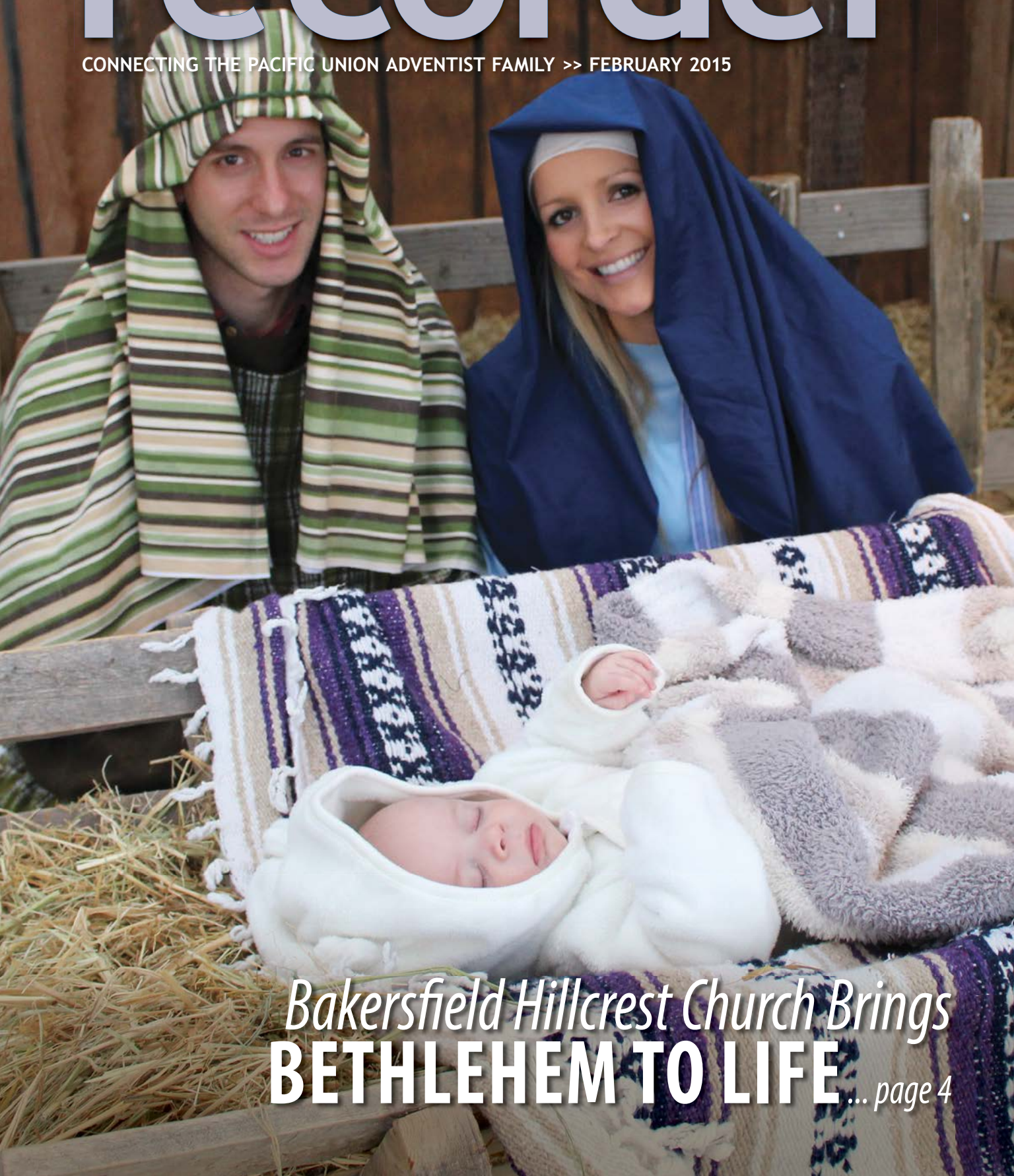


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Mary and Joseph (Natalie and Jimmy Phillips) swaddle Jesus (Lincoln Phillips) in the manger at the Bakersfield Hillcrest Church.

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

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Daddy's Lifting Power

A little boy was playing in the sandbox that his father had built in the backyard of their house. The father had placed some large rocks in the big sand box and as the son played there with his toy trucks, he decided to move one of them. He tried to move them and try as he might, he couldn't budge them. Out of his frustration, he began to cry.

His father had been watching him all along, and when he began to cry, went out to the yard. "What's wrong, son?" the father asked. The boy responded, "I can't move the rock," he said with tears streaming down his face.

After getting him settled down, the father asked why he hadn't used all the strength he had? The boy said, "I did, Daddy. I used all my might!" The father responded that he hadn't: "You didn't use DLP!" Mystified, the son asked, what is DLP? The father smiled and said, "DLP is *Daddy's Lifting Power*. Next time, just ask me to help you, and I will move it for you," the father said as he moved the big rock out of his son's way.

In our lives, we are bound to come across some obstacles along the spiritual path to the promised land. Satan attempts to block our way and get us off the right path entirely. He will attempt to put heavy burdens on us that we are not designed to bear: his temptations are custom-designed based on our particular genetic disposition, habits and acculturation. He tries to crush us with the burden of self-salvation through a false theology of works righteousness, or with an attempt to totally forget God's call to righteousness by faith that results in God-pleasing, God-honoring obedience.

Our Father in heaven is watching us all the time, just waiting for us to call out to Him and let Him use His DLP — His *Divine Lifting Power*.

Jesus calls down through the ages in His words that are intergenerational, cross cultural and gender neutral: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30, NIV).

So many things in this life can burden us: failures in school, reverses in business and dead-end jobs. Negative family drama with hard-hearted husbands, demanding diva wives, in-laws that act like outlaws, and children who sometimes seem like they belong to another family, and worse.

We often experience the disappointment of having false friends and true enemies.

The cares of this world are multiple. Regardless of the "who, what, and when," the devil seeks to load us up and break us down. He will try to trip us on the path to eternal life and he will attempt to swap the signs on the narrow way and the broad way (see Matthew 7:13-14) to confuse us in our journey.

Jesus knows all of this and more. He walked this journey, and every day of His life was a challenge, and yet He overcame, turning the devil's stumbling blocks into stepping-stones. He safely climbed over, and went

around, and obliterated all the boulders the devil had designed for Him. His father lifted the burdens and also lifted Him. Because He overcame, He can give us power to overcome. It is like Paul said in Hebrews 7:25: "Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" (NIV).

Jesus' offer is still valid; there is no expiration date on it like a coupon in the Sunday newspaper. Daily, through the Holy Spirit's ministry, He is calling us to come to Him. He doesn't call us with accusations that magnify our guilt. He calls us to relieve the guilt of our sins. Like the lost sheep in Luke 15, we already know that we are in trouble because we have lost our way. Or maybe we are like the lost coin, lost at home and ignorant of our true spiritual state, going through motions without a genuine encounter with God that can change us. Yet, our hearts cry out in the words of the old Spiritual, "It's me, it's me, it's me O, Lord, standing in the need of prayer." God hears the cry of every burdened heart.

In Greek mythology, the sirens were dangerous yet beautiful creatures, portrayed as *femme fatales* who lured nearby sailors with their enchanting music and voices to shipwreck on the rocky coast of their island.

The tempter's call is constant. His call to us is the call to sin like the sirens on the rocks, calling all humanity to shipwreck themselves on the barren rocks of this world.

Yet, Jesus calls and offers us His lifting power, the ability to move the pebbles, rocks and boulders that Satan places in our paths, or in our "sandbox." He even splits the rocks for us to pass through unencumbered on our journey (see Psalm 78:15). God our great Father, is our *Abba*, "Daddy," and He is waiting for us to call on Him.

One of my favorite quotations is this one: "In Christ, God has provided means for subduing every sinful trait and resisting every temptation, however strong" (*Desire of Ages*, p. 429).

It starts with our accepting His gracious offer to receive His lifting power. He doesn't just lift or destroy our "rocks;" He lifts us to Him daily. In this New Year, let us decide daily to turn to him. Why would we not?

Ricardo Graham



Hillcrest Church Brings Bethlehem to Life in Bakersfield

After a three-year hiatus, Walk Through Bethlehem returned to the Hillcrest church this Christmas season. The guided reenactment of the first Christmas in Bethlehem — which was a staple in Bakersfield for more than a decade — drew approximately 5,000 local residents during two weekend showings this past December.

The work was a culmination of many months worth of effort, which included fundraising, costume design, set construction and advertising.

“Walk Through Bethlehem has been an important part of Hillcrest’s outreach and evangelism efforts in the community,” said James Scarborough, the church’s senior pastor. “It was exciting to see our church family come together to resurrect this wonderful program that so effectively shares the good news of the gospel with believers and non-believers alike.”

After the last Walk Through Bethlehem in 2010, many of the wooden panels used to construct the town were damaged by rain. In addition, dozens of costumes were worn out and in need of being remade. Despite the physical challenges and large financial investment, church leadership felt compelled to move forward with the project. Through individual contributions and a matching sponsorship by San Joaquin Community Hospital, Hillcrest was able to raise more than \$20,000 to purchase the materials needed to rebuild the set, costume fabric and advertising space.

But raising the necessary funds was just the beginning. In late summer, work began to build

Bethlehem — a massive project that would take many months to complete. Each Sunday, dedicated volunteers gathered at the church to steadily construct the frame, walls and roof of Jesus’ birthplace.

Meanwhile, as Bethlehem was coming together, an equally important work was being done behind the scenes by a similarly talented group of volunteers. Over the course of many weeks, sewing machines came alive to assemble nearly 150 costumes that would be worn by the wide range of characters within the city walls. Among the most complicated included Roman soldiers, the three wise men and the angels — which came complete with light-up wings.

The hard work culminated during the two weekend showings — which occurred from late afternoon to evening on Dec. 12-14 and 19-21. And once again, hundreds of volunteers made the event possible. Many participated by playing one of the characters that greeted guests along the way; others served as guides, while perhaps the hardest workers prepared

food to serve the hungry participants. In addition, support staff registered each guest, coordinated the sign up and schedules for each character and provided live music for guests waiting to go on tour.

“One of the best parts of Walk Through Bethlehem is seeing

our church come together to serve,” Scarborough said. “Throughout the year, our dedicated members put in countless hours in various church departments and ministries. However, this Christmas tradition provides a way for everyone to work together toward a common goal. It’s an honor to be a part of and something we look forward to continuing every year.”

Although Walk Through Bethlehem is a fun way to remember the first Christmas, at the core, it’s an intentional effort that introduces or reintroduces the life-saving power of Jesus to hungry souls. After seeing baby Jesus in His manger and meeting Him as an adult, guests were given the opportunity to sign up for Bible studies. Over the course of the two weekends, dozens of Bible study leads were generated and will be followed up by members in 2015.

After the final group went through, the hard work of tearing down and storing the set and costumes began. Although the scene was but a fleeting glimpse back in time, both guests and participants will likely have a lasting impression stretching beyond this world and into eternity.

Jimmy Phillips

MATTHEW KIRK



Tour guide Austin Eke (left) stops at an oil merchant. Harmony Swanson (middle) explains while Natalie Rodriguez demonstrates how to press oil from olives.

MATTHEW KIRK



Kristin Leal (right) grinds the meal while Lauren Leal and Ginger Flemming (middle) knead flour into bread.

FAA Continues to Grow While Serving Community



Eighth-grader Blake Johnson quickly makes a new friend.

FAA Monthly Mission Day

Each month, Fresno Adventist Academy's K-12 students, staff and parent chaperones jump into vans and buses to hit the Central Valley community to "Do Something!" Themed after a popular Christian song, Principal Eric Johnson created a plan to impact the community surrounding the school.

Each class has adopted a location, or project, with mission on their minds. The students' goal is to be God's hands and feet on these afternoon projects. A favorite site is a local preschool. "I love interacting with the preschool kids we visit," states ninth-grader Jjanyl Federico. "It's so cool to see some of my classmates connect with the children, open up and be their best with them."

Parents and staff coordinated numerous outings, such as nursing homes, preschools, animal shelters and helping the homeless. "I love helping



One of the 40 desserts in the auction that raised more than \$4,500.

others," says sixth-grader Layla Dickson.

The eighth grade class went to help at the Fresno Bully Rescue. "I thought we were going to a place where they help stop kids from being bullied," shared eighth-grader Blake Johnson.

He was pleasantly surprised to find roughly 50 pit bulls to befriend. Students were able to assist by

walking and training the dogs.

"As our students venture to be God's hands and feet, we continue to be motivated and reminded of the ultimate service Jesus made for each of us," concludes Eric Johnson.

