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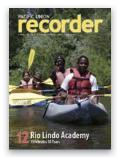
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Coming to God Boldly

eeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16, NKJV).

In his timeless epistle to the Hebrews, the apostle Paul speaks volumes to 21st century Christians. Echoing across the generations, he reminds us that the Aaronic priesthood, while established by God Himself, came to an abrupt, but planned conclusion with the death of the true lamb, Jesus the Christ; the one and only anointed of God to take away the sin of the world and to save His people from their sins. (See John 1:29 and Matthew 1:21.)

Paul reminds us that not only did He die for our sins; He rose again, and ascended to heaven and is at this point in time involved in the true high priestly ministry. It is on that basis that Paul reminds us of at least three things.

First, we are to "hold fast our confession." Generally speaking, a confession is a statement establishing religious doctrine, or a statement of faith. Paul refers here to a confessional statement that accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

We must confess our faith in Jesus and His teachings. While we confess our sins to God and receive the power of His forgiveness (1 John 1:9), we confess Christ in word and action. Holding fast in the Greek gives the connotation of holding with a firm, strong, tight grip. Do we have a firm grip on our belief in Jesus as the Savior of the world? We don't have to worry about Jesus' grip on us! He has promised to be with us to the end (Matthew 28.20).

We who confess Jesus as our Savior should not grow weak or weary. We should not let this cold world with its sinful standards freeze us out. We must look steadfastly to Jesus, and the Son of Righteousness will warm our spiritual hearts.

As we reaffirm our faith in Jesus' love for us and His meritorious works on our behalf, we also recognize that He has vanguished evil, beating the devil on Calvary and at the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. While sorely tempted, He never yielded to sin; He never became a sinner. As a human being, He experienced foul temptations at every step; yet, praise God, there is not one legitimate word in history that documents a sin of Jesus. Living in the midst of evil, He did not condescend to taste and savor the soul stupefying drink of Satan's wine of worldliness.

Secondly, this fact gives us hope. Hope that we can, in Jesus, share the victory over sin. I firmly believe that God only commands that which is achievable, or "doable." As we daily, moment by moment, surrender to the Holy Spirit's indwelling, all His biddings are doables.

"As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings" (E.G. White, Christ's Object Lessons, 333). Our hope is not only in overcoming sin, but also in seeing the Savior from sin come to take us to our eternal home.

The late hymnist Wayne Hooper wrote, "We have this hope that burns within our hearts, hope in the coming of the Lord. We have this faith that Christ alone imparts, faith in the promise of His word. We believe the time is here, when the nations far and near shall awake, and shout and sing Hallelujah! Christ is King! We have this hope that burns within our hearts, hope in the coming of the Lord."

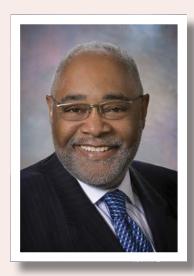
Thirdly, it is on the basis of the purity of Jesus and His ability and the accomplished reality that He sympathizes with fallen humanity that we can come boldly to the throne of Grace.

We are not bold in our coming because of any achievement that we have earned, or a legacy we have received, or of a support network we have established. We come boldly because God offers His grace to all.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God, received through faith in Jesus. The throne of God is characterized by grace. Grace "is not merely God's mercy and willingness to forgive; it is an active, energizing, transforming power to save" (SDA Bible Commentary, v. 6, p. 504).

Ellen White wrote, "Divine grace is the great element of saving power. Without it all human effort is unavailing" (Gospel Workers, p. 70).

That is why Paul tells us we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. In this warfare, we are always in need of help. God is always dispensing it. Jesus our Savior can be trusted to receive us just as we are because, "He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25, NKJV).



Ricardo Graham

Two SCC Ordination Service

Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez (All Nations)

yriam Salcedo-Gonzalez was ordained to the gospel ministry on Jan. 19 at the All Nations church in Monrovia.

A procession of All Nations church leaders bearing banners depicting the seven churches of Revelation, followed by platform quests, opened the program.

A second-generation Adventist minister, Salcedo-Gonzalez grew up in Cuba accompanying her father, Pastor Jacob Salcedo, on his home visits, giving Bible studies and attending various services. Her parents' work in education and ministry, and the testimony of a Bible worker friend, profoundly impacted her life. She felt the Lord calling her to His service.

Against the advice of trusted professors concerned about future employment opportunities, she became the first female student to graduate with a B.A. in Theology from Antillian College, Puerto Rico. Immediately after graduation, she was called to work as a Bible instructor at Rio Piedras church in San Juan.

Salcedo-Gonzalez soon met another voung pastor, Luis Gonzalez, who had recently returned from Andrews University. When the East

Puerto Rico Conference called her to be the promoter of the La Voz de la Esperanza radio ministry, Luis enrolled more students than any other pastor. They were married in 1976.

Salcedo-Gonzalez returned to school at Inter-American University, earning an M.A. in Education. In Puerto Rico, she served as a counselor, evangelist and academy principal, and the conference sponsored her to study for a master's in religion at an Andrews University field school.



Abdiel Gonzalez sings, "Here I Am, Lord," before his mother, Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez, is ordained to the gospel ministry.

When the Gonzalez family relocated to California, Salcedo-Gonzalez worked as a Spanish

teacher turned principal at Orangewood Academy, a library clerk and financial aid clerk at La Sierra University, and as a vocational rehabilitation counselor while pursuing a doctorate in education at LSU. On July 22, 2000, she became the associate pastor for nurture and evangelism at the White Memorial church in Los Angeles. Larry Downing became her senior pastor and mentor.

In 2006, she accepted a call to the All Nations church, where she currently is senior pastor. "My life is Yours," she told God. "Just take it wherever you want me to go."

At the ordination service, she invited, "Let's join hands, proclaim this message with power like never before, and go forward together on our knees."

Myriam and Luis Gonzalez have two adult sons, Gaddiel, a financial analyst; and Abdiel, an musician who sings baritone with the Los Angeles Master Chorale and the L.A. and Orange county operas. Both sons participated in the service. Luis Gonzalez is currently a social worker with Futuro Infantil Hispano in Riverside.



Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez is ordained to the gospel ministry, with her husband, Luis Gonzalez (l.) as her father, Pastor Jacob Salcedo, (r.) prays the prayer of ordination.

GERRY CHUDLEIGH

ces Held in January 2013

Courtney Ray (Tamarind Avenue)

astor Courtney Ray was ordained Jan. 26 at the Tamarind Avenue church in Compton, where she serves as associate pastor.

"Every person has a call," Ray affirmed. "In our minds, we usually relegate that to those in teaching or pastoral ministry. But regardless of vocation or avocation, everyone has been ordained by God to be something. Through the recognition of the talents given to me by the Lord and the encouraging confirmation of Holy Spirit-led people, I knew my calling was to ministry. And once your commission is made clear, nothing and no one should deter you from fulfilling what God has intended for your life."

