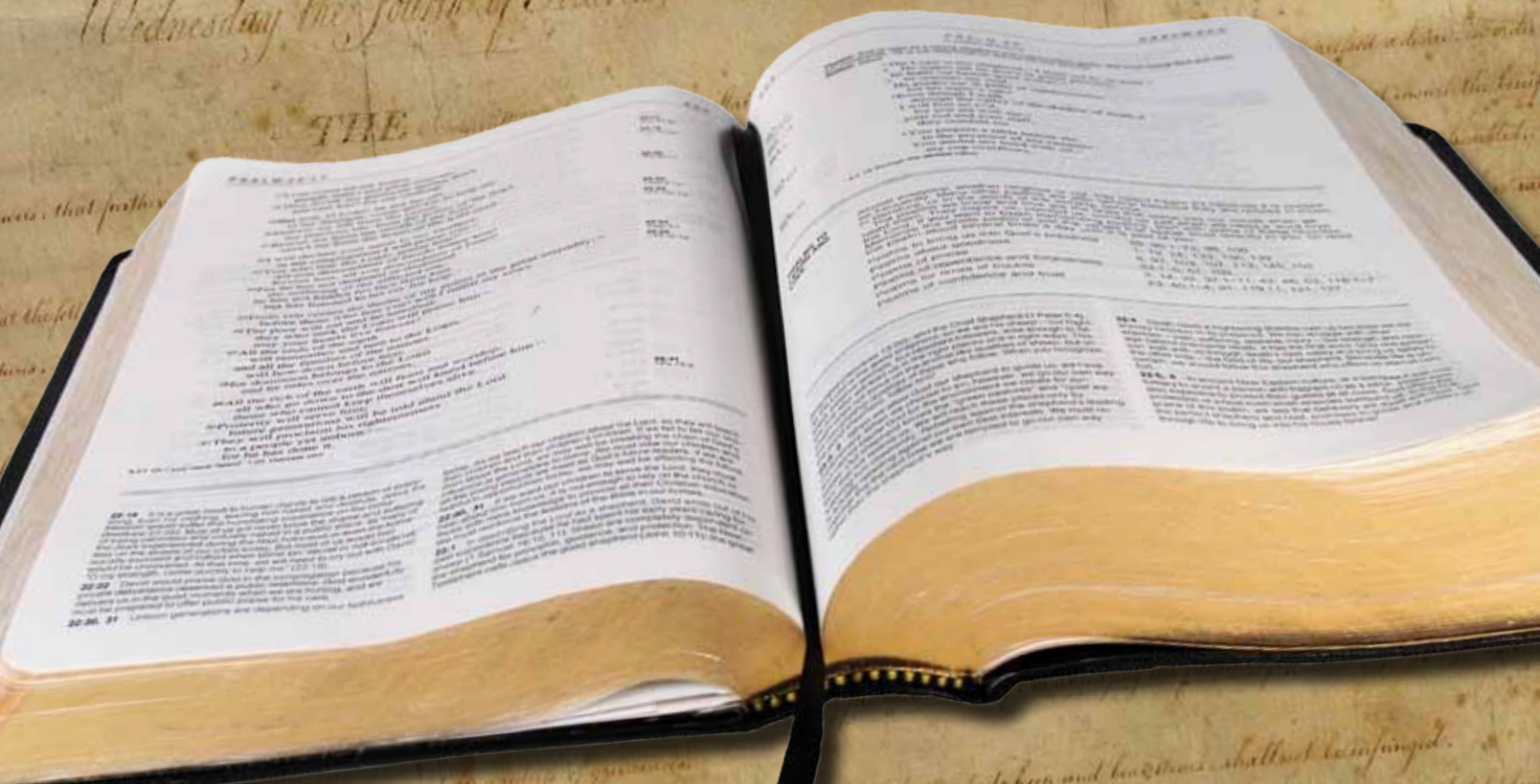


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A Call to Prayer and Fasting

As we begin a new year and a new decade, I wonder if we could come to an even deeper experience with God than we already enjoy? Is the Lord calling us to end-time commitment that may go beyond what we have experienced in the past? In discussing these questions, the leadership of the Southern Union including the Union Executive Committee, have decided to extend a special invitation to all members in the Southern Union. It's a simple and very practical invitation, and each one can decide whether or not to participate.

The North American Division and the General Conference have designated a worldwide day of prayer and fasting on January 1, 2011. In addition, we are suggesting a Southern Union-wide **Quarterly Day of Prayer and Fasting** on the first Friday of each quarter. For 2011 that would be January 7, April 1, July 1, and October 7. It is recognized that many pray and are in devotional time with Jesus. This is a call to go even deeper, and to join together wherever we are on a certain day each quarter. We are inviting every member to pray for needs in your personal experience, and for needs in your church. Beyond that we are inviting each member to pray for:

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit.
2. Revival, reformation, and transformation.
3. Family units — married, singles, children, youth, etc.
4. Lost people.
5. Two metro areas — Memphis, Tennessee, and Tampa Bay, Florida — our Union-wide focus for metro evangelism for 2011-2015.

I've learned that fasting tends to focus the mind and heart. There are many ways to fast: from food a half day or full day; from certain foods; from media — TV, Internet, newspapers, radio; and from recreation. The Lord will lead you if you ask Him.

Recently the General Conference Executive Committee, under the leadership of Elder Ted Wilson, voted to accept an urgent appeal for revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism. I quote just a couple sentences: "There is nothing more important than knowing Jesus, studying His Word, and understanding His truth and seeking His promise for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power for the fulfilling of the Gospel commission. God's last day prophet to the remnant wrote in words too plain to be misunderstood, 'A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work,'" *Selected Messages, Book 1*, p. 121. See the entire text linked at southernunion.com.

Would you be willing to join this Union-wide quarterly day of prayer and fasting, knowing that believers all over the Southern Union are praying and fasting with you? It's the first Friday of every quarter.



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Current Events Offers Insight into the Future of Religious Freedom

BY AMIREH AL-HADDAD

Before I go any further allow me to state for the record that I am not a Muslim who has secretly infiltrated the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Indeed, with a name like Amireh Al-Haddad, I must have some connections to the Middle East, and yes, if you have been trying to guess where this name originates, it is Arabic.

Since we seem to be dwelling for a moment on things that originate from the Middle East, let me ask you a question. What do you think about the New York mosque issue?

This seems to be the question I've been asked every time my name and its origin come up. You would think I might be tired of talking about it, but when you are the director of public affairs and religious liberty, you develop a higher tolerance for being asked the same questions over and over. Additionally, I always love an opportunity to talk about religious liberty!

The New York mosque, also referred to as the Islamic Cultural Center, is intriguing. It's a study in

human nature and societal attitudes that affects religious liberty in a very real way. Most of the time we talk about religious liberty as an eloquent idea that our founding fathers and others liked to talk about. Too often we forget that religious liberty is a gift from God, and its protection should be treated as such.

Whether or not a New York City mosque is building its cultural center too close to the ground zero site in New York City has been the most hotly debated issue since the health care



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bill was passed. Many people argue that Islam is a religion of hatred, full of radicals, with a fundamental charge of death to non-believers. By building the mosque so close to ground zero (two city blocks away), it is a way for Muslims to gloat over the destruction of 9/11. Still others believe that it is a cult, that the god of Islam is not the same god of Christianity.

There are also individuals who claim that they believe and defend Muslim's rights to worship, but feel that the mosque should voluntarily

relocate to a site further away from ground zero. In a poll taken by the New York Times at the end of August 2010, 67 percent of those polled thought it would be more considerate of the center to move further away from ground zero.

A lawsuit was filed in August against the New York mosque. Incredible as it may seem, the suit was initiated by the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ). The ACLJ is filing suit not on behalf of preserving religious freedom, but rather to ask the court to reconsider the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission's decision not to make the building on the current site a landmark. Granting landmark status to the building would have prevented the demolition of the building, but it would not prevent the cultural center from using the property. The ACLJ considers the proposed mosque and cultural center to be "inappropriate and inflammatory." Would I confuse you to tell you that ACLJ claims to be "dedicated to the idea that religious freedom and freedom of speech are inalienable, God-given rights for all people"?

Our founding fathers used the motto, E Pluribus Unum (one from many), to remind us that we are a nation built from people of many different places, creeds, and religions. How much truer that is today, than during the formative years of our nation's government.

It is easy to talk eloquently about religious freedom when everyone in the country holds to Judeo-Christian beliefs. What do we do today with a population and cultural explosion like never before? We are truly testing the limits of our tolerance for religious liberty. Jessie Ventura said it about as plainly as I have heard it. In October on the Joy Behar Show, the former governor of Minnesota said, "The Constitution says they [Muslims] can do it, it ends there. You cannot subject the Constitution to a popularity poll Popular things don't need protecting." Seventh-day Adventists who make up only an estimated .4 percent of Protestants in America today, compared to Muslims who make up .6 percent of the popula-

tion, should be very concerned about the rights and protections afforded to minority religions.

The religious liberty department, from Ellen White's time through to our time, has always fought the idea of claiming official "Christian Nation" status for the United States. Take careful note of my next sentence. If this becomes a country where only Christians are given preferential treatment, then how long will it be before only those Christians who hold the current popular views will be allowed to freely practice their religious beliefs?

Issues involving the fear of religions we know little about — or know enough about to deem them dangerous, radical, or simply false — is exactly why it is so important to have religious liberty and defend it. For more than 230 years, we have proclaimed this land to be one of religious freedom. Did we do that simply because we liked the religions that were here and did not really disagree with any of them? Now it is time to "walk the talk."

Seventh-day Adventists have a long and honorable history of defending religious freedom. And perhaps A.T. Jones spoke it most plainly when he testified before the Senate in 1888. In opposing the proposed Sunday Laws, Seventh-day Adventists were going against other Christians who supported the proposal and considered Adventists overly liberal in our outspoken opposition to the bill. Jones went before the Senate and testified to the following: "Call us liberals, but we are Christians nevertheless." He went on to add that *The American Sentinel* (predecessor to *Liberty* magazine) was happy to identify with Christians "who are liberal enough to maintain that all other men inalienably possess all the rights, human, civil, and religious, that Christians possess."¹

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1. A. T. Jones, "The American Sentinel and the Churches," American Sentinel (December 1888), p. 90.



General Conference President Inspires Students to *Spread the Good News*

BY JEFF MARSHALL

The thank-you note said, “I want to know what you did to my Ethan? He can’t stop talking about the trip. Thank you for making all the effort that you did for him to go. I love seeing him so excited. When we got home, he said, ‘Mom, I don’t want to get out of the van because that means the trip is over.’ What a blessing!” The words came from a mother written to Eric Bates, a pastor in Dothan, Alabama, who had chaperoned and encouraged her son to attend the first Bass Memorial Academy Youth Conference (BYC).

From September 24-26, young people from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee gathered on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy for what is now being called BYC.



Ted and Nancy Wilson took time out to visit with academy staff and students: Jeffrey Marshall (left), campus pastor and recruiter; Janelle Shives; Kimberly Barone; Matthew Lawson; Julian Armstrong; Isabel Rodriguez; and Phil Wilhelm, Bass Memorial Academy principal.



Students in the choir and bell choir provided beautiful music.

The event was inspired by the international annual conference that goes by the name GYC, or Generation of Youth for Christ. Chelsy Jourdan, one of the vice presidents of GYC, attended BYC

as one of the featured speakers, and focused her talks on the theme for the weekend, the Greek word *Ευαγγελιον* (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on). This word is translated "good news," "gospel," or "evangelism." The spirit of this theme was most embraced when, on Sabbath afternoon, more than 90 attendees went door-to-door seeking Bible study interests. "When you go out there, you're nervous at first, but when you think that Christ is with you, you start to get bolder because you're helping Christ do His work. It's not about you," says Josh Reeves. The outreach activity resulted in 59 leads

for Bible studies, which will help the joint effort between community members and Bass students to plant churches in Oak Grove and Poplarville, towns located near the school.

Among those going door-to-door was Ted Wilson, the new president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Nancy, his wife. Wilson delivered stirring sermons for Vespers on Friday night and Sabbath morning — calling God's people to seek revival and reformation. He also took time to interact with the youth.

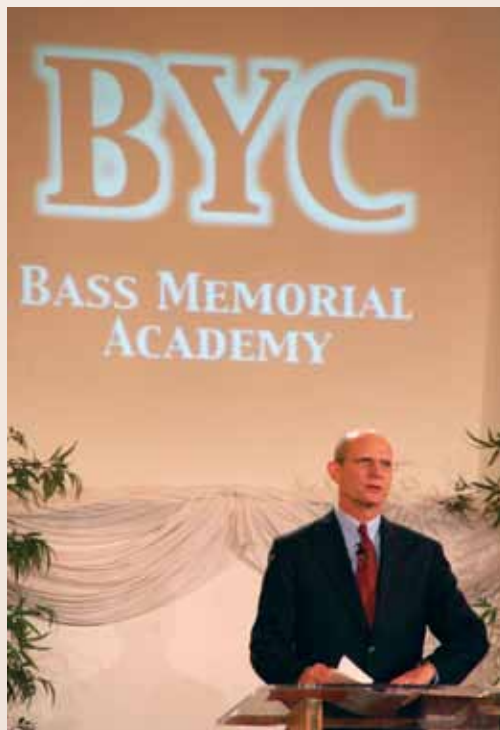
"You can tell why Elder Wilson was chosen to be our leader. He is humble, happy, caring, loves youth, and wants to finish the work," says Ruth Recinos, a sophomore.

