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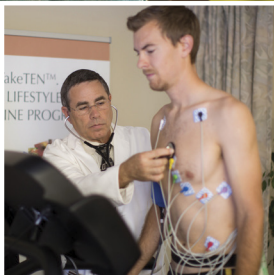
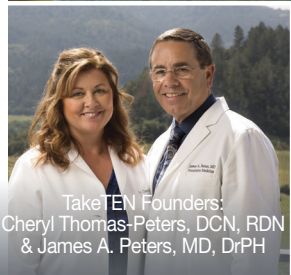


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Ready to Give an Answer

By Ricardo Graham, D.Min.

I recently had a conversation with a young person, a millennial with a lot of questions. He approached me and said he had some questions he wanted to ask me, a pastor, about Adventist beliefs.

I immediately offered a silent prayer. Since I wasn't aware that this conversation was on the agenda for the day, I wasn't able to prepare for it, and most people expect that a church leader such as myself should be ready to "give an answer" at any time. I didn't want to disappoint him, but not trusting myself in my limited intellect and memory, I asked God to help me.

One of the things he asked me about was his "immortal soul."

I listened to his multipart question, waiting somewhat patiently for him to conclude so that I could respond. I think I picked the most difficult, but perhaps the most important, part of his query to answer.

First, I told him that, correctly understood, the Bible doesn't support the belief that human souls are immortal. I shared that the Bible teaching on any subject must include all pertinent information that, contextually presented, helps to paint a full and accurate picture of the subject being studied.

Percolating in the background of my mind was the idea that the teaching of the natural immortality of the soul is straight from the devil's mouth. He planted it in the human consciousness in the Garden of Eden when he told Eve, "You shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4, American King James Version).

Since then, in a myriad of ways, that lie has been repeated and represented as truth in every conceivable manner. It is engrained in the thinking of millions of people who believe that there is some consciousness of the soul after death.

I remember seeing a cartoon years ago that showed a little creature apparently killed in an auto accident. Immediately, the creature sprouted wings (representing another fallacy — the one that teaches that at death we get an instant reward and are elevated to the status of angels — but I didn't go that far in my conversation).

Second, while this was not a full Bible study, I tried to present a few Bible gems on the subject, because I believe the Bible is true. Ezekiel 18:4 says: "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

I gently explained that I believed that people do not possess souls, but that we are souls (Genesis 2:7) created by God with the possibility of inheriting eternal life (Luke 10:25).

The New Testament clearly teaches that God alone is immortal. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever" (1 Timothy 1:17); and "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting" (1 Timothy 6:16, KJV).

Paul taught the ancient Corinthians that, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and

the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:52-53).

Human immortality is presented as a future experience that begins at the moment Jesus comes and rewards His saints; it is not a present, ongoing condition.

While we are not now immortal, nor do we possess an immortal soul, the promise of immortality is ours through the gift that God will one day bestow on His faithful children.

Well, this column has been a bit more doctrinal than what usually appears on this page, but with so much error being offered all around us, we need to be reminded of pure, pristine Bible truth.

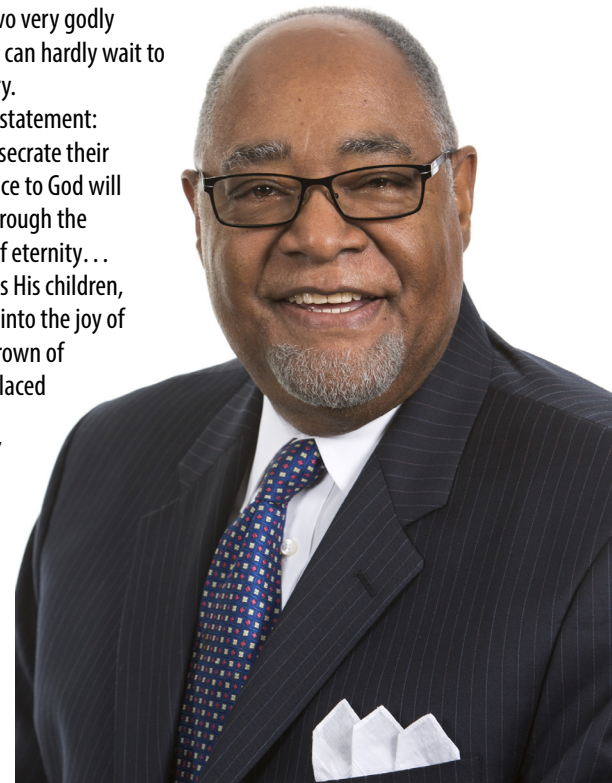
The non-immortality of the soul, being a Bible fact, is not the whole story. It bears repeating that God promises to give eternal or immortal life to the people (souls) who die in faith to Him; those made righteous by living in faith to God by His Spirit and mercy and grace, shall be resurrected to eternal life. A promise — a guarantee — made by the God who cannot lie. Wow!

Imagine the day when the long-dead saints, our loved ones who are resting in the grave, arise to the "newness of life."

There are many friends and relatives I want to see again. Beloved church members whose funerals and memorial services I have participated in and or attended, and especially my two very godly grandmothers. I can hardly wait to see them in glory.

Consider this statement: "Those who consecrate their lives to the service to God will live with Him through the ceaseless ages of eternity. . . He takes them as His children, saying, Enter ye into the joy of your Lord. The crown of immortality is placed on the brow of the overcomers" (*The Youth's Instructor*, Aug. 20, 1896).

What a day to experience! By God's grace, let's enter in.



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PUC Welcomes Speaker Scott Alvord for Annual Career Day

Pacific Union College welcomed entrepreneur, businessman, and PUC alumnus Scott Alvord to speak for the Colloquy Speaker Series on March 2. Students were moved by Alvord's story of success, from a college student struggling to pay his tuition to his current position on the Roseville City Council.

Lary Taylor, associate professor emeritus of business administration, introduced Alvord, noting he has been voted favorite local businessperson and favorite civic leader in the Reader's Choice awards for *Style Magazine*, a local publication for the Roseville, Granite Bay, and Rocklin communities.

Alvord stepped on stage with an authoritative yet welcoming presence. During his presentation, he emphasized the importance of valuing an education, not only because it provides a variety of career opportunities, but also because of the investment. He encouraged students to strive for good grades. "God has put you here to enrich the world," Alvord said. "Become a person of value, not a person of success."

As a freshman at PUC, Alvord struggled to pay tuition. To his surprise, a mysterious donation covered his first-year expenses, giving him the opportunity to take full advantage of PUC's education system. Money was still tight, however. His dinners often consisted of adding ketchup to ramen noodles, which he claims, "tasted like spaghetti."

As time passed, Alvord focused his time and energy on academics, earning a very high GPA during his time at PUC. He went on to earn an MBA-MCA degree from Sacramento State University. From there, he started several businesses and became involved in the City of Roseville. Alvord served as the president of the Downtown Roseville Merchants for nine years, as well as on the executive board of the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, among many other professional endeavors. He also owned an award-winning restaurant that he operated for over a decade in downtown Roseville and even volunteered as a high school sports coach.



PUC students receive career inspiration from working professionals during the college's annual career fair.

After years of involvement in the community, Alvord ran for a seat on the Roseville City Council this past fall. After a long and arduous campaign, he was elected.

Alvord's long history of success spurred motivation in students of all majors and ages. He ended by challenging students: "Let your light shine," he said. "We are all in it to shine. It's not just in some of us, it's in every one of us."

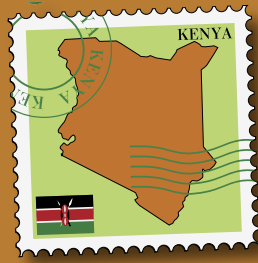
Following the service, PUC hosted its annual Career Day fair. More than 50 working professionals, many of whom were PUC alumni, were on site to provide students with information about careers, internships, and potential post-graduation job opportunities.

Andrew Mahinay

Notice of Constituency Session

An official session of the constituent membership of Pacific Union College will be held in PUC's Fireside Room at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The members will elect trustees to replace those whose terms will expire at that session; review the audited financial statement of the previous period; and transact such other business as may properly come before the constituency. The meeting will adjourn at or before 5 p.m.

*Bradford C. Newton, Chair
Eric D. Anderson, Secretary*



KENYA

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE MISSION TRIP

with *Maranatha*

First-person accounts from a once-in-a-lifetime mission trip to Kenya

In mid-March, 68 people — including Northern California Conference Pathfinders, NCC church and family members, and people from other conferences — traveled to Kenya to work on a variety of projects organized by Maranatha Volunteers International. The youngest mission trippers were Levi (2) and Abby (4), who traveled with their parents, Mack and Tracy Montanye, and grandparents, David and Diane Wright. (Two other families of three generations also went.) The oldest participant was Teresa Tobias (80).

The following are some first-person accounts written during the trip.

Volunteers built a new boys' dormitory for an Adventist primary school.

"A sixth-grader named Vincent will sleep on a new mattress, sheets and pillow for the first time in his life in a new dormitory completed this week. Vincent told me that he wants to be

a surgeon, and having a clean and safe place to sleep will help him and the rest of these young men have the rest, confidence and good health that will help him and the rest of these students achieve their dreams." *Rich Magnuson, Sacramento Capitol City church*

"We cannot believe how you completed our dormitory so quickly. It is truly a gift from God." *John Momani, principal, Reach International Upper Hill Adventist Primary School*

They conducted Vacation Bible School programs twice a day at multiple locations for about 2,000 kids.

