Shining Ever Brighter

LLBN eNewsletter,

July 2013
"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of the day."
Proverbs 4:18

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO, GANIM HANNA

I’d like to share with you the following updates:

- Week in Review
- LLBN Latino ALSAD
- New Programs
- Bible Land Tour Report

As we enter into the warmth of summer, it is our prayer that our lives and the lives of those we reach together through LLBN will continue to grow even brighter with the knowledge of God!

LLBN PRESENTS: J. D. Miller in Concert

Join this captivating Grammy Award-winning musician in an uplifting live musical performance

August 4, 2013, 7:30 PM
Hemet SDA Church

NETWORK NEWS

In this edition find recent news, updates, and pictures from the LLBN South Asia Production Center in Chennai.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Unfold Michael Velitis’s passion for serving Christ and his community in this month’s volunteer highlight. Click to read more.

As a 100% viewer-supported network, this media ministry would not have been possible without you, our faithful viewers. To be part of the international television ministry of LLBN click here to make a fully tax-deductible gift. Thank you for making it possible for more people to come to the light of Jesus Christ.
LLBN Events

LLBN PRESENTS:

JD Miller in Concert

August 4, 2013, 7:30 PM
Hemet SDA Church
27025 Girard Street, Hemet, CA 92544
Free event, no tickets

For directions, click here for Mapquest and here for Google Maps.

This event will not be broadcast or recorded.
JD Miller will be coming to Loma Linda in August to record music at LLBN Studios. For everybody's enjoyment, his recorded music will be broadcast on the air, on TV, and on the Internet on many social media platforms. In Hemet, however, there will be no recording or broadcast. Regardless of how much we love music, this event is not only about music! It is an outreach ministry sharing Jesus Christ and His love to the world!

Capture JD Miller's heart reflections in music and his global mission objectives in an intimate church setting!
Because this concert will not be broadcast, in the intimate and confidential setting of the church family circle, you will have a unique opportunity! True stories of faith and miracles of God will be revealed; JD will disclose real stories of the spiritual intervention of Christ's love in China and other places he has traveled around the world. His plans for the Fall of 2013 include tours to China, India, and Haiti.

Come and bring your family and friends!
When it comes to introducing JD Miller, it is difficult to limit oneself to a few words.
JD is an accomplished world-class musician, winning songwriter, recording artist, orchestrator, producer, inspirational speaker, and international tour and missions outreach leader in the US, China, Honduras, Russia, Africa, Ukraine, India, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and more.

For his work in the professional realm, JD Miller has won many major awards. 2 Grammys, 6 Doves, and dozens of advertising awards. His career spans over 20 years as a decorated jingle writer, writing jingles such as "Nationwide is on your side" and KFC's "We do chicken right!!". He also wrote for McDonalds, Valvoline, Radisson Hotels, Hyatt Regency Hotels, and many others. He has also written many movie music scores for Hollywood.

For 13 years JD was the pianist for Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band. JD co-wrote "Old Friends" with Bill and Gloria Gaither, and "I'll Worship Only", which was made popular by The Hoppers. He wrote with and for people such as Kenny Rogers, Bette Midler, and many other well-known Christian and secular top artists.

LLBN International is a non-profit Christian broadcasting network that has been dedicated to sharing Christ and changing lives since 1996. We produce and broadcast a variety of inspirational, lifestyle, educational, musical, and talk show programs in multiple languages via our five networks (LLBN English, LLBN Arabic, LLBN Chinese, LLBN Southern Asia, and LLBN Latino), which air around the world. LLBN can be received via satellite, Internet video streaming, IPTV, Verizon FiOS, and cable/television and high power TV stations in select areas. Contact LLBN directly by email at comments@llbn.tv and visit LLBN's website at www.llbn.tv for more information on how you can join our viewers around the world in receiving the blessing of LLBN!

Please support this joint mission event with a freewill donation for JD Miller's outreach tours and for LLBN's international media ministry!

Direct contacts for this event:
Lili O’Ara
LLBN Community Manager
951-775-5816

Beth Johnston
JD Miller’s Agent (for this tour)
909-754-1686

Related Event:
JD Miller at Calimesa SDA Church
Saturday, August 3
Morning services and afternoon concert at 4 PM
353 Myrtlewood Dr, Calimesa, CA 92320

Click here for a map and directions to this event

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

In May, the LLBN South Asia production center in Chennai purchased a generator - a donation from an LLBN SA well-wisher. It will help us carry on the work without the interruption of 6-10 hours of power-cuts each day!

On Wednesday, July 3, the center received three new Sony video cameras. Again, this was made possible by the generous donations of some LLBN SA well-wishers and supporters. (Previously, we had only one camera).

And, since the middle of June, the LLBN South Asia production team has been traveling through cities and towns in India to record programs in several languages.
I thank you for your prayers and continued support. The developments of the recent months have improved our capacity to produce more programs, and we plan to increase our programs to at least 10-12 Indian languages by the end of this year. May God be glorified through this ministry.

