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John Thomas, dean of La Sierra University's Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business was Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey's Innovation Honoree for February.

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Pacific Union Members Part of Massive Global Outreach

Every movie star, every pop singer, every record producer, every millionaire in Malibu, Calif., just got a copy of *The Great Controversy*. The small Malibu Adventist church has jumped into the worldwide movement to distribute copies of *The Great Controversy* and *The Great Hope*, an abridged version of the *The Great Controversy*.

Delbert Baker, General Conference vice president, say GC President Ted Wilson asked him to lead an effort to share *The Great Controversy*. They decided to set a goal of sharing 50 million copies of the book. "Then Elder Wilson shared with us at a meeting that his personal prayer goal for the project was 100 million," recalls Baker. "We were still trying to wrap our arms around the 50 million number." Baker says that what happened next was a small miracle. "Hundreds of thousands of Adventists sacrificed to distribute the book to their friends," he says.

This past October, the GC held a service to praise God that a total of 142 million copies have been shared. "I have not found a record of any denomination handing out these many books in a two-year period," says Baker. "This has been an extremely blessed project."

When Judith Miranda, a member of the Malibu church, heard about The Great Controversy Project, she thought it would be a good way to reach the residents of their wealthy community, many of whom have gated properties that lock out visitors. She worked with the Review and Herald Publishing Association and found she could send books to everyone in the seaside town



Judith Miranda

for \$10,000. "So I said, 'I know what we'll do. We'll make a thermometer,'" recalls Miranda. "We'll fill in red marks for every \$2,000 that we raise."

One Sabbath morning, a resident of Malibu walked into the church and saw the new thermometer, which didn't yet have one red mark. "What are you trying to do?" she asked. When Miranda explained the project, the woman wrote a check for the full amount.

Mike Gamblin, who coordinates outreach mailings at the Review and Herald, says that the publishing company has sent out 2.2 million copies of the book. In some cases, churches sponsor the mailings. But many times it is an individual church member with a heart for evangelism.

Leona Findley is one of those. She has lived in the same Sacramento suburb for 60 years and feels close to her neighbors. "When I see them, I tell them I pray for them and I love them," she says. When she heard about The Great Controversy Project, she thought, this is what I ought to do for my neighbors. She had a little money tucked away for an emergency, so she called the Review and Herald to place an order. And she baked some persimmon drop cookies. Each neighbor got a personal visit, home-baked cookies, and a book. The visits went well, and now two of her long-time neighbors are taking Bible studies and attending the Carmichael church.

The Puna church in Hawaii also sent the book to their neighbors. But they have kept expanding their neighborhood until they have sent books to 15,000 homes. "We're a very humble house of God with 50 members," says church clerk Ann Thompson. "But the people want to do God's work." In their area of the Big Island, homes are separated and often gated. Thompson says the church saw a mailing as the best way to share the Adventist message.

"You see the Spirit moving on people's hearts. We got a cashier's check for \$5,000. We don't even know who gave it," says Thompson. "We think a lot of our work here may be planting seeds. We trust in God. It is His work. We plant the seeds and leave it to Him."

Meanwhile, back in Malibu, Judith Miranda and other members of her church are checking on



Leona Findley shared copies of *The Great Controversy* with her neighbors in her suburban community along with persimmon cookies.

the seeds. On Sabbath afternoons, they go from house to house and ask, "Did you get the book?"

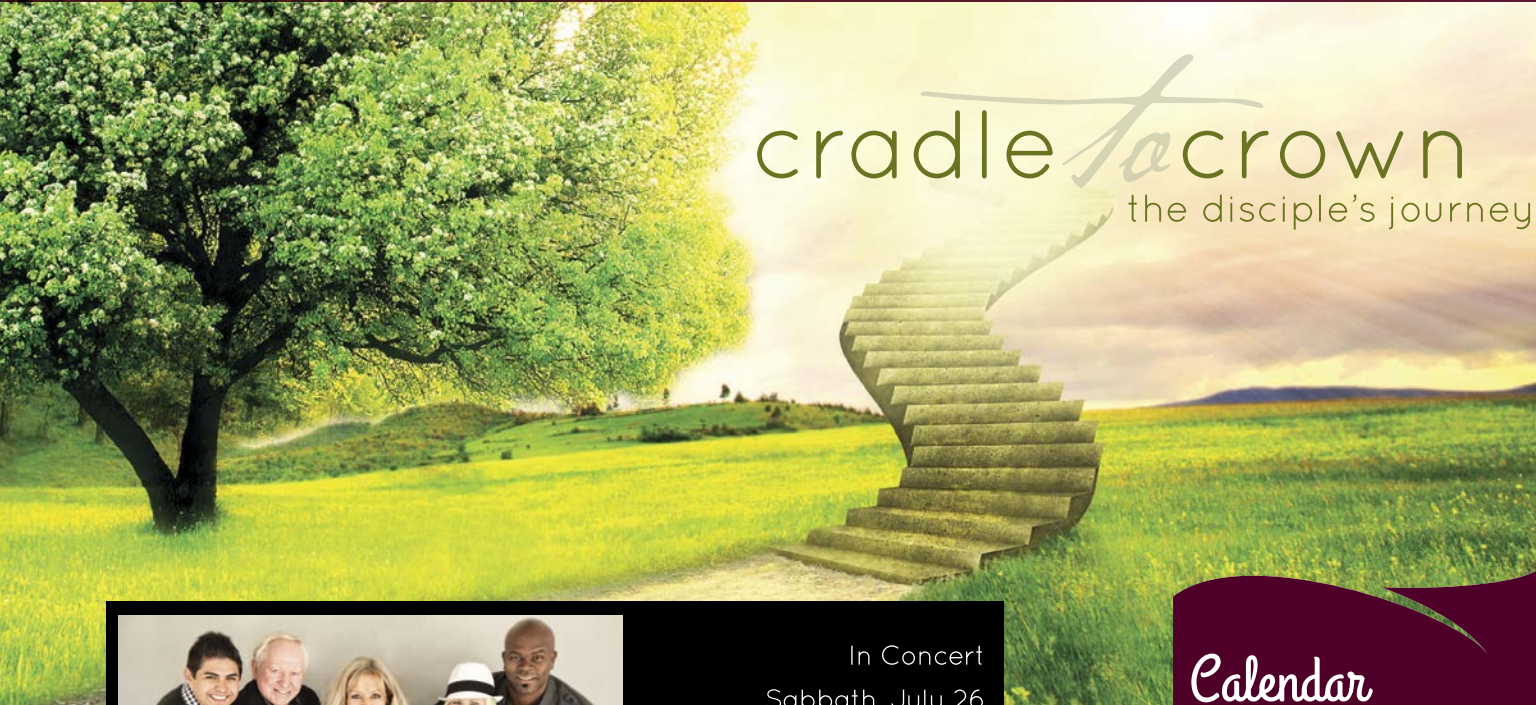
"I can't wait to ring the street bell — not the door bell — the street bell," says Miranda, referring to gated driveways in Malibu. "When you ask, 'How did you like the book?' that's where it's mind-blowing. The testimonies are tremendous."

She was amused by one man who said, "I made it to chapter six. I have a double Ph.D. and the woman who wrote this is so highly educated, I can hardly understand it."

"Okay," said Miranda who drew the family together in a circle and prayed.

After going home later that evening, Miranda flipped on the television. On the screen was the same man accepting an Oscar for best sound editing.

Kim Peckham



cradle to crown

the disciple's journey



In Concert
Sabbath, July 26
3pm

Heritage Singers

Main Auditorium



Featured Speakers:
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Calendar

July 11 - 12

Prayer Partner Weekend

Friday 5pm - Saturday 6pm
Prayer Walk - Saturday 3pm

July 17

Opening Night 7pm

July 18

Early Devotional 6:30am
Evening Meeting 7pm

July 19

Adult Sabbath School 9am
Worship 10:45am
African American Ministries
Sponsored Meeting 3pm
Evening Meeting 7pm

July 20

ABC Book Sale 4pm

July 21 - 25

Early Devotionals 6:30am
Morning Meeting 11am
Health Seminar 9am and 2pm
Seminars 9am, 2 and 4pm
Mini-Concerts 6:30pm
Evening Meeting 7pm

July 26

Adult Sabbath School 9am
Worship 10:45am
Heritage Singers Concert 3pm
Baptisms 5:15pm
Closing Meeting 7pm

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Miracle Roadway Stories
Daily

Children's Programming
Daily

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Choose you this day...

Choose you this day whom ye will serve...

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15, KJV



Sunnyside Church Helps Plant Seeds of Hope

When Scott Lamm, principal at McLane High School in Fresno, Calif., was faced with the needs of a suddenly homeless student, he looked to his friends at the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church for help. "Our partnership with Sunnyside started last year as we were looking to support a student who was facing some interesting challenges due to changes in living conditions," explains Lamm. "Because of my friendship with the Mitchell family, who attends Sunnyside, this partnership, which began with the intent of supporting one student, grew into a whole school approach."

McLane High School and Sunnyside Community Services now work together to provide clothing, shoes, hygiene products, towels, food, and anything else a student might need to get ready for school each day. A dedicated classroom, featuring a fitting room, houses these items, among others. Sunnyside Community Services volunteers, under the direction of Printess Schlist, include Schlist's husband Larry, Barbara and Rollie Mitchell, Jodi Liu, David and Maxine Smith,

and Bud and Dianne Dickerson. The team keeps the room organized and stocked. It competes well with most teen clothing shops, and is appropriately called McLane Highlander Outfitters.

McLane has a student enrollment of about 2,000. Eighty-five percent of McLane students live below the poverty level, some of whom are homeless. Both Schlist and Lamm see and feel the need to broaden tangible support within their community. On March 12, Lamm hosted an open house to which he invited representatives from 10 elementary and two middle schools within the McLane area. School representatives were given the opportunity to survey the resources that are available to this community and potentially to their schools.

Schlist began to realize that this work, which she feels God has called her to, would be most successful if more local churches joined in the effort. "My dream is to see every school have a place where students can go to have these basic needs met," says Schlist. "No child should be hungry, cold, without shoes or clothes, without a blanket, or toiletries to brush their teeth and shower. They



Printess Schlist, community services director, shares the vision of their program with open house guests.



Principal Scott Lamm (center) explains the program to invited guests from area schools.

need someone to show they care by providing these things." Schlist is hoping that the success of the McLane-Sunnyside partnership will inspire other churches in the area to become involved in similar partnerships to provide much needed basic resources and, in the process, to plant seeds of hope within all communities.

Angela Reijnders

Retired Fresno State Professor Recognized for Service by U.S. Congress

James E. Walton, Fresno State professor and chair emeritus of English and Africana studies, was recently honored by the U.S. Congress for more than two decades of dedication, leadership and success as a professor and community activist in the Central Valley. Walton, an elder in the Fresno Asian church, was the keynote speaker at the 30th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Memorial celebration. Prior to his address, he suddenly found himself in the spotlight.

