendorf; brothers, Clair, David, Roger; sisters Betty Sterling, JoAnne Peterson, Marilyn Beecher; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Pastor in the Southern

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STOOPS, DALE — b. Jan. 26, 1928, New Castle, Ind.; d. Oct. 7, 2010, Manteca, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marjorie; son, Robert; daughter, Linda Lutes, Sharon Thigpen; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Served in medical mission work in Africa, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

WEICHAL, AGNES (SELF) — b. May 23, 1923, Victor, Okla.; d. Sept. 5, 2010, Dinuba, Calif. Survivors: son, Terry Weichal Garfield; daughters, Linda Richards, Tracey Pimentel; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

WICHMAN, DON HARRY — b. Aug. 24, 1920, Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada; d. Oct. 13, 2010, Palm Desert, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marjorie; son, Donald; daughter, Janet Rivera; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Correction: **WOLFE, ERIK** — b. Aug. 17, 1961, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Sept. 20, 2010, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: daughters Kaitlyn, Lauren; parents, Stanford, Donna.

YOUNG, CHARLES G. — b. June 2, 1939, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Nov. 7, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Maria Jullifer; two children; three grandchildren; sister, Candice Keeney.

YOUNG, ESTHER H. — b. Oct. 16, 1909, Moosic, Penn.; d. June 14, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Candice Keeney; son-in-law, Bob Keeney, three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Maria Jullifer.

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— Exodus 20:8*

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	Dec 31	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
Alturas	4:42	4:49	4:57	5:05	5:14
Angwin	4:59	5:05	5:12	5:20	5:28
Calexico	4:47	4:52	4:58	5:05	5:11
Chico	4:53	4:59	5:07	5:15	5:23
Eureka	4:59	5:06	5:13	5:21	5:30
Fresno	4:53	4:59	5:06	5:13	5:21
Hilo	5:54	5:58	6:03	6:07	6:11
Honolulu	6:01	6:05	6:10	6:15	6:19
Las Vegas	4:36	4:42	4:49	4:56	5:03
Lodi	4:55	5:02	5:09	5:16	5:24
Loma Linda	4:50	4:56	5:02	5:09	5:16
Los Angeles	4:55	5:00	5:07	5:13	5:20
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Phoenix	5:30	5:36	5:42	5:49	5:56
Reno	4:46	4:52	4:59	5:07	5:15
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Salt Lake City	5:10	5:16	5:24	5:32	5:41
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