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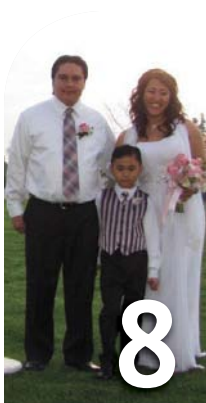
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# Just the facts

Those of a certain age may remember the show "Dragnet." According to Wikipedia, it was first a radio show and then a television crime drama about the cases of Los Angeles police detective Sergeant Joe Friday and his partners.

During the course of his investigations, Friday would often remind witnesses that, "All we want are the facts." The phrase eventually evolved into, "Just the facts..."

When it comes to the human situation in this world and in the light of eternity, we would do well to remember certain facts.

First, the apostle Paul wrote, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). It is a fact that we have all missed the mark in our living for God. We have fallen and continue to fall short of the goal that God has set before us. While this notable fact doesn't seem to get much press these days, it is still true. Earlier in Romans 3, Paul wrote, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (verse 10).

None of us are righteous, or have the opportunity for righteousness without God. Without divine intervention, we would be without hope in this world. It is due to the merciful grace, or mercy and grace, of our loving God that we have redemption in Jesus Christ. He offered His pure life as the true sacrificial lamb on Calvary, spilling His blood to wash us from our sins. Jesus is the savior of the world.

God is the ultimate source of mercy. There are several words used in both the Old and New Testaments that we loosely use as mercy. Mercy is described as loving-kindness, grace, and favour. However one would define it, we gladly proclaim as the Psalmist did in Psalms 106:1: "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

At least 41 times in the Old Testament, God described as being good and having mercy that endureth forever, or ever enduring, everlasting or eternal mercy. Imagine that, our God's mercy lasts forever!

In fact, even in the midst of his Lamentations, Jeremiah stops to say, "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). This is still true today.

Then there is the grace of God. Grace comes from the Greek word *charis*. Its literal meaning is "to rejoice," joy, favor, acceptance, a kindness granted or desired, a benefit, thanks, gratitude, grace.

It is a favor done without expectation of one done in return; absolute freeness of the loving kindness of God to humanity finding its only motive in the bounty and free-heartedness of God the Giver; it is unearned and unmerited. In the Bible, the word grace is often used interchangeably with favor, hence, the classic definition, "unmerited favor."

Our Heavenly Father delights in His children trusting Him, and so he places us in a "grace" position; a relationship with Him that cannot be earned, achieved, bought or bartered for. We receive it just because we have faith in him. Romans 4:3 states, "For what saith the scripture? Abra-

ham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." It is the doctrine of righteousness by faith. And of course the connecting point between faith and works is made clear all throughout Scripture. Our works are the outworking of our inward, heart-believing faith — not an abstract faith, but faith in the Man, Christ Jesus and in His work. See Ephesians 2:5-10.

Grace doesn't excuse sin; it empowers us to live above it. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all

men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12).

Grace teaches us to how to deny or reject ungodliness and worldly lusts, and creates within us a spiritual sobriety that is righteous and godly even in the midst of this time filled with relativism and soaked in selfishness.

One last word here on grace. "It is not merely God's mercy and willingness to forgive; it is an active, energizing, transforming power to save" (SDABC v. 6, p. 504).

Ellen White says: "Divine grace is the great element of saving power. Without it all human effort is unavailing" (Gospel Workers, p. 70). Without the divine grace of God, all our attempts at spirituality and being good are wasted effort.

The final fact in this brief article is that without the mercy and grace of God, none of us would have a chance of salvation and more. Thanks be to our wonderful God who, in His mercy and grace, acts on our behalf to save us. And that's a fact.

*Ricardo Graham*



# Women's Spiritual Koinonia provides spiritual refreshment and fellowship

Since 1985, Women's Spiritual Koinonia has held an annual weekend conference for women from all denominations, ethnic backgrounds and ages. Koinonia — a Greek word that expresses such concepts as community and fellowship — is a fitting name for an event that provides opportunities for spiritual awakening, the discovery of spiritual gifts and the development of friendships to last for eternity.

Each year, more than 300 women (ages 18-90) come from all over the United States to participate in the Koinonia event at Leoni Meadows. Through the years, several women have been baptized as a result of the retreats, and many women have reclaimed their faith. "Being in the beauty of God's creation at Leoni Meadows, devoting concentrated time in prayer and spending quality time in the Word has resulted in a powerful experience," said Koinonia board member Ena Hunter.



*The annual Koinonia choir sings on Sabbath.*

That year's theme was "Lord, Prepare Me for Service." The women who attended were enthusiastic and insisted that another retreat be held the following year. Only a few years later, the group was outgrowing the Soquel facilities. After holding one conference on a college campus, the Koinonia board decided to take the 1990 retreat to Leoni Meadows, where the event has been held ever since.

Although Koinonia's board of directors is composed of Adventists, they emphasize that the retreat is not only for members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "It's not about one group of people in the Kingdom or the other group of people in the Kingdom, because there's just one Kingdom," said L.J. Hughes.

Through the years, attendees have heard a wide variety of inspirational speakers, including Attorney Marla Osborne-Anderson, Chaplain Wanda Grimes Davis, Pastor Hyveth Williams and numerous others who have inspired and blessed. "As a result of my yearly weekend experience, Koinonia has allowed me to look more closely at my life and how God desires for me to live," said Karen McCord, one of the coordinators during the weekend.

During the 2011 Koinonia conference, a special recognition program was held for L.J. Hughes, who is stepping down from the organization's governing board. Even though she is retiring, she will continue to play a critical spiritual role. A founding member of Koinonia, she has served as treasurer and registrar, and was the inspiration behind the development of the early-morning prayer and praise service and

the birthday and prayer cards that are sent to attendees.

The annual weekend offers numerous opportunities for fellowship. Many women join the retreat choir, which practices on Friday night and sings for the group on Sabbath. Each year the Saturday evening activity is a themed social that allows the women to relax and enjoy humorous skits, or share some exciting information about a country or person they may be representing. Everyone has the opportunity to be involved in some aspect of the weekend — as registrars, ushers, greeters, decorators and more.

Through friendships with each other and communion with God, women who attend the Koinonia retreat get a taste of the Kingdom here on earth. "We uplift God and, in the process, uplift each other," said McCord.

*Ella Tolliver*

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*In 2011, L.J. Hughes was honored as she stepped down from Koinonia's governing board. "She has earned a prominent place in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in the Northern California Conference and in the formation, development and continuance of Women's Koinonia," said board member Ella Tolliver.*

The idea for the Koinonia experience began in the mid-1980s when Lily "L.J." Hughes, Sable Hughes and Ella Tolliver were members of the Vallejo-Berea church, working together on various ministries and programs. They felt the Holy Spirit directing them to plan a special weekend retreat. "Koinonia was just the event that was needed to assist women in identifying their gifts and in developing a corresponding ministry," said Sable Hughes, Koinonia board chair.

The first Koinonia retreat was held at Soquel Conference Center in the Central California Conference, with about 50 women in attendance.

## Invite a friend

The 2012 Women's Spiritual Koinonia Conference will be held Nov. 2-4 at Leoni Meadows. The Koinonia board encourages women to invite their friends from a wide variety of religious backgrounds. "I have been able to see a Christian sisterhood evolve before my eyes, providing opportunities for women to enrich their relationship with God and each other," said board member Ella Tolliver. "It is not about denomination, but about fellowship and spiritual empowerment."

Registration will be available online at [www.womenskoinonia.com](http://www.womenskoinonia.com), and printed applications will be available Aug. 1. For further information about the weekend experience, contact Sable Hughes at 707-552-2278.



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# Calexico Mission School celebrates 75th anniversary

Calexico Mission School celebrated its 75th anniversary on March 3 with a day-long program for alumni. Some of the more than 100 alumni who came to commemorate the occasion traveled from as far away as Lincoln, Nebr., and Washington, D.C.; however, most came from much closer — Mexico.

Located 20 feet from the international fence and only two blocks from the Mexico-USA border crossing, CMS has been fulfilling its purpose of spreading the word about Christ for three-quarters of a century. What began as a 30-student, one-teacher classroom blossomed into a K-12 Adventist institution. CMS once boasted a student population of more than 400, and currently enrolls 285 students. Of these 285 students, 85 percent live in Mexico and cross the border on a daily basis — not an easy feat in today's climate of heightened security.

Most parents send their children to CMS so that they can receive an American education and learn English, but teachers and staff of the school teach far more than the ABCs. Though 90 percent of the student body is not Adventist, the school's mission is to show Jesus' love and nurture students' relationships with Him. If the school's 75-year history and the smiling faces of returning alumni are any indication, the school is fulfilling its purpose.

The morning church service concluded with a sermon by Bernardo Sámano, a former student whose life story exemplifies God's

power to change lives. Sámano's plan upon arrival at CMS in 1970 was to learn English and then pursue a career as a Catholic priest. However, God had other plans, and within three months he was baptized into the Adventist church. His family could not ignore the blessings God was giving him, and they soon were intrigued by his change. Two years after arriving at CMS, Sámano left to study theology at Montemorelos University in Mexico, but he wasn't done with CMS yet. He eventually returned to teach at the school for 13 years. During this time, he gave Bible studies and baptized many students. Today, more than 40 members of his family have been baptized.