In a surprise appearance, Congressman Jim Costa, representing California's 16th district, presented Walton with a commendation from the U.S. Senate, signed by Sen. Diane Feinstein. Costa also read a Certificate of Special Recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives, lauding Walton's contributions and dedication to the community. Walton was recognized as a "practical

leader with experience, a factual knowledge base, positive attitude and a relentless drive" and for "improving and expanding opportunities that now, more than ever, are of vast importance to the State of California and our nation as a whole."

On Aug. 28, 1963, Walton, age 18, stood amid the crowd of more than 250,000 participating in the March on Washington. Hearing Dr. King deliver his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, he never imagined that he, too, could dream big. Raised in poverty in Canton, Ohio, Walton was in the nation's capital for adventure rather than activism. Over the years, he faced many hurdles along the road to success, but his resilience paid off.

Walton served at Fresno State for 23 years before retiring. He was the first tenured African-American professor in his department, and held the chair position in both the English and ethnic studies departments. In 1998, he taught an

American literature course to students in Tokyo, Japan, via the Internet, which was the university's first Internet course taught internationally. He speaks three languages and has served as an exchange professor in Japan and Korea. He has numerous awards, publications and professional presentations to his credit.

Although proud of his accomplishments, Walton, prefers being remembered for his service — as commissioned by Christ in Matthew 25 — not for any awards and honors.



Dr. James E. Walton

Nancy L. Reynolds

Valley Crossroads Church Welcomes 45 New Members

At 7:30 on a February evening, Eva Lafern Puzie, a Bible worker, knocked on a door in Pacoima, Calif., praying that someone in the home would be open to studying the Bible with her. Her goal also was to extend an invitation to “A System for Survival in the 21st Century,” an evangelistic series at nearby Valley Crossroads church.

When Maria Cervantes opened her door, Puzie invited her to study the Bible with her and then was totally surprised by the woman’s reaction. “What church are you from?” the lady asked.

A little bewildered by the urgency of the question, Puzie replied, “I’m from the Seventh-day Adventist church.”

“Come in, come in! Cervantes welcomed. “I’ve just been praying that some Adventist would come to my home! My son attends the Adventist church in another state, and I want to attend, too.” Though she lived fairly close to the church, she hadn’t seen it. Cervantes studied with Puzie, attended the meetings and was baptized at the close of the series.

Under the leadership of Pastor Royal L. Harrison, the Valley Crossroads church conducted

the three-week evangelistic series, resulting in 45 new church members. Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president of the Southern Union, was the evangelist. Smith, a clinical psychologist, revealed how God’s Word holds the true answers to both personal and global problems today.

“To prepare for the meetings,” explained Harrison, “the church hosted evangelistic rallies and Bible-instructor training sessions, as well as mobilizing the members to distribute flyers on Sabbath afternoons and meet church neighbors.” Eight local Bible instructors trained each morning at the church and then began working in the community from 11 a.m. until lunchtime. They resumed their work of visiting and giving Bible studies from 3:30 p.m. until the evening meeting.

“Through the Bible workers’ efforts, along with the 45 individuals who were baptized, more than 25 people graduated and received certificates of completion from their Bible studies, said Harrison. “We heard so many inspiring testimonies from individuals. They told us that they were either seeking God or a place to worship, and that our knock on their door was an answer to their prayers. Again and again, God

showed us that He was with us, that there were individuals and families in our community that He wanted us to reach.”

Bible worker Nelson Jones praised God for the changed lives in the Pacoima community as a result of the outreach. “Elizabeth and Richard Rischer had only attended two of the meetings when I knocked on their door,” he said. “We studied together, and they made their decisions for baptism in their home. They and their children, Elissa, 9, and Andrew, 12, were baptized following a blessing service for Baby Ilori.” Capping the family’s joy, a church member who owns a business soon hired Richard, who had been unemployed.

“From the opening song to the closing prayer, God’s presence was felt,” said Harrison. “Our church will never be the same. All glory and honor belong to God; we give Him all the credit,” Harrison acknowledged. “We know that these baptisms could never have been accomplished in our own power, but only through the power of the His Holy Spirit.”

Royal Harrison and Betty Cooney



Forty-five people were baptized following an evangelistic series at the Valley Crossroad church in February.

New Cross Training Program Debuts at Glendale Filipino Church

Cross Training is a new program offered by the SCC literature evangelism department," explained Heidi Carpenter, literature evangelism director. "It offers churches a nine-month trainer instructing in a variety of skills: how to give Bible studies, make friends and minister to needs, learn effective literature evangelism and plan health events for the community."

Mary Thranow had given up on Christianity. Her last experience with a church wasn't a good one, and she vowed to never return. Then, she says, God began speaking to her heart. It began when someone came to her door.

"Hi, my name is Nestor Villanueva, and I'm from a church down the street," he said. "I've come to invite you to some meetings."

"Sorry, I won't be able to attend," she replied. "I am too busy."

"That's all right," he said with a smile. "I'd like you to have an invitation anyway." She took it, without paying much attention to it.

Days later, while out on her routine walk, she was surprised to find another invitation. She picked it up, thinking it would make a great bookmark. During this time, Mary felt inspired to read her Bible. "I've been through this before, God," she thought. "I don't need to go through it again."

The conviction was strong, though, so she decided to start reading. Reading through Proverbs, Mary heard God's voice quietly speaking to her. It seemed as if what she read described her life for the past five years. She called the number on the invitation, but couldn't get through. The website wouldn't let her RSVP, because the meetings had already begun. On the third night, she decided to show up at the meetings,

but arrived too early and found the door locked. Upset, she turned to leave.

That's when she met Shekinah Diel. As a student attending Souls West, the Pacific Union's school of evangelism, Diel was completing her 10-week practicum as a Bible worker. By this time, she had been working in the community and praying for people to attend the meetings.

Diel had been praying, "God, please send someone to our meetings who simply shows up!" The next day she encountered Mary at the locked church. After hearing her experiences with the flyers, Diel knew her prayer had been answered.

Mary was baptized at the end of the series.

Across from the church, Candice Napod, Diel's practicum partner, met Paris LaSane, who had been looking for a church family to call her own and praying that God would lead her to

the right one. After accepting Napod's invitation, Paris attended almost every night of the meetings and then chose to be baptized.

"These stories show what simple personal and public evangelism can do in a community," said Carpenter. "Neither Shekinah or Candice expected such amazing answers to their prayers."

For more information on the SCC CROSS Trainer program, contact 818-546-8435.

*David Fernandez
and Heidi Carpenter*



Pastoral staff, CROSS Trainers and newly baptized members: Shekinah Diel (front row, 3rd from the left), Mary Thranow (front row, 4th from the left), Bible workers Paris (front row, second from the right), Candice Napod (front row, far right).

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There will also be many afternoon seminars to choose from, on a variety of topics, including speakers such as (in alphabetical order): **Winston Craig**, professor of nutrition, Andrews University; **Ernestine Finley**, cookbook author and chef; **Robert Folkenberg**; **Alfred Griffith**, retired pastor for the deaf, NCC; **Rich Magnuson**, planned giving and trust services director, NCC & **Bob Millar**, attorney; **John Mathews**, stewardship director, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists; **Randy Maxwell**; and **Pat & Tami Milligan**.

There will also be a special presentation for kids by **John Mathews**, co-owner with his wife



of the famous children's series dog "Stewardship Jack."

And don't miss the final Sabbath with a concert by **Margie Salcedo Rice and Family**, followed by the annual river baptism.



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NCC Takes Ownership of Local Adventist Book Centers

On April 1, the Northern California Conference took ownership of the two Adventist Book Centers in the conference territory, located in Pleasant Hill and Sacramento. The NCC executive committee had voted unanimously to acquire the stores' inventory from Pacific Press Publishing Association, which operated the stores for 17 years. Adventist Book Center manager Ed

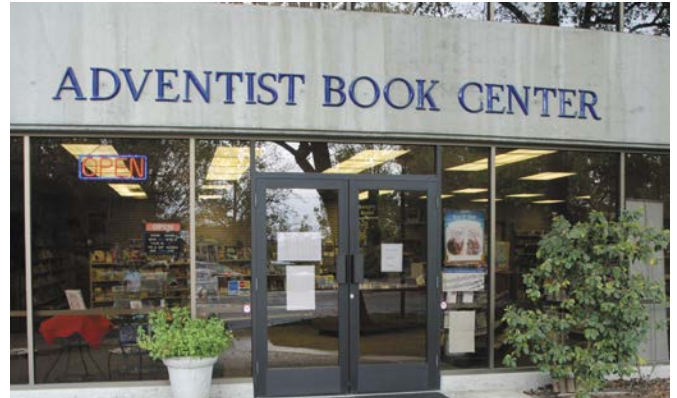
Lindsay will continue in his long-time role. "As far as the customer is concerned, the new ownership will hardly be noticeable," said Lindsay.

For most of his career, Lindsay has managed Adventist Book Centers in various conferences around the country. He has served as store manager for Pacific Press in Northern California since 2002. "Ed operates the stores with a very careful hand, and he is energized by the new challenge of the transition," said NCC President Jim Pedersen. "We look forward to working with him to help the stores meet the needs of church members throughout our territory."

Members in the East Bay and Sacramento areas will continue to enjoy the convenience of the local stores. "My husband buys the Bible studies that the ABC has available. We also shop for Sabbath school materials and food," said Sacramento Woodside church member Glynnes Benfield. "The benefit for us is being able to get what we need when we need it and not having to order it."

Many people visit the stores to buy various meat substitutes. "I'm glad for the ABC. When you become a vegetarian, you need it!" said Fairfield Community church member Vera White as she shopped at the Pleasant Hill store. On that day, she was buying gravy and soup mixes, "turkey" and Wham rolls, and canned vegetables. "Nobody else has this kind of variety," she said.

Another popular reason to shop at the ABC is to buy witnessing literature — tracts on a variety of subjects and a good selection of books by Ellen White, designed to be purchased in bulk. "You can't beat the prices. When you want something to pass out for sharing and outreach, it's really great," said Mary Ellen Dunavant, who



The Pleasant Hill Adventist Book Center is located in the same building as the Northern California Conference headquarters.



Sales associate Diane Leslie helps a customer at the Sacramento Adventist Book Center.



Sales associate Mary Ellen Dunavant works at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Book Center.



ABC sales associate Perry Rogers and ABC manager Ed Lindsay unload cases of Big Franks at the Sacramento Adventist Book Center.

has worked at the Pleasant Hill store for 11 years.

Those who prefer to buy books and literature online can visit www.adventistbookcenter.com. Shoppers can arrange for their purchases to be shipped to them, or they can pick them up at the NCC stores. All online purchases made by shoppers in the conference territory will be credited to the NCC Adventist Book Center.

In addition to his duties as manager, Lindsay also drives the bookmobile, a trailer stocked with books, literature and vegetarian food products. It makes about 170 stops per year throughout the conference territory. "I think it's neat that they come to us," said Paradise church member Charlie Rollo. "There are a lot of items that are available through the ABC that aren't available locally."

Visit www.nccsda.com/abc to see a schedule of upcoming bookmobile stops throughout the conference territory. Customers can request that books, literature and food products be delivered to their area via the bookmobile by calling 800-400-1844.

Lindsay appreciates the support of faithful customers, and he's happy that he can continue interacting with them. "The best part of my job is serving people," he said. "It's been a joy to do it for most of my career!"

