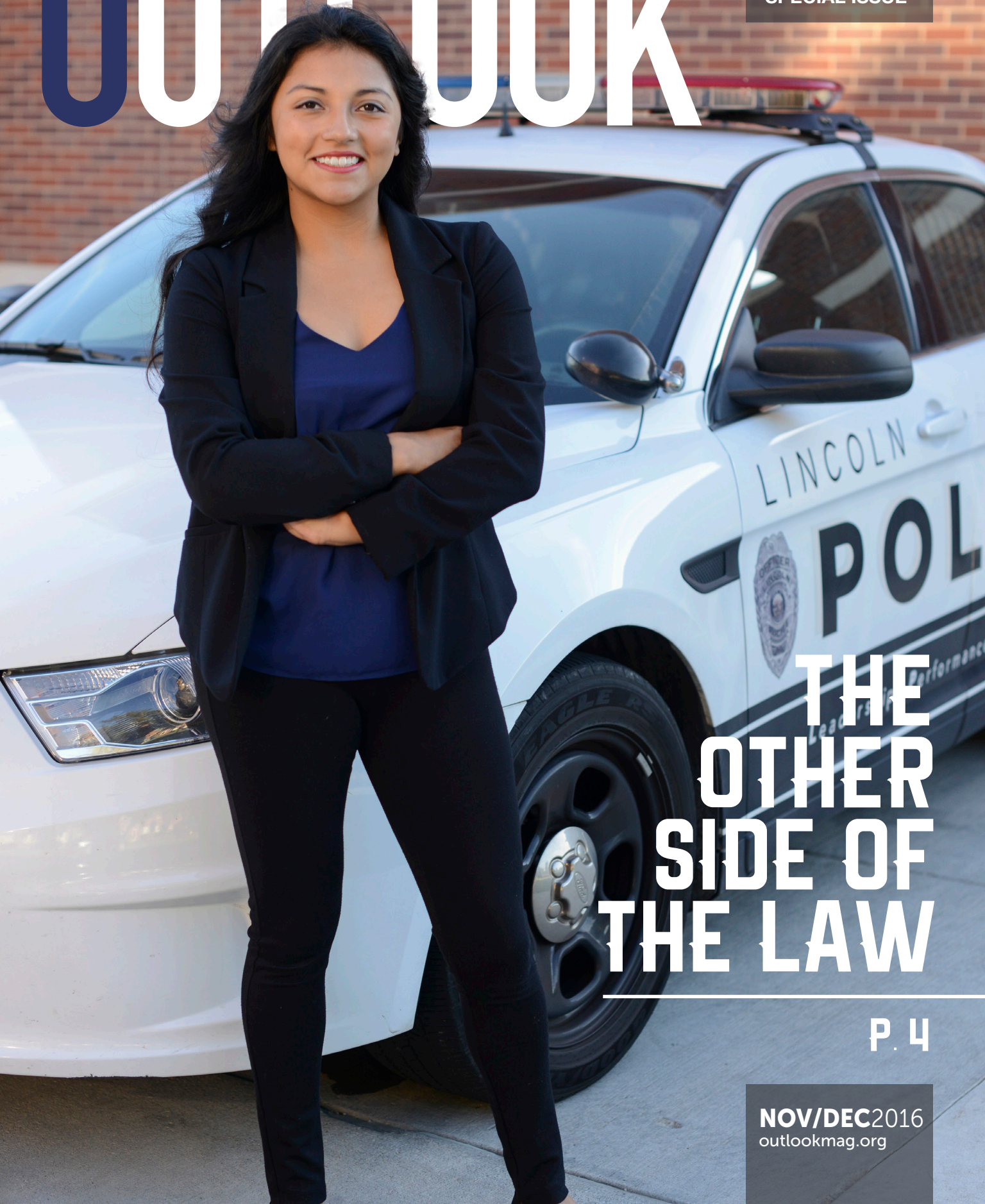


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### HAPPY 125TH, UNION COLLEGE!

Union College celebrated its 125th birthday in September. I was blessed to be under the big tent that was pitched across from the College View Church where the celebration took place. There was great food, faculty, staff and board members in period costumes telling the miracle story of Union College's beginnings, and powerful music from the Unionaires.

What I enjoyed most, however, was just watching people interact with each other—long-time friendships being renewed, new ones being forged, and faculty and staff reconnecting with alumni.

The journey of Union College continues strong with a whole new crop of students enrolled for another school year. You will have the opportunity to meet a few of them in this issue of the OUTLOOK, which focuses on experiential learning that occurs mostly off campus.

We in the Mid-America Union love our school and what it stands for. Happy birthday, Union College...and many more!

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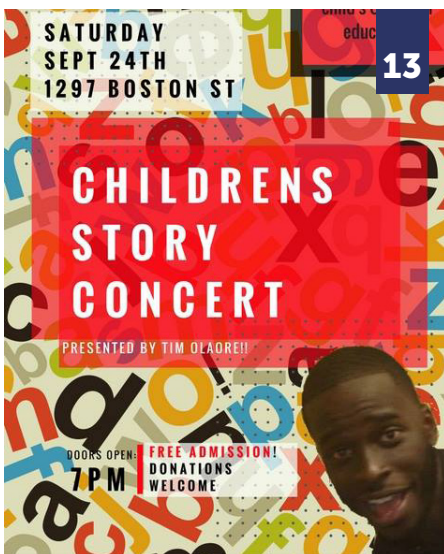
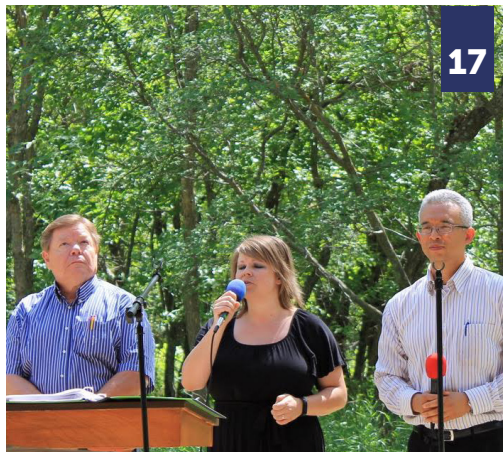
Arcelia Gomez, a senior social work major at Union College, works part time for the Lincoln Police Department supporting crime victims.

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# THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAW

A SOCIAL WORK MAJOR'S INTERNSHIP BECOMES A CALLING



All it took was one ride with a Lincoln police officer and **Arcelia Gomez** was hooked. Now after a series of mentorships and internships, the senior social work major found a job in the Lincoln Police Department supporting crime victims.

Gomez always dreamed of working in the criminal justice field, but she wanted to focus on people and not punishment. One of her academy teachers suggested pursuing a social work degree so that she'd have options, including criminal psychology and counseling.

After enrolling at Union as a music major, she did some career shadowing before encouraging professors also

suggested a switch to social work. "We learned the code of ethics, how to communicate professionally, how to keep professional boundaries, to use our time well, and to ask questions," she said. "Most importantly, we learned that everyone has a right to self-determination. It's our job to empower clients to make their own decisions and learn their potential."

During their junior or senior years at Union, students enrolled in the social work program complete a practicum—480 hours of unpaid internship. Gomez first interned at an emergency shelter for youth before transitioning to the Friendship Home, a

shelter and advocacy center for victims of domestic violence. There, she honed her skills by sitting in on case management meetings and assisting case-workers to help women and families restart their lives.

"I'd make sure they had food, and I'd be there for them if they needed to talk," Gomez explained. "I also helped facilitate children's groups, women's meetings, parenting support groups and domestic violence support groups, and helped clients cope with what they'd been through."

## Who better to do law enforcement than a social worker?

During this time Gomez

went on a ride with a Lincoln police officer—and was fascinated by watching the officer's interactions with the public. "She had a good listening ear and was an amazing mediator," Gomez said. "She'd calm people down and help them talk out their problems. It changed my perspective on law enforcement." It also made Gomez see a possible new twist in her own career path. "More people with those skills are needed in law enforcement," she said. "Who better to do it than a social worker? We're trained in crisis intervention, human behavior and empowering clients."

Her understanding of the criminal justice system grew



when Gomez started attending courthouse trials under the mentorship of **JoAnna Briggs**, LPD Victim Witness manager. “I had a lot of questions,” Gomez said. “I didn’t know anything about the criminal justice system, but JoAnna taught me the basics and encouraged me to apply for an internship through the Lincoln Police Department.” When her stint at the Friendship Home ended last December, Gomez accepted an internship in the victim witness department under Briggs’ guidance.

Her new duties included reading police reports from the previous day and looking for victims of assault, burglaries, stalking, threats, rape, domestic violence and related crimes. Then Gomez and her coworkers would call victims to make sure they were all right. She also helped witnesses prepare for protection order hearings. “We helped them learn what judges look for in order to approve orders,” Gomez explained. “We also went to court with them for protection order hearings and trials, and we offered support by sitting with them until they went up to the witness stand.”

Briggs was impressed with Gomez’s abilities and work ethic in her internship, so she encouraged Gomez to apply for a part-time domestic violence victim advocate position at LPD. Her new position is connected to the federal Violence Against Women Act, so Gomez has to carefully record how many domestic

violence, stalking and assault cases the department handles each month and in how many she personally assists. LPD then compiles those numbers and contributes to national statistics.

“My time in the victim’s witness unit showed me different areas where I can work alongside law enforcement to help people,” she said. “I can also see myself working in law enforcement in the future.” But she’s not in a rush to decide. “It’s something I can settle into, so I can give it some time. Law enforcement is intense, and the longer I work in my current job alongside law enforcement, the more I learn.”

Her upcoming graduation also gives her a chance to reflect on the education she’s received at Union. “Our classes really prepared us for every branch of social work,” Gomez said. “I’ve felt ready to jump into my different internships, and I can fall back on the skills I learned in my classes. It will be a big adjustment, but I’m ready to graduate. I’m blessed to have a tight-knit group of friends who support each other, and the faculty members at Union are all concerned about my success. I know I can talk to them if I’m having struggles or need help. They’re always there for me.”

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 Lauren Bongard Schwartz graduated from Union College in 2004. She works as a freelance writer from her home in Bismarck, North Dakota

## The Union College advantage

What makes Union College different? When researchers asked Adventist members about their college years, by a wide margin, Union graduates valued their college experience over Adventists who graduated from public universities.

### Here’s what they said:

I experienced a good balance between academics, social and personal development.

**Union Graduates - 83%**

**Public university graduates - 43%**

My professors challenged me academically and helped me meet those challenges.

**Union graduates - 67%**

**Public university graduates - 57%**

My friends positively influenced my attitudes and values.

**Union graduates - 75%**

**Public university graduates - 32%**

I took part in volunteering and community service.

**Union graduates - 56%**

**Public university graduates - 24%**

I developed a sense of God’s calling for my life while in college.