One of Sámano's students was Luis Quiroz. He and his wife, Sara, returned on alumni day to have Sámano, who baptized Quiroz, dedicate his daughter. Besides influencing students, Sámano touched lives in the community through the Mission Singers, a student musical group featuring the guitar and marimba. The Mission Singers sang for churches in Southern California



*During the Parade of Champions, former principal Alan Bohman interviews an alumnus.*

and shared their special brand of music. Sabbath afternoon, the Mission Singers had a reunion concert in the Calexico church. Sámano's 13 years of service left an indelible impression on the school, but it is not done. He will return to CMS in June to take over as development director as Marvin Pinder is retiring.

The 75th anniversary celebration also included a Parade of Champions, success stories from former students. The Parade of Champions included Antonio Valenzuela, graduate of '73, who is now assistant professor of physical therapy at Loma Linda University; Xousaen Helu, graduate of '03, who continued at La Sierra University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in biochemistry and is currently working on his Ph.D./M.D. program at Loma Linda University. Carlos Calderon, graduate of '99, came to CMS in the seventh grade as an ESL student and defended his dissertation that earned him a doctorate in psychology. The Parade of Champions also included Javier Islas, graduate of '00, who attained a physical therapy assistant degree; Antonio Islas, graduate of '00, finished a doctorate in physical therapy from Loma Linda University; and Irene Islas, graduate of '07, graduated from Loma Linda University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology.

Quiroz shared how his years at CMS helped fuel his desire to serve others. He currently lives in Lincoln, Nebr., and works as a case manager with the Department of Health and Human Services for the State of Nebraska's Child Protective Services.



*The Mission Singers perform at the Calexico church at their reunion concert on Sabbath afternoon.*

*Nic Lindquist*



# Dreams come true for Laguna Indonesian Company

On Sabbath, May 11, 1996, a small group of Indonesians gathered for worship in La Paz Regional park. Initially, there were fewer than a dozen people. The group met regularly and, eventually, Robert Streib, pastor of the Laguna Niguel church, heard about the group and offered use of the multipurpose room at his church. Before long, they outgrew the little space and have continued growing for the past 15 years. On March 10, the group was officially recognized by the Southeastern California Conference as the Laguna Indonesian company.

of them have continually supported LISDA," said Dompas. "Their support has allowed our group to grow. God willing, we can grow closer in Christ and become a channel of blessing to our community."

The group has grown to more than 100 members. They meet weekly for Sabbath worship, prayer meetings on Wednesdays and vespers Friday evenings. Typically, the worship service is held in Indonesian. However, youth and young adult Sabbath school classes are in English, since they are normally second- and third-generation Indonesians. Members keep in touch, visit and reach out to each other throughout the week.

Bible studies are available for young members and those new to the faith. Members believe that they have the potential to successfully share the gospel and win souls through their unique cultural identity.



*Left to right: Joddy Kapahang, elder; Alex Tambington, pastor; Gerald Penick, SECC president.*

One way they reach out is through the choir. The Laguna Indonesian choir is well-known among Indonesian communities. In 2010, they performed at the General Conference World Session in Atlanta. The choir is currently supporting a mission to reach about 2,500 Indonesians in Orange and San Diego counties.

The company also embraces its call to international mission work. Its members formed a missionary club, through which they spread the gospel to the native land, Indonesia. Members collect and raise money for building churches and funding outreach projects there. As a result, more than 200 new believers in different parts of Indonesia have joined the Adventist church.

*Alex A. Tambington*



*Alex Tambington, pastor, welcomes members and visitors to the companyhood service.*



*Jonathan Park hands the official company certification to Alex Tambington. Pictured from left to right: Ellen Pioh, church clerk; Alex Tambington, pastor; Gerald Penick, SECC president; Jonathan Park, vice president for Asian-Pacific ministries.*

Paul Dompas, a charter member and church elder, reflected on the company's development. "I am very happy and want to extend my gratitude to the SECC administrators Gerald Penick, president; Sandra Roberts, executive secretary; and Jonathan Park, vice president for Asian-Pacific ministries; as well to Robert Streib, pastor of the Laguna Niguel church. All



*The Laguna Indonesian choir sings the closing song.*

# Visalia church builds a culture of TLC

About 200 miles north of Disneyland, known as “the Happiest Place on Earth,” sits the Visalia Seventh-day Adventist Church, determined to be one of the friendliest places on Earth.

The congregation has “loved in” 11 new believers, five rebaptisms and two new members on profession of faith in 2012. That brings the number of baptisms since 2009 to 93. But numbers don’t tell the story — people do.

## Chris and Samantha Miller

Chris Miller’s journey began aboard a riding mower. A grounds worker for the city of Visalia, Miller had been studying the Bible on his own and had become convicted that Saturday is God’s day of worship. While mowing the lawn at the Royal Oaks School across the street from the church, he noted the day and times of worship on the church sign.

He, his partner, Samantha, and their son, Christopher, began attending the weekly church services. Chris asked for Bible studies. After each study, he shared what he learned with his father, his father’s girlfriend and his buddies at work. As the family prepared to be baptized, Chris and Samantha admitted they weren’t married. The couple decided to exchange their wedding vows the day of their baptism. In the weeks leading up to the event, problems and doubts arose, and the couple decided to postpone both the marriage and their baptisms, though they continued attending church.

## Beto and Marie Gonzalez

Beto and Marie Gonzalez’s journey began when their son, Simon, brought home a flier advertising a Whole Life Faire sponsored by the Visalia church. The family decided to attend.

At one of the fair booths, the family learned about ARK, Visalia’s new church plant. “The ARK is a strategic church plant on the north side of Visalia where the city is growing,” says Pastor Chad Stuart. “The median age is 27, and a new four-year college is planned for the area.” On average, 40-50 adults, plus children, attend ARK services each Sabbath at 4:30 p.m.



*The Gonzalez family, Beto, Marie with son, Simon.*

The smaller, less structured atmosphere of the meetings appealed to Beto, and they attended. The family tried to attend again another week, but the ARK was gone.

Due to renovations at the rented school, the ARK’s meeting location had been changed. Because the Gonzalez family wasn’t there the day the announcement was made, they lost contact with their new friends until Marie found a card with the church’s website, which listed the new address.

They began attending regularly. Bible studies followed. Step-by-step, Beto and Marie accepted biblical truths. As they prepared to be baptized, they told the pastor they weren’t married and had no money for a wedding.

Church members decided to give them a wedding — complete with a gown for Marie, a new suit for Beto, flowers, cake and a reception.

On the morning of the baptismal service at the church, Stuart shared Beto and Marie’s story and announced their pending wedding and baptism that afternoon at the ARK.

## The Millers Recommit

During that morning’s church service, Chris and Samantha Miller heard the Gonzalez’s story, and felt impressed to recommit to their own wedding and baptisms. Without hesitation, they joined the baptismal candidates. Standing before God

and the witnesses, they were both married and baptized in the baptismal tank.

David Rady, an active member of the Fresno police force and a member of the Visalia congregation, watched the events of the morning unfold. Many times he’d talked with the pastor about being rebaptized. But as he approached the chosen Sabbath, he hesitated. Believing God would convict Rady’s heart, Stuart suggested Rady bring his swim trunks “just in case you change your mind.” He did, to the surprise of his wife, Karynn, and son, Kendrick.

Another member of the morning’s baptism was Stuart’s own father. A week before, Stuart’s grandfather had joined the church by profession of faith.

Of the 18 baptisms, 11 resulted from the fliers distributed; people visiting the Whole Life Faire; the John Bradshaw meeting for adults; “Evidence” meetings for the youth; and the establishment of the ARK church plant. Five were church members convicted to re-dedicate their lives to Christ. Two entered on profession of faith. Currently, 11 more are taking baptismal classes.

When asked what attracted these individuals to the Visalia church family, one theme is woven through their responses. “People are so friendly here. They really care.”

*Kay D. Rizzo*



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# Linda Vista students sing at Camarillo CROP Walk

Students from Linda Vista Adventist Elementary School sang at Camarillo's 29th Annual CROP Hunger Walk in March. As the featured musical group, Linda Vista students sang "God Bless America," led by Anne Blech, who teaches grades one to three. The young singers then invited the crowd to join in singing the final verse.

The annual event is sponsored by Church World Service and organized by churches or groups in local communities around the country. In Camarillo, it's a cooperative effort of seven area churches of varying denominations.

The 200 walkers chose either a 5K or 10K route. "It was fun to walk on the CROP Walk and raise money to feed the hungry people," said one kindergarten student.

"This teaches the kids awareness and to be a part of the community," said Ira Cornell, father

of two Linda Vista students. The whole Cornell family walked, including their three children, ages 3 to 7. The two oldest children, Addy, 7, and Cali, 5, sang in the choir.

"The best part of the CROP Walk was spending time with my friends and raising money to feed the hungry people at the same time," said student Andrea Frausto.

Nearly half of the Linda Vista student body joined in the walk and the music. The school has participated in the walk to support the fight against hunger for the past three years.

Members of the Camarillo church also participated. "Between the Linda Vista children and our members," said Dennis Stirewalt, senior pastor of the Camarillo church, "Adventists were the largest faith group present, with a total of about 70 of us!" The Camarillo Church is one of the school's five constituent churches.



**Linda Vista Elementary students walked and sang at the annual local CROP walk to raise money to help feed the hungry.**



**A choir of Linda Vista Elementary students sang for the annual CROP walk.**

Linda Vista has included in its curriculum a strong commitment to community service, of which the CROP Walk is only one part. Each month, students and teachers visit a local nursing home with a different group of students. "They play games, make cookies and read together," a staff member said. "They sometimes sing to the residents and, at Christmas, the whole school goes to present a Christmas concert."

