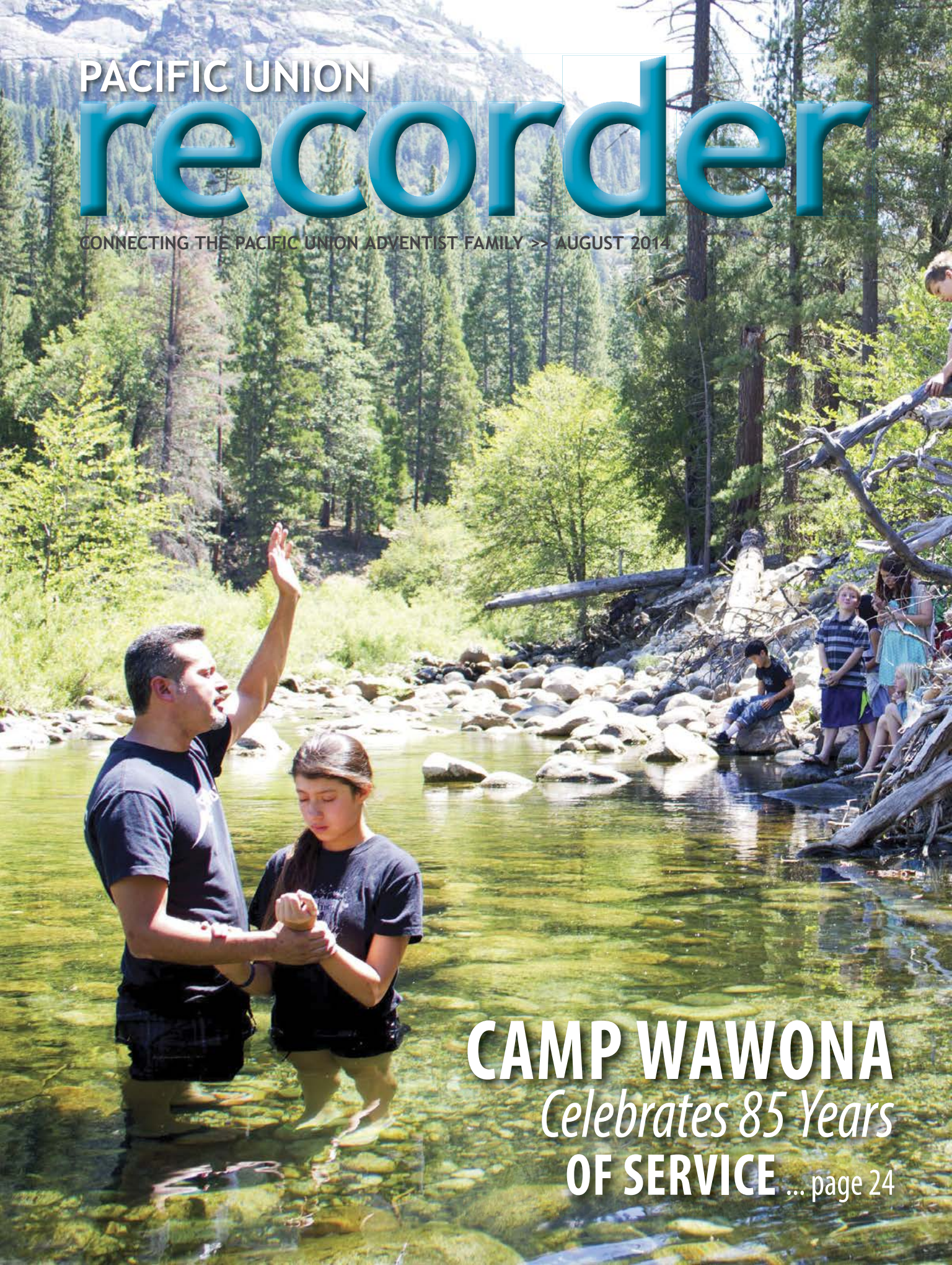


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"Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."  
— Exodus 20:8

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A camper is baptized in the South Fork of the Merced River at Camp Wawona in 2013. Wawona, which hosts summer camps and year-round lodging, began in 1929. It is the only Seventh-day Adventist-owned camp located inside a national park (Yosemite, Central California). Sept. 19-21, staff and campers spanning decades of ministry will gather to celebrate and reconnect at the camp.

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# How Close?

Perhaps you've heard the story of the man who was auditioning for a new chauffeur. After checking drivers' license, DMV records, and referrals, he devised a simple test to discern the driving skill and the mental attitude of the potential drivers.

He directed the last three candidates, one after another, to drive up a mountainous road and to approach the edge of the road to the shoulder that came near a precipitous cliff. The first driver took the limousine within 10 feet of the cliff. The owner dismissed him and welcomed the next applicant. He came within five feet of the cliff. The owner breathed a sigh of relief and thanked him for coming.

I'll get to the third applicant in a moment.

I recently attended a spiritual retreat held in our union. One of the presenters, admitting his own challenge with watching violence on TV, encouraged his listeners to think about their TV viewing habits. Of course, the concept could be extended to video rentals or purchases, internet games and other opportunities. He particularly focused on the professional American version of football, organized as the National Football League.

As he spoke, I thought about the NFL broadcasts. I counted a few games broadcast weekly during the season — Sunday afternoons, and Monday and Thursday nights. I was personally challenged to review my own TV watching habits. Psalm 101:3 states, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes." Of course, this broad statement was written before modern media was invented, but I think the principle applies to us today, don't you?

Admittedly, there is a lot of violence in our society. It surrounds us daily. Consider "entertainment" on broadcast and cable TV, the Internet, DVDs and now via direct streaming to all the mobile devices and more. The violent themes on the "boob tube" are also laced with a heavy dose of sexual innuendo and a lot of what

is referred to as "soft porn." The crime shows almost exclusively portray violence to women, glamourizing their victimization in graphic terms.

Then there is boxing, where the combatants' goal is to incapacitate their opponents. Is such fare fit for the Christian?

Some of us castigate the ancient Romans for the brutality of the gladiator matches, with the "thumbs up or down" that sent many losers to their deaths, but are we as a society any better

**While I might regret the hours spent watching football, boxing and other sporting events, "regular" TV or surfing the Internet, I will never regret the time I spend in prayer and Bible study.**

with our cheering when the quarterback is sacked or some receiver is slammed by a defensive lineman? Do we enjoy watching pugilists attempting to incapacitate their opponent in the MMA matches?

People educated in the effect of television on our minds may tell us that constant viewing of television threatens our spirituality.

"All should guard the senses, lest Satan gain victory over them; for these are the avenues to the soul. Avoid reading and seeing things which will suggest impure thoughts. Cultivate the moral and intellectual powers. Among the most dangerous resorts of pleasure is the theater. Instead of being a school of morality and virtue, as is so often claimed, it is the very hotbed of immorality. Vicious habits and sinful propensities are strengthened and confirmed by these entertainments. Low songs, lewd gestures, expressions, and attitudes deprave the imagination and debase the morals. Every youth who habitually attends such exhibitions will be corrupted in principle. There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life than theatrical amusements" (Ellen G. White, MLT, 86).

Pretty strong words, don't you think? But the prophet is on to something, at least in my opinion. Strong words of warning written in love long ago. Is this advice still valid? I think so.

While I might regret, for a multiplicity of reasons, the hours spent watching football, boxing, and other "sporting" events, or just "regular TV" or surfing the 'net, I don't think I will ever regret the time I spend in prayer and Bible study.

One can be used of God to build my spiritual connection to Him and shape my character for eternity; the other, not so much. Which will we choose?

Now back to the story: The third chauffeur candidate was a young woman. She handled the limousine with such great precision, gently braked at stoplights and cornered so well that the owner was definitely impressed. On the final test, when directed to see how close she could bring the vehicle to the edge of the same area as the other drivers, she didn't leave the road, not even to take the tires to the shoulder of the road. . . . "Is that as close as you can get?" the limousine owner asked her. "Sir," she responded, "this is as close as I want to get!" She was hired on the spot.

How close do we want to get? The power of choice is ours.

*Ricardo Graham*





# PUC Awards Five 2014

# Maxwell Scholars

**A**mong the incoming freshman coming to Pacific Union College in September are five exceptional students who have been chosen as this year's recipients of the Maxwell Scholarship. Named for PUC's iconic presidential couple, Dr. Malcolm and Eileen Maxwell, this prestigious award is given to students who show outstanding academic achievement, exceptional leadership experience, and a commitment to Christian service. The Maxwell Scholar Program awards recipients a \$15,000 renewable scholarship for all four years they attend PUC.

## Alexander Chang

Alexander Chang of Grass Valley, Calif., dedicated his high school career at Pine Hills

Adventist Academy to scholastic, athletic and extracurricular success. The Grass Valley, Calif., native was student association president his senior year, starting new programs like PHYSICS (Pine Hills Youth Spiritually Invigorating Campus Soldiers) and a Kicks 4 Kids shoe drive. During high school, this natural leader also won awards in multiple sports and captained the basketball and flag football teams. Alex has been on six mission trips since 2006, assisting with construction projects, medical and dental services, Vacation Bible School, and week of prayer programs. He also succeeded scholastically as a member of the National Honor Society and as the recipient of PHAA's top academic awards in multiple subjects. Alex is looking forward to starting classes at PUC in September. "I'm really excited to study subjects that really interest me, meet new friends, make lifelong memories, and grow closer to God with my fellow students," he shares.

## Lauren Chang

Lauren Chang first heard about the Maxwell Scholarship in the pages of the *Recorder*, and since then hoped to be chosen as for the award. Like her twin brother Alex, Lauren is a model student, true leader, and compassionate volunteer. She served as social vice president of the Pine Hills Adventist Academy student association during her senior year and president of her class during junior year. Lauren founded PHAA's first student newspaper, *A Bird's Eye View*. She traveled on six mission trips, volunteers at the Grass Valley church, and actively contributes her time at numerous community organizations. Lauren is a superstar academic: she was a member of the National Honor Society, received PHAA academic awards for multiple subjects, and won the "Take a Challenge" Project Award. Along with her many athletic and extracurricular pursuits, Lauren served as a medical research assistant, and like her brother, is listed as an

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Lauren Chang

author on papers published in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

## Kallie Griffin

Kallie Griffin has already started making the world a better place. As president of Paradise Adventist Academy's associated student body her senior year, Griffin led programs and events to support "Four Pillars": community, outreach, spirituality, and academic successes. This busy leader had gained experience in various positions each year of high school. Kallie, who hopes to be a physician, accumulated many volunteer hours travelling on mission trips to Honduras and the Dominican Republic, working as a camp counselor, and contributing to her church's Vacation Bible School. PUC is glad to welcome this excellent student, multi-talented



Alexander Chang



Kallie Griffin

instrumentalist and vocalist, and well-rounded athlete as she continues to make a difference!

### John Jung

John Jung, of San Diego, Calif., is a busy man. In addition to his exemplary academic achievements, this graduate of Del Norte High School has participated in multiple volunteer and mission programs, including trips to Mexico and Korea to provide construction and medical aid and spiritual programs like Vacation Bible School. John also regularly visited nursing



John Jung

homes, health expos, hospitals, and fundraisers to provide voluntary assistance to those in need. He also pursued leadership opportunities within his church. The Maxwell Scholarship is the latest of John's recognitions, which include awards from the National Honor Society, the California Scholarship Federation, California State Recognition for community service, and others.

### Dominique Townsend

Redlands, Calif., native Dominique Townsend was chosen as a Maxwell Scholar for her dedication to scholastic excellence, spiritual leadership, and community service. At Loma Linda Academy, Dominique co-founded Youth Exceeding Limits, a non-profit organization that encourages children to be engaged with their health, wellness and education. She travelled with Youth Exceeding Limits on a service trip to Haiti that offered medical clinics, food delivery, construction assistance, and a Vacation Bible

School program. Dominique adds smarts to her service; she became a member of the National Honor Society in her junior year and was the LLA's society president her senior year. Her interests outside of school include music — she sings and plays piano, violin, and guitar — horseback riding, and soccer.