"My favorite part was the kids. They have so much energy and there are so many of them. I love being around them." *Torry Slaton, Grass Valley church*

"In a country full of poverty, the kids are so willing to learn about Jesus. I have been able to bring Jesus to them." *Hannah Barnhart, 16, Healdsburg church*

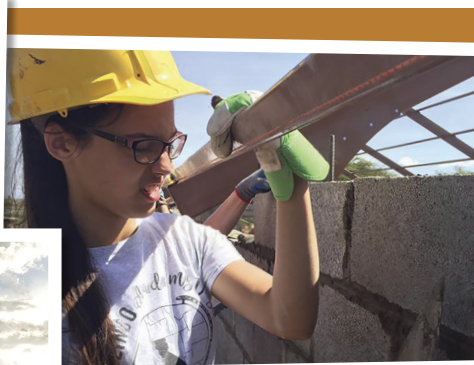
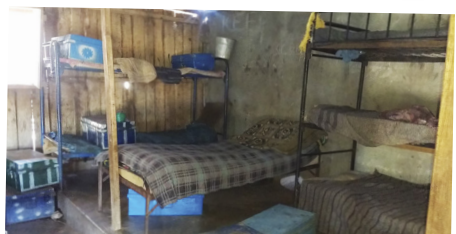
"It was amazing and overwhelming at the same time. These kids have nothing and no way of getting anything. However, dealing with the kids in VBS was amazing." *Brenda Brandy, Pleasant Hill church*

They provided medical, vision and dental care.

The health clinic saw more than 500 individuals and dispensed vitamins, medication for scabies and worms, and antibiotics for many illnesses, including pneumonia. Volunteers cleaned and dressed wounds and counseled individuals on many common health conditions. At the dental clinic, 179 patients were seen, with 208 teeth extracted. More



BEFORE



AFTER



than 800 people visited the eye clinic, and volunteers gave away 593 pairs of glasses and 500 pairs of sunglasses.

They helped provide water.

“For me the most meaningful part was helping set up water storage so the Samburu people could have a reliable water source for drinking, washing and irrigation.” *Greg McCulloch, from the Central California Conference*

They made friends.

“I’ve been a lot of places but I’ve never met a more open and loving group of kids.” *Eddie Heinrich, NCC Youth Director*

“The most meaningful part has been getting to know the people of Kenya. They have embraced me as family and have given me a Kenyan name.” *Kathy Batchelor, Pittsburg church*

They were inspired.

“The school kids are so willing to play and help.” *Teddy Slaton, 16, Grass Valley church*
“I’ve been on many mission trips, but the poverty here is the worst. Yet in spite of that, people are happy and friendly. Their smiles cover their faces and are genuine.” *Betty Newman, Arcata McKinleyville church*

They made a difference.

Evangelistic meetings conducted by Ed and Ruth McKenzie (Washington Conference) resulted in 97 baptisms.

“I’ve been on a lot of mission trips, and now that I am older I can do more things.” *Evann Lee, 12, Paradise church*

“It was such a joy to be part of this mission trip. I saw God’s hand at work in many awesome ways. There is so much need, and we were thankful to be able to join together — young and old — to help share God’s love.” *Jim Pedersen, NCC President*



Zoom! NCC Pinewood Derby Tests Craftsmanship and Creativity



Winners in the pro stock teen girls category receive their trophies: *Gabbi Ballance, Galt (1st); Bobbi Peyton, Carmichael (2nd); Lauren Vitangcol, Pleasant Hill (3rd).*

Hundreds of children and teenagers too young to drive, but eager to race homemade cars down a steep track, competed in the Northern California Conference Pinewood Derby, a Pathfinder and Adventurer event that drew kids from nearly 20 churches. The competition featured 300 racecars—some built for acceleration and others designed for show — at the Sacramento Adventist Academy gymnasium on March 11.

Enthusiastic fans cheered loudly for their own and everyone else’s cars zooming down the gravity-reliant track. “There are 400 to 500 people here!” said John Sorrell, Pleasant Hill church Pathfinder director. “We’ve never had this many. It makes me feel blessed for the whole group.”

Pinewood Derby, a decades-old tradition that teaches kids about woodworking and physics, was once hosted exclusively by the Pleasant Hill

club, but in 2011, the Carmichael church club offered a local derby for Sacramento area clubs.

For this most recent derby, both clubs set up their 49-foot-long, six-lane-wide aluminum tracks side-by-side. The tracks were tethered to computers containing software that generated immediate and precise time results on projection screens.

“The biggest advantage of running both derbies is that we could run all the heat races and the championship of all NCC clubs in one day,” said Carmichael club director Keith Anthony, “instead of having two separate derbies and then finding another date and location to run an NCC championship.”

Despite their differences in speed and style, all vehicles had one thing in common: they were each created from a piece of wood block that initially measured seven inches long. As usual, the thinnest, sleekest cars were also the

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(Right) Judges review each pinewood derby car design for creativity, while fans behind them cheer during the qualifying heats.



(Above) Volunteer Keith Jacobson, senior pastor of the Carmichael church, makes notes during the judging portion of the derby. (Right) Kathryn Carlson from the Placerville church reacts to her first-place finish.



fastest, which resulted in scaled-up, adjusted speeds equivalent to about 225 mph.

The first-place race trophy winners — along with church, race category and car name — were: Andrew Bohlman, Carmichael, stock Adventurers, “Noah’s Ark”; Kathryn Carlson, Placerville, stock junior girls and pro modified junior, “The Patriot”; Austin Im, Pleasant Hill, stock junior boys, “(Im)sanity”; Gabbi Ballance,

Galt, pro stock teen girls, “Wild Thing”; Tommy Rogers, Placerville, pro stock teen boys and pro modified teens, “The Cross”; and Bill Reedy, Carmichael, pro stock adults, “Cap” and pro modified adults, “Feed the Zeke.”

Race officials awarded 32 trophies and 25 craftsmanship medals. Most cars had unique designs, including an ice cream cone, a golf ball, a cheese wedge, a guitar and a tennis shoe.

First-year pathfinder Amy Espinoza of the Hayward Spanish church called her blue car “Sky,” in memory of a pet bird that escaped from its cage. “I had so much fun painting it

and making my design because I really got to use my imagination,” she said.

Teen Elise Guerrero, from the Colfax church, made a car with a taco on top. The hardest part of her creation was finding non-edible toppings: fake flowers for lettuce, yarn for cheese and felt for tomatoes. In past years, she’s made cars that look like pizza, a hot dog and cheese. “I’m trying to keep a food theme every year,” she said.

Organizers, who relied on 50 volunteers for the event, deemed the derby a huge success. They are already planning next year’s races.

Edwin Garcia

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Children's Evangelism Teaches Teambuilding

When people think of children's ministry training, Vacation Bible Xperience may seem like an obvious topic. But VBX is only one element of children's evangelism in Central. Lisa Plasencia, Central's Children's Ministries director, explored the inner workings of group and team dynamics to strengthen relationships with each other, and with their surrounding communities, in a recent training series.

Community assessment leads to better planning and more community impact, she explained, by allowing ministries to be tailored to fit their needs. For example, if a community struggles with after Xperience care for children of working parents, a church might start a homework club. If health issues are a major concern, churches can meet those needs with health classes, medical clinics, or cooking Xperiences.

Plasencia peppers her trainings with personal experiences from her own ministry. She illustrates functions and potential tensions within a group, rules of brainstorming, nonverbal behaviors, and how the environment outside a group can affect the team.

Teams from the various churches represented at the training immediately began planning their outreach initiatives. When the Madera



Teams learn that working together requires give and take, as well as communication.

and Madera Hispanic churches realized their programs were scheduled for the same week, they quickly adjusted their schedules. "We both serve the same community," explained VBX leader Belinda Delval. "Our churches can

share resources, decorations, staff and even attendees."

Of course, no children's ministry training would be complete without an introduction to the annual Vacation Bible Xperience program. "Cactusville: Where Kids are Called to Follow Jesus," a Vacation Bible Xperience, is a complete program for kids to experience that they are called by God. "Many churches don't have a [VBX] budget," explained Plasencia. "When their teams attended this year's training, we offered a free Cactusville kit to encourage each church to hold a summer program."

Thus far, 24 churches have sent teams for the first three trainings, and 17 of them received free Cactusville VBX kits. Sixty-nine members are now equipped to strengthen their ministry teams, connect and share ideas with others, and make plans for their community's Vacation Bible Xperience.



NAD introduced "Cactusville – Where Kids are Called to Follow Jesus" as this year's VBX theme.

Sue Schramm



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Safety Sabbath: Protecting Your Ministry

Safety begins with planning and practice. And that is just what many churches, including Milpitas and Fresno Sunnyside, did. Adventist Risk Management partnered with the North American Division and invited churches everywhere to conduct safety drills on Safety Sabbath in March. ARM provided full “how to” guides for both fire and active shooter scenarios, a planning checklist, and many other resources — hoping every church would learn the importance of safety drills.

Milpitas Church

Pastor Antonio Cano met with his Milpitas church deacons a month earlier to formulate a plan. “Given the climate in society, we felt we were completely unprepared should something happen,” Cano admitted. “Almost anywhere we go, they have plans and procedures should something happen.”

Their planning committee assumed a random location for a fire to start. They analyzed the floor plan and decided on three exits. Just before the sermon on March 25, deacon Osman Tablang took the microphone. He told the congregation of the emergency and gave exit instructions according to plan. Milpitas Fire Department was on hand to assess the effectiveness of their plan.

Eight deacons and deaconesses took their positions to assist in evacuating the congregation. In fact, nearly 200 people safely

ANTONIO CANO



Milpitas Fire Station No. 2 offers evacuation tips to Milpitas church members.

evacuated the building in 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Immediately following the drill, the captain of Milpitas Fire Station No. 2 gave tips to the entire congregation on areas needing improvement, such as reducing the bottleneck at one of the exit doors.

Fresno Sunnyside Church

Fresno Sunnyside church also conducted a fire safety drill. Pastor Dennis Ray, along with safety organizer Marla Hartman, laid out a plan. Sabbath school teachers were given warning about the upcoming drill and instructed their classes on the proper procedures.

Donna Fitzgerald, the Beginners Sabbath School teacher, explained to the children that they’d be having a fire drill. “You will hear a loud sound, but do not be afraid,” continued Fitzgerald. “We are going to make a line and exit the door together.”

For some it would be their first fire drill. “At first, the noise

scared him,” recalled Bianca Rivera, a 3-year-old’s mother. “But then he saw everyone line up, and he did, too.”

“After having participating in Safety Sabbath, I am confident that our congregation will be able to act quickly and orderly in the event of a fire,” assured Ray.