*Sharron Crooms*



# Evangelist celebrates 50 years in ministry

**T**ributes flowed at the anniversary celebration of John Carter's 50th year of ministry. "This is about the goodness of God; it's not about Carter," he said as he came to the platform Feb. 25 before the capacity crowd at his church, Community Adventist Fellowship. Several guests traveled from other parts of the U.S. and the world to celebrate Carter's ministry milestone and recount the ways God had blessed in The Carter Report's global ministry.

"Australia, Africa, Russia, Ukraine, the Solomons, the U.S. — I have seen the power to forgive sinners, power to begin, to uplift," said Carter. "After 50 years, I still believe God has preserved me with health and strength. 'To God be the glory, great things He has done.'"

"Would you help me do something for television?" Warren Judd, CEO of Adventist Media Productions, recalled Carter asking him decades earlier. The pair traveled to the Middle East to film sites to advertise meetings in Australia featuring archaeology and the Bible. "Warren produced TV commercials that attracted the largest crowd ever to a religious series," said Carter. "We used them for campaigns in Russia and the ads brought a total of three million to meetings there, over time."

When The Carter Report ads about the wonders of ancient Egypt and the Bible first aired in the city of Melbourne, so many people reportedly flooded the telephone center with calls for reservations for the program,



*Velino Salazar, SCC executive secretary, reads from a plaque honoring Pastor John Carter for his 50 years in ministry.*

never had one, and the people clasped them to their breasts." Russell has worked with The Carter Report since the '80s, and built two TV studios for them in Texas. "It seemed impossible, and when the plans became reality, we could only say, 'What hath God wrought!'"

Many other friends and colleagues from the United States, Australia and other countries joined in the celebration program.

*Betty Cooney*



*Warren Judd, CEO, Adventist Media Center, reminisces with Carter about their shared ministries in media.*



*Willie Jordan from the Fred Jordan Mission on Los Angeles's Skid Row, spoke on behalf of her lengthy association with The Carter Report ministry.*

that the phone company was temporarily knocked out of action.

Through the years since then, repeatedly, The Carter Report team has conducted evangelistic series in major cities of the world, drawing many thousands to meetings, including large numbers of people not affiliated with any faith.

In 1991, Paula and Russell Owens were with The Carter Report team that traveled to Russia just after the Soviet Union had fallen. "It was amazing to see how hungry people were to hear the Word of God," said Russell. "People flocked to the venue. We gave out Bibles. They had

# School of Religion reorganization enhances service to church

**L**a Sierra University's School of Religion is taking bold action to increase its service to the church and to the world. "Enhancing the Vision," a new plan of organization and student financial support, was voted by the university's board of trustees on Feb. 9. Implementation is planned to begin this summer.

Officially renamed the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School, the school offers the only Seventh-day Adventist Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program in the western United States, along with other professional and academic theology and religious studies programs.

The Divinity School will offer four graduate programs in addition to maintaining a strong commitment to supporting undergraduate religion education. Professional graduate programs are:

- the current Master of Divinity, pursued by those wishing to enter the ministry,
- and the redesigned Graduate Certificate in Ministry, designed for laity.

Academic graduate programs will consist of:

- the current focused Master of Arts in Religion and
- a new comprehensive Master of Theological Studies degree.

The current Master of Pastoral Studies and Master of Ministry degrees will be phased out.

A significant increase in scholarship funding for Divinity School programs will make the graduate programs more affordable. The net tuition will be closer to the rate charged by other graduate religion programs in the U.S. Scholarships will increase as the student progresses through the program. For a Master of Divinity program — the basic professional degree for pastoral ministry — the new scholarship incentives will reduce the tuition by about 60 percent.

"Our Master of Divinity program, launched in 2002, will continue to serve the needs of pastors currently serving in the Pacific Union who have not been able to attend the seminary at Andrews," says John Webster, dean of the Divinity School. "Ministerial students and pastors returning for graduate studies at La Sierra do not regularly receive denominational financial support, so the university is demonstrating its commitment to

pastoral training and religious education by investing in its affordability."

The new plan has been created in close consultation with local conference and union leaders, says LSU President Randal Wisbey. "This new approach paves the way for La Sierra University to provide more affordable, more widely recognized, and more professional and practical graduate training for ministry and for advanced study."

For the past six years, the Divinity School has been moving through the steps required to obtain accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools, the premiere accrediting organization for graduate theology and religious studies programs in the U.S. and Canada. The final self-study report was submitted last December, and the ATS Board of Commissioners met in February and set an October date for the first peer review site-visit, which will be the final step to full accreditation. In the North American Division, only the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University is currently ATS-accredited.

"ATS accreditation will enhance our ability to collaborate with other programs, such as those at Andrews University, Loma Linda University, and other ATS-accredited schools in Southern California," says Webster. "It will also make it easier for the school to obtain grants and scholarship funds, and for graduates to transfer into the most competitive doctoral programs across North America and abroad."

The choice of the term "Divinity School" for the school's name more accurately communicates the school's identity and role. Divinity schools are Protestant theological institutions directly related to a university. This contrasts with the term "seminary," which typically refers to independent theological institutions, and "schools of religion," which often teach religious subjects without a direct religious or denominational affiliation.

"The H.M.S. Richards Divinity School is committed to a strong interface between the classroom and the church, equipping our students to serve the church and its institutions with a solid biblical foundation, an informed Adventist vision, and a passion for Christ and ministry," says Webster.

For more information, call 951-785-2041 or 800-874-5587; visit [www.lasierra.edu/religion](http://www.lasierra.edu/religion); or e-mail [religion@lasierra.edu](mailto:religion@lasierra.edu).

## Extending a legacy



H.M.S. Richards Sr.

**T**he decision to name the La Sierra University Divinity School in honor of H.M.S. Richards builds on the longstanding relationship between the Richards family and the university. All of his children are alumni. The university's H.M.S. Richards Jr. Lectureship brings to campus outstanding ministers chosen to address current issues in ministry.

The Virginia Richards Cason Endowment benefits the Women's Resource Center and its focus on enriching education for women. The H.M.S. Richards Jr. Scholarship is awarded annually to a current religion student. And in 2003, the Richards family designated La Sierra University as the permanent location of the entire 10,000-book personal library, sermon notes, recordings, professional papers, and correspondence files of H.M.S. Richards Sr. to enhance the resources available to religion students on campus.

"H.M.S. Richards' blend of evangelism and scholarship, preaching and teaching, creativity and loyalty is a legacy we want to honor, continue and enhance," says the Divinity School dean, John Webster. "As a member of the Richards family put it, 'Throughout his life, our father was centered on Scripture and passionate about grace.' That is the spirit we want to live out here at La Sierra."

Larry Becker



# Reading for pleasure infects Las Vegas school

**M**arch 2 was an unusual day at Abundant Life Christian Academy. Students arrived at school with pillows, blankets and other comforts of home for a day-long, fun-filled, nationwide reading challenge called Read the Most From Coast to Coast.

The goal for the day was to read as many books as possible, both silently and aloud, in a relaxed, teacher-supervised and teacher-involved environment. Mere speed reading was not the focus, however, as students have been taught to read with understanding and comprehension through Renaissance Learning's Accelerated Reader (AR) program ([www.research.renlearn.com](http://www.research.renlearn.com)).

AR is a software tool that gives computer-based, standardized tests about books. When students select books to read, from the school library

or the public library, they make sure the books are among the many thousands of titles that are part of the AR program. Student's reading selections are on their own reading level, and they take tests that closely monitor their progress.

"Research has shown, through a number of studies, that students' reading

abilities improve with the use of this tool," said Johnny Holliday, principal.

Prior to the AR program at ALCA, students were reading one or more books on a weekly basis, and required to write a summary on each book read. Holliday wanted to further enhance the reading curriculum, and purchased AR software.



*Students read alone, in groups and with teachers.*

Now, ALCA students are required not only to write book summaries on each book read, but also to take AR reading comprehension tests on laptop computers scattered around the campus. An additional, exciting feature of the AR program is to motivate students to do their best by offering various incentives for superior personal performance.

In addition to enhancing reading comprehension skills, the AR program also enhances vocabulary and general literacy skills.

The March 2 reading event captured the imaginations of the students as they became "lost" in their reading adventures. Teachers read with and to their students.

Since March 2 also commemorated the birthday of the famous children's author, Dr. Seuss, teachers added to the casual spirit of the day by wearing Dr. Seuss hats made by a parent volunteer. Parents provided healthy snacks for the students and teachers during the day.

At the end of the day, Holliday was delighted to hear the students' enthusiasm as they reported the number of books they had read.

"I wanted to send the message to everyone that learning must be engaging, rigorous, and fun," said Holliday. One student reader said she had completed six books during the day and was already looking forward to the next reading challenge.

PHOTOS BY JOHNNY HOLLIDAY AND CARL PETERSEN



*Students get comfortable for the day's reading challenge.*



*A student concentrates on the book she's reading.*



*Students take Accelerated Reader comprehension tests.*

*Denny Krause*

# Adventist Health news notes



*Feather River Hospital recently opened its new Emergency Department in Paradise, Calif.*

## Feather River Hospital opens new Emergency Department

Earlier this spring, Feather River Hospital's new Emergency Department opened its doors to patients for the first time.