When she heard she was selected for the award, Dominique, who will pursue a degree in English education, felt it was an answer to

prayer. "To me, receiving this scholarship shows that as long as I continue to follow God's plan for my life, He will keep His promises and take care of everything I need," she says. "This scholarship means that my hard work is appreciated,



Dominique Townsend

and though that's not why I've done and will continue to do such work, it is always nice to be recognized for hard work."

### Semi-Finalists

In addition to the five Maxwell Scholars, five semi-finalists are selected. The 2014 semi-finalists are Stefaan Dick of PUC Preparatory School, Mark and Matthew Corbin of Sparkman High School, Sabrina Mastiff of Burney Junior Senior High School, and Brianna Richardson of Centennial High School.

These scholars will join hundreds of freshmen from around the world for orientation at PUC beginning Sept. 17. To learn more about the Maxwell Scholarship and the other scholarships and grants available at PUC, visit [puc.edu/admissions](http://puc.edu/admissions).

*Emily Mathe and Cambria Wheeler*



# Twenty La Sierra Students Dedicate Their Lives to Christ

**W**hen students approach La Sierra University's Spiritual Life office for baptismal classes, they usually arrive with many questions, particularly about how to live after baptism, said Pastor Sam Leonor, LSU chaplain.

"The most common questions are, 'How does a person who has surrendered their life to Jesus actually live day by day? What are the implications of taking my faith seriously? How do I keep growing in my faith? How can I be a good witness to the love of God if I feel so unqualified?'" he said.

This past school year, 20 students confronted those questions as they prepared for their public declaration of their commitment to God and the Christian life. They gave their testimonies

during three baptismal services in December, March, and during the annual outdoor baptism on Founders' Green at the school year's end. This year's final service occurred on June 6, a balmy Friday evening during which 11 students were baptized and one made a declaration of faith to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Naomi Magaoay, a resident of Barstow and native of Hawaii, had a lifelong interest in religion influenced by her father, who took her to Sunday services at a Baptist church. But after her parents' divorce, her opportunities for church attendance were intermittent. She arrived at La Sierra University two years ago to study pre-nursing and with a desire for religious connection and wholeness. She learned about

the university through her high school's college readiness class, AVID.

Magaoay completed her pre-nursing program in June and has been accepted into the Loma Linda University School of Nursing. Throughout most of her two years at La Sierra she listened during university worship services to baptismal class invitations from Leonor, but was afraid to publicly show her interest. During one service, however, the chaplain offered students a new way to respond — just send a text message to his phone with their names and he would contact them about baptism and Bible studies. "It was kind of like a door opened for me," Magaoay said. "I felt like this was God's way of opening up my heart to Him."

She texted her name and eventually studied with Leonor's assistant chaplain, Martin Corona, for two months before her June 6 baptism along with the other students. Her mother, brother, two sisters and friends witnessed her public declaration of commitment to Christ, a complete turnaround from the shy student who was afraid to make known her heart-felt interest in God. "It felt life-changing," Magaoay said. "To be a part of it felt so good, so comfortable."

Over the past months, Magaoay says her life has changed as she has drawn closer to God, including a dedication to Sabbath observance. "You notice things God does for you," she said.

For Jason Anthony, a recent graduate with business and music degrees, baptism represented a decision he'd made months earlier to dedicate his life to Christ. It was the culmination of a strengthening of his relationship with God that began in Thailand where he grew up, and that blossomed at La Sierra where he found a spiritual community and foundation that had previously been missing from his life. "I felt a lot of gratitude," he said in describing the baptism. His mother, Penjit Anthony, flew from Thailand for that moment, and for her son's graduation the following weekend. "I was very thankful to God, the university and pastoral staff and everything that led me to this decision," Anthony said. "I remember saying to myself, 'Lord, my life is yours. Take it.'"

NATAN VIGNA



*Caitlin Cuenca is baptized by La Sierra University campus chaplain Sam Leonor. She was one of 20 university students baptized this year.*

LARRY BECKER



**Jason Anthony, a 2014 business management/music major, found La Sierra University's spiritual life really invigorated him. He decided to be baptized just a week before graduation.**

Anthony and his sister, Vanisara "Nikki" Ryb-kina, a 2011 La Sierra business alumna, were raised as Seventh-day Adventists. Their parents, Nathan and Penjit Anthony, joined Adventism from Catholic and Buddhist backgrounds, respectively. While his relationship with God was always strong, without a substantive Adventist community to fall back on, Sabbath observance was somewhat intermittent,

Anthony said. Many Saturdays during high school he spent teaching English, music, taking lessons or participating in military training through his country's reserve officers' training corps program.

He enrolled in La Sierra in 2010, following his sister, who came to La Sierra in 2007 on scholarships. While he worked long hours to earn two degrees, Anthony discovered a community of

faith that invigorated him. "I really, really liked the spiritual life here, and the Church @ Noon [LSU church service] was great. It really spoke to me," Anthony said. He began attending both the university's Friday night First Service events as well as church on Sabbath regularly. And he witnessed the baptism of other students, including that of his sister. "Every time I saw someone get baptized it felt like, 'Yeah, I want to do that, but I'm not sure,'" Anthony said.

Finally, in the summer of 2013, in response to a baptismal class invitation that spring from Leonor during university worship, Anthony began baptismal studies. "I would read the Bible, come up with questions and we would discuss them," he said.

Anthony's baptism was the highlight of an eventful spring quarter. He graduated June 15 with dual bachelor's degrees in business management and music and was honored for his consistently high achievements with the President's Award for Outstanding University Undergraduate Student. Throughout his college career, he made the Business Dean's List and won second place this year in La Sierra's annual Concerto Competition for his performance on flute. He plans to continue teaching music once the new school year starts. "I'm still trying to see what God wants me to do," Anthony said.

*Darla Martin Tucker*



**Each spring quarter at La Sierra University concludes with a baptismal service outdoors on Founders' Green. A tank is built into the Founders' Green stage. Hundreds attend this service each year.**



# Loma Linda University Health Hosts EXSEED Conference for Math and Science Teachers

**R**esearch has shown that if children haven't developed a foundation in math and science as early as the fifth grade, their ability to be successful in these areas in high school and college is lessened. This affects their ability to pursue fields including medicine and dentistry.

Determined to engage their students and gain tools and strategies to help them succeed in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), 100 kindergarten through 12th grade educators from Adventist elementary schools and academies throughout the North American Division gathered at Loma Linda University Health June 23 to 27 to attend the EXSEED (Excellence in STEM Experimental Education) conference. Educators from Jamaica, Curacao and Bonaire, and local public school districts joined, as well.

In his keynote address, Charles F. McMillan, Ph.D., nuclear physicist and director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, affirmed the importance of their work as educators and mentors. McMillan, who holds a Ph.D. in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in physics and math from Washington Adventist University, left them with a challenge. "Many scientists I've met," he said, "remember the name of the teacher who awakened their interest in math or science.

"The brightest minds in the country work at Los Alamos National Laboratory. As science and math teachers, you play an incredible role in the future of our country. Every year, Los Alamos needs 100 to 200 Ph.Ds. To help meet this need, I challenge each of you, during your career, to produce two students who will go on to earn a Ph.D."

Richard Osborn, Ph.D., vice president of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, presented Monday's second keynote. He highlighted the changing ecology of education, including the role of faculty (teaching, research and course design) as well as highlighting innovation and the new settings in which education is taking place.



*During the fourth annual EXSEED conference for K-12 math and science educators at Loma Linda University Health, Ivan Rouse, Ph.D. (far right), chair, physics department, La Sierra University, demonstrates how to use an iPad and a Pasco force sensor to measure the force exerted by a spring as it is stretched. Pictured (l. to r.): Anthony Schmidt, graduate student; Dawn Campanello, Kirkland Adventist School; and Monte Saxby, Skagit Adventist Academy.*

During workshops, teachers explored iPad integration in the mathematics classroom; studying sound and light; physics and medicine; 3-D printing in the classroom; and Lego robotics.

Pamela Forbes, Ph.D., associate superintendent of education, Southern California Conference, says of the conference, "STEM is going to help bring our kids and schools into the 21st century by being able to compete with things like 3D printing and collaborative work."

Marilyn Eggers, Ph.D., co-executive director of EXSEED, encouraged participants to connect with each other. "Learn what inspires one another so together you can start growing ideas."

"I teach at Kirkland Adventist School in Kirkland, Washington," says Dawn Campanello.

"Kirkland is a small school, and the conference was helpful because it provided opportunities for me to meet and begin to network with other Adventist science and math teachers."

Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president, LLUH, envisioned EXSEED as a way for LLU and Adventist higher education to partner with K-12 science educators and has evolved to include technology, engineering and math.

Six Adventist colleges and universities are currently EXSEED partners with LLU: Andrews, La Sierra and Walla Walla Universities, and Pacific Union, Kettering and Union colleges.

*Nancy Yuen*



# Boulder City Youth Engage in Mission Service

The Boulder City church has focused on developing its youth to become leaders in church as well as society. There has never been an organized or formal program, just an insistent willingness to provide opportunities that encourage the youth to plan, participate and lead out in church functions and roles. Possibly the most visible result of this philosophy has played out this year as three of the church's youth have chosen to seek out mission experiences, accepting significant responsibilities in foreign countries.

## Lauren Spickelmier

Lauren Spickelmier took a year off from her studies at Walla Walla University to teach first grade at the Yap Seventh-day Adventist School. One of the Federated States of Micronesia, Yap is a small island several hundred miles south of Guam.

Growing up with an adventurous spirit, Spickelmier always enjoyed trying new things, was game for exploring the unknown or uncertain, and aimed to go faster and farther each day. And so, when she felt a desire to serve God in a tangible and direct way, she applied for a student missionary assignment. She was delighted when she was selected to teach at the Adventist school



*Lauren Spickelmier enjoys two of her students while teaching as a student missionary on the Micronesian island of Yap.*

in Tomil, Yap — a school with a local reputation of academic excellence, resulting in many prominent local citizens sending their children to be educated there. The ethical and moral foundation that anchors the academic instruction is a bonus benefit.

Given that many of the teachers are young and have little teaching experience, it is amazing that the school can produce students that rank high on standard government tests. Principal Raian Villacruel gives the credit to God: "While the student missionaries that come to our school are amazingly talented and we try to provide as much assistance as we can, God's hand is evident in all our successes." Spickelmier received help in preparing for her assignment from teaching mentors Tonya Wessman, from Rogers Elementary School in College Place, Wash., and Kathy O'Hara Forbis, a former teacher at Las Vegas Junior Academy.

"While there were some trials, this was a tremendous experience," says Spickelmier. "I've grown closer to God and was able to introduce my students to a loving God who cares for them. This past year has solidified my choice of elementary education as my career. I will really miss my students and the friends I made on the island." Many of Spickelmier's experiences are documented on [www.laurensinyap.blogspot.com](http://www.laurensinyap.blogspot.com).

## Brooke Spickelmier

Not to be outdone by her twin sister, Brooke Spickelmier has also been on a recent mission trip. Brooke's missionary experience took her to Fiji to participate in an evangelistic campaign under the auspices of The Quiet Hour and ShareHim, a ministry of the Carolina Conference. As a freshman theology major at Walla Walla University, Brooke was given

the responsibility of preaching more than 17 sermons in the Latoka area of Fiji over a three-week period.

When asked about her impressions of Fiji and its people, she mentioned the openness of the people to discuss spiritual things, adding, "The people actively live their Christian beliefs." She was also impressed with the sacrifices church members made in an effort to reach out to their communities.

## Ryan Isaacs

Ryan Isaacs is scheduled to leave on a Maranatha-sponsored trip to the Dominican Republic in July of this year. Activities will range from construction to medical assistance to spiritual outreach, but Isaacs doesn't know exactly how he will be utilized.