Ray grew up in New York City with her parents and three older brothers. The only Adventist in her family, she was first introduced to the church through the witness of teachers and classmates at R.T. Hudson Elementary school in the Bronx.

She is particularly grateful for her friend Amanda Roberts and the Roberts family for faithfully taking her to church and encouraging her to be involved in Pathfinders and other activities.

Baptized at age 11, she served as her church's youth leader. Since the age of 15, she has been called upon to do pre-work and Bible studies in evangelistic series, including those led by Pastors Dwight Nelson and Walter Pearson.

Ray attended Northeastern Academy, graduating in three years as the youngest graduate in the school's history. At 15, she went to Andrews University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in psychology and a bachelor's degree in theology. She graduated in 2000 as an honors scholar with a thesis on language acquisition in deaf culture, and served as a pastoral intern at the St. Joseph church in Michigan.

After graduation, she worked as a public school teacher, teaching special education science, math and technology in the South Bronx, and then, honors math in Harlem, Later, she returned to Michigan to attend the seminary. While there, she continued teaching in public school, this time as a substitute teacher in the Benton Harbor school system, completing a Master of Divinity degree with a counseling concentration.

During both her undergraduate and graduate programs, Ray also worked as a teaching assistant for Lael Caesar, Ph.D., who became a mentor and source of encouragement throughout her ministry. At seminary, she served as a staff pastor of New Life church.

After graduating, she spent more than three years as associate pastor at Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, nurturing the teen youth

> group from three attendees to 85 active disciples.

She then went to Central California Conference, serving as the chaplain, counselor and religion teacher at Hanford House of Hope church. In 2010, she accepted a call to the Southern California Conference to be the associate pastor at Tamarind Ave. church with Dr. James Kyle II, senior pastor.

A distinguished writer, Ray has created two sets of Bible studies for teens and young adults and has written for the Collegiate Quarterly and other publications.



James Kyle II, M.Div., M.D., senior pastor of the Tamarind Avenue church, welcomes Courtney Ray to the gospel ministry after her ordination service. See video of Courtney Ray and four other female pastors at vimeo.com/57503011.

Betty Cooney

New Church Organized in Rancho Cucamonga

n Sabbath, Jan. 26, the Rancho Cucamonga church celebrated attaining "church" status. The group attained "company" status in 2011, and after two years of growth and maturing, it has become an official church in the denomination. It will be formally welcomed into the sisterhood of churches in the Southeastern California Conference at the constituency meeting in October.

Martin Howard, associate pastor at the 16th Street church, was there to offer words of encouragement. He was the pastor of the mother church, Fontana-Juniper Avenue, when the group was started. Founding members were also recognized, including the Mzizi, Onyango, and Ncube families, as well as Rachel Moses.

Gerald D. Penick Sr., president of the Southeastern California Conference, and other conference officers and executives joined the celebration. The message that day emphasized the importance of remembering God's leading in the past, and how doing so grants faith going forward.

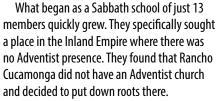


Themba Mzizi signs the official churchhood certificate in front of Sandra Roberts, executive secretary of the conference.



Gerald D. Penick, conference president, congratulates Themba Mzizi, group leader, on the new church status.

Approximately nine years ago, Themba Mzizi, group leader, had a conversation with Omari Onvango about his churchplanting experience in Texas and his desire to do it again in California. Soon afterward, their interest spread to others. They then formed a Sabbath school group as a branch of the Fontana-Juniper Avenue church.



By 2006, their numbers had grown, and they rented a space at a United Methodist church. By 2010, they moved to Point of Grace church in central Rancho Cucamonga.

Eventually, members raised funds for their own place of worship, and in November 2012 they purchased their own building, which is where they currently worship. More than 110 people attend services each Sabbath, and the church is still growing.

"Before we started this group, we met and came up with a vision and a mission," says Mzizi. "That vision and mission have guided us as we moved forward."

Their emphasis is creating a multicultural setting in which people can have a Christ-centered worship experience.

"As people in the Rancho community, we go to the same grocery stores, the same malls, shops, schools, colleges and so on. But when we go to worship, sometimes we want to be separate," says Mzizi. "If we can live together here across cultural boundaries, then we are ready to live together in heaven."



Gerald D. Penick, conference president, preaches at Rancho Cucamonga.

Although they are a relatively new church, they are heavily invested in their immediate community. Every week, the church, through its bread ministry, distributes bread to needy families inside and outside of the congregation.

Each quarter, the church hosts a free health clinic that offers health screenings, as well as eye and ear exams. Midweek prayer meetings are held every Wednesday night, and on Friday evenings, Mzizi leads out in a series of studies on books of the Bible.

During the Christmas season, the church partnered with the Angel Tree program hosted by Prison Fellowship. They identified 40 children living in the surrounding area who were children of inmates and would not be spending Christmas with their parents.

Jennifer Bullon, leader of the Adventurer club, got a list of the kids' Christmas wishes. Parents of the Adventurers, as well as church leaders and other volunteers, purchased presents for the kids. On Dec. 16, the Adventurers delivered gifts to the children.

Mzizi explains that the church must continue pushing itself. Even though members have accomplished many things in a short time, they are ready to plan for the next five years.

"If we do not have a vision, we cannot go anywhere," he says.

Mario Munoz

More Than 400 Students Participate in Bible Conference

ore than 400 students from area schools attended the annual junior/senior Bible conference at Pine Springs Ranch Jan. 24-26.

Each year, upper-class students are given the opportunity to attend the Bible conference, which gives them a time and place to deepen their connection with Jesus. Pine Springs Ranch, located in the San Jacinto Mountains, is an ideal retreat setting, far removed from the stresses of everyday life.

Four groups of student leaders arrived Wednesday morning to begin planning. Family (small) group leaders planned breakout sessions, icebreakers and discussions. Music leaders practiced to ensure that their performances went without a hitch. They carefully selected music that appealed to a wide audience range. The drama team also met to learn and rehearse skits. Finally, the prayer leaders facilitated a spiritual environment with intentional focus on

The theme of this year's conference was "The Journey," focusing on the path one takes in his or her own spiritual walk.

Throughout the weekend, there were six general sessions that began with a time of song and praise. The drama team followed with a skit, and afterward the speaker had the floor.

Mark Witas, senior pastor of the North

Cascade church in Burlington, Wash., was this year's featured speaker. On Thursday and Friday mornings, he led with amusing stories, allowing students to become familiar with him. Friday night, Witas told an emotional, personal story, gripping the attention of those present.

After each general session, students were split into "family" groups, led by student leaders. Also, throughout the camp, there were stations called "Trail Mix." At these stations, students learned lessons based on the theme "armor of God."

Early risers met in the loft of the lodge for "First Focus," a devotional put on by student leaders where they sang and listened



Two students review handouts during free time.



Students participate in a "family group" breakout session.

to devotional thoughts. On Friday night, the last full night of the conference, there was an "Afterglow" program, at which students sang, conversed, prayed and had snacks together.