Conference Office

In addition to promoting church and school safety, the conference encourages annual self-inspections, appointing a church safety officer, and ongoing safety training. “We, at the conference office, are doing our best to practice what we are asking our churches to do,” said Norma Maynez, associate director for Risk Management. “We promote safety through awareness, education and practice of safety procedures and drills.” The Safety & Risk Committee meets quarterly to assess and update Central’s emergency action plan, which will help each church create its own action plan.

Any Sabbath can be a Safety Sabbath. Churches can put together teams, access resources at safetysabbath.com, and practice for every threat that could arise. Contact nmaynez@cccsda.org for additional resources.

GABRIEL WIEST



Sabbath school attendees vacate during Fresno Sunnyside’s fire drill.

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Shared Stories Inspire Hope at the Calimesa Women's Retreat

Nine years ago, the Calimesa church women's retreat began as a small meeting designed specifically as spiritual nourishment for church members. Over the last few years, however, it has grown into one of the church's largest events — an opportunity for women to enjoy fellowship, experience time away from the stresses of everyday life and be blessed by inspiring messages by guest speakers.

The most recent retreat took place Jan. 28 at the Plantation on the Lake in Calimesa. Over half of the 187 women who came did not identify as Adventist church members, but are friends, family members and neighbors of women in the Calimesa church.

The retreat, themed "Our Stories, Our Hope," featured Calimesa church member Kathy McMillan, who specializes in spiritual caregiving and bereavement at Loma Linda University Medical Center. She invited Beth Rabenstein, Caroline Kim, Jeenie Balkins and Heidi Steffen to join her in sharing inspiring testimonies of how God has, and is, working continually in their lives. The transparent and honest accounts shared by the speakers helped each woman to see how God shines His light through difficult times — no matter people's background or current situation.

"Each year we gain a growing awareness of how much God loves us," said Bonnie Parker, who organized the event. "All in attendance



Retreat speakers, from top left: Caroline Kim, Kathy McMillan, Jeenie Balkins, Beth Rabenstein and Heidi Steffen.

were touched and very blessed by Kathy's many personal stories, which helped us be aware that our own personal stories demonstrate God's power in our lives."

Donna Zuppan, who volunteered as a table hostess, agreed. "Thank you to the speakers for telling your story in order to show us that brokenness is healing."

Many of the attendees commented that it was a "perfect day" and that they were inspired and moved to learn more about forgiveness, prayer and the importance of authenticity. "I was reminded to pray more earnestly about a particularly emotional and distressing situation," one attendee said.

In addition to the inspiring speakers, the women were treated to beautifully decorated tables (complete with flowers, tea cups and books), break time activities, a constant supply of hot drinks and fruit, as well as a catered lunch. A worship team, led by Deborah Curbelo, Frances Janzen, Grace Kim, Sandy Moran, Claudette Sanders and Rachel Tohm, started each of the retreat's four sessions.

The members from Calimesa appreciated the chance to get to know women from outside their church. "Thank you for welcoming the community," Zuppan said. "It made the experience so much richer."

Natalie Romero



Left to right: Caroline Kim, Heidi Steffen and Laurel Haglund socialize during the retreat.

Loma Linda Chinese Church Members Learn Principles of Evangelizing in Everyday Life

When Jesus walked the earth, He drew people to Himself through relationships — and He set an example for His followers to do the same. The pastors of the Loma Linda Chinese church want to follow His leading, and to inspire and equip church members to walk in His steps.

To that end, they invited David Klinedinst, pastor and evangelist from the Iowa-Missouri Conference, to present a series of seminars titled “Living an Evangelistic Life” at their church Feb. 3-5. Topics included principles of personal evangelism, how to find opportunities to evangelize in everyday life and how to visit people and give Bible studies.

Klinedinst wants to help lay people realize that the job of evangelizing is not only for pastors, but also for every member of the church. He emphasizes that the best way to evangelize is through friendships. “The program is not about knocking on doors and exchanging information,” Klinedinst said. “This is about taking time to create relationships. God will open doors for you to share your faith when the time is right.”

Every meeting, Klinedinst presented practical ways to engage with people who are open to receiving the gospel. He challenged each member to think of one person he/she knows who is not a Christian. Then, over the course of the next year, he urged each member to be intentional about building a relationship with that person — loving, supporting and praying for him or her — and if God provides an opening, being ready and willing to share the good news of the gospel.

For some time, the pastors at the Loma Linda Chinese church had been preparing the members to receive the witnessing ideas presented. After meeting Klinedinst at a seminar a few years ago, Matthew Yuen, senior pastor at Loma Linda Chinese church, thought it was the right time to invite him to their church.

“We were already in the process of starting small groups within our church,” said Kazar Ackerman, associate pastor. “The series helped to



During the series, “Living an Evangelistic Life,” David Klinedinst shares ideas and tips on how to engage and create friendships with people in the community.

empower our members.” Ackerman emphasized that the goal is to give members the tools for personal evangelism.

Over the next few months, church members are planning to begin implementing some of these principles in their everyday interactions.

“It was a very empowering experience,” Ackerman said. “I’ve heard from many of our members how thankful they were for David, and that this is something that now they feel they can do.”

Mario A. Munoz



David Klinedinst, pastor and evangelist from the Iowa-Missouri Conference, speaks on Sabbath morning at the Loma Linda Chinese church.



The congregation joins David Klinedinst in an appeal during a song.

Adventist and Muslims Come Together for One San Diego

Adventists and Muslims from all over the San Diego area gathered at the El Cajon church on Feb. 4 for One San Diego, a day of mutual learning and fellowship.

The day was the brainchild of Richard Smith, pastor at El Cajon church; Peter Thomas and Tawfik Abdalla, Muslim ministry coordinators; and Gerald Babanezhad, volunteer coordinator of Muslim outreach for the Pacific Union. They recognized that if people wish to become better neighbors to those around them, they should first attempt to better understand each other.

Posters advertising the event were placed in local mosques and Adventist churches, and emails were sent to area imams (spiritual leaders). Adventists and Muslims from Sunni, Shia and Baha'i backgrounds came to the event, as did a Jewish woman who heard about it and asked if she could join in.

Creating a mutually welcoming and comfortable environment was a top priority for the organizers. Prior to the event, an imam visited the El Cajon church sanctuary so that leaders could discuss how to best accommodate the Muslim prayer times throughout the day. They also discussed ways that Muslims and Adventists can be good neighbors.

The program included prayers from leaders of Adventist and Muslim faiths, music from the San Diego Academy choir and bell choir, a question and answer time and a panel discussion about shared Muslim and Adventist history, values, goals and needs.

"I loved this experience and would enjoy having another panel discussion," said Amir Imam from the Al Salam Mosque.

Leman Hamid, a Muslim, described the event as "a wonderful meeting between Muslims and Christians." He said he would like to hear more about Christianity and what Christians feel and believe about Muslims.

Organizers were pleased by the positive response of those who attended. "The day began with a measure of apprehension on both sides of the cultural divide which eased as attendees discovered how many beliefs both Seventh-day Adventists and Muslims hold in common," Smith said.

Some of these shared beliefs include a strong emphasis on showing compassion, a deep desire to treat others as good neighbors, a refusal to eat pork and the desire to live a healthy lifestyle.

The mutual interest in health led to a follow-up health expo at a mosque on Friday, Feb. 24. In addition, Muslim women invited Adventist women who attended One San Diego to visit their mosques for worship time to experience their tradition and culture. The Adventist women responded positively, feeling that it would be helpful to the community for both groups to meet more and work together.

Future plans include organizing sports activities for Adventist and Muslim school children, starting a home fellowship where Muslims and Adventists can learn from each other by sharing stories from the Bible and Quran, and planning future panel discussion events.



San Diego community members gather for One San Diego on Feb. 4, a day of mutual learning and fellowship between Adventists and Muslims.



Adventist and Muslim leaders each pray at the start of the program at the El Cajon church.



The San Diego Academy bell choir performs for the guests.

Sarah McDugal

Redlands Adventist Academy Dedicates Baseball Field in Honor of Chase Boyd

More than 550 members of the Redlands Adventist Academy family celebrated the completion of the school's renovated baseball field on Feb. 24. The occasion marked the dedication of the field to Chase Boyd, a class of 2013 graduate who passed away in 2014 from Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

"As Chase's PE teacher and friend, I am glad we could honor him in a lasting way and celebrate his legacy at Redlands Adventist Academy," said Charlie Wilber, physical

education coach, who first envisioned the field as a way to honor Chase — a huge sports fan whose spirit made a lasting impression on all those he met.

Although he could not actively participate in many of the same activities as his friends, Chase's enthusiastic cheers assured them of his active presence as a supportive fan. "When he was included, that's what fed his soul — it gave him legs, gave him arms" said Anthony Boyd, Chase's father, who spoke at the dedication. "His disability was just an inconvenience."

Inclusion was an important value to Chase, his friends and his family. His father invited everyone at the event to add to the Chase Challenge: "If we see someone who is not connected, it is our responsibility to reach out to them and pull them in. It will feed our souls as much as it feeds theirs."

"Everyone wants to be connected and part of something," Boyd said. "Never underestimate the value of human connection or undervalue the pain from being marginalized."

Redlands Mayor Paul Foster also talked about the importance of inclusion before throwing the ceremonial first pitch at the dedication.

Reminders of Chase can be found not only in the form of plaques and wristbands, but also in the internal thread that weaves the families of RAA together. Chase will always be remembered as an inspiration to those around him. His positive and upbeat attitude through his countless struggles continues to serve as a reminder for everyone to never let challenges hold them back.

Chatu Sandiford



Chase Boyd inspired everyone he met with his positivity and cheerfulness.



Paul Foster, mayor of Redlands, throws the ceremonial first pitch during the Redlands Adventist Academy baseball field dedication.



The Boyd family looks at the Chase Boyd Field flag at the dedication ceremony.

MAY

Evangelize: Pray for Courage to Proclaim the Gospel

During the month of May, we are asking you to take a day where you pray and fast for our second strategic initiative – evangelize. Please pray for our conference evangelists and the work they do in the different churches. Pray that your church finds ways to reach the community and people who want to hear the message of Jesus. And we ask you to pray for God to show you ways in which you can show love and the grace of God to your community.

