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Someone wrote, “Evangelism is more caught than taught.” In other words, new disciples will catch on to soul-winning when they go out to do personal evangelism with more experienced witnesses. Classroom evangelism, where one learns the basics, is important, but most evangelistic skill is learned and “caught” through practice. Indeed, it’s not just something you “go to do,” but something you “do as you go.” Churches that have strong witnessing and discipleship programs often, are the churches that grow.

The Apostle Paul, one of Scripture’s most ardent evangelists, described himself as a fearless ambassador in chains (Ephesians 6:18-20). In order to speak fearlessly, he asked for prayer (v. 19), so he could make known the mystery of the gospel. As we struggle against the spiritual forces of evil, prayer is the all important experience that makes the whole armor of God effective. Prayer is indispensable for sharing the gospel. Another indispensable ally in the work of witnessing to the lost is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:4, 5 (NIV) declares: “My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.” The Holy Spirit gives us boldness in sharing the message of Christ’s good news of the kingdom.

“After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples, clothed with the divine panoply, went forth as witnesses, to tell the wonderful story of the manger and the cross. They were humble men, but they went forth with the truth. After the death of their Lord, they were a helpless, disappointed, discouraged company—as sheep without a shepherd; but now they go forth as witnesses for the truth, with no weapons but the word and Spirit of God, to triumph over all opposition”—Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 66, 67.

This year, 2013, is the year of NY13—an evangelistic initiative for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of New York City. As we go out to share, remember, we are not merely to take the people to church but to take the church to the people. When the gospel is presented, people will repent and many will be baptized, as Mark 16:15 reminds us.

Finally, as we fearlessly witness and share the gospel, we must remember to leave the results to God. All three phases of evangelism—field preparation, sermon presentation, and soul conservation—must be done in the power of the Holy Spirit. At every stage, we leave the baptismal results to God. We can’t convert or save the lost. We can only present the Good News, and rely upon God to save sinners.

Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College, Inc., Board of Trustees.
The settings are as different as can be, but the work of Joan Guevara, Johnny Johnston, and Mike Ortel is the same. They are chaplains building relationships and walking alongside those they minister to. “Chaplaincy isn’t a job. It is a ministry. If you see it as a job, you will fail. As a ministry you will take on a person’s needs and be there with them emotionally.”

At Winthrop University Hospital Joan Guevara comforts those who are in medical crisis in the intensive care units. “God uses me as the instrument to bring His presence into people’s lives,” says Joan. “Regardless of a person’s faith tradition, music can be very comforting when a person is in emotional upheaval.” As Joan ministers and sings to those she visits, the reaction is often, “How did you know that was my favorite song?” or “My mother used to sing that song.”

Prayer is another tool that Joan utilizes daily. “Mary* was diagnosed with ovarian cancer,” says Joan. “I would meet with her every day and we would pray and sing together. We were praying specifically that God would heal Mary, so she could return to teaching the special needs children in her classroom.”

This special time became very important to Mary. One day Joan arrived for their time together when the doctors were doing their rounds. “Mary told the doctors that everything else would need to wait while we had our prayer time together.” It was a happy day when Mary was pronounced cancer-free and ready to go back to work.

Mike Ortel, a police chaplain, is already in ministry, serving as the Northern New England Conference president. A genuine sense of patriotism has always filled Mike with a desire to serve his country and community.
An impromptu Bible study with the chief of security at Southern Adventist University helped Mike to see that Christians can be called to work as public servants in law enforcement. When Mike moved to Maine, he wanted to become involved in his local community. “My skills and experience in ministry are a perfect fit for the role of police chaplain.”

Mike trained at the Police Academy and upon completion of the course, was sworn in as the police chaplain for Falmouth, Maine. “I believe that every pastor ought to be involved in his community. I know of no greater opportunity than volunteering at the local police, fire, or community hospital as a chaplain.”

From the beginning of his ministry, Mike has been intentional about making friends. “Everything in life is about building relationships and helping people,” says Mike. He spends time meeting with the officers and getting to know who they are.

Lynn, Mike’s wife, has also been drawn into this ministry. Her training as a family therapist has proven invaluable and she often rides in the patrol cars with the officers. Building friendships has led to a growth of trust and respect for the officers whom Mike ministers to. “The officers realize that I am volunteering my time for them and the community,” says Mike. “As their respect for that has grown, they have opened up and begun to share their lives with us.”

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Johnny Johnston has committed his life to helping young men rebuild their lives. Johnny works for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections at a maximum-security facility. “When I became a corrections chaplain, I was totally unaware of the numbers of youth who are incarcerated,” says Johnny. “In our facility alone we have 1500 young men between the ages of 17-25.”