**Union graduates - 63%**

**Public university graduates - 14%**

I developed a stronger commitment to my church while in college.

**Union graduates - 53%**

**Public university graduates - 10%**

My college experience effectively prepared me for life after college.

**Union graduates - 77%**

**Public university - 71%**

### College impact

The data above comes from “College Impact Survey: A Study of the College Experiences of Adventists,” created in 2014 by Jimmy Kijai, Larry Burton and Josephine Katenga of Andrews University; Vinita Sauder of Union College; Robert Weaver of the Association of Adventist Colleges and Universities; and Christine Moniyung of Southern Adventist University



# HEALING THROUGH HEALING

UNION PA STUDENTS  
GAIN THE GREATER  
BLESSING THROUGH  
MISSION WORK IN PERU



It broke our hearts because there was nothing else we could do,” said **Nicole Samila**, a Union College physician assistant student. “We discovered this woman’s husband had left her and she was raising her three children as a single mother.”

Samila joined 12 other PA students in Peru for Union’s annual medical mission trip where they render medical care to the people who live near the mouth of the Amazon River. “Her symptoms were dizziness, a headache and a history of diabetes, and when we took her blood sugar, it was over 600,” she recalled. “Because she was already taking oral hyperglycemia medication, there was nothing we could do but recommend she see her doctor for insulin. Even so, she was still thankful—she said ‘gracias’ to us multiple times and kissed us on the cheek. She was so sweet.”

Every July, a group of Union College physician assistant students, **Pastor Rich Carlson**, Union’s vice president for Spiritual Life, and a handful of alumni medical professionals visit Iquitos, Peru, a city of one million people in a remote

part of the Amazonian jungle, to provide medical care to residents who don’t have access to regular care.

Located near the mouth of the Amazon River, Iquitos can only be reached by boat, and residents endure a hot and humid climate with rain nearly every day. “What I really remember is feeling gratitude,” said **Alyssa Merkel**, a PA student from Lincoln. “Each person who arrived at our clinic site for the day was so soft, gentle and kind. Whether the patient left shaking our hands, embracing us or kissing our cheeks, it was clear each person was grateful we’d even made the journey to provide them with care.”

The trip itself is comprised of nine days of clinics following an orientation day. Most days they set up in Iquitos, and the PA students, physicians and nurses saw patients and conversed through a translator. They also spent a day or two on the Amazon, stopping at jungle villages to treat people. On Sabbath, the group attended church and then moved the pews aside to set up a clinic for the church members.

“We’ve delivered babies, we’ve done surgeries, we’ve

sutured, we’ve cleaned wounds, we’ve treated lots and lots of bad eyes, headaches, dehydration and cuts—I mean, you never know what you’re going to see,” said Pastor Rich, who has led the trip for six years. “It’s not a specialized clinic; we treat whoever shows up. That’s our purpose: to give the students the experience of mission, of developing countries, of service, and of learning to be a critical thinker from a medical perspective.”

## Changing lives

“Not only did this trip provide an opportunity for me to spend time learning with my classmates and growing deeper in my faith, but it also allowed me to serve the people of Peru,”

said Merkel. “I feel the best spiritual connection to God when I am serving others. This trip gave me the chance to do this for people who really need the help.”

For PA student **Andre Orduna**, the trip may have had more of an effect on him than on the people he treated. “I went to Peru with the expectation of changing the lives of people in need, but I left with my own life changed. My eyes were opened, and I was extremely humbled as nearly every patient left thankful and with big smiles on their faces because their basic needs had been met.”

Kaylin Thurber is a senior at Union College.



Union PA student Jillian Peavy treats a Peruvian patient under the watchful eye of Kimber Boyko, a surgeon from Bismarck, North Dakota.



IRR STUDENTS DON'T  
JUST LEARN HOW TO  
SAVE LIVES—THEY  
ACTUALLY DO IT

# HOW TO SAVE A LIFE



**B**y the time the bus pulled up to the hospital in Puerto Cabezas, it was already 1:00 am. After five jolting hours on the worst roads imaginable—against all odds—the twins were still alive, their little chests fluttering like hummingbirds. The mother and father rushed into the emergency room, each clutching the body of a malnourished and dehydrated one-month-old. Behind them came the anxious tide of IRR and nursing students who had administered intravenous fluids and medication to the infants back at the rural outpost far removed from advanced medical treatment centers. By dawn the infant twins were stable. Three days later they had regained weight and color and were both crying loudly, their lungs strong.

“It was a miracle they survived,” said senior IRR-paramedic student **Brandon Peters**. “That experience changed me as a caregiver.”

Life-changing experiences come in many forms to international rescue and relief students: memorable lectures, provocative discussions, compelling textbooks.

But few classroom experiences can compare with the intense off-campus education IRR provides.

“In class, students learn all the pieces,” said director **Rick Young**. “We give them opportunities in the real world to put those pieces together.”

One of the most significant opportunities, and the one frequently cited by IRR graduates as their seminal bachelor’s degree experience, is the semester in Nicaragua. For four months, students divide their time between working with local ambulance and firefighter crews, operating rural medical clinics, and learning to survive adverse conditions in the jungle and the open ocean, among countless other experiences in the disciplines of medicine, development, rescue and survival.

“You can learn only so much in a classroom,” said Peters. “There’s another level to be reached when you participate in something as big as saving a life.”

A group of students boarded the bus to take the infants to the hospital when one of the babies quit responding, Peters recalled. “I

lost my ability to control my emotions because he wasn’t going to make it.”

Eventually they were able to start intravenous fluids and Peters gleaned a valuable lesson. “I’m learning to separate my emotions from my caregiving,” he said. “My responsibility is to support the people who need care.”

Few programs in the world provide students the raw exposure to caregiving that the Nicaragua trip does for IRR students. It offers demanding and up close opportunities in a range of disciplines set against the poverty and unfamiliarity of a third-world country—opportunities that many IRR graduates will continue to seek professionally.

“Anyone can travel,” Peters said. “What makes IRR special is that it combines travel with specific professional direction.”

## Off-campus learning in Lincoln

Not all off-campus opportunities require passports and immunizations. Locally, there’s the Red Cross Club, made up of 52 members—mostly IRR, nursing and social work students.

For one week every month, the club takes the lead responding to all disasters in Nebraska. Students sign up for shifts prepared to respond at all hours to tornados, flooding or house fires. “We intentionally partnered with the Red Cross to afford our students these practical experiences,” said Young. “They get to see how the real world operates.”

Peters recalled responding to a house fire late at night. The students distributed cold water and Gatorade to the exhausted firefighters emerging from the house and then met with the victims, a young family. The students gave food, clothes, and money to the recently homeless family, and received smiles and tears of gratitude in return.

“Just to be there and support people is a rewarding experience,” Peters said.

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# CLOSING THE DISTANCE

## What I learned as a student missionary in Kosrae

**Y**ou can't connect with people and make an impact on their lives when you hold them at arm's length. I learned that the hard way as a student missionary—and forced myself to leave my comfort zone in order to connect with my students during my year as a third grade teacher in Kosrae.

I was the new teacher and they missed their old teacher. And I didn't help matters much—I didn't try to hang out with them. When they attempted to joke with me, I shut down.

Everything began to change with one assignment. I asked my students, "What makes you afraid?"

One girl wrote, "When my dad spansks us, because he beats us so hard, and I start crying, and he wants to beat my sister. I want to protect her, and he

beats my brother, hits him on the head, hits him in the face."

When I decided to visit that girl's home, I discovered that she raises her two younger siblings, while her older brother goes off to play basketball—or he might occasionally take one of them with him. Our conversation consisted mostly of small talk—school, the day, her missing her old teacher. But then she asked, "Mr. Reeves, do you have different color blood?" I laughed, but she was very serious. "Do you have different color blood?" she asked again. She thought because of our different skin color I had a different blood color.

Her question made me realize that I had been distant from my kids the whole semester. Getting down to their level, communicating with them outside of school helped

changed things, and it changed me. In the beginning, I focused simply on teaching lessons. As the year went on, my focus began to shift toward helping them learn to be good at a given subject. Getting to know my students made me passionate about helping them understand the lesson, and that lessened the distance between us.

One great thing about God: sometimes He may not change the situation; He may only change your mindset. I know one thing for certain. I would never have grown to love my students if I hadn't followed God's prompting to get involved in their lives.

J-fiah Reeves is a junior theology major from Houston, Texas.



Steve Nazario/Union College

J-fiah Reeves is a junior theology major from Houston, Texas, who taught grades 3-5 at a school in Kosrae during the 2015-16 school year.

# MY PROBLEMS SEEM PRETTY SMALL



Courtesy Maile Hoffman

Maile Hoffman became a mother to a group of four- and five-year-old boys at the Hogar de Niños orphanage in Honduras during the 2015-16 school year.

**I**t is hard to hang out with kids at an orphanage and not view the world differently. When I felt the love of God poured out from them, it changed my perspective on life. Many of the kids I worked with in Honduras had been through horrible experiences—living on the streets and enduring rape. When I see them survive, and even thrive, I wonder how I can get upset about not passing a little test in school.

David came to our orphanage at age 11. There wasn't a spot for him with his age group, so they placed him with me. I was worried at

first about the age difference since I took care of four- and five-year-olds.

When David's mom left for Mexico and a better life, she dropped off David and his sister with their aunt. The aunt didn't want them, so she left them with other family members who didn't want them either. The two finally went to the police station, and a police officer called the orphanage.

Each child has a sponsor in the United States who helps support them. A few weeks later, David wrote to his sponsor, "I am David and I'm 11 years old, and I am here because no one wanted me

but I'm here and I'm happy."

I've never met a boy who had gone through what he had in his short life, yet he is able to give love—love that he didn't receive from his family. The joy he has is incredible. My problems are nothing in light of what he has experienced.

Maile Hoffman is a senior elementary education major from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



# BEYOND THE BOTTOM LINE

Students learn what really matters in business through internships at Adventist healthcare facilities

It was the first day of his summer internship at Texas Health Huguley Hospital Fort Worth South. **Spencer Way** '14 was walking down the pristine halls of the giant hospital with **Kent Tucker** who was then vice president for Ancillary Services. To Way's surprise, Tucker knew every single person they passed. He would ask, *How was your trip last weekend? Or, How is your sister doing?* During that two-hour tour, Tucker taught Way the most important thing about leadership that he would ever learn.

"People matter first and last," Way said of what he learned from Tucker.

Not only that, but Tucker picked up trash everywhere he walked on the hospital grounds. One day, Way asked Tucker why he did that, especially when there were others who were paid to keep the grounds clean. Tucker responded, "Everyone needs to pitch in, and it starts with me."

But Way's education in leadership began before his internship ever started. In his classes at Union, Way learned from finance professor **Kent Stahly** that a profession in managing wealth can lead to a purpose-driven life. **Barry Forbes**, chair of the Division of Business and Computer Science, connected Way to different people at Adventist Health System to inspire and

prepare him for a challenging and purpose-driven career.