Finally, on Sabbath evening, attendees participated in communion and shared an agape feast.

"The drama team clicked as a group right away," says John Sumilat, student chaplain at Loma Linda Academy, who was one of the student leaders with the drama team. "We had good chemistry and memorized our lines quickly and efficiently. But we had so much fun while we were practicing."

According to Sumilat, the best part of the Bible conference is, "Everyone is there, unified in praising Jesus."



Mark Witas, senior pastor of the North Cascade church, speaks to the students.



Students arrive at Pine Springs Ranch and socialize with friends from other schools.

Mario Munoz

Great Controversy Distributed to Homes and Businesses During the Annual GLOW Rally

uring the annual GLOW Rally on Sabbath, Jan. 19, in Fresno, Calif., attendees learned how to do "Less Preaching and More Reaching," a theme derived from Evangelism (Ellen White, p. 356). GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) is a literature evangelism program based in the Central California Conference.

Hosted by the Central Valley church, worship began at 9:30 a.m. with teaching from Don Macintosh, director of NEWSTART Global at Weimar Center of Health & Education. Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference, introduced the outreach opportunity via a videotaped message. Then, 192 volunteers carrying bags filled with The Great Controversy to give away at homes and businesses filled two busses. In 90 minutes, those volunteers handed out 2,000 books, visited 712 residences and gathered 92 Bible study requests.

"God really blessed the whole program," says Ricky Camacho, the rally's coordinator. "The speakers were great and so was the music, but the highlight was the outreach. Church members returned from the field beaming with joy."

One young man the teams met in the field got on the bus and returned to the church and joined the rally. The afternoon program was filled with testimonies from the morning outreach. One couple met a Christian pastor who said he had been looking for The Great



Ranela Kaligithi befriended a group of local store picketers and used GLOW materials as conversation starters.

Controversy and was happy to finally have it. He asked for several copies to share with others. (Watch the testimony at https://vimeo. com/57896998.)

Making Friends

Ranela Kaligithi related a recent GLOW experience: "I shop at Fresh & Easy and

see the same guys out front picketing with signs saying 'Don't shop at Fresh & Easy," she explained. "I've been trying to develop a relationship with them — always saying 'Hi,' and asking how their day is, giving each one a different GLOW tract as I go inside to shop.

"One night when I finished shopping, I wished them a great night. Almost to my car, a young

man yelled, 'Hey! What church do you go to?!' I called out, 'The Seventh-day Adventist Christian church! Have you heard of it?' I walked back and we started talking about God.

"I discovered the younger quy's ex-wife was an Adventist and he had gone to the Clovis church with her once in a while. The middleaged guy's sister and brother-in-law were 'diehard Adventists.' Both men knew about no pork, no TV on Sabbath, and being vegan. The older guy told me that deep down he truly believed that the Sabbath started on Friday evening until Saturday evening.

"They had read the GLOW tracts I'd shared, so I started canvassing them on The Great Controversy. Both had heard about it. In my trunk were 60 [copies of the book]. They each accepted a Great Controversy and DVDs on Daniel 2, Daniel 9 and Final Events.

"They just loved them all and promised to read and watch them. Just before I left, the younger guy said, 'I wonder what they [deceased loved ones] must think, looking down from heaven at all that goes on down here.' The other guy softly said, 'You know, the Bible teaches that they actually don't know anything.



GLOW Rally attendees carrying bags of The Great Controversy board two buses to distribute to area homes and businesses on Jan. 19.

They're just in the ground, dead.' I nodded my head and said you're right.

"Looking confused, the young guy said to me, 'Really? What do you mean?' Thankfully, for the past six days, I'd been memorizing state of the dead scriptures. So, we had a short Bible study.

"When I told him about deception in the last days, he said, 'Wow, I just got the chills like three times when you were talking.' I took that opportunity to gently and lovingly pound into his head that studying the Bible is so important!

"As we wrapped up our conversation, I shared iust how much Jesus loves them and is so merciful no matter what their current lives are like, and that the days we live in are so different. We need to really start digging deep in the Word.

"They gave me their picketing schedule saying they would be interested in more Bible studies."

Currently 28.7 million GLOW tracts on 18 subjects in 35 languages are circulating around the world. For more information, visit www. cccglow.org.

Caron Oswald

"Hell and Mr. Fudge" Highlights Annual Convocation

' ince the early 1990s, the Adventist churches in the greater Bakersfield, Calif., area worship, potluck and fellowship one Sabbath each year. On Jan. 19, the annual convocation was held in a large Protestant church. For the first time, the convocation ended in the screening of a movie at the Fox Theater.

A unique community event closed with the screening of the award-winning new film "Hell and Mr. Fudge" at the Bakersfield Fox Theater on

Saturday night. The film was honored with the 2012 Platinum Award in the "Theatrical Feature Film — Christian" category at the Houston International Film Festival.

The area's Adventist pastors voted to support the event, allocating convocation funds for underwriting and showing the promotion trailer in their churches. Members were encouraged to invite their neighbors, family and friends.

"There was already a long line of people waiting for the doors to open when my wife and I arrived at 5:30 p.m.," says Marlan Knittel, pastor of the Bakersfield Central church. The film began at 7 p.m. with a nearly full theater. Knittel first heard about the book The Fire That Consumes by Edward Fudge from Jon Bradshaw, speaker/ director of It Is Written. "The best book I've ever read on hell. Period," said Knittel. When he heard about the new film, he shared his enthusiasm with the area pastors.

"Hell and Mr. Fudge," a film produced by LLT Productions in Angwin, Calif., is based on the true story of Edward Fudge, a young evangelical minister in Athens. Ala., in the 1960s. In his personal study, he discovered a God of grace, mercy and love, in contrast with the exclusive God of his church community. Fudge was hired to research the subject of hell, to determine whether indeed, God keeps the lost alive forever in endless,

conscious torment. His year-long study dramatically shifted his own beliefs and resulted in the book The Fire That Consumes.

San Joaquin Community Hospital promoted the film, printed marketing materials and made community connections. The Fox Theater personnel advertised the film on their website, via mass e-mail to subscribers and on their marquee. And the ValliTix ticket agency dropped the printing cost and also promoted the film on their site and by an e-mail blast.

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To close the annual Bakersfield area convocation, the public was invited to a screening of the film "Hell and Mr. Fudge" at the Fox Theater.

The Bakersfield Californian published a positive article which included interviews with several of the film's stars (www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/entertainment/community/x2088955833/ Very-nature-of-hell-explored-in-faith-film).

"The film is really about the character of God," says Pat Arrabito, executive producer and president of LLT productions. The research included a group of Adventist and Protestant theologians. They spent an afternoon discussing how to show God's character in the light of eternal hell.

