Friday, May 24, found the kitchen abuzz with activity. The Southeastern Field’s secretary and education leader, Sister Lisbeth Hunger, and her helpers busily prepared delicious dishes for the upcoming Science Camp, hosted by the Education Department of the Southeastern Field and the Cedartown church. Meanwhile, families from across Georgia and Florida began to arrive.

The Science Camp opened with a song service conducted by Pastor Pablo Hunger. Pastor Douglas Francis, the new General Conference Treasurer, opened the Sabbath with a worship service based on the phrase in Daniel 1:4, “and understanding science.”

The Sabbath morning schedule began with a prayer service at 8:00 a.m. led by Brother Richard Eaton of Canada. Morning worship was conducted by the children of Cedartown. Breakfast and a song service followed, before Sabbath School officially began at 9:30 a.m.

The focal point of the afternoon’s program was a seven-station nature walk. Participants were divided into two groups. Each group walked from opposite ends of the Silver Comet trail. Along the trail, stations were set up to explore the work and contributions of various Christian scientists. Biographies of Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday, George Washington Carver, and others were presented; and questions were answered. Then the children participated in a science project related to the work of the scientist they had just learned about. It was a fun way of learning about the wonders of science while being in God’s nature.

The walk tired people out, and everyone was happy to return to the church for a simple supper before closing the Sabbath. Before retiring for the night, many enjoyed some group recreational activities in the gym.

Sunday was a full day, packed with many outdoor activities. Participants met at 7:30 am for prayer and morning worship. Following a hearty breakfast, families again divided into two groups. Those with children seven years of age and older went on a four-hour kayaking trip down Cedar Creek, while those with children under the age of seven toured the cave in Cave Springs.

A picnic lunch at the Cave Creek Park was eagerly consumed as wet kayakers dried out in the sun and rubbed sore muscles. Everyone enjoyed some rest, refreshment, and light recreation before our caravan departed for the next destination, Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

At the top of a hill behind Berry College’s large stone mill, participants searched for fossils. What are fossils doing at the top of a hill? Sister Lisbeth explained that during the Genesis flood, the waters covered the entire earth. As the angry waves tossed...
here and there, organisms were caught up in the chaos and ended up pretty much anywhere—including mountaintops. Several fossils were found and shared with the group before we headed back down to the college grounds to close out the day with more science experiments, dinner, and finally evening worship.

As good-byes were said, fireflies flitted through the gathering darkness, reminding us once again of how God’s creative powers work in beautiful ways.

American Union Conference
Registration Reminder
Registration and Payment Deadline: July 1, 2013

The dates for the American Union Conference are quickly approaching. Space is limited, and vital information must be given in a timely manner to the camp personnel preparing for our stay there. You will find important conference information and a convenient registration form at:

https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=5Elv6HoSjCQb9hvsTqZViA

Canadian Field Conference Invitation
August 2-4, 2013

The Canadian Field cordially invites all to attend their conference, which is scheduled for Friday, August 2, to Sunday, August 4, 2013. There is no charge for attending this conference, which is hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church Reform Movement (located at 3897 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario). The theme is “The Family of God.” Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:30 a.m. on Sabbath, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact Morris Lowe (905-793-8044) or Timo Martin (905-876-2518).

Online Seminar Announcement

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1.

We are pleased to announce that an online seminar will take place during the next few weeks. The topic of the seminar is “Love, Courtship, and Marriage,” geared specifically to teens and singles. The lessons will be recorded on video and posted on the General Conference website at www.sda1844.org. However, all participants need to register by sending an email to petkov777@hotmail.com, providing their name and local church address, along with the information of the pastor or elder responsible for that area. Seminar participation is free and not limited to members only. Feel free to invite friends, visitors, and anyone you know who is interested in receiving information on this topic.

The first online seminar was posted on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.
Missionary Minute: Winning People for Jesus
Pastor Joel Barnedo, General Conference Youth Department Leader, Denver, CO

Christians have been given the wonderful privilege of sharing the gospel message with others. Sometimes, however, we don’t know where to begin. Here are some practical thoughts for how to work to win souls for Jesus.

Part I: Preparation

Step 1 – Preparing your heart
“But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me … unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8. We cannot give to others what we do not have in our own hearts. We must first experience the joy of salvation, and then we can share it effectively with others. We must first experience the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and then we will have His power to resist the devil. “The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one.” –The Desire of Ages, p. 324.