Johnny works closely with many of the inmates in counseling, both group and individual, helping them cope with family issues as well as Bible study and chapel services.

“As Harrison* was 18 years old when he walked into my office,” says Johnny. “He sat down in a chair and I asked him why he was here. His response was, “Why do you care?”

Johnny pressed further, he learned that Harrison felt there was no one who cared whether he lived or died. Johnny stated that he cared, but it still didn’t make a difference. “It wasn’t until I was able to get him to admit he was in a maximum security facility because of his actions that there was a breakthrough. Someone needed to confront Harrison to show they cared enough about him to make a difference.”

Adventist chaplains around the world offer a ministry of presence and prayer. They pray in the rooms of hospitals and medical centers. They encourage students on school campuses. They minister to police and firemen, as well as the victims of violence in local communities. They bring hope within prison walls to those who have committed crimes against fellow human beings. They are on the battlefield, the ships, and in the barracks with those who stand watch to keep our nation free and safe.

On Sabbath, June 8, the ministry of Adventist Chaplains will be recognized and supported by a North American Division-wide offering.

Deena Bartel-Wagner is the publications editor for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries.

*Names have been changed for privacy.
The Difference is Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education

We can boldly declare that students in Seventh-day Adventist schools receive a complete education—strong academics as revealed in the CognitiveGenesis study, in which our students at all grade levels outperformed the national average in all subjects. High academic standards combined with spiritual nurture create an unparalleled culture of excellence at each of our schools. Our students receive an education that prepares them for saleable skills on earth, but more importantly, takes them on a journey preparing them for heaven.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement has identified 10 things to look for in an effective school:

1. High expectations for students
2. Busy students focused on learning
3. A great principal who creates a structured, disciplined, and quality-oriented learning environment
4. Great teachers who have a belief system that all students can learn
5. A vibrant parent-teacher organization
6. Children who are neither invisible nor scared to be at school
7. Gut reactions by parents that this is the school where their child belongs
8. A rigorous curriculum
9. A place where families are welcome, treated courteously, and their concerns are acknowledged
10. An environment where parents are satisfied with the school’s results on standardized tests and school report cards

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The Seventh-day Adventist K-12 system of education concurs with the U.S. Department of Education on the importance of each of these characteristics, but believes that even if all of these 10 characteristics are present in a school, the key element is missing—Jesus! Without Jesus as the center of any school program, the students are receiving an incomplete education. In one of her important works on education, Ellen White states that “education is a failure unless the student has grasped the truths of divine revelation, and the heart accepts the teachings of Jesus Christ”—Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 536 (paraphrased).

What a difference Jesus makes in our school system! We are thankful for our dedicated teachers who look at education, not as a job but as a calling. We are thankful that our teachers pray daily for the Holy Spirit to transform students’ hearts and that Jesus Christ helps our students deal with daily challenges.

More than 25,000 students worldwide, who were part of the Seventh-day Adventist education system in 2012, gave their hearts to Jesus Christ. Students are daily taught Christian standards of living identified in Philippians 4:13 (NKJV): “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” and from the book Education, p. 18, “Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached.”

Praise God for Seventh-day Adventist Christian education!

David A. Cadavero is the Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools.
Santucci Answers God’s Call to Serve

The call of God upon a person’s life changes everything. Thirty years ago, Kevin Santucci was deep into his Rastafarian lifestyle. He believed he had found spiritual answers to follow for the rest of his life. One morning Santucci knew that God was calling him to something different. “I spent the weekend questioning God,” admits Santucci. He wasn’t going to take this lightly, but had to be sure that he truly was following God in what he was about to do.

Typical of many Rastafarian believers, Santucci wore his hair in dreadlocks, a symbol of his beliefs and lifestyle. On Sabbath morning, April 7, 1984, Santucci decided that he wanted to trust God and follow wherever He would lead. “I did something I never dreamed I would do,” said Santucci. “I cut off my dreadlocks and began my quest to follow God more fully.”

God began to place opportunities for Santucci to learn and grow spiritually. In 1987, Santucci began what he calls the first of his missionary journeys. He received a call to go to Jamaica and preach and teach. Following this he worked in Michigan, New York, South Africa, and other locations.

By 2001, while working as a part-time lay pastor, Santucci sensed God was calling him in another direction. “One day I was sitting by the water contemplating how I felt God leading and a parrot fish came alongside me,” says Santucci. “As the fish swam away, I said ‘Do it again, Lord.’ Suddenly another parrot fish appeared and then swam away.”