The much-anticipated ED took 15 months to complete. The 17,000-square-foot facility offers 18 private patient treatment rooms, rooms for rapid medical evaluation, an expanded waiting room, dedicated services for radiology, a dedicated decontamination room and the largest MRI scanner in the area.

The \$40 million upgrade has tripled the available space and allows the hospital's ED to admit more patients, while offering a warmer, more private healing environment.

"We are really excited about the expanded space — it's a little more than three times the size of the current ED," said Maureen Wisener, assistant vice president for foundation and communications at FRH. "Formerly, the space that FRH had in its ED was a little more than 4,000 square feet."



**Wayne Ferch, president/CEO, Central Valley Network and Corporate VP for Central California.**

## Executive transitions in the Central Valley

Wayne Ferch recently added vice president of Adventist Health for Central California to his current responsibilities as president/CEO of the Hanford-based Central Valley Network. Ferch will continue to oversee day-to-day operations across the 2,500-square mile network while enlarging his focus on service expansion, community outreach and growth throughout Central California.

"I have the utmost confidence in Wayne's leadership," stated Scott Reiner, executive vice president of Adventist Health. "I am pleased that our expansive services in the Central California will benefit from solid continuity within his administration." Known for his strong emphasis on quality, Ferch assumed his current role in May of last year.

Ferch fills the role left by Richard Rawson, who recently joined Loma Linda University Health System as senior vice president for strategy. In addition, LLUHS has announced Rawson will be CEO of Loma Linda University Medical Center—Murrieta in Murrieta, Calif.

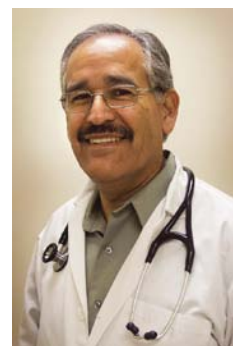
## San Joaquin Community Hospital raises final beam at Cancer Center

During a special public ceremony, San Joaquin Community Hospital raised the final beam on its new Cancer Center. The beam is special, as it is signed by numerous employees and community members to show their well-wishes and support.

The Cancer Center continues to make great progress, both in the actual construction and in the fundraising component. SJCH Foundation President and Executive Director Kevin Burton announced at the ceremony that \$2.8 million of the \$5 million goal has been raised for the 60,000-square-foot, four-story Cancer Center and Outpatient Surgery Center. Representatives from the hospital, the foundation board and governing board, local government, members of the medical community and business leaders were on hand for the beam raising in early March.

## Adventist Health employee recognized as 2012 Latino Leader in Medicine

Miguel Medrano, physician assistant, who cares for patients at Adventist Health/Community Care—Hanford, was recently honored as the 2012 Latino Leader in Medicine by the Professional Latin American Association. The award recognizes Latinos or Latinas who have made a difference in their field and can serve as role models.



**Miguel Medrano, PA, was honored as the 2012 Latino Leader in Medicine.**

Medrano has been with Adventist Health for more than 10 years, and has endured quite a journey to get where he is today. To read his story, visit [www.adventisthealthcv.com](http://www.adventisthealthcv.com) and search for, "Hanford PA Named Latino Leader in Medicine."

*Brittany Dobbs*



# Arizona camp meetings scheduled for next month

"One of my favorite duties as president of the Arizona Conference is to put together the camp meeting program," says Tony Anobile. "And this year we have another great line-up. I can hardly wait for camp meeting 2012 to begin."

From June 8 to 16, Camp Yavapines will be teeming with visitors at the English camp meeting. Nestled in the beautiful mountains near Prescott, the camp provides an escape from the heat of the desert floor. Campers dwell for 10 days amidst the tall, whispering pines.

The giant dome auditorium, with professional sound system, television, and video equipment, now has a new roof that will protect visitors from the elements.



*Margie Salcedo Rice, vocalist and violinist*

making a difference for someone in need in the Prescott community.

Hispanic camp meeting follows from June 18 to 23 with Heber Baez from Andrews University, Roger Hernandez, César and Carolann De León, Oscar Santana, Kendal Turcios and Jose Cortez. Special guest musicians include Miguel Verazas

and the group Promise. Speaker for the opening weekend is John Bradshaw of It Is Written.

North American Division President Dan Jackson will be featured during the mid-week evening meetings. Herman Bauman, David Taylor, Rudi Maier, Don and Ruthie Jacobsen and Rico Hill will lead mid-week seminars. Fred Kinsey will be featured the final weekend, with singer/violinist Margie Salcedo Rice.

Camp meeting is much more than what takes place on the main stage, though. Classrooms and programs for every age are going on throughout the camp under the leadership of talented pastors and youth leaders who spend months in preparation.

The teens will do another Extreme Home Makeover project, planned by Benjamin Lundquist, and the youth spend a portion of each day

and the group Promise.

"Many are trimming budgets and eliminating 10-day camp meetings," says Anobile. "But with God's blessing, Arizona will continue to offer this time of spiritual renewal to our constituents plus the many welcome guests who come from other conferences."

*Phil Draper*



*John Bradshaw, speaker/director for It Is Written*

"The roof has been a big concern," continues Anobile, "and a large expense. But through some generous gifts and careful planning, it has become a reality. I remember the rains that came during Hispanic camp meeting a couple of years ago. Now we will need no buckets in the auditorium — except for offerings!"

"Lift Up The Trumpet" will begin the opening weekend as the Vintage King's Heralds Quartet



*Vintage King's Heralds Quartet*

# PUC partners with Napa Land Trust

## *Students protect environment, gain field experience*

AI-MEE WYRICK



**In March, PUC biology students helped the Land Trust of Napa County clear invasive French broom from the nearby Linda Falls Preserve. It was the first collaborative effort in a new partnership between PUC and the Land Trust.**

Pacific Union College's biology department has begun a new partnership with the Land Trust of Napa County, a nonprofit organization that seeks to protect the region's character by maintaining and preserving its natural spaces. The partnership is expected to yield benefits both for PUC's biology and environmental studies majors and for the Land Trust, as it will create opportunities for those students to gain valuable experience by assisting the organization with conservation.

"[The students] are going to be real botanists — field botanists — doing something practical, learning, and also contributing," says PUC biology professor Aimee Wyrick, one of the engineers of the partnership. "All these wonderful outcomes from a very simple start."

Those efforts have already begun. The Land Trust owns large tracts of land across the county, including one adjacent to PUC's Angwin campus: Linda Falls Preserve. In March, PUC

students trekked down the road to help clear invasive plant species from Linda Falls. The spring term will include more such outings.

"I was really happy with their work," says Chip Bouril, a Land Trust board member who helped coordinate the project at Linda Falls. "Everyone worked hard and took initiative. [They] were very quick to recognize the invasive plants we were looking for and the native plants we were protecting."

In addition to the group efforts, some PUC students have been even more involved with the Land Trust's work. One environmental studies major completed an internship last quarter, surveying and mapping patches of invasive wild star thistle at the Land Trust's Wildlake Ranch Preserve.

"I hope that this partnership will provide students with exposure to field techniques that help to augment what they are learning in lectures and labs," says Mike Palladini, the

land stewardship manager for the Land Trust. "I also hope that the Land Trust's Angwin-area preserves will continue to serve as outdoor classrooms for the PUC biology department."

Wyrick plans to use that resource to its full potential. "Next quarter, my flowering plants class will map the vegetation of Linda Falls," she says. "I see that my classes every quarter have some connection with the Land Trust. This could be a long-lasting opportunity for students to do research and internships."

Bouril is even more optimistic about the long-term results of getting students out into nature to take conservation into their own hands. "An informed community makes better decisions about its natural resources and about planning its future."

*Larry Peña*



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# Healthy People 2012 empowers practitioners and community leaders to promote healthful living

**M**ore than 300 people attended Healthy People 2012, which was held on the campus of Loma Linda University on March 6 and 7. Many health care leaders from across the United States brought the theme, "Healthy Aging and Living Whole," to the forefront with their presentations.

The conference theme gleaned topics from the U.S. Surgeon General's National Prevention Strategy. From that strategy, the conference identified priorities for optimal aging including healthy eating, active living, prioritizing rest, social and spiritual support systems, and other considerations.

With tracks specifically designed for clinical practitioners, community leaders, and empowered community members, there were take-aways for just about everyone. Physicians,

dietitians, nurses, physical therapists and pharmacists sat with policy makers, county officials and retirees.

Keynote speaker Don Wright, M.D., M.P.H., deputy assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, spoke about the importance of aligning efforts to create a healthy America. He also addressed aging issues including gaps in access to practitioners, long-term care needs, and facing a wide spectrum of dementias, including Alzheimer's disease.

Plenary lecturer Janet Wright, M.D., executive director of the Million Hearts Initiative, described the initiative with its clearly stated goal of preventing a million heart attacks and strokes in five years.

Wright explained how current policy efforts are working to help people live healthier

through education and menu labeling requirements in many locations. She also discussed the war on trans fats, and how that continues to affect communities. She said the initiative is pushing for increased adoption of health information technology to better assist clinicians, further empower patients through easier access to records, and by providing timely reminders and health-reinforcing messages.

"Healthy aging is all about putting the puzzle pieces together," notes conference coordinator Krystal Gheen, MPH. "There are so many parts to aging healthfully that we must take a comprehensive preventive approach with wellness and lifestyle."

Between lectures, Romy Niblack, director of senior wellness at Drayson Center (the conference venue), brought a group of seniors, ranging in age from 65 to the late 80s, to lead out in aerobic exercises for attendees. A number of these seniors were also featured in a video presentation highlighting their experiences of aging healthfully.