Recently Wilson made reference

to BYC in the Sabbath sermon at the 2010 Annual Council. He said, "Two weeks ago, I attended a youth conference at Bass Memorial Academy in Mississippi, where a revival of primitive godliness is taking place among the faculty and students." Vice principal Burney Culpepper commented, "It's fantastic affirmation to hear [this comment] from the GC president and other people who are noticing what we're doing."

In addition to outreach and worship, attendees at BYC chose between four different seminars on apologetics, health and intelligence, personal evangelism, and modern spiritualism. "BYC really helped people with their individual relationships with Christ. You could choose to go to seminars that were meaningful to you. I went to apologetics and modern spiritualism, and I learned a lot about God," reflects Aleah Garris, sophomore.

It was the hope of faculty who initiated the event to not only provide a spiritually enriching conference, but to also further the efforts of the school to grow spiritual leaders. Caleb Daum, a junior who led out in audio and media, says, "The goal of BYC is to prepare people for Jesus' second coming." Student Association president Isabel Rodriguez echoes his comment: "We want to be the generation that finishes the work, so we have a lot of work to do!"



Ted Wilson, General Conference president, spoke to more than 500 in attendance.



PHOTO: PATTY GONZALEZ

Florida Pastor Becomes 10/40 Missionary

BY GLADYS NEIGEL WITH DENIS SAND

“Our call [overseas] has been and continues to be a miracle,” says Denis Sand, pastor from Westchester Spanish Church in Miami, Florida, “and knowing that, we are moving forward trusting that the One who has called us will also equip us for this challenge.”

Speaking fluent Spanish and English, one would expect Sand to accept a call to a place where these languages are spoken. Instead, he has started learning Russian even as he awaits departure for Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, in the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) where he will direct the School of Pioneers.

Here, Sand will train tentmakers (self-supporting missionaries) who, in turn, will be challenged to plant churches among indigenous people of five countries: Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. The school’s goal is to train 140 tentmakers during the next seven years. Sand has also been asked to direct the School of Evangelism for Southern Union Conference of the ESD where he will train and inspire pastors to organize small

groups to reach their communities, especially among indigenous people.

Sand relates that in the past few years, “the Lord has led us at Westchester Spanish Church to develop a program to train youth as small group leaders, and reach their friends for Christ.” The program began with one Growth Group in August 2008, and multiplied into three by October. By January 2009, there were six groups, and in September 2009, a birthday party was celebrated for 12 groups. “By the grace of God, we now have 21 groups with each being led by two trained leaders,” says Sand.

The training program for group leaders basically covers what they need to know, be, and do. Sand also covers the practical side as trainees practice and lead in all parts of regular group life and meetings.

In 2009 and 2010, Southern Union Conference of the ESD, invited Sand to teach two classes at the School of Pioneers: the first was Seventh-day Adventist Church history, and the other covered small groups. He was

also the Conference’s main speaker for an evangelism congress this past May. The delegates were excited about the Growth Groups program and how it could help reach people in the region known as the 10/40 Window.

“Stretching from North Africa, through the Middle East, and into East Asia, the 10/40 Window is home to more than two-thirds of the Earth’s population, many of the world’s major religions, the largest and fastest growing cities, some of the world’s poorest people, and the fewest Christians.” *

Sand will be joined in this new ministry adventure by his wife, Ingrid, his sons, Adriel, four years old; Mattias, two; and their newborn baby, Josiah. The family has made a commitment to serve five years in Kyrgyzstan, and are awaiting their departure date from the General Conference.

* “A Dream on the Brink of Coming True,” www.adventistmissionary.org

Reflecting Christ for 60 Years

BY BEN PALOS

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia Celebrates Anniversary

Tucked away in Madison, Tennessee, just outside of Nashville, the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) provides a Seventh-day Adventist learning environment for registered nurses seeking a master of science degree with a focus in anesthesia.

This year, MTSA celebrates 60 years of guiding more than 1,200 nurse anesthetists in a shared pursuit: to reflect Christ in the practice of anesthesia.

Upon graduation, MTSA's diverse

care education institution among the poor. Four years later, the Madison Sanitarium was established.

MTSA was born as the Madison Hospital School of Anesthesia in 1950, as part of Madison College. Founder Bernard V. Bowen, CRNA, D.Sc., had a vision to be at the forefront of anesthesia education, and to be a place where Seventh-day Adventists could receive an education without experiencing Sabbath conflicts.

In 1964, Madison College closed and Madison Hospital became responsible for all educational endeavors. This change infused new energy, talent, and opportunity into the school. The first anesthesiologist hired by Madison Hospital (and MTSA's first president), William O.T. Smith, M.D., joined Bowen in 1972 to educate the nurse anesthetists. Two years later, Nevin Downs, M.D., another anesthesiologist, joined Smith, and Mary Elizabeth "Ikey" DeVasher, CRNA, Ph.D., A.P.N., who today continues to serve MTSA as dean/vice president/program director, joined the staff as a fulltime academic and clinical instructor. Bowen retired from MTSA in the 1970's after three decades of dedicated service.

In 1980, the school changed its name to Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia.

In 1992, school leadership took the bold step of seeking regional accreditation through the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), in addition to its professional accreditation through the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). MTSA met or exceeded every SACS requirement, and two years later became the first independent, regionally accredited, anesthesia-specific graduate degree-granting program in the United States. MTSA remains the only school of its kind to have achieved this high status.

Today, MTSA alumni embody the school's mission to "reflect Christ" by serving throughout the world. MTSA continues to be an active member of Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI), as a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. MTSA is the last remaining vestige of Madison College (the birthplace of ASI).

Most recently, MTSA has undergone administrative leadership changes as a new president has been appointed. L. Phil Hunt, Ed.D., retired as president of MTSA, and the school's board of trustees has appointed Kenneth L. Schwab, Ed.D., as the institution's third president.

Currently, the school is driving toward the future of excellent nurse anesthesia education by preparing a doctor of nurse anesthesia practice (D.N.A.P.) degree. This next step will further set the stage for graduates to distinguish themselves, treating others as Christ would, and using their anesthesia training to fulfill the mission of serving others.



The MTSA Simulation Skills Center — made possible in part by a \$500,000 grant from The Memorial Foundation — is equipped with human patient simulators, and provides a learning environment which helps prepare students in basic skills and tasks.

alumni are among the foremost nurse anesthetists in the profession, within Tennessee, across the country, and throughout the world.

The school has roots from more than a century ago when a group of Seventh-day Adventists from Michigan came south in 1900 to initiate a health



Prime-Time Living

Senior Life Weekend and Health Fair

BY KEN FORD

“Ageing is here We need to promote and model purpose-centered living through holistic paradigms. In several areas, we are getting as many baptisms through wellness health events as through traditional evangelism Our social system can and should be the congregational family Congregations are central to healthy communication today, as other social networks

are breaking down,” said Sharon Pittman, Ph.D., C.S.W.M., associate dean and graduate director of social work at Southern Adventist University. She spoke at a recent Senior Life Weekend and Health Fair at Mt. Pisgah Academy Church during the weekend of November 5-7, 2010.

Pittman capsulized Jesus’ holistic perspective and the trajectory of the Senior Life Weekend.

He worked for the restoration of the physical, mental, and spiritual person, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143. The Mt. Pisgah Academy Church congregation, under the leadership of health ministries, community services, and family life director David White, answered His call to be the community hub for the healing of the whole person. They followed Christ’s lead by mingling with

people desiring their good. They showed sympathy for fellow members and the community; they ministered to the needs of the whole person, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143. Their church grounds were a house of prayer open to all the community (see Isaiah 56:7). It was a major community networking event.

There were 27-plus health fair vendors and 12 break-out presentations covering fitness, nutrition, personal safety, fraud, volunteering, gardening, cardiac care, dental care, and more. Cholesterol, glucose, BMI, fitness, nutrition, bone density, glaucoma, and dental screenings were offered. The county health department had an exhibit and offered free flu shots.

Most vendors and lecturers were not Adventists. Liz Castillo, M.D., Ph.D., director of geriatrics fellowship program at the Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, N.C., spoke about “Re-Framing Alzheimer’s.” People with Alzheimer’s may have lost their “executive function” capability. They aren’t necessarily losing their mind. They just can’t organize all aspects of their life. Social isolation can cause dementia. She gave the example of an individual living alone who kept purchasing new clothes and sheets. Their relatives and friends thought the person needed to be placed in a special home. Castillo discovered that the individual had just lost the executive function of doing their laundry. When someone habitually took care of the laundry, the purchasing ceased!

Castillo shared that architecture can lead to dementia. A husband and wife were placed in a nursing home but slept in separate beds. The husband wandered around at night and got in bed with other female residents. The staff thought that he had a sexual problem, but, after counseling, it was discovered that he was “lost” without

his wife during the night. The staff moved the husband and wife into a private double-bed room and the problem went away.

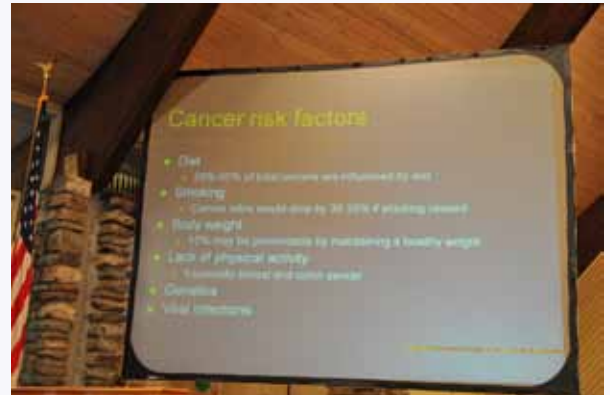
People tell stories. We need to listen to their underlying stories, most of which are nonverbal ones. People with dementia are losing their ability to communicate orally. They can’t converse, but they have lots to say. More than 90 percent of our communication is non-verbal.

Some individuals can march, but not walk. Marching utilizes a different part of their brain. We need to take the time to understand one another, build one another up as opposed to tearing one another down.

Amy Lanou, Ph.D., associate professor of health and wellness, University of North Carolina-Asheville, presented “Food for Living Well: Current Evidence on Eating for Cancer Prevention and Survival.”

Jimm Bunch, CEO of Park Ridge Health, Hendersonville, N.C., was a panel member of a discussion group during Sabbath morning. He expressed that science is bearing out what we have believed for years. This is the golden age for the

Adventist health message. “Wellness on Wheels” does 11,000 screenings yearly — 67 percent of adults are overweight or obese. The only Blue Zone in the United States is in Loma Linda, California, among the



Adventist population. They have purpose in life, they experience healthy fellowship, and they have good eating and exercise habits. However, researchers notice, “You Adventists eat an awful lot of sugar and cheese!”

He went on to say that if we took God’s health message seriously, we would be living 20-25 years longer, not merely the 10 years longer as in the Loma Linda Blue Zone study. We will be healthier, happier, and have much more joy as we live the Adventist health message. Males can add seven years to their life by drinking seven glasses of water daily. We can add two years to our lives by eating two ounces of





nuts daily.

There were six Sabbath afternoon mini-lectures that dealt with the whole person. Ron Karolyi, J.D., held an estate planning seminar on Sunday morning. The weekend was about caring for the whole person, and he brought it to a close with end-of-life issues. He gave pivotal counsel relating to wills and revocable trusts, financial and health

powers of attorney, and health care directives. He took time to answer questions. Many people stayed after to discuss matters and made appointments with trust representatives. Several shared how much they appreciated the complete holistic approach to the weekend in caring for the whole person.

I heard several deeply meaningful human-interest stories about the weekend. A member assisting those coming to the fair saw a gentleman wearing a cowboy hat who was looking around puzzled. She asked him if she could help him. He replied, "This is so wonderful, and I have to thank someone. I'm looking for someone to thank for all you've done to provide this service."

Another gentleman, a retired Baptist minister who had recently lost his wife of 57 years to a divorce, was experiencing loneliness and feelings of

devastation. He came to the health fair and enjoyed the noon luncheon and fellowship. He was befriended by several members and has asked the associate pastor to visit him in his home.

The Oak Hill Methodist Church placed the health fair on their prayer list. Certainly, the church grounds had been a hub for healing for all peoples.

Tom Carter, J.D., Southern Union planned giving and trust services director, was the keynote speaker Sabbath morning. He had recently heard Bill Cosby tell the story about the man that prayed to God: "Lord, heal me! And the Lord said to him, 'Eat less salt and fatty foods!'"

Attorney Carter continued that Jesus came so that we can have abundant life. He has put in all of us the desire for prime-time living — life at its best. We have wanted to integrate the spiritual, emotional, social, and financial this weekend as a holistic package. Life is more than living long, having great personal health, and having lots of money for ourselves. Jesus whispers to us that even with all these things, if we don't have a purpose, life really doesn't have a meaning. We need holistic living, prime-time living, now and for eternity!

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THE HEAVENLY CARPENTER

BY DEBRA FRYSON

As parents, pastors, and teachers, we work diligently to instill a deep love for Jesus in the hearts of our children and young people. Sometimes we may question if our family worship, youth activity, or Bible class discussion made a difference. The following 12-year-old's reflection may provide an answer.

"The Heavenly Carpenter. The way God works in our lives is much the same as the way a carpenter makes furniture. Let's say the carpenter is going to make a chair. He could just nail some boards together and be done, but then the chair would not be attractive! So, he carves and chisels, making beautiful designs on the chair. But the chair is still rough and unfinished. He needs to

sand it smooth. Then is the carpenter done? No. The chair still needs many coats of finish. After that the chair is attractive and beautiful, ready for use.

And so our heavenly Carpenter does with us. He nails us together, carving and chiseling our lives into a beautiful design. He sands the places where we are rough and unfinished, making us ready for Heaven. Then



He coats us with His love, coat after coat, until we are polished and perfected, reflecting His character within us," — Sarah, grade 6, KidsView, October 2009, Volume 8, Number 10.