"It really solidified my experience," Way said of the internship required of every business student at Union. After he interviewed for his internship at Adventist Health System, the director called to tell him they wanted him but his resume was a little boring. So the director asked, *What do you want?*

"I told him I wanted an internship that mirrors the residency program, because that's what I wanted to do after graduation," Way recalled. *Okay*, the director said, *I'll make some calls*. "I talked to hundreds of people that summer," Way remembers of his internship experience. "It was a tremendous opportunity to serve."

After his internship, Way landed a coveted residency position with Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver. By day he works at the hospital and by night he attends classes to earn an MBA at the University of Colorado. With only a few months left in the program, Way is looking forward to a lifetime of service in the healthcare industry.

"If Adventist Health System will have me, I'll stay as long as I can," Way says. "It is a privilege to work here."

## Bigger than the bottom line

Looking back, Way credits

his experience at Union College with forming the foundation necessary to excel in his career. He knew from the beginning of his freshman year that he wanted a career that challenged him intellectually while providing constant opportunities for growth and learning and, most importantly, the ability to make a difference. "I knew I wouldn't stick to a career that didn't have a purpose that was bigger than the bottom line."

Nevertheless, it wasn't always an easy journey. Way remembers in his college classes feeling frustrated with how many books he was required to read about ethics and service and the why of business. "I already get it!" he remembered thinking. "Why do they keep trying to sell this to me?"

And yet, Way claims that those same frustrating books on ethics helped form the most important component of his job today. And it's something he is extremely grateful for. "I rely on the moral compass that I developed at Union more than anything else," he maintains.

Reflecting on his daily work in the hospital, Way said one of the main challenges facing the healthcare industry today is the physical distance between the patients and those who make critical decisions affecting them. Without the daily interaction



Steve Nazario/Union College

When Spencer Way landed an internship at Adventist Health System while a student at Union College, he had every intention of turning it into a career.

with patients, Way said, it's easy to drift from their needs. And the only way to face that challenge is with a strong ethical foundation.

"I wouldn't be in this job now if it weren't for Union," Way declares. His search for a career started with values, and ultimately that is where his internship led him: service to something bigger than himself. "For that, I owe Union a deep debt of gratitude."

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# LA VIDA HOSTS 100-YEAR CELEBRATION OF NATIVE MINISTRIES

Brenda Dickerson



Special activities bring out creativity for students of all ages.

**L**a Vida Mission Church Outreach Department coordinated a Native camp meeting on Sept. 16-18 in celebration of 100 years of Adventist mission on Navajo land. The weekend event brought together nearly 150 people from across the U.S. to share stories, honor former leaders, enjoy a variety of music and food, and rejoice with those who were being baptized.

Guest speaker for the event, themed *Moving Forward with Jesus*, was **Pastor Monte Church**, Native Ministries director for the North Pacific Union Conference in Ridgefield, Washington. He shared how Native Ministries in the North Pacific, which have only been officially organized for 25 years, were inspired by the work at La Vida Mission. He also stated that other Christian denominations

are using the *Native New Day* Bible study guides written and used by Seventh-day Adventist Native Americans.

The praise team from La Vida Mission, located 55 miles outside Farmington, New Mexico on the Navajo Nation, led guests in singing hymns in both English and Navajo. The La Vida Family Choir, composed of the Mission Staff and its nearly 20 students in grades 1-10, joined in for the lively chorus of the theme song:

Forward! Forward! 'tis the Lord's command;

Forward! Forward! To the promised land.

Forward! Forward! Let the chorus ring:

We are sure to win with Christ, our King!

**Pastor Steve Gillham**, director of La Vida Mission, and his wife, **Carol**, gave a presentation on Friday evening titled *100 Years Back to the Future* that

shared the history of Native ministries in the Southwest. Other organizations represented at the centennial event were Holbrook Indian School and Chinle School in Arizona, Waterflow School, Gallup and Crownpoint Church in New Mexico, Monument Valley Mission in Southeastern Utah and Pine Ridge Mission in South Dakota.

**Ms. Dorie Panganiban**, school chaplain, community outreach coordinator and office manager, and her team prepared an ample supply and variety of food throughout the weekend for the guests, who ate in shifts in the school cafeteria to accommodate the large numbers.

Special activities for the children were organized by **April Wright**, **Dr. Clare Putman** and **Flor Caro**, while **Pastor Wayne Gayton**, **Stanley Gillham**, and **Pastor Yepsica**

**Moreno** coordinated activities for the teens. All the La Vida Mission staff and other volunteers were on hand to assist as needed during this historic celebration. **0**

Brenda Dickerson is editor of OUTLOOK magazine.



Guests, mission staff, volunteers and local church members gather to worship, learn and share stories.



# MID-AMERICA UNION LEADS THE WAY IN HISPANIC EVANGELISM

## Misión de compartir a Jesús corresponde al miembro de iglesia

- "El humilde y consagrado creyente sobre quien el Señor de la viña deposita preocupación por las almas, debe ser animado por los hombres a quienes Dios ha confiado mayores responsabilidades *(Los hechos de los apóstoles,*



**E**xcitement regarding evangelism in the Mid-America Hispanic churches has been growing dramatically within the last few months. **Elder Ernest Castillo**, vice president of the North American Division, announced at the NAD Hispanic coordinators' meeting in January, 2016, in Silver Spring, Maryland, that he desired to begin training one union per year in small group ministries evangelism patterned after the highly successful program of the Arizona Conference and the Pacific Union. The Mid-America Union was the first to be chosen for training.

On Sept. 21-24 all the Hispanic pastors of the Mid-America Union met at union headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska for training from top specialists: **Alejandro Bullon**, evangelist emeritus, South American Division; **Abimael Escalante**, Hispanic coordinator and director, **Obra Hispana** small group training guides, Arizona Conference; **Tony Anobile**, vp, Pacific Union; **Ruben Merino**, associate director, ESPERANZA TV; **Elden Ramirez**, director, Volunteer Missions, NAD; and **Homero Salazar**, pastor/musician,

Florida Conference.

On Friday evening and Sabbath over 350 elders, evangelism directors and young people from throughout the Mid-America Union joined the training in Woods Auditorium on the campus of Union College. Sabbath morning began with an inspiring challenge by Elder Castillo. After lunch, conferences met separately for strategic planning and development of over 300 small evangelism groups in homes and churches.

**Pastor Michael Shannon** of the Rocky Mountain Conference commented, "This is the best training I have ever attended." Members left inspired and instructed and ready to share the most important good news the world has ever heard. Be looking for significant church growth from Hispanic churches around the Mid-America Union, and thank you for keeping Hispanic evangelism in your thoughts and prayers. **U**

Hubert Cisneros is Church Ministries director for the Mid-America Union.





# MID-AMERICA UNION DELEGATES CONDUCT BUSINESS



Union College Unionaires opened the session with musical praise and worship.

Gwen Speak



Pablo Colindres

Elder Dan Jackson, NAD president, and Vinita Sauder, Union College president, shared information with nearly 290 delegates representing six conferences.

The eighth quinquennial Mid-America Union Constituency Session convened on Sunday, Sept. 11 in the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska for the purpose of receiving reports, celebrating accomplishments and voting church business.

The one-day session, themed *Collaborating for Ministry in the Heartland*, brought together nearly 290 delegates—representing 69,000 members in six conferences—to review and discuss the progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mid-America from 2011-2015.

The afternoon began with musical praise from the Union College Unionaires, led by **Dr. Ricky Little**. **Elder G. Alexander Bryant**, secretary of

the North American Division, shared a devotional thought based on Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman by a well. Bryant pointed out how she tried to elevate the question of where to worship to an inappropriately high level. Bryant challenged delegates to remain focused on the most important topics in church ministry.

During his president's report, **Elder Gary Thurber** thanked **Elder Tom Lemon** for his four years of leadership in the Mid-America Union before Lemon was called to serve at the General Conference in July 2015. Thurber also thanked the conference presidents for their leadership in Mid-America.

Elder Gil Webb, MAUC

vice president for administration, reported that Mid-America has seen slow but steady membership growth during the past five years, and **Troy Peoples**, vice president for finance, reviewed the union's fiscal records, showing moderate positive trends. **Vinita Sauder**, president of Union College, also shared a report, as did **Brad Forbes**, director of *AdventSource*, and **Ken Bacon**, representing Adventist Health System. **Tom Evans**, treasurer for the NAD, was also on hand to assist with proceedings.

Following a lively discussion, delegates rejected a proposed change to the union's constitution and bylaws that would have reduced the size of the

MAUC Executive Committee. Delegates strongly favored retaining a minimum of 30 members to ensure adequate representation.

**Daniel R. Jackson**, NAD president, led the Nominating Committee in conducting a thorough review of incumbent evaluations before receiving the recommendation that each be renominated. Delegates voted by generous majorities to elect all officers and departmental directors to another five-year term: Church/Youth Ministries, **Hubert Cisneros**; Communication, **Brenda Dickerson**; Education, **John Kriegelstein**; Human Resources, **Raylene Jones**; Ministerial, **Mic Thurber**; Women's Ministries, **Nancy Buxton**.

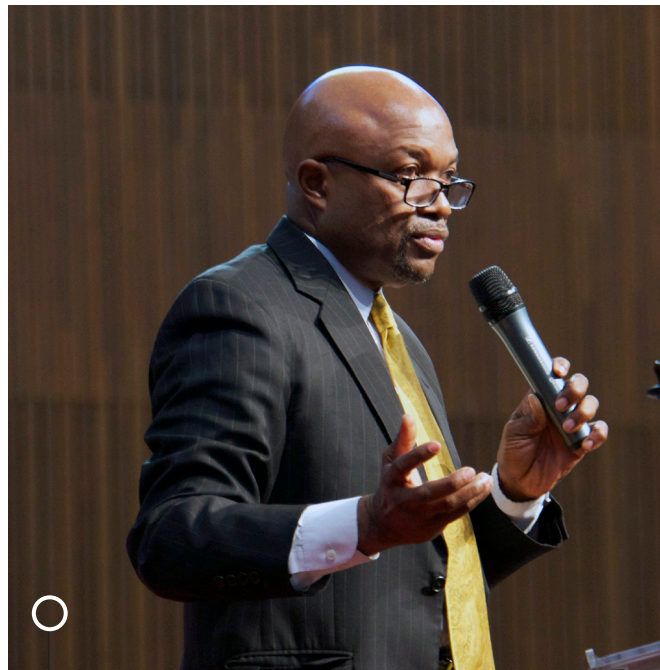




Mid-America Union Conference officers with their spouses (from left): Troy Peoples, vp for finance, Gary Thurber, president, Gil Webb, vp for administration. Front row: Karen Peoples, Diane Thurber, Patricia Webb.