On the second day of the conference, Arlene Blix, Dr.P.H., shared with the audience a glimpse into the life and work of her late husband, Glen Blix, Ph.D. Glen, who died in 2002, was a School of Public Health professor and administrator who was "passionate about life," according to Arlene. Glen was involved in the founding of the annual Healthy People Conference several decades ago. A memorial video was presented, followed by a conversation about aging and grieving with Arlene and Tricia Penniecook, M.D., M.P.H., dean of the School of Public Health. Arlene wrote *Blindsided* last year, a book about coping with the loss of a loved one.

Abstracts, speaker biographies, presentation files, and additional information from the two-day conference can be found online at [www.healthypeopleconference.org](http://www.healthypeopleconference.org).



**Don Wright, M.D., M.P.H.,** deputy assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, lectures on the National Prevention Strategy during Healthy People 2012.

*Brian Weed, M.A.*

# The Great Hope

## *An interview with J. Alfred Johnson about the NAD initiative*

**Question:** Pastor Johnson, could you tell readers about the NAD initiative to distribute *The Great Controversy* and *The Great Hope* throughout the Division?

**J. Alfred Johnson, director of Adult Ministries for the North American Division:** NAD's lead initiative is to distribute *The Great Hope* because it's the 11-chapter abridged version of *The Great Controversy* that is designed to serve as an entry type of literature to individuals who have some spiritual interest, and particularly, interest in last day events. We recognize that the unabridged version of *The Great Controversy* outside of a relational context has the capacity to raise more questions than answers when distributed in a cold-contact process, so we encourage distribution of *The Great Hope*. It will be available for everyone by May 15, through the local Adventist Book Centers.

**Question:** Why the push to distribute both versions of the books?

**Johnson:** We are emphasizing *The Great Hope* because it's a less complex "entering wedge" compilation of literature than the unabridged version.

**Question:** What is the numerical goal? What is the larger aim/outcome hoped for?

**Johnson:** Our goal is to distribute three million copies in the NAD territory. A larger outcome would be as many beyond three million as possible.

**Question:** What is the timeline for the NAD initiative?

**Johnson:** The entire timeline is January–December, 2012. I should explain that that timeline is divided into two sections:

1. We're asking members to read the unabridged version (*The Great Controversy*) from now through May. Read it prayerfully, asking the Lord to lead you to individuals to whom you should distribute *The Great Hope*, so you'll find the people most receptive. That will take the leading and grace of the Lord.
2. Then, the relational distribution of *The Great Hope* to family, friends and acquaintances will be from June through December.

**Question:** Will individual members be able to get the reduced prices to purchase *The Great Hope* (paperback), or must they coordinate their

purchases through their pastor and conference? Can't they just purchase copies through their local Adventist Book Center?

**Johnson:** Yes. The reduced pricing of 49 cents/ copy (plus shipping) is a pre-publication price offered by Review and Herald Publishing Association and Pacific Press Publishing Association. That price is good for orders received from anyone — individuals, churches and conferences — by April 15. We would assume that most conferences will coordinate their orders coming from the local church through the local conference and finally, to the local Adventist Book Centers.

"Following the April 15 deadline, the pricing at the local ABC will be closely aligned with the pre-publication price of 49 cents per copy.

**Question:** What are the prices for various quantity cut-off points?

**Johnson:** The 49 cents price represents the best quantity pricing. One conference is ordering 500,000 copies.

**Question:** Tell us about *The Great Hope* edition. How is it different? What chapters are included, and why? Is it available in paperback only, or is hardback available?

**Johnson:** Chapters are listed at the [www.nadadventist.org/GreatHope](http://www.nadadventist.org/GreatHope) on the NAD website. Hardcover copies are not available. *The Great Hope* comes in paperback only, and contains 94 pages.

**Question:** Is contact information included in the books if readers want to discuss them, have questions, or request Bible studies?

**Johnson:** Yes, at this time plans are for including contact information for Bible study organizations such as the Discover Bible School and BibleInfo.com.

**Question:** Will there be a study guide available if someone wanted to use *The Great Hope* for a small group study?

**Johnson:** Yes. The Discover Bible School is preparing a study guide for *The Great Hope*, ready for publication time, on May 15. The study guides will be available online at [www.nadadventist.org/greathope](http://www.nadadventist.org/greathope) and through the Adventist Book Centers.

**Question:** How will *The Great Hope* initiative fit into the larger REACH America initiative? Will there be other *The Great Hope* tie-ins in 2012, such as a NET series?

**Johnson:** It will fit all throughout the larger REACH initiative, particularly for evangelism and literature distribution. It will have tie-ins in 2012. We're not aware of a NET series, but we are aware that the GC communication department has already completed two episodes of a *Great Controversy* video series, tied in with the larger unabridged version, and it is also designed to tie in with any evangelistic series that are themed toward *The Great Controversy*.

**Question:** What is the NAD's vision for the best way to distribute the books?

**Johnson:** I love this question! The NAD's vision for the best way to distribute these books is in a relational context, person-to-person, friend-to-friend!

**Question:** How close are we to reaching our numerical goal? (3 million)

**Johnson:** We are already two-thirds of the way. Two million copies of the unabridged version have been distributed in the U.S.

**Question:** Where can readers go for more information about the NAD initiative and the G.C. initiative? Websites?

**Johnson:** We will flow information through the NAD website. You will find links to online and Kindle versions, audio, and plans for DVDs and a *Great Controversy* movie!

**Question:** Are there any marketing materials available to help promote this NAD initiative — bulletin inserts and announcements, posters, social media sites, etc.? If so, how can people get them?

**Johnson:** A bulletin insert and short, three-slide PowerPoint presentation for churches is posted on the NAD website. More materials and information will be available there and announced through future *NewsPoints* and the NAD Facebook page.

**Question:** How does someone donate to this initiative?

**Answer:** Send check or money order made out to The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Attention: NAD Treasury Department, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600. Designate 'For Great Hope Project.'

*NAD NewsPoints*

# Executive committee considers women's ordination

**A**fter nearly two hours of discussion and prayer, the Pacific Union Conference executive committee on March 15 reaffirmed their strong commitment to the ordination of women pastors. The committee agreed that the next steps will require careful planning, so they decided to put specific actions in place at their next meeting on May 9. In the interim, union administrators have been working with local conference administrators and others to develop proposals for specific actions. The discussion in the Pacific Union was marked by near unanimity on the need to begin recognizing and utilizing all those God calls to ministry, regardless of gender. The discussion focused on how to make a change while maintaining the unity of the church, and on determining what changes can be made within the limits of authority assigned to the executive committee by the Pacific Union's own bylaws.

Union administrators reminded committee members that the union does not ordain anyone. Local conferences hire and supervise pastors, and local conferences select candidates for ordination according to local conference policies. But local conferences submit the names of ordination candidates to the union executive committee for approval. A vote at the union level to approve the ordination of women pastors would not override local conference policy, but it would mean that the union would intentionally approve the ordination of women pastors when and if a local conference asks approval for a woman to be ordained.

It was noted, though, that a new policy on the ordination of women would not require much, if any, change in union procedures. For at least 15 years, the union executive committee has combined into one list all candidates for ordination or commissioning, and has voted approvals for "Ordination/Commissioning" without regard to gender. Conferences have then "ordained," "commissioned," "ordained/commissioned," or "ordained-commissioned" their candidates according to local conference policy — which has differed from conference to conference. A vote to affirm the ordination of women would officially signal to conferences that the executive committee would not reject requests for ordination for women. The executive committee may or may not vote such a policy at its next meeting.

The union executive committee includes 48 people, all of whom are elected at constituency sessions. The 19 ex officio members include the seven local conference presidents, the four union officers, the three union ethnic ministry directors, the union director of education, the presidents of the two schools of higher education and the presidents of Adventist Health and Pacific Press. The other 29 members include 18 laypersons and 11 pastors or conference employees. See the list of current members at <http://paucadmin.adventistfaith.org>.

Later in the day, the executive committee approved the only candidate suggested for ordination this quarter: Rueben Vincent, from the Nevada-Utah Conference.

In other business, the committee approved the following for ministerial scholarships: Dena (Josie) Ascencia, Shiphraw Fepuleai and Mark Tatum, from Southeastern California; Junseok Lee and Myoung Kwon, from Southern California; and John Wheeler, from Northern California.

Since the union does not employ youth ministry specialists, the committee approved local conference personnel to represent the Pacific Union at NAD planning

sessions: Erik VanDenburgh, youth; Bob Wong, Pathfinders; Craig Heinrich, camp; Benjamin Lundquist, young adults; Ron Pickell, Adventist Christian Fellowship (university); and Scott Ward, Adventist Christian Fellowship (high school).

The committee approved a \$15,000 annual evangelism budget for the Native Ministries coordinator. They also voted Evangelism Endowment funds for Urban Missionary Training (\$20,000), Evangelism Mt. Vernon (\$4,700) and Discipleship Destination Project (\$10,000).

The committee will meet next on May 9 on the campus of La Sierra University.

*Gerry Chudleigh*

## Former SCC president dies

**G**eorge Charles Dart, who served as president of the Southern California Conference from 1986 to 1993, died March 3 in Loma Linda.

Born July 8, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga., Dart served the church for more than 50 years as pastor, educator and administrator. He is survived by his second wife, Connie Stewart Dart (his first wife, Naomi Vartenuk, pre-deceased Dart in 1996); four children, Chuck (Sherri), Cheri (Alan), Jed (Lee Lee) and Jolene (Kent); and grandchildren Chad, Kristi, Caroline and Heidi.