15th Annual Gala

The 15th annual holiday gala was held in the Ricchuiti Auditorium of Fresno Adventist Academy on Dec. 7, and raised \$115,000 for tuition assistance through the Student Sponsorship Program. Contributions came in the form of table sponsorships at various levels and a silent dessert auction. The 40-dessert auction broke a record and raised over \$4,500.

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Richelle Rickard



FAA gymnasium transforms into an elegant banquet hall.

Sunnyside Serves Children Through Angel Tree

Eighty-one children with incarcerated parents had a brighter Christmas thanks to Fresno Sunnyside church participating with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program. On Dec. 21, Sunnyside volunteers distributed 162 gifts to the 24 families that were represented, while members of the church's band and praise team played and sang Christmas songs. Other church volunteers made and donated cookies and pumpkin bread for each family, and handmade blankets were donated for each child.

Prison Fellowship is an organization that equips local churches and volunteers with the tools needed to disciple incarcerated persons and support the families waiting for their release. The Angel Tree program uses volunteers and churches to bring the joy of Christmas to the children in these families. Each year, thousands of paper angels are printed and sent to local churches to be hung on Christmas trees. They contain the name and age of a child and a message from their parent behind bars. These

angels are later attached to the gifts given to the children.

For more than eight years, the Sunnyside church has participated in the Angel Tree program. The church's goal is to bring the love of Christ to the children of inmates during the season when they feel most abandoned. "I can't believe what you and your church have done for me and my kids!" an overwhelmed Kimberly Sears said.

"Without all of you, we wouldn't have had a nice Christmas like this," Jessica Contreras added.

"Angel Tree is a total team effort," Diane Bertao, Sunnyside's Angel Tree ministry director explained. "Each family was provided with gifts on behalf of their parent, purchased by our church family. Pumpkin bread and cookie trays were packaged up by our sweet elves and given to each family." Each child was also given an

ornate blanket. Everyone enjoyed a memorable evening filled with music, laughter, shared stories, a few tears and prayer circles.

According to Prison Fellowship's website, there are 2.7 million American children living with the "abandonment, loneliness and shame that come[s] from having a mom or dad in prison." Statistically, many of these children follow their parents' path to incarceration. Prison Fellowship aims to break the cycle by sharing and modeling the restorative love of Jesus. This Christmas, they reported 425,000 Angel Tree children being connected with their parents behind bars through the program.

"The families were overwhelmed and amazed by all of the love and kindness shown to them by each person they met [at the reception]," Bertao explained. "It was an amazing night for us serving all the families. I pray that they felt the spirit of the Lord in our midst that evening."

Tanesha Kerr



Peacekeepers Inducted as Newest Pathfinder Club



Peacekeepers marched in the Santa Maria Parade of Lights.

The Central California Conference welcomed its newest Pathfinder club, the Central Coast Peacekeepers with a special induction service at the Santa Maria English church Nov. 22, 2014. The club launched with 16 young people between 10-15 years old. Members received official scarves and sliders, welcoming the new club into the conference.

The new Pathfinder club is the only club in Area 4, which covers the Central Coast from Templeton Hills to the north and Lompoc to the south. Master Guide Joe Mallinson will serve as director and Master Guide Joe Brezovic as assistant director. Staff members include Matthew Haas, Nancy Kelley, Jason Schellas and Clarita Testa.

The Peacekeepers are already working on various honors that include knot tying, graphic arts and marching. Leaders debuted the club within its local community on Dec. 6 by participating in the Santa Maria Parade of Lights.

"It is such a blessing to see how God con-

tinues to expand the Pathfinder ministry throughout the Central California Conference," explains Pathfinder director Norma Villarreal. "It is our prayer that every church would understand and see the value of this much needed and blessed ministry. We praise God for the success in Santa Maria; their efforts have not been in vain. We hope this will serve as a motivation to other churches who are still considering whether or not they should invest in Pathfinders."



The Central Coast Peacekeepers Pathfinder Club draws members from area churches.

Joe Mallinson

Live Nativity Witnesses to Santa Rosa Community

Each December for the past 18 years, cars have lined up in front of the Santa Rosa church, full of community members waiting to see the annual drive-through live nativity. Some come for the first time, but for many it's a Christmas tradition. Each year the event draws 700-900 people.



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Bill Hyatt, Bob Karr and Jeff Heath provide live music for the guests.



Larry Purdy gets help with his costume from his wife Glenda.



Daryl Setterlund and Mary Truelove answer questions after giving a narrative CD to visitors at the entrance.

This year on Dec. 12 and 13, more than 80 men, women and children brought nine scenes from the Bible to life. Actors arrived early to get dressed in elaborate costumes that included halos and angel wings, robes and turbans, and pasted-on beards. They worked in shifts, taking turns standing motionless for a 30-minute period three times each evening. Volunteers greeted visitors and gave them CDs or audio-tapes of the scene-by-scene narration. Others provided traffic control on busy Sonoma Avenue or performed carols at the event's entrance.

Many volunteers were also busy behind the scenes. Nine scene coordinators adjusted sashes and staffs and found replacements for missing costume parts. Some people prepared and served food; others tied ribbons on gifts to be handed out to guests.

Although many who volunteered are Santa Rosa church members, others included members of nearby Adventist churches, Vacation Bible School participants from the neighborhood, and students from a junior college. Bob Karr has been involved with the nativity since its start. "I like the camaraderie," he said. "It draws us together, and it gets people to see a bit of Christ in Christmas, instead of Santa Claus."

Vashti Jackson, a scene coordinator, also appreciates the emphasis on the true Christmas story and the way the event brings everyone together. "We're witnessing, but not in a preachy way," she said. "All ages get involved, from toddlers up, and when someone's in costume you don't know if they're a company CEO or a homeless person. It doesn't matter."

Behind all the bustle, nativity founder and organizer Sarah Smith worked to keep everything moving smoothly, as she has done since 1997. A skilled seamstress, Smith created the costumes. Other volunteers fashioned the sets, ranging from the annunciation to the second advent. Longtime visitors have seen the pageant evolve. Originally, the final scene depicted the wise men. Later, scenes depicting Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the second advent were added.



Nancy DeWitt, as Mary, and David Morgan, as Joseph, prepare to receive the wisemen's gifts.

Two years ago, Smith presented a pared-down version of the nativity at Vallejo's Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, where a handful of helpers witnessed to an entirely different group — many of whom had never heard the Christmas story.

When she turned 80 last September, Smith was asked if she wished to retire as live nativity chairperson. "No," she responded, "I'm aiming for 20 years in this ministry, unless Jesus comes first."

Kathie Morgan

Mad About Marriage Seminar Comes to Oakland

More than 80 percent of Americans report that a successful marriage is very important to them, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted several years ago. What better way for Seventh-day Adventist churches to connect with their communities than by helping couples strengthen their marriages?

STEPHANIE LEAL



"Lifestyle Magazine" hosts Mike and Gayle Tucker illustrate their presentation with stories from their own marriage.

In November, nearly 300 people attended the seminar *Mad About Marriage*, presented by Mike and Gayle Tucker, who host the Faith for Today television show "Lifestyle Magazine." The Tuckers invited special guest speakers David and Tamela Mann, from the television show "Meet the Browns," to join them at the event. Held at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center on a Sabbath afternoon, the seminar was advertised via radio, television and newspaper ads.

The Northern California Conference sponsored the event as part of its Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus evangelism initiative. "We want to meet all the different needs of the people of Oakland and the greater Bay Area — including their relationship needs," said NCC Church Growth/Evangelism Director Del Dunavant, who serves as the Bridges event facilitator.

Just as they do on their television show, the Tuckers presented practical marriage advice,

punctuated by funny and heartfelt stories and videos. The Manns contributed further insights and humor, and Tamela Mann — an award-winning recording artist — sang a gospel song. Adventist Health provided refreshments during a mid-afternoon break.

One community participant admitted that he was initially reluctant to come with his wife, but he changed his mind. "I really enjoyed it," he said. "We got a lot of good skills and techniques that I think can help us grow. ... I look forward to implementing some of the techniques in our marriage."

His wife agreed, saying she especially appreciated hearing about forgiveness and trying to outdo your spouse in showing love to each other. "If you want to learn how to be married and stay married and love your marriage, then come to the seminar," she said.

Since 2009, the Tuckers have presented the *Mad About Marriage* seminar in more than 90 cities around the country. The event attracts a group of people different from those who attend traditional outreach seminars. "We're seeing people that we've never seen before at evangelism events," said Jennifer LaMountain, Faith for Today's director of development. "They aren't looking for a religious experience right now; they're looking for practical help in their lives."

Mad About Marriage participants had the opportunity to sign up for *Flipping the Switch*, a follow-up small group seminar that took place at a dozen local NCC churches in the fall

and winter. More than half of the people who attended the Oakland event signed up for the six-week seminar. (And more than 100 people attended the local events that did not come to the Oakland seminar.) At each session, attendees viewed a video featuring the Tuckers, and then participated in a discussion facilitated by a local church member. Each person received a free workbook.

Participants at various churches were so enthusiastic about what they learned that they want to hold more *Flipping the Switch* seminars in the near future, according to Dunavant. One couple volunteered to host a seminar in their home. "I didn't think you could top the one-day event, but these follow-ups topped anything we could have imagined," said Dunavant, who was impressed by the quality of the materials presented. He facilitated the seminar at the Antioch church, along with his wife, Mary Ellen.

LaMountain appreciates the many church members who took time during the events to befriend community members. "Sometimes we are so anxious to put them in the baptismal tank that we've forgotten how to just be their friends," she said. "We want to connect families searching for help with a church family that will actively give them information and support them as friends."

For more information about the seminar and to view *Mad About Marriage* episodes from the *Lifestyle Magazine* television show, visit www.madaboutmarriage.com.

Julie Lorenz

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Twenty-eight people attended the Oakland Market Street church's follow-up marriage seminar.

Three NCC Pastors Ordained in Fall 2014

In the final months of 2014, three Northern California Conference pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry.

Kietrich Germany

Oakland Elmhurst church Pastor Kietrich Germany was ordained on Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 11, during the annual NCC African-American Convocation at Christian Life Center in Stockton.

Germany was introduced to the Lord by his parents. His mother, Dorothy, took him to church and taught him to love the Bible. He remembers studying the Sabbath school lesson with his siblings, Pamela and Antione, and reciting memory verses to their mother. He also recalls sitting on the piano bench beside his father, on days when he would visit, and being inspired by the Christian lyrics to want to know God. When his mother took him to an evangelistic series, he responded to the call of the Holy Spirit.

As a teenager, Germany was drawn to teaching and preaching. While he was participating at a prayer conference, the keynote speaker laid her hand on Germany's shoulder and told him that God had called him to the ministry.

Germany attended Oakwood University, graduating in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in ministerial theology. He then served as a church-funded youth pastor at the Sacramento Capitol City church. While there, a young lady named Teairra McQueen caught his eye. (They were married in July 2009.)

In the fall of 2006, Kietrich enrolled at the SDA Theological Seminary to pursue his Master of Divinity. In addition to his studies, he served as the chaplain for the Black Student Association of the Seminary and the student leader/assistant pastor for the New Life Fellowship. With one semester left before completing his degree, the Northern California Conference hired Germany to serve as the assistant pastor at the Oakland Market Street church, where he worked for four years before accepting the call to his current pastorate in 2013.

Germany enthusiastically embraces his calling to the ministry. "His Word is like a fire, shut up in my bones," he said. "I can't hold my peace, because I'm loving Him always."

Jimmy Painter

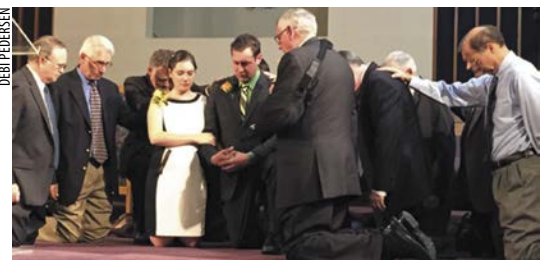
James (Jimmy) Painter II was ordained on Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 18, at the Ukiah church, where he has served as associate pastor since 2009.

Born in Tacoma, Wash., Painter and his younger sister lived with their mother; but, when he was 12, he went to live with his father in Puyallup, Wash. There he began attending the Adventist church and school, participated in Pathfinders and learned more about God.



PAINTER FAMILY

Jimmy Painter, Ukiah church associate pastor, with his wife, Lindsey, and children, Emery and Warren.



Conference officials and pastors kneel with Jimmy and Lindsey Painter during the ordination service on Sabbath, Oct. 18, at the Ukiah church.

Painter attended Walla Walla University and Canadian University College. During his first few years as a college student, he changed his major several times. He kept feeling that he should go into pastoral ministry, but he resisted — until he went on a mission trip to Peru that changed his future because he gave his whole life unconditionally to God. Around this time, several people from different parts of his life suggested that he become a pastor.