On behalf of his team, Thurber thanked the delegates for their confidence, adding that it is a privilege to collaborate for ministry with the 556 churches and companies, 75 schools, nine summer camps, seven Adventist hospitals and countless community service centers across Mid-America territory. “As we think about the next five years, my challenge is that each of us will don the character of Christ in whatever place we find ourselves,” Thurber said. “That means we must spend more time with God. My prayer is that the Mid-America Union will become known as a union that reflects the character of Christ in all we do.”

Brenda Dickerson is communication director for the Mid-America Union.



In his message, Elder Alex Bryant called for unity in diversity of opinions.

## Mid-America Union Executive Committee for 2016-2021

- Ken Bacon
- Ed Barnett
- Steve Bascom
- Cedric Belcher
- Roger Bernard
- Neil Biloff
- Nancy Buxton
- Marilyn Carlson
- Ron Carlson
- Dean Coridan
- Morre Dean
- Brad Forbes
- Michael Halfhill
- Dan Hanson
- Joann Herrington
- Darrel Huenergardt
- Josh Huenergardt
- Roger Larsen
- Justin Lyons
- Sam Miller
- Eric Mokua
- Wayne Morrison
- Troy Peoples
- Darrin Purdy
- Vinita Sauder
- Diane Thurber
- Gary Thurber
- Carol Turk
- Gil Webb
- Dwayne Williams
- Beverly Wombold

To view reports go to [vimeo.com/myoutlookmag.org](http://vimeo.com/myoutlookmag.org).

# Northside Church Holds Emotional Wellness Weekend



The Northside Church recently hosted an emotional wellness weekend, coordinated by Health Ministry leader, **Romalyn Earvin**. The theme for this power-packed weekend was *Just Because I Look Ok, Doesn't Mean I Am*. **Pastor Cedric Belcher** kicked off the events on Friday evening with an enlightening sermonette titled *Smiling Faces, Bleeding Hearts*. The church was challenged by Pastor Belcher's charge to provide a safe haven for fellow members who are hurting emotionally. The message prompted deep discussion exploring various approaches of healing that would encourage and protect parishioners seeking support.

The next day, Belcher presented a gripping sermon titled *Somebody Dropped Me*. The message helped individuals deal with emotional scars caused by those in the past

who failed to be loving caregivers. He used the story of Mephibosheth in 2 Sam. 9 as the basis for his sermon. The following three points were highlighted:

- 1) You cannot be who you are supposed to be until you let go of who you used to be.
- 2) Sitting at the King's table may change your position but not necessarily your condition.
- 3) No matter how crippled you may be emotionally, there is a King who is looking for you.

**Dr. Sonya Belcher** ended the emotional wellness weekend by reminding us that what we see on the outside doesn't always reflect the inner turmoil. The riveting account of her presentation debunked myths about going to a counselor as well as myths regarding the counseling profession in general.

The emotional wellness weekend was impactful, humbling and spirit filled. "I hope the program removed negative feelings toward seeking professional counseling and eventually removes the stigma associated with it," says Earvin.

The Northside Church would like to thank the Health Ministry team for allowing God to inspire them to choose emotional wellness as this year's theme. We are also thankful for their inspiration to select the powerful husband/wife team: our own Pastor Cedric and Dr. Sonya Belcher.

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Lynnette Williamson is communication coordinator for Northside Church.

## CSC Personnel Updates

### New Pastors

**Abraham Henry**  
New Beginnings in Wichita, KS

**Rene Marquez**  
Aurora West & Life House in Denver, CO

**Jadon Miller**  
Palace of Peace & Claremont in Colorado Springs & Pueblo, CO

**Jonathan Fields**  
Ebenezer & New Life in Minneapolis, MN

**Dion Henry**  
Beacon Light in Kansas City, MO (beginning Nov. 1)

### Newly Retired Pastor

**Elder Reuben Roundtree**  
*We would like to thank him for his 35 years of service to Central States Conference.*

### New Teachers

**John Williams**  
Lead Teacher at V. Lindsay SDA School

**Cabrina Clark**  
Upper Grade Teacher at St. Louis Unified SDA School

**Carla Drake**  
Lead Teacher at St. Louis Unified SDA School

### New Appointments

**Elder Tonya Anderson**  
Stewardship Director of CSC Treasury Department: Wills and Trusts Service

**Pastor Claval Hunter**  
Community Services

**Pastor Bryan Mann**  
Men's Ministries

**Pastor Cryston Josiah and Pastor Roger Bernard**  
Sabbath School

**Pastor Tomas DeGyves**  
Hispanic Coordinator

**Pastor Darriel Hoy** *assisting Pastor James White*  
Disaster Relief

**Kimberly Douglas**  
Superintendent of Education *part-time*

**Pastor Cryston Josiah**  
Public Affairs & Religious Liberty

**CSC Administration**  
Van Ministry



# Boston Street Hosts Children's Story Concert with Tim Olaore



Olaore has a gift for bringing the stories to life and giving kids of all ages knowledge through drama

With props, songs and a decked out stage, **Tim Olaore** offers fun and adventure through classic Bible stories in a way you've never heard them before. Olaore has a gift for bringing the stories to life and giving kids of all ages knowledge through drama. "I'm just a kid with a beard, so I tell stories the way I'd like to hear them! People constantly tell me I have a gift, so by God's grace, I don't want to be a bad steward of the allotted talent He's given me," says Olaore.

The Boston Street Church in Aurora, Colorado recently provided a venue for Olaore to use his gift by sharing stories about four characters: Hannah, the Good Samaritan, Samuel (the "King Picker" AKA Agent Sam Well) and the 10 lepers who were

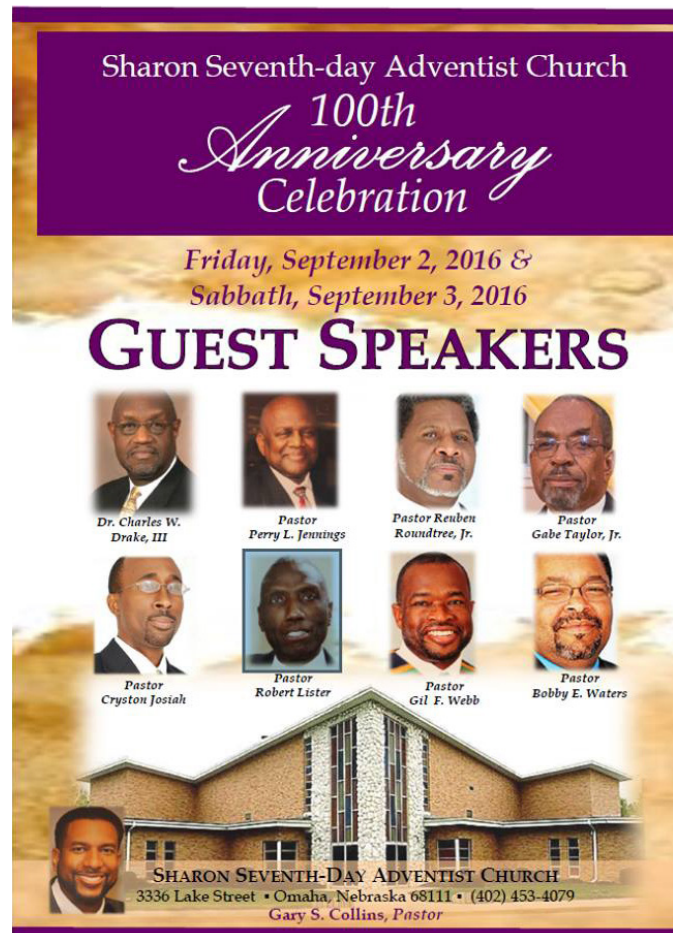
healed. Interactive songs were incorporated throughout the production and the moral was summarized at the end of each story. Olaore teaches a chant called *Show Me Your Power* that is a kid favorite. Several children in attendance said they loved the stories and couldn't wait to bring their friends to the next concert.

If you would like your church to enjoy a high quality Children's Story Concert that will not only engage all the senses, but also generate an excitement for the Bible, contact 720.625.2338 or timothyolaore@gmail.com.

All donations to this ministry help sponsor a family desiring Christian education.

Brittany Winkfield is communication director for the Central States Conference.

# Sharon Church Celebrates 100 Years



It was a high day in Zion on Sept. 2-3 as Sharon Church in Omaha, Nebraska celebrated 100 years of ministry. Featured guest pastors and musicians included Manel Phiseme, Swehla Hunt, Highly Favored and Dewayne Woods. The planning committee thanks everyone for every contribution, prayer and support for this day and encourages continued prayer for our churches, our pastors and their families, our communities and this world. As we thank our Heavenly Father for bringing us thus far, we can say that this was a 100-year celebration that will not be forgotten.

# Dakota Adventist Cemeteries Tell Tales

Jacquie Biloff



Leola (Long Lake) Adventist Cemetery is one of many in the Dakota Conference.

**A**dventist churches were first planted in Dakota Territory during the 1860s. As evangelistic work continued through the statehoods of North and South Dakota in the early 1900s, Adventist churches continued to sprout up in various locations. However, denominations from which Adventist converts left were no longer amiable to allowing deceased Adventists to be buried in their cemeteries, so it became necessary for each Adventist church to have its own burial plots.

As demographics have gradually changed through the years from rural to urban, small towns and churches have suffered; many rural Adventist churches have closed or moved to more heavily populated areas. The associated cemeteries—whether currently beside a church or not—are part of the Dakota heritage and have tales to tell.

The small community of Kulm, North Dakota has three Adventist cemeteries—the

Little Kulm, the Old Kulm and the Kulm Cemetery—because the church was moved three times. Members **Lenhardt** and **Darlene Kungel** even have a story to go with the burial grounds:

“A man involved in three deaths, including his own, needed to be buried. Neither the Baptists nor the Lutherans wanted to inter the murderer so the Adventists buried him in their cemetery. The reason the Adventists took him is because he was related to one of the Adventist members, a second cousin to Mrs. Fred Grenz.

“The murderer was married and had a baby girl, who was later adopted by a couple in Minneapolis. We don’t know if he had more children or what happened to his wife.

“By 2003, this baby girl had grown up. She drove to North Dakota with the intent of finding her father’s grave. When she arrived in Edgeley, a funeral procession was making its way through town, so she

followed it. At the graveside she asked around about her father. She was told to contact us, members of the Kulm Adventist Church.

“When Dobbler’s (the murderer) adult daughter called, we told her where the grave site was and gave directions for how to get there. She wanted to know why her dad committed the murders. She was raised by great parents and had a wonderful life but had always wondered about her heritage. She wanted the truth with nothing held back. We told her the story, as we knew it. From then on there were flowers at Mr. Dobbler’s grave every year until around 2013. No one remembers the daughter’s name but we now fear she is no longer alive or able to visit the grave.”