Julie Lorenz

Inland Spanish Church Prison Ministry Reaches Behind Bars

Prison ministry, a frequently overlooked outreach, is often a blessing not only for prison inmates, but also for those who volunteer. For some inmates, prison becomes a place where their hearts are opened to God for the first time, and for many church members, the experience of sharing their faith is eye-opening.

Members of the Inland Spanish church in Colton have been active participants in prison ministry for several years. David Lemos, the prison ministries coordinator for the church at the California Rehabilitation Center (an institution for men in Norco), speaks enthusiastically about his involvement. Working alongside David Machado for 28 years, Lemos and his fellow volunteers say God has been working in the lives of the inmates.

"[They] enjoy singing and are very engaged in Bible discussion," said Lemos. "There are inmates who have gone through entire Bible study courses and who are ready for baptism, and many others who are learning about Jesus for the first time."

Lemos and a group of nine volunteers hold two services every Sabbath — the first at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. Each service begins with prayer, thanksgiving, testimonies and hymns. The attending inmates, who can vary in number from five to 25, then participate in the Sabbath school lesson and sermon.



Members of the Inland Spanish church in Colton have been active participants in prison ministry for several years.

Occasionally, the group will watch Doug Batchelor's and Kenneth Cox's sermons on DVD. Seminars are also given to help diversify subject matter and keep interest high. For example, David Lopez and Edelweiss Ramal, professors at Loma Linda University, recently volunteered to give lectures on health issues.

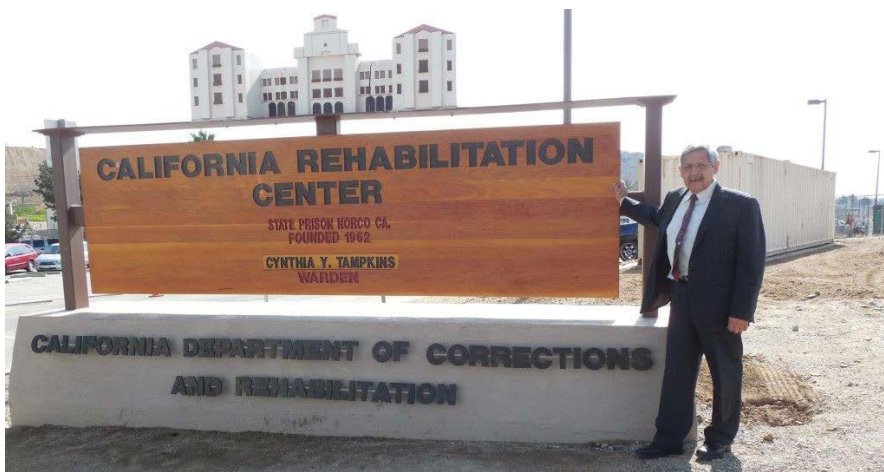
Thanks to the efforts of the rehabilitation center's new chaplain, Donald Warrick, as well as the new community resource manager, the volunteer group now has access to the chapel for weekly services, baptisms and communion. The volunteers also have private lockers in

which to store the materials needed for Sabbath services. These items, as well as any funds needed to run the prison ministry, are being donated by members of the Inland Spanish church in the hopes that the ministry will continue to grow and touch the lives of those behind bars.

"They know now how important it is to live a better life and become good community citizens," said Lemos of those who attend the weekly services. "It's a blessing when these men invite other inmates."

There was one inmate in particular who stood out to volunteers. After having been incarcerated for five years, he began attending the services. "He had friends who were Adventists and had seen the love and kindness that they produced," explained Lemos. "He would always bring a group of five inmates or more to our services and was always willing to help those that didn't have family." Today the man is free, and is now an active part of the volunteer prison ministries group.

Although the ministry at the California Rehabilitation Center has been successful, it always needs more volunteers. For more information, contact David Lemos or Pastor Hector Ramal at 909-824-1585.



The group of nine volunteers holds two services every Sabbath at the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco.

David Lemos and Natalie Romero

ABC Management Transitions to SECC

Adventist Book Centers in the Southeastern California Conference recently changed ownership, management and location.

From the turn of the 19th century, church members have relied on Adventist Book Centers for resources such as Bibles, inspirational and theological books, devotionals, periodicals and general church resources. Originally, the ABCs were operated by local conferences, but in 1996, the operation of the majority of ABCs shifted to Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Pacific Press continued to operate the stores throughout North America until, in September 2013, they announced that they would no longer do so. It was then up to the local conferences to determine the future and viability of the ABCs in their areas.

SECC, therefore, had to decide what was going to happen with the two stores in its

territory, one in Loma Linda and the other in Riverside.

After extensive review of the financial viability of both stores, the conference executive committee decided that SECC would take over the operation of only the Riverside store. Consequently, the Pacific Press closed the Loma Linda ABC on Feb. 28.

SECC then established an ABC advisory committee. Members of the group had two goals: monitor the financial stability of the Riverside store, and explore ways to ensure that resources remain available to all church members in the conference territory.

SECC hired Jonathan Davidson, formerly employed by Pacific Press to manage the two local ABCs, as the manager of the Riverside store. "I am excited to have the ABC under conference leadership and to have the chance to work with the various departments," he said. "Having the partnership with the conference is an integral part of the success of the ABC because it is a ministry for the conference."

In conjunction with the second goal, resource availability, the advisory committee looked to regain a foothold in the Loma Linda community. After the closing of the store, many church members were concerned; some signed a petition to try to keep the store open.

A few months ago, Alex Lingas, president



Several changes took place under the new leadership of the Adventist Book Center in Riverside.

of Wholesome International and owner of the Loma Linda Market, approached Davidson about a partnership. After discussions by the ABC advisory committee and a vote by the SECC executive committee, an agreement was put into place. The market provides the ABC with 1,600 square feet of space in the store and oversees staffing and sales. Advertisements for the ABC are included in the biweekly flyer the market sends into the local community. The ABC's responsibility is to stock the store and monitor inventory.

Having the Adventist Book Center within the Loma Linda Market provides both vendors with new potential customers.

"This venture is mutually beneficial for both entities," explains Tim Rawson, conference associate treasurer and chair of the advisory committee.

Conference administrators have made it clear that they are committed to serving all of the conference's members and making sure that resources are available.

"The ABC advisory committee and the conference are exploring ways in which to serve the members of our community and beyond," said Jonathan Park, executive secretary for the conference.

*Enno Müller and
Chloe Jacqueline Vander Zwan*

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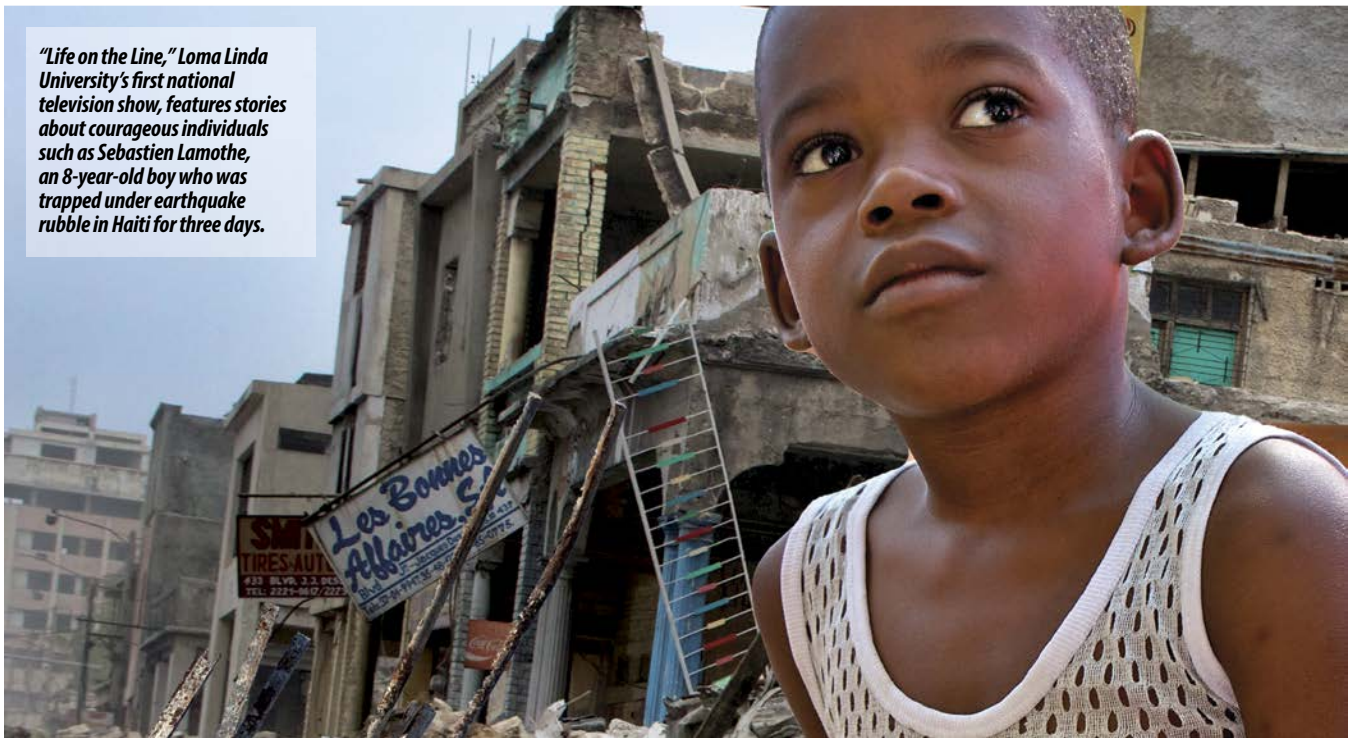


SECC now owns and operates the Riverside ABC.



Arielle Gil, ABC clerk, helps a customer who has questions.

"Life on the Line," Loma Linda University's first national television show, features stories about courageous individuals such as Sebastien Lamothe, an 8-year-old boy who was trapped under earthquake rubble in Haiti for three days.



'Life on the Line,' Loma Linda University Health Television Show Airing Nationally

In April, Loma Linda University Health's first national TV show was broadcast. "Life on the Line," which features courageous individuals and turns their journeys into a moving documentary series, premiered on PBS's WORLD Channel on April 4 at 6 p.m. ET/PT. The WORLD Channel reaches 72 million American households.

According to Patricia Kelikani, director of advancement films, LLUH, in addition to the World Channel, "Life on the Line" will be available to all PBS stations for broadcast this summer."

"Working on this series has been an amazing experience," said Kelikani. "This show isn't just about the doctors, but how real people find meaning in the midst of a tragedy. This is where the real story lives and their strength of spirit shines."

Narrated by celebrity host and journalist Lisa Ling, and produced by the 12-time Emmy Award winning team, Advancement Films, "Life on the Line" zeroes in on Loma Linda University

Health — which serves one-quarter of Southern California — and equips medical teams to travel around the world.

The show follows patients from Southern California to the Amazon, Haiti, and Egypt as they all fight a similar battle: to stay alive.