As youth from the Boulder City church continue to take on significant responsibilities



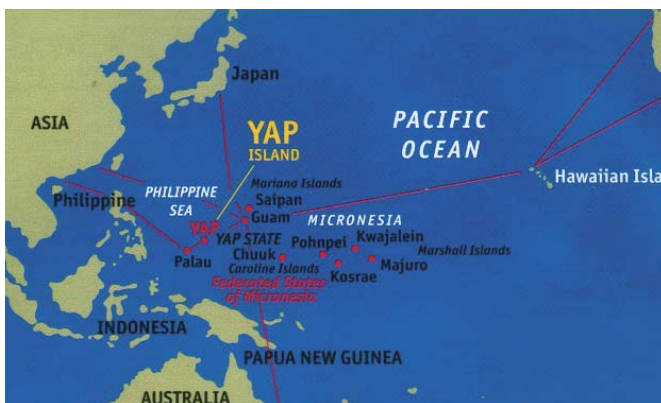
*While in the Fiji, Brooke Spickelmier had many opportunities to fellowship with her new friends.*



*During a Sabbath school class, Brooke Spickelmier, Ryan Isaacs and Lauren Spickelmier share their enthusiasm for mission work.*

with enthusiasm and competency, they are being prepared for major leadership positions as God guides, directs and develops their gifts and abilities. "Our church family is so proud of the accomplishments of youth and young adults who are now leading the way for future generations," says Pastor Tammy Losey. "Their adventurous examples of faith and exciting living testimonies are an inspiration to us all."

*John Johnson*





# Hawaii Churches Recognize Service Members

**O**n May 17-19, after months of planning and coordinating, Honolulu Japanese church and neighboring SDA churches came together to acknowledge and honor the men and women, particularly those of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, for their service in the United States Armed Forces.

The theme for the weekend was “A Heart of Service,” which aimed to highlight the service and sacrifice of the countless members of the faith that continue to serve their nation, sometimes in the most challenging of situations. The guest speaker was Chaplain Gary Council, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired, and North American Division Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries director.

Friday started with a simple worship, supported by the Honolulu Central church praise team and the singing group Revival Ministry at Fort DeRussy, to begin the Sabbath. Sabbath



*Pastor Mark Duarte (third from right) and those currently serving stand with Col. Gary Council (fourth from right).*

morning, a worship service was held at the Honolulu Japanese church.

The Aiea Pathfinder color guard team posted the colors and the Samoan Gospel Heralds led the praise service.

Prior to beginning his sermon, Council gave Adventist service member coins to all veterans who attended the service. In attendance were a retired general and veterans from World War II, the Korean War, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Iraq and Afghanistan.

Council titled his sermon “Anything Can Happen” and read from Mark 2:1-12 where Jesus heals a paralyzed man that was lowered into the house through the roof because the room was packed with people. Council’s message focused on the theme that anything can happen when you trust in God.

Throughout Council’s visit, he emphasized service in the Armed Forces, as well as service to Christ. “This entire weekend was such a blessing because Chaplain Council was able to bridge a gap between members of the Armed Forces and members of the civilian population,” said Monte Newbill Sr., personal ministry director for Honolulu Japanese church and one of the organizers of the event. “It revealed to our church members the struggles and the blessings



*Sergeant Master Gary Skyers, U.S. Army, delivers the morning prayer.*

of being a soldier for Christ and a soldier in the Armed Forces.”

“The leadership both in the church and in the military was shared by Chaplain Council, and I am sure the members were blessed and our military men and women were honored as they deserve,” said Pastor Mark Duarte.

Council and his wife, Joyce, also spent time with the Waimanalo church where he served as pastor from 2000-2002 while stationed in Hawaii as an active duty chaplain.

*Monte Newbill*



*Chaplain Gary Council shares stories of God’s faithfulness.*



*Hawaii’s senior Adventist chaplain, Colonel Jonathan McGraw, talks about PTSD during Sabbath school breakfast and worship.*



# Maui Women's Ministries Unite for Annual Retreat

The fifth annual Maui Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by LEHUA, the Lahaina church's women's ministry, featured speaker Michele Seibel, prayer ministry director for the Hawaii Conference. Evy Wyrstek and Naomi Bleau organized the event.

The weekend began with sundown vespers on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Kahului church. Judith Rivera welcomed guests and prayed for their dinner and fellowship. Eleanor Bell, women's ministry leader for the Kihei church, led songs of praise. Many shared how they appreciated the participation of all three Maui churches — Kahului, Kihei, and Lahaina.

Seibel's first message was entitled, "The Bridegroom's Bride," highlighting how the Heavenly Father makes each individual feel like His favorite. One remarked, "I felt as if I was getting married all over again."

On Sabbath morning, Oct. 19, the group of about 50 women met at the Lahaina church for a short walk to the harbor, where they boarded The Trilogy I, owned by the Coon Family. During their voyage, a pod of about 350 dolphins surrounded the vessel, making for an exciting trip.

After docking at the Lanai harbor, the group began worship. Seibel spoke on "The Bridegroom's Voice," Matthew 25, reminding all to

be ready for that day. After worship, the crew of the Trilogy served a hot meal on the beautiful isle of Lanai.

Back on Maui, the group returned to the Lahaina church for the final session. Seibel finished with a message from Psalm 89:15: "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance."

*Dawn Sombelon*



**Michele Seibel, Hawaii Prayer Ministries director, shares a message on the love of the Bridegroom.**



**Participants board Trilogy I at Lahaina harbor.**



**Women from three churches gather in unity at Kahului church.**



**The women spent Sabbath morning praising the Creator on the island of Lanai.**



# Arizona Hispanic Women's Ministry Celebrates 25 Years

Concluding her 25th consecutive year as the Hispanic Women's Ministry coordinator, Maria Denny said, "It has been a real privilege to be a part of this ministry. What a joy to be a tool to help other women find Christ. All the hugs and tears the women expressed indicate the heartfelt emotions and renewed direction in each life."

The April 25-27 weekend event drew 278 women, with about 45 newcomers. "I didn't plan to come, but God brought me here for a reason," said one. "Now I want to go back home to talk with others about what God has done in my life."

North American Division Women's Ministry director Carla Baker spoke on the importance of keeping women involved in the church preaching the gospel and bringing others to Christ. Ruth Collins, Hispanic Ministries secretary for the Pacific Union, translated Baker's talk into Spanish.

Dr. Liz Ednid Polanco, motivational speaker from Puerto Rico, sang between her presentations. The subject of her presentation was "By His Spirit," with emphasis on being transformed by the Holy Spirit in mentoring, allowing forgiveness, and teaching children to know and grow in Christ by allowing Him to work in their lives.

Sabbath morning guest speaker Pastor Alejandro Bullón encouraged the women to love and follow Christ in their own unique way.

The Saturday night banquet featured a comic fashion show where all dressed in fancy gowns

and decorative masks. Music for the evening featured local talent from several Arizona churches. Sam Denny, a professional chef from Chili's, planned and provided the food, including cheese and spinach stuffed cannelloni and chocolate mousse with raspberries for desert.

After one of her talks, Polanco invited the women who wanted to surrender their lives to Christ to come forward, signifying their total commitment to Christ.

*Shirley Chipman*

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**Hispanic Women's Director Maria Denny and Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile share the Sabbath morning podium.**



**The Camp Yavapines sanctuary held 278 Hispanic women.**



**Ladies from various churches participate in the Friday evening communion service.**



**Dr. Liz Ednid Polanco shared her testimony in experiences and song.**

# Pacific Union Sponsors Dynamic Prison Ministry Weekend



*Certified as lay prison evangelists, these workers are ready to continue in their diversified prison ministry work.*

The Arizona Conference hosted a three-day prison ministry seminar in Scottsdale May 23-25 sponsored by the Pacific Union. Daniel McManus, lay chaplain, Virginia Correctional Center for Women, and Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations and Affiliates president. Betty Kelley represented the Pacific Union and BJ Warren the Arizona Conference.

The mission of APMOA is to make an impact on humanity for Christ by organizing, training and supporting persons involved in prison ministry locally and globally. The goal of this weekend was to educate and encourage local workers to be more effective in their ministry.

McManus confirmed this by saying, "It has been proven that jail and prison volunteers who have been properly trained are more proficient in evangelism behind bars. They are also then viewed by chaplains and institutional administrators as professionals. In addition, we believe the only way to be effective and successful in the 'science' of jail and prison evangelism is to receive adequate training."

Classes included "Seven Protectors Against Being Manipulated," "Inside the Criminal Mind," "Why We Visit Jails and Prisons," "Effective Worship: Prayer to Preaching," and "Institutional

Relationships: Offenders and Staff." Discussion and personal experiences and insight followed the presentations.

"In the military, we learned you don't go into battle without the proper ammunition," said attendee Walter Whitehurst. "And this is what we're acquiring this weekend — the proper ammunition to work with God's people behind bars."

A wealth of experience comes with a training group. Some are new to this ministry, while others have spent many years giving Bible studies, holding services in prisons and jails, and corresponding with offender's families.

"My ministry for the past 25 years has been sending Bible lessons to offenders," said Mary King from Scottsdale. "We currently have six sets of lessons that we send. There are four others who work with me — three writing in English and one in Spanish. It has been a very rewarding work."



*Instructor Dan McManus shared a wealth of information and experiences at the weekend training session.*

The highlight each year for APMOA is a yearly convention held in different locations across the country. This year's convention was held July 23-27 in Bloomington, Minn., at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Mall of American Hotel and was entitled "Pursuing Our Passion: Evangelism in Action." Each year, attendees come from all over the United States and Canada to take training from professionals and become certified as lay prison evangelists.

Further information on APMOA and training sessions can be acquired at [dmcmanus7@live.com](mailto:dmcmanus7@live.com).

*Shirley Chipman*



# Indio Spanish Church Hosts Youth Hike at Joshua Tree National Park

**M**embers of the Indio Spanish church hosted a hiking trip to the Joshua Tree National Park on May 3. The event, a first of its kind, included 147 people from the east side of the Coachella Valley.

The event was carried out in collaboration with the office of Raul Ruiz, congressman of the 36th District and member of the Indio Spanish church; Hispanic Access Foundation; Por la Creación Faith-based Alliance; Friends of the Desert Mountains; Joshua Tree park rangers; several local businesses and 15 area evangelical churches.

Early in the morning, the participants met at the Indio Spanish church for a quick worship service. Ruiz spoke about God's creation and why it is important to protect the environment.

"Today's hike is a great opportunity to help instill in our young people the important cultural, spiritual and historical connection we desert dwellers have with the lands around us," said Ruiz.

After worship and prayer, they traveled by bus to Joshua Tree. There they split into three groups and went on a one-hour hike led by park rangers.

The rangers spoke about how important it is to take care of natural resources. Some of those resources are nonrenewable, and responsible stewards should strive to take care of them. The hikers also learned the history of the park and the native tribes that lived throughout the area for hundreds of years.

Upon returning, the group ate together and the youth had a closing worship service.

According to Frank Ruiz, pastor of the Indio Spanish church (no relation to the congressman),



*Indio Spanish group members eagerly await the hike.*



*The hiking group poses for a photo.*

Latino youth traditionally have not taken advantage of the opportunity to be out in nature. The majority of the youth who went on the hike had never been to the park, in spite of living not too far from Joshua Tree. They were pleased to know that this is something available to them.

"Of those participating, 120 were youth," said Pastor Ruiz. "Today's hike was a tremendous opportunity to engage our next generation and inspire them toward stewardship of God's nature. It is our moral responsibility to instill in them love for God's nature."

Pastor Ruiz also noted that the youth of his church enjoyed participating alongside the youth who attended from other denominations. Churches in that area don't have a history of working together, he said. Many of the youth became friends and relished their common ground.

Park rangers were equally excited to be working with an organized group of young people.



*The park ranger explains to a group how important it is to take care of natural resources.*

They are looking for more opportunities to engage with the younger generation, inspiring them not only to enjoy the natural wonders, but also to protect nature and engage with it.

"We are definitely trying to build off of this event," said Pastor Ruiz. "We didn't have enough room for everyone who wanted to go this time around, so we are planning to have a second trip in the fall."

Joshua Tree National Park was originally granted protection by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936 through the Antiquities Act. It is open to the public year round.

*Mario A. Munoz*

# Mission Road Church Celebrates Grand Opening

**M**embers of the Mission Road church celebrated the grand opening of their recently purchased building on April 26. Those in attendance included Sandra Roberts, conference president; Jonathan Park, executive secretary; and Elizer Sacay, vice president for Asian/Pacific ministries.