In the hour before the film's screening, the waiting audience viewed advertisements for Evangelist Taj Pacleb's upcoming series at the Bakersfield Hillcrest church, Bakersfield Adventist Academy, Reclaim 2013 (a youth evange-

> listic effort by the Central church), San Joaquin Community Hospital, Pacific Health Foundation, and KFHL 91.7, the local Adventist radio station.

> After the 95-minute film, Arrabito was joined on stage by three of the lead actors, Mackenzie Austin (Edward Fudge), Cody Sullivan (Fudge as a child), and Wes Robertson (Fudge's best friend). One actor shared that his mother had lived her whole life afraid of hell. He was grateful that he could tell her the truth and not to be afraid.

"We all came together on this event," says Steve Mackey, pastor of Bakersfield Southside church. "This was an excellent, family Christian movie. Members could bring their Bible study interests and could walk away with the understanding that you don't burn forever and that God is a God of love."

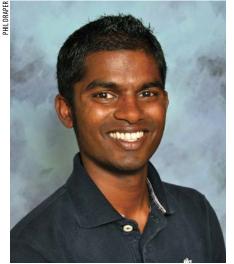
"This went against all [Fudge] had known since he was a child," says Ramiro Cano, conference president. "We don't realize how revolutionary it is for those who are deeply rooted in their beliefs and are shown the truth, and we need to be sensitive to their initial turmoil and sadness. What impressed me was the yearning burden

that God put in his heart. Mr. Fudge would not let go until he saw it vividly make sense from Scripture."

Caron Oswald

Be Compassion Weekend Reaches Phoenix Homeless

e need young adults to stand up and be the compassion of Jesus in their own communities," said Denise Sanderson as she addressed a gathering of 100 young adults meeting at the Community



Jonathan Prakash, a university student, is actively involved in young adult ministries and photographs events for the team.

Services Center in Phoenix for a God **Encounters** young adult weekend meeting at her workplace.

Sanderson, who has directed the work at the center for the past six years, was eager for this team of young adults to catch her vision for reaching others. "When you look into the eyes of a homeless person, hear his story, then act with compassion to help

him know the love of Jesus, you're preaching the gospel," she continued.

Inspired by God Encounters young adult weekends held across the North American Division. Benjamin Lundquist wanted to create an event for Arizona young adult ministries which



The young adult ministries team made compassion their theme during the event.

would allow his team to make a meaningful commitment right here at home.

"As the team planned together," he explained, "the idea surfaced to hold a weekend about the compassion of Jesus at a venue that already acts as a center of compassion each day. We thought the Adventist Community Service Center was just the place. Director Denise Sanderson shared our dream and was eager for our help."

The two-day event, held Nov. 16-17, 2012, began with a worship experience led by the Engage Ministries team from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. Tim Feig, speaker, encouraged the young adults with illustrations from the Bible to be the hands and feet of Jesus through various acts of compassion.

"We wanted to experience Jesus intimately, build an authentic community, and serve with significance," said Lundquist. "Our discussions were lively as we asked each one in our group what compassion meant to them."

Team member Jonathan Prakash, 23, a business marketing major, said, "I believe compassion means letting God come into your life so much you feel the same way He feels. The things that break His heart break your heart. What makes Him happy makes you happy."



Mason Aitken enjoys working with young adult ministries with director Benjamin Lundquist.



Dr. Carlos Lopez helps his sons Ricky, Javier and Alex prepare burgers to feed the homeless.

For the past year, team member Leon Azuogu, 22, has committed his time and energies to working at the center serving food to the homeless, unloading delivery trucks, and even painting murals on the walls for the children. "There are so many who are either overlooked or forgotten," he said. "It is a joy to give of my time to bring some sunshine into their lives."

Mason Aitken, 25, a young adult from the Camelback church said, "Being compassionate is simply loving people with no inhibitions, no holding back. It's just loving people to the point you forget there's a difference between you and

them. Remember each person is a candidate for heaven. I really believe that."

Team member Jordan Wareham, 33, a pilot for Mesaba Airlines, met a homeless man who had been a successful computer programmer, but lost his job during the economic downturn and could not find work due to his age. "It's surprising how many things we all really have in common," said Wareham. "When I took the time to sit and talk to this man, misconceptions were broken down, and I really begin to see he had the same hopes, dreams and needs like I have.

The same Jesus who wants to change my life wants to change his."

After Sabbath services at the center, the young adults went into "compassion ministry mode" as they heated up the grills and began to cook 500 burgers and hot dogs to feed the men and women they met.

"What you young adults have done this weekend will breathe energy into this center for months to come," Sanderson said. "You have no idea what you've done for us."

Phil Draper

Rio Lindo Adventist Academy Celebrates 50 Years

uring the late 1950s, the Northern California Conference began a fundraising campaign that would provide Adventist education for thousands of students throughout Northern California. The conference's dream was to build a stateof-the-art boarding school — not only to offer a quality education to high school students, but also to lead them

line in 1968 and 2012. will have graduated to Christ and prepare them for eternity. That dream became a reality on Sunday, Sept. 2,

1962, when Rio Lindo Adventist Academy registered the school's first 304 students. Fifty Rio's curriculum years later, by the end of this school year, Rio has grown and



Students go through the cafeteria

classes have long been an important part of its educational experience. In the mid-1970s, realizing the importance of practical education, the school built a modern industrial arts building. Countless students have benefitted from this facility,

glass windows for Rio's new church, completed in 1988. Through images and words, these windows portray the primary purpose of Rio, which is to help students grow mentally, physically and spiritually. Over the years, Conley's various classes created stained glass windows for many other churches and buildings around the country.

acquiring their first cars by repairing wrecked

Calkins and the other industrial arts teachers

Another unique and memorable elective

which he taught from 1962 to 1995. Conley

and his students designed and built stained

was Clinton Conley's stained glass class,

vehicles under the expert guidance of Bob

who followed him.

more than 4,300 students. changed over the years, but innovative



In 1962, the senior class officers were featured in the school's newspaper, Rio Lindo Currents.



Rio's mission statement: "We commit to reflect Christ, cultivate the relevancy and excitement of learning, and impact the world through service."



job can bring. "When I got to Rio, I applied to the cafeteria for a job. I quickly learned that the people I would be working for were not only my bosses, but mentors," said current senior Ernest Simanungkalit. "I

learned leadership skills that I believe will help me outside of Rio."

Two essential aspects of the Rio experience haven't changed throughout the years: service has always been fundamental to Rio's culture, and introducing teenagers to the joy of a personal relationship with God is the ultimate goal. In the 1960s, students collected cans from the community on Halloween. In 1969, Rio students rebuilt the home of a family who lost everything in a fire. Then governor Ronald Reagan wrote the students a thank you note

Gerald Hetzer teaches an auto mechanics class in 1968.

Rio's teachers continue to develop meaningful relationships with students, mentoring and bringing out the best in the teens. Heidi-Anne Salvini Frick remembers the impact history teacher Lynden Chapman made on her life. "After switching to Rio my junior year after attending public school my whole life, I was in a state of culture shock, and Mr. Chapman just had a way of making us feel comfortable," said Frick, a 1994 graduate. "He was easy to talk to, and — when I was struggling with religion — he took the time to talk to me about it."