Community Blossoms at One-Day Women's Retreat

“Everything begins with a dream,” said Lucy Benitez, vice president of SCC Hispanic Region Women's Ministries. “I dreamed of an event that would bring together as many women as possible on one day for a ‘mini’ retreat without restrictions, without a fee.” The HRWM Committee embraced Benitez's dream, and on Feb. 11, HRWM, led by director Gloria Huerta, held its first convention at the Forest Lawn Hall of Liberty.

This grand event celebrated friendship while bringing awareness to heart health. Themed “Weaving Bonds of Friendship” (“Entrelazando Lazos de Amistad”), the event was also a call to unite as sisters and “Go Red for Your Heart Health.”

According to Mayra Garcia, the committee's treasurer responsible for registering the attendees, more than 45 churches RSVP'd to the event. “It was an amazing response; we were

receiving RSVPs and phone calls as late as the night prior to the event,” Garcia reported. The rain did not keep them away. Some 500 women RSVP'd prior to the event and approximately 700-800 women showed up, wearing red dresses, scarves, hats, pins or other ornaments in support of heart awareness. More than half the attendees took advantage of the services offered and had their blood pressure taken.

Yamileth Bazan, Ph.D., vice president of Student Affairs at La Sierra University, took the audience on a walk through the Old Testament book of Ruth and the friendships it contains. Through vivid explanations, she made sure every woman present knew she was not alone in her walk with God. Bazan then asked each woman to stand if she had lost a child, a friend, a relative, a marriage. In the end, every woman in the auditorium was standing. She then asked the women to look around. “We are united to

tell each other that we are not alone,” she said. “We may not realize that we have holes of pain due to our losses, but we are all here to see that we do not walk this walk alone.”

Elizabeth Hernandez, West Hollywood Spanish church, was impressed with the clarity of the message and the importance of forging strong friendships that create bonds to help us heal in times of pain as well as happiness.

Bazan ended with a call to action. “It's time to do the work God has called us to do,” she asserted. “God can take anyone, from any place, with any purpose and make great things happen. When you have God's eyes and you use His eyes for eternity, you will start to see, act and change, not only your legacy, but your family's legacy, as well.”

Patricia Carrillo, youth pastor of Indio Bilingual church and former missionary in Swaziland, Africa, spoke of her personal

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Women standing in response to Dr. Yami Bazan's appeal prove they are not alone in the losses they've experienced.



Young women took a moment to pose together at the decorated photo booth.

experience with friends experiencing grief due to suicide. Attendees watched a short news report of two women who came together through shared experiences of domestic abuse and near loss of life. The women's friendship proved successful in overcoming physical and emotional obstacles. Carrillo stressed the importance of forging strong bonds. "It is through those strong bonds that we can share in good and happy experiences as well

as adverse ones," she noted. "With each other's help, we can overcome."

Reyna Sanchez, El Shaddai church, was impressed and happy that a young lady was allowed to present at the convention. She strongly believes that as daughters of God, we need to be able to cut through generational differences and learn to understand, support and love one another.

The convention closed with a presentation by Lilliana Guadron-Hernandez, P.A., from Newhall Spanish church. She shared the importance of having a healthy heart, a healthy and nutritious diet, regular exercise and rest as well as checking blood pressure routinely, while asking God to provide peace in our hearts.

Hernandez noted that women tend to attribute high blood pressure to menopause, age or exhaustion and do not check their heart rate or blood pressure regularly. Lack of exercise can also eventually lead to physical handicaps due to lack of movement. The only way to be in charge of one's health is by regular checkups combined with a healthy and active lifestyle.

"For more than 20 years, I have been listening to my sisters share testimonies and stories of their experiences at the yearly

women's retreats," commented Noemi Garcia, member of the Lincoln Heights Spanish church. "For more than 20 years, I have desired to experience what my sisters have experienced. Today, I experienced that. Thank you so much for having planned this event. I am so happy to be here with my daughter. This is a day I will never forget."

The program united and empowered the attendees. "The unity that came about from the program impressed me the most," said Hannah Garza, Crosswalk church. "I was so inspired to see such a huge community of women, young and old, come together for the sake of Jesus."

The annual HRWM spiritual retreat, "Created for His Glory," is scheduled for May 19-21 at the Pali Mountain Retreat Center in Running Springs, Calif. For more information, contact minmujer1535@yahoo.com.

Under new direction, the Hispanic Region's Women's Ministries will promote community involvement and networking, urging its local leaders to be creative in making an impact in their communities.

Gloria Huerta



The American Heart Association provided resources in Spanish and English, and the Community Enhancement Services College in Burbank provided free blood pressure screening, coordinated by Hilda Carranza.

Women Testify at Day of Prayer Meeting

What's in a name? Perhaps it reveals a person's character, or maybe it describes their actions.

On Sabbath, March 4, women from throughout the Southern California Conference began a Day of Prayer program with a "name game," connecting each letter of their name with one of the names or attributes of God. God has many names that tell us about who He is — such as Redeemer, Advocate, Beginning and the End and Lamb of God.

Women shared God's amazing work in their lives and the lives of those around them. Janet Barnhill, Rolling Hills church, shared about her recent mission in Romania, where 19 women responded to a call she gave for baptism. "As you give the sermons every night, the Holy Spirit baptizes you again," Barnhill testified.

Beverley Martin, Ph.D., SCC Women's Ministries director, then spoke about her experience working in the public school system and the opportunities it affords her to witness; even stepping into her office at work is a window into her faith.

Janet Lui, SCC Prayer Ministries coordinator, gave a testimony about a spouse that does not express belief; she pointed out the new meaning she found in John 14:15 that says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." "Calling yourself a Christian but not living up to its standard is taking the name of the Lord in vain," she said.



Dorothy Means, Pacific Union Women's Ministry leader; Akivah Northern, member of SCC Prayer Ministry team; Alma Wesley, Vallejo Drive church member; and Janet Lui, SCC Prayer Ministry coordinator, pray over Pastor Mabel Duncan, Sunland-Tujunga church, and her family.

Prayer groups gave attendees a chance to share and receive and offer prayer in specific areas of their lives, including finances, health, family, ministry and guidance.

Following the topic prayer groups, larger groups gathered to offer blessings over four pastors and leaders present: Ira Barksdale, pastor at Maranatha and Miramonte churches; Lawrence Klutse, prayer ministries coordinator at Smyrna church; Loren Hodnett, pastor at Smyrna church; and Mabel Duncan, assistant

pastor at Sunland-Tujunga church. The fact that "everything rises and falls on leadership" was mentioned, reminding attendees to continue praying for church leaders.

After prayers for clergy, the group together sang "Draw Me Nearer" a cappella. Martin closed the program with a poem entitled "Who Is Jesus?" "Do not walk defeated," she said in closing. "Hold your head up high."

Lauren Armstrong



Following the "name game," women pair up to open their hearts to one another and share a moment in prayer.



Women gather to share, offer requests and receive prayer related to health concerns.



More than 100 students answered the call for baptism, and their Pathfinder leaders offered a meaningful prayer.

Pathfinder Convocation Results in 100+ Decisions for Baptism

This year's annual SCC Pathfinder Convocation was a cause for celebration. The Bible says that God rejoices when one of His beloved children makes the choice to accept His sacrifice and be baptized.

This year, the convocation was held at White Memorial church and, as in recent years, was filled beyond capacity. The Pathfinder orchestra was a highlight for many, because they don't perform every year at the convocation. Musicians from Pathfinder clubs throughout the conference joined together to form the group.

Armando Miranda, NAD Youth Ministries director for Club Ministries, shared a message about overcoming fear — reminding attendees that if the Lord is with them, they don't have anything to fear. When the students started coming forward to answer the call, the number was so great that there weren't enough cards.

Elihu and Abbigale McMahon, Temple City Knights Pathfinder Club co-directors, recalled the experience. "It was a spiritually uplifting day," Abbigale said. "This convocation was

extremely special for the TC Club, because Ana (from the Rangers Class) responded to the altar call, and then our entire Friend's Class in attendance (six out of eight kids) responded, as well."

"Our whole focus is baptism and decisions for Christ," noted Pastor Bob Wong, SCC Youth Ministries director. SCC Pathfinder clubs are encouraged to hold regular baptismal classes, and the conference offers seminars to support them. This annual convocation is the climax of these year-round efforts.

"Elihu and I felt so blessed to see some of our Pathfinders respond to the call for baptism," Abbigale recalled. "Our primary

goal is to help our Pathfinders get closer to Christ. The guest speaker invited all of the leaders to stand with their Pathfinders and lay their hands on the Pathfinders for a special prayer. It was such a beautiful moment and truly the work of the Holy Spirit."

Lauren Armstrong



Pathfinders stand ready for the processional.



PHOTOS BY STEVE CLEMENT

Temple City Knights Pathfinder Club received the Golden Pathfinder Club of the Year award for 2016. Elihu and Abbigale McMahon, co-directors, are pictured.

Volunteers Distribute Hundreds of Thousands of GLOW Tracts in Salt Lake City

The greater Salt Lake City area is home to over 2.5 million people, the majority of whom are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (commonly known as Mormons). A missionary effort was launched in late March to help reach this challenging area.

GLOW is an acronym that stands for Giving Light to Our World and is a series of small pamphlets (a.k.a. tracts) that provides a brief overview a fundamental Adventist belief or health topic. For March 17 to March 26, 16 full-time missionaries passed out hundreds of thousands of these GLOW tracts in the Salt Lake City area.

These full-time missionaries included a mother and her five children, an ARISE graduate who traveled all the way from Anchorage, Alaska, and a young Adventist computer engineer who works for Intel. In addition to the full-time volunteers, more than 50 church members — most of them young people — from the local area participated with the team.

The group covered the busiest parts of downtown Salt Lake City and Temple Square, the main hub for LDS activity and tourism during the week. Teams also worked an hour away in Provo, Utah. They distributed tracts to the universities and campuses in the area, including the largest university in the state of



Nelson Ernst conducts a training with more than 50 volunteers from the local area.

Utah, Brigham Young University, a Mormon institution.