It took some time to transition into the new building. Members officially began worshipping at the new location, 27240 Alabama St., Redlands, on April 5.

The Mission Road church was formerly known as the Loma Linda Japanese church, but took its new name in 2009. Members had planned to relocate from a rented space onto property they

had purchased on Mission Road in Redlands. Their plan was to raise funds to build a new structure so they could have a place to call their own after meeting in office space in a nearby industrial park for some time.

However, when the architect started drawing up the plans, members found that it would have cost \$7 million to build on that property.

"This was way beyond our means," said Dean Horinouchi, senior pastor of the church. "At that point, we started looking for alternatives."

The first plan was to look for another church to rent. They almost closed on a deal with a church in Colton, but the plans fell through. That prompted Horinouchi to look further.

"In June of 2013, I had gone online looking at a website that lists churches for sale," he said. "It just so happened that I saw that Christ Community church on Alabama Street was for sale. Our church had rented that facility 20 years earlier, so we were quite familiar with it and a lot of our members were excited at the prospect of going back there."

Horinouchi contacted the real estate agent, but was told that the church was already in escrow. A little disappointed, he and the church committee decided to keep looking for other options.

Later that summer, a church member was driving by that church and noticed that a new sign had gone up on

the property saying that it was for sale. Horinouchi immediately called the realtor a second time, and again was told that the property was still in escrow, only it had now been extended until March of 2014, but if they were serious, to go ahead and prepare a bid.

With nothing to lose, the church committee prepared a

bid for the asking price and promptly submitted it. Once the realtor realized that they were indeed serious, he asked the church to prove three things: that they already had \$1 million in savings, that they could borrow the remaining amount from the conference, and that members had agreed in a business meeting to purchase the church.

In December, when those three things had been done, the agent took the bid to the Baptist Conference. Charles McKinstry, director of the Southeastern California Conference's Property and Trust Services, worked closely with Mission Road members, but tempered their hopes by saying that it was very uncommon to see developers back out of a sale that was already in escrow.

However, several of the developers were dedicated Christians. Over the weekend they thought and prayed about it, and when they came back, they had a surprising answer.

Since it was another church that wanted to make the purchase, the developers favored them over the previous buyer so that the work of God could continue in that location. They backed out of their escrow, and as of Jan. 15, the property belongs to the Mission Road church.

"To us it was a miracle," said Hironouchi. "It was an act of God to touch the heart of those developers."

Approximately 20 people were introduced at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. These included conference officials, as well as pastors and representatives of the previous church who had been influential in the church's formation.

Mission Road church members are excited about their new church. Even though the building is smaller than the space they were renting, they now have 5.4 acres of land that they can use. Plans include building a fellowship hall, expanding the sanctuary and updating the landscaping.

*Mario A. Munoz*



*Conference officials including Sandra Roberts, president; Jonathan Park, executive secretary; Verlon Strauss, treasurer; and Elizer Sacay, vice president for Asian/Pacific ministries, attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.*



*Mission Road church members worship for the first time in the new sanctuary.*



# Annual Retreat at PSR Celebrates Retirees

Nearly 200 organizers and attendees gathered at Pine Springs Ranch May 19-21 for a few days of fellowship and bonding at the annual spring retiree retreat. Their previous retreat had been canceled because of fire damage at PSR last year.

For more than 17 years, Lorie Purdey, special ministries director for Southeastern California Conference, has been involved with the retiree retreats. This year, he stepped down from organizing them.

Purdey started working with the retiree retreats while he was a full-time pastor. In 2000, he retired from full-time pastoring, but continued to work for the conference as an interim pastor, primarily focused on the ministry for retired persons.

One of his tasks was to go to different churches to organize and support senior clubs. Most of these clubs try to meet monthly. Purdey kept track of how the clubs were doing and tried to encourage more churches to start them.

"Sometimes people lose social relationships over time because they are out of the workplace," said Purdey. "By establishing senior clubs that meet frequently and have activities together, it helps people to maintain an aspect of socialization as they get older."

Often, as people age, their social networks decrease. Sometimes family members move

away or good friends die. Community spaces and church programs offer some opportunities for interaction. Church-sponsored clubs help Adventist seniors have the opportunity to become friends with other Adventists in their area.

Twice a year, SECC hosts a retiree retreat at PSR, where seniors from around the conference can gather for social, spiritual and health-based programming.

At the May retreat, three speakers each spent a day with the retirees. Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University church, started out the retreat by speaking of the differences and similarities in the Gospels. The next day's speaker was Calvin Thomsen, assistant professor, Loma Linda University School of Religion. And the last day, Anthony Hilliard, assistant professor, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, spoke about heart health and diet.

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*Sandra Roberts, conference president, gives Lorie Purdey a gift, thanking him for his years of service to the retirees retreat.*

One of the attendees, Jane Pihl, was thankful for all the information shared. "I enjoyed myself a lot," she said. "What Randy Roberts explained about the Gospels was very fascinating. But also I learned about the dangers of sugar. It's an enemy that's in almost everything you eat."

In addition to learning about spiritual and health matters, attendees had time to socialize and play games. They were also given the opportunity to participate in exercise programs, watch movies and enjoy music.

"I give a lot of credit to Southeastern California Conference," said Purdey. "They helped keep the price very low to allow folks to attend this program. For years, our seniors have supported our churches, and this is a way for the conference to let them know that they are cared for."

Purdey hopes that the senior ministry can continue growing in churches around the conference. One of the difficulties is getting younger retirees to see the benefit of joining these senior clubs.

"If I were to pastor again, I would make sure to have senior clubs," said Purdey. "I am appreciative of what the conference is doing as an organization. It would be great if more of our pastors would be sensitive to that, as well."

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*Retirees learn about a variety of topics during the retreat.*

Mario A. Munoz

# Evangelistic Series at Valley Fellowship Yields 28 New Believers

**T**wenty-eight people were baptized following an evangelistic series at the Valley Fellowship church this past April.

Justin Wilson, youth coordinator of Valley Fellowship; Kayla Edwards, Bible worker; and Gloria Bell, Bible worker leader, began knocking on doors in the Rialto community in mid-February. They set out with two goals: establish relationships and invite people to evangelistic meetings. The series of meetings, entitled “HIM,” was designed to introduce those they met to Christ and the way of Christ. They went from door to door praying that God would help them to make connections with people to invite to the evangelistic series.

“My personal goal was to find people who were really interested and on fire for God and searching for truth,” said Wilson.

The team soon realized that the community was in need of prayer. “There were people who saw us and would ask for prayer even if they

didn’t have time for Bible study,” said Wilson. This helped the community gain trust in the team, and allowed the team to share Christ with the community.

Under the leadership of Robert Edwards, conference evangelist, and Kurt King, senior pastor of the Valley Fellowship church, members hosted the three-week evangelistic series, resulting in 45 new members joining the church. Marquis Johns, assistant pastor of the Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md., and Calvin Preston, senior pastor of the West End church in Atlanta, Ga., were the speakers for the meetings.

To prepare for the meetings, pre-series worker training and follow-up captain orientation were provided for Bible workers, elders and leaders of the church in order to prepare them for not only the evangelistic series, but also the follow-up work to be done after the meetings. Furthermore, in preparation, the church engaged the local community by distributing food and flyers, holding church rallies and conducting Bible studies.

Through the Bible workers’ efforts and Christ-centered preaching, 28 people were baptized.

“What was amazing about this group is that 16 of the individuals baptized were between 16 and 22 years of age. Also, nine of the individuals were baptized as a result of Ms. Evonna,” said Edwards.

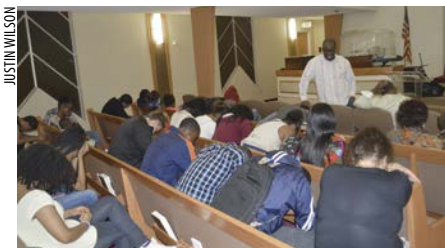
During his door-to-door work, Wilson met Ms. Evonna. Wilson began giving group Bible studies to her and those who were living with her. As she fell more in love with Christ, she began to encourage her family to study with her, and as a result, some were baptized with her.

“Before the meetings began,” Edwards continued, “we recognized that our greatest response was among those who were unchurched. This caused us to make a paradigm shift — one that we welcomed. We recognized that with this group, six weeks of pre-series work and a three-week evangelistic meeting does not make a solid Christian/Seventh-day Adventist.”

As a result, King conducted an eight-week follow-up series. He meets with the group twice a week to study Christian discipleship and the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Edwards said he is convinced that the Spirit of God is moving in these days. “The ‘harvest is ripe’ with people who have been prepared by God,” he said. “Valley Fellowship church members are laborers helping with the harvest.”

*Robert Edwards with Chloe  
Jacqueline Vander Zwan*



**Kurt King, senior pastor of the Valley Fellowship church, prays with attendees.**



**Valley Fellowship welcomes new members to the congregation.**



# Three New Ethnic Ministries Coordinators Join NCC Team

**T**hree new ethnic ministries coordinators recently joined the Northern California Conference leadership team. On March 5, the NCC executive committee voted to approve Leon Brown Sr. as the new African-American ministries coordinator. (He was also voted Inner City director, Men's Ministries coordinator and Prison Ministries coordinator.) On May 18, delegates to the NCC constituency session voted two other ethnic ministries coordinators into office: Asian/Pacific Ministries Coordinator James Miho Lim, pastor of the Napa Valley Korean church, and Hispanic Ministries Coordinator Jose Marin, who joins the NCC team from the Arizona Conference.

## Leon Brown Sr.

As he leads, Leon Brown Sr. intends to focus on planning and relationships. Both are essential to the teamwork he wants to promote among the African-American pastors. "These are my friends, and I really want to find a way to bring us together to do amazing things for God," he said. "One thing we need to do is

strategically plan for the future so we can accomplish things together as a team. I look forward to growth, development and unity."

Born in Jamaica, Brown grew up in Rochester, N.Y., and graduated from Pine Forge Academy. He graduated with a double major in theology and business from Oakwood University, and then went on to earn a Master of Divinity from the SDA Theological Seminary and a Master of Business Administration from Andrews University. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Prior to pastoral ministry, Brown worked for a decade in business and education. He has served as pastor at several NCC churches: the Pittsburg church from 1998-2006 and the Fairfield Community church from 2006-2012. He was senior pastor of the Sacramento Capitol City church before taking on his current responsibilities.

Brown has been married for 26 years to Julie, who works for Head Start in San Joaquin County. They have two adult sons — Leon II, a business major at Oakwood University, and Lawrence, a medical student at Meharry Medical College in Tennessee. In his spare time, Brown likes to play golf and listen to music, especially gospel.

He looks forward to this next stage of his life — and what God has in store. "One thing that I have learned is that when you become a pastor, you surrender your life and soul to the call of God on your life," said Brown. "As long as you follow it, you're all right. I believe that this step is what God desires for me right now, so I'm going to follow it."



*Leon Brown Sr. and his wife Julie have two sons: Lawrence (left) and Leon II.*

## James Miho Lim

James Miho Lim brings a unique insight to his role as coordinator of the Asian/Pacific congregations — comprising 12 nationalities — under his leadership. "Many of the people I work with are immigrants," he said. "Since I am an immigrant pastor, we share the same feelings, and I can relate to them."



*James Miho Lim serves as Asian/Pacific Ministries coordinator.*



*Leon Brown Sr. is African-American Ministries coordinator, Inner City director, men's ministries coordinator and prison ministries coordinator.*



*James Miho Lim and his wife Marianne have two daughters, Alice (left) and Lindsay.*

Lim grew up in a non-Christian family in South Korea. Due to the influence of some student missionaries, he became an Adventist in high school, and he decided to become a pastor — even though his parents were opposed. “I felt a strong call to the ministry because nothing else would satisfy my soul since I met Jesus Christ,” he said.

Although he had passed the first examination to enter a Korean military academy, he refused to take the second exam. Instead, he entered Sahmyook University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in theology and a master’s degree in religion. During his graduate work, he served at the local Sahmyook English Language Institute church.