One of the biggest changes over the years has been the shifting economic framework of financing Christian education. In the 1960s, tuition was less than \$2,000 a year, and students could work off a good portion of their school bill at one of the available campus industries, such as Harris Pine Mills. Today, even though students are willing to work hard, the need for financial aid is greater than it was in previous decades. Together, parents, alumni donations, churches and grants make Adventist education possible for all students who want to attend Rio.

The school continues to emphasize work education, giving students a chance to learn the value and satisfaction that having a



Tiffany Nabanban paints a picture of Christ for a vespers program.



LEFT: Pastor Krystalynn Martin baptized Darika Churdsuwanrak and Alante Jalivay during graduation weekend in 2012. BELOW: Physics teacher and Rio alumnus Mark Tamanaha conducts a velocity experiment with Lisa Marxmiller and Kevin Chang.



for their efforts. Throughout the years, students have served the local community by cleaning up flood damage and garbage along the Russian River, beautifying the local town of Healdsburg and helping the homeless.

Many teens have begun to know God on a personal level while attending Rio. Ed Dower, a 1963 graduate, describes his year at Rio as

a time of mischief and boundary testing with the faculty. He remembers finding himself in the dean's office — prepared for a major disciplinary decision — and being astonished when Dean Leslie Bietz, in an act of sheer grace, decided to let him stay and graduate. Dower also remembers that in January of 1963, in room 323 of the

boys' dorm, he gave his life to God. During the past 10 years, 110 students have been baptized at Rio, including many international students whose first introduction to Jesus was at Rio.

Recent Rio graduate David Kabanje's experience at Rio demonstrates the

ultimate goal of Christian education and the purpose for Rio's existence. "From my freshman year on, my dean took the time to make sure I was on the right path," he said. "The love that he showed, the concern he had for me really changed my direction, and my life. Now I want to pay forward the love and respect that he showed me." Last fall, Kabanje returned to Rio as a taskforce worker, with the responsibility of mentoring students.

As Rio enters its sixth decade, the school continues to change students' lives through quality education and service, and — most importantly — by introducing them to Jesus. "I love Rio," said Principal Doug Schmidt, "because it has always been about staff and students growing together in Christ."

Rika Meyer and Bruce Yingling



Completed in 1988, the church at Rio is a place for worship services, vespers programs and weeks of prayer.

Alumni Homecoming

Il alumni, former students and staff are invited to the annual Alumni Homecoming, April 5-6, 2013, to celebrate Rio Lindo Adventist Academy's 50 years of learning, serving and leading. The weekend will kick off with a Friday golf tournament, the "Fritz Classic." Named after Rio's longest serving teacher, Gottfried Fritz, the tournament will raise money for student scholarships. Friday night vespers will be a multimedia presentation of Rio's history. Highlights on Sabbath will include a performance of the Lindaires alumni choir and a message from former Rio chaplain Gordon Bietz, now president of Southern Adventist University. To find out more, visit our website at www.riolindo.org.

Students Save Lab, Class Time with Web-Enhanced General Chem Class

ver the first two weeks of October, La Sierra University pre-med student Sara Pinto da Silva conducted her first general chemistry experiments to find the presence of starch in rice and bread and perform other analyses.

But unlike the majority of the university's general chemistry students, da Silva did not carry out her experiments in a university lab. She conducted them in the bathroom of her home in Riverside using a mail-order chemistry kit as a student in a new, web-enhanced general chemistry class.

Da Silva is a native of Portugal and also a veterinarian who aims to switch gears and enter medical school. Toward that goal, the second-year pre-med student is taking 18 units of classes, a heavy load made lighter by the convenience of the web-based program set up by associate chemistry professor Nate Brandstater and his assistant, Christopher Reeves.

"So far I'm really enjoying it because it gives me more freedom of time for my schedule, and that's really important," da Silva said.

The shoe-box sized chemistry kit da Silva uses, called a LabPag, is created by Hands-On Labs Inc. in Englewood, Colo. The company provides LabPag kits for online courses covering more than 350 experiments across 10 scientific disciplines including forensics, biology, chemistry and others. The company mails the kits to Brandstater's office at La Sierra where they are forwarded to the students. The kits include an online manual with detailed lab experiment instructions.

"It's pretty simple," da Silva said. She mitigates potential questions and problems with experiments by reading the lab assignments and checking her lab materials ahead of time. If she needs help, she sends Brandstater an e-mail or text message and receives a response the same day, she says.

Da Silva shares a house with three people and uses the large bathroom for her experiments because of its good lighting and window ventilation. "I used fire [portable burner] and



Pre-med student Sara Pinto da Silva conducts a general chemistry experiment last quarter in her home using a mail order lab kit.

hydrochloric acid yesterday and there were no problems," she said.

Hands-On Labs creates kits for La Sierra's class with materials for 10 experiments including determining acid concentrations in vinegar, the generation and study of gases, and electron transfer reactions. The kits come with beakers, flasks, safety goggles, chemicals, a digital scale and flame source. "It's micro-scale so it has small quantities of materials," said Brandstater.

Many other online chemistry classes require students to travel to school campuses to conduct wet lab experiments. Other courses offer simulated experiments, but such an approach lacks the vital tactile experience, said Brandstater. His web-enhanced course runs concurrently with three on-site general chemistry classes with more than 160 students enrolled. Brandstater's course includes a syllabus, 10-minute video on the principle aspects of chemistry, homework and reading assignments,

supplemental digital assignments, video shots of chemistry experiments and reactions, and several methods of student interaction and communication with Brandstater. Exams are still paper-based and proctored by teaching assistants.

Brandstater is keeping a journal on the responsiveness of students, documenting elements that are working well and those that need improvement. While providing a level of convenience for students, the online course also saves Brandstater time, allowing him to focus on specific areas of confusion students may encounter. "That's where the high-value contact happens," Brandstater said.

"This is going to be a big learning experience for me and the chemistry department here," he added, "but I hope to hear very positive things from students who take this class."

Darla Martin Tucker

New Study Determines Omega-3 Fatty Acids Promote Functional Recovery After Traumatic Injury to Nervous System

esearchers at Loma Linda University Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine are the first to determine that a preventive diet high in omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids accelerates recovery and improves the ability to walk after traumatic injury to the spinal cord.

"Our findings suggest that a balanced diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids can be part of a comprehensive approach to enhance the prospect of recovery following damage to the nervous system," says Marino De Leon, Ph.D., professor and senior author on the study. "Although much more work is needed to address this critical health problem, our findings illustrate that what you eat can be part of the solution."

The study reports that this preventative nutritional intervention enriched in docosahexaenoic acids (DHA) prepares neural cells to respond to injury by modifying the cell membrane composition. In addition, the study shows that a diet enriched in omega-3 fatty acids favors the metabolism of protective lipids and promotes the expression of genes associated with cell survival and resiliency.