Santucci repeated the request two more times as he struggled with the idea that God was tugging at his heart for a special type of ministry. “Finally, I surrendered with the words, Lord, I am yours,” says Santucci.

Not knowing what God had in mind, Santucci went to speak with the conference president. “Imagine my surprise when he asked, ‘What do you think about ministry in Bermuda?’” says Santucci. “He went on to tell me that there was a need for people who have a genuine interest in people in the community. Then he confirmed that God would someday place me in full-time ministry.”

In 2002, the Bermuda Department of Education asked him to conduct two weekly training seminars for Bible instructors. “During those seminars we had 10 different denominations represented,” says Santucci.

As his ministry grew, Santucci’s passion for prison ministry also became more fervent. “I began to teach practical solutions and concerns for rehabilitating prisoners back into society,” says Santucci. This work eventually led to Santucci being able to minister in the prisons when others at the local conference level had been denied admission. When Santucci was approached by the prison chaplain to be the liaison between the prison and church, he readily accepted the position.

Following the resignation of the chaplain, the prison chief approached Santucci. “He told me that they recognized my abilities and wanted me to serve as the interim head chaplain,” says Santucci. “By no coincidence, just one year before, I had been sponsored to attend chaplaincy training. I knew God had equipped me before I even knew why.

Today, Santucci is a Bible worker for the Bermuda Conference. In addition, he is working as the lead chaplain in two prisons. He has begun a spiritual mentoring component among the prisoners. Mentors are recruited to work with the prisoners who will eventually be eligible for release. “I interview them regarding their desire to work in the mentoring program, vet them through security, and then assign them a mentee. We want to be intentional about the mentoring program. We consider the mentoring program to be at the hub of our chaplaincy program. This helps move individuals from a jailhouse experience to a personal experience.”

Recently, Santucci was appointed as the spiritual advisor for the Corporation of Hamilton. His role will be to provide spiritual counsel to the staff, management, and board members of the City of Hamilton.

—Deena Bartel-Wagner, publications editor, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

Breath of Life
Summer Revival

Adventist Youth Center
King Street
Hamilton, Bermuda

July 14-27, 2013

Carlton P. Byrd
Breath of Life Speaker/Director
Oakwood University Church Pastor
Ruben Sanchez earned his degree in humanities in Barcelona and studied theology at the Adventist seminary in Spain. Three years ago, he received a Fulbright scholarship to do a master’s degree in religious studies and journalism at New York University. Fully aware of the challenges Adventist students face in public universities, Sanchez has a strong desire to become a Seventh-day Adventist university chaplain.

Sanchez’s idea started when he read about a poll Roger Dudley did among Adventist church leaders to detect their SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). Sanchez also read another study Dudley did on Adventist students attending college. Besides the research indicating that youth are the most vulnerable demographic in the Adventist Church, it also revealed that 50 percent of the students left the church during college years. These were the reasons listed:

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- Church has little to offer to college students and graduates
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These reports disturbed Sanchez, which led him to conduct interviews with some current and former college students at his church, Advent Hope. All of them had studied at public universities or colleges. He discovered that the students wanted to learn how to be faithful on a secular campus and also what it means to be an Adventist in New York City in this century. They also said they need “one-to-one” time to tackle some complicated issues and feel valued when the church appoints someone just to care for them and talk to them.

After the interviews, Sanchez was convinced a difference had to be made. He met with Advent Hope and Greater New York Conference officials to talk about possible ideas and see what could be done. “Seventh-day Adventist college students are about to make lifetime decisions and are looking for a vision for their lives. I have seen many religions, other than Seventh-day Adventists, taking advantage of promoting their institutions. As Adventists, we should think seriously about strengthening our presence on [public university and college] campuses,” Sanchez says.

According to the North American Division (NAD) Campus Ministries coordinator Ron Pickell, that has been done. Currently, each of the following conferences has a full-time employed chaplain: Arizona, Georgia Cumberland, Michigan, and Montana. “There is also a growing number of part-time chaplains,” Pickell said, showing significant interest among the NAD to work with youth in public colleges. More information can be found at the official NAD campus ministry Web site: www.acflink.org.

Sanchez plans to work with the Greater New York Conference under the Advent Hope Collegiate Ministries (universitychaplain@adventhope.org), promoting Adventist gatherings on campus, helping Adventist students contribute to the health and well-being of their universities and classmates, and offering religious/spiritual guidance to Adventist students and to non-Adventist students who request his services. He is currently discussing plans to work with Columbia University in hopes of establishing and maintaining the title of “Religious Life Advisor” to build existing Adventist Christian Fellowships on the campus and enhance its presence.