After graduating, Lim moved to Michigan to attend the SDA Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity. He began pursuing a Ph.D. program in church history, but

did not finish because he loved pastoral ministry. In 1993, he was called to serve as associate/youth pastor at the Los Angeles Central Korean church. Three years later, he became pastor of the Honolulu Korean church. From 2002–2008 he served as pastor of the Baltimore Korean church and then accepted a call to the Napa Valley Korean church.

While in Michigan, Lim met his wife Marianne, now a pharmacist. They have two daughters, Lindsay and Alice, who are both studying biology at La Sierra University. He enjoys soccer, golf, tennis, ping pong, hiking and traveling.

One of Lim’s goals as coordinator is to encourage and assist the many Asian/Pacific groups in the conference to organize and begin the process of becoming churches. “We have great potential in the Northern California Conference,” he said. “We want to see our Asian/Pacific ministry grow.”

### Jose Marin

As a team leader and facilitator, Jose Marin wants to mobilize pastors and laypeople to work together to create healthy Spanish-speaking congregations for the purpose of expanding God’s kingdom. “If a church is healthy, growth is natural,” he said.

He also has a burden for young people in Hispanic congregations. “I want to be very intentional in engaging our second-generation Latino kids in the life of the church and in the mission of Christ,” he said. “It’s a culture within a culture. If we don’t have a plan for them, we are going to lose a generation of Latino young people.”

Born in Long Beach, Calif., Marin attended public school until his senior year at San Diego Academy. During spring break, he went on a mission trip — paid for by an anonymous donor — and felt God’s call to become a pastor. “I realized what my life purpose was: to serve God in ministry,” said Marin. After graduating from Montemorelos University with a degree in theology, Marin worked as a pastoral assistant in Southern California for several months. In 1995, he accepted a call to the Washington



*Jose Marin is Hispanic Ministries coordinator.*

Conference, where he helped plant several churches. From 1998–2006, he worked in the Texas Conference as a pastor and evangelist. Called to the Arizona Conference, he served as assistant to the president for Hispanic ministries and director of the Sabbath school department before accepting the call to Northern California.

On a visit home from college, Marin met his wife Cynthia at church. (She is currently planning for a new career as a nurse.) They have three teenage boys: Geovanni, who recently graduated from Thunderbird Adventist Academy, and academy students Nephtali and Josemiguel. Marin enjoys hiking with his wife and playing sports — baseball and racquetball — with his sons.

He looks forward to furthering the Lord’s work in Northern California in partnership with others on the NCC team. “My prayer is that in the years to come we in the Hispanic work will continue to align ourselves with God’s agenda for His glory.”

*Julie Lorenz*



*Jose Marin and his wife Cynthia have three sons: (l. to r.) Nephtali, Josemiguel and Geovanni.*



# Young Women's Ministries Guide Girls to God

Several Northern California Conference churches are reaching out to the girls in their congregations through young women's ministries. Each program is unique, utilizing a variety of methods to lead girls closer to God while helping them to navigate the challenges of growing up.

## Chico Church

Sisters JoAnn Moon and Cathy Linhares lead a ministry called Faith Girls for kids in grades 5-8. For four years, the group met as a Sabbath school class, but this spring they met on Friday afternoons for nine weeks, utilizing the "Real Friends" Bible study by Tamyra Horst. The group will start meeting again in the fall.

The leaders work hard to appeal to the young girls' interests. "They like snacks, and they like to talk," said Moon. So the kids enjoy both food and opportunities for discussion about how to be a godly girl in such areas as modesty, relating to boys and dealing with parents. They also do some outreach projects. "My favorite part is the girls' enthusiasm and excitement," said Moon. "It's very contagious."



*A teen spends time alone at a God Girl retreat.*

Faith Girls' most important focus is encouraging the kids to have a relationship with God. "Our biggest emphasis has always been on personal Bible study and prayer," said Moon. She knows several recent high school graduates who continue a daily devotional time due to the habits they started with Faith Girls.

## Paradise Church

Each year a team of women hosts God Girls — an overnight retreat for about 40 high school girls — in church member Melinda Hillock's home. The leader of God Girls, Karen Vixie,



*A God Girl retreat participant studies her Bible.*

started the retreat as a tribute to her daughter Kristy, who passed away as a teenager.

Fathers dressed in tuxedos drive the girls to the Hillock home. Mothers and other mentors work hard to make sure they have a fun and meaningful experience. Crafts, Bible studies, stories and conversations fill up the time. (The event has been so popular that the leaders now plan one-day retreats for junior high and middle school girls called Faithful Friends.)

Prior to the events, leaders fast and pray, asking for God's guidance. Their goal is to prepare the girls to be spiritual leaders when they go to



*Girls in the Sacramento Capitol City church's Young Ladies Ministry — Rites of Passage enjoy a trip to a wild animal park.*

college. "This is such a difficult time to be young women of God, with the world pressuring them to behave in ways that are dangerous to them," said Hillock. "We take this very seriously — that we are going to battle for these precious young women."

## Sacramento Capitol City Church

Once a month, a group of tweens (ages 9-12) meets for the Young Ladies Ministry — Rites of Passage. They discuss topics important for growing girls to know, including safety, health, manners and a relationship with God. Discussions are frank and honest in the all-girl group. "It's important for young ladies to have the opportunity to speak freely," said Melody Germany-Wilson, one of the leaders.



*Sacramento Capitol City church girls practice their manners and have some fun at a "tea."*

The kids also have fun, visiting a fancy tearoom to practice their manners and a safari park to see animals. Every other year, the girls in the Young Ladies Ministry attend a banquet, dressed in white evening gowns, and receive special presentations from their fathers and mentors.

For Germany-Wilson, the most satisfying part about serving as a mentor is the relationships she develops with the girls and the realization that they are taking to heart what they are learning. "It is rewarding when they've been in the program a while and you begin seeing the growth," she said.

The leader of the tweens, Cheryl Bowie, volunteers her time in memory of her daughter Andrea, who passed away when she was a college student.

### Sacramento Southgate Church

A diversity of age groups makes up Armored Ladies: young girls, tweens, teens, college students and young adults. The older ones act as big sisters to the younger kids. During their meetings, the girls break into small groups in order to have age-appropriate conversations

about topics such as appearance, love and self-perception.

The group meets once a month for various activities, including service projects — such as collecting donations for a children's home and volunteering for church events — and fun activities, such as sleepovers.

Leader Corletta Taylor wants to ensure the girls have a strong Christian foundation.

"If we do not prepare them now, the world will," she said. Taylor gave the group its name in reference to the armor of God. "We are women soldiers of Christ," she said. "And if we arm ourselves, our minds, hearts and entire being with God, it doesn't matter what fiery darts Satan aims at us."

CORLETTA TAYLOR



Members of Sacramento Southgate church's Armored Ladies gather for prayer.

NCC Women's Ministries Coordinator Mary Jo Lauderdale has established a young women's ministries advisory council to promote ministries for girls in local NCC churches. If you are interested in learning more, contact her at [maryjo.lauderdale@nccsda.com](mailto:maryjo.lauderdale@nccsda.com).

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# Building Bridges, Touching Lives, Connecting Communities

**T**he Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus initiative, a joint effort between Central and Northern California conferences, continues to thrive — touching lives and connecting communities. The Bridges to Health event in April, a three-day extravaganza, was a significant success, bringing more than 600 volunteers to San Francisco and Oakland to provide free medical, dental and eye care services for nearly 3,000 underserved residents of the area. This effort led to several significant transitional follow-up ministries, which have continued the momentum.

Steve Horton, Central California Conference vice president of ministries, organized two of three major follow-up programs: an intensive International Institute of Christian Ministries (IICM) Community Services and Urban Ministry Certification Program for pastors and church leaders, and a series of six workshops for the public focusing on a variety of stress management topics.

## Certification Program

Although presented in other world church divisions, this was the first time this certification program was offered in the North American Division. Approximately 65 pastors and church leaders representing both conferences participated in the 38-hour program. Participants

were immersed in a week of solid educational training, covering topics such as theological and historical concepts of holistic ministry; community assessment and social capital; organizational leadership and team development; and principles of personal Christian witnessing.

Designed to educate participants and help them develop effective church ministries, the course work enabled participants to work together as a team, create strategic plans, and successfully implement the plans. The training put theory into practice, providing participants with tools to assess the needs and resources of the city, and develop the opportunities to meet those needs.

North American Division Adventist Community Services Director Sung Kwon, one of the main presenters, was encouraged by the collaborative effort between the two conferences in sponsoring the program. He was also impressed that so many pastors attended with their church leaders.

"This effort, and the commitment of participants, will have a major collective impact in transforming Bay Area communities," said Kwon. "We focused on applying the principles to local needs, and the group responded with many innovative and creative ideas. Programs like this truly make a difference in the world, equipping disciples of Jesus who go out to their

communities, showing God's love and proclaiming the everlasting gospel."

May-Ellen Colón, director, Adventist Community Services International, who has presented training courses all over the world, was impressed with the commitment and dedication of participants. "Often we have to spend time persuading an audience on the importance of Christ's method of social ministries, but in this session, participants were serious about being there, and eager to receive the tools to get started," remarked Colón. "It was an intense session and they really hung in there."

"The training session was an inspiring and challenging experience," said Visalia church member and former dentist, Edward Urbina, who sold his business and is now in full-time pastoral ministry. "What resonated with me was the need to change our outlook on community service and the role of the church, and step out of our comfort zone," Urbina said. "Instead of sponsoring programs in our churches and inviting the public, we should follow Christ's example and go directly to where people are and care for them. That's church."

Urbina is practicing what he preaches — in cooperation with the Central California Conference, he plans to open a dental clinic in San Francisco. "It's such an honor to use the gifts God has entrusted to me in service for Him," he said.



*Approximately 65 people attended the city ministry certification program held in San Francisco.*

Cynthia Williams, member of the San Francisco Philadelphian church, who also participated in the training, underscored the importance of prayer in urban ministry. Williams and her team of four church members began praying in earnest at Soquel camp meeting five years ago, and they say miracles have resulted. This group is steadfast and continues to meet once a week for prayer.

According to Horton, the urban training concept is based upon Christ's method of ministry established 2,000 years ago. As outlined in *Ministry of Healing*, page 143, Christ mingled with people; showed them sympathy; ministered to their needs; won their confidence; and invited them to "Follow Me."

This is the aim of city ministries — to establish centers of influence, a concept derived from Ellen White, which brings Christianity to communities through holistic ministry centers, geared to meeting people's needs. The outreach possibilities for these centers are as expansive as one's imagination: lifestyle education, café discussion groups, community gardens, residential care, literacy and job training, and computer labs.

"Creating centers of influence in our cities is a priority for Central," explains Central California President Ramiro Cano. "And yet, this powerful concept begins with a realization that every person is a center of influence, and those who participated in the training were inspired to be effective influencers for the kingdom."

"Christ taught us to love one another," said Horton. "When we follow His example, people will be drawn to us and the gospel message. With the urban ministry program, we are reviving the biblical standard of ministry, and with God's grace, we'll be successful. What we are doing in San Francisco will be a model for the rest of the conference."

## Life Skills Workshops

As another way to connect with those who were served by the Bridges to Health event, attendees were invited to a series of six lifestyle workshops, each held at one of five San Francisco Adventist churches. These workshops focused on relevant subjects, such as stress management, dealing with grief, depression recovery, and a parenting seminar. Approximately 30 people attended each workshop, with attendees from the community at each seminar.

GERRY CHUDLEIGH



**Gayle Daniels conducts initial eye exam on Jack Fong, from San Francisco, during the ASI-initiated Bridges to Health medical and dental clinic at the Armory in San Francisco.**

One of the speakers, Carlton Oler, who, for eight years, has conducted many workshops on mental health and relationship issues in Central, and in other conferences around the North American Division for 25 years, was pleased with the response to his workshop, "Coping with Stress, Pressure and Demands." Many gathered afterward to talk about the information he shared. Several asked him to return so they could learn more. Oler was able to pray with several people who requested it. Comments at the close of the session included: "I wish I had heard this information years ago, which would have prevented the physical health problems I'm having now;" "I really needed this today;" "More of this needs to be shared with people;" "Now I know why I have high blood pressure;" "My problem with stress is why I overeat, I'm an emotional eater."