Each night, participants came back with testimonies of God's providence and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Many individuals stopped the missionaries to ask questions about the material. Tara Vang, from Fresno, Calif., shared a testimony from a man who accepted a GLOW tract from her and asked to be invited to the next evangelistic meetings available. "He was eager to know more information about any meetings that were

happening in the future," she said. "I was able to get his phone number and name to give to a local church member."

During the second half of the project, the weather took a turn for the worse. "I've never seen God answer my prayers in such a tangible way than on this GLOW mission trip to Salt Lake," said Kenny Fluence, a computer engineer from San Jose, Calif. "I was impressed to pray very specific prayers for God to intervene, like stopping the rain and allowing the sun to shine to give us more places to leave tracts. Each time,



Church members from all over Utah came to volunteer.



Joseph Cadiz gives a worship talk explaining the importance of GLOW and the impact it could have on the community.

TARA VANG



Volunteers distributed thousands of GLOW tracts in Temple Square, the main hub of tourism and LDS activity in the Salt Lake City area.

I saw God answer in incredible ways! Seeing my prayers answered in miraculous ways has re-ignited my prayer life and strengthened my faith."

Plans are underway for another GLOW mission trip in Las Vegas, Nev., in preparation for the city-wide evangelistic campaign featuring Dr. Carlton Byrd. Church members are planting the seed of the gospel in even the most difficult places. "I fully believe that we'll see thousands of souls come to Christ because of these little GLOW tracts. It's a promise!" said Sheela Nadarajan, a full-time missionary from Las Vegas.

Joseph Cadiz



Hundreds of thousands of GLOW tracts were passed out in the Salt Lake City area.

JOSEPH CADIZ

Utah Congressman Honors Red Cliffs Veteran

Utah Congressman Chris Stewart recently conferred the Military Patriotism & Service Award on Red Cliffs church member Alfred Albert Arruda for his dedicated military service during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. According to a news release from Stewart's office, the honorees for this award "exemplify leadership, exceptional citizenship, dedication, patriotism and have a service-oriented attitude in their home, community and country."

Arruda, a son of Portuguese immigrants, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 at the age of 17. He served during WWII in the Atlantic and Pacific as a member of the Naval Amphibious Forces. He served aboard numerous naval vessels, including the attack cargo ships USS Pickaway, USS Cavalier, and USS Chilton. He



Al Arruda and his daughter Melody.



Alfred Albert Arruda enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 at the age of 17, beginning a 25-year military career.



Al Arruda receives the Military Patriotism and Service Award from Utah Congressman Chris Stewart at a recent awards ceremony.

also served aboard the dock landing ship USS Lindenwald.

Following service in the Navy, Arruda enlisted in the Army and served in Korea during the Korean Conflict as a military provost investigator. He later served as military advisor (MAAG) in both Vietnam and Iran. He was honorably discharged in 1968.

After his retirement from the U.S. Armed Forces, he worked as a security officer at various locations, later becoming a supervisor in the manufacturing industry. He is the proud father of three children and nine grandchildren.

Visiting Arruda today you would notice a love for God that permeates his being. He became a church member in 2011 after visiting many different denominations. He shared that he was drawn by the strong biblical foundation of the Seventh-day Adventists.

Arruda is a soldier in a different military today. Everything he says and does now is intended to thwart the enemy and advance the kingdom of God. "Al will talk to anyone about anything as long as it is about God," said Red Cliffs first elder Mike Calvo. "He is 91 years old and still actively participates in prayer meeting, church and Sabbath school and has a very strong faith."

Michelle Ward

ENGLISH CAMP MEETING – June 9-17

Arizona Camp Meetings



A spiritual feast awaits those who attend Arizona Camp Meetings at beautiful Camp Yavapines near Prescott, Arizona. English camp is June 9-17; Spanish camp is June 19-24.

Arizona Conference President Ed Keyes gives the invitation, "Come to Camp Meeting for renewal, inspiration, and relaxation. And bring your friends. Visitors from throughout the Pacific Union Conference and beyond are welcome!"

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- **Adventist Book Center** features books, literature, music and food
- **Inspirational music** from guest musicians
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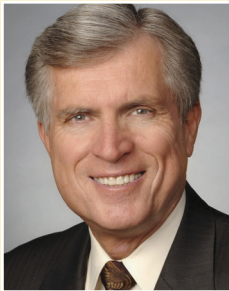
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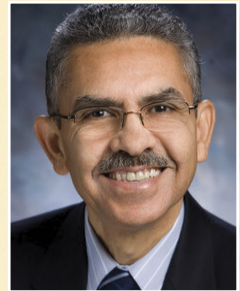
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Hawaii Pastors Walk in Footsteps of Jesus

During spring break in March, Hawaii Conference pastors traveled to Israel to take part in the tour, "Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus," with Tony Moore. For most, this was a trip they had only dreamed of. Cost, scheduling difficulties, and other obligations made such an adventure out of reach.

In September 2016, Hawaii Conference President Ralph Watts announced that his dream of taking every Hawaii pastor to the Holy Land would finally come true. "God planted this trip in my heart many years ago when Sharon and I had the chance to travel the Holy Land together as a young pastoral couple," Watts explained. "That trip gave us a new understanding of the gospel and the world of the Bible. I wanted to offer pastors in the Hawaii Conference the same opportunity with their spouses, knowing that they could return to their churches with a renewed understanding of the Word and passion for Jesus."

Along with this announcement, Watts announced that a special donation would cover the pastors' expenses without affecting the conference budget.

The tour was also opened to other Hawaii members (at their own expense). A total of 36 participants converged on Tel Aviv March 13.

Despite crossing 12 time zones via an average of three flights, everyone was ready to board the bus to Mount of Olives the next morning at 7:30.

There, the group looked over Jerusalem where Jesus wept for the city and prayed before His betrayal. They descended into the Kindron Valley past tombs and monuments that Jesus would have passed by regularly. They entered the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate, visited the Church of St. Anne and Pools of Bethesda, walked down the Via Dolorosa, and saw the Church of Flagellation, Ecce Homo Arch, Lithostratus, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

The following days were a whirlwind of stops: a visit to Tel Beersheba to understand the lifestyle of Abraham and Isaac, lunch with

the Bedouins at Kfar Hanokdim, a climb to Herod's fortress of Masada, a swim in the Dead Sea, a hike the En Gedi waterfalls where David hid from Saul, a tour of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and entry into the West Bank to Jericho, the oldest city in the world.

The next few days, the tour reached into the region of Galilee, where highlights included the



Hawaii pastors pause at the entrance of the tomb.

PHOTOS BY RALPH WATTS



After years of planning and prayer, Ralph and Sharon Watts (left) return to Israel with Hawaii pastors and their spouses.



Sharon and Ralph Watts imagine what it would be like to walk down Via Dolorosa.

caves of Nazareth, the ruins of a fishing market and synagogue at Magdala, and the destroyed pagan temples at Cesarea Philippi. An unforgettable Sabbath began with a baptism in the Jordan River and a sundown vespers on the Sea of Galilee.

“This was not just a tour; it was an experience,” said Executive Secretary Gerald Christman. “Seeing places and terrain make Bible stories much more vivid.”

During the second week, the group returned to Jerusalem. They toured the Temple Mount, a site Jewish rabbis consider to be the most sacred place in the world. Now it is a mosque and shrine controlled by Muslims who allow people of all faiths to visit, yet forbid any religious practices. Soon after, the group segregated to join Jewish men and women in prayer just outside the site at the Western (Wailing) Wall.

The last day in Israel was spent viewing David’s Tomb, the Upper Room, St. Peter in Gallicantu, Hezekiah’s and the Pool of Siloam. That evening ended in Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity, the oldest church in the Middle East, spared by Persian conquerors due to its art that included the depictions of “wise men from the east.”

The last two days took the group across the border into the country of Jordan. They visited the traditional site of John the Baptist’s ministry and Jesus baptism at a spring beside the Jordan River. After that, they ascended to Moses’ burial and resurrection site atop Mount Nebo, overlooking the Promised Land. The final day was spent in Petra, viewing the magnificent city carved in sandstone.

While each day the itinerary was packed with multiple sites and numerous miles on foot, it was each person’s heart that was overflowing. On the final Sabbath, the group huddled in a cave to share how they were feeling. Someone shared how they were reading the Bible with new understanding. Another said he would never be able to preach the same again. Another thanked the group for caring for them as they faced many health challenges. Another shared their gratitude for those who carried their faith in Christ throughout the centuries so we could be Christians today.

In the end, the greatest blessing was not the life of Jesus reflected in ruins of the past, but the life of Jesus living in the hearts of the Christians the group traveled with and met



Ralph Watts (center) leads pastors in prayer before a baptism of rededication in the Jordan River.



Mount Carmel reminds ministers to stand in spirit and in truth for the Lord, no matter the odds.

along the way. “Even though my wife and I had been to Israel twice before, this tour stood out because of the excellent teaching of our guide, Tony Moore,” said Honolulu Japanese church pastor Michael Brownfield. “Tony was up to date on the latest research in archeology, and made sure we pastors had take-home lessons as we went along. This tour has already impacted my study, teaching, and preaching. Being able to illustrate Scripture with pictures and first-hand knowledge of biblical sites makes the people and places in the Bible come alive.”

“I was very excited to travel to the Holy Land and see the Bible come to life,” said Aiea church pastor James Mangum. “Having seen and walked where Jesus and many of the men and women of the Bible walked, lived and served God, I have been deeply touched with the truth of the Bible. To see the cities where the Bible writers lived has changed my ministry. I have a greater faith, with a learning that will help me share the gospel more fully with my church.”

Jesse Seibel

Conference Sponsors Youth Evangelism in Tent City

Hawaii has a homelessness epidemic that is increasing in size and diversity. The stereotype of the homeless drug addict blinds would-be helpers to those struggling to afford housing. Families are raising their children in poverty, unable to keep a roof over their heads due to enormous housing costs, domestic violence, mental illness, and other issues.