“I want to help our Adventist students at elite universities develop a faith that empowers them to remain faithful, even when they reach elite positions in society,” Sanchez says. “When I read Luke 10:2, I believe my proposed role will be to satisfy this spiritual thirst. I see now that the field is ripe for the harvest.”

—Kimi-Roux James, administrative assistant, Greater New York Conference
Theme: Revelation of Hope
Greater New York Conference Camp Meeting • Camp Berkshire • 680-1 Berkshire Road, Wingdale, New York
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English Camp Meeting
June 29
Joint Camp Meeting
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Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
1255 Hempstead Turnpike
Uniondale, New York

Ted Wilson
President
General Conference

Mark Finley
Special Assistant to the President for Evangelism
General Conference

July 6
Adult
Ivan Williams
Ministerial Director
North American Division

Youth and Young Adult
To Be Determined

Luso-Brazilian Camp Meeting
May 24–27
Cesar Grassioto
Pastor
Texas Conference

Hispanic Camp Meeting
July 13–20

Adult
July 13
Ramón Canals
Hispanic Ministries Vice President
North Pacific Union

Katia Reinert
Health Ministries Director
North American Division

Samuel Peguero
Pastor
Greater New York Conference

Youth and Young Adult
To Be Determined

Haitian Camp Meeting
July 21–28

Adult
Arbentz Pierre-Antoine
Pastor
Allegheny East Conference

Monica McKenzie
Lecturer
Loma Linda University

Youth and Young Adult
Telaine Buissen
Pastor
Greater New York Conference

Ghanaian Camp Meeting
July 16–21
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Delbert Baker
Vice President
General Conference

Korean Camp Meeting
July 29–August 5
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Hyosoo Jung
Yunjoo Kim
Missionaries
Congo, Africa

Filipino Camp Meeting
August 2–4

G.T. Ng
Secretary
General Conference

United Camp Meeting
September 14

Camp Meeting Schedule
at www.atlantic-union.org
Atlantic Union Gleaner, May 2013
USA Graduate Receives Carl A. Spaatz Award

Caleb McLean, a 2009 graduate of Union Springs Academy, was presented with the prestigious Carl A. Spaatz Award on February 28. This is the highest award that a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet can achieve. Rear Admiral (Retired) Barry C. Black, 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, presented the award to McLean on Capitol Hill.

This award is named in honor of Carl “Tooey” Spaatz, the first chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. McLean was also presented with a congratulatory letter from Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. senator from New York. He also received acknowledgments from various other officials.

This momentous occasion was witnessed by family, close friends, and mentor Philip Wesley II, pastor of New Dimension church in Brooklyn, New York. Also present was Civil Air Patrol National Commander Major General Charles A. Carr, Jr.; Colonel Jack Ozer, New York Wing Commander; a representative from the Air Force; and several CAP cadets.

McLean’s CAP journey began at the age of 12. He fully invested himself in the program for the next nine years until he reached the pinnacle of his pursuit. Upon passing a rigorous four-part comprehensive exam, he was promoted to Cadet Colonel, CAP’s highest cadet rank. This organization was instrumental in refining and expanding McLean’s God-given gift of leadership through various training programs held at the state and national level.

—Kimberly McLean, member, Ithaca church

Home and School Committee Reaches Out to USA Students

The Union Springs Academy (USA) students were treated to a special party planned in their honor by the USA Home and School Committee. The theme of the social was “We Love Our USA Students,” and the goal was to chase away the winter doldrums that often hit the campus in February.

Students donned paper crowns as they arrived at the gymnasium for a special Sabbath vespers, planned by Beth Burghardt, M.D., an alumna of USA. Afterward, students, faculty, and guests had refreshments while watching “The Love Bug,” a classic Disney film that most of the teenagers had never before seen.

The evening concluded with each of the 84 students receiving a gift bag filled with goodies from the Home and School Committee and seven New York Conference churches. The Natural Bridge, Westvale, Geneva, Auburn, Batavia, Gloversville, and Union Springs churches contributed such items as socks, lip balm, microwave popcorn, and mechanical pencils. In addition, two faculty members sewed and filled microwaveable rice bags for the students. Each student left with a warm reminder that, although life can be painful at times, other people are always willing to lend comfort.

—Andrea Starr-Tagalog, development coordinator, Union Springs Academy

New York Conference Women’s Ministries

Campmeeting Schedule

Monday
Helping the Hurting:
Shepherding Women in Pain

Tuesday
Feeding the Hungry:
No Cooking Required!

Wednesday
Nurturing the Young:
Mentoring Young Women

Thursday
Reaching Out to the Wandering:
Ministry Outside of Church

Friday
Caring for Women:
What It Really Means

June 24-28, 2013
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Admin. Building

The New York Conference Women’s Ministries Department

Invites you to tea...