Dart started his ministry in Sandusky, Ohio, where he was a singing evangelist. He later became pastor of the Mansfield church and Bible teacher at Mt. Vernon Academy. In 1957, Dart became principal of Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania.

In 1964, Dart was called to Texas to pastor the Keene church, and then served as president of the Texas Conference. In 1975, he became principal of Milo Academy in Oregon and eventually superintendent of schools for the Oregon Conference. After his "retirement," Dart also served as principal of Ozark Academy.

In 1986, Dart accepted a call to be president of the Southern California Conference, where he served until he retired in 1993. This retirement was short-lived, as he accepted a call to again serve as principal of Milo Academy. Two years later, Dart moved to Ozark Academy, to serve again as principal. When he finally retired for good in 2002, Dart and Connie moved to her hometown of Perkersburg, W.V., where he volunteered at the local church.

In 2005, Dart returned to California. Further details in [www.shangrilahospicecare.com/obituaries/Charles-Dart/#/Obituary](http://www.shangrilahospicecare.com/obituaries/Charles-Dart/#/Obituary).





# Union camporee attracts 6,000+ Pathfinders

Nearly 6,000 Pathfinders and leaders camped together March 28 to April 1 at Glen Helen Regional Park just north of San Bernardino, Calif. "After looking at the effects of the recession, we planned for about 3,000," says Judi Jeffreys, administrative assistant in the Southeastern California Pathfinder office. "We thought if we got 5,000, it would be a real blessing. I guess we got an extra special blessing."

"We decided to stop registering people when we reached 5,000," says Ted Benson, union treasurer, and long-time Pathfinder coordinator. "But by the time we closed the online registrations, 6,000 had registered. And after we closed registrations, 2,000 more attempted to register." Another 1,000 people attended during the days.

"Kids remember events like this," said Carlos Aguilar, director of the San Mateo, Calif., club. "The experience is burned into their memories forever. These events show them that they're part of something big in the church. It's all about coming closer to Christ."

Forty-eight Pathfinders were baptized in front of the main stage on Sabbath, many after responding to a call from featured speaker, Jose Rojas, to give their lives to Christ. Others, whose parents or pastors were not available to give permission, made commitments to be baptized in their home churches.

On Sabbath afternoon, about 20 teams participated in the North American Division "Pathfinder Bible Experience." Each team tried to reach a standard rather than compete with

each other, answering questions from the books of Mark and First Samuel. Three clubs reached first place level at the camporee: the Camp Verde (Ariz.) Cavalry, the Ceres (Calif.) Lightbearers, and two teams from the Howell Mountaineers club, Angwin, Calif. (On April 21, the Camp Verde club placed first in the division competition, and the other three teams placed third.)

"It's an honor to be here," said Anarely Marin, 15, from Las Vegas Emmanuel. "Everyone's really friendly. The activities have been my favorite part. It's better than church, because you get to jump up with joy!"

*Gerry Chudleigh*



*Jose Rojas, director of Volunteer Ministries for the Adventist Church's North American Division, speaks Friday evening to nearly 6,000 Pathfinders.*



*The Phoenix Central Valley White Tigers Pathfinder club participates in the North American Division "Pathfinder Bible Experience" competition Sabbath, March 31.*



*More than 6,000 Pathfinders and leaders gather at the main stage in Glen Helen Park, Sabbath morning, March 30, at the 2012 Pacific Union Pathfinder Camporee.*

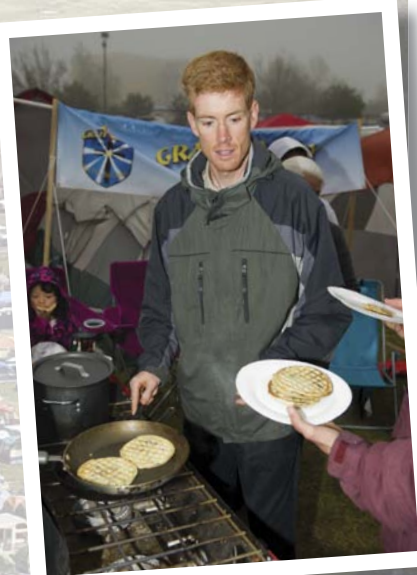




*Angelo Quimen from the San Diego Fil-Am club in San Diego, Calif., is baptized by Pastor Vil Arreolo Sabbath, March 31.*



*The White Tigers fancy drill team from Phoenix Central club in Arizona marches Friday.*



*Toray Slaton, from the Grass Valley, Calif., club serves warm pancakes on a cold, wet Sabbath morning.*



*Joni Belonio, from the Loma Linda Fil-Am club, climbs the wall Thursday, March 29.*



*Gabriel Delgadillo, with the Angwin club, plays Angry Birds on Thursday, March 29.*

*George Marpaung, from the Elk Grove, Calif., All Nations club, strums his ukulele Sabbath morning.*



*Eddie Heinrich, left, and Elden Ramirez serve as props for a contest between the girls and the boys Thursday evening. Contestants smeared peanut butter onto the faces of the youth directors, then tossed cheese puffs to see how many would stick to each face.*



## CALENDARS

### Arizona Conference

**ADVENTURER FAMILY RETREAT** (May 4-6) Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Ariz. Info: Lisa Anderson, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

**LAY PASTORS' TRAINING** (May 18-20) Camp Yavapines, Prescott, Ariz. Info: Julie Jewett, 480-991-6777, ext. 127.

**THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY** Graduation Weekend (May 24-26) Thunderbird Adventist Academy, 7410 E. Sutton Rd., Scottsdale, Ariz. Info: Cindy Hastings, 480-948-3300.

**NATIVE AMERICAN CAMP MEETING** (June 1-3) Holbrook Indian School, 2001 McLaws Rd., Holbrook, Ariz. Info: 928-524-6845.

**GLOW AZ** (June 3-Aug. 12) Student evangelism opportunities for students age 16 through college age. Grow spiritually and witness for the Lord. Info: Jason Carlson, 269-325-2578.

**CAMP MEETING** (June 8-16) Camp Yavapines, 2999 Iron Springs Rd., Prescott, Ariz. Guest speakers include John Bradshaw, It Is Written; Daniel Jackson, NAD president; guest musicians, The Vintage King's Heralds Quartet

and Margie Salcedo-Rice, and others. Website: [azconference.org](http://azconference.org).

**HISPANIC CAMP MEETING** (June 18-23) Camp Yavapines, 2999 Iron Springs Rd., Prescott, Ariz. Info: Cinthia Riffel, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

### Central California Conference

**PARENTING SEMINAR** (May 5) Mtn. View church. Presented by Dr. Pierre Steenberg. Info: Marlyn Novielli, 559-347-3176, [mnovielli@cccsda.org](mailto:mnovielli@cccsda.org).

**PARENTING SEMINAR** (May 12) Cambrian Park church. Presented by Dr. Pierre Steenberg. Info: Marlyn Novielli, 559-347-3176, [mnovielli@cccsda.org](mailto:mnovielli@cccsda.org).

**PRAYER UNITES US** (May 18-19) Fresno Central church. Guest speakers: Peter Neri with Anil Kanda, Steve Hamilton and the Youth Evangelism Team. Info: Joyce Mulligan, 559-696-3692, [cccprayer.adventistfaith.org](http://cccprayer.adventistfaith.org).

**PATHFINDER FAIR** (May 18-20) Central Valley Christian Academy. Info: Norma Villarreal, 559-347-3174 or [nvillarreal@cccsda.org](mailto:nvillarreal@cccsda.org).

**SOQUEL VOLUNTEER PROJECT** (May 20-23) Soquel Conference Center. Info:

Caron Oswald, 559-347-3181, [coswald@cccsda.org](mailto:coswald@cccsda.org) or [ccc.adventist.org](http://ccc.adventist.org).

**ADVENTURER DAY** (May 26) Info: Norma Villarreal, 559-347-3174 or [nvillarreal@cccsda.org](mailto:nvillarreal@cccsda.org).

**YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE** (May 26-Sept. 1 except July 21) Lower River Amphitheater. Sponsored by the Central California Conference. Info: Miranda Nash, 903-905-3747, [mn2209@gmail.com](mailto:mn2209@gmail.com); or Tom Gearing, 209-559-3690, [tagearing@gmail.com](mailto:tagearing@gmail.com).

**PRAYERWALK** (July 7) Soquel Conference Center starting at 3:30 p.m. and ending with an Agape feast. Info: Joyce Mulligan, 559-696-3692, [joycejmulligan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joycejmulligan@sbcglobal.net).

**CAMP MEETING** (July 12-21) Soquel Conference Center. Info: [ccc.adventist.org](http://ccc.adventist.org).

### La Sierra University

**MAY MAYHEM** (May 5) Department of Music presents an evening with faculty, 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

**CHORAL HOME CONCERT** (May 12) 8 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

**LSU DRAMA** (May 12, 13, 17, 19, 21) "The Imaginary Invalid," 8 p.m. each

evening. Matheson. Info: 951-785-2274 or [drama.lsu@gmail.com](mailto:drama.lsu@gmail.com).

