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# AA UPDATES

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## STORIES OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES – SA CAMPOUT

February 8 - 12 was dedicated to Black History Week under the direction of Ms. Tammy Lindsey and Junior Elaine Kamvazaana.



The following students, or subsets of these students, led the school in singing during most of the week: Karla Mulzac, Jasmine St. Hillare, Cliff Allen, Gabrielle Hamilton, Hannah Mbungu, Jordan Price, Lifase Bilima, Lydia Quaye, Joelle McIntyre, Camille Nixon, Simone Weithers, Vanna Giddings, and Keila Carmona.

There were a variety of things that took place during the week with an on-going story line that was played by Kyle Emile. On Monday Kyle was seen stretched out on his bed when Cliff Allen and Cody Wales walk through and talk to him about the value of Black History Week. Kyle was very uncommitted and really does not see the value of it at all.



Ms. Lindsey led out in the worship thought each day of the week with the emphasis on Monday identifying this week as a week of hope and by extension the month of February which has been thought of as Black History month. The special music that day was led by Lifase Bilima who sang "Pass me not Oh Gentle Savior". Two of the songs that were sung during the Tuesday morning worship time included "Lift every Voice and Sing" along with "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah".



Ms. Lindsay read to us from the writings of Paul where he admonished in I Corinthians 12:14-31 that the members of the church need to function as a body. As an example "if the ear were to say that 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body." Ms. Lindsay helped us to realize that we all have a very important role to play in giving this gospel to all of the world.

We must be united as we work toward a common goal. In the continuing story line, Mark Joslin who was dressed as Abraham Lincoln attempts to convince Kyle Emile that Kyle would not even be where he is today if it were not for the emancipation proclamation which took place during his presidency. Then Keila Carmona who played the character of Ruby Bridges, also gave good rational why Black History Week and month are so important.



We were treated to a message from Dr. Hivath Williams during the assembly time on Wednesday. Dr. Williams, at one time an Atheist, now teaches preachers how to preach at the SDA Theological Seminary on the Andrews University Campus. She began by telling of an elderly woman who had observed someone in her house pilfering with the contents of her dresser drawers. The individual was taking all of her precious belongings and stuffing them in a sack to remove from the house when the woman said “Stop in the name of Jesus! Acts 2:38.” When the criminal heard those words, he immediately dropped the sack and stood there until the police came to take him away for questioning. During that time of interrogation, he was asked why he gave in to the pleas of the woman to which he responded that she was armed and extremely dangerous. When the officers further questioned him he said that she had an ax and two 38's. (Acts 2:38). Sometimes we hear what we want to hear and it is not necessarily the truth!



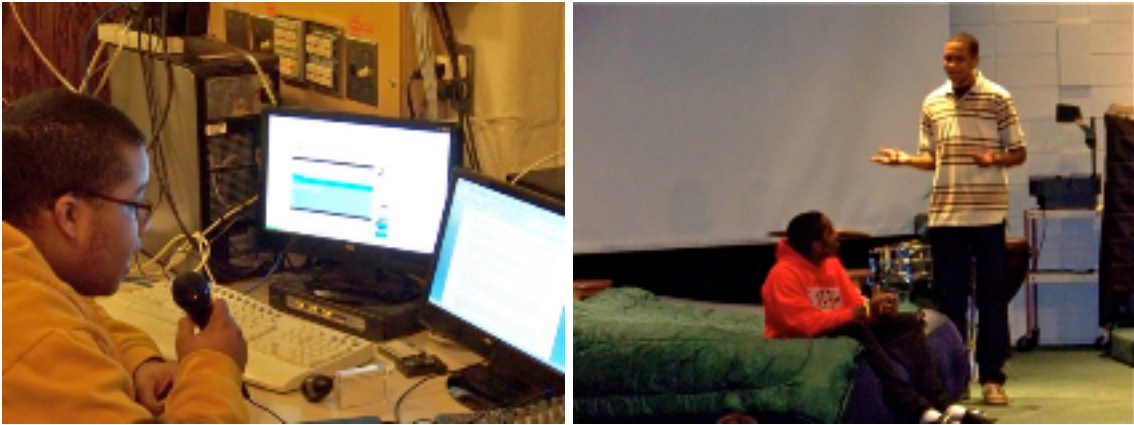
During her message of the hour, she noted that we are to take up the full armor of God in order to be able to stand firm. We need to pray consistently, and be strong in the Lord. In II Chronicles 20: 14-15, it notes that the “Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel ... *and* he said ... 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's'. Dr. Williams went on to say that your struggle is not against one another, it is against evil forces in high places. When we are tempted to do something wrong, ask for help from above. She pled with the students to guard their affections carefully.

She went on to say that our affections can get us into so much trouble. She has seen that occur so many times during the course of her career as pastor and she encouraged the students to save their affections for the person that they would later marry.



On Thursday, the 11th, eight of the students led all of us in singing “Great is Thy Faithfulness”. This song provides such deep thought regarding God that we should find it impossible to resist His call. During the devotional thought for the morning, Ms. Lindsey told the story of Gideon from Judges 7:15-22 when he took 300 soldiers and with torches in their left hand and trumpets in their right hand they smashed the jars which contained the torches and blew their trumpets and shouted “a sword for the Lord and for Gideon”. Can you just imagine the task of doing so many things simultaneously? Either it took a great deal of practice or they were just good and it probably involved a little of both along with the power of the Holy Spirit. On this day, Jeffrey Emile played the role of Louis Armstrong who was a famous singer and trumpet player from New Orleans. He told Kyle that we would not have the music that we have today without the efforts and skills of this man.

The final day of Black History Week was on Friday, the 12th. On that occasion, Ms. Lindsey spoke to us from I Peter 3:13-17. Though we suffer for righteousness sake, we have the hope that if we commit our lives to Christ the world will be a better place to live. Black History Week was an example of different people who have experienced the hope of Christ and a better future. We have seen hope in the past, in the present and in the future. The singers did a couple of songs - one of which was *A land that is fairer than day*. Special music was a medley from the hymnals.



The story line ended well as Clifford Allen finally convinced Kyle Emile that History Week really was worth it and it does give one the hope and energy to do better because of what has already happened to help prepare the way. If you stand for what is right, you can change the world. Then the chapel lights then went down and Kenneth Nash read portions of “I have a Dream” speech.



There was an additional special music number presented by Clifford Allen on the saxophone, Jeffrey Emile on the guitar, Joses Ngugi on the drums and Jeshua Moore on the piano as they played *Joshua fought the battle of Jericho* and *I want Jesus to walk with me*.

It was indeed a very excellent week and we want to thank Ms. Tammie Lindsey and Elaine Kamvazaana for all of the planning as they led out in that week to remember.

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