## Showing kindness

In Hebron, North Dakota, with a population of 721, the Hebron Adventist Cemetery is one of six cemeteries. According to longtime resident **Sheldon Fisher**, a couple with two young boys moved to the area for work in the 1990s. Their sons were playing on the ice the winter of 1995 when the nine-year-old broke through and drowned. Because the family did not attend any of the local churches, a burial was denied by all of the other denominations’ cemeteries.

The funeral home director called **Jerry Chase**, sexton of the Adventist cemetery to ask if the boy, Justin Hulm, could

be buried in the Adventist cemetery. Jerry said he was sure it would be fine and conferred with **Ivan Sievers** and Sheldon Fisher, elders of the church, who both agreed. The little grave is well cared for and often has flowers at its base.

Another family, with a son in this cemetery, had twin boys who contracted polio on the same day in the 1940s. One of the boys, Tommy Kearnes, died and the other lost the use of one arm. The living twin did not let his disability deter him. He became a teacher, taught locally for several years and then became a university history professor.

In the Bowdon Country Adventist Cemetery is buried the infamous outlaw Gordon Kahl. Several books, a documentary and a movie have been produced about his escapades.

Within the last few years a couple from the Lutheran faith were buried in the Robinson Adventist Cemetery. Because there was no sign on the cemetery, they had no idea it was an Adventist cemetery. Afterward, when the family learned of it, they were horrified and illegally posted a large metal sign incorrectly identifying the cemetery as Frettim Prairie Cemetery.

Witnessing happens in many ways. May the stories our cemeteries tell be tales of kindness.

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Jacquie Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.



# Picnic Tradition Holds Strong

Photos: Jacquie Biloff



Aug. 13, 2016, marked the 50th year of the Max-Butte-Turtle Lake district churches annual picnic, which was held this year at the Fahlgren Park at Fort Mandan in Washburn, North Dakota. This is the continuation of the district's annual outing previously held at the Riverdale Park until the flood of 2011 destroyed the park. Julie Brude's parents, Sam and Ruth Timothy, initiated the tradition the summer of 1966.

A large number attended and enjoyed Sabbath school by Dwight Duke, a church sermon by Elder Neil Biloff, and a musical program in the afternoon by members of One Hope, which included Dan Spilovoy, Jodi Dossenko, Elder Harold Chin and pianist Arlo Heinrich. Education superintendent Gerard Ban offered a prayer of dedication and thanksgiving for all elementary and secondary teachers present. Two covered areas provided shade, one for the church service and the other for food and fellowship afterward.

## Dakota Men's Retreat



**March 10 -12, 2017**

**Ramkota Hotel  
Aberdeen, SD**

[www.dakotaadventist.org](http://www.dakotaadventist.org)

# Iowa-Missouri Re-elects Conference Officers and Departmental Directors



Randy Hamdierks

All three of Iowa-Missouri's officers were elected to continue in their respective roles for another term. Pictured with their spouses (l-r) Robert Wagley, executive secretary; Peggy Wagley, administrative assistant to the president and ministerial/evangelism departments; Gail Coridan, women's/health ministries director and prayer coordinator; Dean Coridan, president; Rhonda Karr, treasurer; Ron Karr.

The 10th regular constituency session of the Iowa-Missouri Conference and Conference Association convened on Sunday, Sept. 25, at Sunnysdale Adventist Academy for the purpose of receiving reports and conducting church business. There were 390 delegates present, representing the conference's nearly 12,000 members.

**Gil Webb**, Mid-America Union vice president for administration, shared a devotional from Mark 1 and 2 highlighting what it means to follow Jesus and what it takes to become effective fishers of men. He shared examples from the Bible illustrating why Jesus' ministry was so successful. "He taught, touched, and tabernacled with them," Webb said. "Follow Jesus. Teach others

about Jesus. Tabernacle with others like Jesus. And then teach them to do the same."

Before giving his report, president **Dean Coridan** recognized **Robert Peck** for his many years of service to the Adventist Church and to the Iowa-Missouri Conference, for which Peck received a standing ovation from the delegates. Peck, who retired in August, had served as the conference's executive secretary (vice president for administration) since 2006.

In his report, Coridan shared what he believes are the most important areas of focus for the current quinquennium: big city evangelism, refugee ministry, and education. "There are more than 3 million people in St. Louis, another 1.5 million in Kansas City, and over 500,000 in the Des Moines area," he

said. "We have to make reaching these cities a top priority." Shifting focus to refugee ministries he added, "The Midwest is now the number one entry point for refugees coming to this country. God has brought the world mission field right to us."

Referencing the world church's Total Member Involvement initiative, he emphasized how the future of Adventist education in the conference depends upon the participation of every member. "We don't just need a large gift from a generous donor or two," he said. "We need 12,000 people giving 1 percent of their income on a consistent basis to the Combined Youth Ministry fund." Coridan made a motion that the delegates reaffirm with a vote the commitment the conference made in recent years to not turn away any child from one of its schools based solely on a lack of finances. The motion was quickly seconded and voted, passing by a considerable margin.

Following reports from Coridan, conference treasurer **Rhonda Karr**, and executive secretary **Robert Wagley**—who had previously been named executive secretary following Peck's retirement—all three were elected to serve another term. All departmental directors were also elected to serve again in their respective roles.

Other items of business included election of executive committee members,

association board and the constitution and bylaws committee, as well as acceptance of proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws.

Randy Hamdierks is communication director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

## A Legacy of Service

Robert Peck began his nearly five-decade career in ministry as a student literature evangelist in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. Throughout the 1970s he pastored in Colorado, Texas and Missouri, joining the Missouri Conference as executive secretary, ministerial and lay activities director in 1978.

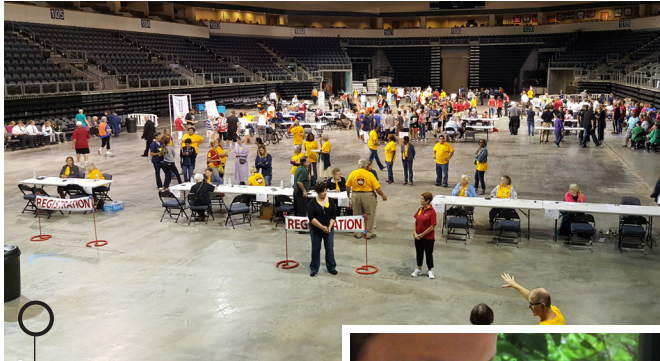
From 1980-1983 he served as secretary of the newly-merged Iowa-Missouri Conference before accepting a call to serve overseas as president of the Rwanda Union Mission (1984-1990) and Sahel Union Mission (1990-1992).

Peck served as president of the Dakota and Alaska conferences during the remainder of the 1990s before coming back to the Iowa-Missouri Conference as pastor of the Sedalia district in 1999 and then evangelism coordinator, ministerial and religious liberty director for the conference in 2004. He served as executive secretary, global mission and stewardship director from 2006 until his retirement in August.



# National Care Exercise Held in Kansas City

Photo courtesy Jody Dickhaut



Tyler Anderson, assistant program director of International Rescue and Relief at Union College, applies moulage makeup to an evacuee role player.

specially trained and exceedingly important. There are only 50 operators nationwide, and 12 of them are in the Kansas City area. **Beverly VonHolt** from the ACSDR team was the operator for the unaccompanied minors. She patiently worked to gather all the information possible from the minors who played their parts at being scared and confused by everything that they had gone through since the earthquake.

## Shelter and Distribution Centers

Shuttle services were provided to evacuees needing shelter. There was even one for families with pets. At the shelter, evacuees were provided with meals, medicine and all necessary first aid after further evaluation. Volunteers had prepared cots and provided stuffed animals for small children, making the shelter as comfortable as possible.

A distribution site was set up at the Lowes store in Independence, with provisions such as tarps, water, food and clothing. Many volunteers took a day off work while some took their children out of class and a few even closed their businesses to participate, demonstrating how vital the need is to be prepared for a New Madrid earthquake.

Kristy McClenagan is a member of the Independence (MO) Church and a volunteer for the National Care Exercise.

Staff volunteers, including those representing ACSDR in bright gold shirts, guide evacuee role players through the various stations of assistance during the National Mass Care Exercise held in Kansas City in August.



Kristy McClenagan

In August more than 800 volunteers came together with the Independence and Jackson County, Missouri Office of Emergency Management, Adventist Community Services Disaster Response, The American Red Cross, Salvation Army and other volunteer organizations for a national mass care exercise in Kansas City. Volunteers included more than 100 Adventists from the Iowa-Missouri, Central States and Kansas-Nebraska conferences, as well as the entire senior class from Sunnysdale Adventist Academy.

The exercise, the largest of its kind ever conducted in Missouri, was based on a realistic scenario severe earthquake along the New Madrid

fault zone that stretches across southeastern Missouri, north-eastern Arkansas, western Tennessee, western Kentucky, and southern Illinois.

Evacuee role players were given detailed back stories including names, where they were from and how they ended up in Kansas City, their primary modes of transportation, types of injuries and any medications needed, and whether or not they had been separated from family and/or pets. Moulage artist **Tyler Anderson**, assistant program director of international rescue and relief at Union College, provided the role players with realistic-looking wounds.

Volunteer workers were broken into different stations.

Greeters and screeners assessed immediate needs with care and compassion. Ambassadors assisted the evacuees by pushing wheelchairs or helping them get to the next station or to medical care.

## NMETS Tracking System

After being sent to the various stations, evacuees would reach the National Mass Evacuation Tracking System operator. At this station, the evacuees' information is added to a national database that tracks where they came from, any possessions they have, as well as family members and pets in case they have been separated. The system also keeps track of where the evacuee is going.

NMETS operators are

# Thunder in the Holy Land Makes Bible Studies Easy

Courtesy Chapel Oaks Church



Pastor Mike Fenton baptizes Aaron and Kyleen Sams as a result of the *Thunder in the Holy Land* series.

**T**hunder in the Holy Land is a series of 26 video Bible studies created to help make every member effective in sharing their faith. The series is young adult oriented, relational based, interactive, lay involved and pastor-centered (meaning a pastor can be edited into the series as the narrator and lead teacher). In this way members can lead Bible studies with the pastor as the lead teacher in the video series. Members can then invite people with whom they are studying to church or to an evangelistic series to see their pastor in person.

Pastor Charles Byrd created the *Thunder* series, filmed on location in the Holy Land. Printed lessons accompany the series to spark discussion and explore the implications of the truth and integrate them into peoples' lives.

Three conference pastors have been edited into the *Thunder in the Holy Land* series: **Birger Draget** (Wichita Three Angels, Wichita, KS), **Mike Fenton** (Chapel Oaks, Shawnee, KS) and **Michael Halfhill** (Piedmont Park, Lincoln, NE).