**SENIOR PROJECT SHOW** (May 14-28) Brandstater Gallery.

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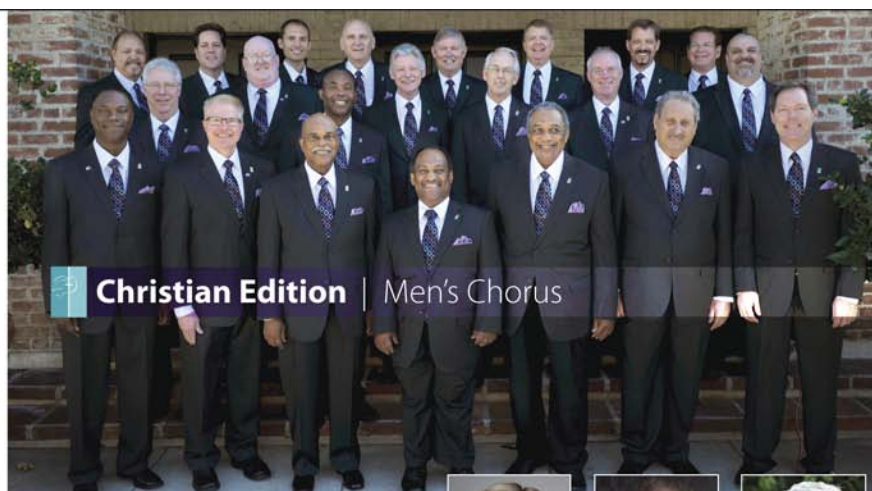
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## Nevada-Utah Conference

**RENO AREA YOUTH RALLY** (May 3-4) Speaker: Michael Tuionetoa, Wisconsin Conference. Info: David Hall, 775-322-6929, or nuyouthdirector@gmail.com.

## Northern California Conference

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** (May 4-6) Sacramento area. You CAN have a better marriage. Info: Rob and Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798.

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT** (May 4-6) Leoni Meadows. Speaker: Pastor Doug Batchelor. Pick up a registration form at your local church, or download one at [ncc.adventist.org/mensministries](http://ncc.adventist.org/mensministries). Info: Men's Ministries Dept., 925-603-5097.

**PATHFINDER BIKE-A-THON** (May 6) Info: Youth Ministries Dept., 925-603-5080.

**FILIPINO CAMP MEETING** (May 25-27) Leoni Meadows. Speaker: Dan Smith, Garden Grove church senior pastor. Info: Joel Magbanua, 925-643-5099 or [magojelly@yahoo.com](mailto:magojelly@yahoo.com).

**REDWOOD CAMP MEETING** (July 19-28) 2437 Dyerville Loop Road,

Redcrest. Come be blessed by fellowship, nature, seminars and speakers, including It Is Written Speaker/Director John Bradshaw, Pacific Press Publishing Association President Dale Galusha, and ADRA International President Rudi Maier. Info: 707-946-2452, [redwoodreg@ncc.adventist.org](mailto:redwoodreg@ncc.adventist.org) or [ncc.adventist.org/redwood](http://ncc.adventist.org/redwood).

## Pacific Union College

**COLLOQUY SPEAKER SERIES:** Sister Helen Prejean (May 3) Prejean is the author of the New York Times bestseller and Pulitzer Prize nominee *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*. PUC church sanctuary, 10 a.m.

**STUDENT WEEK OF PRAYER** (May 7-12) Various meetings throughout the week. Info: 707-965-7190.

**ALBION FIELD STATION** Bird Watching Workshop (May 18-21) Visit PUC's remote campus on the Mendocino coast for a weekend of natural beauty. Info: [www.puc.edu/albion](http://www.puc.edu/albion) or 707-937-5440.

**MAXWELL CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT** (May 18) A challenging tournament at one of the Napa Valley's most beautiful courses, benefitting worthy student scholarships at PUC. The day also features

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**RASMUSSEN ART GALLERY:** Student Thesis Show (May 19) Visual arts majors present an exhibition of their capstone thesis projects, including fine art, photography, and graphic design. The show runs through June 17. Info: 707-965-6303.

**SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE** (May 20) Under the direction of PUC resident artist Asher Raboy. Paulin Hall Auditorium, 3 p.m. Info: 707-965-6201.

**DRAMATIC ARTS SOCIETY:** The Crucible (May 24-June 3) PUC's student and community ensemble presents Arthur Miller's classic McCarthy-era play. Info: 707-965-6303.

## Southeastern California Conference

**PATHFINDER FAIR** (May 20) Event will take place on SECC conference grounds. 11330 Pierce Street, Riverside. Info: [www.seccyouth.com](http://www.seccyouth.com), [judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org](mailto:judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org) or 951-509-2265.

## Southern California Conference

**GLENDALE ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEK-END** (May 5) 700 Kimlin Drive. Breakfast at 9 a.m. and church following. Lunch in the cafeteria, catered by Shomari Boulin, a '01 alumnus and a Cordon Bleu chef. Honor classes: '02, '92, '87, '82, '72, '62, '52, and '42. Info: 818-244-8671.

**14TH ANNUAL LADIES' TEA** (May 6) 2-5 p.m. Temple City church, 9664 Broadway. Speaker, Dorothy Means, Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministry director. 1:30 p.m., silent auction. Proceeds for \$500 scholarships for ladies attending Adventist colleges, Baby Moses baskets (for baby dedications), widows' events. Vegan food on request. RSVP/Info: 626-286-5437.

**MAY FESTIVAL** (May 6) 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Showcases, food booths, games

and musical performances. Glendale Adventist Academy, 700 Kimlin Drive. Info: 818-244-8671.

**FAMILY LIFE WEEKEND** (May 11-12) Speakers, Hector Ramal, D.Min. (Span), Edelweiss Ramal, asst. prof., LLU School of Nursing (English); Pastor James Kyle. Musicians: Cuarteto Redención, tenor opera singer Juan Carlos Rodrigues, Andrews University; mezzo Alicia Angling, Andrews University. Tamarind Avenue church, 417 S. Tamarind Ave., Compton 90220. Info: 323-774-0181.

**THE SECOND SATURDAY** Concert Series (May 12) Organist Namhee Han, a widely acclaimed artist. 4 p.m. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. A reception follows. Info: 818-244-7241.

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT** Spring Concert at Glendale Adventist Academy (May 17) featuring the band, jazz band, men's choir, women's choir and chorale. 700 Kimlin Dr. 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Info: 818-244-8671.

**VIOLINIST JAIME JORGE** (May 18) 7:30 p.m. Living Stones church, 6235 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta 91214. Info: 818-249-2492.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY** Academy Spring Concert (May 18) Featuring 25th anniversary performance of Michael Spencer's cantata, "Children of the City." Performance includes students from all grades, in music focused on Christ's coming. All are invited, especially those who sang in the premiere. 7 p.m. 17601 Lassen St., Northridge 91325. Info: 818-349-1373.

**LOS ANGELES ADVENTIST FORUM** (May 26) Presenter, Ron Osborn, Bannerman Fellow with the Program in Political Science and International Relations at USC, and author, *Anarchy and Apocalypse: Essays of Faith, Violence and Theodicy*. Topic, "Adventist Apocalypticism: Progressive or Degenerating Research Program." 3 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

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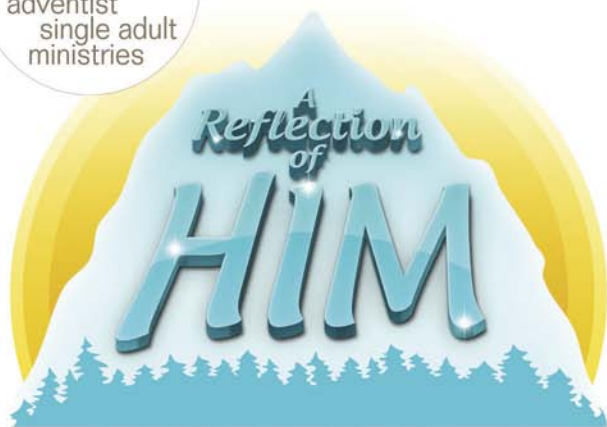
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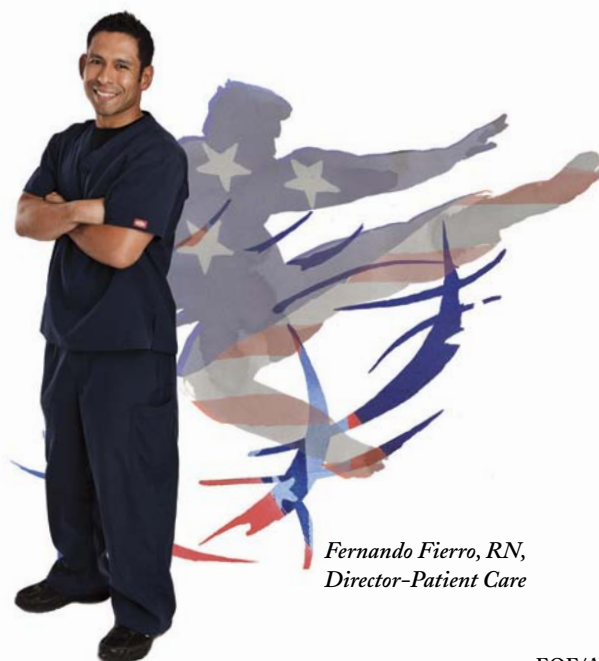
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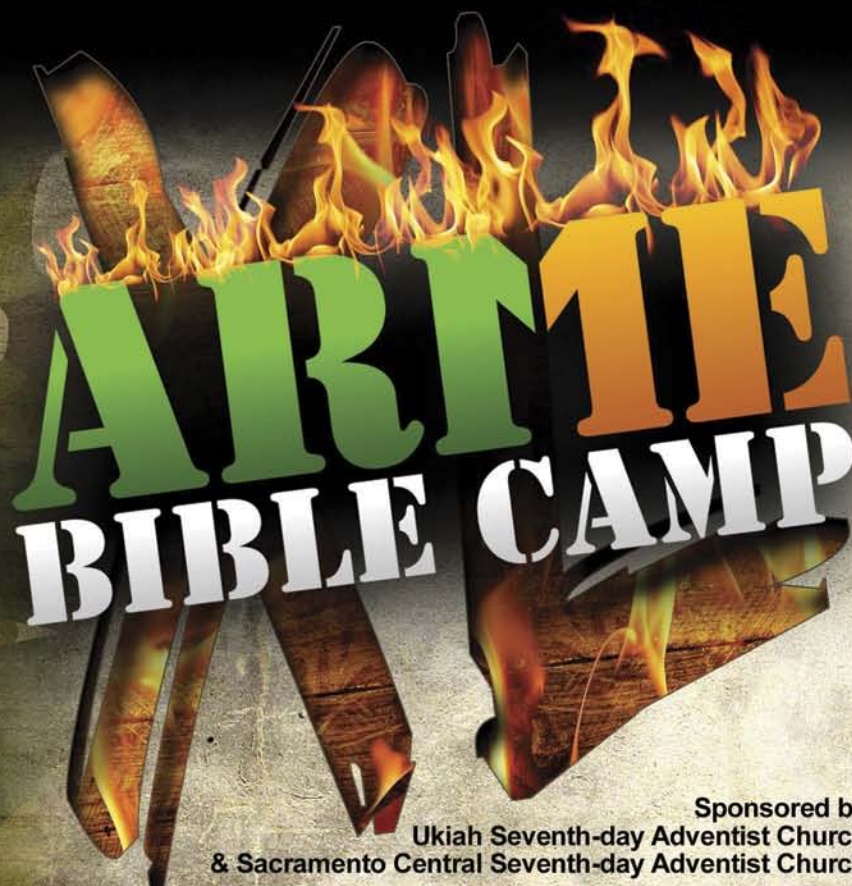
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**BEAM, BETTY L. (SCHMIDT)** — b. July 30, 1922, Wellington, Colo.; d. Sept. 2, 2011, Galt, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Judith Shipley, Doreen, Joyce Neergaard; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Florence Grose.