When the home, church, and school work together we create an effective partnership that builds a rich and growing faith in our children and youth.* To foster collaboration, each month this column will feature practical information our readers can use to nurture the physical, mental, or spiritual health and well-being of our young people. As partners, we will work together to help the children we love discover the purpose God has for each of their lives, realize their God-given potential, and strive to be like Jesus, living a life of service to others.

**For more information on the accumulative power of the home, church, and school on growth in faith review Valuegenesis findings at www.adventistedge.org.*

EVANGELISM: SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE IN ARGENTINA

BY MARIEL LOMBARDI

Since 1998, Hispanic pastors from each conference in the Southern Union territory have participated in mission trips to Latin American countries. Jorge Mayer, Southern Union Hispanic ministries director, organizes these trips. This year, they went to Argentina.

The purpose of this activity is to conduct evangelistic crusades to help other areas in the fulfillment of the mission, instill passion for evangelism in those who participate, get to know the different cultures to which they minister at the Hispanic churches in the United States, and exchange evangelistic methods. It is commonly believed that Latinos group together because they have the same culture, but in reality, beyond some similarities, what actually unites them is language. Therefore, leading churches with people coming from such a wide variety of cultures is a very interesting experience, and many times a challenge.

Before the evangelistic experience, the Southern Union group visited some Adventist institutions in the South American Division, including the biggest Adventist publishing house in the world, located in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Alimentos Granix, the food factory in Bue-

nos Aires, Argentina. Granix is the second most profitable company in the country in terms of breakfast foods, and the first one in the area of natural snacks like crackers and cookies. Granix has been a manufacturer for 70 years, and the quality of its products is highly regarded by the local and international market. They export to 14 different countries. In appreciation for these blessings, Granix tithes from its profits, and has designated a high percentage of its earnings



to evangelism and community/institutional support. Every year, several tons of food are donated to different institutions and organizations, and many employees participate directly in evangelistic projects. Consequently, not only the ones who receive the donations or attend the evangelistic meetings

are blessed — Granix and every participant are highly benefited as well. The prevailing sense of mission in these institutions was an inspiration for the Southern Union group.

In this opportunity, the 14 pastors from this territory concentrated their evangelistic efforts toward seven districts of Misiones, a northeastern province of Argentina, located at the Brazilian border. There were two crusades per district. The events took place in medical centers, tents, convention centers, and even at a bus terminal where there is no activity in the evening. Every day, after the last bus departed, the place was adapted for the meeting.

The work was not only focused on preaching, but visitation was a big part of it as well. The pastors started early in the mornings visiting people before they went to work, and they continued late in the evenings after the meetings.

The South American Division has agreed to baptize people only after they have completed a series of Bible studies, are attending church on a regular basis, and returning tithes as required by God in the Scriptures. Therefore, baptisms are not the direct result



of crusades, but the post-work of pastors and church members. This evangelistic effort yielded 203 baptisms. As a direct result of this effort, nearly 600 individuals expressed an interest to study the Bible for future baptism. Dario M. Caviglione, president of the North Argentine Conference, Corrientes, Argentina, expressed his joy by saying that usually baptisms during the last quarter of the year represent 50 percent of the total. This time, with the interest shown at the end of the meetings, they hope to exceed the expectation with figures never reached before.

The pastors also witnessed other forms of evangelistic work that church members do in this southern country. There is a jail where prisoners wait until their cases get to court. Justice in Argentina is not among the most expeditious, which means that prisoners could have up to a five-year waiting period, but not more than that, according to the law. This is the place that one Adventist family chose to do their work for others. They have been visiting this jail every Sabbath at 2:00 pm for five years. Thanks to their patient work and the work of the Holy Spirit, two churches have been organized: one in each pavilion of the jail. This family has given up their relaxing Sabbath lunch and fellowship activities, to actively participate in

the services at these two congregations. Each service is led by one of the prisoners, who is in charge of the organization of the church service every Sabbath. The rest of the congregation work with other prisoners, giving Bible studies and helping them in anyway they can. As a result, Caviglione had the privilege of baptizing seven people on Sabbath, September 18, 2010. When Jorge Mayer asked one of the leaders, who has been there waiting for his case to go to court for more time than the maximum time permitted by the law, how he feels about human injustice, he responded: "Human injustice allowed me to know the Truth that made me free."

On their last Sabbath in Argentina, the pastors attended different meetings that took place in various locations of the Misiones' seven districts. In the meeting in Jardín América, 50 individuals were baptized.

The commitment shown by the Northeastern Conference was remarkable. Pastors did not just wait for the group to do the work — they joined efforts. The president went with Mayer to the meetings every night. This cooperation was also seen in church members, who received the spirit of commitment from their leaders, and were of great help during the time of the meetings.

The whole experience was a blessing for the Misiones territory, and for the pastors who traveled from the United States. Regardless of the culture, God draws His children "with gentle cords and bands of love," Hosea 11:4. He wants us to be home with Him soon, no matter where we live in this world.



Florida Hospital for Children Unveils New Pediatric Ambulance

Each year nearly 1,500 children in emergency situations need life-saving transportation to high-level, health care facilities. In times like this, no ordinary ambulance will do since children often require pediatric specific equipment and technology. Florida Hospital for Children, Orlando, Fla., has recently unveiled a brand new pediatric ambulance designed specifically to care for pediatric and neonatal patients.

The new ambulance is fully equipped with pediatric specific technology. This includes an oxygen blender, which provides oxygen at a safer level to infants who cannot yet breathe 100 percent oxygen. The ambulance is also isolette compatible, which

means premature babies can safely be transported in their incubators. Top-of-the-line control pads provide on-board nurses and respiratory therapists access to everything at their fingertips. This includes dimming the overhead lights to avoid exposing infants' sensitive eyes to bright lights to monitoring a patient's vitals during transport.

The ambulance also incorporates a kid-friendly design to provide a more relaxed setting during transport. The inside of the ambulance includes a bright white interior, a 17-inch monitor, and a DVD player so patients can watch their favorite movies while on-board.

"Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for us

to provide the best care to our patients," said Marla Silliman, administrator at Florida Hospital for Children. "This new ambulance is designed to specifically address the health care needs of our littlest patients while also providing the nurses and respiratory therapists with the best technology available to do their jobs."

"When our son, Dylan, was born, he needed life-saving transport to the neonatal intensive care unit at Florida Hospital for Children. He had inhaled fluid during birth that was coating his lungs, and he couldn't

breathe," said father Drew Brannon. "Time really was of the essence to save Dylan, but the nurses and the transport team were so quick that he was able to get the care he needed. Today, Dylan is a healthy 14-month-old baby. It is wonderful that this new ambulance will be able to help pediatric patients. We are so grateful to the community and everyone who helped make this ambulance possible."



"Oncology on Canvas" at Florida Hospital Waterman

Florida Hospital Waterman Cancer Institute, Tavares, Fla., hosted the Lilly Oncology On Canvas, an art exhibition honoring the journeys people face when confronted by a cancer diagnosis.

This free public exhibit, which is touring hospitals, cancer centers, patient advocacy group events, and other venues nationwide, showcased select pieces of art from the 2008 On-

cology On Canvas competition.

The biennial art competition invites people from the United States and Puerto Rico diagnosed with any

type of cancer — as well as their families, friends, caregivers, and health care providers — to express through art and narrative the life-affirming changes

that give their cancer journeys meaning. The themes explored in the nearly 600 entries ranged from hope, to fear, to the loss of individualism, to the support of family and friends, to the memory of those lost, to the

perseverance of those who survive.

Oncology On Canvas is presented by Lilly Oncology, dedicated to delivering innovative solutions that improve the care of people living with cancer, in partnership with the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS), which advocates for quality cancer care for all Americans, and provides tools that empower people affected by cancer to advocate for themselves.

—BY BONNIE ZIMMERMAN



SOURCE: LILLY ONCOLOGY ON CANVAS

Southern Student Places Third in *Jeopardy!* Tournament

By the age of 7, Hans von Walter, a junior biochemistry major, decided he wanted to be a contestant on *Jeopardy!*, the number one rated quiz show in syndication. On September 23, 2010, during von Walter's biochemistry lab, he was informed that his dream would now become a reality.

"When my phone lit up during lab, I knew the number was from California," says von Walter. "I was 99 percent sure I

had been selected as a *Jeopardy!* contestant. I was in complete and utter shock."

He is the first student to represent the University on the popular game show.

In preparation for the competition, von Walter watched *Jeopardy!* every evening while running in the Hulsey Wellness Center. He also took online *Jeopardy!* quizzes and replied to random trivia text messages sent by



Alex Trebek and Hans von Walter on the set of *Jeopardy!*

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bowl competition played an important role in his journey to the *Jeopardy!* stage. His team won the college bowl competition his freshman year and came in second his sophomore year.

"I really appreciate that Southern provides the college bowl competitions," says von Walter. "The competitions have been the major factor in keeping my interest in trivia alive."

—BY JOHN SHOEMAKER

friends.

His involvement in Southern's annual college

New Biology Lab Used for Research

The Biology Department has a new DNA lab where students and professors are working together to look for ancient DNA in frozen specimens.

Brand new equipment in the lab includes a gel electrophoresis apparatus used for the separation of DNA, mortar, and pestle used to crush and mix solid substances, and micropipettes



Students practice extracting DNA.

of various sizes.

The DNA lab was first used this past summer to test the DNA in conifers,

primarily spruce trees. Research will begin on ancient specimens similar to the conifers. Lauren Sigsworth, junior biology biomedical major, was trained to continue research in the lab.

Sigsworth is working on the project with biology professors Lee Spencer, Ph.D., and Joyce Azevedo, Ph.D. The research project consists of taking samples that have

been dated, according to secular sources, as old as 17 million years and magnifying them for analysis. If DNA is found, the results would show plants to be younger than dated. Findings would then be prepared and sent to a scholarly journal.

"When getting our research out there," says Rick Norskov, M.D., professor of biology, "we have to be objective and just let others decide."

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Former Classmates Serve Together in Malawi

When Randle Brown, Elisa Brown, and Cristy Shank, M.D., graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2000, they wouldn't have guessed they'd end up working together in Africa. Today, the three are part of a 200-employee team running Malamulo

Hospital in Makwasa, Malawi.

"[Cristy and I] had several conversations during college along the lines of, 'wouldn't it be fun if it worked out that when you are a doctor and I have finished grad school we could go to Africa and run a

hospital?'" says Elisa. "Neither one of us thought it would happen because we figured marriage, kids, or other things would take us different directions."

The three agree that their time spent at Southern not only prepared them for their professional careers, but

also equipped them for a life of service.

"Southern plays a pivotal role, says Elisa, "in instilling young people with a desire and interest in service on a personal level."

—BY INGRID HERNANDEZ

Eastern Carolina Has Two Camp Meetings



ELIAS SANDOVAL, JR.

Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting was a little different this year than it has been in years past. There were two! Yes, two mirrored one-day camp meetings were held in the month of October, one at the Greenville, N.C., Church and one in South Carolina at the Summerville Church. Nearly 1,000 people attended one or both Sabbaths, nearly overflowing the churches' capacity.

And who could blame them? With Ty Gibson, associate director/speaker for Light Bearers Ministry in northeastern Washington state, as the main presenter,

it was truly a spiritual feast. His sermons were centered around love — for each other, for Christ, and especially the love He has for people.

A highlight this year was the portrayal of the Sermon on the Mount by Matthew.



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He shared the words of Jesus in a dramatic style that made it come alive for those listening, almost as though they were hearing it from the lips of Jesus Himself, more than 2,000 years ago.

Rounding out the day-



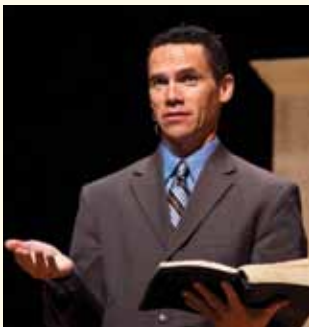
RICK GARCIA

long event was the musical offering of the Blessing Trio, who shared their talents in an afternoon concert. And they lived up to their name, as it was a blessing to hear their praise through music.

The theme this year was "Reflecting God's Love," bringing to mind that it is ever more important in these last days to reflect God's love to each person that everyone meets. For those in attendance, it was wonderful to be together and fellowship with one another at the Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting.

—BY BECKY CARPENTER

ASI Southern Union Convenes in Fletcher



NATHAN ZINNER

ASI members and non-members attended the annual 2010 fall conference at the Lelia Patterson Center at Fletcher Academy in Fletcher, N.C., on November 5-7.

The theme for this event was "Hopeful to the End." James Rafferty (left), co-director for Light Bearers Ministry; Steven Grabiner (right), vice president for Outpost Centers International; and Michael Stevens (not pictured), owner of a service business specializing in window cleaning and property management, were the featured speakers.

Music was provided by Kelly Mowrer, host of two programs on the Hope Channel and 3ABN,

as well as Carolina's own Celestial Praise Chorale.

This event benefitted the following projects:

- * Living Springs
- * Laurelbrook Academy
- * Wildwood Lifestyle Center & Hospital
- * Heritage Academy
- * Cross to Crown International
- * Happy Family Bible Seminars
- * Harbert Hills Academy
- * Healthy Life Corps Adventist-laymen's

Services and Industries (ASI) is an organization of Seventh-day Adventist Church members who work in the private sector in business and professional vocations.

—BY BECKY CARPENTER



NATHAN ZINNER

Community Fair Brings Church Together

The Hilton Head Island Church held its first Community Fair on September 26, 2010. The fair was intended to serve several purposes. The first was to provide free social services that point people in the direction of medical care, food, shelter, and an opportunity to learn to speak English. Free medical screenings were given by volunteers in medicine. The Deep Well Project, an organization whose purpose is to help those in need of food or shelter, and Low Country Literacy also participated.