When he returned to CUC, he changed his major for the last time — to religion, with an emphasis in adventure-based youth leadership. After graduation, he was hired as a church-funded youth pastor by the Placerville church. He had been recommended by the daughter of one of the church's search committee members. (She knew him from summer camp.) This same young woman, Lindsey, later caught his attention, and they married in 2006.

After the wedding, the couple moved to Michigan so that Painter could study at the SDA Theological Seminary. While there, they were blessed with a daughter, Emery. When the family returned to California so Painter could serve in his current position, they welcomed a son, Warren.

STEPHANIE LEAL



Kietrich Germany, Oakland Elmhurst church pastor, and his wife Teairra.

DEBI PEDERSEN



Kietrich and Teairra Germany are surrounded by pastors during his ordination service, held Oct. 11, as part of the NCC African-American Convocation at Stockton's Christian Life Center.

As he looks back on his life so far, Painter sees the Lord's guidance. "God is working strongly in my life," he said. "And though I didn't always know it, I have always been led to use my life to show Jesus to those around me."

Jonny Hayasaka

Jonathan (Jonny) Hayasaka, Chico church associate pastor, was ordained at the Chico church during the worship service on Sabbath, Dec. 6.

Born in Loma Linda to parents Raúl and Ruby, Hayasaka grew up with his brother Wally, sister Susie, and three cousins: Tammy, Don and Jessie. He completed most of his grade school and high school education while living in Roseville. As a teenager, he was baptized at the Carmichael church by Pastor David Osborne. In 1997, he graduated from Sacramento Adventist Academy.

While in college, Hayasaka accepted a call to serve as a "taskforce" worker at the Puyallup, Wash., church. However, shortly after his arrival, the church's youth pastor left his position, and Hayasaka took on the role. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in theology at Walla Walla University in 2002.



Jonny Hayasaka, Chico church associate pastor, and his parents, Raúl and Ruby Hayasaka.

Hayasaka has ministered in a wide variety of positions. He served as youth pastor for Loma Linda's Mission Road church, during which time he helped organize an Asian/Pacific Islander youth ministries council for the Southeastern California Conference. He developed The Awakening church in College Place, Wash., which began with a small group of student leaders and grew to over 400 people during its first two years. He served as Walla Walla University's community service director and worked as a youth assistant at the Walla Walla University church. He also spent five summers working at Sunset Lake Camp.



NCC Assistant to the President Ed Fergusson prays during the ordination service for Jonny Hayasaka on Sabbath, Dec. 6.

In 2007, Hayasaka accepted the call to the Chico church. (He is currently working on his Master of Arts in pastoral ministry through the SDA Theological Seminary.) He has focused his ministry on building relationships with high school students and their families. He is also involved in ministries for children and young adults. "Once you know someone's story and testimony, you stop objectifying them and begin to truly see them as a child of God," said Hayasaka. "That's where the opportunity to minister and be ministered to really flourishes."

Julie Lorenz

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"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)



East Valley School's Prayers for Renovations Answered



Arthur Andronic and Petea Demerji (in front) helped move dry wall. "The Lord worked many miracles throughout our trip," said Ostap Dzyndra, the Slavic team coordinator. "Thank you for the opportunity!"



Eighth-graders (l. to r.) Henry Rodriguez, Hunter Pastrana, Rafael Castro, Kelvin Zelaya, Benny Zelaya, and Noah Sias worked with other students to help with the renovation project.

The Lord blessed the East Valley School with an amazing Thanksgiving week," said Anthony Ostos, chair of the East Valley School board. "It began with a forwarded e-mail message from Deborah Dahl, EVAS principal, who had received it from Salvador Garcia, the Baldwin Park church pastor. Garcia had received it from the conference communication director, who had been contacted through the conference website. The message said that the Sacramento Area Adventist Slavic church was seeking a youth mission project, possibly a church or school building rehabilitation.

"This e-mail was a miraculous answer to our many prayers," Ostos continued. "We had had a declining enrollment and no funds for needed repairs. Chief among these was the chapel, damaged by a leaky roof from a rainstorm, as well as classroom carpeting needing replacement. After an Adventist roofer repaired the roof without cost, we began to give serious consideration to repairing the chapel."

Dahl asked Ostos to call the mission project coordinator with specifics about the school's

needs. Thus began a month of phone calls, text messages and e-mails conveying repair details and preparation for the Slavic missionaries.

"As the mission project unfolded," Dahl said, "we began to see the Lord's hand at work. The Slavic church members had been praying for someone to respond to their message about a mission project. They had sent messages to other conference websites; only EVAS had responded."

Prior to the Slavic group's arrival, Brian Simanjuntak, youth leader from the Indonesian-American church, installed a new modem and upgraded the school's wireless internet. He and several other local volunteers helped with painting and other chores.

Thanksgiving week was selected for the Slavic youth missionaries to come.

"By the following Sunday," said Ostos, "interior chapel repairs were finished and included new and freshly painted insulated ceiling, walls, new carpeting, upgraded lighting, ceiling fans, electrical outlets, a new stage and exit door. They painted and installed tile entryways and

commercial grade carpets in the school office and three classrooms. They also took care of additional smaller tasks, and even bought the school a new vacuum cleaner."

This was the 10th mission trip for Ostap Dzyndra, the group's coordinator, but it was the youth group's first mission trip. "Originally, we did not have a project budget," said Ostap, "but funds came in. Initially, we only had intentions to renovate the chapel. From day one, the Lord gave us strength to get more done than we ever thought possible. I'm amazed at the amount of work we completed."

The estimated value of the donated materials and labor exceeded \$25,000.

"Although EVAS still has additional campus improvement projects to be done," said Ostos, "we are grateful and praise the Lord for using this group to bless His East Valley School. He showed us that He cares about His small schools and that He works things out, with our prayers."

Betty Cooney and Tony Ostos

Door-to-Door Ministry, from Malibu to Monaco

One Sunday, I watched a TV report about Monaco,” recalled Judith Miranda, the lay leader of the Malibu Adventist Fellowship. “While watching, I wondered if any Adventists live there.

“Online, I learned that Monaco is a country with only one church, the Catholic church. Time passed, and I could not forget about Monaco. As I worked, I was preoccupied about whether Monaco had any Adventist churches.

“Finally, I asked God, ‘Do you want me to teach people to knock on doors there as we have been doing in Malibu*, Lord? If You do, there are three things I need: a plane ticket, French-language tracts and a place to stay!’”

Miranda began by asking a friend about obtaining GLOW tracts in French; she was directed to another friend. Within weeks, a box of tracts arrived at Miranda’s door. “That’s one, Lord, but I asked You for three things.” Impressed to phone one of her favorite airlines, she asked, “How much is a ticket to Monaco?”

The airline representative gave her the amount, then asked, “Do you have points?”

Checking her mileage account, Miranda found that she could fly to Monaco free of charge. “Well,” she said, “that’s two out of three!” Through friends, she learned that a lady in neighboring Nice, France, was willing to open

her home for free if Miranda would go door-to-door in both Monaco and Nice.

“Now I am sure that God wants me to at least attempt to do something,” she told her husband, Job.

In Nice, Miranda and young-adult groups first went door-to-door in an affluent area. A man welcomed one group. Asked if he had any challenges they could pray about, he said no, but invited them to pray for him. “You should know, though, that I am a Muslim.”

The group began to pray. Afterward, they sang, “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus.”

“When we finished, the man began to beat on his heart with his fist,” Miranda recalled. “You’ve won my heart!” he exclaimed.

In Monaco, Miranda took a group for “yacht to yacht” ministry. “On one yacht, I could not find a door,” she said, “so I left ‘The Sabbath and Health’ DVD on a table, and walked away. I had the impression someone was watching, so I turned and saw the yacht’s owner.

“Hi, I’m from California,” Miranda said. “This DVD changed my life and it will do the same for you!” He began to wave the DVD at her. “Thank you so much!” he said.



Judith Miranda (right) with team from Nice, France, who went “yacht-to-yacht” with literature.

The young adults held out GLOW tracts to passing marathon runners. Near the finish line, some runners turned and waved tracts at them. Soon police appeared. Holding up a tract, one policeman asked, “Is this yours?”

“My interpreter told me the police wanted to take us all to the police station,” Miranda noted. “When we gathered, he decided to march us to the train station, instead.”

“Do you have a permit to give out tracts?” one officer asked. “This place is the same as the Vatican! You need a permit for this.”

Walking to the train station, a young man began witnessing to an officer, who asked him if he had more tracts. “They are so interesting!” Then he apologized for marching them to the train station. “Come back any time; let us know and we will issue you a permit.”

*With door-to-door ministry, Miranda and her husband, Job, planted the Malibu Adventist Fellowship in July 2008, which meets at the Webster Elementary School, 3602 Winter Canyon Rd.

Judith Miranda and Betty Cooney



In Monaco, some went to homes and streets with literature.

Gardena Church Year of Community Outreach Culminates in Major Holiday Event

The Gardena GENESIS Community Church (GGCC) wound up a year devoted to community-oriented activities and frequent contacts with city leaders on Dec. 14 with an outreach project that touched more than 200 people in their community. A worship service led the festivities, followed by a dinner with gifts, games and music. Los Angeles County firefighters joined hands with church members, and participated in their Christmas dinner. They also briefed children on fire safety and let them enjoy a tour of their fire truck. Children received plastic fire hats to help inspire them to keep the safety codes they had learned that evening.

"This has been an ongoing project that our church has held for about five years," said Iki Taimi, senior pastor. Throughout the years, the GGCC has built connections with area families through its various ministries, such as the Food Bank and the Angel Tree project for children of incarcerated parents. The community's annual Heritage Festival is another event in which members set up booths and hold health

screenings every year. From these events, GGCC members maintain a list of families they've met and invite them to register for their Christmas Community Dinner, held every year at the Gardena Civic Center.

Throughout the year, church members donate gifts for the families that will be attending so that every child has something to open that night. "I love the dinner and look forward to it every year. My grandkids have the time of their lives," said Varela, whose 9-year-old granddaughter participated in all the games and sang an impromptu song in front of the whole crowd. The kids enjoyed a piñata and a nativity game in which each participant had to pose in a particular scene related to the Christmas story. Winners received gift cards.

According to Taimi, the church has made it their mission to go the extra mile in reaching local city families. The Christmas Community Dinner was such a success that the following weekend, several families from their community attended their annual Christmas production entitled, "This Is Us."

"To tell you the truth, what I liked best is that I got a phone call stating what this was about," said first time attendee Tracy. "I was over the moon over it and wanted to make sure that I came. Now that I have been here with my nephew, Jerome Chow, I just think it's the best thing ever. He is extremely excited. You guys have done a fantastic job in putting it all together and putting the love of Christ into it."



Pastor Taimi interviews the winning family that participated in a game in which volunteers enacted nativity scenes.

The Gardena GENESIS Community Church has a clear mission of reaching the unreachable. "Within the next three years we hope to have built trust with our local families," said Taimi. "We want them to feel like this is their home church and any time they are in need they can come to us, knowing that this is their safe haven."

This seasonal event has become a shining light to the surrounding community, reminding them that Christ was given as the ultimate gift. "Because of His love, we share the little bit that we have, so others can see Him in us," added Taimi.

Felicia Tonga Taimi



Members and guests fellowship during Christmas dinner.

Vallejo Drive Church Celebrates 50th Homecoming

The Vallejo Drive church celebrated its 50th anniversary on Nov. 15, fondly remembering a half century in the same building. Prior to their current location at 300 Vallejo Dr. in Glendale, the congregation worshipped as the Sanitarium church, in a building just across the street, which now houses a gym, a thrift store and Pathfinder center.

Soaring music graced the entire day, with Elisabeth Remboldt celebrating her 25th anniversary as the church's organist. The sanctuary choir expanded to form a reunion choir, inviting former choir members, which included present and former pastors to sing with them. Previous choir directors Maurita Phillips-Thornburgh and Brenda Mohr joined current director John St. Marie in leading during the service.

"The church desperately needs a new song," Smuts van Rooyen, a former Vallejo Drive church senior pastor, said in his sermon. "Singing no longer excites us. The book of Revelation is a scroll that will reveal to us the meaning of our history and restore to us a new song. In John's vision, no one can open the scroll.

"The Lion of the Tribe of Judah will open it. John sees a slain lamb instead of a lion. He is worthy. If we really find our theme again, it will be because we find the Lamb again. Only as we turn to Jesus will we find our center. We just have to be Jesus' church."