"I enjoyed this workshop experience," said Oler. "I felt a sense of being used by God because the right arm of the gospel was being held high. I could easily envision this type of ministry becoming an integral evangelistic arm of the centers of influence ministries."

## Eye Care Program

Another important follow-up program, several weeks after the Bridges to Health program, was distribution of prescription eyeglasses donated by VSP to the approximately 400 patients who needed them. By going to one of two church sites to pick up their glasses, San Francisco Central or the Oakland Market Street church, Bay Area residents received more than

better vision — their eyes were opened to a new relationship with the Savior.

Under the leadership of Mark Ferrell, one of the pastors of San Francisco Central church, patients were first notified their glasses were ready through an automated phone call, followed by personal calls. Volunteers not only assisted in properly fitting the glasses, but each patient was offered an opportunity to study the Bible. More than 40 people have shown an interest in Bible studies. Local and conference leaders had the chance to observe firsthand the effectiveness of friendship evangelism, which seeks to meet a genuine need, but often leads to people being more receptive to having their spiritual needs met. "I was amazed to witness the natural bridges being built into the lives of our Bay Area residents as a result of Bridges to Health," remarked Cano.

Ferrell's wife, Patricia, an ophthalmologist who volunteered for the Bridges to Health program and assisted with follow up, is enthusiastic about what was accomplished. "It's been a humbling experience," she said. "It's rewarding to do something tangible that makes such a huge difference in people's lives."

She has also been impressed by the gratitude expressed by those who were helped. "Many wanted to know who cared enough to perform such an important service for free, which gave us the perfect opening to talk about our community of faith," commented Ferrell. "Two people actually attended our church service when they came to get their glasses."

*Nancy L. Reynolds*



# Camp Wawona Celebrates 85 Years of Service



*A group of original 1929 campers gather for dinner.*



*Attentive Wawona campers from the 1950s.*



*Campers in the 1950s practice archery.*

Since 1929, Central California Conference's Camp Wawona has been on the front lines of evangelism through its personal, church and family retreats, summer camp and outdoor school ministries.

Camp Wawona's history is not only rich with tales of prayer, love and passion for transforming lives through Jesus Christ, but it is also intimately intertwined with the United States' first publicly owned entity, Yosemite National Park. With more than 60 camps in the United States, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has only one located inside a national park.

President Abraham Lincoln, known for his wisdom and leading through the Civil War and abolishing slavery, had quite a hand in conservation. On June 30, 1864, President Lincoln laid the groundwork for the National Parks System in establishing California's breathtaking Yosemite Valley and its Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, as a public trust, marking the first time land was set aside specifically for public enjoyment. Roughly halfway between the two properties stood Wawona, which the Nootchu Indians called it Pallahchun, meaning "a good place to rest."

In 1929, the Central California Conference established Camp Wawona and held its first summer camp program in Wawona across from its current property and adjacent to the South Fork of the Merced River. Seventy-two campers signed up that year, paying a modest \$10 for 10 days of summer camp. The following year, summer camp was held at "Bakers Camp" on Forest Drive, a property owned by Seventh-day Adventist member Walter Baker. That year, campers were offered a two-week camp experience for \$21.

By 1931, the Central California Conference was ready to purchase the first five acres of Camp Wawona's current property for \$1,500. Camp Wawona's picturesque location has been a significant ingredient in a recipe for successful ministry.

In August 1932, Congress annexed the surrounding land, creating a single continuous National Park. At that time, Wawona's residents had already established approximately 400 private homes, along with private organizations which were already in operation, including Camp Wawona and the Wawona Hotel. All properties were included within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park.

In the years to come, Camp Wawona began to expand, erecting tents and constructing a dining hall. A few years later, an icehouse was built for refrigeration purposes, cooled by two loads of snow brought in every year from Glacier Point, approximately 29 miles from Camp Wawona.

By 1943, Camp Wawona had acquired a total of 30.45 acres. Several opportunities to purchase land came from Seventh-day Adventist members who happened to own properties adjacent to Camp Wawona's modest five acres. Each parcel of property was prayerfully sought and purchased for as low as \$10 for 11 acres. In most instances, the landowners donated a good portion of the sales price, which was an invaluable contribution. Camp Wawona owes much of its history to the families of Margaret E. Christiana, Harriet and James Harris, and Norris and Lillian





*Camp Wawona's  
2013 summer  
camp staff.*

Udell, all of whom have contributed to the positive transformation of thousands of lives at Camp Wawona.

While operating mainly as a summer camp during its early years, in 1949, under the leadership of Henry Bergh, Camp Wawona not only hosted its annual summer camp program but also remained open year round to host conference departmental and local church retreats and meetings.

"Throughout the years, Camp Wawona has continued the tradition of providing a positive, Christ-centered environment in which to better connect with God," explains Ramiro Cano, Central California president, "and for some, to learn about Him for the first time." Whether through summer

camp activities, programs, conversations with a camp counselor, church retreats or through the newly established Outdoor School Program, Camp Wawona continues to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

In retrospect, those involved with the development of the camp say that God always provided the right leadership at the right time and that each skilled and passionate individual played an important role in the formation and development of Camp Wawona's ministry.

Today, Camp Wawona's mission remains strong and thousands of youth have made life-long commitments to serve their Lord and Savior while standing under Yosemite National Park's starlit sky and the silhouette of the well-known Wawona Dome.

On Sept. 19-21, staff and campers spanning decades of ministry will gather for an alumni reunion on the picturesque property to share stories, reconnect and testify to the leading of God throughout the history of Camp Wawona.

"We're thrilled to be able to host the reunion on the very site where so many lives have, and continue to be, changed," says Derek Wright, camp ministries director. "Our goal is to have former campers and staff return to camp, take a trip down memory lane and join our mission for Camp Wawona's future."

*Forrest and Suzie Robertson*



*A camper is baptized in the South Fork of the Merced River at Camp Wawona in 2013.*

In preparation for the Camp Wawona 85th anniversary celebration, additional stories, pictures and video footage are being sought out. Please submit any of the above to [office@campwawona.org](mailto:office@campwawona.org) or by calling (209) 375-6231.



# Church Celebrates Grand Opening of Vietnamese Mission Center

**T**oday is the most important day for our church in the last two decades," said Vinh Khac Nguyen, pastor of the El Monte Vietnamese church. "Today, May 31, 2014, my dream has actually come true! We could not have been done it without God's blessing and the help of many of the people gathered here." Nguyen was speaking to the capacity audience at the grand opening and dedication of the church's Vietnamese Adventist Mission Center.

Minh Merideth, the church treasurer, also celebrated the moment. "Truly, this is the happiest day for the El Monte Vietnamese church," she said. "Before we had the center, the children had to study Sabbath school under the trees, because we had a need for more classrooms. We started fundraising in 2004. We didn't have any big plan and we were faced with challenges.

"There were so many challenges that, at times, I was ready to give up," added Nguyen, "but because of the support and prayers of the members and friends, I knew we had to continue. Because of God's love and guidance, we now have four classrooms, a large auditorium and a brand new parking structure. We raise our voices in praise to God for this, and for each one of you."

HIEU TRAN



*The 4,300 sq. ft. mission center has a multipurpose room that seats more than 200, plus classrooms and other features.*

VicLouis Areola III, Pacific Union/Asian/Pacific Ministries director, spoke of the opening of the new center as another breakthrough. "Pastor Vinh has been elected the leader of the Vietnamese work in North America," he said. "The Vietnamese work in the U.S. needs to be based here in this center, so more Vietnamese members can be trained to be more effective in their ministry."

The center also will be used for evangelistic meetings. "Every one of us has a mission," said Nguyen, "to win lost souls, that's why we needed the mission center."

Le Cong Giao, one of the church's earliest pastors, recounted the land purchase that had made it possible to build the center. "We could never have built a center if the former board 20 years ago hadn't had a vision to buy this land," Giao said. "Guava plants helped with this project. My late first wife raised guava plants and sold them to raise funds."

Other leaders and members reminisced about the challenges and small miracles that formed part of the Center's history. "We tried many projects to raise money," said Merideth. Sometimes projects they had planned to adopt did not work

VINH NGUYEN



*Summer school for neighborhood children meets in one of the classrooms in the Vietnamese Mission Center each week day throughout the summer vacation.*

HIEU TRAN



*Larry L. Caviness prays with Pacific Union and SCC leaders and church members at the ribbon cutting for the new facility.*

out. One of these was a plan to lease a small piece of their parking lot for a cell phone tower, for which the city granted them permission. However, the community rallied to prevent it.

Even though a contract had been signed, and paid for over two years while the situation was being discussed, the church was unable to have the tower on the property. After two years and \$13,000 in rental fees, the church withdrew from the contract. Later, the church learned that the exact location on which they needed to build the center was the one spot the construction company had needed for the tower. If the community had not adamantly opposed the cell phone tower, the church would have leased the land and would not have been able to build the mission center. "We saw that God's hand was in this, and we were so thankful!" said Merideth.

*Betty Cooney*

# San Fernando Valley Academy Goes Mobile

"San Fernando Valley Academy students and teachers spent the last weeks of the 2013-14 school year using the communication devices that are presently owned by students to start the mobile learning process," said Warren Dale, a member of Glendale City church and a consultant in the integration of personal handheld devices for education.

SFVA students in grades three through six and the academy finished the school year by learning with 100% Bring-Your-Own-Device-connected. Dale reported that SFVA teachers found that the approach actually gave them more time to work individually with their students.

"San Fernando is going to be the leader in going mobile," said Bob Dennis, the school's acting principal. "The entire K-12 staff voted to go with iPads and iPhones for the coming school year. They were given instruction at the end of this past school year, and will have more instruction before the new school year starts.

"After the first training session, the teachers were excited," he added. "Then we visited a private school in the valley, and faculty members were tremendously impressed by what students can learn just using what's in their pockets."

According to Dale, Apple devices were recommended rather than other brands because of their exclusive iMovie software, an easy program to use and one with which many of the students were familiar.

"At SFVA in the 2014-15 school year, the teachers and the board committed themselves to creating a school that leverages the latest in technology to enhance student interest and learning," said Dennis. "They want to make it the most awesome place to go to school that they can imagine! It's cost effective, since most of the students have a device already. The school has only had to streamline and upgrade their Wi-Fi network system, enabling all the students to access the Internet."

For a bring-your-own-device program, students are expected to use the latest in online learning tools and create multimedia presentations to show their mastery of curriculum content. SFVA students will be creating videos, writing music, using 3D printers, video conferencing with students around the world and much more.



**Caleb Babcock shares the job résumé he wrote using the Voice to Text option on his phone, projecting from his iPhone to the classroom projector. The class then edited his résumé live.**

"Reactions from parents have been very positive, with several indicating they were pleased with the quality of their student's learning," Dennis added. "They are excited to see technology blended with traditional learning."

Some teachers in other SCC schools use the BYOD method for at least some portions of their curriculum. Following a standard technology-based lesson plan for younger students, Judy Nunez, the second-grade teacher at Glendale Adventist Academy, initiated a unit of study on desert animals. "I asked my second graders to decide how they would answer questions in the unit, using their iPads, tablets, or iPhones. I asked them to determine what desert animal they would have for their report; what do they eat? What animals are their predators?" Using online resources and material from the class, the students took control of the topic and began planning a video report.

"They included the information they had learned about their animals and added pictures relating to each of the questions they were answering in preparing the report." Nunez said the students enjoyed putting the reports together, doing their own on-camera narration. "Some needed my help for the logistics of creating the report, but they enjoyed the process. And their independent work made it possible for me to help students as needed."

To see samples of the students' BYOD efforts, visit [vimeo.com/55885814](http://vimeo.com/55885814) or [vimeo.com/61595263](http://vimeo.com/61595263).



**Anatomy student Karina Chavira uses her iPhone to take pictures of her frog dissection project. After turning these pictures and clips into a video, she shared what she had learned about frog anatomy.**

Betty Cooney



# Young Adults and Teens Help Get the Word Out

**O**ne Sabbath afternoon, I was spending time with my friend Alden Barnett after a Daniel seminar," said Christopher Bowman. "Alden suggested that we could go and spend some time with Jerome Smith at his home. When we arrived, Jerome introduced us to his cousin, Ashon Sylvester, a member of the Breath of Life church.