Step 2 – Preparing materials
A technician must secure the right tools and become proficient in using them. Likewise a missionary must become skillful in the tools of gospel work. The basic tools needed are the following:
- The Bible in different translations and/or versions
- A concordance
- The Bible Study Handbook
- The Principles of Faith
- Favorite PowerPoint presentations and DVDs

Step 3 – Preparing your mind
Study your topic carefully and prayerfully. As the apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, “Study to show thyself approved unto God.” We need to know Jesus and His holy word personally. It would be wonderful if the youth in our churches would spend one hour every morning reading and underlining texts that impress them. We grow mentally and spiritually when we meditate on God’s word and commune with Him.

Step 4 – Making friends
If you are to win people to Christ, you must first show yourself friendly. Go to places where you can meet other people. Get to know them. Listen to their stories, cry with those who cry, and appreciate those who experience success. Remember the saying “Stop, look, and listen!” People want to be heard by someone who really cares. Learn to direct the conversation into uplifting religious subjects. Love is the strongest power that attracts people to you and, ultimately, to God.

Part II: Creating an interest in Bible Study
Once you have laid the groundwork by making all the necessary preparations, how do you move to the next level of actually engaging someone in Bible studies? Christ’s methods are the best ways to reach souls, and we are counseled to follow the New Testament plan. “The more closely the New Testament plan is followed in missionary labor, the more successful will be the efforts put forth.” –Testimonies for the Church, vol. 3, p. 210. The parts of the New Testament plan are more fully outlined in the following quotation from Christian Service, p. 114. “Our Saviour (1) went from house to house, (2) healing the sick, (3) comforting the mourners, (4) soothing the afflicted, (5) speaking peace to the disconsolate. He (6) took the little children in His arms and blessed them, and (7) spoke words of hope and comfort to the weary mothers.”

Let’s take a closer look at each part:
- Conducting home visits. We cannot wait for interested people to come to us. We must look for them. “There are families who will never be reached by the truth of God’s word unless His servants enter their homes.”
Healing the sick. Every member should study physiology, anatomy, and natural remedies. Take with you some health instruments and aids, such as a blood pressure cuff, herbal teas, etc.

Comforting those who grieve. Don’t give unsolicited advice or throw out words without carefully considering what you are saying. Sometimes the best way to help someone is to just listen. A sincere hug is powerful in relieving people’s distress. But first acquaint yourself with the customs and culture of the society in which you are working.

Soothing the afflicted. When disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, storms, or fire strike, people need and appreciate the presence of true Christians. No one lives to himself, so everyone has the potential to be a great blessing for others.

Speaking peace to those who are distressed. Everyone has struggles, and many people carry heavy guilt for sins they have committed. Often they pass sleepless nights because of such things. These people are in the valley of the shadow of death. They lose self-esteem, and their body and soul suffer. This is the time to lend our ears and give our time to these souls by sharing the good news of the gospel. It is not your “presents” but your “presence” that counts.

Taking the little children in our arms, as Jesus did, and blessing them. Too often parents have no time for their own children. When children are not loved, they suffer greatly. Jesus asks us to reach out to them in love. When visitors bring their children to church, show that the church welcomes little ones. Make them feel comfortable. When you carry your visitors’ children in your arms, you are holding their mothers’ hearts in your hands.

Giving words of hope to the weary. I have a neighbor who always visits me in my garage when he is in financial trouble. Not long ago, I listened to what he had to say and then asked him if I could pray a short prayer for him. I gave him a hug. A week later, he came to visit me and said, “I found a new job; thank you for your prayer.”

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’” – Christian Service, p. 119.

2013 - 2014 Calendar

- June 30-July 3, 2013: Vacation Bible School, Cedartown, Georgia. Contact Margie Seely at: margieseely@yahoo.com
- August 2-4, 2013: Canadian Field Conference
- August 4, 2013: Training Seminar for Church Missionary Leaders, Marietta, Georgia
- August 14-18, 2013: American Union Conference, Mountain Center, CA
  Register now online for the Conference at: https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=SElv6HoSjCQb9hvsTgZViA
- August 21-28, 2013: International Youth Conference, Camp O-AT-KA, Portland, Maine
  For more information contact Barbara Watts at: barbara.watts@sdal888.org or 916-765-3389
- August 30, 2013: Seminar for Church Youth Leaders, Tampa, Florida
- October 9, 2013-April 6, 2014: Bethsaida Missionary School, Cedartown, GA