The second purpose was to provide a fun, free, family-oriented afternoon for the community. To

that end, a moon bounce, piñatas, face-painting, a fire engine, bean bag tosses, and more was provided.

Gift cards and baskets were donated from local restaurants and shops to use as door prizes. Several vendors also provided free, or at a great discount, all of the food and beverages.

The third purpose, and the ultimate one, was to represent Jesus. An Amazing Facts brochure was placed in the welcome bags. There was a table full of literature. Another display discussed the ben-



that ye walk worthy of the vocation where-with you are called, ... There is one body and one spirit even as you are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above

all and through all and in you all.”

The group in Hilton Head feel that until you work with an entire congregation on a project, you don't know what family is. Every member in the congregation gave something of themselves to this event.

And even with all of that, no one can out-give God. The intention was to be a blessing to the community — to let them know that Seventh-day Adventists care about people. And, in the midst of it all, He brought an entire church together: one mind, one body, one spirit, one faith, one God.

—BY ANNAMARIE KEEN

efits of a vegetarian diet.

There were between 250 and 300 people at the event. As a result, hundreds of people now know who the Adventists are. Hilton Head Church will never know, this side of Heaven, exactly what impact it may have had.

But even beyond that, is the impact this effort had on Hilton Head Church members. God is never about accomplishing just one thing at a time — and this community fair was no exception. With all of the members focused on being a blessing to the community, something magical happened within their own numbers.

Ephesians 4:1-6 says, “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you



Frostproof Company Dedicates Church

The much-anticipated dedication of the Frostproof, Fla., Company church building was held with Paul Boling, Avon Park Church pastor, and George Brown, Avon Park elder and retired Inter-American Division president, officiating. Located on four acres, the church property includes a large, remodeled, three-bedroom house that has been renovated into a place of worship with a capacity of 80. The facility also accommodates children's Sabbath School classrooms and space to hold Sabbath luncheons.

An outbuilding on the property is a two-year-old 50' x 80' building, 16' high, being renovated for future church services. The inside is completely framed with areas for children's Sabbath School rooms, a mother's room, bathroom facilities, storage, and a balcony area



BRENT WATKINS

that will be used for office space, as well as sound and projection.

The plan is to complete construction of the church building in three stages as funds become available. The members continue to build on a voluntary cash intake basis with an objective of completing the church building project debt free under the direction of Rupert Preddie, lay pastor.

Frostproof Company was started approximately three years ago with 14 Avon Park Church members who wanted to plant

a church 10 miles north of their community. Today, there is a congregation of 50-plus members actively involved in outreach:

- Soup and sandwiches served to homes every second Sunday with Bible studies being given to three adults.
- Bible studies through correspondence courses with one person baptized and another currently taking the course.
- Food to needy families in cooperation with Frostproof Care Center, a local community

service organization.

- Sponsorship of a student missionary to Denmark for a year.
- Bible study group that meets in the sanctuary every Sabbath afternoon and also on Thursdays in the community.

Frostproof Company members solicit consistent and fervent prayers to make their new church a lighthouse for the Lord.

—BY MONICA PREDDIE

Gainesville Spanish Church Dedicated



Gainesville, Fla., Spanish Church held a ribbon-cutting ceremony October 9, 2010, at the dedication of their new church building. Participants were Polo Torres, head elder (front row, left); Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president; Dottie Cauley; Byron Rivera, Gainesville pastor; and Victor Arce, elder. Cauley presented the dedication address.



PHOTOS: HECTOR GARVAJAL

The building to the left of the new church formerly housed the congregation in two Sabbath morning services. It is presently used for children and youth Sabbath School classes. Worship services, as well as adult and cradle roll Sabbath Schools, are held in the new church building which is almost full every week with visitors and the 150-member congregation.

Forest Lake Academy Goes Underground

Forest Lake Academy's campus was extremely quiet one Sabbath morning this past September. In fact, most dormitory and village students were still in their beds with no intention of waking up.

Anyone who saw the previous week's schedule might have suspected the students were simply exhausted after attending beach vespers the night before. In the serenity surrounding the normal Sabbath School start time, it seemed unimaginable that a few hours earlier — at 2 a.m. to be exact — the campus was bustling with students trying to find the hidden location of Underground Church.

Pleased to see young people darting to and fro while trying to avoid getting shot by squirt guns, Stephanie Johnson, campus chaplain, explained, "I

wanted the kids to experience, in a fun way, what it might be like to wake up one morning and not be able to attend church. While we only had the threat of squirt guns, some people around the world have the real threat."

To start the event, students who dragged themselves out of bed and those who never slept at all met in the Campus Chapel for instructions, group placement, colored wristbands, and directions that would ultimately lead them to the final destination.

Once they found Underground Church (in the bus barn), the service began. Praise music was sung a capella, guest speaker Zach McDonald presented his closing week of prayer sermon, and select students gave their testimonies through the eyes of Christian martyrs. A riveting skit triggered the students to contemplate what it might

be like to, one day, face persecution.

"I wanted to draw the students' attention to what it means to stand for their faith," says Johnson. "I wanted them to ask themselves, 'What would I stand for?' We all need to know where the line is which we would never cross."

The thematic skit placed perspective on the service and paved the way

for a Jesus Freak ceremony. After praying in groups, students signed Jesus Freak contracts (see sidebar, below), and each departed carrying a prayer candle.

"The skit was fun; yet, an eye-opener," reflects senior Ryan Becker, one of the cast members. "It really brought home the reality of what we very well may face in the future."

—BY ASHLEY GOMEZ

Underground Church — Jesus Freak Contract

From this day forward...

I will make a difference.

Jesus, I thank You that You suffered and died for me on the cross to pay for my sins. Father, I thank You that You raised Jesus from the dead to be my living Lord and Savior. Holy Spirit, I thank You that You will lead me to do the right thing and change the world.

Today, Lord, I want to make You a promise. I will not be ashamed of Your name or Your Gospel. I will do what I can for those who are persecuted and pray for them.

I will look enemies in the eye and love them with Your love. I will pray for them and love them — no matter what the consequences.

I will follow Your voice wherever You lead me, unafraid, for I know You will be with me.

If I should stumble, if I fall, if I should deny Your name, if I should feel guilty that I did not pray or forgot to do something You've asked me to do, I will not quit. I will not wallow in guilt. I will turn back to You, confess my sin, and do what You called me to do, because that is why You died for me.

I will stand with You and my brothers and sisters around the world, because no matter what happens, no matter what I face or how it looks, in the end, we will be victorious — we will inherit eternity and heaven with You. I can do nothing else, because,

...I am a Jesus Freak.



JEANNIE HINRICHS

Ryan Becker, in character in the persecution skit, addressed students at Forest Lake Academy's Underground Church.

Duluth Pioneer Craft House Dedicated



SUBMITTED BY JOEL HYPOLITE

Pathfinders, Adventurers, church members, and friends gather to dedicate the Duluth Pioneer Craft House on October 30, 2010. Guests were surprised with a guided tour after the service.

Until October 30, 2010, no one really knew that a Civil War era log cabin — one of the relics on the compound of the Duluth, Ga., Church — could be more than 200 years old.

Several years ago the Pioneer Craft House was used as a meeting place for the Pathfinders of the Duluth Church, and it was also used for some of their regular camp outs.

Then for many years, the Pioneer Craft house was underutilized and neglected. It had become a sort of storage location and, as a result, it became termite infested while encouraging rodents. One of the main artifacts that was lodged in the back porch of the Craft House was an old grist mill, which was used to grind corn into meal.

In October 2009, after a bit of investigation and armed with the knowledge

and some of the history of the Pioneer Craft House, the Pathfinder Club sought the permission of the church board to reclaim the cabin and renovate it. A couple weeks after the board gave its approval, work started in earnest. It was quite evident by the existing conditions that this was a colossal task.

Approximately one year ago, the project to restore and renovate the Duluth Pioneer Craft House got into full gear with the help of some conscientious staff members, Pathfinders, and friends from the Brazilian Church. The goal was to have the project completed by the end of June 2010. Much more work needed to be done than originally anticipated, so the dedication ceremony was postponed.

After a joint induction service on the afternoon of Sabbath, October 30, invited guests, Adventurers, par-

ents, Pathfinders, and staff, along with church members, gathered on the field near the Craft House to witness the dedication ceremony. Invitees included Lawsey Thomas, Lyle Pety (both Pathfinder area coordinators from Georgia-Cumberland Conference), and their spouses. All guests, parents, and friends were thrilled as Carlton Martin recounted the historical facts surrounding the

Civil War era log cabin and the role that he played in the building. In honor of his hard work and influence as a former Pathfinder leader, the first floor of the cabin has been named 'Carlton Martin Hall' while the upper floor is named 'Ollie Stephens Hall' (Pathfinder director 2006-2007), to remember the contributions

that they both have made to the growth and development of young people at the Duluth Church.

Beneath the rays of the evening sun, the American flag raising ceremony was executed by eight Pathfinders. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After the litany of dedication and responses from Pathfinders, Dan Hall, Duluth pastor, gave the prayer of dedication. There was a buzz of surprise when the guests were informed that they would be given a guided tour of the cabin.

Everyone in attendance participated in the guided tours led by members of the Pathfinder staff. Hors d'oeuvres and fruit cocktails were served after the tours.

The Pathfinders continued the celebration with a sleep over at the Craft House. They are looking forward to spending much more time together as they lay claim on the historic Pioneer Craft House.

—BY JOEL HYPOLITE



SUBMITTED BY JOEL HYPOLITE

The original structure was brought to its present location in parts from between Snellville and Grayson, and had to be reassembled. After the building was erected, Carlton Martin personally built the fireplace. He is talking with the landmarks authority of Gwinnett County to have the Pioneer Craft House designated as an historic site.

ACS Serves Others in South Georgia



SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN LIPSCOMB

These bags are filled with food and loaded into the back of the ACS truck, ready to be distributed. About 12,000 pounds of food is given out each month.

“Thank you so much for the bag of groceries. It helps me get through the month much easier.”

“Getting the bag of groceries each month really brightens my day.”

This is just a sampling of the notes that are received in the mail from recipients of the monthly “Food Bag for the Elderly” program sponsored by Adventist Community Services/South Georgia (ACS/SGA). Working closely with Area Agencies on Aging and Senior Centers, ACS/SGA is currently providing food bags for 854 elderly households. An average of 12,000 pounds of food is distributed each month. There are 26 churches in the service area of ACS/SGA, and the “Food Bag for the Elderly” program is just one of the many ways that these churches can get involved in an outreach program. Each bag contains a half sheet of paper saying, “Sharing God’s love in a practical way, this food bag is provided by (each church inserts its name

here), a distribution site for ACS/SGA.” That way the recipients know exactly who is providing the food bag. Currently, the counties being served through the local churches are Spaulding, Upson, Houston, Macon, Sumter, Crisp, Dooly, Wilcox, Irwin, Coffee, Thomas, Colquitt, and Lee.

Another ministry of ACS/SGA is health screening. Approximately 1,500 individuals receive benefits of this program each year. The health screening is provided in any area where a local church is willing to get involved. The church provides the “people power,” and ACS/SGA provides the resources. The health screening includes blood pressure, blood sugars and cholesterol, percent of body fat and BMI, bone density, computer analysis of health age, stress profile, and cardiac risk profile. Members of the Oglethorpe, Ga., Church get involved in several events to provide the health screening: Deer Days, Beaver Creek Festival, Wild Turkey

Shoot Day, Plains Peanut Festival, and Andersonville Historic Festival. In the spring, the Valdosta, Ga., Church participated in the Azalea Festival, providing the health screening. When E.W. Dempsey does a health screening in his Pioneer Outreach program in the Southern Region, ACS/SGA is there to provide the resources. This was done in Vidalia during the heat of the summer. The Sunbelt Agricultural Expo is always a big event in the Moultrie, Ga., area. For 13 years, ACS/SGA has provided a free health screening at this event, using volunteers from throughout the region — 292 individuals were screened this year in the three-day Expo.

The director of Adventist Community Services, Carolyn Lipscomb, says, “the biggest challenge is to financially support these ministries. The Food Bag

program costs ACS/SGA an average of \$1,200 each month. And, the health screening costs ACS/SGA \$7 for every person screened. The churches of the southern region help support the ministry, but they are mostly small churches with many individuals on limited income. Every month I leave it in the Lord’s hands to have enough funding to cover expenses. He hasn’t let me down yet. Sometimes people ask why we do this and if it is really worth the cost. But when someone comes back to us and tells us ‘you saved my life by being here,’ it makes it all worth while!”

If there is anyone who would like to help support the ministry of ACS/SGA, your contribution can be made through the Conference and would be greatly appreciated.

—BY CAROLYN LIPSCOMB



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ACS/SGA helps about 1,500 with health screenings each year.

Evangelism — A Testimony of God’s Leading

The administration of the Gulf States Conference believes that the primary reason for which we exist is clearly reflected in the Conference mission statement: Touching Lives for Jesus. This mission was established nine years ago as a response to the Gospel commission of Jesus found in Matthew 28:19-20.

Continuing the 2009 theme of “The Year of Pastoral & Lay Evangelism,” Melvin Eisele, Gulf States

president, and Leslie D. Louis, Gulf States executive secretary, held their second series of evangelistic meetings for 2010 in

the Pensacola and Milton communities of northwest Florida. On the final Sabbath evening of the series, the group included 15

faithful visitors who came to the 24 nightly meetings in Milton, Fla.