"Unfortunately, trauma to the brain and the spinal cord are common in contact sports, car accidents, and during military combat; and in most cases they are impossible to predict. Even minor impacts to the brain and the cord can be disabling as they can accumulate over time," savs De Leon.

Additionally, the study also found that a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids could reduce sensory deficits and enhance recovery in bladder function following an injury.

LLU postdoctoral research specialist and the first author of the study, Johnny D. Figueroa, Ph.D., says the study identifies cellular targets important in the effects of nutritional omega-3 fatty acids in health and disease. "Because our

bodies can't produce DHA," he says, "it must be acquired through the diet. Our study illustrates the therapeutic value of dietary omega-3 fatty acids, particularly in situations of anticipated damage to the nervous system. Importantly, we demonstrate for the first time the metabolomics lipids fingerprinting of the injured spinal cord after being subjected to a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids."

Foods high in omega-3 fatty acids include flaxseed, walnuts and salmon. Walnuts, in particular, have been identified in several previous studies by Loma Linda University as having extremely beneficial effects on health.

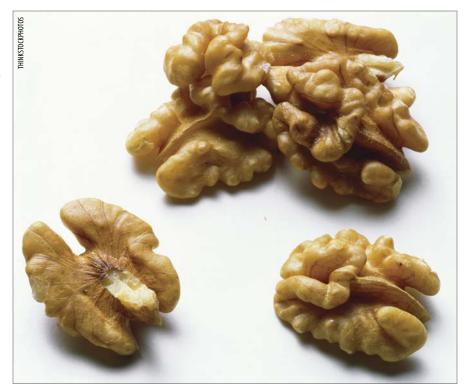
The findings were published on Jan. 10, 2013, in the Journal of Neurotrauma, a leading

peer-reviewed journal in the field of traumatic spinal cord and brain injuries. The study was co-authored by Kathia Cordero and Miguel S. Illan, both M.D.-Ph.D. students at LLU School of Medicine. The research was supported by grants 5R25GM060507 and 1P20MD001632 from the National Institute of Health.

The research group is now investigating the specific roles of omega-3 metabolites in promoting neuroprotection and regeneration in the central nervous system.

For more information about the cutting-edge research being conducted at Loma Linda University, go to www.llu.edu/research-affairs/.

Herbert Atienza



New research from Loma Linda University determines that a diet high in omega-3 fatty acids can accelerate recovery following a spinal cord injury. Walnuts are an excellent source of these fatty acids.

Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta Becomes a **Not-For-Profit Organization**

oma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta, located near Temecula, Calif., has officially changed its status from a "for profit" ■organization to "not-for-profit." The change was effective Jan. 1, 2013, but has no direct impact on day-to-day operations.

"We are excited about this new development in our history," says Richard Rawson, MBA, hospital CEO. "This new status will give us the opportunity to become more deeply engaged with our community through charitable program development, auxiliary work, guilds, and our volunteer programs."

This change in status means that profits generated by LLUMC – Murrieta will be redirected into the Murrieta community in the form of added services, outreach and philanthropic activities.

Located about an hour away from the main campus in Loma Linda, Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta started as the dream of a group of dedicated physicians and members of the community. Together, after forming the corporation Physicians Hospital of Murrieta, LLC, which had a for profit status, they raised the needed funds to start the project.

In 2007, Loma Linda University Medical Center became a partner in the joint venture, and in 2011, federal legislation made it necessary for LLUMC to become the sole owner of the Murrieta facility.

"Becoming a not-for-profit organization was the next important step to continue our ongoing growth and development in the community," says Ruthita Fike, MA, CEO of Loma Linda University Medical Center and chair of the LLUMC — Murrieta board. "We are looking forward to a bright future for this campus as it grows and adds new services."

With 106 beds, this adult hospital provides a wide range of services and advanced technology to its community. Additionally, it brings the mission of Loma Linda University Health "to continued the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ" to a new region.

In addition to 24-hour emergency care, the hospital features five stateof-the-art operating suites, women's health services, a completely digital imaging center, and cancer treatment among the many other services available.

To find out more about how this hospital is changing lives in its surrounding community, see llumcmurrieta.org.

Briana Pastorino



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Students Build Relationships on the Navajo Reservation

ifteen students from Pacific Union College braved the freezing deserts of northern Arizona over Christmas vacation to provide aid to a Navajo community there. This was PUC's third trip to the community with a student-led ministry called Project Pueblo.

"The whole idea for these repeat mission trips is to develop relationships with people in the community," says Fabio Maia, PUC's service and missions coordinator. "We're there to minister to their practical needs."

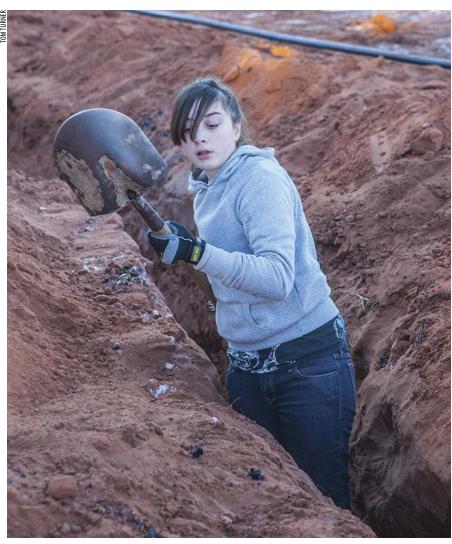
Initially, the project was intended to focus on repairing and renovating a church that the Adventist group on the reservation had recently purchased with the assistance of one of the largest 13th Sabbath offerings ever given by Adventists in North America. However, when the student group arrived in the reservation town outside of Page, Ariz., they discovered a more immediate need — this winter's unusually cold weather had frozen the water lines serving the town's community center.

"We had to change our plans and spent two days digging deeper trenches and heating the pipes up to get water," says Jeremy Lam, one of the student leaders of the group. That meant more than just shoveling dirt — to get to the pipes, the students had to build fires to thaw the frozen ground and hack at the icy earth with picks.

With water flowing again to the vital community center, the PUC group had just three days to get to work on the church project. The old building had been purchased at a bargain price from a Baptist congregation, who had insisted on passing the building on to another faith group. Although well-built, the church badly needed cleaning and insulation to keep out the below-freezing winter temperatures.

"We worshipped in the church on Sabbath, and even with radiant heating in the sanctuary, it didn't get above 55 degrees," says Lorie Johns, the student success advisor in PUC's nursing department and a co-sponsor on the trip. "It needed a lot of work to be usable."

Students set to work clearing out dust and debris from the old building and installing



PUC students, including Miriam Petersen, spent Christmas vacation digging up frozen pipes and renovating a church in the Navajo community near Page, Ariz.

insulation into the cinder block walls. Although the tighter schedule didn't allow them to finish everything they had planned, they left behind a much warmer, more comfortable sanctuary.