June 23, 2013
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Admin. Building

Join us as we chat, dream & plan for
Women’s Ministries in New York Conference!
Theme: “Rekindle the Passion”
New York Conference Camp Meeting • Union Springs Academy • 40 Spring Street, Union Springs, New York
All camp meetings are at Union Springs Academy, except where noted.

English Camp Meeting
June 21–29

June 21–22
Mike Tucker
Speaker/director
Faith For Today

June 24–28, Weekday Mornings/Afternoon Seminars
Eduard Schmidt
Associate Director
North American Division Evangelism Institute (N.A.D.E.I.)

June 25–29, Weeknights/Morning Seminars
Lael Caesar
Associate Editor
ADVENTIST REVIEW

June 28–29
José Rojas
President
MOVEmentum (a supporting ministry of the Adventist Church)

North Adirondack Camp Meeting
August 2–3
West Bangor Church Grounds
North Bangor, New York

Mike Ortel
President
Northern New England Conference

William Miller Camp Meeting
July 28
William Miller Home and Chapel
Whitehall, New York

Merlin D. Burt
Director
Center for Adventist Research, Andrews University

CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE

Lay Training Institute Focuses on Healthy Living

The New York Conference held its seventh annual Lay Training Institute on the weekend of February 22-24. The participants received instructions from many speakers, who shared information about various programs that lead to a healthy lifestyle, as well as how to have a more vibrant Sabbath School experience.

One of the speakers, Will Froehlich, presented the Creation Health program, which addresses healthy ways to deal with stress and becoming more spiritually, mentally, and physically healthy. Participants were reminded that their bodies are the temple of God, and that they should learn to keep them healthy.

After the seminars concluded, the participants visited with one another. During the weekend event, participants learned new skills that empowered them to share with their families, friends, and members from other churches.

—Michaela Lawton, senior, Union Springs Academy

Lay Training Institute presenters include, from left, Angel Rodriguez, New York Conference acting president; J. Alfred Johnson II, North American Division Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries director; and Eric Flickinger, Northeast Evangelism Training School (NETS) director.
Adventists Collaborate with Local Behavioral Health Hospital on the Issue of Mental Health

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president; Warner Richards, Linden church pastor; and Ainsworth Keith Morris, Goshen Temple church pastor; attended a presentation given by Seanna-Kaye Denham, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and the associate unit chief of child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric services at King County Hospital Center. She explored the topic “When Psychology and Religion Meet: A Guide to Clinical Practice in an Urban Behavioral Health Setting.”

According to recent data from the Association of Religion Data Archives, approximately 60 percent of the more than 2,500,000 residents of Brooklyn report that they are religious. As advocates of the health message, the pastors’ concern includes that of the emotional and mental health of their members.

Denham encouraged clinicians to consider the religious faith of their recipients of care; to increase their knowledge-base on religious practices and belief systems; and to collaborate with local clergy, rabbis, and imams to increase community awareness of behavioral health services while addressing the stigma often attached to needing help to improve one’s mental and emotional health.

Honoré told the participants that pastors can help to teach their congregants that illnesses and chemical imbalances can take both physiological and cognitive forms, which therefore may require clinical intervention.

Morris noted the proximity of his congregation to the hospital. He and his colleagues were also invited by Joseph Merlino, M.D., executive director of Behavioral Health services for Kings County Hospital Center, to participate in some of the community-based initiatives being developed by the hospital.

Richards noted that collaboration with the hospital in a manner that can be transformational for the community is a mighty witness, and congruent with Ellen G. White’s stance that the health message is “the right arm of the gospel.”

—Northeastern Conference communication staff

Gethsemane Youth Perform at State House

Several children from the Gethsemane church in Brockton, Massachusetts, performed at the State House in Boston as part of a cultural program, sponsored by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus. The theme for the February 13 program was “Black History is No Mystery.”

Adrian Williams directed Serdia Perry, Zariya Allen, Aleisha Oliver, Esperanza Williams, Abigail Hollant, and Taisha Omotoye from Gethsemane church, in a graceful liturgical performance. Two brothers from the Berea church in Boston—Antoine and Anthony Matthews—also joined with their liturgical ministry.

Members of the House of Representatives came to support the program and the youth. Included among them were Gloria Fox, Denise Andrews, Byron Rushing, Carlos Henriquez, Russell Holmes, Laura Nelson, and Sonia Chang Diaz, who serves on the staff of Governor Deval Patrick. They provided insight on the major roles of the Black Caucus members who serve at the State House in various capacities.