—BY LESLIE D. LOUIS



John Riggs (sixth from left), Panama City, Fla., Church pastor, is surrounded by the newly baptized members.

Man Discovers Church Through Fall Festival Booth

The Gilberttown, Ala., Church recently participated in a Community Fall Festival held in the nearby town of Butler, Ala. A booth was set up with a large banner displaying the church’s name and logo, and chairs were available for the people to visit and find out more about the church. Bible studies and other literature were offered along with free water.

One man by the name of Chuck Land drove by the booth, saw the banner displaying the church’s name, backed up, and asked, “Is there a Seventh-day Adventist Church in this area?” “Yes,” was the friendly reply. He said he

had a new neighbor and the neighbor was asking if there was an Adventist church in the area. He told the neighbor that he was not aware of one. Land stayed for at least an hour asking about the church’s beliefs and taking literature. While Land visited with the people at the church booth, he mentioned that his son was incarcerated at the local jail. Then he was told that one of their members, Mike Hutchinson, heads up the Gilberttown



Mike Hutchinson (right) talks with visitor Chuck Land.

Church’s prison ministries, and visits the jail weekly. When Land found out who Hutchinson was, he

said, “Yes, I’ve heard of you; my son thinks a lot of you.” Hutchinson had also loaned a CD of Charles Brooks to Land’s son, which in turn he got to see and mentioned how blessed he was by watching it.

The next Sabbath, Land and his new neighbor, James (who was looking for an Adventist church), and James’ wife, Jennifer, all came to church and are looking forward to coming again.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

An Unusual Anniversary

Sabbath School for the Andalusia, Ala., Church began as usual as the members met in the beautiful little sanctuary to go over the week's lesson. The children met in their classroom, and it was quite a high Sabbath for all. Even the weather was clear and pristine to match this wonderful day the Lord had made.



The Andalusia congregation gathered in the courtroom on Sabbath, October 3, 2010, to celebrate their 83rd anniversary.

After Sabbath School, however, everyone had to get into vehicles and make a three-

mile trek to downtown. Arriving at the courthouse, everyone went inside, up

the stairs, and into District Courtroom 1 where they took their seats. They waited for what seemed like forever, but in actuality, it was only 20 minutes. Three gentlemen entered from the left door and took their places. One got up and went to the podium. Court was now in session.

You may be wondering why this was happening. Why did the church members go to court? The

Andalusia Church members celebrated their 83rd anniversary by having their church service in the building they had their very first church service, the county courthouse.

With the work of Carolyn McCollough, the members were able to have their service in the courthouse. Special music was provided by a lawyer, Corey Bryan, Esq. It was an unusual way to spend an anniversary, and all were blessed during this special Sabbath day.

—BY BRIAN HALLEY

Microsoft IT Academy Opens at Bass Academy



Students are excited about receiving Microsoft training, a new opportunity offered at Bass.

Microsoft IT Academy started at Bass Memorial Academy on January 3.

This new program will give the students a jump start when they graduate by having received training and certification in Microsoft technologies. This training includes certification in computer and network installation and repair, known as A+ and Network+ certification. When students leave high school they are usually limited in the employment they can obtain while pursuing higher education. Not so for the students at Bass.

When Bass students graduate, they will have the opportunity to leave with certifications

that will increase the types of employment they can obtain, and with several of the Microsoft certifications they will already have college credit hours, an all-around plus for the students.

In the A+ certification, the students will receive training in installing, repairing, troubleshooting, maintaining, customizing, and operating personal computers. This will include extensive hands-on training. With Network+ certification,

the students will have the skills to manage, maintain, troubleshoot, install, and configure basic network infrastructure. And Microsoft certification will include the latest technologies that are needed to gain employment in the IT industry.

—BY BRIAN HALLEY



Bass students receive Microsoft training that will help them gain employment in the IT industry while they work on furthering their education.

Baptism at Bordeaux

In October 2009, Marie Stevens attended a series of evangelistic meetings held in Bordeaux, Tenn. (near Nashville), by Brian Hadley, pastor, and Marvin Lowman, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference executive secretary. At that time, Stevens indicated her desire to unite with the church. However, some



Brian Hadley, pastor, with Marie Stevens following her baptism.

questions remained unanswered, and personal issues needed to be resolved.

Since Stevens had been baptized before, she thought at first she would join the church by profession of faith. After months of visits from Hadley and study of the Bible,

Stevens became convicted that she needed to be re-baptized, and make a new commitment to God and His truth. Encouraged by her friends at the Bordeaux Church and family — especially her daughter, Debra — Stevens was baptized on Sabbath, October 13, 2010, almost a year to the day after her decision to join the Adventist Church.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Roy Andrew Wolcott, 1921-2010

Roy Andrew Wolcott was born March 11, 1921, in Bryan, Ohio. He passed to his rest on October 19, 2010, at his home in Lyles, Tenn.

Adventist education was always a high priority for the Wolcott family. Andy, with all his siblings, attended Seventh-day Adventist schools, working for most of their high school and college tuition costs.

In 1939, Andy graduated from Mt. Vernon Academy in Ohio, and in 1945 received his bachelor of art degree from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Mich., with a major in religion and minors in education and English.

He married Nancy Louise Bartlett on August 12, 1945, and they began their life together teaching at the Adventist church school in Grand Rapids, Mich. After two years, Andy was asked

to enter pastoral ministry in Detroit.

In 1950, Andy and Louise accepted a mission call to teach at the Adventist Seminary in Seoul, Korea. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry just before leaving for Asia. The Korean War erupted while they were en route to Korea, so Andy pastored a Korean congregation in Osaka, Japan, for nearly two years while studying the Korean language. Eventually, Andy was reassigned to the British crown colony of Singapore, where he taught at the Malayan Union Seminary and pastored the campus church for the remainder of the five-year mission term.

After returning from the mission field in 1955, he pastored in Regina, Saskatchewan, for three years, then returned to classroom teaching at Mt. Aetna Academy in Maryland while earning his master's degree in education at Potomac



University, located at that time in Takoma Park, Md.

He taught Bible and other subjects at Golden Gate Academy in Oakland, Calif., 1960-1963, then returned to pastoral work and spent the remainder of his ministry as a pastor-evangelist in the Northern California, Central California, and Washington conferences. In teamwork with Louise, he became a personal evangelist par excellence and a master at pastoral nurturing.

Following his official retirement in 1986, Andy and Louise moved to Ten-

nessee to be near their son, Alvin. Andy was asked to pastor in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, first in Kingfield, Tenn., and then for nearly 10 years in Columbia, Tenn.

Family and friends will remember him not only for his spiritual vision and energetic leadership, but also for his optimism, sense of humor, love of poetry, and his enthusiastic enjoyment of music. He leaves a legacy of spiritual transformation in many lives wherever he has served.

Andy is survived by his wife of 65 years, Louise; his three sons and their spouses: Dale and Nancy Wolcott of Palm Coast, Fla., Alvin and Linda Wolcott of Lyles, Tenn., and Glenn and Roberta Wolcott of Rockville, Md.; his youngest sister, Merita Gavin of Ft. Myers, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Winchester Members Reach Out to Community



more than 1,000 bags during the three-day event.

In addition, more than 50 people signed up to win an eight-volume ASI set of books by Ellen G. White. The people who signed up, but didn't win, will receive a visit from a church member and a choice of one of the titles for free.

Each year, the festival features fireworks, a 5k run/walk with friends, talent contest, street dance, country music, arts and crafts displays, and food booths. The event is held on Labor Day weekend.

—BY NANCY ROBINSON

Spreading the Word of God to people in the community is a very real objective of the Winchester, Ky., Church. Opportunity to do just that presented itself at Win-

chester's annual Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival, where the church rented a booth.

William Little, pastor, and several members of Winchester stuffed see-

thru bags with two health booklets, two end-time booklets, and a Bible school enrollment card with a GO tract. Members and friends staffed the booth and distributed



The packet handed out to visitors to the booth



The Winchester Church's booth at the Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival

New Sign for Conference Headquarters

Thanks to a generous gift from church members, a new sign has been installed in front of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference headquarters on Conference Drive in Goodlettsville, Tenn. The sign is lighted from dusk to dawn, making it clearly

visible to all passersby, day or night. The sign was designed and manufactured by the J. M. Stewart Company.

— BY MARVIN LOWMAN



Atlanta Maranatha Church Conducts Safety Seminar

The disabilities and senior ministries of the Atlanta Maranatha Church, Atlanta, Ga., conducted a safety seminar for its members. The “Get Safe” seminar was planned by Thelma Madam, disabilities coordinator, and Myrtice Lawson, senior

ministries coordinator, to show how preventive power gives a sense of independence and confidence.

Redmond Keeney, Cathy Taylor, and David Somers from the Atlanta Police Department talked about common-sense measures

and tips that help reduce the chances of becoming a crime victim.

Sidney Jackson, Anthony Marbley, and Brenton Small from the Atlanta Fire Department, discussed the importance of installing and maintaining smoke detec-

tors, making sure there is a safe fire escape plan in place, and keeping emergency numbers near the telephone.

The seminar provided a wealth of information, and many questions were addressed about safety.

Atlanta-Berean School Hosts “The Power of One” Seminar

Helping students to know Christ, and to make appropriate choices in everyday situations, is a critical element in the education process at Berean Christian Junior Academy, Atlanta, Ga. In keeping with this aim, “The Power of One,” a traveling, anti-bullying team was invited to perform for the entire school body.

Two presentations were given, one for grades K-3, and one for

grades 4-8. The shows were intended to help students better understand and identify bullying, and to learn how to deal with it.

The students were taught that each has the power of one — the



The captivated students and teachers not only observed but also interacted in a series of skits presented by two actors who used colors, boxes, and masks to vividly portray scenes of bullying, and the possible effects on the victim.

power to take action when they see bullying, either by refusing to encourage it or reporting it to a responsible supervisor. Emphasis

was placed on the need for individual action to help make the

school environment a safer, better place.

At the conclusion of the program, the students all heartily agreed to take The Power of One Oath, which was a pledge to not bully others, not to stand by while others are bullied, and to report bullying whenever they witnessed it.

—BY SHIRLEY A. JOHNSON

Wrens Church Conducts Ordination Service

Jay Maurice James was ordained as a local elder at the Wrens, Ga., Church, on Sabbath, October 2, 2010. This is the first local elder ordination for the Wrens congregation in more than 20 years.

James will serve with the head local elder, Henry Lewis Jr., who recommended James for ordination. Lewis has served as a mentor for the prospective elder for the past three years. The two have often been called

the “Joshua and Caleb” of Wrens Church. During this time, James proved to be a willing servant in various capacities.

Surrounded by family and friends, James accepted the consecration and anointing service with humility. He is married to Betty James, and they have twin seven-year-old sons, Bryce and Jayden. The service was officiated by district pastor Ronald J. Wright Sr.



Church members form a circle of consecration as the pastor, Ronald J. Wright Sr., offers the consecration prayer for the ordination service.

Hope Tabernacle Breaks Ground for New Church

With joy and thanksgiving, the congregation of Hope Tabernacle Church, Snellville, Ga., held a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, October 17, 2010, for the construction of their new church. Almost the entire congregation participated in the ceremony.

The one-million-dollar project will include a 300-seat sanctuary, a 200-seat fellowship hall, and various rooms for the children's Sabbath School division. The new 10,000-square-foot church complex



Included in the picture are John Doe, architect from Snellville, Ga.; Andy Morgan, contractor; William Felder, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Lithonia, Ga.; Neil Reid, pastor of Stone Mountain, Ga., Church; Casey Ricks, pastor of Hope Tabernacle Church; John James, of Lithonia, Ga., Church; Melvin Preston, chairman of the building committee and South Atlantic family ministries director; Rick Taylor, deacon; and members who attended the groundbreaking ceremony for their long-awaited church.

will serve the members and surrounding community.

One member shared, "This project will be used to further the work of the ministry of the Kingdom of God. We are building for ministry enhancement, outreach ministries, and to expand our growth. It has long been our dream to do that."

Orangeburg Church Supports Steel Pan Ministry



The ensemble is made up of 12 enthusiastic youth ranging in age from 6 to 15 years old.

At Christ is the Answer Church (CITA) in Orangeburg, S.C., the music of the steel pan can often be heard during worship services. Almost two years

ago, Sharon Pierre-Luke, a native of Trinidad and Tobago and the director of the ensemble, introduced the children to the steel pan.

The steel pan is the only instrument to be invented in the 20th century on the island of Trinidad, and is that nation's national instrument. In the West Indies, the steel pan is often heard at festive events, but at Orangeburg Church, the steel pans are used to glorify God in hymns, contemporary Christian songs, and gospel music.

God has blessed the ministry of this small ensemble. The CITA's Steel Pan Music Ensemble was recently featured in the *Times and Democrat* newspaper in Orangeburg. They have also performed on WIS-TV, Columbia, S.C.; during the "Sounds of the Season" Christmas program; at nursing homes,

local churches, schools, South Carolina State University, Youth Federation, the Orangeburg County Fair, and Whitten Inn in Santee, S.C.; and in support of a fundraiser for Vanard J. Mendinghall Junior Academy (CITA's church school).

Currently, the group has six steel pans, and is presently soliciting the help of members, friends, and sponsors to obtain more instruments to improve its music ministry. With the support of CITA's pastor, Harold Thomas, the ensemble hopes to continue to grow and be a light to others wherever its ministry takes them.

Youth Congress Attendees Work, Witness, Baptize During Bahamas 2010 Mission Cruise



George Pelote (left); Dana Edmond, South Central president; Reba Clisby; E. Bryan Tinker, North Bahamas Mission Conference president; and Vandeon Griffin, South Central youth director

More than 250 South Central youth hit the streets of Freeport, Bahamas, to do mission work in the community. The youth were divided into two teams to assist in the clean-up effort of two community parks. After that a rally was held highlighting the theme, “Wii Serve” (Willing Instruments Inspired to Serve).