Wes James, Volunteer/Director
LLBN South Asia

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March 2013 eNewsletter The Power of His Resurrection

The dynamic ministry of LLBN is a work in progress and continuous problem-solving to keep up the enormous coverage of the five networks operations going and to assure the success of each one. It takes knowledge of the facts in detail, thoughtfulness, understanding of the issues, teamwork, care and love, direction, strategy of action, specific tactics, devotion, and above all trusting God and His guidance.

Some of the topics on the agenda:

- Management of website and internet tools
- LLBN logo and brand, unity in diversity, mission and vision
- Broadcasting technology updates, facts, and decisions
- Schedule, studios utilization
- Budget at network and corporate level
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Dear Friends and supporters of LLBN,

I am pleased to inform you that, as previously mentioned, we have launched the LLBN Latino channel on satellite G19 effective January 9, 2013. We are amazed at how instantly the feedback was received from several entities within North and Central America. This is indeed exciting and has taken much strategizing and hard work by many to make this happen, particularly by Derrell Mundall, our VP of Marketing and assigned Senior VP of LLBN Latino.

Having broadcast on satellite G-19 for the past 2 years, we had discovered that there is a larger English, Arabic and Latino and less Chinese viewership on this platform, due in part to the fact that a number of other Chinese networks had left satellite Galaxy 19, thereby reducing the total ‘neighborhood’ of Chinese viewers.

That being the case, in collaboration with our VPs including Communications VP/LLBN Chinese Director Hannah Lutfrell, we felt it wise to refocus LLBN Chinese resources on non-satellite means of distribution, including all-Chinese IPTV networks similar to Roku, where it would be better positioned to reach out to a secular Chinese audience. Redirecting the Chinese channel onto different platforms with a larger Chinese viewership can benefit from the broadcast, and have LLBN Latino take its place on the satellite for the remainder of the contract.

I wish to recognize Hannah Lutfrell for her extraordinary efforts for taking a lead in keeping the Chinese network growing, alongside her team.

For clarification purpose, with this change, the LLBN channels currently on satellite G-19 are:

- LLBN English
- LLBN Arabic
- LLBN Latino

The LLBN channels on IPTV (Roku, MyChoice TV, Joozoor, etc) and on the Internet (www.llbn.tv and 550,000 other websites according to Google) are:

- LLBN English
- LLBN Arabic
- LLBN Chinese
- LLBN South Asia
- LLBN Latino

With these 5 LLBN networks, we take God’s message of salvation and grace to the 5 most spoken languages in the world. Thank you for your commitment to LLBN that makes that possible, and please remember this ministry in your prayers and giving so we can continue to do so.

God bless,
Garlind Hanna

Sept / Oct 2012  To My Father’s Glory
Heartwarming Stories from LLBN Arabic

LLBN’s phone is ringing every day, though some calls are extra heartwarming!

One urgent message came from a viewer in Canada who only spoke French and Arabic. Miraculously, she connected with an LLBN operator who spoke French and was able to pass on the message to the LLBN Arabic team: “Please call me today as my husband does not like anything evangelical and he will not be home today!” She had many questions prompted by a program with Pastor Solomon Nazal, questions about her faith and how to go about it.

Another LLBN Arabic viewer from near San Diego, California, left a message wanting to talk to someone in Arabic. She later shared with Basil Nahab, Vice President of LLBN Arabic, that she is originally from Iraq, and at one time she tried to commit suicide because she had no purpose in life. She told him, “One day I saw Jesus telling me about the Bible and how to be saved. I started reading the Bible.”

She told Basil she watches LLBN Arabic all the time and enjoys the station very much. She had several questions for Basil, including, “Why do I hear about the Sabbath at LLBN Arabic?” which

Basil was happy to respond to. She requested that the people at LLBN to pray for her and promised to pray for LLBN as well.

LLBN Arabic is a ministry that sends the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to the whole world through satellite and the Internet. Its message of hope reaches out to millions of Arabic speaking people living in countries where they may not be reached in any other method. The administration of LLBN Arabic Network invites you to share your knowledge about LLBN with your friends, to send your constructive suggestions and to continue to pray for the success of its programs. Since LLBN Arabic is a viewer-supported network, we urge you to support this ministry not only through your prayers but through your financial gifts. LLBN is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and needs your help to continue uplifting Jesus and transforming lives of individuals as it reaches out to the inhabitants of planet Earth.

We don’t know how many lives are touched by LLBN. Most stories will never get told until we reach heaven. An overview of our social media reach gives us just a glimpse of where LLBN is making an impact. The LLBN Facebook page reports the people reached this week: 31 in Saudi Arabia - 26 in Abha & Jizan; and 6 in United Arab Emirates. The LLBN Arabic page adds more: 56 in Saudi Arabia - 44 in Abha & Jizan, 8 in Riyadh & Ar Riyadh; 14 in Egypt - 10 in Cairo & Al Qahirah; 12 in Iraq; 5 in United Arab Emirates - 4 in Dubai; and 5 in Lebanon - in Beirut & Beyrouth.