One of the largest homeless communities in Oahu is in the town of Waianae. The locals know it as Tent City. Over the years, some of these homeless children have come to summer camp at Camp Waianae. Their parents and family noticed the change in their lives and asked how more of their kids could attend. Seizing an opportunity, Erik VanDenburgh, conference youth director, asked if they could bring summer camp to them.

With funds from the Pacific Union Evangelism Endowment, VanDenburgh and his team of youth pastors have planned a number of creative evangelistic endeavors throughout the Hawaiian islands. They decided Tent City would be a great location for holistic evangelism.

Months prior, Steve Hamilton, Rocky Mountain Conference youth director, reached out to VanDenburgh to see how their youth could work together. Their discussion inspired a plan for a mission team of youth from RMC to come and serve. They began fundraising for travel and project costs, planning to work around the camp during the day and minister at Tent City in the evenings.



Youth from Rocky Mountain Conference celebrate their baptisms in Pokai Bay, just a few minutes from Tent City.



The Rocky Mountain Conference mission team serve camp and community residents in Waianae.

The week leading up to opening night was filled with trials. The travel agency failed to secure the tickets, requiring the group to buy new ones at a higher cost. The location of the evangelistic site had to be moved, reconfigured, and then moved again. Vandenburg reminded the team of their mission: “We’re going back in time, doing a series of meetings without even a tent — just under the stars — using Jesus’ method like being on the hillside.”

Still, on March 10, the meetings opened with music and Willie Ramos, affectionately known as “The Ghetto Preacher,” preached a gospel-centered message to the community. In response to Ramos’s appeal, seven people came forward to give their lives to Christ. This was just the beginning.

As the week progressed, support in the effort grew. Contributions from the Waianae church funded a hot meal. A VBS style program each afternoon entertained the community children. Youth walked from tent to tent, praying, building relationships and encouraging the community to bring their burdens to God. Youth from Aiea church joined in for Global Youth Day. Each night, Rocky Mountain youth shared sermons they had prepared with the guidance of their youth pastor, Nestor Soriano. That week, Soriano had the privilege of baptizing five Rocky Mountain kids in the ocean nearby.

As the week progressed, the residents began to open up to the team. When one resident was hospitalized due to a serious car accident, their



Inspired by the change she saw in her children at Camp Waianae, “Aunty Twinkle” (right) invited the evangelism team to Tent City.

friends requested that the pastors go to the hospital to pray with him. “You guys actually brought the light back out of my kids,” said Auntie Twinkle, the “mayor” of Tent City. “They look forward to seeing you guys here everyday.” Even some of those who had been initially disagreeable came back to apologize and showed their appreciation.

By the end of the week, the love of God coming through the residents of Tent City had a profound impact on the mission team. While the objective of the program was to show God’s love to the homeless community, the team was, in turn, blessed by the residents’ love and acceptance. “This is just the beginning,” Vandenburg shared. “Evangelism is not a series of meetings. It’s connecting and caring with people the way Jesus did.”

Jesse Seibel

June Wilson Receives Sonora Volunteer Award

June Wilson, a volunteer at Sonora Regional Medical Center, in Sonora, Calif., was recently awarded the “2016 Senior Volunteer Extraordinaire” award by Sonora’s Area 12 Agency on Aging. “It’s just an award,” she says. But Wilson’s volunteering history has more of an impact than she leads anyone to believe.

Traditionally, volunteering does not garner a great deal of recognition. Adventist Health has an army of more than 4,200 volunteers who help fulfill the mission of the organization by doing everything from advocating for patients to knitting hats for newborns.

Wilson began serving as a volunteer at Sonora Regional Medical Center in 1990 after moving from Africa, where she served as a nursing missionary for 38 years. Her first taste of volunteering began with a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Maranatha Volunteers International. This sparked a deep love for giving back and inspired her to go on three other mission trips to Peru, the Philippines and the Kingdom of Tonga.

When she started at Sonora Regional Medical Center, Wilson served in the gift shop, selling a wide array of items to staff, patients and their families. “Naturally, as an Adventist with a health care background, the hospital drew me to a place where I wanted to give back,” says Wilson. Shortly thereafter, she took over and revolutionized Baby Track, a health department program that sends reminders to mothers of newborns regarding vaccinations and checkups. Her expertise and leadership was later put on full display as she served for two years as the president of the volunteers at the hospital.

Today, Wilson still volunteers with the hospital by assisting with Baby Track and playing the piano in the hospital cafeteria. She also mends clothing at the Sonora location of Dorcas International, plays the organ for her church, and helps with a local class that provides information and help to those suffering from depression.

“Doing something that you’re not paid for gives you greater satisfaction than working for money,” says Wilson. “To sit at home and watch



June Wilson plays the piano at Sonora Regional Medical Center.

TV and be on the computer gets old really fast. Volunteering lets you associate with all kinds of new people and expand your friends. It helps to keep you younger, too!”

How much longer does Wilson plan on volunteering? “As long as June is able and can walk, she will do whatever it takes to volunteer,” says Wilson’s friend and neighbor, Judy Roth. “She hasn’t slowed down and will walk or take the bus if she needs to. If she can stay active, her volunteer days are way out there.”

Wilson simply wants to make sure the credit goes to the right person. “I praise God for all the health He’s given me to be able to do all of the things I have done,” she says. “People say, ‘You work all that time for nothing?’ No, God has supplied all my needs. The least I can do is give a little back.”

Teddy Griffin



A Focus on Black Alumni of Loma Linda University

The Black Alumni Chorale, comprised of physical therapists, physicians, nurses and dentists, performed during One Homecoming. Craig Jackson, J.D., M.S.W., dean, School of Allied Health Professions, and Alan Woodson, D.D.S., assistant professor, School of Dentistry, directed.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH

During Loma Linda University Health's One Homecoming, more than 150 black alumni met for a special program, "A Focus on Black Alumni of Loma Linda University." In his welcome, Richard Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president, LLUH, said, "Diversity is not a challenge to overcome. It is a strength to embrace."

The story of Leroy Reese, M.D., a 1972 School of Medicine graduate, was told by doctoral students Sherrefa Burchell (physiology) and Billy Watson (microbiology and molecular genetics), both from the School of Medicine; Michael Bennett, who is pursuing an MBA

degree in health care administration, School of Public Health; and Jim Ervil, a fourth-year dental student.

The Black Health Professional Student Association honored Reese for his decades of advocacy, working with and supporting Black Alumni of Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities, BHPSA, and Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences, a summer program for high school juniors. Donna Cameron, Ph.D., M.P.H., shared the story about how LLU prepared her for a position at Georgetown University School of Medicine. The oldest black alumnus

in attendance, 93-year-old Frank Mercer, was as a radiology technology student in 1957. Mercer resides in Riverside and is active in his community.

Featured speaker Leon Seard, M.D., a 1986 graduate of the School of Medicine, encouraged participants to tell the story of Jesus and His love in order to further His healing and teaching ministry "to make man whole."

Nicceta Davis

Foundation for New Hospital Begins to Take Shape

Loma Linda University Health's new health care facilities will meet California's stringent earthquake safety standards by 2020.

Loma Linda University Health's effort to build new health care facilities by 2020 reached a milestone on March 25. That evening, work began on the first third of the foundation slab for the new structure as 85 concrete trucks delivered more than 5,400 cubic yards of concrete to the building site.

As trucks arrived at the rate of one per minute, more than 100 workers directed the concrete into place. The second phase of the foundation pour will take place in April.

LLUH launched this hospital construction effort in response to California state regulations mandating that all hospitals in the state meet new seismic safety standards by 2020, or be closed down. As a Level 1 Trauma Center, LLUH provides care to a large, underserved population in the Inland Empire. LLUH hospitals also provide training to thousands of students and medical residents.

Support for the hospital construction effort is a significant component Vision 2020 — The Campaign for a Whole Tomorrow (lluhvision2020.org), a \$360 million fundraising campaign to support priorities in clinical care, education, research and wholeness. Vision 2020 is the largest

One Homecoming Reunites Alumni from Eight Schools

One Homecoming weekend at Loma Linda University Health brought alumni from the university's eight schools, as well as former faculty members and staff to campus March 2 to 6.

Each of the schools hosted events for their alumni while continuing education offerings included interdisciplinary courses in pain management and men's health. Participants experienced the story LLUH's establishment and the expansion of its mission during a Friday evening vespers service. Other highlights included a haystack lunch following Sabbath programming and performances by alumni from throughout the country during the Saturday evening program, Loma Linda's Got Talent.

During One Homecoming, Dan Buettner served as keynote speaker for the Healthy People Conference. He shared his knowledge of Blue Zones®, regions in the world where residents have the most longevity that were highlighted in his November 2005 National Geographic cover story.

One Homecoming marked the first time LLU student research was featured in one venue. The "Come Home to Discovery" research pavilion in the Centennial Complex featured a display of

student research posters, a museum of research and innovation, booths and a lecture room where prominent campus scientists discussed their findings.

"I was delighted when I learned that this year, for the first time, there would be One Homecoming at LLUH with all schools invited," said Eng Saw, M.D., a 1969 graduate of the School of Medicine. "I encouraged my family to attend."

"The response from attendees has been positive," said Janya Mekelburg, director of alumni and donor relations. "With more than 2,000 guests in attendance, the weekend was a major production."

Plans are in motion for the second annual One Homecoming, which will be held March 2 to 5, 2018.

James Ponder



Students planning to serve internationally receive a dedicatory prayer during the worship service.

philanthropic initiative in the history of LLUH and plays a key role in furthering its mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

Larry Becker

Trucks line up next to Loma Linda University Medical Center to deliver concrete for the foundation of Loma Linda University Health's hospital construction project.



La Sierra Prof Receives Fulbright Grant for India Project

Earlier this year, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board approved a second Fulbright grant for an education professor at La Sierra University to continue working to improve educational conditions in India.

The announcement was issued by Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board Chair Jeffrey L. Bleich and noted approval of a 2017-18 Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant for Margaret Solomon, an education administration and leadership professor, to carry out an educational leadership training program in her native India. The award will cover travel expenses and a

monthly stipend for at least four months to conduct an Educational Leadership Institute at three colleges — Lowry Memorial College, a Seventh-day Adventist college in Bangalore; Karmaveer Bahura Patil College in Mumbai; and Sanga Meshwar College, Solapur, Maharashtra.