City officials were present, and they were impressed by the youth coming from America to their city to serve in that capacity. The local news media was there to capture highlights.

The next day the group went to Nassau, Bahamas, and had a powerful worship experience by the tag team preaching of Seth Yelorda, pastor of



The rally was held at a community park.



More than 250 delegates participated in the mission cruise.



The “Wii Serve” team painted and cleaned.



Dana Edmond, South Central president, opened the baptismal service on the pool deck with prayer.



Seth Yelorda, pastor of the Orchard Park Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Java Mattison, South Central publishing director, baptized in the pool deck.

the Orchard Park Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and MyRon Edmond, pastor of the Glenville Church, Cleveland, Ohio. With their unique approach, many youth and adults were blessed and energized by the Holy Spirit's use of these men of God. That afternoon many participated in a Pathfinder parade, which started from one of the local Adventist churches through the downtown streets of Nassau. An AYS service was held outside that afternoon in the square. The weather was gorgeous, the youth set the tone, and Jesus was felt.

Java Mattison, South Central publishing director, concluded the ministry event with a challenging Vesper message. On the cruise ship everyone who wore a green shirt with the words, "Wii Serve," would be stopped by cruisers and



Vandeon Griffin, South Central youth director, and MyRon Edmond, pastor of Glenville Church in Cleveland, Ohio, baptized candidates in the pool deck.

asked what these words meant. This served as a constant witness to everyone encountered, and this afforded the opportunity to uplift Christ. Kudos to Vandeon Griffin, director

and former associate, and Roy Parham, former South Central associate youth director, for moving out in faith with this mission. At the conclusion of the cruise, during the finale,

a baptism was held on the pool deck where 11 individuals were baptized. Many stopped to see what was going on — another opportunity to witness.

Conference Holds Annual Pathfinder Federation

More than 400 Pathfinders attended Southeastern's Annual Pathfinder Federation Weekend on November 11-14, 2010, at Camp Kalaqaua, High Springs, Fla.

This year's federation started a day early, allowing more time for fun and fellowship.

Pathfinders got a chance to earn 26 honors, which included wood carving, electricity, model rocketry, glass craft, cultural diversity, photography, and stamp collecting.

During the Investiture ceremony, several young people were invested in categories ranging from



ROBERT HENLEY

During the weekend, Pathfinders had a chance to earn 26 honors. Pictured are Pathfinders earning a woodworking honor.

Friend to Master Guide. The young people participated in all aspects of the event, from the nightly services to the drum exhibition on Saturday night.

"It is quite fitting to end the Pathfinder year with a celebration like this, honoring our Pathfinders,

directors, and staff for a job well done," said Caesar Robinson, Southeastern Conference youth director.

"Pathfinder Federation Weekend signals the end of the official Pathfinder year, but with an event like this, it sets the tone for the new year to come."

Sunday morning's award ceremony highlighted the top 10 clubs of the Conference, and several individuals who had exemplary performances throughout the year.

The top three clubs were Ephesus French Church, Delray Beach, Fla.; Westside Community

Church, Tampa, Fla.; and First Church, Thomasville, Ga. For a complete listing of the top 10 clubs, visit <http://www.secsda.org>.

Individual awards included Pathfinder of the Year — Ronald Hayward, First Church, Thomasville, Ga.; Counselor of the Year — Theresa Sims, Westside Church, Tampa, Fla.; Director of the Year — Juanita Williams, First Church; and Coordinator of the Year — Jeanette Thompson.

More pictures of this event can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/secsda>.

—BY SHERRIE BARTON-SMITH

Fall Food Drive Yields Bountiful Harvest

The Thonotosassa Church, located in the unincorporated town of Seffner, Fla., passed out 150 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in the Tampa, Fla., metropolitan area during Thanksgiving week.

Jackie Mentor, who leads Thonotosassa's Pathfinder and community service programs, orchestrated this year's successful efforts on October 23, 2010. The church's Pathfinder and Adventurers clubs went out into the community, and hung recycled, plastic grocery bags with flyers, asking that the bags be filled with non-perishable items.

One week later, on

October 30, the clubs returned to collect the canned goods and say thanks to the neighborhood.

Simultaneously, Mentor and Marilyn Terrelonge, both social workers in the Hillsborough County Public School System, reached out to colleagues and friends in the school district to donate additional non-perishables.

During the week of Thanksgiving, the baskets were assembled and distributed.

On Sabbath, December



Jackie Mentor, Evelyn Allen, Marilyn Terrelonge, and C. Anslem Paul, pastor of Thonotosassa Church, say thank you to their partners from the Hillsborough County School District.

4, as a part of its Community Guest (Friendship) Day, the Thonotosassa members recognized the contributions of its partners from the Hillsborough County Public School System.

Thonotosassa hopes to feed even more needy families in the area because, as they stated, part

of being in the business of teaching youth is teaching them the importance of giving back.

—BY PAMELA GATES

Parade Emphasizes Tabernacle Church Ministries, Services

The members of Tabernacle Church, Miami, Fla., under the leadership of Olinto L. Groce, have beefed up their Internet ministries to reach people throughout the world.

During the brainstorming session, community services director Deroy Moncrieffe posed a different question. What about the surrounding Little River, Little Haiti, and El Portal neighborhoods?

“We have been in this area for 30 years, and some people still don’t realize who we are and what goes on in our church week after week,” Moncrieffe told the members.

“There are so many services we offer, and no one

realizes how much we can help them.’

So an idea was launched — how about a community parade to let the residents in Little River, Little Haiti, and El Portal areas know who Tabernacle is and what programs are available?

On November 14, 2010, hundreds of members, friends, and visitors of Tabernacle marched through the streets of Little River and Little Haiti to show the locals what they were missing.

More than 15 departments were in attendance with banners held high, while a loudspeaker announced the services each



Members of Tabernacle Church marched through the communities surrounding the church on November 14, 2010, with the purpose of sharing the services that are available to them.

group provided. For example, community services distributes food every third Sunday of each month, and free health screenings are available for the residents.

“The community is ripe for evangelism, and Tabernacle is overdue for getting out in the community,” said women’s ministries leader

Dominique Diambois.

The parade coincided with a renewed commitment by the members.

The parade culminated festivities for homecoming weekend. Tabernacle, which celebrated its 33rd anniversary, focused on going back to its roots.

It is fitting that Tabernacle renewed its commitment to the outlying communities as it starts a new year of service.

More pictures of this event can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/secsda>.

—BY JOHN DEVINE

Perrine Church Celebrates Community Guest Day

The Perrine Church in Perrine, Fla., recently celebrated Community Guest Day. The annual event is a special day when Perrine pays tribute to people in the community who have made significant contributions to mankind.

The first recipient was Jacqueline Del Rosario, Ph.D. As editorial director of *Teen Vision* magazine, Del Rosario reaches tens of thousands of youth daily, helping them find solutions to the tough issues they face.

She also spearheads the Minutes campaign, a video series that provides

information on healthy relationships and marriage.

As a certified marriage counselor, Del Rosario has developed cutting edge tools to help couples resolve their problems. Her vision is to break genera-



Jacqueline Del Rosario (above left), Ph.D., and Chung James (above right), M.D., receive plaques from Antwoyn Mells, pastor of Perrine Church.

tional cycles of dependency which have crippled so many families.

The second recipient was Chung James, M.D., a board certified family physician. She is dedicated to improving the health of



the population she serves, and hopes to make a difference in her minority patient population.

James has been practicing in the Perrine area for more than 20 years. She is very involved in the community, and is a long-time contributor to many charitable organizations and fundraising efforts.

Antwoyn Mells, pastor of Perrine, delivered the sermon. He explained that Jesus showed a caring nature to all people.

—BY MILLICENT TAYLOR

Milagros en North Charleston

La iglesia hispana de North Charleston, SC, llevó a cabo una campaña evangélica de cosecha entre el 30 de octubre y el 6 de noviembre, a cargo del pastor Wilson Roberts. El lema fue: “Muerte a las Bestias y Vida al Cordero” y gracias al poder del Espíritu Santo el último sábado once personas se unieron a la iglesia, y diez lo harán en un futuro inmediato; entre ellos

un grupo de jóvenes del club de conquistadores de la iglesia. Este esfuerzo fue el resultado de tres campañas presentadas previamente por los laicos de la iglesia y realizadas en carpas ubicadas en diferentes vecindarios de la ciudad. La asistencia fue siempre de cerca de 200 personas a pesar de los retenes que se estaban llevando a cabo en varias áreas. Todo esto se debió

a la clara dirección divina, al trabajo en grupo y al espíritu misionero de una pujante iglesia enfocada en su misión: compartir a Cristo. Se presenció una boda de tres parejas. El pastor Roberts tuvo el privilegio de casarlos previo a su bautismo. El Señor se manifestó de una manera notable, y esto fue

un incentivo para seguir trabajando en la misión encomendada.

—FREDY VILLAMIL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Retiro de Caballeros

En el mes de septiembre, Nosoca Pines Ranch recibió a 200 hermanos de las iglesias de la asociación quienes durante un fin de semana

y bajo el lema “Fuerza y Honor”, se reunieron para participar de un retiro de caballeros. El orador central fue el pastor Jorge Mayer, y los pastores

Romero, Sequera y Labrador, también presentaron temas enfocados en llamar a los asistentes a volver a las bases, e invitarlos a una constante caminata con Dios. Como sacerdotes de sus

hogares se les instó a guiar a sus familias en forma amorosa por medio del ejemplo.

Durante todo el fin de semana se llevaron a cabo sesiones de oración intercesora a favor de las esposas, familias e iglesias allí representadas. Los asistentes solteros también intercedieron por sus amados e hicieron pactos de entrega diaria a Dios.

El sábado por la

noche se disfrutó de películas inspiradoras, y varios deportes. Muchos hermanos expresaron un renovado interés espiritual y el deseo de participar de este evento el próximo septiembre.

—MINNER LABRADOR,
DISTRITO DE CHARLOTTE, NC,
DIRECTOR DE MINISTERIO
DE CABALLEROS DE LA
ASOCIACIÓN Y COORDINADOR
DEL MISMO MINISTERIO EN LA
DIVISIÓN NORTEAMERICANA



Siguiendo las Huellas de Jesús

“Siguiendo las Huellas de Jesús” fue el título de la campaña organizada en la iglesia de Dudley, NC, que tuvo lugar desde el 5 de septiembre al 2 de octubre, y estuvo a cargo del pastor Elías Sandoval.

La misma representó un desafío por su duración de treinta noches consecutivas. Tanto el director misionero Juan Carlos Chay, como el resto de los miembros mostraron

un alto compromiso, y fue reconfortante ver cómo el Espíritu de Dios atraía a tantas visitas cada noche, para escuchar mensajes

que ayudaron a marcar el sendero de la salvación.

En preparación para este esfuerzo, los hermanos repartieron volantes de invitación y un CD titulado el “El Poder de la Oración” para ser entregado a familiares y amigos. Se completó el curso “La Fe de Jesús”,

que estuvo presentado por Jorge Cabrera. Adán López demostró un gran interés en el mismo, y se hizo acreedor de un juego de “Las Bellas Historias de la Biblia.”

Como fruto de este esfuerzo, ocho personas entregaron sus vidas a Jesús y otros se preparan para hacerlo en los próximos bautismos.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR
DEL DISTRITO



Evangelista Laico en Deltona

En preparación para la campaña de evangelismo que se llevaría a cabo en el mes de julio, los dos meses previos al evento, el evangelista laico de la asociación Jesús Tirado, inició un trabajo de visitación y estudios bíblicos. Durante el mes de junio, llevó a cabo una semana de oración que preparó el espíritu de la hermandad para el evento.

La campaña fue muy bendecida. Catorce almas bajaron a las aguas bautismales y otros quedaron estudiando la Biblia con el propósito de unirse a la iglesia. Se vivió

experiencias inspiradoras:

Una familia completa tomó la decisión de seguir a Cristo, y los padres fueron bautizados junto a su hijo de 15 años. María Feliciano, quien durante cincuenta años había padecido de adicción al cigarrillo, aceptó tomar estudios Bíblicos, luego siguió el plan de cinco días para dejar de fumar, y Dios le dio la victoria sobre su hábito tan arraigado. Para Él no existe la palabra imposible cuando se le entrega la voluntad. Su hija, quien asistió a la iglesia adventista por primera vez para presenciar el bautismo, quedó impactada

por el llamado de Dios y actualmente recibe los estudios para pronto unirse a la familia de Jesús. María y Luz Marina, madre e hija, también tomaron la decisión y fueron bautizadas. Ellas tuvieron que regresar a Venezuela, su país de origen. Allí descubrieron que no hay una iglesia adventista en el lugar en el que viven. No obstante, siguen la programación de la iglesia de Deltona semana tras semana por medio de Internet, e invitan a sus vecinos para disfrutar con ellas el servicio del sábado.

El programa de Deltona está siendo visto en vivo

por este medio, no sólo en Venezuela, sino también en Ecuador, Australia, Carolina del Sur, Houston, y Dallas. Ignoramos si habrá personas en otros lugares que también se unen en adoración, pero no dudamos que el alcance del mensaje es eterno. Dios está preparando un pueblo para su reino

—OLIVER MASTRAPA,
PASTOR DE LA IGLESIA DE
DELTONA. FL



Caravana de la Victoria

Desde el viernes 3 de septiembre, las iglesias de Kissimmee y Orlando y sus congregaciones celulares, comenzaron un evento especial: La Caravana de la Victoria.