"I had never met either of them. Once we arrived, we began talking about what was going on in our lives, and what our plans were for our own involvement with church. Ashon had much experience in doing past projects; Alden and I had ideas about what we wanted to do for outreach, and Jerome had a great desire to get started. The four of us made a pact that night: we would work together to 'Finish the Work' and prepare the way for Jesus."

Calling themselves "The Fiercesome Foursome," the quartet considered new and exciting ways to help spread the gospel. Their first attempt was on Sabbath, June 7. Using their own money, they bought 1,000 bottles of water and 1,000 GLOW tracts. The plan was to stand on a corner by the Norwalk church and hand out the water and tracts to drivers as they went by.

CLARENCE BROVIN



(L. to r.) Ashon Sylvester, Jerome Smith, Christopher Bowman and Alden Barnett prepare for an outreach Sabbath.

During a recent message at the Norwalk church, youth leader Celeste Harrison challenged church members to get out of their comfort zone and do something to further the gospel message. So, although they started as a foursome, about 30 people, including children as young as 8, responded and joined the Fiercesome Foursome for their first outreach.

Within one hour, 500 bottles and GLOW tracts were handed out. The young people moved to another location for the second hour, and within 40 minutes, another 500 bottles and GLOW tracts were gone.

"Get the word out!" exclaimed the teenagers who had responded to the speaker's challenge, and this became the chant for the afternoon. "The people were so friendly and receptive," one teen said. "Most people thought we were selling something, but when we said it was free, they were shocked."

"People asked us why we were doing this," Jerome Smith said. "And we told them, 'It's simple: Jesus loves us, and as His church, we need to share that love with others.'"

"We do have plans to grow," said Smith. "It is our vision to see multiple churches get involved with similar outreach programs so that we can coordinate an identical project and go out into the community on the exact same day and time.

"We also want to have the children heavily involved," he affirmed. "Children were present at our beta test in Norwalk and they had a blast. In the first event planned in the Breath of Life church neighborhood, the Pathfinders and other children participated. As the children learn the importance of ministry, we believe it will form a bonding moment for adults and children within our churches."

The foursome plan to continue the GLOW-and-water outreach — or any other creative ministry they decide to pursue — twice a month, alternating between Norwalk and the neighborhood of the Breath of Life church. Breath of Life and Norwalk churches have both embraced the project.

*Celeste Harrison and Christopher Bowman*

ALLISON WAITE



Breath of Life Pathfinders prepare to share water and GLOW tracts in Inglewood.

# Summer Health Expos Provide Free Services in Los Angeles

Several SCC churches are hosting health fairs during the summer months. The following reports are from two recent ones.

## Delaware Avenue

More than 60 people attended the free Delaware Avenue church community Health Expo on Sunday, June 22 — the majority of them from the community. “We ran the expo at the same time we held our monthly food giveaway program,” said Lawrence S. Dorsey, pastor. “People came for both programs, going through each expo station before getting their food.”

KENN SHAWVER



**Schubert Palmer, M.D., points out foods with high fat content to help visitors make the best choices for heart health.**

Screenings for blood pressure, body fat and blood sugar testing were included, with results of these screenings made available immediately. Eight health-care professionals were available to answer individual questions.

Individual booths provided one-on-one time discussing health information on dental hygiene, by Lloyd Stoll, DDS; women's health, by Melissa Grier, M.D.; mental health, alcohol and drug addiction, by Obie Hicks, M.D., a psychiatrist; cancer prevention, by Fayth Miles, Ph.D., a cancer researcher; and heart health and facts on fat, by Schubert Palmer, M.D., and his wife, Yolanda

Palmer. Scheduled health lectures were also presented throughout the day in the sanctuary.

Tiffany Jefferson presented a healthy food demonstration, showing the community how to prepare tomato basil pasta with a roasted cashew crème sauce and Japanese vegetable ramen. Heidy Lara demonstrated how to make a juice using fruits and vegetables.

Quality prizes were raffled, including a Fitbit, a device that tracks daily activity, calories burned, sleep and weight; basket of fruit and vegetables; and a \$25 Target card. Even children won prizes, including \$20 and \$10 cash, a cookbook, and the “Forks Over Knives” DVD. Omari Jackson, grand prize winner, won a NutriBullet blender/mixer.

Local resident Veronica Flowers won three gifts: groceries from Trader Joe's valued at \$50, a “Forks Over Knives” DVD and an electric toothbrush. “This is a wonderful event,” she exclaimed. “I am having a great time learning so much about how to maintain my health and eating healthy, and I really needed the electric toothbrush. It is encouraging to see the church involved in the community and talking about real issues, such as mental health.”

“God truly blessed our health expo,” event chair Angela Settle said. “We felt His presence and anointing throughout the day.”

## El Sereno Spanish

On June 14, the El Sereno Spanish church hosted a health fair for its members and community. Ebenezer Chambi, M.D., headed the committee for the well-rounded event. The fair offered general medical information, glucose tests for blood sugar, and consultations on nutrition, chiropractic, podiatry and physical therapy.

When Lucy Caudillo and Rosa Meza visited a station manned by Chambi, they learned that they each had extremely high blood glucose counts. Both are diabetics, but were shocked at how “off the chart” their numbers were.

Chambi asked nutrition educator Gloria Huerta to review the women's meal plans. After reviewing with them the benefits of a plant-based diet and how easy it is to follow, she shared some recipes.

GLORIA HUERTA



**Kinesiologist Raul Cruz demonstrates a balance ball for exercising.**

GLORIA HUERTA



**Rolando Hernandez of the Tres Angeles group demonstrates how to cook healthy pasta for a nutrition class at the expo.**

“No one ever told me about the kind of food I should be eating to help control my diabetes,” said Caudillo. “I did not know animal products contained so much fat or cholesterol. Nor did I know that I could eat fruits as a diabetic so long as it was in moderation. The consultation has really opened our eyes, and also helped us know how important it is to exercise, even if it is just walking.”

A number of neighbors came by, as well as those who frequent the food bank that El Sereno hosts on a weekly basis. “People came in off the street and were very pleased with the services they received,” noted Javier Huerta, pastor. The cooking demonstration caught much attention and attendees left very motivated to make lifestyle changes.

“At least eight attendees will be soon be enrolled in Bible studies,” said Huerta.

*Danielle Smith and Gloria Huerta*



# Adventist Health Hospitals Recognized for Excellence

CASTLE MEDICAL CENTER



**Barbara Hotko, Studer coach leader (third from right) presented Castle Medical Center with The Studer Group's Healthcare Organization of the Month award for March. Receiving the award (l. to r.): Alan Cheung, VP medical affairs; Wendi Barber, former VP finance; Kathy Raethel, CEO; Laura Westphal, VP patient care services; and Travis Clegg, VP operations.**

"Excellence" is one of Adventist Health's most important values, and an integral part of its mission to share God's love through physical, mental and spiritual healing. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Several Adventist Health hospitals recently received recognitions that confirm their ongoing pursuit of excellence is making a difference.

Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Glendale, Calif., for example, has the fifth lowest mortality rate in the nation for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia, according to data supplied by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which rigorously monitors hospital quality. The achievement was recently cited in the health care trade publication, *Modern Healthcare*.

"Our hospital focused on transforming itself into a regional medical center that offers world-class care," said Arby Nahapetian, M.D., GAMC's vice president for Medical Affairs and Quality. "This ranking is an endorsement of our commitment to patients and the community."

In March 2014, the Studer Group, a health care quality consulting firm, recognized Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii, as the Evidence-Based Leadership Healthcare Organization of the Month. CMC has significantly improved patients'

they're home, patients receive a follow-up phone call to see how they're doing, and a thank-you card from the hospital.

"Positive patient comments have increased dramatically," said Kathy Raethel, CMC president and CEO. "Because of our renewed commitment to patients, we now have a strong reputation for both quality care and customer service, and our scores are in the top 10 percent in the nation for many of the measures."

The Adventist Health / Central Valley Network — which comprises four hospitals, 33 clinics and more than 20 other outpatient centers in California's Central Valley — was also recently recognized for excellence. The Advisory Board Company, a research and consulting firm, lauded CVN's new "iRounding" initiative, in which leadership uses iPads during hospital rounds. Leaders get real-time insights into

satisfaction with their hospital experience. Nurses now check-in with all patients hourly, and nurses and physicians make time to sit and listen if a patient has a concern. At shift change, the nurse going off-duty introduces the one coming on duty and shares key elements of care in the patient room. Patients are regularly kept updated on their progress and when they can expect to go home. Once

the care experiences of patients, and they record rounding observations electronically, saving paper. Leaders can note items for follow-up and send them quickly to the appropriate place. Staff and leaders also use iRounding to review and track patient safety practices.

"One day during rounds I asked an environmental services employee if he had the right tools for his job," said Wayne Ferch, CVN president and CEO. "And he mentioned the floor cleaning machine creates extra work because it doesn't clean the edges. I made a note on the iPad and shot it off to our maintenance department, which ordered a new machine. That employee was so grateful we followed up on his suggestion and was amazed we did it so fast. I believe iRounding will improve employee engagement and lead to better outcomes for our patients."

"Though some may criticize American hospitals and health care these days, the evidence shows that our hospitals are safer, producing better healing results and creating better patient experiences than ever before," said GAMC President and CEO, Kevin A. Roberts. "This is due to the combination of passionately faith-driven workers, application of best-known practices and God's healing hand in our hospitals!"

*Beth Martin*

CENTRAL VALLEY NETWORK



**Randy Borges, technical supervisor for lab at AMC-Hanford, and Steve Loewen, facilities manager with JLL, use iPads to find immediate solutions to problems and pass along information in real time.**

## CALENDARS

### Arizona

**ARIZONA \$100 SUMMER CAMP** at Camp Yavapines (July 6-Aug. 3): Adventurer Camp, ages 6-9, July 6-13; Junior Camp #1, ages 9-12, July 6-13; Junior Camp #2, ages 9-12, July 13-20; Tween Camp, ages 12-13, July 20-27; Teen Camp, ages 14-17, July 27-August 3. Info: Lisa, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

**EVANGELISTIC PROPHECY SEMINAR** (July 11-Aug. 10) Chinle, Ariz. Speaker, Pastor Charlie Whitehorse. Info: Pastor Dale Wolcott, 928-589-7210.

**RAW FOODS POTLUCK SUPPER** (Aug. 9) 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sat. of each month, Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix. Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. Info: stanhowerton@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

**16TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT** Camp Yavapines (Sept. 26-28) Guest speaker, Tim Feig, speaking on "Breaking Bad Habits," includes fellowship, good food. Info: Dennis Rizzo, 602-431-1444.

**26TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY** Retreat at Camp Yavapines (Oct. 10-12) with Shelley Quinn, "Near to the Heart of God." Info: Shelli Marti, 623-935-6010.

### Northern California Conference

**MICHAEL BISHOP** and Marlynn Concert (Aug. 9) 7 p.m. Lodi Fairmont church, 730 South Fairmont Avenue. Info: 209-334-1844.

**NCC ADVENTURER/PATHFINDER** Leadership Convention (Sept. 5-7) Leoni Meadows. Info: Youth Department, 925-603-5080 and Adventurer Department, 925-603-5082.

**CHURCH STATE COUNCIL** (Sept. 13) 50th Anniversary Celebration. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. 11 a.m. - worship service, speaker: Orlan Johnson, NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director. 2:30 p.m. - rally, music: Sacramento Adventist Academy choirs. Info: 916-446-2552, neva@churchstate.org.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** (Sept. 14) Church State Council. Sacramento hotel. Reception, 6 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. Limited seating. Tickets \$60. Info and reservations: 916-446-2552, neva@churchstate.org.

### Pacific Union College

**PUBLICATION WORKSHOP** (Sept. 2-4) Academies learn how to make the most of their publications through writing, photography, graphic design, and film courses taught by college educators and industry professionals. Info: publicationworkshop.puc.edu.