**BORNHAUSER, PAUL ANDREW** — b. March 1, 1918, Louisville, Ky.; d. June 6, 2011, Tehachapi, Calif. Survivors: son, Dan; daughter, Jeannie Joham; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as pastor and educator in Hawaii, Utah, California and Georgia.

**BROWN, CHARLIE E.** — b. Nov. 2, 1941, Arroyo Grande, Calif.; d. Dec. 2, 2011, Redding, Calif. Survivors: wife, Pat; sons, Rob, Ron; daughters, Sherrie Coffee, Brittany Brown; brother, Richard; sisters, Betty Herwick, Myrtle Cook, Marilyn Brown, Leora Hillock, Ruth Brown. Served as dairy/creamery/farm manager and land management at Newbury Park Academy, La Sierra College, and Pacific Union College.

**DICE, KENNETH D.** — b. Sept. 26, 1915, Midland County, Mich.; d. Feb. 23, 2012, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Janet Ivey; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

*Correction:* **DRIVER, CAROL J.** — b. Sept. 3, 1951, Santa Rosa, Calif.; d. Jan. 15, 2012, Roseville, Calif. Survivors: husband, Thomas; son, Thomas Jr.; daughter, Cheryl Mason; brother, Jerry Davidson; sister, Nancy Chadwick; father, Charles Davidson; mother, Jean Davidson.

**ERICKSEN, DONALD** — b. Nov. 8, 1922, Fresno, Calif.; d. Feb. 15, 2012, Banning, Calif. Survivors: son, Richard Bowers; daughters, Patricia Russell, Judy Gayle Morton; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Don, as a blind person, taught sighted 5th/6th grade his entire career. He had many awards and church leadership jobs and was Blind Camp pastor.

**FERGUSON, WALTER** — b. Jan. 22, 1924, Sand Springs, Okla.; d. Jan. 22, 2012, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: son, James; daughter, Darlene Brezovic; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

**FREDERICK, EUGENE RINKER** — b. June 14, 1927, Mt. Rainier, Md.; d. March 22, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jane; son, Steve; daughters, Marjorie Donovan, Linda Sue Waltron.

**GRIFFEY, GRANT** — b. Feb. 14, 1928, Fort Collins, Colo.; d. Feb. 24, 2012, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: stepson, Dennis Jarwin; three grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

**HAMLIN, CHARLOTTE EDNA** — b. Dec. 26, 1920, Rockford, Ill.; d. Feb. 25, 2012, Rialto, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dale, John; daughters, Ginger Garvin, Lynn.

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**JOHNSON, EVELYN M. (SURPRISE)** — b. April 29, 1922, McMinnville, Ore.; d. Feb. 6, 2012, Pleasant Hill, Calif. Survivors: son, Tom; daughters, Janet Butler, Karen Burgess; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

**JONES, EARSLEAN (TAYLOR)** — b. March 24, 1934, Okmulgee, Okla.; d. Nov. 20, 2011, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: sons, Sheldon Jay, David Lyndon, Marc Quincy; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

**JONES, LAINNE** — b. Oct. 18, 1943, Oakland, Calif.; d. May 14, 2011, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: husband, Richard.

**KIESZ, LESLIE** — b. Sept. 19, 1936, Calistoga, Mont.; d. Jan. 23, 2012, Banning, Calif. Survivors: wife, Brigitte; son, Evan; daughters, Joanna, Jaime, Kara; two grandchildren. Known to many for his musical productions, and as a pianist, a teacher, and an accomplished missionary outreach to prisoners.

**KUTZNER, ARNO** — b. Aug. 10, 1929, Danielov, Poland; d. Nov. 17, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Agnes; daughters, Chandra Attiken, Shirley Juhl, Wendy; five grandchildren.

**LEWIS, MARY** — b. Sept. 28, 1926, Zanesville, Ohio; d. Oct. 20, 2011, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: sons, Wayne, Ricky; daughter, Jennifer; one grandchild.

**MAYO, WILLIAM** — b. July 4, 1925, Galveston, Texas; d. July 26, 2011, Santa Cruz, Calif. Survivors: wife, Joyce; sons, Richard, David; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

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**POGUE, JUDY SUE** — b. Nov. 12, 1947, Lincoln, Neb.; d. March 6, 2012, Auburn, Calif. Survivors: husband, James; sons, Michael, Jared; daughter, Ashley; two grandchildren.

**POLLACK, MARY** — b. Feb. 1, 1916, Trumbull, Conn.; d. Jan. 12, 2012, Vancouver, Wash.

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**ROBINSON, KATHRYN** — b. Dec. 3, 1912, Oregon City, Ore.; d. Jan. 20, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Bill, Gloyd; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

**ROUHE, SHIRLEY I. (ROSENTHAL) CARLE** — b. Feb. 14, 1924, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; died, July 31, 2011, Harrison, Idaho. Survivors: son, Stephen Carle; daughters, Suzanne Hansen, Cathy Keys; stepsons, Edward, Richard; stepdaughter, Suzanne Nelson; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

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**SKYBERG, EDITH** — b. July 26, 1905, Loveland, Colo.; d. March 4, 2012, Paradise Calif. Survivors: sons, Russell, Charles; daughter, Marion Lane; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren. Worked for many years at the Voice of Prophecy.

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**SMITH, VIVIAN** — b. Feb. 23, 1918, Craig, Neb.; d. March 12, 2012, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: son, Richard; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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**TWING, LOREN W.** — b. Sept. 21, 1916, Lodi, Calif.; d. Feb. 18, 2012, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Gary; daughter, Shirlee; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

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**VAN DOLSON, LEO RAY** — b. April 17, 1925, Oakland, Calif.; d. March 11, 2012, McDonald, Tenn. Survivors: wife, Bobbie Jane; sons, Randall, Leo Jr.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Served around the world as pastor, missionary, educator, journalist, evangelist, author, editor, and church planter.

**VAVRA, BETH JILL (PREWITT)** — b. Jan. 19, 1961, Sitka, Alaska; d. Jan. 25, 2012, Anthem, Ariz. Survivors: son, Blake Gorle; daughter, Brittany Tarango.

**WARRAM, EVELYN** — b. March 26, 1918, Prince George's County, Md.; d. Feb. 29, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Harold; stepdaughter, Linda Guldin; brothers, Forrest Rees, Harold Rees, Vernon Rees.

**WEICK, BARBARA A.** — b. Nov. 13, 1934, Summerton, Ariz.; d. Feb. 12, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Katherine Torious; son, Glenn Allen; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**WESEMAN, RUSSELL L.** — b. April 5, 1930, Mountain View, Calif.; d. July 17, 2011, Nampa, Idaho. Survivors: wife, Joan; son, James; daughter, Kathay; brother, Wellesley; sister, Gloria Carlee. Served at Pacific Press and Review & Herald as a pressman.

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**WINN, SHARON L.** — b. May 19, 1942, Lebanon, Ore.; d. Jan. 7, 2012, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: husband, Kenneth; son, Steven; daughter, Brenda Fish; two grandchildren; brother, Calvin Smith. Served Pacific Press and the Trans-Africa Division.

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