"The homecoming occasion was a happy time of reflection; a time of rededication," said Mike Kim, current pastor. "I am grateful and hopeful for the years ahead when, instead of trying to make God number one in our lives, we realize that He is not a part of our lives — we are a part of God's life. If we come to church to gain a blessing, we need to realize that we also have come to be a blessing. We are in service to God.

"Going forward, I am hopeful about the training that our newest pastor, Maria

Ovando-Gibson, Ph.D., is giving the members; she is teaching discipling on a seminary level."

"Discipleship embraces one's initial introduction to Jesus, to learning how to follow Him," said Ovando-Gibson, "then becoming trained to serve him and, in the process, make more disciples. The pastoral team at Vallejo Drive looks forward to cultivating a movement in which its members will become equipped for Christian service with transformed lives that will attract others to Jesus and naturally multiply in making and training more disciples who will follow Him."

"The church is involved with a number of community service projects," added Mark Papendick, associate pastor. "The Adventist Fitness Clinic (formerly the Adventist Marathon Clinic) has been functioning for over 30 years, the longest operating clinic of its kind in the Los Angeles area. The church operates the Share Ourselves Thrift Shop, which serves the Glendale community and also provides free food to those in need. A church group has also been providing meals for the homeless through Union Station for over 20 years. Vallejo Drive also participates yearly in the Glendale Crop Walk, which usually raises about half the funds raised in the city-wide project for feeding the poor."

"We can't describe our joy and exuberance over the carefully planned, fully packed day of music, sharing, food and

incredible fellowship," said Lonnie Melashenko, one of several former pastors in attendance. "We have profound pride and personal satisfaction to see how magnificently Vallejo Drive continues to pursue its tradition of excellence in ministry."

BETTY COONEY



(L. to r.) Polly Chen, Elissa Taylor, Pastor Maria Ovando-Gibson and Loren Cruz. Ovando-Gibson instructs in Bible-study skills and also leads out in discipleship training for the church.

NORMAN ATCHISON



(L. to r.) Former pastors Don Mulvihill, Aivars Ozolins, Ray Mitchell, Maria Ovando-Gibson (a current associate pastor), Calvin Thomsen, Ole Olesen, Sam Schmidt, Jim Clifford, Mike Kim (the current senior pastor), Jerry Hoyle, Lonnie Melashenko, Mark Papendick (a current associate pastor), Smuts van Rooyen. (Foreground) Current member Doug Nies, Ph.D., shared interesting, little-known facts about the pastors and fielded questions and responses from the audience in an afternoon program.

Betty Cooney

Hawaii Pathfinder Camporee Transforms

Hawaii Conference Pathfinders gathered at Camp Waianae Nov. 6-9 for the 2014 Pathfinder Camporee. Their theme was "Transformed," inspired from Romans 12:2, where Paul admonished the early Christian church to reject conformity to the world and to take up a complete transformation, which God begins within and completes throughout.

A total of 11 clubs attended the camporee, including the brand new Kailua club. David Reiber had just started his club four weeks prior, but was convinced they had to go. They made it with four parents and eight pathfinders.

The Hilo club flew in from the Big Island to join. With the airfare cost, the Hilo Pathfinders had to focus on fundraising. Their new director, Marshall Frietas, was no stranger to Pathfinders or fundraising. At an early age, his mother, Kora Frietas, would lead the club to bake goods, sell foods items, and pack newspapers on a regular basis. These efforts made their club one of the

most well-funded. Inspired by this legacy, Hilo was able not only to attend, but also to lead the Friday night worship service.

This year's camporee was the first to begin on Thursday evening instead of Friday. Having an entire day added to schedule allowed Pathfinder leaders to include a greater variety of activities. One new addition was the community service and outreach opportunities Friday morning. The options included two beach cleanups, a visit to the local nursing home, and a fire-break clearing about a mile past Camp Waianae. Though the fire-break clearing was the most demanding



Marshall Frietas (back row, fourth from r.) led his club from Hilo, Hawaii.

of the four outreach opportunities, those who participated in it returned with satisfied smiles on their faces.

On Sabbath, there were about 200 total attendees consisting of Pathfinders, staff and children of staff. Programming was largely composed of the Pathfinders themselves. The praise team featured vocal and instrumental contributions from various clubs. Two skits performed during the divine worship service had actors representing almost every club present. The opening and closing prayers featured languages such as Romanian, Portuguese, Samoan, Indonesian, and many others. Pathfinders also preached, demonstrating their personal investment in the organization and in the church.

Saturday night's talent show was a highlight. Many gifted and talented kids took the stage with their voices, their instruments, and the support of their Pathfinder family. A violin instrumental, a song medley by a group of siblings, and a sign-language rendition of "10,000 Reasons" were just a few of the acts. Not one participant left the stage without a wave of applause from the audience.

The night ended with snacks and games, including capture the flag and basketball.

On Sunday, campers slipped and slid around the Wet n' Wild waterpark. Pathfinders left the camporee exhausted but rejuvenated, emptied of their energy, but full of joy and memories.



Dr. Geoff Sewell leads the Aiea club skit during Sabbath morning worship.

Jaime Vargas



A crew of Pathfinders went to the nearby beaches and removed trash.



Camp Waianae reminds Hawaii Pathfinders of God's great promise.



Leaders taught the orienting honor to Pathfinders who wanted to learn to use a compass and map to navigate.

Notice of Constituency Meeting of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Quinquennial Constituency Meeting of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 26, 2015, at Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2313 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports, to elect conference officers and the Executive Committee, and to transact other business as may properly come before the constituency meeting.

Each organized church shall be represented by one (1) delegate and one (1) additional delegate for each forty (40) members, or major fraction thereof.

*Ralph S. Watts III, President
Gerald D. Christman, Secretary*

Paradise Valley Church Works To Feed Starving Children

Paradise Valley church in Phoenix, Ariz., recently worked with Feed My Starving Children to assemble, package and box up “manna” that will feed hungry children world-wide.

Seventy-five people packed 60 boxes filled with 12,960 meals, which will feed 35 kids for one year at a total cost of \$2,851.

Pastor Jim Hakes shared the vision for volunteering, “Paradise Valley SDA Church believes in supporting missions around the world. Our members give to the world mission offering, and are active on short- and long-term mission trips. But we believe mission work begins at home.”

The Family Life team, led by Greg and Mary Hann, agreed and saw a great opportunity. Mary explained, “Not everyone goes on a far-away mission trip. We saw a way for our members to build stronger relationships with each other while working together to serve our brothers and sisters around the world.”

Feed My Starving Children, a Christian organization, provides meals to children who would probably die if not provided food. The approach is simple. Children and adults in the U.S. pack meals formulated for malnourished children and Feed My Starving Children ships them to 70 different countries.

“I thought it was really fun,” said 9-year-old Maddie, a volunteer. “I like helping people who are less fortunate.”

The organization has worked to develop MannaPackRice, a food easy and safe to transport, reconstituted with boiling water, and culturally acceptable worldwide. It’s a formula consisting of rice, soy nuggets, vitamins, minerals, dehydrated vegetables, and vegetarian flavoring.

“It was eye-opening and humbling to put the ingredients inside a bag, seal it, box it and know

that it was going to nourish a starving child,” said Yolanda Nichols. “I am glad my family could participate.”

When the packaging was complete, there was one ingredient left to add — prayer. All 75 volunteers joined hands around the food and a child offered a special prayer asking for God’s blessing.

Anjali Tierney



Paradise Valley parents and their children worked together to send food to starving children.

MIKE NICHOLS



Seventy-five Paradise Valley church members packed 60 boxes filled with 12,960 meals, which will feed 35 children for one year.

Arizona Welcomes Mike and Lynn Ortel



Pastor Mike and Lynn Ortel join the Arizona Conference family.

Pastor Mike and Lynn Ortel have enjoyed diverse ministries over the past 43 years. Most recently Mike was president of the Northern New England Conference, which includes Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He served in that role 11 years.

When considering retirement, the Ortels chose to head west to be near one of their grandsons, Davy, age 2, who lives in Phoenix, Ariz., with their daughter and son-in-law Michelle and David Eppel, both nurse-anesthetists. "Being near our grandson was a key motivator," says Ortel. "We wanted to take Davy to Sabbath school and church when his parents are on call with their medical careers."

Their son, Mickey, and his wife, Hannah, live near Chattanooga, Tenn., with their two children, Conner, 7, and Brianna, 5.

The Ortel's youngest son, Monte, and his wife, Amber, live in Lewisburg, W.Va., where he works for the Greenbrier Resort as tournament

director for the PGA. They have three little girls: Adelynn, 4, Avery, 2, and Audrey, 1.

Upon their arrival in Phoenix, the Ortels met with Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile. Anobile made a mental note to use the Ortels whenever possible with speaking appointments throughout the conference.

Last year, executive secretary and ministerial director Ed Keyes accepted a call to be president of the Nevada-Utah Conference in Reno, leaving an important position to fill. The Arizona administrative team went to their knees, seeking guidance from God.

One day, Mike Ortel popped into the office and casually greeted the president, who invited him into his office. During their 45-minute conversation, Anobile felt impressed to invite Ortel to consider becoming the new executive secretary, ministerial director and evangelism coordinator.

The Ortels gave prayerful consideration to leaving retirement for active duty once more, and accepted the call. The executive committee voted unanimously to call Mike and Lynn Ortel to the Arizona Conference.

Mike Ortel was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1973 at the New York Conference camp meeting. During his ministry, he served as a pastor and has been active in management, youth ministries, health and temperance, and community leadership. He holds a Master of Divinity from the seminary and served 17 years as a church pastor. He has directed summer camps for 13 years in two conferences. He also holds a Master of Public Health with 28 years in health education. In all, he has 43 years full-time denominational employment.

Lynn Ortel, a registered nurse, chose to be a stay-at-home mom until their three children completed home schooling and entered traditional Adventist school. She then earned a master's as a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Lynn has been director of family and women's ministries as well as communication director for the Northern New England Conference. One of her favorite privileges was caring for the pastors' wives in the 60 churches of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine as Ministerial Spouses Association director. Prior to that, she was family/children's ministries director in the Carolina Conference for 10 years.

Lynn and a group of her girlfriends in New York Conference created a weekend divorce recovery ministry called "Caring for You" after experiencing the revival of her own marriage at a "Caring for Marriage" weekend.

Lynn says, "My life's mission statement is Ephesians 5:1 — to live a life of love." She is looking forward to meeting new friends, particularly the wives of Arizona Conference pastors. In this volunteer position, she plans to build on past successful ministries with and for the ministerial spouses and create opportunities for fellowship, faith building and fun.

Phil Draper

Ground Broken for Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Donates \$10 Million

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place Dec. 10, 2014, for Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino, a bold health care and educational initiative in downtown San Bernardino, Calif.

According to Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of Loma Linda University Health, the project will promote health and wholeness in the community as well as support San Bernardino's economy for years to come.

"Studies of the infrastructure of San Bernardino have found that there are two large unmet needs in this community," Hart explained. "The first is a lack of skilled workers. The second is a lack of quality health care. Our new project will help address both by providing career education for young people and health care for area residents, as well as creating employment opportunities."

The major project involves three distinct, yet related components. The first is a pioneering educational center to be named San Manuel Gateway College. Funded in part by a generous gift of \$10 million from the nearby San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, the new school will provide a variety of 6- to 12-month certificate training programs to prepare high school students and young adults for a number of rewarding entry-level career options in health care fields.

Ken Ramirez, tribal secretary for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, described the care that Loma Linda physicians and nurses provided for underserved tribal members in the early 20th century at low- or no-cost when no one else would do so. He said tribal members are grateful for the compassion shown to their elders many decades ago. Now that they have

the resources to make the San Bernardino valley community a better place, they are happy to help with a generous contribution.

The second element of the facility will expand the multi-specialty medical clinic operated by the Social Action Community Health System. Founded in the 1960s by Loma Linda University students to provide health care to underserved people in the community, SAC Health System now serves about 35,000 people a year, and will expand to 150,000 after its move to the new facility.

With a full complement of primary care, behavioral health, dental, health education, laboratory, pharmacy, urgent care, and women's health services, the clinic will feature world-class health care provided by Loma Linda University Health faculty, residents and students.

The third element will be a gourmet

vegetarian restaurant designed to showcase the longevity-enhancing benefits of fresh food in a plant-based diet.

Loma Linda University Health Board of Trustees Chair Lowell Cooper, M.Div., M.P.H., vice president at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, welcomed more than 300 people who attended the ground-breaking. General Conference President Ted N.C. Wilson, Ph.D., a member of the Board of Trustees, offered a final prayer to close the service.