Representative Byron Rushing shared that Black History Month is a time for African Americans to celebrate all that they have learned about their culture and showcase it in testimonies of praise, instrumental selections, poetry, drama, and spirituals. Rushing also emphasized that African Americans
Theme: “Shining Our Light in 2013”

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Haitian Camp Meeting
August 14–19

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For more information, visit: northeastern.org

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Children from the Gethsemane church in Brockton, Massachusetts, perform at the State House in Boston.

What’s Happening in Your Church?

We are looking for news and other inspiring stories from your church that we can share with our readers. E-mail your stories with the photos attached as separate files to the Northeastern Conference communication director. Be sure and include a caption with each photo and the name of the photographer.

For information on submitting articles, visit atlantic-union.org/writing-guidelines.

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should know who and whose they are, where they come from, but most of all, where they are going.

This cultural experience allowed the children to gain a perspective of their history and how they can play a role to promote change for the future. This experience is one that will give the children confidence and motivation to exercise their faith through their instrument of praise as they honor their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Beatriz Valerius and Maria Joseph, members, Gethsemane church

at www.atlantic-union.org
Central Vermont Academy Choir Sings for Christ

The Central Vermont Academy Choir’s outreach is to perform in churches of all faiths. Their concerts have brought audiences to tears with standing ovations. The choir has been singing this year under the direction of Glee Charlestream. “The choir’s mission is to share Christ’s love with our audiences by performing great sacred music,” Charlestream says. On occasion an ensemble from the Charlestream’s string program will accompany the choir.

“People have noticed a difference in our youth,” Charlestream says. For example, he received a letter from one of the ensemble members, who teaches in a public school and is not a Seventh-day Adventist. It reads: “To the chorus, it was a privilege to play with you on Saturday. You are a wonderful group of young people. This was evident from the first moment I saw you walking into rehearsal. Your singing moved me to tears. Then a young man from your choir at the end thanked me for playing with you. It was certainly my pleasure, and thank you for your gift of music.”

After one concert there was a woman in the back

The Central Vermont Academy Choir performs in churches of all faiths.

Church Members Participate in Read-a-Thon

For some, it was the first time they read all of these books, others had read them before. For the Rochester, New Hampshire, congregation, it was the first time as a group that they participated in a Conflict of the Ages Read-a-Thon.

The members followed a reading plan and, together, they read all five of the books by Ellen White in the Conflict of the Ages series: Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, The Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, and The Great Controversy.

Their journey started in February 2012 and continued until December 1, 2012. The reading plan included a daily chapter from one of the books, along with a corresponding Bible text.

Members were encouraged to follow the plan, however, everyone read at their own pace. The important thing was to spend time reading and to receive the blessings contained in each one. The reading plan was also posted on the Rochester church’s Web site, as well as the church’s Facebook page, encouraging others beyond the local church community to join the Read-a-Thon.

One member said that, although she read these books before, this was a wonderful and easy way to re-read them. It encouraged her to continue until she finished. She also said she was going to read the Testimonies For the Church, one chapter per day!

The reading plans can be accessed on the Rochester church’s Web site (rochester22.adventistchurchconnect.org/article/12/conflict-of-ages-read-a-thon).

—Doug Berril, Communication correspondent, Rochester church
Camp Meeting Schedule

English Camp Meeting
June 21–22
Karl Haffner
Pastor/Author
Kettering Adventist Church

June 22
Sabbath School
Donald King
President
Atlantic Union Conference

June 24-28 – Evenings & June 29
Lee Venden
All About Jesus Revival Ministry
Walla Walla, Washington

June 29
Sabbath School
Harry Sabnani
Youth Director
Northern New England Conference

June 29
Afternoon Presentation
Terry Butler
Associate Professor/AHS-2
Loma Linda, California

Hispanic Camp Meeting
June 22
Dionisio Olivo
Hispanic Ministries Vice President
Atlantic Union Conference

June 29
Scott Christiansen
Author/Speaker/Trust Service Director
Northern New England Conference

Indonesian Camp Meeting
June 22 and 29
Jantje Rumambi
Pastor
East Indonesian Union Conference

Seminar Presenters
Stephen Bauer
Professor
Southern Adventist University

Pavel Goia
Pastor/Prayer Coordinator
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

Jim Hammer
Author
Collins Center, New York

Lois King
Women’s Ministries Director
Atlantic Union Conference

John Lomacang
Pastor
Illinois Conference

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Greater Boston Academy Students Complete Church Building Project

Twelve Greater Boston Academy (GBA) students participated in a special mission trip project to complete a church building in San Pedro de Macoris. More than $25,000 was raised to cover travel expenses and all the building materials needed to complete the church.