In the coming months, the church will host Adventist evangelistic meetings and health seminars, and will likely host PUC students again when they return for a planned trip over spring vacation. Like the new pipes in the community center, the church and the students will be a lasting blessing to the community on the reservation.

The repeat trip highlights PUC's emphasis on practical, relevant service to people in need. "There are great opportunities to help the community out," says sophomore Clifford Young. "Every student here can help serve, because there are so many opportunities — every weekend, every month — to do something. I think PUC does a great job of pushing the service role and doing what Jesus would do."

Larry Peña

Low Budget Evangelism Yields Big Baptismal Returns

he Reno/Sparks Hispanic church is not wealthy. Most members have low or very modest incomes. Some are out of work. Many struggle to make ends meet. The meager church budget reflects members' budgets.

The 11 newly baptized members pose with their pastor at the end of the series.

Fund balances are low. With one exception evangelism. Their committment resulted in a dozen new members after a November 2012 evangelistic series.

Members are anxious to see their Spanish-

speaking relatives and friends know about Jesus, and to see their lives transformed by the Adventist message. However, expensive evangelism is out of the question. Instead, the pastor and the members continually give or twice a year to help those Bible study students become

In 2012, newlyarrived stipend pastor Alex Ramirez began to plan for a series of evangelistic meetings Nov. 3-10. Members formed small groups, and the pastor and members initiated Bible studies with interested people in the produced and distributed posters and flyers. Invitation letters went to friends and relatives. The church evangelism fund grew as passion for the upcoming series swelled.

More than 50 people attended the meetings each night.



area. Church members



Alex Ramirez, Reno/Sparks Hispanic church pastor, preaches to his newly-expanded congregation.

"During our series, it became clear that God has the power to transform lives from sin to holiness and heal wounded hearts," said Ramirez.

Church members established a ministry team to pray during and after the series for individual transformation leading to baptisms. Eleven people were baptized at the end of the series, one more has been baptized since, and several more are still doing baptismal preparation studies. "We do not want our prayer ministry to end until Jesus comes in all majesty and glory," Ramirez said.

Expenses for the series came to about \$3,000. While members contributed the major part, a portion came from the Conference Advance offering collected monthly in Nevada-Utah Conference churches.

The Reno/Sparks Hispanic congregation can testify that even low-budget evangelism can yield big returns.



Jose Garabito and his son, Esteban David, take turns in baptismal tank.

Godofredo and Maria Mejorado are about to be baptized by their new pastor.

Denny Krause

Home Health Providers Meet Needs and Touch Hearts

hen someone becomes ill, has an accident or undergoes a major surgery, there's no place like home for an extended recovery. Seniors, disabled citizens and others depend on home care services to remain healthy, stable and out of costly hospitals and rehab facilities.

For decades, caring for the elderly, disabled and chronically ill at home has provided a dignified and highly efficient method of treatment. Adventist Health Home Care staff members offer a variety of services and are trained to provide professional and compassionate care to patients of all ages.



All offer the same quality care Adventist Health has been delivering for more than a century. The home health caregivers often become an extended member of the family for whom they are caring. Many times, these professionals go beyond the scope of their jobs and provide much more than physical healing.

Neither Rain Nor Snow

In the dead of winter, Ruby* was discharged to Magalia, in Butte County, Calif. When nurse Debra Nelson arrived, she found Ruby in a home without power. Snow was falling with no signs of letting up. Nelson was there to instruct the patient's caregiver, Janine*, on how to infuse IV antibiotics. Because Ruby had no electricity, Janine planned to

> take Ruby home with her, but could not get up the driveway to pick her up.

Nelson shoveled the snow-covered driveway so Janine could get a truck close to the house. She then helped load Ruby into Janine's truck. While shoveling snow isn't in her job description, this is the kind of nurse that Nelson is — caring for people regardless of the circumstances.

Adventist Health/Home Care Services has 14 locations.





Filling the Gap

Howard* came in for his flu shot and looked good. Because, he had been a previous home health patient, Diana, the Adventist Health nurse, stopped by the house to say hello during the holidays and learned he was not feeling well.

Concerned, she stopped in again in a couple of days, and learned Howard had been taken to the hospital. Sadly, he passed away shortly afterwards. A few days later, Diana went to visit Howard's widow, Dorothy*, to see how she was doing. During her visit, she learned that Howard had written just one single Christmas card before he died — to Diana. With a shaky hand, he penned:

"It's impossible for words to describe how I felt after baptism," wrote Howard. "I joined the Oddfellows, thought I had filled the gap, it didn't. So I joined the Mason's lodge, am a 32 Mason, thought that was it, it wasn't. When I was baptized, the gap was filled. Thanks to you and Steven. I only hope I can come to church some Saturday. Thank you and Happy Holidays. Howard."

After the Fire Was Out

Hanford Home Health patient Robert* was at home with his wife when a fire started in their kitchen. Thankfully, both were able to escape without serious injuries; however, Robert suffered from severe smoke inhalation and was rushed to the hospital. Unfortunately, they lost their home. Robert's wife lived with friends while he was in the hospital.

In keeping with the Adventist Health mission, the staff rallied and raised funds as well as food donations to help during the difficult few months. The home health team reached out to the local Seventh-day Adventist church in Hanford, sharing Robert's story. The church and home care agency worked together, providing comfort and care during this family's challenging time.

For more information or questions regarding Adventist Health/Home Care Services please visit,

www.adventisthealth.org/hospitals-and-services/home-care-services. * Names have been changed to protect patient privacy.

CALENDARS

Arizona

CENTRAL CHURCH Annual Car Show (March 2) Line up at 10:30 a.m., 777 W. Montecito Ave., Phoenix, held in conjunction with the Seventh Avenue Street Fair. Bring your car, finished or not, cars are in different stages of restoration.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & Donations Operations Training (March 2-3) Cottonwood church, 51 W. Mingus, Phoenix. Co-instructors, Charlene Sargent and Pastor Robert Lawson. Sab., 3-5 p.m.; Sun., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday's fee of \$20 includes training manual, credentials and lunch. Info: Robert Lawson, ralawson74@hotmail. com or 928-649-1447 or 928-254-8345.

ASIAN PACIFIC MINISTRIES Evangelistic Meetings (March 7-23) Tucson. Info: 520-404-8059.

HISPANIC PATHFINDER CAMPOREE (March 8-10) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. Info: Cynthia, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

ARIZONA WOMEN'S MINISTRY Mini-Retreat (March 10) 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus

Rd., Phoenix. Speaker: Gisella Montana. Registration info: 623-935-6010.

Central California

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/VBS Training (March 1-3) CCC office. Info: Rosa, 559-347-3183, rgillham@cccsda.org.

PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE (March 2) CCC office. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174, spasillas@cccsda.org.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR (March 2) Mountain View church. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142, ministries@cccsda.org.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEEN Retreat (March 8-10) Camp Wawona. Info: Wanda, 559-347-3169, wflowers@ cccsda.org.