The series features six unique half-hour episodes:

- Episode 1 – *Heart to Heart* tells the story of a family whose newborn baby desperately needs a heart transplant to survive.
- Episode 2 – *Out of the Rubble* captures the life of an 8-year-old Haitian boy who was trapped under earthquake rubble for three days.
- Episode 3 – *End it Now* follows three child abuse victims as they learn to move beyond the trauma and live their lives to the fullest.
- Episode 4 – *Baby Blue* shows how doctors from opposite sides of the globe

collaborate to save Egyptian babies born with congenital heart disease.

- Episode 5 – *Armed for the Challenge* features an athlete who sets out to prove that disability doesn't mean inability.
- Episode 6 – *Anchoring Hope* features a medical boat from Loma Linda University providing much needed health care services for people living in the underserved Amazon jungle.

In April, "Life on the Line" aired Fridays with repeats throughout the week. During each viewing, two episodes appeared back-to-back. In addition to airing on the WORLD Channel in April, the show will air on PBS stations throughout the country in July. For the full schedule, episode previews and more information about "Life on the Line," visit www.lifeontheline.tv.

Briana Pastorino

Loma Linda University Health Empowers the Community to Live It Through Good Nutrition

Throughout the day, the kitchen staff at the Riverside Convention Center had worked to prepare food for a large banquet. “We’d received only 35 orders for the vegetarian option,” remembers Brad Martin, the center’s executive chef, “but as dinner began and the dishes were served, guests began to change their minds.”

While Martin’s kitchen accommodates many dietary requests with appetizing dishes, “the vegetarian option — grilled vegetarian chicken served with asparagus, roasted kabocha squash, and Peruvian potatoes — turned 30 carnivores into vegetarians for the evening.”

A recent partnership between Loma Linda University Health and the Riverside Convention Center to offer menu options designed by LLUH is deepening the organization’s impact in the community.

That food can be so beautifully prepared that guests are selecting it over non-vegetarian options isn’t surprising to Daniel Fontoura, Loma Linda University Health chief wholeness officer. “LLUH is changing lives for the better,” he says, “by sharing our knowledge about healthy living, including knowledge about healthy eating, with the community.”

LLUH has a long history of exploring the power of good nutrition. The Adventist Health Studies, funded by the National Institutes of Health, continue to examine how nutrition is linked to health and longevity. While

on campus, patients, students, and staff benefit from wellness options on cafeteria and catering service menus.

“We’re privileged,” says Fontoura, “to share our experience with vegetarian cuisine and our message of healthy living with the 250,000 guests of Riverside Convention Center each year.”

Recently, the center, which closed July 2012 for renovations, held a special event to celebrate its grand reopening. More than 1,000 guests attended the welcome ceremony, enjoying vegetarian and vegan entree options included among the hors d’oeuvres before touring the new facilities.

Special mention was made of the role LLUH is playing to help select menu items created with seasonal specialties and healthful ingredients, consistent with LLUH standards of excellence and nutrition. The specialized menu

complements a menu created by Martin, the center’s new executive chef.

LLUH nutritional experts, including Chef Cory Gheen, are working closely with the Convention Center’s culinary staff to supervise their knowledge and techniques for proper preparation of vegan and vegetarian meals recommended for inclusion on the specialized menu.

In addition to developing the menu and staff training, LLUH is involved in other aspects of food service at the Convention Center including conducting a nutritional assessment of all food items on the menu.

In addition, students from LLU’s nutrition and dietetics programs will take part in internship opportunities at the center, and in other locations in the community, to meet their supervised practice requirements to complete their advanced degrees.

Nancy Yuen



Attending the special preview event for the reopening of the Riverside Convention Center were, from left to right: Danny Fontoura, MBA, LLUH chief wholeness officer; Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean, School of Allied Health Professions; Chef Cory Gheen, chef instructor, LLU School of Allied Health Professions; Chef Brad Martin, executive chef, RCC; Krystal Gheen, MPH, office of public health practice and workforce development, LLU; and Kelly Jackson, director of strategic alliances, LLUH.

School of Business Dean Receives Riverside Innovation Award

John Thomas, dean of La Sierra University's Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business, defines innovation as thinking outside of the box, of seeing things that others miss. It is a mindset he strives to instill in students.

Innovation defines Thomas's own life, including his 15-year leadership of the business school which last fall moved into a \$16 million, 60,200-square-foot facility recognized for its architectural design. On Feb. 11, Thomas was recognized for his creative thinking, integrity, compassion and entrepreneurship by Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey as the Mayor's Innovation Honoree for that month.

Thomas learned of the award by way of a letter from Bailey, who cited Thomas' "tireless work to challenge today's business students to understand the importance of creativity, innovation, and leadership [as] a key element to strengthening our entrepreneurial ecosystem."

Thomas said he was "appreciative for the recognition and thankful to all those who help me think outside the box."

In a statement, the city described Thomas as an "effective administrator, teacher and scholar" who radically redefined the business school's mission "to incorporate a focus on global service and entrepreneurial creativity and identifying distinctive market niches ideally suited to its

traditions, commitments, and capacities."

Thomas spearheaded fundraising efforts for the new business school over 10 years. The new, spacious building includes an Innovation Lab with Makerbot 3D printers, the Troesh Conference Center, which hosted a TEDxLaSierraUniversity event on April 24, and two startup garages where



Dr. John Thomas (third from right), dean of La Sierra's Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business, received the Mayor's Innovation Honoree award in Riverside from Mayor Rusty Bailey (far right).

students can incubate their ideas and pursue new businesses.

Thomas, who holds a doctorate in political economy from Claremont Graduate University, has been a member of La Sierra's business faculty since 1988. He has taught courses in entrepreneurship, management, economics and finance. Presently, he serves as the Basshir Hasso Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and teaches a senior capstone class in entrepreneurship in which students start new ventures and seek funding. He also sits on the boards of at least 10 businesses and organizations, including Family Services of Riverside, Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, 89.7 KSGN Christian radio, and others.

Thomas took leadership of the business school in 1999. Under his direction, the school's mission emphasized entrepreneurial creativity and social change captured in the motto, "Create Value. Make a difference." Thomas established centers in philanthropy, conflict resolution and finance, and led an increase in enrollment with off-campus delivery of the MBA program at multiple locations. Additionally, the school's Students In Free Enterprise team

(now Enactus) captured four national titles and two world cups. The business school posted record enrollment in fall 2012 with more than 500 students in total. Over the next decade, Thomas foresees the Zapara School of Business achieving accreditation with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and an enrollment of about 1,000 students.

Thomas' own experiences in entrepreneurship took root in 1986 when he took over management of the local Cash & Carry, a failing drive thru, and turned it around to make a profit, allowing him to graduate debt-free.

Thomas said he enjoys competition and "being an underdog and/or a misfit. It motivates me to try harder and work longer. I also enjoy inspiring possibility."

"My definition of innovation is doing things differently. I enjoy taking ideas to market, and most of the courses I teach are focused on helping students think about the possibilities," he said. "Business students need to learn to create, collaborate and compete and not accept the world as it is."

Darla Martin Tucker



NATAN VIGNA

Dr. Johnny Thomas in front of the new home for the Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business.



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Newsletter for Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

A SPECIAL MOTHER

central california officers' perspective

Pierre Steenberg, Vice President for Human Resources, Central California Conference

MY MOTHER IS A SPECIAL lady. When finances were tough, she sacrificed to put four boys through Adventist education. She went for years without buying any new clothing for herself in order to supply our needs. She didn't only sacrifice for her own family. When another family experienced some challenges, my parents invited two other children to live with us for a few years. My mother became a second mother to them and remains such to this day. She never forgets anybody's birthday, and I mean anybody. To this day, she sends out hundreds of birthday cards every month.

Oh, how the church would be transformed if we always put others first! How different church would be if everyone treated others as special! How attractive church would be if all of us were willing to sacrifice when others face challenges!

My mother turns 85 this month. She still works full-time—without pay—for a Bible correspondence school. We wanted her to take some time off but she replied, "what about my work and all the people who would not get their Bible studies?" Imagine a church where we all hunger for souls that way; where we place reaching others first.

In Luke 2:46-47 Jesus' parents find him in the temple courts, "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers." I can imagine a teacher asking Jesus, "Son, where did you learn so much?" I can almost see Jesus smile and without thinking saying, "My mother taught me."

As we remember our mothers this month, let us emulate the good in them and serve others selflessly. Thank you mothers!



Calendar

May 9
Operation Blueprint Begins

June 9-11
Hispanic Youth Retreat

May 16-18
KID University

May 18
Pathfinder Fair

May 18-21
Soquel Volunteer Project

June 22
Teen Bible Academy Begins

June 29
Clerks & Treasurers
Training

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Camp Meeting season

message from the president

Ramiro Cano, President, Central California Conference

Camp Meeting Season is Upon Us and Much Prayerful Preparation is Underway.

Why camp meeting? Inspiration tells us the following: "The camp meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting attention of the people..."¹

We praise God for the gift of that sacred piece of real estate we call Soquel. There we come and congregate annually to fellowship, to pray, to learn, to experience God's transformational power and to recount through personal testimonies the many blessings and miracles experienced during the past year.

Many, however, are not able to participate personally with camp meeting for various reasons and we invite you to join us through other avenues. Most of the meetings will be streamed online and some uplinked to the Hope Church Channel. Visit ccc.adventist.org/campmeeting for details.

My prayer is that the spirit and blessings of camp meeting may spread wide throughout the landscape of CCC and beyond. This year, in particular, the Spirit of God has been tugging at my heart in a very special way concerning camp meeting and its planned programming components. I can describe this tug with the following inspired words:

"I would, at this time, sound the note of warning to those who shall assemble at our camp meeting. The end of all things is at hand..."²

There are solemn events taking place around the religious and political world that point to earth's final events. This brings to mind several questions. Where am I personally in my relationship with the Lord? Where is my family? Where is my church? Are all of my affairs in order?

We hope to address some of these questions during this year's event. The programming and guest-speakers have been intentionally and prayerfully selected to prepare, arouse, stimulate, and activate each of us to take up our place of work, service and faithfulness in this solemn hour of earth's history. The result will hopefully be the same as it was for our pioneers: "Many have returned home from these annual gatherings, to labor with greater zeal and intelligence than [before]."³

So then, what can we do over the next couple of months as we anticipate our time together at Soquel and in preparation for the Lord's soon return? I would like to propose the following practical daily suggestions:

PRAYER. Let's cultivate the habit of daily prayer. Lean upon the Rock, converse with Him, listen to Him as He impresses your heart to action. Make this communication with the Almighty your first act every morning.

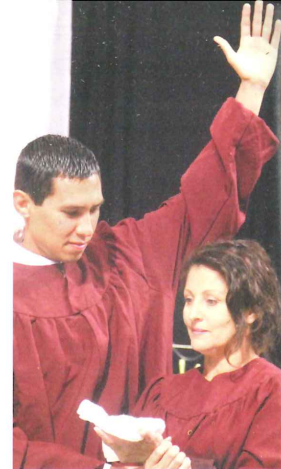
SCRIPTURE. Start each day in Bible study. Let the Word flood your soul with the life-changing principles of heaven. D.L. Moody once said, "The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible."