En estos últimos años, los pastores Douglas J. Osorio y Hermes Tavera, bajo la dirección del pastor Abel Paulín, dieron origen a M.A.S.O. (Misión Apostólica del Sur de Orlando). Este proyecto ha dado como resultado no sólo el desarrollo de los grupos celulares, sino también el de las congregaciones celulares, formadas por la unión de varios grupos. Wilfredo Rivera, director del proyecto, junto a su esposa Miriam aseguran que este es un plan misionero de expansión sin precedentes.

Ocho de estas

congregaciones constituyeron el circuito por donde el pastor Rolando de los Ríos presentó mensajes de fe y esperanza durante tres fines de semana. Le acompañó el grupo de alabanza "Fortaleza" apoyando con sus música. Muchas personas fueron tocadas por los llamados realizados luego de los bautismos cada fin de semana.

Finalmente todas las congregaciones se unieron para el cierre de la caravana en la iglesia de Kissimmee, desde el miércoles 20 hasta el sábado 23 de octubre. Debido a la cantidad de asistentes, el último sábado de mañana la reunión tuvo por sede el auditorio de Osceola Heritage Park,

con un público de más de 700 personas. Se presentó un programa de tiempo completo para los niños.

El evento culminó en la tarde con el bautismo de veinticinco personas que se unirán a M.A.S.O. en su misión a favor de la creciente comunidad hispana de esta localidad. Ellos presentaron testimonios inspiradores. Un ejemplo de estos testimonios fue el de Carlos López, un joven que padeció de una profunda depresión causada

por el uso de drogas y su asociación a pandillas. Luego de su tercer intento de suicidio, estando en el hospital fue visitado por María Teresa López, quien le presentó a Jesús como la forma de encontrar paz. El hogar de Carlos está hoy en vías de rehabilitación y él se encuentra gozoso de poder ayudar a otros que como él, necesitaban encontrar la calma que Jesús trae al corazón.

Como trabajo posterior de seguimiento, seis evangelistas mayormente laicos continuarán la ronda de la caravana durante varias semanas, presentando mensajes de confirmación de fe.

—ROLANDO DE LOS
RÍOS, EVANGELISTA DE LA
ASOCIACIÓN



Quinta Feria Informativa de Salud en West Palm Beach

El 3 de Octubre se llevó a cabo la quinta Feria Informativa de Salud, organizada por la Iglesia de West Palm Beach. Más de 500 personas acudieron en busca de atención médica, información sobre seguro social, y educación para adultos y niños. Cien voluntarios dirigidos por Beatriz Molina, hicieron un extraordinario trabajo para alcanzar el objetivo de más allá de presentar atención e información, transmitir el amor de Dios a cada uno de los asistentes.

En varios casos los exámenes médicos detectaron condiciones de salud riesgosas, que podrían haber puesto en peligro la vida de quienes las padecen.

Las organizaciones participantes como Caridad Center, Mission Clinic, American Red Cross, Community Blood Center, Healthy Mothers and Healthy



aliviar el dolor y sufrimiento de las familias azotadas por una economía tambaleante, y que no tienen recursos suficientes ni acceso a servicios médicos. H.A.C.E.R los ayuda, y si la necesidad excede las posibilidades de la organización, desde

el departamento MI CASA, vincula a las personas con los recursos existentes en las diferentes agencias.

No obstante, el objetivo final y más importante, es ofrecer a estas familias la esperanza de vida eterna, cuando las tribulaciones pasajeras representarán un pasado insignificante comparadas con las bendiciones que Dios ha preparado para los que creen en Él.

—ELIEZER VALLEJO,
PRESIDENTE DE H.A.C.E.R
MINISTRY CORP.



Babies, Hospice of Palm Beach, Family Central, C.A.P., Palm Beach County Health Department, y negocios locales, expresaron su agradecimiento a la iglesia por haberles hecho parte de esta labor de servicio a la comunidad.

El ministerio local H.A.C.E.R. Ministry, Corp. (Hispanos en Acción Comunitaria Educando y Redimiendo) aprovechó la oportunidad para presentarse oficialmente a la comunidad como una organización sin fines de lucro, que trabaja para

Nuevo Templo en Gainesville

Luego de soñar por casi dos décadas con un lugar de reunión propio, el 9 de octubre la iglesia hispana de Gainesville inauguró su nuevo templo. Para este evento estuvieron presentes el presidente de la asociación, pastor Michael Cauley; Carmen Rodríguez, secretaria ejecutiva, y Deann Hawley, representante

del departamento de Propiedades y Desarrollo. Todos los intentos

anteriores de adquisición o construcción de templo habían sido fallidos, pero



poco a poco, luego de un reavivamiento misionero experimentado por la hermandad, comenzaron a abrirse los caminos, y hoy toda la iglesia alaba a Dios por esta bendición.

—BYRON RIVERA,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO
DE GAINESVILLE Y
MARION OAKS, FL

Retiro Hispano de Caballeros

Ochenta y cinco hermanos hispanos de la asociación asistieron al retiro anual de caballeros en Cohutta Springs. El lema fue “Dios llama a un hombre.” La amistad, el espíritu de adoración y el deseo de aprender caracterizaron cada una de

las actividades realizadas desde el viernes 3 al domingo 5 de septiembre. Un eficiente equipo de pastores hispanos tuvo a cargo las presentaciones. Se presentaron diversos seminarios sobre “Liderazgo del Hombre en el Hogar”, por Neftaly

Ortiz, “La vida Espiritual del Hombre”, por Julio de la Rosa, “Cambio de Hábitos” por Orlando González y

“Cómo Resolver Conflictos Familiares”, por Edison González. El pastor José Escobar tuvo a su cargo el estudio de la Biblia y lo hizo por medio de la serie “Varones de Dios”.

El sábado de tarde se realizó la habitual caminata, actividad apreciada por muchos de los asistentes por la oportunidad de contemplar el hermoso paisaje del lugar y reflexionar sobre la naturaleza, segundo libro de la Revelación de Dios. Los alimentos que se ofrecieron fueron abundantes y saludables

y esto fue revelado en la evaluación llevada a cabo al final del evento.

Al regresar a los respectivos hogares e iglesias, se observó que no sólo los hermanos se beneficiaron con esta actividad, sino también sus familias. La esposa de uno de los asistentes hizo el comentario: “no sé qué le hicieron a mi esposo en el retiro. Regresó muy cariñoso y me llevó a comer afuera”.

—DANILO CORNEJO,
CONSULTOR DEL MINISTERIO
DE CABALLEROS HISPANOS
DE LA ASOCIACIÓN.



Distrito De Knoxville

Investidura de “Los Valientes de Jehová”

El distrito hispano de Knoxville organizó una semana de entrenamiento y reavivamiento misionero del 5 al 12 de setiembre. Los temas se enfocaron en la concientización de la necesidad de una reforma y reavivamiento espirituales por medio de una relación estrecha con Dios. Se enfatizó el hecho de que este reavivamiento llevaría a una mayor preocupación por los semejantes, que se vería reflejada en el deseo de alcanzar a aquellas almas que no conocen del amor de Dios y de su voluntad.

La semana culminó con el retiro de líderes y asociados de los 40 grupos pequeños que tiene el

distrito. Durante ese fin de semana, los asistentes se comprometieron a asumir el cuidado, desarrollo y misión de los grupos. Veinticinco líderes fueron investidos y ordenados en una solemne ceremonia en la que las esposas, como símbolo de su participación en

el compromiso, hicieron entrega de los pañuelos “Valientes de Jehová”.

Evangelismo de Otoño.

Durante el mes de octubre el distrito de Knoxville se embarcó en un proyecto de evangelismo público para cosechar los resultados del trabajo misionero de los hermanos

en su vida de testificación y en los grupos pequeños. En el período del 2 al 23, las congregaciones predicaron la Palabra a un buen grupo de visitas, que en su mayoría eran llevadas por los hermanos de los grupos pequeños. Como resultado de este trabajo conjunto de líderes, miembros y predicadores, el nombre de Dios fue glorificado con diecinueve almas que se entregaron a Cristo por medio del bautismo.

El evangelismo y la testificación nunca serán un fracaso; “Echa tu pan sobre las aguas; porque después de muchos días lo hallarás” (Eclesiastés 11:1)

—RICHARD URDANETA,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Retiro de Damas

“Identifícate en las Huellas de Jesús” fue el tema central del retiro de damas de la asociación. Marline Del Valle y Erika Domínguez hicieron un excelente trabajo en la dirección del evento, con la colaboración de Gail McKenzie.

Cien hermanas y seis visitas tuvieron la oportunidad de identificarse en las huellas de Jesús. La oradora central fue Milagros Tomei, y Xiomara Mercado presentó varios seminarios. Kenia Sears tuvo a su cargo la música.



Fue un fin de semana bendecido en el que

las asistentes pudieron identificarse con Jesús desde su lugar como madres, esposas, y amigas.
—IVETTE FIGUEROA,
SECRETARIA DE LA OFICINA
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South Atlantic Noticias

Actividades en Newbern

Programa Radial: El programa de radio Pronto Vendrá (1030 AM), que desde hace tres años sale al aire en el área de Charlotte, NC, con las voces de Gerson Granoble y John Newlove, ha extendido su alcance; ahora es escuchado en diferentes lugares del mundo a través de Internet en www.wnow-am.com. Muchas personas han expresado testimonio de lo que Dios ha hecho en sus vidas por medio de los mensajes escuchados en este programa. A pesar de su cambio de horario, (domingos a las 12:00 pm), estamos seguros de que la audiencia continuará creciendo, y muchos más

conocerán el amor de Dios.

Bautismo: El pasado 24 de julio la iglesia de Newbern presenció una hermosa ceremonia bautismal. Dos personas entregaron sus vidas a Dios, y hoy participan activamente de las actividades de la iglesia.

Día de la Hermandad: Todos los trimestres se separa un domingo para esparcimiento de las familias de la iglesia y amigos. Ese día se hace especial énfasis en la salud espiritual, moral y física. El último domingo en el que se llevó a cabo esta actividad, coincidió con un partido de fútbol de la selección mejicana. Para que ninguno de los

invitados tuviese una razón para no asistir, se instaló un televisor, y todos miraron con entusiasmo el evento deportivo. Al finalizar esta actividad se recibieron testimonios muy positivos de parte de las visitas, por haber tenido la oportunidad de participar de un momento de esparcimiento sano. “Ustedes son diferentes” dijeron muchos. La iglesia quedó feliz de haber podido testificar del amor de Dios.

No a Halloween: Durante el mes previo a la



celebración de Halloween, los jóvenes de la iglesia repartieron escritos en la comunidad, en los que se explicaba la decisión de no celebrar el día de Halloween. En su lugar, han decidido convertir ese día en día de alabanza y adoración a Dios. El 31 de octubre se preparó un programa musical con una dramatización, por medio de los cuales se transmitió el mensaje de salvación y se mostraron las facetas del gran conflicto cósmico que culminará con la venida de Jesús.

—JOHN NEWLOVE, PASTOR
DE LAS IGLESIAS DEMONROE,
MARSHVILLE Y PAGELAND, NC

Bautismo en la Iglesia Central de Atlanta

Después de una semana de evangelismo, Sandra Silva, hija de uno de los fieles miembros de la iglesia Central de Atlanta dio su paso de bautismo.

La ceremonia, oficiada por el pastor Poloche, fue de gozo para los padres de esta familia baluarte de esta congregación. Ellos tienen paz en la seguridad

de que todos sus hijos se encuentran gozosos en la familia de Dios.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE, COORDINADOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN



Semana de Evangelismo en Raleigh, NC

El día 18 de setiembre terminó una semana de evangelismo con una



asistencia de treinta personas, y la alegría de ver diez nuevas vidas entregadas públicamente a Dios por medio del bautismo. El orador fue Mauricio Velazquez, laico a cargo de la iglesia. Esta experiencia sin precedentes en

esta congregación, ha representado un incentivo misionero para todos sus miembros. Por algún tiempo esta iglesia se encontraba inactiva, y con una membresía descendente. El trabajo a favor de otros que su nuevo

líder está organizando, ha contagiado a la hermandad, y la iglesia ha vuelto a la vida.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
COORDINADOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE
LA ASOCIACIÓN

Bautismo en Gainesville

El 11 de septiembre la naciente congregación de Gainesville celebró un bautismo. Al finalizar el programa, el pastor Carlos Henriquez, quien ofició la ceremonia, hizo un llamado al que varias personas respondieron, y están ahora estudiando la Biblia preparándose para un próximo bautismo.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
COORDINADOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE
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Retiro de Ancianos

Durante el fin de semana del 24 al 26 de setiembre, se llevó a cabo el entrenamiento y encuentro de ancianos de la asociación, en River Oaks, South Carolina.

La asistencia fue de cuarenta y ocho personas que participaron intensamente en seminarios y clases de capacitación para

el importante ministerio en el que sirven.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
COORDINADOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE
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Cinco Meses de Fuego

El distrito latino de Kentucky recibió con alegría a treinta y dos nuevos miembros que se bautizaron luego de la campaña titulada “Cinco Meses de Fuego” que comenzó en el mes de mayo y terminó en setiembre. Junto al pastor, líderes y miembros de iglesia estaban activamente involucrados en evangelismo. Al ver el Espíritu Santo trabajando en las personas, la hermandad consideró un

privilegio ser instrumentos en las manos de Dios para proclamar el mensaje de salvación.

El día de cierre del proyecto fue el 18 de setiembre, cuando se celebraron el “Día de la Hermandad” y el “Día del Anciano Adventista” en el distrito. Durante este evento se dictaron seminarios, se disfrutó de la ceremonia bautismal, hubo predicaciones y se presentaron los reportes anuales.