“Without worrying too much about winning the award, I wrote it, prayed about it and left it in God’s hands,” she said. “I was pleasantly surprised when I got the letter.

Solomon is making plans to conduct the institutes between August and December and will begin her work first in Delhi at the United

States-India Educational Foundation office before traveling to the three colleges.

Solomon obtained her first Fulbright grant in 2010. “That project was about the education of poor children in the slums and emphasizing teacher preparation to meet their needs,” she said. During sabbaticals and while on personal visits to India, she conducted additional research in four schools in India’s slums to find methods of improving the students’ cultural capital, which is measured by self-esteem, a sense of hope, and the belief that they can control their own lives. Solomon is currently writing a scholarly article about her work.



P.R. SOLOMON

Margaret Solomon, top left, teaches at a village school established for children from untouchable caste communities in India.



Margaret Solomon, far right, poses with students she met at a slum school in Pune, India, while conducting teacher training and exploratory studies.

“During these times, I recognized the need for good school leadership in the schools and did more research on that. I wrote the Fulbright proposal last summer,” Solomon said.

The Fulbright project will consist of a three-week Educational Leadership Institute that will be conducted at each of the three colleges. The curriculum, which will include guest lectures, co-teaching activities, workshops and seminar education, is designed for college professors and administration of teacher education programs, school principals and higher education faculty and administrators. Students will create and analyze case studies and master content through class interaction. Ultimately, they will develop a teaching module and materials for teaching educational leadership to other teachers at neighboring institutions.

Training at Karmaveer Bahura Patil College will be recorded by Mac Productions to produce a documentary-style educational CD of one

full training program. All India Association for Educational Research will disseminate the CDs to higher education institutions in India, Solomon stated.

The overarching goal of the project is to fill a need in leadership training in India’s educational sector, Solomon noted in her project proposal. “I personally witnessed ineffective leadership and poor quality of education in the rural and urban government schools I visited in the past five years. The intent of this teaching project is to provide a blueprint for higher education institutions to train effective educational leaders,” she wrote.

The Fulbright program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs sponsors the program, which operates in more than 155

countries and awards approximately 7,500 new grants annually.

Solomon, who holds a doctorate in K-12 educational administration from Michigan State University, is from the southern portion of India, where she attended the first Seventh-day Adventist church established in that country. In 1978, she and her husband, P.R. Solomon, immigrated to the United States where Solomon pursued a master’s in curriculum and instruction at Andrews University while her husband entered Andrews’ seminary. Solomon’s 23-year public school teaching career included five years as vice principal of Union High School in Grand Rapids, Mich. She arrived at La Sierra in 2010, where she teaches educational leadership courses and directs fieldwork in educational administration for students earning state credentials.

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CALENDARS

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ADVENTURER FAMILY RETREAT (May 5-7) Camp Yavapines, Prescott.

THUNDERBIRD ACADEMY GRADUATION (May 26-27) Scottsdale

Central California

SENIOR CITIZEN RALLY (May 6) for the Bakersfield/Visalia areas. Visalia church. 3-5 p.m. Info: Church Ministries, 559-347-3142.

GLOW LEADERSHIP TRAINING (May 6) CCC office. Clovis, Calif. Learn how to activate and integrate GLOW into all of your church ministries. Register: 559-265-2180 (call/text) or jmanzanares@cccsda.org.

ADVENTURER TYKE-A-THON (May 7) Fresno Adventist Academy. To make plans for your club to attend, contact pathfinders@cccsda.org or call 559-347-3174. Sponsor an Adventurer today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (May 14-17) Soquel Conference Center. Whatever your talent or passion, you are needed. Lodging and meals provided, but bring

your own linens. Email tgallimore@cccsda.org to register yourself or your group.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (May 15-23) Camp Wawona. Whatever your talent or passion, you are needed. Lodging and meals provided, but bring your own linens. To register yourself or your group, call 209-375-6231.

PATHFINDER FAIR & CAMPOUT (May 19-21) Central Valley Christian Academy, Ceres, Calif. To make plans for your club to attend, contact pathfinders@cccsda.org or call 559-347-3174.

La Sierra University

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND (June 16-18) Commencement at 8 a.m. June 18 on Founders' Green. Info: lasierra.edu/graduation.

Northern California

MAY MONTH OF PRAISE (Sabbaths) Fairfield Community church, 1101 East Tabor Avenue.

32ND EACH ONE REACH ONE (Sabbaths) "Unified Disciples Reaching Out to the Community" (May 6) Jim Lorenz, Community Day; (May 13) Loretta Belton, Mother's Day; (May 20)

Bobby Mitchell, Homecoming Day; (May 27) James Lin, International Festival Day. Info: 707-426-6720.

VALLEY ASAM (May 7) 12:30 p.m. Lodi Lake. Adventist Single Adult Ministries. Potluck picnic, nature trail, getting acquainted. Kayak and paddleboard rentals available. Info: 209-747-4659.

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM (May 7) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Marriott Hotel, 11211 Point E. Drive, Rancho Cordova. \$10/person, brunch included. For youth (13-18), parents, youth workers. Sponsor: Capitol City Church Young Women's & Men's Ministry. Topics: Christlikeness in Today's World, Preparing for Tomorrow's World. Registration: EVENTBRITE "I Matter... Journey to Excellence." Info: 916-799-5086.

RETIRO DE HOMBRES (May 12-14) Leoni Meadows. Hispanic Men's Retreat. Info: 925-603-5092.

HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT (May 19-21) Albion Retreat and Learning Center. Federacion de Jóvenes Adventistas. Info: 925-603-5092.

ABC OPEN HOUSE AND SUPER SALE (May 21) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pleasant Hill Adventist Book Center, 401 Taylor Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Spring sale on Christian books, gifts and veggie food; cooking demonstrations and samples; prizes;

used books sale; kids' jump house. Activities for the whole family! Info: 925-685-4409.

FILIPINO CAMP MEETING (May 26-28) Leoni Meadows. Memorial Day weekend. Registration: habagat_jdm@yahoo.com. Info: emfamorcan@yahoo.com.

Pacific Union College

PACIFICQUEST (July 9-14) Do you know a junior high student who loves to learn? Pacific Union College's week-long summer camp for top students is a great way to have fun and earn college credit! This year, students will be introduced to the world of anatomy. Learn more about this year's camp at puc.edu/pacificquest. Application deadline is Friday, May 19.

PUC CONSTITUENCY MEETING (May 10) An official session of the constituent membership of Pacific Union College will be held in PUC's Fireside Room from 1:30-5p.m.

PUC ORCHESTRA CONCERT (May 14) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall. The orchestra will perform its spring concert under the direction of Rachelle Berthelson Davis. Info: 707-965-6201 or music@puc.edu.

MAXWELL CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT (May 19) PUC hosts 24th annual Maxwell Cup honoring the legacy of Malcolm Maxwell, Ph.D., PUC's longest-serving president, and supports student scholarships. Info: 707-965-7500 or www.maxwellcup.com.

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1 clove garlic, peeled and chopped

2 Tbsp tahini paste
2 Tbsp cold-pressed olive oil
2 Tbsp lemon juice
2 tsp ground lemon zest
1 tsp sea salt

DIRECTIONS

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SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT (May 21) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall, under the direction of Asher Raboy. Info: 707-965-6201 or music@puc.edu.

COLLEGE EARLY-SUMMER IN RESIDENCE (June 26-July 21) High school juniors and seniors are invited to experience PUC's rigorous academic environment while earning college credit in popular general education courses. Info: academicadministration@puc.edu or 707-965-7103.

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PUC NOW (Online) Stay connected with Pacific Union College by signing up for our email newsletter. Info: www.puc.edu/puc-now.

Southeastern California

ADVENTURER CAMPOUT (May 5-7) Rancho Jurupa Campgrounds, 4800 Crestmore Rd., Rubidoux. The campout provides the opportunity for the Adventurer families to broaden their experience and friendships. Registration/info: www.seccyouth.com.

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL SEMINAR (May 6) 4-6 p.m. Conference Assembly Room, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. Why is Sabbath School Important? Listen to James Zackrisson, special consultant for Voice of Prophecy Discovers Bible School and Sabbath School Toolbox editor from the North American Division, speak on how to make Sabbath school work in your church. Spanish interpretation available. RSVP to Janelle Muthiah, 951-509-2330, jmuthiah@seccsda.org.

PATHFINDER FAIR 2017 (May 21) Conference grounds, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. This is the biggest Pathfinder event of the year! The fair is a time for parents and friends to see what the clubs have done throughout the year. The day begins with a parade marching the streets of La Sierra. There are many other exciting activities as the day progresses. Info: www.seccyouth.com.

Southern California

CHRISTIAN EDITION CONCERT (May 5) Glendale Adventist Academy's 110th Homecoming kick-off. 6:30 p.m. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave.

GLENDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY REUNION (May 6) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the auditorium. Lunch will be provided from noon-2 p.m. in the cafeteria. Welcoming all classes and honoring the classes of 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2007. Location: 700 Kimlin Drive. Info: 818-244-8671.

CONGRESO HISPANO (May 6) Fundamento de Nuestra Fe, "Señales de un Glorioso Amanecer" con el Pastor Esteban Bohr y la presencia del cantante internacional Junior Kelly Marchena. Iglesia White Memorial, 401 N. State St., Los Angeles 90033. Invitan: Region Hispana SCC y Radio Adventista Los Angeles. Info: 818-546-8448.

MAY FESTIVAL "PARTY ON" (May 7) Join us at Glendale Adventist Academy, 700 Kimlin Dr., as we celebrate 110 years. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be a day of games, food, prizes and fun! Info: 818-244-8671 or 818-244-8671.