### Southeastern California

**CALIMESA CHURCH CAMP MEETING** (every Sabbath in August) 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., 391 Myrtlewood Dr., Calimesa. Theme: "The People of God." Featured speakers: Jon Current, Chris Oberg, Clarence Schilt, Mic Thurber, Art Earl and Jon Ciccirelli. Info: 909-795-9741.

**ADVENTIST ROBOTICS LEAGUE** Coaches' Meeting (Aug. 24) 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Southeastern California Conference Grounds, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. The meeting is for anyone interested in assisting the Adventist Robotics league by coaching. Info: Teri Vasquez, 951-509-2313, Teresita.Vasquez@seccsda.org.

**LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY** Church Camp Meeting Vespers (Aug. 30) 6:30 p.m. 11125 Campus Dr., Loma Linda. David I. Levy, M.D., Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery, University of California, San Diego, will share his powerful message "Faith at Work." Levy will be sharing personal stories of his journey with neurosurgery and faith.

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### Southern California Conference

**"ARCHEOLOGY PROVES THE BIBLE"** Evangelistic Series (Aug. 2-23) 7 p.m. Presenter, Pastor John Aitken. Sabbaths, Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Valley

Crossroads church, 11350 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima 91331. Info: 818-896-4488.

**RISE: TAKING THE STAND** 2014 Rally (Aug. 3-8) 7 p.m. Whittier church, 8841 Calmada Ave. Prizes, breakout groups, dinner. Speakers: pastors Meshach Soli, Beaumont; Manny Arteaga, Resurrection, Lighthouse; Carlos Acosta, Baldwin Park Bilingual; Chris Chong, L.A. Central Korean; Heidi Carpenter, SCC Literature Ministry director; Michael Kelly III, Mt. Rubidoux. Info: godsyouthministry.weebly.com; Pastor James Fell, 951-522-4975.

**CHILDREN'S EVANGELISTIC SERIES** (Aug. 3-8) 7 p.m. Conference Room, Whittier church, 8841 Calmada Ave. For children ages 3-12. (During the RISE: Taking the Stand youth/young adult rally) Info: 562-696-9417.

**WEST COVINA WOMEN'S** Ministry Brunch "In Living Color" (Aug. 24) 11 a.m. Speaker, Sali Butler, West Covina Hills, 3536 E. Temple Way, West Covina, Calif. 91791 Cost: \$5 per person. Mothers encouraged to bring their teenage and young adult daughters. RSVP: Lillian Patton, 626-918-6941 or Mickie Hall, 909-464-2287.

**CAL STATE LA GRADUATE** Choral Recital (Aug. 9) 4 p.m., presented by the Second

Saturday Concert Series. Directed by Dr. Sébastien Vallée. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. A reception following the concert will allow opportunity to meet the artists. Freewill donations are received at the door. Info: 818-244-7241; www.glendalecitychurch.org.

**L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM** (Aug. 23) 3 p.m. Topic: "How the Headship Principle Entered the Church, and Why You Should Care." Presenter, Gerry Chudleigh, Pacific Union Director of Communication and Recorder publisher. The Good Shepherd Chapel, Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-242-7241.

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**HEALDSBURG** Contact: Elaine Privat, clerk, Healdsburg Adventist Church, 429 Terrace Blvd., Healdsburg, CA 95448-3312. 707-857-3726, [rd@sonic.net](mailto:rd@sonic.net): Conrad Brown, Tyler Brown, Angelica Contreras, Rhondi Dias, Dorothy Lang, Chris McManus, Berto Salas, Ed Schatz, Max Siem, Ted Smith, and Tomi Smith.

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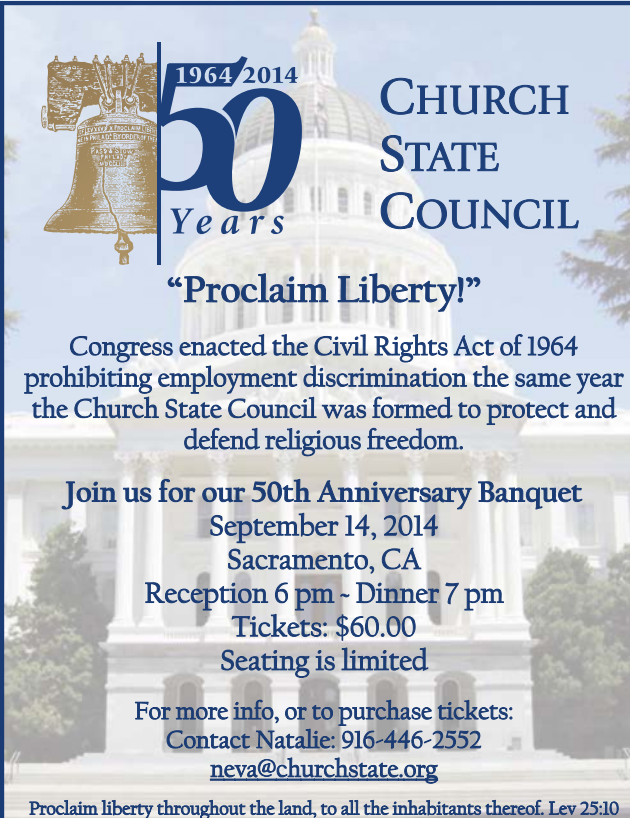
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**BURLEY, TODD D.** — b. June 9, 1945, Lincoln, Neb.; d. May 31, 2014, Alta Loma, Calif. Survivors: wife, Virginia; son, Robin; daughter, Tanya Burley Aaen; stepson, Eric Schilt; stepdaughters, Karin Lee, Kimberly Couture; 10 grandchildren; brother, Kimber Burley.

**BURROW, DANIEL A.** — b. July 24, 1934, Jersey City, N.J.; d. May 26, 2014, Redding, Calif. Survivors: wife, Shirley; daughters, Jenny Burr, Ann; two grandchildren.

**CARELOCK, DAVID EDGAR ARTHUR** — b. July 28, 1946, Hayward, Calif.; d. March 24, 2014, Angwin, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rebecca; sons, Denton, David; two grandchildren.

**CHRISTIANSEN, MARY ETHEL (BARBER)** — b. Dec. 6, 1922, Iron River, Wisc.; d. April 29, 2014, Benicia, Calif. Survivors: son, Lloyd; daughter, Linda Nosik; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Bill Barber; sister, Ruby Wright. Served in the Northern California Conference MV Department.

**CUNNINGHAM, JUNE E.** — b. Jan. 16, 1927, Portland, Ore.; d. June 24, 2014, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dan, Jim; one grandchild.

**DUNCAN, RICHARD G.** — b. June 29, 1920, Portland Ore.; d. June 8, 2014, Gualala, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marie; sons, Raymond, Richard, Robert; daughter, Mona Darlene; three grandchildren.

**GHISHAN, ADELMA GLADYS** — b. July 18, 1926, Washington, Vt.; d. Sept. 19, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Samir; daughter, Susan Walters; brother, John; nieces and nephews. Served as nurse at hospitals in Kentucky and Loma Linda, Calif.

**GREENSLATE, BARBARA ANN (HAUGEN)** — b. Feb. 3, 1931, Sioux Falls, S.D.; d. June 2, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ron; sons, Larry, Michael; daughter, Kelly; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Bonnie Bradford, Betty Blackwood.

**HANSON, THOMAS ARTHUR** — b. Jan. 27, 1950, Bakersfield, Calif.; d. Feb. 13, 2014, Yreka, Calif. Survivors: sons, Evan Fortna-Hanson, Seth Fortna-Hanson; one grandchild.

**HARRIS, BETTY** — b. May 2, 1928, Baltimore, Md.; d. April 10, 2014, Quincy, Calif. Survivors: son, Dale; daughters, Ellen Beldin, Carol Johnson, Sharon Strong; seven grandchildren.

**KANEN, WARREN TAYLOR** — b. Dec. 23, 1925, Grizzly Bluff, Calif.; d. June 4, 2014, Marysville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Doris; sons, Donald, David; daughters, Denise Abston, Marlene Savage, Jennifer Mayfield, Debbie King, Janice Mayfield, Druscilla Covington; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Lowell, Norman, Rolland. Served as a dentist and volunteer mission dentist.

**KLIER, EDITH COLLEEN (NEAL)** — b. Jan. 22, 1926, West Portal, Colo.; d. Jan. 23, 2014, Lakeport, Calif. Survivors: sons, Martin, John, Richard; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**KRAUSE, MARY LOU** — b. Nov. 17, 1934, Richland Center, Wis.; d. April 11, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: husband, Otis; son, Loren; daughter, Deanna Relf; four grandchildren; sister, Betty Cox.

**LAMMERDING, GERALD "GERRY" DENNIS** — b. Oct. 30, 1934, Sacramento, Calif.; d. April 17, 2014, Lincoln, Calif. Survivors: wife, Barbara; sons, Dennis, Michael; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

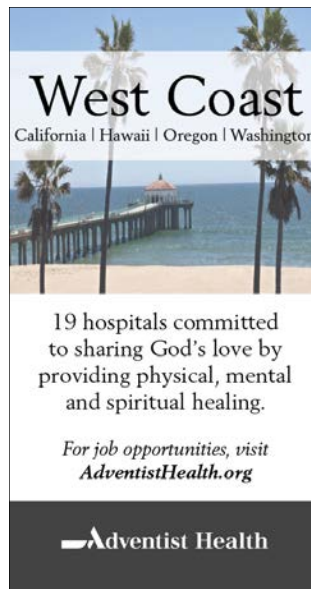
**LARSAN, NORMAN LEE** — b. Aug. 19, 1928, Colón, Panama; d. March 2, 2014, Monterey Park, Calif. Survivors: wife, Grace; sons, Kevin, Brian; daughter, Donna Sorensen; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Served at White Memorial Hospital in the blood bank.

**LEONARD, RONALD LEE** — b. Sept. 22, 1948, Eugene, Ore.; d. June 22, 2014, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Margaret; daughter, Molly Franti; stepson, David Krussow; stepdaughter, Lanette Espinoza; seven grandchildren. Served at Adventist Health as a med gas specialist for Northern California hospitals.

**MANN, LIDA BABIENCO** — b. Aug. 4, 1921, Harbin, China; d. May 29, 1921, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Julie Mattison, Nancy Debretsian.

**PARKER, BERNARD "BERNIE" GOLDSTEIN** — b. Sept. 15, 1917, New York, N.Y.; d. April 28, 2014, Lakeport, Calif. Survivors: wife, Betty Jean Parker; sons, Bill Goldstein, Reuben Goldstein; daughters, Betty Wolfen, Eileen.

**PARODI, ELLENA "HELEN" C.** — b. April 20, 1917, New Almaden, Calif.; d. March 31, 2014, Lakeport, Calif. Survivors: son, Paul.



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**POTTERTON-FISCHER, DOROTHY ELVIRA (BOHNA)** — b. Aug. 1, 1933, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. May 11, 2014, Jasper, Ore. Survivors: husband, Lee; sons, Rodney Potterton, Denver Potterton; daughters, Ronda Smith, Shelly Bergland; four grandchildren. Served as a girls' dean at Blue Mountain Academy, Milo Academy, Shenandoah Academy, and as the first women's dean at Weimar College.

**SAMPSON, ANDREW DANIEL** — b. Sept. 17, 1989, Montebello, Calif.; d. Jan. 11, 2014, Healdsburg, Calif. Survivors: father, Alan; mother, Kathy; brother, Aron; sister, Arika.

**SCHULTE, MARIA** — b. Dec. 15, 1914, Ravenna, Italy; d. May 26, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Dave; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**SEWELL, RAY** — B. Aug., 31, 1940, Madera, Calif.; d. May 20, 2014, College Place, Wash. Survivors: wife, Norma; sons, Brian, Brent; daughter, Shelley; five grandchildren. Served at San Diego Academy, Paradise Valley Hospital, Feather River Hospital.

**SLACK, JUSTINA MAMIE (WALL)** — b. Jan. 21, 1915, New Home, N.D.; d. March 21, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Katherine Nelson, Anna Hie, Mildred Gruenholz.

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