“The students were great and the community was impressed by the way they carried themselves,” said Gavin Gaynair, project leader.

The construction project was successful. Greater Boston Academy’s group of volunteers provided the finances and physical support to tile the church floors, build two bathrooms, install permanent windows and doors, and build a property wall.

The church in San Pedro de Macoris had about 13 members when GBA started this project back in 2010, under the direction of Edwin Silie, former GBA faculty member. Today the membership is about 100! The church is now the foundation of its community because it stands out among the broken-down homes and dirt roads. Members of the community are ready and have begun to build upward so that the neighborhood and property value will improve.

“I was able to get a first-hand view of the results of our labors! Our last mission trip produced much fruit, and with the completion of the church during this trip, those fruits will continue to multiply,” Gaynair said.

During this trip, the school group also conducted an evangelistic series under the direction of Pedro Mendez, a GBA parent. Each night the students had more than 30 visitors and the meetings ended with three baptisms, which brings the total baptisms to more than 100 since they started the project.

Students also conducted a children’s program each night, which allowed them to bond with the children and young people of the church.

Prayer is needed for the mission work as it continues in the Dominican Republic and for the GBA students to carry the fire produced by their involvement in mission work throughout their lives.

—Lisa Wheeler, Advancement Director, Greater Boston Academy

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June 25–27
Daniel Jackson
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June 28–29
Roy Adams
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ADVENTIST REVIEW/ADVENTIST WORLD

Young Adult Speaker
June 21–29
Nicardo Delahaye
Pastor
Norwalk, Connecticut

Youth Speaker
June 21–29
Samuel Ulett
Pastor
Providence, Rhode Island

Women’s Ministries Presenter
June 24–28
Becki Neff
San Diego, California

Musician
June 29
Scott Michael Bennett
Fresh Day Music

Franco-Haitian Camp Meeting
June 29
Machlan Auditorium
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Hispanic Camp Meeting
July 13
Southern New England Campground (June 9-12 in local churches)

Isaias Hernández
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Youth Speaker
July 13
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Portuguese Camp Meeting
June 20
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The Camp Meeting Schedule

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Quoi de Neuf?
Dans la Fédération de L’Union Atlantique

Témoigner Sans Crainte

Quelqu’un a écrit: “Évangéliser tient beaucoup plus de la pratique que de l’enseignement théorique.” En fait, tout nouvel ouvrier ne deviendra gagnant d’âmes qu’en sortant pour faire ses expériences et avoir ses témoignages personnels d’évangéliste. La base apprise sur les bancs d’école est très importante; mais, les stratégies et les tactiques de l’évangélisation s’apprennent en travaillant, en pratiquant. Dans la réalité, évangéliser n’est pas une marchandise toute prête que vous allez livrer, mais plutôt quelque chose que vous allez assimiler avec le temps, avec l’habitude, avec la pratique pour bien le livrer. Nous remarquons surtout que les églises qui ont de solides programmes d’activités missionnaires sont presque toujours celles qui progressent et grandissent.

L’apôtre Paul, l’un des plus grands évangélistes connus des Ecritures, se décrit comme un fervent ambassadeur qui se trouve dans les chaînes (Ephésiens 6:18-20). Pour parler avec hardiesse, pour arriver à faire connaître les mystères de l’évangile, il fit appel à la prière (V. 19). Alors que nous luttons contre les esprits méchants dans les lieux célestes, la prière est la plus importante expérience qui rend efficace toutes les armes de Dieu. La prière est indispensable pour la prédication de l’évangile.

Le ministère du Saint Esprit est un autre allié indispensable dans l’œuvre du salut des âmes. 1 Corinthiens 2:4-5 déclare: “Ma parole et ma prédication ne reposaient pas sur les discours persuasifs de la sagesse, mais sur une démonstration d’Esprit et de puissance, afin que votre foi fut fon-
dée, non sur la sagesse des hommes, mais sur la puissance de Dieu.” Le Saint-Esprit nous donne la hardiesse nécessaire pour partager avec force le message du Christ, lequel est la bonne nouvelle du royaume. “Après l’effusion du Saint-Esprit, les disciples, vêtus de la panoplie divine, allèrent en tant que missionnaires, pour raconter la merveilleuse histoire de la crèche et de la croix. Ils étaient des hommes humbles, mais ils s’en allèrent avec la vérité. Après la mort de leur Seigneur, ils étaient un groupe d’hommes impuissants, déçus, découragés—comme des brebis sans berger, mais maintenant ils vont être les témoins de la vérité, avec comme armes, la Parole et l’Esprit de

Dieu pour triompher de toute opposition”—Testimonies to Ministers, pages 66, 67.