Jiggs Gallagher

MANCUEEN



Officials break ground for the Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino project. Pictured from left to right are: Ted N.C. Wilson, president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Nancy Young, president and CEO, SAC Health System; Patrick J. Morris, former mayor, City of San Bernardino; Dale Marsden, superintendent, San Bernardino City Unified School District; Tommy Ramos, education committee member, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; Ken Ramirez, tribal secretary, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; Richard H. Hart, president, Loma Linda University Health; Pete Aguilar, congressman-elect, California 31st District; R. Carey Davis, mayor, City of San Bernardino; and Lowell Cooper, vice president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and chair, Board of Trustees, Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center.

A message from the **Boogeyman**

By Dick Duerksen

Theresa was driving 4-year-old Max and his new friend on a playdate. The two boys, tightly-buckled into the back seat, were laughing, cutting up and doing all sorts of boy things.

Then Max's friend began to sing. Loudly. His choice of song was straight out of a Veggie Tales video. "God is bigger than the Boogeyman," he shouted, waiting for Max to join in on the rest of the chorus.

But Max's side of the back seat stayed silent. Max didn't know the song.

Mom Theresa heard the silence and was overwhelmed by a simple truth. Not only did Max not know the song, Max didn't even know who God was. She had never taught him!

Read full article:

www.churchsupportservices.org/boogeyman



Dick Duerksen is a storyteller from northern California who uses the written word and a camera lens to share God's heart. Visit him online at: www.mountainfriendsphotography.com

Russian-American Outreach to *L.A. and Beyond*

A huge challenge that makes sharing the gospel difficult with people everywhere is the diverse language groups that exists at home and abroad. According to an article in the *Los Angeles Times*, LA has 39 different language groups that reside within the greater metropolitan area. And in the midst of this sea of diversity is a Russian-speaking population that is approximately 450,000 strong. Anatoliy Gurduiala pastor of the Russian-American Seventh-day Adventist Church in Glendale, Calif., spends his waking hours praying, planning and laboring for his fellow Russian-speaking neighbors and friends. It is a large assignment, to say the least.

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inSpire 2014

Writing Contest Recognizes Authors

The word is out! The results of the inSpire 2014 Writing Contest are now public! When we first put out the call, we wondered if anyone would submit anything. In the end, 55 essays and stories came in. Our goal is to encourage new talent and bring fresh perspectives to our ongoing mission to share Christ with our world. The event was produced by Pacific Union Conference Church Support Services, and was open to writers throughout the North American Division.

Special kudos to our judges for their help: Alicia Adams, Nancy Canwell, Sari Fordham, Michael Temple, and Brittany Winkfield.

Writing Contest Award Recipients. **View top ten stories here:** www.visitinspire.org/results



First Place

The Puppets' Parable, by Lorraine Beaven

"Over the years, various people have encouraged me to write, but I've done only a little for publication — church and professional related. Last year, a friend nudged me into joining a local writers' group, Christian Scribes. The leader, who has nurtured writers for over 35 years, pointed me to GraceNotes where working with the editor was a joy and where I learned of inSpire. I am most drawn to memoir writing."



Second Place

Mom Mud & Me, by Omar Miranda

"When I found out that I had won second place in the inSpire 2014 Writing Contest, I was stunned! I was just thankful to be able

to share my wonderful childhood memories and the incredible spiritual lessons that I learned from them...I never expected to win!"



Third Place

A One Watch Man, by Bryan Gallant

"Thank you for the opportunity to have [my] article appreciated and

read by more people. My prayer is that it will be able to inspire many more because of this competition."

Thank you to the many writers across North America who submitted content. Some of the articles will be posted on our inSpire website in 2015 at **www.visitinspire.org**.

In our next issue, we will feature the winners of our inSpire 2015 Songwriting Contest. 109 entries were submitted. Stay tuned!



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Throwing Rocks by Rich DuBose

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When I was in about the fourth or fifth grade, I remember an incident that happened at Cades Cove, a popular campground in Smoky Mountain National Park. Our family went there often, and my three brothers and I were enamored with the whole outdoor scene. We had pup tents, mess kits, flashlights, and hatchets (yeah, we really did). We loved to play in the woods and creeks, and on one occasion we even chased a bear (without our parent's knowledge).

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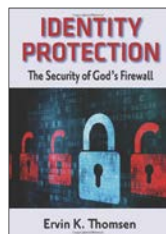
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Hispanic Women's Retreat Draws 200 Attendees

More than 200 Hispanic women met Nov. 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn, St. George, Utah, for the second annual Hispanic Women's Ministry Retreat. The theme of the weekend was "The Crown of Victory," where attendees were encouraged to prepare to receive the crown.

Sara Bullón, wife of evangelist Alejandro Bullón, was the main speaker. The three-day program featured music, messages, advice and counsel for wives, mothers and women in general.

Samantha Camacho was impressed with the speaker. "She brought the Word the way it should be brought! Very relevant for our time," said Camacho of Bullón. "I was truly blessed by her presence. May God continue to bless her ministry as she represents pastor's wives and women around the world."

Stephanie de Casas was also touched by the messages she heard. "I loved sister Bullón because she spoke with sincerity, she spoke the truth of life, with respect. She helped us see her as a woman just like any one of us, even though she is married to a worldwide known pastor. She also has struggles. She put herself at our level and helped us see how beautiful it is to be a woman. What a blessing we are for society and our families."

There was also plenty of time for everybody to socialize and make friends. There were songs, skits, poetry and much more. Rosanna Juarez, the Hispanic women's ministry coordinator, presented each attendee with her own crown and a blue purse. Three women were baptized on Sabbath afternoon.



Participants display native dresses from different areas of Mexico.



Retreat speaker Sara Bullón preaches Sabbath morning.

A great variety of Hispanic nations are represented within the Nevada-Utah Conference. Even though the common language is Spanish, there are many differences in culture, food, dress and worship.

The celebration ended Saturday night with a display of traditional dresses from each Hispanic culture.

"It was very interesting to get to know sisters from churches I didn't even know existed and learn from other cultures," said Maryuri Trujillo.



Pastor Elias Juarez baptizes a retreat attendee.

Noreen Vargas



Ladies display traditional dresses from different parts of Mexico.



More than 200 Hispanic women attended the retreat. Each one received a crown and a blue purse.

The Community Vineyard Sponsors Philippine Mission Trip

The Community Vineyard was founded in 2010 by a small group of Seventh-day Adventists in Ogden, Utah, who recognized the expanding and diverse needs of their local community.

"The idea was conceived in a dream during a return flight from Reno," said co-founder and leader of the God's Hands Mission Team Jonn Jordana. "[Pastor Matt Hallam and I] found out we had things in common and we said, 'Hey, why don't we do it? Why don't we plant this church?'"

Now in its fifth year, The Community Vineyard attempts to cater to previously unreached individuals in society, those whom may have felt somewhat marginalized. What began as a small church plant meeting every Sabbath in a rented building in downtown Ogden, has now expanded to a church family with a building of their own and one that organizes yearly mission trips to places yearning for Christ's love and medical aid and attention.

The mission trip-organizing arm of the Community Vineyard is called God's Hands, and Nov. 18, 2014, marked the inaugural trip under the sole patronage of their church. On this date, 22 missionaries from various locations throughout the Pacific Union and beyond, including some from the Mexican State of Oaxaca, ventured to Aklan, Philippines.

"It all started this time last year," continued Jordana, who has helped coordinate nearly 15 mission trips and was born and raised in the Philippines. "We were watching coverage of the Typhoon Haiyan, and I was in

tears. I still shed tears when I think about the destruction that my brothers and sisters have endured."

"One day my sister said to me, you plan mission trips every year, you should go to the Philippines. There was no question that this is where we needed to go."

So when God said go, the God's Hands team answered, sending 22 individuals to a remote town in the Western Visayan province of the island nation. While there, the team held daily medical missions, put on children's programs, and hosted nightly evangelical meetings. The trip lasted approximately a week, and on a rainy Sabbath near the trip's conclusion, several young people gave their lives to Christ in the waters of the Batan River.

Although many in the local Aklan community felt richly blessed by the presence of the foreign missionaries, it was the missionaries who found their lives had changed even more than those whom they were sent to help.

"I fell in love with the people," said Vacation Bible School coordinator Judith Newton from the Lone Pine church in California. "I've never met such warm, happy, welcoming people, people who love to smile, people who are so



God's Hands missionaries pause for a photo after early morning worship at the park in Batan.



Baptismal candidates make a commitment Sabbath afternoon with local Pastor Rammel Capada behind the Batan church in the Batan River.

appreciative of anything and everything.” Newton was not the only one to feel the warmth and love of the locals.

“Smiles came to their faces when they started to see truth and they started to see that God really does love them,” said Bible worker and evangelistic series presenter Brian Burnette, also from Lone Pine, Calif. “They saw it’s not God who does things like this last typhoon that they had.”

Some had less to say, claiming they were left somewhat speechless by the profound effect the mission trip had on their life.

“It’s incredible working in this area,” said Dr. Felipe Hernandez Underwood, a medical doctor who previously came with Jordana to Thailand, India and Albania. However, when Underwood came this time, he brought some friends from Oaxaca with him. Among them were ophthalmologist Dr. Gerardo Acevedo and his wife, Dr. Rosalinda Ferrusquia, who served as surgical assistant. Both were new to mission trips.

When interviewed at the conclusion of the trip, both doctors said they were in awe at the power of God. They were in charge of performing nearly 20 cataract surgeries. Every surgery was a success. “Things can be resolved with God’s love,” said Acevedo. “I felt that His hands were working through my hands.”

The doctors encouraged all doubters to come to the next mission trip in Brazil, and see God’s power and love firsthand.

Jordana also issued an invitation to those considering joining the team for their next mission trip. “People sometimes ask me how they can afford to take the time out of their busy lives and go on such an expensive mission trip. My response is always the same: ‘How can you afford not to?’”

Chandler Jordana



A beautiful sunrise lit the deck of the volunteer base camp in Batan.



Trevor Giles, a Mormon student from Orem, Utah, assists the local dentist.



Chandler Jordana enjoys playing with one of the children during the VBS session in Lupid, Aklan.

Blythe Central Church Hosts Health and Fitness Family Fair

In mid-December, the Blythe Central church members demonstrated to their community the love and fellowship that comes as an expression of faith. The church hosted a 2K and 5K run, as well as a health and fitness family fair. About 150 people attended one or both of the events.

Oscar Alba, pastor of the church, participated in a run held in Mexicali while visiting family in 2013. Throughout the entire race, he led his blind nephew. Alba was very moved by his nephew's determination, and others in the area were inspired by what they were doing.

After returning home, Alba started working on hosting a similar event with his own church. This began a year-long planning phase that culminated with the Dec. 12 event.

The church began raising funds and awareness, generating interest and involvement among the members.

Next, they contacted the Loma Linda University Medical Center to see if it would be possible to have a team of medical personnel there to do screenings and provide medical advice. They were told that it might be difficult to find volunteers available during the month of December, but in October they received word

that a team would be available to assist.

This set them in motion to have everything ready by Dec. 12. For advertising, they created radio announcements, newspaper ads, banners and Facebook notifications.

Lily Martorell, pediatrician from Loma Linda University Medical Center, led out in training and supporting all the participants who would be stationed at the different health booths. There were eight booths, each focusing on a specific aspect of natural wellness, such as nutrition, exercise and rest. Staff from local hospitals and clinics also joined the Loma Linda medical team.

The event began Sunday at 8 a.m. with the 2K run, followed by the 5K run at 9. The health fair started at 9:30. Health screenings included glucose levels, hemoglobin, cholesterol, blood pressure, weight and body fat index.

"This was the best thing that we have ever seen in Blythe," said one of the participating community members.

Alba commented that Blythe is small. The nearest city, Indio, is nearly one-and-a-half hours west, and Phoenix is two hours in the opposite direction. The city population is around 20,000, with a large part of that belonging to the two area prisons.

"Blythe is a small town," he said. "We usually don't have anything happening in this town.



People of all ages enjoy one of the races.



The starting line fills with excited participants.



Run participants gather before the race.



Blythe church and community members visit different health booths.

Even our local theater and bowling alley were recently shut down."

Through an event like this, the church provided not only a fun and engaging activity for church and community members alike, but also an avenue for people to experience God's love through exercise, health education and fellowship.

"I believe the main reason for a church to exist is to serve the community," said Alba. "I wanted to create that mentality in our church — that we are here in Blythe for a reason and to let the community know that God cares for them, and we do, too."

Mario Munoz

Calexico Mission School Continues to Implement Master Plan

The implementation of Calexico Mission School's master plan improves the quality of education available to students. In November of 2014, with the support of friends and family of CMS, the school burned the promissory note for the construction of the school gym, thus fulfilling the first phase of the plan, developed in the early 1990s.

Established in Calexico in 1937, Calexico Mission School offers a quality, Christ-centered education. Teachers in every grade teach Christian values, as well as basic education. Originally, the school was an English school for adults and was supported by the youth department of the Southeastern California Conference. However, it is now a K-12 academy with a total enrollment of 339 students.