SERVICE. Resolve to help someone in service each day. The Psalmist suggests, "Trust in the Lord and do good..."⁴ It is so human to put off for tomorrow those opportunities to do good. No one is guaranteed tomorrow and Scripture challenges us to realize that "now is the day of salvation."⁵ When we give in to procrastination, we lose out on opportunities to serve the Lord. Spiritually speaking, "tomorrow" is one of the most dangerous of words. Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today.

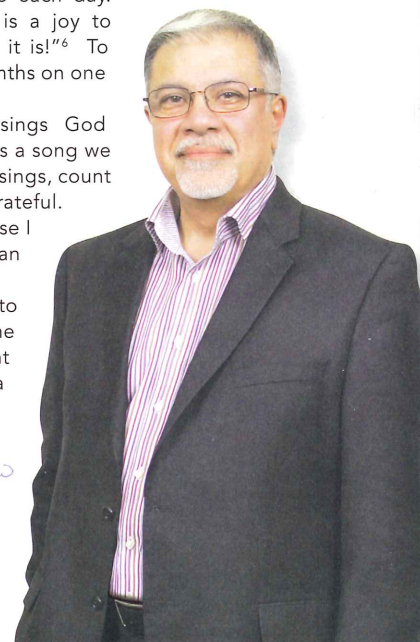
AFFIRM. Affirm and compliment someone each day. Scripture says, "To make an apt answer is a joy to anyone, and a word in season, how good it is!"⁶ To that, Mark Twain adds, "I can go for two months on one good compliment."

REMEMBER. Remember the many blessings God bestows on you, review them often. There is a song we like to sing that says, "count your many blessings, count them one by one." In other words, be grateful. Someone once said, "I had the blues because I had no shoes; till upon the street I met a man who had no feet."

JOY. Enjoy the journey and don't be afraid to be joyous and happy. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."⁷ After all, joy is a part of the fruit of the Spirit.⁸



Perhaps inspired author Ellen White says it best—a desire that I passionately have for all of us: "It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit."⁹



Ramiro

¹Ellen White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 6 pg.31
²Ellen White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 5 pg.16.2
³Ellen White, Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 9 pg.81
⁴Psalms 37:3
⁵2 Corinthians 6:2
⁶Proverbs 15:23, NRS.
⁷John 10:10
⁸Galatians 5:22
⁹Ellen White, Evangelism, pg.701.4



Caron Oswald: A Tribute

Costin Jordache, Vice President for Communication, Central California Conference



AS CENTRAL CALIFORNIA GETS READY to celebrate its 134th annual camp meeting season, many familiar elements will be in place. Memorable speakers, uplifting music, remarkable stories, and informative seminars. However this year, for the first time in many years one familiar aspect of camp meeting will be missing, namely, Caron Oswald. Caron retired last year, after 18 years of service in the Central California Conference Office of Communication. Reflecting on that, I thought I would take a moment to offer a word of gratitude to Caron both from myself and on behalf of all those she has served.

Caron came to Central California from Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania, where she worked as Director of Development. In 1996, she accepted an invitation to serve as Assistant to the President in the Central California Conference. In

2010 she was appointed as Vice President for Communication, Volunteerism and ASI, a role she had until her retirement in late 2013.

From what I have learned about Caron over the last few months, it would take a much longer article to enumerate the many ways in which she was involved in the life and ministry of the Central California Conference. Suffice it to say that Caron Oswald is passionate about communicating the gospel message of Jesus Christ as it comes alive in the lives of people. During her time in Central California, she wrote extensively about people and their relationship to God and to the mission of the Church. She was equally passionate about managing crises, both large and small and deeply passionate about every aspect of camp meeting. Those who know her best testify to the fact that she lived and breathed the 10-day event, working closely with her fellow administrators and pastors from around the conference to ensure the success of the annual gathering.

Caron will, without a doubt, be missed by many who have been blessed by her ministry both on stage and behind the scenes in Soquel. It is on behalf of these and many, many more that I offer these words of affirmation and encouragement to Caron: The influence of the Kingdom of Heaven in this part of California has been increased in many ways because of your work and your passion. On behalf of all of us, thank you! We wish you all of God's richest blessings in the years to come.



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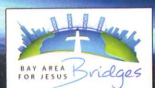
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the bridge to God



Carolann De Leon, Feature Correspondent, Central California Conference

SAN FRANCISCO'S PHILADELPHIAN SEVENTH-DAY Adventist Church hosted Central California's 2014 "Prayer-The Bridge to God" Prayer Conference. "I am praising God for the power of the Holy Spirit that was present at the prayer conference", says Joyce Mulligan, Central's Prayer & Woman's Ministries Director. "This prayer conference was bathed in much prayer during the months leading up to the event and also during the conference and God answered our prayers beyond our greatest expectations.

The Philadelphia church was packed and there were about fifty attendees watching the live streaming from the overflow room as the Spirit-filled messages were presented. Special children's ministry programming was offered throughout the weekend as well.

Guest speakers, Jerry Page, former Central California Conference president and current General Conference Ministerial Director and his wife, Janet, General Conference Ministerial Associate, presented throughout the weekend. Opening their hearts, they shared how the Spirit, through sincere prayer, continues to convict them personally to continue their transformational prayer journey with Jesus as they travel around the world ministering to an army of ministers and lay leaders.

Attendees were inspired by Central's Youth Evangelism Team's (YET) praise services throughout the weekend. On Sabbath afternoon, they led a group of young people to distribute GLOW tracts and love gifts to the homeless. In addition, local church members working alongside conference Cross-trainers and Operation Blue Print (OBP) team members, shared powerful testimonies that confirmed how God's Spirit is being poured out throughout the Bay Area. A growing number of Bay Area

residents with no church affiliation are being reached through personal contact outreach, health service projects, phone calls, Bible studies and other ways that address the needs of those living in the area. Many are being invited to attend the upcoming Operation Blue Print evangelistic series, which begins on May 9, 2014 on Treasure Island.

The powerful Prayer and Anointing service on Sabbath afternoon was directed by host pastor, Dr. Ivory Roberts-Clarke. Attendees were able to choose to be prayed for and anointed according to a specific area of need. Over one hundred attendees were prayed for by local Bay Area pastors, and left the event with the blessing of an anointing. "I had always wanted to be anointed but had never had the opportunity. I feel so much happier and free now that I have been anointed," said one attendee. "This weekend has been such a blessing! I'm a full-time medical professional and God is calling me to shed my fear and be more intentional about sharing Him with my coworkers," said another. This year's prayer conference concluded with an agape feast, led by Jerry and Janet Page. All who participated left spiritually challenged and ignited. "Our prayer had been that everyone who came would go away changed" said Mulligan, "and it was evident that our prayers had been answered."

Plans for next year's prayer conference are underway and once again all are invited and encouraged to attend this weekend of inspiration and transformation.



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June Camp Meetings Will Feature Batchelor, Bietz, Barrios and More

Camp Yavapines near Prescott, Ariz., will echo with voices of young and old at the annual Arizona camp meeting June 13-21. Hispanic camp meeting follows June 23-28. A lineup of speakers, lecturers and musicians, plus carefully crafted programs for infants through adults, will provide something for everyone.

In 1994, **Doug Batchelor** joined Amazing Facts as speaker-director. His fascinating life story of extremes includes privilege and poverty. He will be the opening speaker for the weekend of June 13-14.

AMAZING FACTS



Amazing Facts Speaker-Director Doug Batchelor will be keynote speaker for opening weekend.

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY



Southern Adventist University President Gordon Bietz will be the closing weekend speaker.

Before accepting the position as president at Southern Adventist University in 1997, **Dr. Gordon Bietz** pastored the Collegedale, Tenn., church and served as president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He will speak the weekend of June 20-21.

In December 2010, **Dr. Carlton Byrd** became speaker/director for Breath of Life. He is also the pastor of the Oakwood University church in Huntsville, Ala. He will be the weeknight speaker June 15-19.

Dr. Greg King is dean of the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University. He also served as chair of the religion department at Pacific Union College, where he was chosen as Educator of the Year. He will host the 11 a.m. daily seminar.

Mary Richards King considers it a blessing to have grown up as the daughter of Voice of Prophecy speaker H.M.S. Richards Jr., and his wife, Mary, and feels her early years laid a firm foundation for her own spiritual growth. She will have the daily 6:45 a.m. devotions.

Dr. Sung Hyun Um, president of Family Building Ministries, will be hosting the 9:30 a.m. family seminars daily.

Dr. Katia Reinert, North American Division health ministries director, will host the 4 p.m. health lectures daily.

Guest musicians include **Rudi Micelli** and **Gale Jones**.

Benjamin Lundquist will direct the young adult camp meeting, and will focus on building community, growing in Jesus, serving with significance and developing leaders. Guest speaker will be Jeremy Anderson, and Markis Zarate will provide special music.

For "Adults 2" contemporary camp, **Walt Groff**, **Gary Venden** and **John Schachinger** will speak.

Hispanic camp meeting will feature Florida Conference family life specialist **Henry Barrios**, M.D.; MOVEmentum President **José V. Rojas**; and Pastor **Richard O'Ffill**.

"We invite members and guests from the Pacific Union to share the enormous blessings of our Spirit-filled camp meetings," says Arizona

Conference President Tony Anobile. "Come apart and rest awhile as you contemplate the enormous gift of salvation in Christ."

Phil Draper



International recording artist Rudy Micelli will perform.

GREG KING



Dr. Greg King, dean of the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University, will hold morning seminars on the Life of Jesus. His wife, Mary Richards King, will be the early morning devotional speaker.

BREATH OF LIFE



Breath of Life Speaker-Director Carlton Byrd will be the mid-week evening speaker.

Couple Finds God's Blessings through Cancer Journey

When Melea met Brad Brown at Milo Adventist Academy in Milo, Ore., she never imagined that they would eventually be married and have two children. When they ran into each other again at Walla Walla University, she was not quickly wooed. "God has always had different plans for us than we did for ourselves," she says.

Brad pursued Melea relentlessly for three months in college with the encouragement he received from a friend who said, "She likes you; she just doesn't know it yet." Eventually, Melea

agreed to go on a date with Brad and that led to dating for two years and being married for 17 years.

Brad also chose to abandon his physical therapy major and pursue pastoral ministry instead.

"God has a great sense of humor," says Melea. "When I was young, I swore that I would never marry a pastor, but that is exactly what happened."

Brad was pastoring the Billings, Mont., church when he received a call to be the

chaplain at Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif. "Melea and I had always said that wherever God sends us, we will go — except for California," says Brad, jokingly. "But again, God had different plans for us."

Three weeks after arriving in Paradise, Melea went to the hospital with what she believed was the flu. There, she learned that it was actually stage four colon cancer. The cancer had metastasized to her liver.

The Journey Through Cancer

Brad and Melea vividly remember the day when Melea received her diagnosis. They recall how the doctor walked in and gave Melea, a statistician, a piece of paper with statistics of her odds of beating cancer. "We couldn't have been more shocked," says Melea.

"I was pretty sure they had the wrong chart," Brady says. "Melea has always been healthy. We eat right and exercise. It made no sense."

One physician said Melea might only have a month to live. "Having two young kids and being concerned that your wife will not live for very long is one of the hardest things you can face," says Brad. "You get stuck with the 'why' question."