El orador principal fue el pastor Edgardo J. Herrera, coordinador hispano de la asociación. El pastor Omar Lebreault, de la asociación Puertorriqueña del Oeste, fue el encargado de los



seminarios de evangelismo.

La iglesia inmediatamente comenzó a prepararse para la campaña femenina, que tuvo lugar durante el mes de noviembre, y los grupos pequeños continuaron trabajando para traer más personas a los pies del Señor.

—SAMUEL PEGUERO,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO LATINO
DE KENTUCKY

Evangelismo: Southern Union Conference en Argentina

Desde 1998, cada coordinador hispano de las asociaciones del territorio de la Unión del Sur elige pastores que organizados por el pastor Jorge Mayer, líder de dicho ministerio en la unión, realizan un viaje misionero a países latinoamericanos. Este año, el destino fue la Argentina.

El propósito es conducir campañas evangélicas para



ayudar en el cumplimiento de la misión en otras áreas, infundir en los participantes la pasión por el evangelismo, conocer las diferentes culturas a las que se ministra en las iglesias hispanas en los Estados Unidos, e intercambiar métodos de evangelismo. Popularmente se asume que los latinos se congregan porque tienen una misma cultura o idiosincrasia, cuando más allá de algunas similitudes, lo que realmente los une es el idioma. Es por lo tanto una experiencia interesante, y muchas veces un desafío liderar iglesias con miembros provenientes de culturas tan diversas.

Se visitaron algunas instituciones incluyendo la casa publicadora adventista más grande del mundo

en San Pablo, Brasil, y la fábrica de alimentos Granix en Buenos Aires, Argentina. Esta última, ocupa el segundo lugar en ventas en el país en el ramo de alimentos para el desayuno, y el primer lugar en el ramo de galletas dulces y saladas naturales. Granix tiene 70 años de existencia, y la calidad de sus productos es altamente apreciada por

el mercado local e internacional. Exporta a 14 países. Agradecida por el éxito con el que Dios ha bendecido el logro de sus objetivos, da diezmo de sus ganancias, y tiene un alto porcentaje

de sus entradas dedicado a proyectos de evangelismo, ayuda comunitaria e institucional. Anualmente se realizan grandes donaciones de alimentos, cuyo peso puede medirse en decenas de toneladas. Muchos de sus empleados participan directamente en proyectos evangélicos. Todo esto redundará en bendición para quien recibe y quien da. La visita a estas instituciones fue de incentivo para el grupo de la Unión del Sur, ya que se pudo ver claramente el sentido de misión que prevalece en ellas.

En esta oportunidad, los catorce pastores de nuestro territorio concentraron sus esfuerzos evangélicos en siete distritos de la provincia de Misiones, al noreste del

país en la frontera con Brasil. Se organizaron dos campañas por distrito. Los eventos se llevaron a cabo en carpas, centros médicos, centros de convenciones y hasta en una terminal de autobuses, que de noche no tiene movimiento. Se la acondicionaba cada día al partir su último transporte, y de noche funcionaba como centro de reuniones. El trabajo no se concentró solamente en la predicación, sino también en la



visitación. Nuestros pastores comenzaban temprano en la mañana, yendo a casa de los asistentes antes de su horario de trabajo, y de noche, luego de las reuniones.

La División Sudamericana, ha acordado no bautizar interesados a menos que estos hayan concluido la serie de estudios bíblicos, se



encuentren asistiendo a la iglesia y devolviendo sus diezmos como lo indica la Palabra de Dios. Por lo tanto, los bautismos no son resultado de las campañas, sino del esfuerzo y trabajo previos de los pastores y miembros de iglesia. Al finalizar estas campañas 203 personas dieron el paso del bautismo. No obstante, como resultado directo de las mismas, cerca de 600 quedaron interesadas en el estudio de la Biblia para un futuro bautismo. El pastor Caviglione, presidente de la asociación del norte, expresó su alegría cuando comentaba que por lo general, los bautismos del último trimestre, todavía por llevarse a cabo, representan el 50% del total del año, pero con el alto interés despertado en la gente en estos eventos, se espera sobrepasar estos blancos en números no alcanzados anteriormente.

Nuestros pastores pudieron también ver algunas formas de trabajo misionero de los miembros en este país austral. Se visitó por ejemplo una cárcel, en la que los presos





esperan que sus casos lleguen a corte. La justicia en la Argentina no es de las más expeditivas lo cual hace que por ley, estas personas puedan estar en espera hasta un máximo de cinco años. Una familia adventista, eligió este lugar para su trabajo misionero. Durante cinco años, ha estado atendiendo a los presos. Este lugar se divide en dos pabellones, y gracias al paciente trabajo y la obra del Espíritu Santo, se han formado dos iglesias; una por pabellón. Esta familia, parte todos los sábados a las 2:00 de la tarde, renunciando

al relajante almuerzo luego del culto, o las actividades de camaradería, para participar de los servicios de estas congregaciones. Cada una está liderada por un preso, quien

sábado tras sábado se encarga de la organización del servicio. Sus miembros trabajan por otros presos, dando estudios bíblicos y ayudándolos en la forma que esté a su alcance. Como resultado de este trabajo, el 18 de septiembre pasado el pastor Caviglione tuvo el gozo de bautizar a 7 presos. Cuando el pastor Mayer preguntó a uno de los líderes, quien ya ha estado más tiempo que el máximo permitido por la ley para llevar un caso a juicio y está acusado de asalto y asesinato, cómo se

siente respecto a la injusticia humana, él dijo: “la injusticia humana me permitió conocer Aquello que me hizo libre.”

El último sábado de tarde, los pastores asistieron a distintas concentraciones llevadas a cabo en varias localidades de Misiones. En la que tuvo lugar en Jardín América, por ejemplo, 50 personas recibieron bautismo.

Fue notable el compromiso que mostró la asociación del norte argentino. Los pastores no esperaron sencillamente a que el grupo de nuestra unión hiciera su trabajo, sino que por el contrario, se unieron al mismo en sus esfuerzos. El presidente de campo acompañó al pastor Mayer en todos sus



recorridos por los lugares de predicación. Esta actitud se vio reflejada en los miembros de iglesia, quienes contagiados por sus líderes, fueron de gran ayuda en los eventos.

La experiencia fue de bendición para el territorio de Misiones, y para los obreros que viajaron desde los Estados Unidos. No importa a qué cultura se pertenezca, Dios atrae a sus hijos con cuerdas de amor para que pronto estemos con Él en casa.

—MARIEL LOMBARDI

Retiro de Ancianos y Pastores del Área de Miami

El fin de semana del 29 y 30 de octubre fue intensamente bendecido. Seiscientas personas asistieron al retiro especialmente preparado para pastores y ancianos del área de Miami de las asociaciones Southeastern y Florida, y sus respectivas esposas.

El pastor Alejandro Bullón tuvo a cargo los temas centrales del evento. Subrayó la importancia de la relación estrecha que debe existir entre el anciano y el pastor. Destacó

también las cualidades de los ancianos de acuerdo con los parámetros establecidos en la Biblia. El anciano ejerce una poderosa influencia sobre la gente; el suyo es un ministerio que no debe ser tomado en forma liviana, y por lo tanto más allá de una conducta, se realzó la importancia de una estrecha

relación con Dios.

La camaradería que reinó en el evento fue una de las muestras más

tangibles de la presencia de Dios en el lugar. Las dos asociaciones para las que la unión organizó este evento, comparten el mismo territorio, y pudo verse claramente como más allá de las diferentes administraciones, tienen el mismo objetivo, y trabajan en mutua cooperación para lograrlo.

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Union College Homecoming – April 7-10. Alumni, friends, and former faculty are invited. Honor classes: '41, '51, '56, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, and '01. Details: contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Oakwood University Class of 1981, 30th Reunion Alumni Weekend – April 22-24. Details: Facebook: Oakwood Reunion; Email: ouclassof1981@gmx.com.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend – April 29, 30, and May 1. Honor classes '01, '96, '91, '86, '81, '71, '61, '51, and 50+ years. Details: LSA Alumni Office, 951 351-1445 x 244, Isaalumni@lsak12.com.

Broadview Academy Alumni Association/ Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend – April 29, 30. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Honor Classes, '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91 and '01. Details: Ed Gutierrez: edjulie1@att.net; or call: 630-232-9034.

Events Calendar

Carolina

Pathfinder Council – Jan. 7-9. Nosoca.

Women's Ministries Mini-Retreat – Jan. 21, 22.

Lay Advisory Retreat – Jan. 28, 29. Nosoca.

Carolina Teachers' Convention – Feb. 4-8. TBA.

Lay-Pastoral Assistant & Elders' Certification Program #4 – Feb. 4-6. Nosoca.

Romance at the Ranch – Feb. 11-13. Nosoca.

Young Adult Retreat – March 11-13. Nosoca.

Pathfinder Work Bee – March 18-20. Nosoca.

Elders' Retreat – March 25-27. Nosoca.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – April 1-3. Nosoca

Women's Ministries Spring Retreat – April 1-3.

MPA Academy Days – April 3, 4.

Adventurer Fun Day – April 10.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar/>.

Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridaconference.com/youth/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.

Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/childrenandfamily/>, djmiller4000@gmail.com, or 407-703-3050.

Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups. Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdland.org/>.

North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter – membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumni.org/>, oakwoodalumni@oakwoodalumni.org, 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars

Jan. 22. Kissimmee.

Feb. 12. Tallahassee.

Feb. 19. Avon Park.

Feb. 26. Sarasota.

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Feb. 5. Jacksonville Southpoint.

Feb. 6. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast, New Smyrna Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

Feb. 12. Tallahassee.

Feb. 13. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Lady Lake, Inverness.

Feb. 19. Sunrise.

Feb. 20. Plantation, Lauderhill, Deerfield Beach. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet in Ft. Lauderdale.)

Feb. 26. Naples.

Feb. 27. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Winter Haven.

March 5. West Palm Beach.

March 6. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.)

March 12. Port Charlotte.

March 13. North Port, Venice Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

March 19. Maranatha in Miami Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, West Palm Beach Spanish, Jupiter-Tequesta.

March 26. St. Petersburg.

March 27. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills.

Retired Denominational Workers' Retreat – March 18-20. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Registration deadline – March 1: rhshepard@live.com or 407-331-8249. General information: noelshanko@earthlink.net or 407-399-9091.

Georgia-Cumberland

Complete calendar online – www.gccsda.com.

GCA Acrofest Registration – Jan. 7. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA. www.gcasda.com.

GCA Acrofest – Jan. 15.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

Elementary Strings Festival – Jan. 27, 28. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

Sound System Basics – Jan. 30. 1-4 p.m. Georgia-Cumberland Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

High School Retreat – Feb. 4-6. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

LifeGroups – Feb. 4-6. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Children's Ministries Convention – Feb. 11-13. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Southern Singles Winter Retreat – Feb. 11-13. Johnston Woods (Cleveland, TN). Details: [email avocadofiddler@gmail.com](mailto:email.avocadofiddler@gmail.com) or call Joanne at 423-784-9484.

Prayer Conference – Feb. 18-20. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online – <http://www.gccsda.org>.

Pathfinder Council Meeting – Jan. 7 – 9, Camp Alamisco.

Pastor's Meeting – Jan. 16 – 19, Camp Alamisco.

Teen Invitational Caving with Bob Hill, Jan. 21 -23.

Conference Education Fair – Jan. 21 – 24, Bass Memorial Academy.

Conference Executive Committee – Feb. 1.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board

Jan. 25. March 16. May 10. July 26.

Conference Executive Committee

Jan. 25. March 16. May 10.

July 26.

Highland and Madison Academy Boards

Jan. 20. March 24. May 12.

West Tennessee Festival of Faith – March 5. Memphis, TN.

Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting – March 11, 12. Prestonsburg, KY.

Kentucky-Tennessee Music Festival – March 17-19. Highland Academy.

Family Prayer Conference -- April 8, 9. Indian Creek Camp.

Pastors-Elders Conference – April 15-17. Indian Creek Camp.

Camp Meeting (Anglo) – May 27-June 4. Highland Academy.

Camp Meeting (Spanish) – June 10, 11. Highland Academy.

South Atlantic

South Atlantic Married Lovers' Retreat – Feb. 18-20. Lake Lanier, GA.

Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church 100th Centennial Celebration – March 11, 12. Columbia, SC. Details: 803-786-2800.

Southern Adventist University

Choir: American Spiritual Ensemble – Jan. 18.

Chamber Music Recital: Mark Reneau, Stephen Framil, Peter Cooper – Jan. 19.

PreviewSouthern – Jan. 20, 21.

Symphony Concerto Concert – Jan. 30.

Sunset							
	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	
Atlanta, GA	5:40	5:45	5:52	5:58	6:05	6:12	
Charleston, SC	5:24	5:30	5:36	5:42	5:49	5:56	
Charlotte, NC	5:22	5:27	5:34	5:41	5:48	5:55	
Collegedale, TN	5:39	5:45	5:51	5:58	6:05	6:12	
Huntsville, AL	4:46	4:52	4:58	5:05	5:12	5:19	
Jackson, MS	5:06	5:12	5:18	5:24	5:31	5:37	
Louisville, KY	5:33	5:39	5:46	5:54	6:02	6:10	
Memphis, TN	4:59	5:04	5:11	5:18	5:25	5:32	
Miami, FL	5:41	5:46	5:51	5:57	6:02	6:07	
Montgomery, AL	4:51	4:56	5:02	5:09	5:15	5:22	
Nashville, TN	4:43	4:49	4:56	5:03	5:10	5:17	
Orlando, FL	5:40	5:45	5:51	5:56	6:02	6:08	
Wilmington, NC	5:13	5:18	5:25	5:31	5:38	5:45	

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