Cette année, 2013, est l’année de NY13—une initiative évangélique pour partager l’évangile de Christ avec la population de la ville de New York. En sortant pour ce partage, rappelons-nous que nous n’allons pas seulement pour tenter d’amener les gens à l’église, mais aussi pour apporter l’église aux gens. La présentation de l’évangile, des personnes se repentiront et se feront baptisées comme Marc 16:15 nous le rappelle.


Donald G. King est le président de Atlantic Union Conference et du conseil d’administration de Atlantic Union College Inc.

Traduction: Pierre E. Omeler

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¿Qué Está Pasando?
En la Unión del Atlántico

Retiro de Entrenamiento Equipa a los Ancianos para Servicio

Bajo el Tema “Que Pide Dios de Ti” un gran número de ancianos y pastores de las Iglesias Hispana de la Unión del Atlántico nos reunimos el fin de semana del 15-17 de marzo 2013 en el Honors’ Haven Resort and Spa para celebrar nuestro acostumbrado Retiro/Entrenamiento.

Esta iniciativa comenzó varios años atrás y que se celebra cada dos años y cuyo mayor objetivo es ofrecer un tiempo a los ancianos de las iglesias Hispanas/Portuguesas en el cual pudieran venir juntos como líderes que tienen grandes desafíos y que apoyados por sus pastores e iglesias puedan dedicar este tiempo a cargar las baterías espirituales para poder inspirar más a sus iglesias al crecimiento espiritual y también a recibir entrenamiento sólido de presentadores comprometidos con la misión de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo-día para capacitarlos mejor cuestión que puedan ejercer mejor sus responsabilidades por eso le llamamos Retiro/Entrenamiento.

Este año un elemento especial jugó parte del espíritu de inspiración y planes y predicación con el cual los asistentes estaban imbuidos pues fuimos motivados por la iniciativa que nos llega desde la Asociación General para alcanzar las grandes ciudades del mundo comenzando con New York y nuestro himno tema “Impacto New York 2013” se compuso precisamente con esta iniciativa en mente.

Alrededor de 200 ancianos (damas y caballeros), pastores, esposas de ancianos y líderes a cargo de la actividad, estuvieron todo el fin de semana y el Sábado otros asistieron viendo de varias iglesias no solo de los alrededores del lugar donde se llevó a cabo la actividad, sino aun de iglesias en New York City, Connecticut y otros lugares para aprovechar la bendición de ese día juntos creciendo y aprendiendo.

Como ha sido la norma de este Retiro/Entrenamiento, durante todo el fin de semana reino un ambiente de gran regocijo espiritual, hermanad, afinidad y al final un claro compromiso de que como líderes en el Pueblo de Dios viviendo en estos últimos días serviremos dependiendo completamente de Dios y por su poder reflejaremos el compromiso espiritual que El espera de nosotros para ser usados como sus instrumentos para servir y enriquecer su iglesia.

Seis seminarios fueron presentados comenzando Viernes de noche y siguiendo el fin de semana: Evangelismo con el pastor Louis Torres, Consejería Espiritual con el Consejero José Drasich, Crecimiento Espiritual con el pastor Carlos Camacho, Interpretación Bíblica con el pastor Hermes Tavera, Liderazgo Espiritual con el pastor Alfredo García-Marenco y Predicación Efectiva con el doctor Luis Gregorio Pinales. Un inspirador programa de Escuela Sabática fue presentado por la señora Maria a. Olivo.

Un dato importante para notar es que aunque esta iniciativa es implementada por el Vicepresidente para Hispanos de la Unión del Atlántico todos los oficiales de la Unión prestan gran interés para su éxito y además la Unión da un buen apoyo económico para la misma, también los miembros del Advisory Hispano de la Unión contribuyen con su tiempo y sus ideas para que todo salga bien, también debemos mencionar el apoyo económico que ofrecen muchas iglesias enviando sus ancianos, así también como el apoyo de los pastores, muchos de los cuales también asisten durante el fin de semana.

El Retiro/Entrenamiento terminó con una alta nota espiritual, gran entusiasmo de los asistentes, un sermón de avance presentado por el pastor Garcia-Marenco de la Asociación General, el compromiso de los ancianos y la entrega de los certificados y el famoso Pin. Después de un succulento almuerzo todos regresamos con deseos renovados para prepararnos y ayudar a otros a prepararse para el pronto encuentro con Cristo Jesús.

Dionisio Olivo es el vice presidente de los ministerios hispanos y portugueses en la Unión del Atlántico y asociado director ministerial, y director del ministerio de familia y escuela sabática.
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