Brad remembers finding hope in a passage from *Testimonies to the Church*: "All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (vol. 9, p. 298).

The couple realized they would have to wait to understand the reasons for their suffering, but they understood there was a purpose to it all. They believed that even in their suffering, God was guiding them. "Montana is wonderful for a lot of things — recreation and big sky



Brad and Melea Brown with 11-year-old son Jaorn and 8-year-old daughter Alina. The family took a break by vacationing in Maui, Hawaii, between Melea's chemotherapy and her liver surgery.



A recent picture of the Brown family after Melea's surgery and recovery.

— but not for its medical services," says Brad. "Being at Feather River Hospital got us in touch with the great services here and their sister program at Stanford Medical Center." Moving to California also meant that Brad and Melea were now closer to their parents, who were a critical support to them through the ordeal.

The Browns were also touched by how FRH and the Paradise church community both reached out and supported them through kind words, prayer and food. Someone even paid for house cleaning services. "I felt very humbled by all the support," says Melea. "We have always been ministering to people, but to turn around and to be ministered to was very touching."

Melea went through six months of chemotherapy and two major surgeries. All throughout, the family maintained a steady relationship with God. Doctors established that they would have to surgically remove a portion Melea's liver.

They also advised that only 65 percent of her liver could be removed without dire consequences. They were glad to find out that only 65 percent of her liver was affected by cancer. "This was clearly God's leading," says Brad. Doctors were able to remove the affected portion.

Post-surgery scans in September and December 2013 revealed that Melea has no traces of cancer. "We were as elated as it gets," says Brad. "It was a God moment for us."

The journey doesn't end here, though; Melea must have five years of clean scans before she is considered cured.

The Journey Continues

The Browns wanted to give back to the community that so generously supported them during their journey through cancer, so they started a cancer support group at FRH. "We realized that it was God that got us through," says Brad. "We

wanted to bring God to others going through such circumstances."

The group of approximately 20 meets every other week; the members share their stories and eat lunch together. Brad and Melea say they can see the difference it is making in the community, and they believe God brought them to FRH not just to benefit from the support of the community, but also to give back.

As the family looks to the future, they realize it is full of uncertainties. "Seeing what the Lord has done for us it a true testament," says Brad. "He has done some amazing things. Maybe the cancer will come back; no one knows what tomorrow will bring. But I know God has a plan for us, and we are happy to serve Him in any way He wants us to. I am not worried about the future."

Divya Joseph

Volunteers Ready Camp Waianae for Summer

For nearly 50 years, Camp Waianae has served the people of Hawaii. With just seven cabins, a cafeteria and a pool, the camp's modest facility has not limited its ability to provide a venue to connect young and old to their Creator. Developed with mostly volunteer labor, the camp continues to fulfill its mission with supporters who believe that sharing life with kids out in nature and introducing them to Jesus is a transformational experience.

In December 2013, 16 volunteers from the Florida Conference, led by Carol Barnett, traveled to Oahu. Pathfinder leaders and staff from Camp Kalaqua spent seven days constructing elements in the team building area: a trust fall platform, three islands, and logs for caterpillar

walks. They also built a permanent sound booth for the outdoor amphitheater and provided funds for a sound system that will be used for outdoor programming.

"Not only did the Florida group come and help our camp," said Darryl Roberts, the camp caretaker, "but they were a blessing to me and my family, inviting us to worship with them each morning and evening. They were such a great group of people."

On Sunday, March 30, after weeks of planning, members of the Hawaii Conference came to Camp Waianae to prepare for the summer camp season. More than 50 people cut down brush, hauled out old equipment, cleaned cabins, and built a stage and covered work area.

While many worked out in the hot sun, a team led by Kathleen Roberts cooked lunch.

"This is a great turnout for a workbee," said Gary Johnson, Hawaii Conference treasurer, as he hauled debris to a 20-foot dumpster. "It's great to see all the support for our camp from all the different churches."

When the work was completed, volunteers used the pool, sat in the shade with old and new friends, and helped clean up. Before the end of the day, all the remaining volunteers gathered at the new stage to have a prayer of dedication for the new Tree Chapel. Each day this summer, young people will have a chance to hear the Gospel and respond to God's call.

While many worked

Jesse Seibel



Volunteers from Camp Kalaqua and Florida Pathfinders funded a sound system, a sound booth, and other elements.



Conference Treasurer Gary Johnson (left) and Neal Cochran (right) fill a 20 foot dumpster with camp collectibles.



While on vacation, Woody Coffey (center) leads a group of youth painting shower stalls.



(L. to r.) Guy Smith, Norman McGuire, Patrick McGuire, Robert Lacquia, and Rod Seibel work together to build the new Tree Chapel stage.

Elko Church Holds Investiture Ceremony for New Pathfinder, Adventurer Clubs

Responding to a growing and changing congregation, the Elko, Nev., church recently started new children's ministries, including the Elko Gold Pathfinder Club and the Elko Silver Adventurer Club. Leaders and members participated in an investiture ceremony March 22.

Four years ago, the Elko church had only a few children coming to Sabbath school and church. The ones who did attend came rarely as there were not many activities for them aside from Sabbath school. Most of the church's ministries focused on the adults.

As people come to Elko from around the country, even around the world, for employment in the gold mines, this small mountain community is changing from a rural area into a city. As a result, families with young children

have been trickling into the church and providing more diverse leadership. In addition, some of the newly baptized members have felt called to serve as leaders.

Recently, the newly elected elder Santiago Garcia shared his concern for the church's youngest members.

"I need my children to have more activities in the church, or they will die spiritually."

Soon after, church members launched a Pathfinder club. Jeanie Jones, a member with previous Pathfinder leadership experience, volunteered to be the director.

Getting organized initially was a challenge, as most of the members and parents



Elko Busy Beavers John Leon, Elizabeth Carter and GianFranco Garcia participate in the new Adventurer's club.



Back, l. to r.: Instructors Jeanie Jones, Frank Miller, Santiago Garcia. Front, l. to r.: Members Santiago Javier Garcia, Tyler Delbridge, Shelly Miller, Stacy Lujan, Leonardo Garcia, and Frankie Miller.



Heidi, Brooklyn, Jackson, Tyler and Richard Delbridge.



The Elko Pathfinders, Adventurers and Busy Beavers and their leaders were invested March 22.

had never been involved in Pathfinders, and even fewer had experience with Adventurers. Because the church members and parents chose to work together, the program is working.

The clubs are named for the minerals abounding in the area. The Pathfinder

logo is a gold coin and a silver coin for the Adventurers, both with the Ruby Mountains as the background. The clubs meet every Sunday morning with 13 children participating. More have expressed interest in joining.

"What a joy this has been so far," said Heidi Delbridge-Christopherson. "I am so excited for the rest of the year camping and helping the children get their badges. Most of all, I am looking forward to watching these kids be servants of God and friends to man."

Roselyne Leon

Wheelbarrows and Water Filters

PUC Students Serve During Spring Break

Spring vacation can be a much-needed rest for Pacific Union College students who have just completed final exams after a tough 10 weeks of winter quarter. Yet, each year, groups of students give up their opportunity to spend time with family and take a break. These students, motivated by the desire to give back and serve God, spend their time away from school having a mission-oriented adventure in places far and wide.

From March 20-30, a group of 15 PUC students, joined by PUC service and missions coordinator Fabio Maia and professor of biology Floyd Hayes, flew to Manaus, Brazil, to work in Rosa de Saron, found in the interior of Manaus Amazonas. The group traveled to this exotic location to build a health clinic, provide water filters and water education, and teach English classes. Some of the students also participated in a tropical biology course led by Dr. Hayes, giving them the opportunity to experience the wildlife of the Amazon first-hand on morning trips along the river and through the jungle.

PUC partnered with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency for the service element of the trip. ADRA supports several projects in Rosa de Saron — including a school, furniture business, church, and a metal and dental clinic run out of a boat by an ADRA-employed nurse, Thianne de Oliveira. Dr. Oliveira, who also

teaches at the school, works with short-term mission teams who come to work in the area, including the PUC group.

The health clinic built by PUC will be used to benefit 32 communities in the area and will create a centralized location for emergency medical cases. Students made hundreds of wheelbarrow-trips with full loads of dirt, mud, and clay as they built a foundation and raised the level

of the floor in order to protect the new clinic from annual flooding. Maia joined local villagers braving the teetering heights of the loose frame to lay down roofing so that the structure would be protected from the incessant rain. With temperatures in the high 80s and humidity reaching up to 77 percent, dehydration was a serious concern; the daily siesta following lunch was a much-needed blessing and reprieve.

PUC also brought 30 water filters to Rosa de Saron in partnership with one of PUC's neighboring churches, St. Helena, Calif., Calvary Christian Church. Maia taught both the students and the community leaders how the filters are assembled and used. Using just gravity and a clean bucket, the filters are able to process 1,800 gallons of water in a day, turning the cloudy river into safe and potable drinking water. "PUC is committed to making a difference in the Amazon by bringing clean water to the communities in partnership with ADRA, Amazon," Maia shared.

Each evening, Maia, a native of Brazil, led English-Portuguese classes as PUC students were given the opportunity learn some of the Brazilian national language alongside the people they had come to serve. Several times

FLOYD HAYES



Chad Lattimer and two new friends serve with a smile.

FLOYD HAYES



Junior Moises Ramirez uses local methods to move dirt for the clinic's foundation.

throughout the process, Maia would laugh, "English is so much easier to learn — there are only two forms for the verb 'to swim': 'swim' and 'swims'. Portuguese has six," one for each form. Children and elders alike came together to laugh at poor pronunciation and enjoy the prospects of learning a new skill. Bianca Tolan, a junior at PUC, says, "The incredible thing was that even though there was a language barrier, we were all working on a project together and found ways to communicate." The English-Portuguese classes allowed for a third way for the group to bond with the community, as well as better communication with the community when working on the projects.

The trip had a profound effect on several students and only increased their desire to serve overseas. "I know I felt God and the joy that comes with experiencing Him. That was for sure a spiritual high that we were able to share together," shared PUC junior Moises Ramirez. After the trip, five of the students have decided to spend a year as student missionaries through PUC's student missions program, and two want to dedicate their lives to working abroad.

Madeline Miller and Cambria Wheeler

Union Votes Evangelism Funds

Asks GC for Recognition of SECC President

At its first meeting of 2013, on March 20, the Pacific Union executive committee voted \$192,000 from the Evangelism Endowment Fund to support four evangelism projects. The projects included: \$15,000 for CREATION health, a joint health education project conducted by the Southern California Conference and Glendale Adventist Medical Center; \$18,000 for a summer educational camp conducted by the El Monte Vietnamese church in the SCC; \$131,000 for the Asian/Pacific Refugee and Revelation Center in Arizona; and \$28,000 for Speiro Media Ministries at the Visalia church in the Center California Conference. Additional funds, for seven projects that cost \$10,000 or less, were voted one day earlier by the Evangelism Endowment Committee, bringing the total funding from the endowment fund to \$250,000.

According to Ted Benson, treasurer, the Evangelism Endowment Fund grew from \$11 million in 2012 to \$13.3 million dollars in 2013, even after granting \$555,000 for various projects during the year. Since the fund was established in 1998, it has produced more than \$5 million in grants for evangelism projects.