Chapel Oaks, in the greater Kansas City area, is using *Thunder in the Holy Land* as an integral part of their evangelism. Pastor Fenton says, "Members are reminded weekly that they have at least eight people in their circle of influence at any given time that they can be praying for and seeking opportunities to share Jesus. *Thunder in the Holy Land* is a great resource to use with people as God opens their hearts." Members have witnessed five baptisms as a result of the series.

The Wanamaker Church

in Topeka, Kansas has been using the *Thunder* series with Mike Fenton. Each Thursday for eight weeks, **Pastor George Goddard** presented the series at the local YMCA. Members and non-members have been using the series in their homes. All this has resulted in four baptisms. "The *Thunder* series has proven to be an effective tool for individual and small group studies. It's something that members can use to reach neighbors and friends, requiring minimal training and preparation. Our hope is that as more members see the results, they will be willing to try it themselves," says Pastor Goddard.

At Piedmont Park Church, 54 sets have been ordered by members who want their own personal *Thunder* DVD series to use, as well as by several community members who have requested the series for study. Pastor Halfhill shares, "The Nebraska City, Fairfield and Hastings churches have also purchased the *Thunder* DVD sets for use in their communities. I am planning to visit their churches to train them in using *Thunder* and then we will have reaping meetings when they have individuals ready for baptism."

Pastor Birger Draget at the Wichita Three Angels Church feels that the *Thunder* series is unique because it immediately taps into how people think and feel about the material

that is being presented. The study guides open up honest discussion. He says, "After more than a year of using *Thunder in the Holy Land* at the church, I can attest to the fact that this series has proven to be a valuable witnessing tool in the hands of church members who otherwise would have little interest in giving personal Bible studies. It is amazing in its simplicity and ability to engage people—and so far at least seven individuals have been baptized as a direct result of the *Thunder* series, with many more studying." He has seen nonmembers inviting family and friends to participate in the series. One church member has a group of 35 Filipino-American Catholics with whom she is sharing the series.

With minimal training almost anyone can give an effective Bible study using *Thunder in the Holy Land*. **Virgil Covel**, ministerial director for the conference says, "I have found *Thunder in the Holy Land* to be an important tool for reaching our conference for Jesus. It empowers our church members and connects the community to our local churches."

Stories by Stephanie Gottfried, publications director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



# Chadron Reaches Out Through Supper Clubs

Courtesy Chadron Church



Members of the Chadron Church in the panhandle of Nebraska believe that ministering to their community is important. After completing CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) and Depression Recovery programs, they chose to follow up with Supper Clubs. Once a month church members

Community members enjoy supper and a short health message at the Chadron Church in Nebraska.

prepare a themed meal and invite anyone in the community who is interested in living a healthy lifestyle. The most recent Supper Club had 50 attendees.

**Pastor Mark Magnusson** says, “The purpose of the Supper Club is to reach out into our community and advocate a healthy lifestyle. Our hope is that we can show people in our community a Christ who cares. We hope the Supper Clubs will help create a good name for the Adventist Church in Chadron and lead people to Christ, which is our main purpose behind everything we do.”

## New Associate Treasurer

Stephanie Gottfried



**Cassi Cox**, senior accountant for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference since 2012, was voted to serve as the associate treasurer at a recent Conference Executive Committee meeting.

After receiving her bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Union College, Cox earned a master’s in business administration from Bellevue University.

While at Union, Cassi worked at AdventSource in the production and shipping department. After graduation

she transitioned into a full time job as an accountant.

The major responsibilities of her current position are payroll, insurance (property and liability), accounts payable and oversight of church and school audits.

**Darin Gottfried**, vice president for finance, says, “Cox has been an integral part of the treasury team. I’m excited to see her step into this new role and take on more responsibility.”

Stories by Stephanie Gottfried, publications director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

## Venden Presents Series at Overland Park

Timothy Floyd



On Aug. 26 the New Haven Adventist Church in Overland Park, Kansas launched a series of meetings presented by **Pastor Lee Venden** titled *The Revelation of Whom?* The meetings, which ran until Sept. 3, focused on the book of Revelation, and people from all corners of the Kansas City area attended. Each evening meeting started with a meal provided and prepared by volunteers. Eating together

before each gathering contributed to the sense of community that was experienced during the week.

At each presentation Pastor Venden preached from the book of Revelation, highlighting core themes and beliefs and sharing how and where Jesus could be found in each topic. One member shared, “Pastor Venden brought life to the beliefs I have been taught my whole life.”

The meetings were well attended and New Haven is excited to continue sharing Jesus with all who walked through the doors during the series and will continue to be a place where all people can experience the revelation of Jesus.

Kyle Smith serves as youth pastor at New Haven Church in Overland, Kansas.

# How to Give More Than You Have

Photos: Courtesy, Minnesota Conference



Doug English

A faithful member in a rural church knew that it was important to have a plan for her possessions. When we can't use our belongings anymore, they have to go somewhere. Choosing to exercise her right to decide for herself what should happen to her assets, she contacted the Gift Planning and Trust Services Department of the Minnesota Conference.

That phone call resulted in a nearly unbelievable miracle.

After consulting with **Justin Lyons**, who was director of the department at that time, she elected to place a modest sum in a Charitable Gift Annuity. The money would be invested for her, she would receive an income stream for the rest of her life, and anything left over would go to the Lord's work and specifically to the projects she chose.

The Charitably Gift Annuity, or CGA, can be a wise investment because it never stops paying back to the donor. You cannot outlive the principle in a CGA. It allows you to receive an income for life and support the missions about which you are most passionate.

Once the CGA was established, this faithful member began receiving checks. For the rest of her life, the checks arrived on time, and the amount never diminished. She never had to worry about

changing rates, falling markets or her account running dry because a CGA keeps on paying out as directed.

The miracle came some years after she set up her CGA. As mentioned earlier, it was a rather modest amount: \$10,000. But when this member passed away, her CGA returned \$10,759 to be divided among her favorite institutions in the Minnesota Conference.

Yes, you read that correctly. She gave \$10,000, from which she received an income stream for the rest of her life, and THEN it provided more than the original gift amount for the Lord's work. I suppose you can work it all out on a calculator, but I think Ellen White explains it best: "The little that is wisely and economically used in the service of the Lord of heaven will increase in the very act of imparting" (*Desire of Ages* 371).

Of course, while the payout to the donor is guaranteed in a CGA, there is never any

guarantee for that kind of a payout to the charity. In fact, it is a rarity, which is why I have applied the label miracle to this case. But it does provide an illustration of several truths: God honors the efforts of the faithful; God uses us as His agents in providing support of the mission; and from time to time, God demonstrates His sovereignty over all things in ways we are not expecting.

There are many places you can invest your money that will provide a return to you. But how many will provide a return while also supporting the mission of the church? Everyone needs a plan. Call today to see how your plan can provide for you, your heirs and the Lord's work: 763.424.8923.

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Doug English is director of Gift Planning and Trust Services for the Minnesota Conference.

## Mauk to Serve as Conference VP for Finance



Dwayne Mauk

The Minnesota Conference unanimously extended an invitation to **Dwayne Mauk** to serve as vice president for finance during their Sept. 20

Board of Trustees meeting. Mauk, who has been serving as associate treasurer, will continue with the fiscally conservative policies established by former vice president for finance, **Reggie Leach**.

Born and raised in Oregon, Mauk worked as a volunteer at Pine Ridge Mission in South Dakota from 1984-1995. He then worked for the Dakota Conference from 1995-1998, first as a junior accountant and then as the head accountant. In 1998 he accepted a call to serve as vice president for

finance for Dakota Adventist Academy, a position he held until 2005 when he moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to work with Christian Record Services for the Blind as assistant treasurer. There he met **Melisa Welch**, whom he married on June 1, 2007, shortly after he accepted a call to the Minnesota Conference. Mauk has since worked as assistant treasurer and then as associate treasurer.

Dwayne and Melisa both hold a passion for the people in the State of Minnesota. Dwayne says, "I strongly believe

that if we do our job right, then it makes it easier for the people in the field to do their job right. It is both humbling and awe-inspiring to see such a diverse conference moving forward toward heaven as one." Melisa works in the conference office as an administrative assistant for the Education and Ministerial departments and also helps the Communication Department. We wish Dwayne all the best in this new role!

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Brian Mungandi is outgoing communication director for the Minnesota Conference.



# Who Was Muhammad?

New book by  
Pastor Doug Hardt



Doug Hardt

wanted to share the knowledge I received as I studied this issue more,” Hardt said. “I want readers, whether or not they believe Muhammad was of God, to at least be able to evaluate him more in the context of his day and based on what the Quran actually teaches versus on the myths and stories that are circulating about him in the West.”

Hardt, a graduate of Union College, continued, “Like it or not, he is one of the most influential people who has ever lived, so it behooves our church to study his life and teaching. There was a dearth of material on him and on the Quran from an Adventist prophetic perspective, so I wanted at least one book that examines his life and teachings from our perspective.”

*Who Was Muhammad?* presents a study of the life and times of Muhammad from a historical standpoint. Hardt then takes readers through an in-depth study of the Quran and Muhammad’s teachings in comparison to the teachings of the Bible.

*Who Was Muhammad?* is published by TEACH Services, and is available through the publisher’s Web site ([www.TEACHServices.com](http://www.TEACHServices.com)), Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or local bookstores by request.

Alison Lopez-Ramirez works with TEACH Services, an Adventist publisher based in Georgia.

**D**oug Hardt, pastor of the Iron Range district in Minnesota, has recently published a book titled *Who Was Muhammad? An Analysis of the Prophet of Islam in Light of the Bible and the Quran*.

Hardt has been serving as a pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 20 years, eight of which were in a predominantly Muslim region of the world where Hardt learned much about Muhammad and the Quran. His newfound knowledge prompted him to write this book in an effort to help Adventists understand their Muslim relatives, who are part of the second largest religion in the world.

“I personally learned so much as I lived in a predominantly Muslim region of the world, worked with Muslims, and studied the Quran that I

# Carlson to Serve as Conference HR and Communication Director



Savannah B. Carlson

**T**he Minnesota Conference Board voted on Sept. 20 to ask **Savannah B. Carlson** to serve as Human Resources director and Communication director. Carlson graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, with degrees in business administration and communication. As a student, she was a member of the National Who’s Who Honor Society and editor-in-chief for the Union College newspaper during 2010-11.

Carlson brings valuable experience and a track record of success to the Minnesota Conference. She previously served as office manager and registrar for Atlanta North School in Dunwoody, Georgia, and as a talent consultant in Human Resources at Park Ridge

Health in Hendersonville, North Carolina. In December 2012 she received a Service Excellence Award.

“We are confident that Savannah will bring the same energy and devotion to her responsibilities as Human Resources director as she has in her previous administrative assistant role within the conference,” said **Justin Lyons**, conference president. “Savannah is also an excellent writer, and we are please that she has accepted to serve as communication director, relieving **Brian Mungandi** who remains in his present role as vice president for administration and Sabbath school director.”