According to Bernardo Samano, director of development department at CMS, about 20 years ago an increase in student enrollment and the natural deterioration of buildings made the construction of new classrooms and a school gym

necessary. Thus the master plan was developed, with the gym designated as the first phase.

The second phase, paid for by a donation, completed the construction of an elementary school building. The third phase will consist of construction of a new creative sciences building that will house ceramics, music, home arts classrooms, and the maintenance department. After an earthquake damaged the older building that housed the ceramics and home arts classrooms, the city condemned use of this section of campus, thus bringing about the need for a new building.

"According to initial estimations, this new building will cost \$1.5 million. The creative sciences building anticipates to meet the needs of the fine arts program for CMS," said Samano.

Students overcome numerous obstacles to attain the education CMS provides. "Being at CMS means a lot to me. I have a chance to study here due to the scholarship I have," said Patricio, an eighth-grade student. He often wakes up at 5 a.m. to finish morning chores before leaving for school with his mother and two of his sisters.

They use their van to pick up 10 other CMS students living in Mexicali, Mexico, and then compete with a train to reach the border. If the train arrives first, and the gate has not yet been opened, the train must stop, preventing cars and pedestrians from crossing. Students may jump between the freight cars or crawl beneath them to ensure a better spot in the border checkpoint line.

The line is often disorderly, with others verbally, and sometimes physically, assaulting one another. Patricio's mother has experienced this treatment twice in the past year, having been hit in the face on one occasion. But the environment at CMS is different.

"I feel safe here," Patricio said. "I am so thankful to those who make it possible, through their donations, for me to attend CMS. My future plans are not set yet. I would like to become a medical doctor, but so far my life is in God's hands. I'll go wherever He leads me."

Bernardo Samano with Kendrah Adams

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Susan Smith, Calexico Mission School principal, remarks on the burning of the promissory note.



The promissory note burns.



Calexico Mission School administrators and conference officials participate in the special chapel held to burn the promissory note.



Sandra Roberts, conference president, congratulates Calexico Mission School.

Support Ministry Becomes Full-scale Outreach to Japanese in Loma Linda

The Mission Road (formerly Loma Linda Japanese) church in Redlands is more than just a group that meets to worship on Sabbath mornings. This congregation, for many years, has been fulfilling a need for a culture-centric community.

It all began as a support ministry for the many students sponsored by the Japan Union Conference to attend Loma Linda University. The students would pursue medical, dental or other degrees and then return to Japan to begin their careers. Knowing it can be difficult to be away from home for so long, the Japan Union Conference decided to provide support to these temporarily transplanted young adults. A three- to five-year pastoral rotation assignment was added in Loma Linda, allowing a Japanese pastor to provide spiritual leadership to the students. The simple act of meeting together to worship in Japanese tradition facilitated a Christ-centered support system and a connection to the students' home conference.

As these students and pastors continued to meet together, a strong community developed. This is what became the Loma Linda Japanese company in the early 1990s and then grew into the Mission Road church.



Church members participate in mochi rice pounding during the Japanese New Year festival.

Today this Japanese pastoral presence provides more than worship services. Because the Inland Empire does not have an organized Japanese community, the Mission Road church plays that role for the entire area.

The current Japanese pastor, Daisuke Fujimori, plays a leading role in these ministries, such as the Japanese Language School, Bible studies, children's programming, mothers' groups and various cultural festivities. And since many Japanese students aren't able to be with their families during holidays, these times are always busy with fellowship activities. One of the biggest events of the year is a Japanese New Year festival, which includes a mochi rice pounding ceremony and a taiko (Japanese drum) performance.

"Since the church is an instrument of God to bring people to Him, we do everything we can to do so," said Yoshi Mineyama, former director of Mission Road's Japanese language ministry (currently executive director of Loma Linda Language Institute, Japanese Language School). "There are many Japanese-speaking families and professionals in this area who would like their children to maintain the language and culture. We want to reach out to them, too," he said.

Upon Fujimori's arrival in Loma Linda, he expressed gratitude to serve in this capacity. "I visited the Mission Road church a few years ago



Church members participate in a karate demonstration during a festival at Mission Road church.



Women participate in a Japanese mother's class, one of the many ministries of the Mission Road church.

and had such an enjoyable time encountering the members and medical students," he shared. "It was my wish to become their pastor someday, and that has now occurred. I look forward to ministering to students, and also in the areas of family, music and young adult ministry."

"People come from all over the world to live in the United States," added Dean Horinouchi, senior pastor of Mission Road church. "Whatever the reason they come, they do not give up their heritage. They miss their families, their culture, their language, their food. This ministry fulfills an essential need for the Japanese people in the Inland Empire, as the church can become their family away from home. And as we become family, we also try to provide a personal knowledge of their Creator and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Amy Prindle



During the Japanese New Year festival, church members participate in a taiko (Japanese drum) performance.

New Murrieta Springs Sanctuary Consecrated

Members of the Murrieta Springs church held a special service on Dec. 13 to consecrate their new sanctuary. Southeastern California Conference officers participated in the service. Sandra Roberts, conference president, delivered the morning message about setting aside certain places as sacred for the people of God. Lyndon Parsons, sole pastor of Murrieta Springs church, offered the prayer of consecration.

In the early 1990s, the church acquired 21 acres of land in the hopes of eventually building a church and academy. After renting facilities for several years, the members, eager to occupy the land God had given them, moved their K-8 school onto the property in mobile trailers in 2001. In 2002, the congregation erected a white tent, large enough to hold 300 worshippers. After equipping it with carpet, heating,



The Murrieta Springs church building is now in use.

air-conditioning and chairs, the congregation moved in. They thought they would need the tent for only a year or two, but ended up worshipping in it for the past 10 years. Along the way, a gymnasium and four classrooms were built on the property to allow the academy to expand, and plans were made for the sanctuary.

On May 26, 2008, the families of the congregation met on the site of the church building, and right over the spot where the altar would be built, they each laid a stone from their own homes. Every family in the church had a part in the foundation of this house of prayer. Among all those rocks, Parsons laid a small stone from the site of Calvary, near Jerusalem.

Parsons pointed out that "this stone trembled when Christ died on the cross, and it leapt for joy at His resurrection. This was to signify that the church of Christ is built on the foundation of our Savior, and that we, as smaller stones, are built into that



Sandra Roberts, SECC president, delivers the consecration message.

spiritual structure. The concrete foundation was poured the next day."

For six years, the congregation worked on the building as funds came in. In September of 2012, enough of the structure was completed to allow the congregation to retire the tent and begin conducting worship services in the fellowship hall.

"Now that all essential work on the sanctuary is completed, the congregation praises the Lord, who keeps all His promises, promises to bless those who bless Him, promises to honor those who honor Him, and promises to give to those who ask and seek — whatever is needed to accomplish His will on the earth," said Parsons.

*Lyndon Parsons with
Chloe Vander Zwan*



(L. to r.) Lyndon Parsons, Murrieta Springs church pastor; Harry Ramos, Murrieta mayor; Sandra Roberts, SECC president; Jonathan Park, SECC executive secretary; and Verlon Strauss, SECC treasurer, pose for a photo.



Darena Shetler, Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian School principal, tells children a story during the consecration service.

National Communication Association Awards PUC Research for Third Year

While Pacific Union College communication students Webbo Chen, Jessica Lee, Linda Lumintantang and James Shim graduated in June 2014, they had another reason to celebrate in November as their senior group research project won two prestigious awards at a national conference. The group submitted their senior communication research paper, "Gendered Communication Differences in Emoticon Use," to the 100th annual National Communication Association convention held in Chicago from Nov. 19-21, 2014.

In addition to being accepted to present at the convention, the group also received the

Stephen A. Smith Top Group-Authored Undergraduate Research Paper award in the Lambda Pi Eta Division. This is the third straight year that Pacific Union College students have won this award.

The award was created by Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honor society, to recognize and encourage outstanding undergraduate research. The award was named after Smith to recognize his role in founding the honor society in 1985.

"I am so pleased with all [Lambda Pi Eta] has done to nurture our exceptional undergraduates," said Smith, a communication professor at the University of Arkansas. "I am most gratified

that it has supported and recognized the research contributions of distinguished students such as Webbo Chen."

In addition to the Stephen A. Smith award, the group also received the Top Student Paper award in the Nonverbal Communication Division.

"We only give the award if the student paper is of high quality," said Amy Ebesu Hubbard, chair of NCA's Nonverbal Communication Division and professor of communication at the University of Hawaii. "PUC's paper won out of all students in this category, including those in master's and Ph.D. programs."

"It was truly an honor, and I'm very grateful to have received both awards," said Chen, who attended the convention to present the paper on behalf of his team. "This experience was the highlight of my college career."

"Only 28 percent of research papers submitted to the convention were accepted this year," said Tammy McGuire, professor of communication. "So that makes their awards especially meaningful."

Shim attributed most of the group's success to McGuire. "On the first day of class, she said even though we are a small school, our final product will be as good as or better than any other top university," said Shim. "Without

WEBBO CHEN



Amy Ebesu Hubbard, communication professor from the University of Hawaii, presents Webbo Chen with the Top Student Paper award in the Nonverbal Communication Division at the 100th annual NCA convention.



Webbo Chen, Linda Lumintantang, Jessica Lee and James Shim (l. to r.) first presented their research during the final quarter of their senior year.

her guidance, we wouldn't have come this far. She believed in us."

Chen agreed. "Dr. McGuire made completing a 20-week research project achievable," he said. "She had a step-by-step process for everything and had a great balance of being hands-on and also letting us figure things out on our own."

McGuire is clear with students about the high quality she expects when they register for Communication Research, a capstone course for all communication majors. "They need to produce a conference-ready paper," she explains. "I also tell them they can't embarrass themselves, our department or the college. Whether they win anything (if they decide to submit their paper), that's a bonus."

What students learn from research experience translates into other areas of their personal and professional career, according to McGuire. Students learn to find and use resources

through literature reviews, make an argument for the significance of their work, use basic statistics to analyze data, work in a group for an extended period of time, and complete a comprehensive project for an external audience. "The ability to work with others is one of the most desired skills that employers want," said McGuire. "We are trying to teach our students valuable and useful skills they can take with them beyond the classroom."

So far, it appears McGuire's tactics are working.

Lumintantang and Lee, PUC's first health communication graduates, are in their first year of graduate school at Loma Linda University for pharmacy and occupational therapy, respectively.

Shim, a communication graduate with a marketing communications emphasis, landed a job as a creative project developer for BG Sports

Enterprises, an LA-based brand and marketing development agency for professional athletes.

Chen, who left the aerospace engineering program at UC Davis to study journalism at PUC, is still in the process of deciding which avenue to take in his career. "There are so many things I'm interested in, from media relations and writing to public relations and client services. The possibilities are endless," said Chen.

What makes McGuire especially proud is knowing her students can "hold their own" when they are outside of Angwin. "PUC is this little place on the hill, and it's so gratifying to see our students presenting at a national conference in a way that meets or exceeds those who come from larger universities," says McGuire. "I think that speaks well for the quality of education at PUC."

Michelle Rai

La Sierra Receives National Recognition for Community Service and Engagement

La Sierra University has received two prestigious national awards recently for its community engagement and service programs.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced Jan. 7 La Sierra University's community engagement re-classification, a designation that recognizes an institution's collaboration with its local, national and global communities for a variety of purposes including the enrichment of research, enhancement of teaching and learning, strengthening of democratic values and civic responsibility, as well as contribution to the public good. La Sierra, first classified in 2008, is among 361 institutions around the country to receive the classified designation from Carnegie since it initiated the program in 2006.

La Sierra is among 33 California universities and colleges whose documentation of academic service-learning and other service programs achieved Carnegie's classification status. La Sierra is also the only Seventh-day Adventist school to receive a Carnegie Foundation classification for community engagement.

Additionally, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, on Dec. 8 announced its 2014 Honor Roll awards with La Sierra listed on its Honor Roll with Distinction, in both the general community service and education community service categories. La Sierra shares the honors with 121 schools around the country on the community service roster, and with only 22 schools in the education community service list, holding the added distinction as the only Inland Empire institution recognized for its education community services.

The general community service category recognizes institutions that have made a commitment to improving the quality of life of community residents, particularly low-income individuals. The education category recognizes

institutions that have made a commitment to improving educational outcomes for children and youth in pre-kindergarten through undergraduate education.

"Community service and outreach are foundational to La Sierra's mission and among the core values we strive to instill in our students," said La Sierra University President Randal Wisbey. "We are so proud of their hard work to help others through our academic and missions programs and their own individual efforts, as well as the dedication of La Sierra's faculty who are key to the service-learning process, and who form the bridge with our community partners."