Six ministers were approved for ordination, all from the Nevada-Utah Conference: Sheldon Bryan, Angel Cuenca, Ryan Hablitzel, Angel Heredia, Julio Juarez and Wayne O'Bannon. (At its Nov. 14 meeting, the executive committee approved three others for ordination: Godfrey Miranda and Errol Perilla, from CCC; and Jovan Ilijev, from Northern California.)

In response to a request from the Southeastern California Conference executive committee, the Pacific Union executive committee voted to ask the union officers "in a spirit of graciousness, to request that the General Conference president ask the GC Archives staff to correct the [SDA] Yearbook, which currently shows that the SECC has no president." It noted that the Yearbook is a list of personnel and institutions, not a book of theology or policy. Union President Ricardo Graham delivered this request in writing to the office of the GC president during GC Spring Meetings, April

7-9, in Silver Spring, Md. At press time, the GC had not yet responded.

The committee also voted approval for three ministers to pursue Doctor of Ministry degrees: Manny Vitug, from SECC; and Simon Liversidge and Richard Roethler, from SCC. In addition, four ministerial scholarships were approved: Lindsey Pratt and Jon Tillay, from CCC; and Sara-May Julia Colon and Jerrold Thompson from SECC.

Both Bradford Newton, union executive secretary, and Ted Benson, treasurer, reported on the state of the Pacific Union at the end of 2013. There were 226,000 members, who met in 792 churches, served by 667 pastors. New members joining the church by baptism totaled 6,187 during 2013,

unique to the Pacific Union, which employs fewer staff than most comparable unions, returns to the conferences and schools of higher education a large part of tithe income that is designated by church policy for union expenditure, and then, at the end of each year, returns budgeted but unspent funds to the conferences.

Berit von Pohle, union education superintendent, reported on Common Core State Standards and on Transitional Kindergarten. On the first issue she explained that Common Core standards, which are intended to raise the educational competencies of American students, will not effect Adventist beliefs or practices. "Our textbooks will remain our own, our content will remain our

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and both membership and tithe increased by one percent. The Education Endowment Fund recently hit the \$10 million mark. That fund benefited 750 students during the most recent school year. During the last five years the fund issued scholarships totaling \$2.5 million.

Treasury also reported that SOULS West, the union's evangelism training school headquartered in Arizona, had the largest number of students in its history, at 53. Revenue and expense was over \$1 million, with a net loss for the year of \$75,000.

At the end of his report, Benson walked around the committee room, handing to each conference president a check for that conference's portion of the 2012 year end gain of \$700,000. Afterward he cautioned that there will be very little to distribute for at least the next two years. This process is

own, and our Adventist standards will always be distinctly Adventist," she said.

Transitional Kindergarten, von Pohle said, is a way for the state to provide pre-school for low income families. It is intended for children who turn five after Sept. 1 and before Dec. 1. "This goes against the DNA of Adventist thinking on education," she said, "but just in case we find that we have to go this way, the NAD is developing a curriculum." She reminded committee members that if families send their children to a public pre-school, they are much less likely to change the next year to a Christian school.

The Pacific Union executive committee will meet next on May 21 at La Sierra University.

Gerry Chudleigh

CALENDARS

Central California

AFRICAN AMERICAN Mr. & Mrs. Retreat (May 2-4) Camp Wawona. Info: African American Ministries, 559-347-3169.

GLOW LEADERSHIP TRAINING (May 3) Central California Conference. Info: GLOW Ministries, 559-906-6460.

K.I.D. UNIVERSITY (May 16-18) All are welcome! Info: Children's Ministries, 559-347-3183.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 16-18) Central Valley Academy. Info: Youth Ministries, 559-347-3174.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S RALLY (May 17) Area tbd. Info: Church Ministries, 559-347-3142.

ADVENTURERS' DAY (May 24) Fresno Central. Info: Youth Ministries, 559-347-3174.

Nevada-Utah

NEVADA-UTAH CONFERENCE Constituency Session (May 4) 10 a.m., Paradise church, 4575 Sandhill Road, Las Vegas, Nev.

LAS VEGAS AREA PATHFINDER Leadership Training (May 10-11) Paradise church, 4575 Sandhill Road, Las Vegas, Nev.

NUCA SUMMER CAMP (June 22-29) Wanship, Utah.

LAKE TAHOE CAMP MEETING (July 28-Aug 2) Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Northern California Conference

CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT (May 2-4) Leoni Meadows. 26th annual event. Speaker Herb Montgomery from Renewed Heart Ministries. Info and registration forms available at NCC churches and at www.ncc.adventist.org/mensministries.

MAY MONTH OF PRAISE (April 30-May 31) Fairfield Community church, 1101 E. Tabor Avenue. April 30-May 3: Emil Peeler, concert by Barron Peeler; May 10: Ena Hunter; May 16-17: John Lomacang; May 24: Iki Taimi; May 31: Trevor Barnes Jr. Weekly special features celebrating 29th MMoP. Info: 707-426-6720, fairfieldsda.com.

NCC CONSTITUENCY SESSION (May 18) 9 a.m. Pacific Union College church, Angwin. Info: 925-603-5007.

FILIPINO CAMP MEETING (May 23-25) Leoni Meadows. Speaker, Dr.

Gerard Babanezhad. "Spiritual Gifts of the Church." Info: Joel Magbanua, magjoelly@yahoo.com, 925-698-8181.

GRADUATION WEEKEND (May 30-June 1) Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, 3200 Rio Lindo Avenue, Healdsburg. Info: 707-431-5100.

GRAND OPENING (June 7) 10 a.m. Sacramento Slavic Church, 4837 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Info: 925-603-5047.

40TH ANNIVERSARY (Oct. 11-13) Sacramento Woodside church, 3300 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento. We would be honored to have all who have been part of our family join us on this inspirational weekend. Let us know if you'd like to participate in this memorable time together. Info: gjbenfield@gmail.com, 916-482-6444, www.woodsidesda.org.

Pacific Union College

MATT DE LA PENA (May 1) 10 a.m., PUC church. Young adult author of five critically-acclaimed young adult novels, de la Pena will speak for the College's Colloquy Speaker Series. Info: 707-965-6303 or pr@puc.edu.

ONE CHURCH (May 17) 11:15 a.m., PUC church. The Angwin community of all ages gathers for a quarterly single service to hear a sermon by Mark Witas. Info: 707-965-7297 or church@puc.edu.

CHORAL CONCERT (May 17) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall. The PUC Chorale and I Cantori will perform a concert conducted by Professor Bruce Rasmussen. Info: 707-965-6201.

VISUAL ARTS MAJORS Thesis Exhibition (May 17) 7 p.m., Opening Reception Rasmussen Art Gallery. Students from PUC's department of visual arts display their thesis work in this art exhibition. The show runs through June 14. Info: 707-965-7362.

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE Concert (May 18) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall. PUC's Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform a concert under the direction of Asher Raboy. Info: 707-965-6201.

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Southern California Conference

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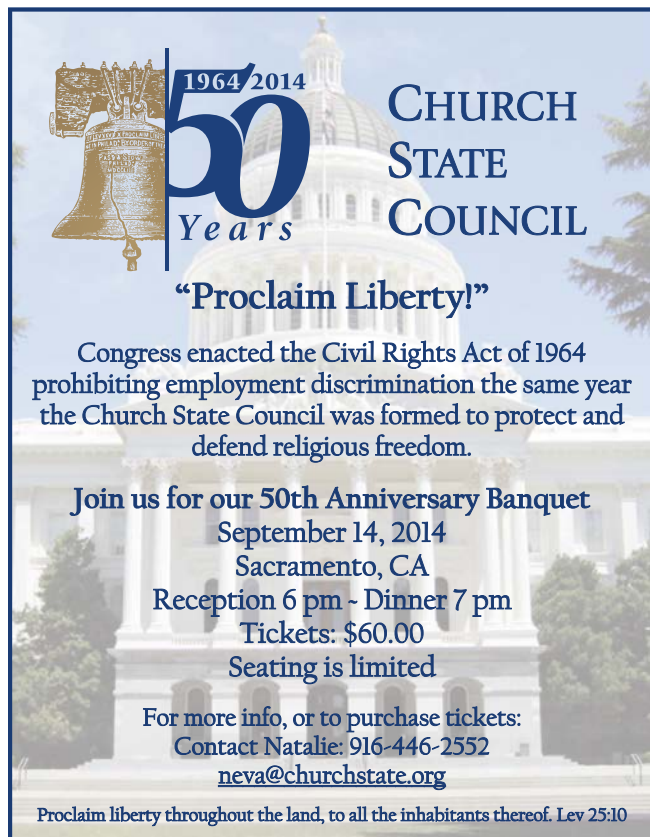
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SECOND SATURDAY SERIES Choral Festival (May 10) 4 p.m. Sébastien Vallée, DMA, director. Dr. Vallée is the director of choral studies at California State University, Los Angeles. Meet-the-performers reception after concert. Donation at the door. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: www.glendalecitychurch.org, 818-244-7241.

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L.A. ADVENTIST FORUM (May 24) 3 p.m. "My Most Exciting Archeological Discoveries," Larry T. Geraty, Ph.D., President Emeritus, LSU, professor of Archeology and Hebrew Bible. Chapel of the Good Shepherd at Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-724.

12TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL Kaleidoscope of Nations; "Out of Many — One Nation" (June 7) speaker, Calvin B. Rock, D.Min., Ph.D. Flags of 50 nations processional and international lunch; concert, 5:30 p.m.; Vespers, 7 p.m. Berean Church, 4211 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90018. Info: Daphne Morgan, 323-298-1189; daphne640@sbcglobal.net.