Brian Mungandi is outgoing communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

## First Joint Retreat of RMC's Indonesian Adventists Held in Colorado



Barry Manembu

VicLouis Arreola III, director of the North American Division Asian/Pacific Ministries, challenges members to plant more Indonesian churches.

Nearly 200 members from RMC's Indonesian community held their first joint retreat Aug. 12-14 at the Ramada Inn in Glenwood Springs.

Made up of three churches—Colorado Indonesian-American, First Denver Indonesian, and Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American—they chose as their theme Unity in Christ, based on the text, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" from Psalm 133:1.

**Ronald Ranggung**, president of Manado and North Maluku Conference in Eastern Indonesia Union, emphasized the importance of being united in Christ's suffering while **Nestor Soriano**, Campion Academy associate pastor and speaker for the youth program, suggested that to be united in Christ, we must first be united to Christ.

**Dr. VicLouis Arreola III**, director of the North American Division Asian/

Pacific Ministries, challenged listeners to not only serve their immediate community, but to expand and plant more Indonesian churches in North America. One Christian pastor, attending from abroad, said she would love to be baptized and accept the Adventist faith, especially after attending the retreat.

Presented by a group from Colorado Indonesian-American Church, retreat music featured a kolintang, or a traditional Indonesian pitched percussion musical instrument.

"I am happy to be here," Dr. Arreola remarked at the end of the conference, "and see that church members have worked [together] to create this event. We will continue to support the Indonesian convocation in any way we can."

Barry Manembu is a member of the Colorado Indonesian-American Church.

## Aspen Park Church Shares Story of Match Made in Heaven



Thirza Powell

Aspen Park Church holds a baptism on the church's lawn.

Matches made in heaven are not always of the romantic kind. Take, for instance, the connection formed between members of the Aspen Park Church and their neighbors—**Dick and Marti Wooton**. Their relationship began in 2007 when the Wootons moved into the house across the street from the Seventh-day Adventist church in Conifer.

Church members stopped by to greet them with a basket of goodies and an invitation to their Thanksgiving meal. Since Marti had recently had hip replacement surgery, two church members found a wheelchair to transport her to the church.

Many other invitations ensued and Marti and Dick found themselves attending summer games, sitting around a campfire listening to banjo music and enjoying times of prayer.

When Marti and Dick moved to the Limon area for several years, they lost touch with the Aspen Park Church members, but thought of them often. Immediately upon their return to Conifer, Dick was diagnosed with Parkinson's. It was a

difficult time for both of them.

A member of the women's Bible study group, **Charlene Kinney**, knocked on Marti's door one day to invite her to the Tuesday morning Bible study. An immediate connection formed between Marti and Charlene. "During those Bible studies I connected with some of the sweetest souls I have ever known," says Marti.

Returning home from church one Sabbath, Marti discovered that Dick had fallen. Unable to help him up, she called paramedics who arrived just a few minutes before **Pastor Ron and Dani Spurling**.

Since Dick was unable to do yard work that summer, two church members took over the care of their yard.

Marti faithfully attends the women's Bible study and takes part in the church service by playing the piano and sharing special music. "What a joy it's been," says Charlene, "to know Marti and see her love for Jesus."

Carol Bolden, administrative assistant for communication, worked with Marti Wooton and Charlene Kinney while writing this article.



# Dream Turns to Reality for Mile High Student

Rajmund Dabrowski



Miguel Weckman shares his story in Mile High Academy's lobby.

**M**iguel Weckman sees possibilities everywhere he looks.

Born in Mexico, he came to the United States when he was three years old. The intervening years saw him living in Wyoming, New Mexico, Denver and Mexico again.

Returning to the United States after his last stint in Mexico was a challenge. "Mexico is like a third-world country," he explains, so "it was difficult to adapt." He had to adjust to a second language again and the schools he'd attended held varying levels of scholastic standards. Add to that the three months he spent out of school, recuperating from a vehicle accident and it becomes easier to understand his frustration. "But I tried hard," he exclaims.

In Denver, he was attending the KIPP Collegiate High School, a tuition-free, college-preparatory public charter high school in Southwest Denver, ranked 1 of 43 high schools in the Denver public schools when his cousin, **Julio Chavez**, a recent graduate of Mile High Academy, told him he should try to get into MHA.

Miguel is a fourth-generation

Adventist, so he knew about Mile High Academy, but had never considered attending. Besides, he didn't have the money for such a venture. But something clicked and he determined he would do whatever it took to be a student there.

"I see things as reachable always," Miguel says as a way of explaining why he spent his summer earning money to go to school instead of, like many teenagers, earning money to buy a car.

Working for a landscaping company, he put in 60-hour weeks hauling wheelbarrows full of sand, planting and cutting grass and beautifying landscapes.

Making \$12 an hour, he was able to amass enough money to pay his registration fees and first month at MHA. "My mom always told me to trust God," Miguel explains and then adds, "She told me to be a good boy and to be respectful." His soft-spoken greeting and friendly handshake showed that he has listened well to his mother's admonitions.

The hard work for Miguel isn't over yet. His school days begin at 9:30 am and finish at 3:30 pm. He practices with

Mile High's soccer team from 4-6 pm. and is looking for a new job to fill the rest of his evening. He thinks five hours a day should about do it. He has heard that Denver's Porter Hospital hires young people to serve food to their patients and that's the job he's going for.

"I'm a dream big type of guy," Miguel explains when asked about his plans for the future. "I'll try to get into Andrews University, study business, go into real estate for a few years, get money and build up from there."

In an essay he wrote for his own amusement, a philosophy of life of sorts, Miguel says, "Remember to put God in first place because He is the one driving you to success. But don't leave Him all the work; don't sit down because success is no accident—it is hard work, studying, learning, sacrifice and most of all, love and respect to the people around you."

Carol Bolden is administrative assistant for communication at the Rocky Mountain Conference.

## The Head-shaving of Ed Barnett

Rajmund Dabrowski



It was more than a year ago when Campion Academy looked at its viability as a serious contributor to Adventist education and designed an increased enrollment program. More recently, **Ed Barnett**, president of Rocky Mountain Conference and Campion Academy's board chairman, stepped in with a personal pledge.

Barnett promised he would get his head shaved if their marketing delivered at least 150 students for the new academic year.

Recruiter **Jessica Rios** took on the challenge. "If I do not deliver at least 150 students, I will cut my hair off," Rios said. A deal was struck between Barnett and Rios, which Barnett lost.

Read the rest of the story: [http://www.rmcsda.org/news\\_entries/5985](http://www.rmcsda.org/news_entries/5985)

Rajmund Dabrowski is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

## 150 Years of Whole-Person Health



Patients at the Battle Creek Sanitarium perform breathing exercises to improve overall health.

One-hundred and fifty years ago, Seventh-day Adventist healthcare was founded with the opening of the Western Health Reform Institute in Battle Creek, Michigan. Later, it became known as the Battle Creek Sanitarium and was the first of many healthcare facilities to be built by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Sanitarium and health pioneers who managed it were unique to their time. Patients were taught to exercise daily, eat a healthful diet, rest, maintain good hygiene and take in plenty of fresh air. Although typical of modern day healthcare, this regimen was revolutionary in 1866 when common treatments involved inhaling smoke, ingesting health tonics from harmful substances, and painful procedures that would be deemed inhumane by today's standards.

Under the direction of Dr.

John Harvey Kellogg, who later became famous for inventing Kellogg's Corn Flakes with his brother, Will Keith Kellogg, patients who were ill or injured received innovative, whole-person care while also learning about healthy living through classes and lectures. As the Sanitarium's popularity grew, it attracted thousands of patients throughout the years including famous historical figures such as Henry Ford, Amelia Earhart and Thomas Edison.

Today, nearly 55 years after our founding as an Adventist hospital, Shawnee Mission Health continues to operate on the same healthy living principles established by the early inventors of Adventist healthcare. Dr. Kellogg and his team's emphasis on treating the whole person—mentally, physically and spiritually—has become the foundation for our healthcare practices and Adventist Health System's mission of

Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ.

One of the most distinctive ways SMH offers whole-person care to patients, associates and members of our community is by teaching the philosophy of CREATION Health, a faith-based wellness program focusing on eight principles that reflect God's plan for living: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook and Nutrition. For the past five years, SMH has improved people's wellbeing by teaching CREATION Health through classes and seminars.

Administrative director of Spiritual Development, **Mark Stoddart**, recalls numerous stories of people who had life-changing experiences through participating in CREATION Health, including one person who made the decision to go back to school to become a registered nurse and

another who quit smoking after 50 years.

"CREATION Health encourages people to identify what they do not like about their life and to commit to change," said Stoddart. "It provides a whole-person health experience and a sense of awareness to make every day count."

The principles of CREATION Health are an integral part of SMH's culture and often used as a springboard to develop other wellness initiatives like community wellness classes and Take Time to LIV, a seven-month program designed to reduce cardiovascular disease in women.

In order to offer the best in whole-health care to more people in the Kansas City community, SMH is not only developing ongoing wellness programs but also growing its facilities and medical staff, which now consists of nearly 700 physicians in 50 specialties. Over the past few years, SMH has enhanced its services and offered care closer to home by adding several new facilities including the Shawnee Mission Birth Center, the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center, SMH—Prairie Star and three Centra Care Shawnee Mission Urgent Care locations. The organization is also currently building SMH—Blue Valley, and plans are underway to break ground on the new B.E. Smith Children's Center.

For more information about Shawnee Mission Health, visit [ShawneeMission.org](http://ShawneeMission.org).

Jackie Woods is a writer for Shawnee Mission Health.



# Summer Internship Shapes Future for Union Students

Stephanie Lampson for Centura Health



These young business interns and residents are enjoying the view from Mt. Evans at 14,265 feet on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. From left: Derek Fast\*, Bree Samani, Karina Lee-Waye\*, Sameera Sigdel\*, Jordan Couch and Andrii Korchuk. \*Union College students

**A** new summer program is shaping the futures of Union College business majors. Last summer, leaders at Centura Health recruited university students, including three business majors from Union College, to participate in a summer management internship. Top-performing interns will be invited to continue in a three-year residency program or other business related positions after graduation. These young interns and residents aren't future doctors, but their participation in this innovative program is equally important to the continued future growth and strength of our hospitals.

While new to Denver-area Adventist hospitals, this program has deep roots in the Adventist Health System. **Morre Dean**, president of

Porter Adventist Hospital, traces his leadership roots to a similar program he participated in at Florida Hospital 25 years ago.

"The summer program is essentially a three-month, in-depth interview for potential job candidates," explains **Stephanie Lampson**, who is heading up the program. Lampson is a recent graduate of Walla Walla University and is currently part of the management residency. "The summer program is also a three-month advertisement for the health system. It affords us the opportunity to give potential candidates a broad exposure to the many varied career paths available in this mission-driven organization."