LATTER RAIN POWER (March 8-9) A prayer conference for all ages. Ceres. Guést speaker: Pastor Jose Rojas. Info: Joyce, 559-696-3692, joycemulligan@ sbcglobal.net.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR (March 16) Modesto Central church. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142, ministries@cccsda.org.

SIERRA VIEW JR. ACADEMY 60th Alumni Weekend (March 15-16) 3/15 - Golf Tournament: 3/16 - Sabbath Celebration 10 a.m. Potluck. 19933

Avenue 256, Exeter, CA 93221. Info: 559-592-3689 or www.sierraviewjunioracademy.org.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP to Puerto Rico (March 22-31). Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174.

HEALTH SEMINAR (March 23) Fresno. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3142, ministries@cccsda.org.

CLERKS & TREASURERS Training (March 31) CCC office. Clerks: Debbie, 559-347-3194, damador@cccsda.org; Treasurers: Claudia, 559-347-3196, carias@cccsda.org.

GIRLS' & GUYS' RETREAT (Apil 12-14) Girls at Soquel. Guys at Camp Wawona. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174.

La Sierra University

MUSIC DEPT EVENTS: Isreal Flores student piano recital (March 2) 7 p.m.; Student String Chamber Concert (March 6) 7 p.m.; Winter Wind Ensemble and Big Band concert (March 9) 7 p.m.; and

Student Wind and Percussion Chamber Concert (March 13) 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

FESTIVAL OF ONE ACTS (March 2, 3, 7, 9, 10) 8 p.m. Matheson Hall. Student talent is showcased in one-act plays featuring student directors and actors. Info: 951-785-2241, drama@lasierra.

SPRING BREAK (March 22-31) Info: 800-874-5587.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP takes place Fridays at 8 p.m. at the LSU church. Info: 951-785-2090.

Nevada-Utah

LAS VEGAS AREA-WIDE Church Ministries Leaders Training (March 9) Paradise church, 4575 South Sandhill Rd., Las Vegas. 2-6 p.m. Supper provided. Info: 775-322-6929, nucyouthdirector@ gmail.com. Also presented in Spanish.

SALT LAKE CITY AREA-WIDE Church Ministries Leaders Training (March 16)

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Wasatch Hills church, 2139 Foothill Dr., Salt Lake City. 2-6 p.m. Supper provided. Info: 775-322-6929, nucyouthdirector@ gmail.com. Also presented in Spanish.

RENO AREA-WIDE Church Ministries Training for Church Leaders (March 23) Sparks church, 2990 Rock Blvd., Sparks, Nev. 2-6 p.m. Supper provided. Info: 775-322-6929, nucyouthdirector@ gmail.com. Also presented in Spanish.

PATHFINDERS YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Training, Adventurers and Master Guides (April 5-7) Las Vegas Junior Academy, 6059 W. Oakey Blvd, Las Vegas. Info: 775-322-6929, nucyouthdirector@ gmail.com. Also presented in Spanish.

Northern California Conference

PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

(March 2) 1:30 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Info: 925-603-5080.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Training (March 3) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. NCC Headquarters, 401 Taylor Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Learn about this year's featured program, "Investigation Station: the Genesis Factor" with lessons about creation, the flood, the Sabbath and

more. Learn craft and snack options. Info: 925-603-5082.

FRIDAY KIDS' NIGHT (March 8 & 22) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Vallejo Berea church, 833 Louisiana Street, Vallejo. This twice-monthly program is an outreach to neighborhood kids. Includes dinner, VBS-style programming and a community kids' choir. Volunteers are needed for this and other kids' outreach activities. Info: 707-373-0140.

NEW DATES! Prayer Retreat (March 15-17) Leoni Meadows. Speakers Ricardo and Audrey Graham. Experience spiritual growth, revival and total commitment to God's power. Info and registration: 530-312-3831, NorCal-Prayer@gmail.com.

NCC MISSION TRIP (March 20-31) Santiago, Panama. Please pray for God's

RETIRO DE DAMAS (March 22-24) Hispanic Women's Retreat. Leoni Meadows, Speaker: Elizabeth Talbot. Info: 925-603-5092.

PATHFINDER BIKE-A-THON (April 7) Sacramento Area. Info: 925-603-5080.

Southeastern California

KITE DAY (March 3) 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Mission Bay, San Diego. This event is held annually in San Diego area. Parents can actually join in the fun of creating the kite with Pathfinders. All kites flown are to be made by the Pathfinder flying them. Info: Judi Jeffreys, 951-509-2265, judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org.

HANDBELL FESTIVAL (March 8) 7 p.m. La Sierra University Alumni Pavilion. 32nd annual Handbell Festival sponsored by SECC. Clinician for the festival is Michele Sarik; students from SECC schools will hold a concert Friday night. Info: 951-509-2321.

BEHOLD YOUR GOD, A Prayer Encounter (March 8-10) Piné Springs Ranch. Sponsored by Southeastern and Southern California conferences Prayer Ministries. Jumpstart your prayer life, grow your faith and experience a personal encounter with God. Speaker: Pavel Goia. Info: http://pray2013. eventbrite.com Registration: Peggy Tomat, 909-795-6990, pjt.ljt@verizon. net: Michael Roland, 818-389-7893, michaelroland@verizon.net.

BIBLE QUIZ-A-RAMA (March 9) 4:30 p.m., Mt. Rubidoux church. Ouiz is based on 1 & 2 Kings.

LIVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Workshop Training (March 10 & 24) 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Loma Linda Filipino Church, 1-5 p.m. Corona church. Take advantage of early discount; register online, www. seccyouth.com. VBS kit given to every church represented. Go to the link to get a quick overview of "Investigation Štation": http://childmin.com/VBS/ view video.php. Info: 951-509-2060.

WESTPOINT 2013: Sailing to Heaven's Shore (March 31-April 3) The Queen Mary Hotel, Long Beach, Calif. Three days of speakers and seminars designed to inspire and strengthen God's call to connect your community with Christ, for pastors. Register now at www.AdventistWestPoint.org. Info: 805-413-7254.

Southern California Conference

ABC HEALTH FAIR (March 3) Blood pressure, body fat analysis, cholesterol screening, exercise demonstrations and more. Free admission. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 1501 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale 91206. Info: 818-546-8552.

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LOS ANGELES ADVENTIST Academy Alumni & 90th Anniversary (March 8-10) Career Education Day & luncheon, vespers & alumni choir rehearsal. Student/Alumni basketball and alumni association meeting. 846 El Segundo Blvd., Los Angeles 90059. Info: 323-321-2585, LAAAAlumniWeekend2013@ gmail.com.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT (March 9) featuring choral music with the Glendale City Sanctuary Choir and the Mountainside Master Chorale. 4 p.m. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

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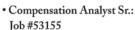
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