CYC MINI YOUTH CAMP MEETING (May 12, 13) Presenters: Hector Oliva & Andres Pichinte. 7 p.m. School of Evangelism & Resource Center, 1501 E. Chevy Chase Dr. Info: 818-549-4147.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT (May 13) featuring popular organist Ty Woodward at 5 p.m. Ty will present a varied program of classical and contemporary composers. A reception follows in the Fellowship Hall. 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

CREADAS PARA SU GLORIA (May 19-21) Retiro espiritual. SCC Región Hispana, Ministerio de la Mujer. Invitado: Dra. Katia Reinert, Oradora Principal; Pastor Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez, Devocionales. Pali Mountain Retreat Center, Running Springs, 92382. Para informes, con su Directora del Ministerio para que reciban su solicitud o por email minmujer1535@yahoo.com. Tel: Mayra Garcia, 562-298-3109.

CARE ENOUGH SEMINAR (May 20) "Care Enough for Healthy Outcomes on Emotional/Mental Health." 3-5:30 p.m. Learn how to support church and community needs. Bring brown-bag lunch (salad provided). Sponsored by GLAR HEALTH with Breath of Life & Maranatha church Health Ministries. Breath of Life church, 425 S. La Brea Ave., Inglewood 90301. Info: info.glarhealth@gmail.com, 323-508-1856.

CRESCENTA VALLEY SCHOOL CONCERT (May 23) 6245 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta 91214. Save the date. Info: 818-249-1504.

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By Hills, Richard Graham

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CAMARILLO CHURCH (June 24) 50th Anniversary Celebration. Theme: Home-sick for Heaven. Host of events starting with continental breakfast on Sabbath. Info: camarillosda.org; 805 482-4632. Location: 3975 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012.

GLENDALE ADVENTIST SCHOOL of Nursing (May 19-21) 50th Reunion. Contact Luella Crase Robison at Luella. robison@yahoo.com or 818-482-0963.

PINE HILLS ADVENTIST ACADEMY (May 12-13) Alumni Weekend. Honor classes ending in "2" and "7." Host of activities beginning on Friday. Info: 530-885-9447 or phaaonline.com.

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AT REST

ALLRED, LORNA ANN (CRAW) — b. Aug. 26, 1919, Eaton, Colo.; d. March 13, 2017, Oakdale, Calif. Survivors: sons, Timm, Dennis; daughters, Aneva Sanchez, Yolanda Marquez; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. Built schools with her husband in Mexico from the 1950s-70s.

ANDERSON, LOIS LENORA (DILLON) — b. Jan. 4, 1919, Visalia, Calif.; d. Dec. 19, 2016, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: sons, David, Daniel, Vernon; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

BALDWIN-WILSON, MARGIE MARION (WESNER) — b. Oct. 23, 1922, Arbutle, Calif.; d. March 10, 2017, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jay Baldwin, Larry Baldwin; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Wayne Wesner.

BANAAG, BENJAMIN — b. April 26, 1932, Manila, Philippines; d. March 24, 2017, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Luz; sons, Chester, Dennis, Glenn; daughters, Noreen, Shirley Weis; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

BRIZENDINE, BARBARA JEAN (TESTMAN) — b. July 26, 1934, Scottsbluff, Neb.; d. March 1, 2017, Santa Rosa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Stanley; sons, Stanley, Steven, Sidney; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Tom Testman.

BROOKS, ROY E. — b. May 15, 1925, Watford, England; d. Jan. 29, 2017, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, David, Richard; two grandsons; one great-grandchild.

CAYO, SUSAN J. (EGAN) — b. Nov. 27, 1959, Lynwood, Calif.; d. Feb. 22, 2017, Fountain Valley, Calif. Survivors: son, Joshua Schreengost; daughters, Jessica R. Moore, Adison, Ashley B.; father, James M. Egan; mother, Lorna J. Shaffer; brothers, Ron J. Egan, Regan J. Egan, Mike J. Egan.

ELMER, RICHARD G. — b. Feb. 10, 1928, Neillsville, Wis.; d. Jan. 23, 2017, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Martha; sons, Geoffrey, Jason; two grandchildren.

FISCHER, MURIEL — b. June 23, 1921, Mountain View, Calif.; d. March 24, 2017, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dave, Dan, Jon, Jay, Ben; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.

GARCIA, NADINE — b. March 25, 1926, Parlier, Calif.; d. Jan. 28, 2017, Clovis, Calif. Survivors: sisters, Mary Chagoya, Alice Garcia.

GERALD, ONALEA V. MILLIKEN — b. Jan. 20, 1927, Owego, N.Y.; d. March 21,

2017, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Barbara Elston-Hurdle.

GOMEZ, DIXON — b. Feb. 19, 1940, Pinar del Rio, Cuba; d. March 2, 2017, Fontana, Calif. Survivors: wife, Zayda; sons, Dixon Jr., Gerzon; daughter, Yara; one grand-daughter. Served with Southern and Southeastern California conferences.

GUINNE, REIDA M. — b. Sept. 16, 1941, Melrose, N. M.; d. Jan. 27, 2017, Las Vegas, Nev. Survivors: son, Garrison; daughters, Gilberta, Wilma, Christina.

HAINES, JOHN E. — b. Oct. 6, 1934, Santa Monica, Calif.; d. Jan. 26, 2017, Roseville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ernestine; daughters, Connie Chun, Teri Ross, Chrissy Register; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served as a missionary to Jamaica; as a medical technologist and instructor at LLUMC; and as a science professor at Weimar College.

HILL, BILL E. — b. Oct. 11, 1941, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. March 15, 2017, Beaumont, Calif. Survivors: three children and four grandchildren.

HUERTA, HERIBERTO — b. Feb. 19, 1940, Durango, Mexico; d. July 22, 2016, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: son, Juan Carlos; daughters, Alma, Leticia, Nancy; nine grandchildren.

ISSA, NABIL — b. Aug. 14, 1951, Syria; d. March 11, 2017, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: brothers, Victor, Sami, Nasser; sister, Intissar.

JAQUA, CHARLES LINDSEY — b. Sept. 15, 1966, St. Joseph, Mich.; d. March 15, 2017, Waianae, Hawaii. Survivors: sister, Candice L. Jaqua-Johnson. Served the Hawaii Conference as manager of Camp Waianae.

KELLOGG, FLORA — b. March 11, 1918, St. Helena, Calif.; d. March 16, 2017, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Wayne Smith, David Smith, Stephen Smith, Alan Smith, Bracken Smith; daughters, Sharon Fox, Jocelyn Gunnarsson, Delight Smith; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Served for many years as a high school teacher at Union Springs, Adelphian, College View and Tacoma academies.

KUESTER, EVERT E. — b. Aug. 31, 1926, Ovando, Mont.; d. Dec. 4, 2016, Stockton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruth; son, William; daughter, Elaine Kuester-Fleming; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as medical director of the Naha, Okinawa Adventist Medical Center and as radiologist at LLUMC.

LEWIS, OLGA — b. Sept. 5, 1947, Kingston, Jamaica; d. March 13, 2017, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Michelle, Clive Greenland, Andrea Beckford; two grandchildren.

CORRECTION: LILLY, PHILLIP — b. Jan. 26, 1939, Oklahoma City, Okla.; d. Sept. 13, 2016, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ann; sons, Brad, Timothy, Chris Klebba; daughters, Laura Coles, Karen Brown; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

MERCILL, EARL C. — b. Aug. 17, 1923, Seattle, Wash.; d. Oct. 18, 2016, Redding, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dennis, Steve, Brian, Doug; daughters, Danene Casey, Lynette Foster, Anna Kane; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

MOORES, ARTHUR ADAM — b. Jan. 20, 1923, North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. Sept. 17, 2016, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Verna; sons, Bob, Don; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Helped to open the first Adventist medical practice in Newfoundland, Canada; missionary physician in Hong Kong Adventist hospitals.

OLSON, LLOYCE FERNE (DICKINSON) — b. May 20, 1933, Santa Clara, Calif.; d. Feb. 2, 2017, Madera, Calif. Survivors: sons, Loren, Daryl; daughters, Yolanda Leamon, Sharon Harrelson; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

POPPELREITER, LOIS — b. July 29, 1929, Peekskill, N.Y.; d. Jan. 14, 2017, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: sons, Steven Braswell, Kenneth Braswell; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

PUTMAN, RONALD A. — b. Oct. 25, 1937, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada; March 10, 2017, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carol; daughter, Debi Glantz; sister, Donna Dehn; two grandchildren. Worked at the Pacific Union College Press.

RICHARDS, WILLIAM LARRY — b. Jan. 21, 1936, Cameron, Miss.; d. March 18, 2017, Calistoga, Calif. Served at Pacific Union College, Andrews University and was the director for the Greek Manuscript Research Center at Andrews University.

ROJO, MARISOL FLORES-AMOLES (QUINTANILLA) — b. April 19, 1968, El Salvador; d. Dec. 7, 2016, Anaheim, Calif. Survivors: son, Jaime Flores-Amoles; daughters, Gina Mercado, Jasmin Flores-Amoles, Karina Flores-Amoles, Maria, Jennifer, Kimberly; two grandchildren.

ROSENTHAL, LOIS (PARKHOUSE) — b. Oct. 11, 1926, Glendale, Calif.; d. Dec. 2, 2016, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Jeanine Talge, Mary Campbell, Linda McCann; three grandchildren; two-great grandchildren; brother, John Parkhouse.

SCHAFFNER, MARLOWE — b. Feb. 10, 1922, Salem, Ore.; d. March 1, 2017, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marvis; sons, Ronald, Richard, Gregory Davis; daughters, Rita Corbett, Roberta, Kimberly Davis; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren. Served as president

of Kettering Medical Center, LLU VP of medical affairs and president of the LLU alumni association.

TOMS, SIDNEY E. — b. Nov. 6, 1924, Long Beach, Calif.; d. Jan. 21, 2017, Marysville, Wash. Survivors: sons, Stan, Shannon, Steve; daughter, Sandy Toms Brooks; one grandchild.

TYM, BETTY — b. Sept. 17, 1934, Caldwell, Idaho; d. March 12, 2017, Hughson, Calif. Survivors: husband, William; sons, Brian and Brad; six grandchildren.

ZUMWALT, BARBARA J. (MILLER) — b. Nov. 28, 1929, San Jose, Calif.; d. March 9, 2017, Eureka, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dale, Carl, Brian; daughter, Marla Burpee; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Gerald Miller, George Miller.

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