In 2013, the university held the distinction as one of only five educational institutions around the nation to receive the Honor Roll's Presidential Award, the highest federal recognition an institution can receive for its commitment to community, service-learning and civic engagement. This year, the university was placed for the first time on the corporation's education community service Honor Roll with Distinction.

La Sierra's community engagement and outreach activities take place through a variety of programs. In particular, its service activities are driven by the university's academic Service-Learning program in which undergraduates are required to perform 14 hours per student per quarter of community service.

During the fall quarter, business students from a La Sierra University Senior Project class, as part of their service-learning experience, raised more than \$3,900 with bake sales and other activities and purchased games, art supplies, school supplies and sporting goods for after school programs at a Riverside elementary and middle school.

The Senior Project classes, led by associate law and management professor Jere Fox, since spring 2012 have delivered to Alvord Unified School District's 16 after school programs a total of \$22,556.53 in products paid for with student fundraising efforts.

Helping others through their service-learning classes profoundly impacts university students' lives. In a final paper from fall quarter 2014, student Brett Gustafson wrote about his experience interacting with clients of an adult day care center in Corona in fulfillment of service-learning requirements for a class at La Sierra's H.M.S. Richards Divinity School. The class is titled "Jesus and the Gospels."



La Sierra University student Kyle Thompson works with after school program youngsters at Myra Linn Elementary School in Riverside as part of an academic service-learning program.

"My time at the adult day care center has been eye-opening in regards to the serious problem of marginalization in our society," wrote Gustafson. "I believe that these people, because of their age, have had their value overlooked by our community."

Jesus restored meaning and purpose to the lives of the people He interacted with. And in the process, He restored wholeness through restorative action. I believe that the weekly meetings with these elderly people have given me the chance to take part in that ministry. Service learning, to me, was a great opportunity to put the practices of Christ in action. God has worked through me."

Darla Martin Tucker

Infectious Disease Specialist Transforms Health Care for the Poor in Ecuador

Living the mission “to share God’s love with our community by promoting healing and wellness for the whole person” is the center of Adventist Health’s model of care — including the physicians at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Elizabeth Maslow, M.D., infectious disease specialist at GAMC, received the hospital’s 2014 Physician of the Year Award, presented at Adventist Health’s Annual Physician Leadership Symposium in October 2014.

Maslow is a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles School of Medicine and completed her infectious disease fellowship at

University of Southern California. During her 18-year tenure at GAMC, she has touched the lives of patients throughout Southern California and also thousands of miles away in Ecuador. Maslow is credited with transforming Ecuador’s health care landscape where no services existed for the poor.

“Clinics were full of the dying, including children with hydrocephalus who were untreated for lack of stents and neurosurgeons to implant them,” she explains. Maslow and her husband, Lorenzo, set about to raise money for hospital equipment and personnel. GAMC providers, staff and administrators raised thousands of dollars by buying eggs and plants from the Maslow-Najera home farm, ferried about by Dr. Maslow on a cart borrowed from the Community Services department.

In 2009, they reached out to David Martinez, M.D., one of only three neurosurgeons in Ecuador, who agreed to perform a pro bono surgery for a young woman with a pituitary adenoma — and many more surgeries. Martinez introduced Maslow and her husband to every hospital and medical director in Guayaquil, Ecuador’s largest city.

“At the time, nobody trusted us,” Maslow recalls. “In Ecuador, this kind of giving often ends up to be political or financial. Nobody believed we were trying to bridge the gap. We asked everyone we met, ‘What do you need the most?’”

She adds, “The medical school had no books, only a couple online programs. The tuberculosis sanitarium had no ventilators or blood gas machines. We made a list of simple, doable things

and immediately got to work, starting with the shunts, which we got for \$15 a piece from a doctor friend from India.” GAMC physicians and nurses donated books and materials, along with stuffed animals from staff, for distribution to children in hospitals.

“Any individual with a humanitarian dream really can make a difference,” Maslow concludes. “You do not need to be wealthy, famous or politically motivated. Just keep trying until you find that one like-minded person in some part of the world who shares that spirit of mission. When change becomes visible, it’s like a miracle!”

Vic Pallos

“GAMC is so proud to have mission-minded, Christian physicians who are inherently compelled to serve beyond their local communities. Dr. Maslow is just that kind of physician who spreads our mission of ‘sharing God’s love’ throughout the world.”

Kevin A. Roberts, GAMC President & CEO



Kevin A. Roberts, GAMC president/CEO; Elizabeth Maslow, M.D., GAMC physician; Scott Reiner, Adventist Health president/CEO; and Keith Doram, M.D.

“The service and humility exemplified by our colleague, Dr. Elizabeth Maslow, inspires all members of the GAMC medical staff to remain true to the sacred purpose of our work.”

*Michele Cosgrove, M.D.,
GAMC Chief of Staff*



Elizabeth Maslow, M.D., GAMC physician.

CALENDARS

Arizona Conference

ARIZONA ARTS FESTIVAL (Feb. 5-7) Thunderbird Academy, 7410 E. Sutton Drive, Scottsdale. TAA and the AZ Conference invite grades 5-12 to participate. All students will be in the mass choir, handbell, band and/or orchestra. Registration: \$25. Email musicdepartment@thunderbirdacademy.org or call 480-948-3300.

ARIZONA ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERTS (Feb. 7) Thunderbird Academy, 7410 E. Sutton Drive, Scottsdale. Approximately 240 participants will perform in the Arizona Arts Festival throughout the day. Sacred concert 11 a.m., All Schools Worship Showcase, 3 p.m.; Secular Concert, 7 p.m. Guest clinicians, Steve Hall (Union College Concert Winds) and Gail Murphy-Jones (choral director and performing artist, Florida).

BEAUTY FOR ASHES (Feb. 8) Homeless ministry 4th annual Homeless Banquet "Will You Be My Valentine," 11:30-1:30 p.m., Community Service Center, 1320 N. 15th St., Phoenix. Donations and volunteers needed. Info: Felicia Smith-Anderson, 602-459-0152, or Denise Sanderson, 480-272-5074.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK (Feb. 14) Held the 2nd Sat. of each month, Central church, 777 W Montecito, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. Info: stanhowerton@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP MEETING (Feb. 22) Info: Pastor Dale Wolcott, 928-589-7210.

BULLHEAD CITY (April 25) Annual Church, Lunch and Ride (Laughlin River Run) Come and worship, have lunch and go on a nice motorcycle ride enjoying God's creation. Info: Tim Journey, text 503-348-9985; email timcar4@gmail.com.

Central California

CCC HEALTH ADVISORY (Feb. 8) CCC office. Info: Steve, 559-347-3142.

HISPANIC CONVOCATION (Feb. 14) Bakersfield Spanish church. Info: Florina, 559-347-3144.

HISPANIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Certification Track 2 (Feb. 21-22) Fresno Spanish Church. Info: Florina, 559-347-3144 or Rosa, 559-347-3181.

MARRIAGE RETREAT (Feb. 20-22) Wonder Valley. Info: Steve, 559-347-3142.

AREA 8 HAM RADIO TRAINING (Feb. 22) Central Valley Christian Academy. Info: Wendell, 559-310-7546.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT (Feb. 27-March 1) Wonder Valley. Info: Florina, 559-347-3144.

CCC PRAYER CONFERENCE (March 6-7) Visalia, Calif. Info: Joyce, 559-696-3692.

PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE (March 7) Conference level. Dinuba Junior Academy. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174 or pathfinders@cccsda.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CERTIFICATION Track 2 and VBS Training (March 14) Mountain View Central church. Info: Rosa, 559-347-3181 or rgillham@cccsda.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CERTIFICATION Track 2 and VBS Training (March 15) CCC office. Info: Rosa, 559-347-3181 or rgillham@cccsda.org.

AREA 3 HAM RADIO TRAINING (March 15) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Wendell, 559-310-7546.

AREA 2 HAM RADIO TRAINING (March 22) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Wendell, 559-310-7546.



UNION LEVEL PATHFINDER Bible Experience (March 28) Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174 or pathfinders@cccsda.org.

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING (March 29) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Steve, 559-347-3142.

La Sierra University

MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS Student recital with Victoria Belliard, violin, and Jiayi Shi, piano, (Feb. 8) 6 p.m.; the University Wind Ensemble in concert (Feb. 21) 7 p.m.; and the University Big Band in concert (Feb. 28) 7 p.m. All free, Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

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FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP, Friday, 8 p.m., LSU church. Worship along with the La Sierra students by watching the services online at www.lasierra.edu/watchlive. Info: 951-785-2090.

Northern California Conference

PRAYER BREAKFAST (Feb. 5) Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, One Madrone Street, Willits. Coordinated by HHM Chaplain Dennis Long. Local faith leaders will lead a prayer in support of the local community and national leaders. Keynote speakers include inspirational pianist Sam Ocampo.

JAIME JORGE CONCERT (Feb. 7) 4 p.m. Sacramento Central church, 6045 Camellia Ave. The violin virtuoso will present a special inspirational concert as a benefit for Abundant Life Broadcasting television to purchase equipment and keep ALBTV on the air. Bring a friend! Info: 916-209-7209.

LEADING CHILDREN TO HEAVEN (Feb. 7) Chico church; (Feb. 14) Napa Community church; (March 7) Lodi English Oaks church. 2-5:30 p.m. Training for children's ministry, Sabbath school and Vacation Bible School leaders. Gracelink, children's church, VBS, Investigation Station, Destination Paradise, mentoring, working with

volunteers. Light supper provided. Info: alice.merrill@nccsda.com or www.nccsda.com/LeadingChildrenToHeaven.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT (Feb. 6-8) Leoni Meadows. For academy, high school and home school students. Speaker: Bryant Rodriguez. Family groups, games, great food, Bible study and much more! Info and application: www.nccsda.com/frsoretrear.

EDUCATION DAY (Feb. 14) Fairfield Community church, 1101 East Tabor Avenue. Emphasis on youth and adults achieving education for a happy, healthy future and for service. Special guests for worship and afternoon programs: Pastor Garrett Anderson and Karene White Belton, along with a panel of professionals. Info: 707-552-2278.

ACADEMY DAYS (Feb. 22, 23) Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, 3200 Rio Lindo Avenue, Healdsburg. Find out if Rio is right for you! Visit classes, eat in the cafeteria, sleep in the dorm, meet students from around the world, and much more! Students, grades 7-10, and parents invited. Info: www.RioLindo.org.

TURNING POINTS: How We Serve (Feb. 27, 28) Friday, 3-9 p.m., Sabbath 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Orangevale church, 5810 Pecan Avenue. Keynote speaker: Dorothy Means, Pacific Union women's ministries director. Come learn from a variety of seminars; Sabbath lunch provided. Registration:

\$35. Info: www.ncc.adventist.org/womensministries or 530-520-5983.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FUNDRAISER (Feb. 28) 7 p.m. Stockton Mayfair church, 6940 N. El Dorado Street. Come enjoy international booths, food, flags, clothing, music and more! Info: www.facebook.com/mayfair.sda.stkn.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (March 6-8) Call now to reserve your space or for questions. Info: Rob & Debbie Purvis, 916-673-9975 or purvis4@comcast.net.

ALUMNI WEEKEND (March 13-15) Paradise Adventist Academy/Paradise Church, Academy Drive. Former students and staff of Paradise Adventist Academy, Paradise Adventist School, Paradise Junior Academy and earlier SDA schools in Paradise are invited! Honor class years are those ending in "5" and "0." Info: www.mypaa.net or Linda Corbit, 530-877-9610.

Pacific Union College

COLLOQUY SPEAKER SERIES: Black History Month (Feb. 5) 10 a.m. PUC church. A look at many influential figures of African-American descent, both in Adventism and the nation at large. Info: colloquy@puc.edu.

HANS HIELSCHER ORGAN Recital (Feb. 14) 4 p.m. PUC church. German musician

performs on the Rieger organ. Info: 707-965-6201

NEW WORK, PUC Visual Arts Faculty (Feb. 14-March 15) Opening Reception 7 p.m. Rasmussen Art Gallery. Members of PUC's visual arts department display original work in a variety of mediums. Info: 707-954-6303.

DAN JACKSON SPEAKS (Feb. 21) 11:15 a.m., PUC church. Info: www.pucchurch.org.

ACADEMY CHORAL FESTIVAL Concert (Feb. 21) 4 p.m. PUC church. The four-day festival for academy musicians ends with a concert. Info: music@puc.edu, 707-965-6201.

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Southeastern California

SECC JR. HIGH CHORAL FESTIVAL (Feb. 6) 7 p.m., El Cajon church, 1630 East Madison Ave., El Cajon. Info: Teri Vasquez, 951-509-2313.