Interns have opportunities to learn through rotations in

various departments, including decision support, human resources, business operations, business development, supply chain, or physician management. Each rotation involves completing a major project over the course of the summer. Interns also gain exposure to areas of healthcare not covered in specific rotations.

One of the more enjoyable aspects of the program occurs each Friday when the interns have the opportunity to mingle with and gain mentorship from upper-level leadership. These mentoring opportunities include field trips to local areas of interest like the State Capital or a Colorado Rockies baseball game.

The program made a lasting impression on the Union College students who participated last summer. "Before

my internship, healthcare was only one of the many options I was considering," says **Sameera Sigdel**, who graduated last August from Union College with a business degree. "My internship helped me realize that a career in healthcare is definitely what I want to pursue if God opens the doors."

**Derek Fast**, currently enjoying his senior year at Union College, says, "My internship helped me realize that healthcare is actually one of our church's mission fields. I had many opportunities to witness—not only to the patients but to the staff as well."

"We have so many gifted business students graduating from Adventist colleges," says **Sam Huenergardt**, CEO of Parker Adventist Hospital. "We hope to see many more opportunities for students to get involved in the healing ministry that a career in healthcare leadership provides."

If you know a business student who would be interested in a summer internship or a management residency, encourage them to speak with the dean of their university business department to find out more about available opportunities.

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This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health, where he serves the five Adventist hospital campuses in Colorado. It was written by Mark Bond.

# FAREWELL

**Becker, H. Duane**, b. Mar. 8, 1939 in Denver, CO. d. March 10, 2016 in Garden City, KS. Member of Denver South Church. Survivors include wife Barbara; sons Bret and Dennis; 1 grandson.

**Bunnell, Priscilla Mary (Fox)**, b. Nov. 22, 1915 in Fargo, ND. d. Aug. 25, 2015 in Portland, TN. Member of Highland Church. Preceded in death by husband Morris; 1 sister. Survivors include daughters Cathy Cheney and Suzanne Fuller; son George; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

**Burns, Eleanor Darlene**, b. June 30, 1930 in Miltonvale, KS. d. Sept. 18, 2016 in Topeka, KS. Member of Topeka Wanamaker Church. Preceded in death by son Terry; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Kathy Kaesewurm; 1 brother; 3 granddaughters; 8 great-grandchildren.

**Dockter, Alfred**, b. July 27, 1926. d. Sept. 18, 2016. Member of Bismarck (ND) Church. Preceded in death by 2 siblings; 3 grandchildren. Survivors include wife Pearlene; daughters Twila, Debbie Lauer and Delaine Forth; sons Randy, Daryl and Dean; 3 siblings; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild.

**Dunford, Delwin W.**, b. May 30, 1920 in Addington, OK. d. Sept. 28, 2016 in Wichita, KS. Member of Pittsburg Church. Preceded in death by wife; 1 grandson; daughter Janice Boatwright; 5 siblings. Survivors include wife; daughters Darlene Heinrick and Janeva Stoyanowski; sons Delton and Lauren; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren.

**Gardner, Elizabeth I.**, b. Feb. 26, 1925. d. Sept. 3, 2016 in Strafford, MO. Member of Oak Grove Heights Church.

**Hamilton, Edwin**, b. Apr. 23, 1921 in Salem, NE. d. Sept. 5, 2016 in Topeka, KS. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include wife Doris; children Barb Engquist and Steve Hamilton; 2 grandchildren. Served in WWII on Normandy Beach.

**Hickman, Robert E.**, b. June 27, 1932. d. Jan. 26, 2013 in Hannibal, MO. Member of Sunnydale Church. Survivors include wife Donna. Served U.S. Navy in Korea and Vietnam.

**Koch, Glenda M.**, b. July 27, 1924 in Bazine, KS. d. Sept. 6, 2015 in Garden City, KS. Member of Great Bend Church. Preceded in death by husband Adam; 1 sister. Survivors include sons John, Jim and Jack; 5 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

**Koch, Harold E.**, b. May 31, 1929 in

Bushton, KS. d. Oct. 1, 2016 in Salina, KS. Member of Hutchinson Church. Preceded in death by 2 sisters. Survivors include wife Betty; daughter Deljeane Nash; son Rob; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren. Served in Korea, U.S. Army.

**Lindsey, Victoria J.**, b. Aug. 16, 1945. d. Aug. 30, 2016 in Bismarck, MO. Member of Farmington, Church. Survivors include husband Danny; daughter Beverly Pettus; sons Harold, Jessie, Wesley and Ronnie; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

**Ordelheide, Dorothy L.**, b. Jan. 21, 1919 in Beaver City, NE. d. May 24, 2016 in Modesto, CA. Member of Denver South. Preceded in death by husband Manford. Survivors include son Franklin; daughters Connie, Janet and Cinde; 1 brother; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

**Rothchild, Elenor**, b. Oct. 13, 1917 in Chambers, NE. d. May 1, 2015. Member of the Neligh Church. Preceded in death by husband; daughter Beverly; son Bill; 4 siblings; 1 grandchild; Survivors include daughter Connie Cox; 2 sisters; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

**Scott, Wanda**, b. July 2, 1932. d. Oct. 1, 2016. Member of Independence (KS) Church.

**Shafer, Gary A.**, b. Sept. 29, 1950 in Minot, ND. d. Oct. 8, 2016 in

Williston, ND. Member of Williston Church. Preceded in death by an infant brother. Survivors include wife Rosemarie; children Sharla Candelaria, Justin Shafer and Nathan Shafer; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

**Shawver, Lila E.**, b. Mar. 22, 1927 in Kansas City, KS. Preceded in death by husband J. Russell. Survivors include daughters Debra and Robin; son Jim; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

**Two Bulls Young, Alice M.**, b. Dec. 29, 1933 in Pine Ridge, SD. d. Sept. 16, 2016 in Martin, SD. Member of Payabya Church. Preceded in death by sons Steven Fly, Sr., Phillip Fly and Joseph Young; 9 siblings; 1 great-granddaughter. Survivors include sons Lester Fly, Russel Fly, Peter Golden-Two Bulls, Hermus Poor Thunder, Craig Poor Thunder; daughters Jennie Fly, Sandra Fly, Frances James, Lois Glison, Sadie Young, Mary Poor Thunder, Fern Poor Thunder, Isidore Poor Thunder; 47 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

COLORADO	Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
Denver	6:02	5:54	4:47	4:42	4:38
Grand Junction	6:17	6:09	5:03	4:57	4:54
Pueblo	6:03	5:55	4:49	4:44	4:40
IOWA					
Davenport	6:02	5:53	4:46	4:40	4:35
Des Moines	6:14	6:05	4:58	4:52	4:47
Sioux City	6:23	6:14	5:07	5:00	4:56
KANSAS					
Dodge City	6:45	6:38	5:31	5:26	5:23
Goodland	5:50	5:42	4:35	4:29	4:26
Topeka	6:26	6:18	5:11	5:06	5:02
MINNESOTA					
Duluth	5:58	5:48	4:38	4:31	4:25
International Falls	5:59	5:48	4:38	4:30	4:24
Minneapolis	6:06	5:56	4:48	4:41	4:36
MISSOURI					
Columbia	6:12	6:04	4:58	4:52	4:49
Kansas City	6:22	6:14	5:07	5:02	4:58
St. Louis	6:05	5:57	4:50	4:45	4:42
NEBRASKA					
Lincoln	6:27	6:19	5:12	5:06	5:02
North Platte	6:43	6:34	5:27	5:21	5:17
Scottsbluff	5:53	5:45	4:37	4:31	4:27
NORTH DAKOTA					
Bismarck	6:33	6:22	5:13	5:05	5:00
Fargo	6:17	6:06	4:57	4:49	4:44
Williston	6:41	6:30	5:21	5:12	5:06
SOUTH DAKOTA					
Pierre	6:36	6:26	5:18	5:11	5:06
Rapid City	5:48	5:38	4:30	4:23	4:18
Sioux Falls	6:23	6:13	5:05	4:59	4:54
WYOMING					
Casper	6:02	5:53	4:45	4:39	4:34
Cheyenne	5:59	5:51	4:43	4:37	4:33
Sheridan	6:01	5:52	4:43	4:36	4:31

## SUNSET CALENDAR

COLORADO	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
Denver	4:36	4:35	4:37	4:40	4:45
Grand Junction	4:52	4:51	4:53	4:56	5:01
Pueblo	4:38	4:38	4:40	4:43	4:48
IOWA					
Davenport	4:33	4:32	4:34	4:37	4:42
Des Moines	4:45	4:44	4:46	4:49	4:54
Sioux City	4:53	4:52	4:54	4:57	5:02
KANSAS					
Dodge City	5:21	5:21	5:23	5:26	5:31
Goodland	4:24	4:23	4:25	4:28	4:33
Topeka	5:00	5:00	5:02	5:05	5:10
MINNESOTA					
Duluth	4:21	4:20	4:21	4:24	4:29
International Falls	4:20	4:18	4:19	4:22	4:27
Minneapolis	4:33	4:31	4:33	4:36	4:41
MISSOURI					
Columbia	4:47	4:47	4:48	4:51	4:56
Kansas City	4:56	4:56	4:57	5:00	5:05
St. Louis	4:40	4:39	4:41	4:44	4:49
NEBRASKA					
Lincoln	4:59	4:59	5:00	5:04	5:08
North Platte	5:15	5:14	5:16	5:19	5:24
Scottsbluff	4:24	4:24	4:25	4:28	4:33
NORTH DAKOTA					
Bismarck	4:56	4:55	4:56	4:59	5:04
Fargo	4:40	4:38	4:39	4:42	4:48
Williston	5:02	5:01	5:01	5:05	5:10
SOUTH DAKOTA					
Pierre	5:03	5:02	5:03	5:06	5:11
Rapid City	4:15	4:14	4:16	4:19	4:24
Sioux Falls	4:51	4:50	4:51	4:55	5:00
WYOMING					
Casper	4:32	4:31	4:32	4:36	4:41
Cheyenne	4:31	4:30	4:32	4:35	4:40
Sheridan	4:28	4:27	4:28	4:31	4:36



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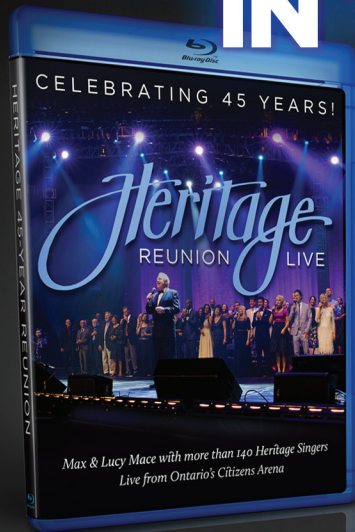
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