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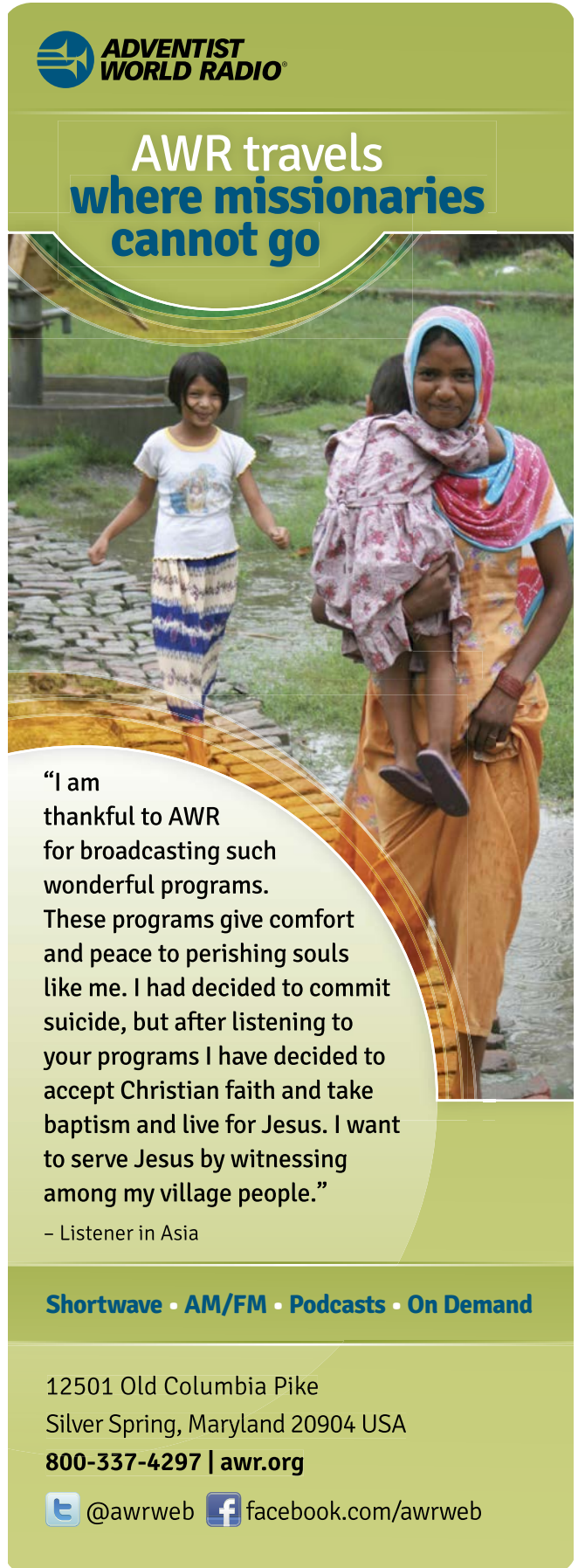
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Events

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Missing Members

KIHEI. Contact: Nancy McMillan, church clerk, Kihei Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 1296, Kihei, HI 96753, 808-875-0170, kiheiSDA@gmail.com: Joey Goette, Jimmy Prones, Benjamin Sagaysay.

RIVERSIDE. Contact: Rita Carleton, Riverside Community church, 4850 Jurupa Ave., Riverside, CA 92504, 951-686-1886, rita_carleton@yahoo.com: Linne Stonebreaker-Page, Melissa Strahle, Dolores Swan, Ruth Swan, Mary Swanbeck, Lisa Teran, Jennie Thomas, Rob D. Tomlin, Robert F. Tomlin, Fredy Torres, Sarah Uffindell, Becky Vasquez, John Vicaro, Kimberly Vicaro, Corey Virgilio, Janet Walker, Michael Weatherford, Linda Weaver, Carole Weeks, Sunshine Weeks, Yvonne Whitfield, Nafis Williams, Ray Williams, Brandon Winkler, Dan Winkler, Anna Wong, Ralph Young, Thomas Young, Erica Yow, Cachita Zaragoza.

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Reunions

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RENO JR. ACADEMY and Arlington St. church Sabbath School (1955-2000) Reunion (July 19) 2 p.m., Riverview Christian Academy gymnasium, 7125 West Fourth St., Reno, Nev. A fun program with music and pictures. Do you remember when? (bring some of your pictures and memories) Please come.

We will miss you if you don't come. Info: louise3270@sbcglobal.net or Lorraine Stocke, 775-677-2436.

LAKE UNION ACADEMIES 25th reunion potluck (May 3) 1 p.m., Loma Linda University School of Nursing West Hall, 11262 Campus Street (1/2 block north of Barton Road) Loma Linda, Calif. Questions: Call 909-748-5178 or 909-799-8039.

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Fresno	7:49	7:55	8:01	8:06	8:11
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AT REST

AAB, ALEXANDER — b. Dec. 28, 1919, Cymeric, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. March 15, 2014, Corona, Calif. Survivors: wife, Elizabeth; sons, Derek, Allan; daughters, Lynne, Gayle; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

BUCKWALTER, DOREEN H. (MATHER) — b. Jan. 10, 1925, London, England; d. March 5, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Yvonne Conner; one grandchild.

BAKER, LILIA SANCHEZ (HERRERA) — b. Nov. 11, 1922, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Feb. 18, 2014, Pacific, Wash. Survivors: sons, James, John, Gary, Benjamin; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Naomi Reese, Linda Martinez. Served as a literature evangelist.

BATTIN, PEGGY JEAN — b. Feb. 3, 1950, Marysville, Calif.; d. March 13, 2014, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: stepdaughter, Ashley Wheeler; mother, June; sister, Judy Clendenon; brother, Richard, II.

CABANATAN, EDDIE — b. April 9, 1947, Guiuan Samar, Philippines; d. Jan. 17, 2014 San Bernardino, Calif. Survivors: wife, Antonia; son, Edward; daughters, Beverly Moretti, Ginger Ath; four grandchildren.

CABRERA, GREGORY ALAN — b. Jan. 4, 1958, Mich.; d. March 12, 2014, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Sammy; mother, Carmen; brother, Sidney; sisters, Priscilla Cook, Patty, Pelu.

CARR, LARRY — b. Oct. 8, 1929, Palatine, Ill.; d. March 10, 2014, Troy, Idaho. Survivors: sons, Greg, William, Weston; daughters, Lorie, Elaine, Lyndi; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Jim, Allan, David; sisters, Pauline Olson, Alice Hale, Dottie Payton.

CLAUSEN, VENUS EE-SIRIPORN — b. March 25, 1942, Bangkok, Thailand; d. March 9, 2014, Zambia, South Africa. Survivors: husband, Conrad; brother, Joe Ee-siriporn.

ELLINGTON, CHARLES SAMUEL — b. Jan. 7, 1924, Sabetha, Kan.; d. Sept. 5, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Bruce; daughter, Debra Williams; daughter-in-law, Jill; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

ENGEN, VIRGINIA DRIESBACH — b. March 9, 1925, Indianapolis, Ind.; d. Feb. 1, 2014, Fullerton, Calif. Survivors: husband, Paul; son, Donald; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

HALLSTED, RUBY IRENE (BERGSTAD) — b. July 3, 1927, Clinton, Minn.;

d. Dec. 9, 2013, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: husband, Robert; daughters, Karen Jackson, Linda McDonald; one grandchild.

HENDERSON, ANNA M. (JILES) — b. July 11, 1926, Mobile, Ala.; d. Jan. 12, 2014, Vallejo, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert, Kenneth, Gregory; daughters, Gail Peter, Greta; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucille Aaron, Lelia Englis.

HICKOK, RALPH "WESLEY" — Jan. 26, 1935, Chicago, Ill.; d. Feb. 25, 2014, Rancho Mirage, Calif. Survivors: wife, Donna Sjoren-Hickok; brother, Merle Hickok; sister-in-law, Jean.

HIXSON, EMILY LOU — b. March 6, 1923, Portland, Ore.; d. March 18, 2014, Truckee, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ray; son, Ron; daughter, Ruth Rollo; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

HULL, CAROLE VIOLA (SINN) — b. Oct. 29, 1932, Dinuba, Calif.; d. Jan. 26, 2014, Hemet, Calif. Survivors: husband, William; son, William Randall; daughter, Cheryl D. Foster; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Donelle Stoltz. Served as teacher of piano, organ and choir for Fresno, Rio Lindo, and Napa Jr. academies; and private; led Shepherdess and Woman's Ministries, Northern California and Idaho conferences.

JOHNSON, VEVERLY JEANNE — b. Jan. 17, 1933, Boulder, Colo.; d. Dec 15, 2013, Fullerton, Calif. Survivors: sons, Donald Beltz, Edward Beltz; daughters, Christine Alvarado, Valerie Oswald, Laura Wiersema, Carolyn Canaday; stepson, Ken Johnson Jr.; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

KARCZEWSKI, VICTORIA — b. Dec. 12, 1949, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Jan. 2, 2014, Woodbridge, Calif. Survivors: husband, Thomas; son, Steven Hernandez; daughter, Mabelle Wallace; five grandchildren.

LOMONACO, HELEN (WILEY) — b. Aug. 9, 1918, Santa Rosa, Calif.; d. Feb. 24, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: sons, Paul, Daniel, Timothy, Thomas, Mark, Matthew; daughters, Christine Conn, Nancy Tyler, Catherine Johnson, Virginia Jessup.

MARSH, NORA (DUNN) GUILD — b. Sept. 1, 1910, Ind.; d. Feb. 11, 2014, St. Helena, Calif. Served as a missionary in pre-World War II China and then India and Burma; worked as an editor for *Southern Asia Tidings* and for the Ellen G. White Estate.

MORRISON, KENNETH — b. July 21, 1931, Mandeville, Jamaica; d. Feb. 17, 2014, Oakland, Calif. Survivors: wife, Shirley; son, Wesley; daughter, Kimberly Doggette; two grandchildren. Served as Oakland Market Street church treasurer.

NAGRA, MOHINDER SINGH — b. 1934, Pakistan; d. March 6, 2014, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: wife, Manjit Kaur Nagra; son, Lukhvinder Singh Nagra; daughters, Satinder Kaur Nagra-Mehta, Kuldeep Kaur Nagra; one grandchild.

PERKINS, CHARLOTTE ANN — b. Aug. 5, 1955, Sacramento, Calif.; d. Dec. 22, 2013, Sacramento, Calif. Survivor: mother, Arlene M.

PRICE, FLORENCE OPAL — b. March 24, 1923, Beaver County, Okla.; d. March 11, 2014, Glendale, Ariz. Survivors: sons, Haskell, Clark; daughters, Betty Nowaskey, Barbara Williams; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; sister, Elvadean Denton; brother, Clark Yates.

RICKABY, GERALDINE ELIZABETH — b. March 13, 1926, Muse, Okla.; d. Feb. 28, 2014, Palermo, Calif. Survivors: son, Stan; daughter, Pam Fowler; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Doyle Pannell; sisters, Shirley Harris, Donna Wood.

RISTER, PATRICIA GALE IONE — b. April 2, 1936, St. Paul, Minn.; d. March 8, 2014, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: husband, Gerald; son, Clair; daughters, Artha Kuklok, Sandra Cochran, Peggy Gates.

SCHABER, DOROTHY MAE (DANIELSON) — b. Jan. 10, 1921, Roberts, Montana; d. Feb. 27, 2014, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: foster son, Jerry Tam; sister, Carol Danielson. Served as a nurse at St. Helena Sanitarium.

STRUTZ, PETER GEORGE — b. April 26, 1922, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. March 21, 2014, Fallbrook, Calif. Survivors: son, Peter; daughter, Judy Strutz-Vanderwerff; three grandchildren.

VAN NOTY, ELWOOD E. — b. Sept. 2, 1922, Battle Creek, Mich.; d. February 7, 2014, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Carole Sue Bowes, Pam Van Noty; four grandchildren; brother-in-law, Norman Sims. Served as assistant secretary treasurer at Southeastern California Conference for over 27 years and assistant treasurer and investments manager at Pacific Union Conference for over 20 years.

WILLARD, NADINE ELMA — b. Jan. 9, 1936, Napa, Calif.; d. March 22, 2014, Santa Rosa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Dudley; son, David; daughter, Cindy Danner; two grandchildren; sister, Lolita Kennedy.

ZIRKLE, CAROL ELIZABETH — b. Sept. 18, 1941, Spokane, Wash.; d. March 8, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Thomas, Jonathan; daughter, Karen; four grandchildren.

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