"JOURNEY TO THE LAND Down Under" (March 14) 5 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St, Loma Linda. The event will take place in the sanctuary.

Southern California Conference

"IN THE LAST DAYS..." I will pour out my Spirit," 2015 Holy Spirit Conference (Feb. 6-8) Speakers: Ernie Castillo, Carmelo Mercado, Tony Anobile, Carlos Camacho, Rogelio Paquini, Patty Marruffo, Carlos Acosta, Pablo Gaitan, Luis Pena, Ruben Tenorio. San Gabriel Academy, 8827 East Broadway. Cost: \$25. Registration: 818-546-8448. Limited to 300 participants.

"PARENTING & RE-PARENTING" SEMINAR (Feb. 7) 11 a.m., 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Presenter, Arlene Taylor, Ph.D. Open to all parents, young or old. Invite your friends. Location, Chino Valley Chinese

church, 4136 Riverside Dr. Info: Pastor Paul Cho, 626-217-5782.

FELIPE GARIBO IN CONCERT (Feb. 14) 6 p.m. Lincoln Heights Spanish church, 3131 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles 90031. An offering will be received. Info: 323-222-2928

"QUIERO VIVIR SANO" (I Want to Live Healthy) seminar (Feb. 18-21) for pastors, laity; learning to use the health message as an effective outreach tool. Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., pastors only. Thurs., Fri. 7-9 p.m., laity. Sabbath, 3-6 p.m., laity and pastors. Spanish-American church, 1815 Bridge St., Los Angeles 90033. Info: 818-546-8448.

"LEADING OUT OF OUR OVERFLOW" (Feb. 23) For pastors, elders & community clergy. Presenter, Richard Blackaby, D.D., Ph.D., president, Blackaby Ministries International. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Los Angeles Chinese Adventist church, 300 W. Ramona Rd., Alhambra 91803. Meals provided. Info: Barbara Hart, bhart@scsda.org.

SEEDS OF TRUTH Bible study series (Feb. 24) 6:30 p.m. Topic, "True Grace." Free! School of Evangelism & Resource Center, 1501 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale 91206. Info: 818 549-4147, www.endtimeslikeethese.org.

L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM (Feb. 28) 3 p.m. Speaker, Zane Yi, Ph.D., assist. professor, LLU School of Religion. Topic, "Telling a Better Story: Reasoning About Religion in a Secular Age." Glendale City Adventist church, Chapel of the Good Samaritan, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

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THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT at Southwestern Adventist University seeks full-time professor in Advertising/Public Relations or Radio/TV to begin July 1, 2015. Master's degree required; doctoral degree desired. Must have teaching experience. Send cover letter and CV to Michael Agee at magee@swau.edu.

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Events

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MOUNTAIN VIEW ACADEMY Alumni Homecoming (April 11). Registration: 9:30 a.m. Program: 10 a.m. Honored classes end in 5's, and 25 year class of 1990.

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UNION COLLEGE Homecoming (April 2-5) Honor classes: '45, '55, '60, '65, '75, '85, '90, '95, and '05. Special tribute to business and computer faculty and graduates as well as a Gymnares reunion. For more information, contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503,

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ABRAMS, CAROLA — b. May 18, 1920, Omaha, Neb.; d. Dec. 8, 2014, Stockton, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert Garrett Jr.; two grandchildren.

AGUIAR, JOSEPHONE (MANISCALCO) — b. Jan. 21, 1921, San Francisco, Calif.; d. July 23, 2014, Ripon, Calif. Survivors: son, George; daughter, Linda Pool; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

AMADOR, DOLORES RUTH (CHES-TER) — b. Sept. 5, 1930, Seattle, Wash.; d. Dec. 12, 2014, Oakley, Calif. Survivors: son, Donald; daughter, Darla; two grandchildren.

BARTELL, JASON — b. Oct. 11, 1975, National City, Calif.; d. July 5, 2014, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: parents, Silas and Jeannette Bartell; brother, Bruce.

BENNETT, LEONA MARIE (KUESTER) — b. Sept. 28, 1924, Jarvie, Alberta, Canada; d. Nov. 30, 2014, Yountville, Calif. Survivors: husband, Lester; sons, Larry, Lyle; daughter, Lynette Kinsey; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Evert Kuester. Served with her minister husband in Hawaii and throughout Northern California, including Eureka, Vallejo, Marin County,

Sacramento, Galt, Oroville and Concord; organized cooking schools and Sabbath school materials.

BENTON, BOB — b. March 12, 1934, Hanford, Calif.; d. May 17, 2014, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carol; daughter, Susan; four grandchildren.

CASE, SARAH WILLIAMS — b. Sept. 25, 1914, Uniontown, Ala.; d. Sept. 25, 2014, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: son, Del; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

CASTILLO, HERBERT — b. Nov. 2, 1937; d. Feb. 2, 2014, South San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: wife, Concepcion; sons, Raul, Herbert; daughters, Rhina, Claudia Fox; six grandchildren.

COOPER, DENNIS — b. Jan. 23, 1960, Fortuna, Calif.; d. Oct. 30, 2014, Fortuna, Calif. Survivors: mother, Jeanette, sisters, Nancy, Linda Endicott.

DAILY, VIVIAN MAE (WILLIS) — b. Jan. 20, 1915, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Nov. 29, 2014, Soldota, Alaska. Survivors: sons, John E. Manuel, James L. Manuel; daughter, Cheryl A. Manuel-Toppa; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

FARMER, PATRICIA (WALKER) — b. Sept. 24, 1930, Colorado Springs,

Colo.; d. Feb. 17, 2014, Taft, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Linda Fontes, Kathy Farmer; one grandchild, three great-grandchildren.

FISHER, ROBERT MAURICE — b. Nov. 16, 1932, Covina, Calif.; d. Nov. 22, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sandra; sons, Randy, Steve; daughters, Linda Bradas, Cheryl Porter; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

HART, LEWIS HENRY — b. June 25, 1921, Moscow, Idaho; d. Dec. 18, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruth Margaret (Swanson); sons, Richard, Kenneth; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Elmer.

KIRK, CHRISTINE — b. Dec. 30, 1919, Merced, Calif.; d. Jan. 12, 2014, Merced, Calif. Survivors: sons, David Servaes, Clifford Servaes; daughter, Shirley Rusch; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

KLATT, DOROTHY V. (CARLSON) STUMP — b. May 2, 1922, San Francisco, Calif.; d. Nov. 24, 2014, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: son, Ronald Stump; daughters, Judith Klatt, Jolene von Pohle; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; worked at Pacific Press in Mountain View, Calif.

KLEAM, VERA — b. Feb. 25, 1914, Detroit, Mich.; d. Nov. 29, 2014,

Porterville, Calif. Survivors: son, Vern; daughter, Wanda MacBeth; seven grandchildren.

LAHDE, CARL H. — b. Feb. 25, 1916, South Holland, Ill.; d. July 31, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Judy Mandigo; two grandchildren. Served as a colporter and lay preacher in California.

LATHROP, MADALYN — b. May 23, 1927, Casper, Wyo.; d. Dec. 20, 2014, Corona, Calif. Survivors: husband, Earl; daughter, Cheryl Bauman; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

LEWIS, KATHLEEN "KAY" JANET (VIXON) — b. Aug. 21, 1926, Harlen, Kan.; d. Nov. 26, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Kevin; daughters, Kerry Shearer, Leslie Amenta, Shelley Slater; thirteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Dorothy Bielicki.

LINLEY, EVELYN — b. March 14, 1928, Modesto, Calif.; d. Oct. 26, 2014, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: son, Mark; daughters, Claudia, Linda Saunders, Marian Newman; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.

LUTZ, PAUL A. — b. Dec. 17, 1927, Selma, Calif.; d. Sept. 27, 2014, Oakhurst, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Cheryl, Paula.



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MACOMBER, ADELAIDE JOYCE (YOUKER) — b. May 5, 1927, Flint, Mich.; d. Oct. 18, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: sons, Barry, Ronald; daughter, Carolyn; six grandchildren.

MACOMBER, ROY CLIFFORD — b. Oct. 16, 1927, Saginaw, Mich.; d. July 27, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: sons, Barry, Ronald; daughter, Carolyn; six grandchildren. Served as a medic during the Korean War.

MARCUS, VIRGINIA "GINGER" A. (SHIRE) — b. July 16, 1926, Boston, Mass.; d. June 8, 2014, Santa Rosa, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Nydia Brooks, Adalia Harvey; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren.

MILLER, DONALD RICHARD — b. Sept. 2, 1933, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; d. Oct. 31, 2014, Grand Terrace, Calif. Survivors: wife, Penny; daughters, Shelly, Sherry Fay.

NELSON, BILLIE — b. Feb. 17, 1943, Medford, Ore.; d. April 17, 2014, Tulare, Calif. Survivors: husband, Neil; sons, Mark Meyer, Bryan Figge, Coby Nelsen; daughters, Teresa Vandenberg, Shirley Ann Figge; sisters, Jeanie Germin, Shirley Jorgensen; seven grandchildren; brother, Butch Saw.

NORMAN, RUTH MYRTLE — b. Dec. 4, 1931, Glendale, Calif.; d. Oct. 23, 2014, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: husband, Richard; sons, Robert Leslie, Richard Allen; daughter, Rebecca Jo Speer; one grandchild; five great-grandchildren; brother, Harold Rich.

PETERSEN, CLEO — b. March 10, 1920, Haskel, Texas; d. July 29, 2014, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: stepson, Andy Peterson; stepdaughters, Judy Wenell, Margie Ulmer; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

RAE, WALTER, T. — b. July 12, 1922, Minneapolis, Minn.; d. Aug. 30, 2014, Patterson, Calif. Survivors: son, Walter T. Jr.; daughter, Elaine Kirkpatrick; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

REDFIELD, BETTY (MILLER) — b. June 15, 1925, Gardena, Calif.; d. March 21, 2014, Taft, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jim, Steve, Ken; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

ROJAS, EUNICE — b. April 3, 1948, San Francisco, Calif.; d. June 23, 2014, Mountain View, Calif. Survivor: husband, Jose.

SILVESTRI, CLARA ELIZABETH — b. March 3, 2014, Lodi, Calif.; d. March 3, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: father, John; mother, Jenny; brother, Eric Shih; sisters, Emma, Ava.

SIMMONS, ROSCOE ROBERT — b. May 12, 1929, San Francisco, Calif.; d. Nov. 26, 2014, Stockton, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Donna Fox, Wallis Arlington, Diana Watts, Doris Cobbs, Denise Fields, Debra Griffin, Robin Ivy, Roxanne; 29 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brother, Junius.

START, CHARLES "CHICK" — b. Oct. 6, 1928, Philadelphia, Pa.; d. Dec. 29, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Louise; sons, Charles, Tom, Tim; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild.

SULLIVAN, DON KARL — b. Oct. 10, 1930, Omaha, Neb.; d. Aug. 19, 2014, Port Orchard, Wash. Survivors: wife, Dorothy; son, David Kent; Kim Alan; daughter, Jolene DeVries; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served in New Mexico, Bolivia, Peru and Chile (first president of the newly organized Chile Union); departmental secretary for Texas conference; treasurer of Texico and Southern California conferences; and volunteer pastor of Hawaii Kona church.

TAN, ROBERT "BOB" CHENG HAI — b. Oct. 8, 1936, Singapore, China; d. Dec. 16, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: brothers, Donald, Newton, Vincent, Rodney; sisters, Queenie Chuarta, Betty Khoo. Wrote

lyrics and composed music for the Union College hymn; taught music at Fortuna Junior Academy and Pleasant Hill Junior Academy; served as choir director, piano/voice teacher at Lodi Academy for 22 years; directed the Lodi Children's Chorus and Youth Choral.

WALTER, ALICE — b. Feb. 18, 1922, Des Moines, Iowa; d. Oct. 31, 2014, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: sons, Edwin Sanford, Timothy Sanford; daughters, Linda Heredia, Judi Chapman, Sandy Keith Sanford; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

WARNER, RICHARD LEE — b. March 7, 1928, Bettendorf, Iowa; d. June 14, 2014, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: wife, Shirley; daughters, Joni Bell, Heidi Loane; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. Served as pastor in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and California.

WEISHAAR, VIRGINIA — b. May 18, 1918, Edmond, Okla.; d. Oct. 19, 2014, Shafter, Calif. Survivors: son, Wally; daughters, Ilona, Karen Welch; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

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What's Going On?

Don Jackson, North American Division president, recently announced the short-term, week-long general mission-focused events during 2014. Sign up for your own or for a few minutes and watch what God has been doing around our country through Adventist members young and old at <http://www.adventist.org/2014/06/01/>

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