What Are Some of Our Graduates Doing?

by Silveli Teodoro

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A Mission Field Closer to Home

by Steve Allred, class of ’98, Pastor of the Yuba City Seventh-day Adventist Church

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by Christian Paúl, class of ‘13

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Another graduate who is busy for the Master is Katiussia Moreira. She is a nutritionist, and upon returning to her work she decided to put God’s counsels into practice in her counseling with clients and friends. One of the changes she made is regarding the amount of time advised between meals. Doctors and nutritionists often recommend eating every 2 or 3 hours. God tells us however that:

“Five hours at least should elapse between each meal, and always bear in mind that if you would give it a trial, you would find that two meals are better than three.”  *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 173.

While at SETI, Katiussia had the opportunity of experiencing this firsthand, and saw for herself the many benefits. When she left, she decided to keep up the good habits she had acquired, and shared the same with her clients. All those who have followed her advice have been pleasantly surprised with the results. Their minds have been more
active and clear, they feel better, they sleep better, and they've lost weight, among other things.

Katiussia has also been active in her local Seventh-day Adventist church, speaking about health and temperance through healthy cooking classes. The church sisters have learned many new healthy and tasty recipes without the use of animal products.

“People see a difference because they notice I have lost weight by changing my habits and lifestyle,” Katiussia remarks. “We have practiced the eight laws of health at home and are always seeking to improve.”

One of the greatest joys of the SETI team is seeing the difference we have made in the lives of students who, in turn, help others prepare for Christ’s soon return.

With this in mind, we are preparing for our next course, which will be Bible evangelism. Please pray that this course may be even better that the last one, and that the young people may learn not only about the Bible, but also how to have true communion with God.

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The Seventh-day Adventist church in Yuba City, California, has been praying that we can minister like Jesus in our community and invite people to follow Him. Yuba City is a mission field full of people who need to hear the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14. Besides being an ethnically diverse city, Yuba City is also a very religious city. For example, we have one of the largest Sikh populations outside of the Punjab state in India, with several gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) in town. In addition, Yuba City is home to a Hindu temple, an Islamic mosque, and scores of Christian churches.

Seeking to follow Christ’s method, our congregation looked around and we asked ourselves, “What can we offer our community as a service?” One lady, a paralegal, decided to volunteer her time to help people prepare powers of attorney for health care and finance. From her idea, we started a free legal aid fair in the fall of 2013. This biannual event, hosted at the church, offers free legal advice and limited legal services to the community. Adventist and non-Adventist attorneys, paralegals, and local law school students volunteer their time and expertise for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon to assist people with legal issues. So far, hundreds of people have been served in a real, tangible way. Many of those people had never set foot inside an Adventist church, but went away with a good impression, and some with a good piece of literature!

When the opportunity arose to team up with AMEN and host a free dental clinic in town, we jumped on the
opportunity, realizing that this also would fit perfectly with Christ's method of “doing good.” Again, volunteers
donated their time and expertise to make the event a success. Dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants served the
uninsured and underinsured and, in the process, showed them the love of God.

Through these and many other ministry events, we have been growing in our understanding of how to serve like
Jesus. Our goal as a church is to truly desire the good of those we meet—to love and minister to them, and then
invite them to follow Jesus. What if, after loving and serving them, they still don't want to follow Him? We still love
and serve, because following Him is not a precondition to our continuing to do good for people!

Throughout this journey, we've grown as a church. We've become more outwardly focused and more loving. We're
praying more for the lost and less for ourselves. And there are people who are accepting the invitation to follow
Jesus, which gives us incredible joy. We still have a lot of growing to do, and a lot of people to reach, so please pray
for God's work in the mission field of Yuba City.

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One reason I came to Europe was because I had heard how secular it was and how closed people were to the gospel. I wanted to test and see if the counsel about Christ's method could work in a modern secular society. To my amazement, these two years have surpassed my highest expectations, proving that God’s counsel is extremely effective and up-to-date!

All people wear masks, but behind the masks of apathy, secularism, power, and rudeness, there is always a son or a daughter who belongs to God, having a hunger to love and be loved, a craving for true peace, fulfillment, and joy. The harvest is plentiful and the workers few. The problem is not how “secular” the world is, but how asleep we are as individuals and as a church. When it comes to Christ’s method of medical missionary work, we’ve witnessed that “Of this work there is great need, and the world is open for it.” Medical Ministry, p. 239.

In our institution we run both a health center and a one-year health evangelism training course. Over the past months, an increasing number of health guests from all over Europe have been coming to our New Start programs. Some of them were atheists, skeptics, agnostics, or not interested in religion, but Christ's method melted their hearts. One businessman with AIDS came, who was so touched by the health message that he began reading books from the Spirit of Prophecy. He went back to his country wanting to attend a Seventh-day Adventist church and was diagnosed by his doctor as free from AIDS!
Debbie worked with another guest who was scheduled for surgical removal of hip tumors and was on a high dosage of pain medication. After praying with us for a miracle and receiving some treatments, she dropped all her medications and was able to jog for the first time in two years—free of pain and with tears of gratitude! We've seen tumors shrink and disappear, various diseases reverse, several guests give their lives to Jesus and get baptized, and guests who were absolutely not interested in religion now come and worship with us!

We can clearly see that God is bringing a revival into the lives of young people in Europe! The church in Austria has been very open to the work of our institution and to the emphasis of the General Conference on comprehensive health evangelism. I was asked to write an article on medical missionary work for the Seventh-day Adventist youth magazine, and later God opened the door for me to be invited as a speaker for Austrian Youth Sabbath to talk to over 500 young people on medical missionary work!

In a few weeks, 11 students will graduate from our health evangelism training course. By God's grace, they will spread throughout Europe as health evangelists to help others start institutions and continue following Jesus' commission! We have more young people applying this year than we can house. Many young people are starting grass-root movements with health evangelism in their communities, and I've had more speaking requests in different countries than I can accept! These are just a few of the many stories and miracles from the past months.

My friends, I believe that Jesus is coming very soon. During His earthly life, Jesus told His disciples that His meat (or food) was to save souls like the woman at the well. My question to you is, what is your meat? What consumes you, and what are your priorities? Are they your relationship with your Creator and making friends for eternity? God's question for you is, "Whom shall I send?" May He be able to use you and me to hasten His coming so we can go home soon!

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