Extensive reach reported by Twitter includes: Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, and Egypt. Many other Arabic viewers are from the US, Canada, Europe, and all over the world.

As mentioned, in addition to TV broadcasting, LLBN Arabic has now a page on Facebook! Photos of volunteers working hard in the studio are being uploaded. Videos are being shared. Encouraging Bible verses with photos of nature are being posted. Everyone is invited to “Like” the page and be part of spreading the good news of Jesus. Everyone is also welcome to sign up for the newsletter of LLBN. Find us at www.facebook.com/LLBNArabic. This page can also serve as a guide in answering questions that people may have concerning Biblical matters and truth. Comments and suggested can be posted publicily,
or privately through direct messages.

A detailed preview of LLBN Arabic new programs, new episodes, and more news can be found at this link follows.

Prepared by: Basil Nahab, Eva George, Lili O’Ara

LLBN Arabic News, Programs, and More...

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16.

New Programs:

With the help of many volunteers, LLBN Arabic has started the production of several new series!

1- Wael Alfy, a dental school student who is full of zeal for God’s work, has started a lively youth program entitled “The Bible and the Youth”, transliterated as “Al Kitab Wal Shabab”. A good number of episodes have been recorded and aired already, and production is on-going. In each program, a subject from the Bible is brought up for discussion among a group of young adults, who use verses from the Bible to guide their conversation.

2- Eva George, who recently moved from the Mediterranean island of Cyprus to California and has previous experience in broadcasting, has started volunteering at LLBN Arabic. She began recording a thought-provoking new program that is going to be aired soon. The title of the program is “Jesus Is My Example In My Life”, transliterated as “Yasou Mithali Fi Hayali”. Every episode deals with one aspect of Jesus’ life on earth, through which a lesson is learned that helps us grow in faith.

3- Francis Saliba, a pastor who served the Lord many years in different countries including the Arabic section of Jerusalem, in addition to being a speaker for a radio broadcast, has recorded a number of sermons for a fascinating new series entitled “Messages from Jesus” that will be aired in the near future.

4- In November, Pastor Saliba will be starting an exciting new series called “Revelation of Hope–Rouyat al Amal.” We are living in momentous times. The book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible and is very relevant to our times since it speaks about last day events. The series will be made up of 26 episodes which will be illustrated with pictures and Bible texts.

New Episodes For On Going Programs:

New episodes will start being aired soon for some of the on-going programs, such as:

1- “Bible Figures”, transliterated as “Shahyayat Min Al Kitab Al Muqaddas”, hosted by Irene Esha Fargo. This program aims to teach children about the great stories of Bible characters. Felts are used to help children picture the story while they watch and listen.

2- “Study from the Gospel”, transliterated as “Dirasah Min Al Injeel”, hosted by Layla Tomas. This is a
New Testament-based discussion among four or five guests.

Friday Evening Arabic Church Service:

“The Good News of Peace—Bushra As Salam,” is by God’s grace moving forward and is being aired live every Friday 7:00 pm Pacific Standard Time. Many volunteers work together in harmony to make this program a means of spreading the Word of God. It is a great opportunity to join with other believers in worshipping God and uplifting the wonderful name of Jesus. The producer, Dr. Edmond Haddad, states, “A number of new worshipers are joining the people who continue to attend these meetings faithfully. The one-hour service consists of praising the Lord in song, health nugget, children's story and a spiritual message—all in the Arabic language. Everyone is welcome to attend and experience the joy of worshipping our Creator.” The attendees meet at the LLBN Studio which is located at 11327 Main Street, Loma Linda, CA 92334.

Worship songs:

Pastor Steve Manoukian, accompanied at the piano by his sister Mana, has recorded seven vocal solos to be used for the Friday evening Arabic Church service, as well as, other LLBN Arabic programs.

New worship songs have been recorded by “The Good News of Peace Choir” and led by the pianist Rayan Fargo. They are being aired during the Friday evening program of “The Good News of Peace” and other musical programing of LLBN Arabic.

God is good!

Says Dr. Haddad, “God’s Word will never come back empty. Many people are being blessed by what LLBN Arabic is presenting. We praise and thank God for all those who dedicate their time, efforts, money, talents, and life to fulfill this great mission.”

August 2012

Prepared by: Dr. Edmond Haddad & Eve George
**LLBN Chinese** just started production on a brand new series! "To the Ends of the Earth", the 21st series to be added to the all-Mandarin network, takes the viewer back to the book of Acts. Host Timothy Zhao, pastor of the San Gabriel Valley Chinese Company in Arcadia, California, shares what we can learn from the very first Christian church.

Says Hannah Ko Luttrell, Director for LLBN Chinese, “It took an amazing team of volunteers--some who were there for the first time--to make this production possible. We had several Chinese volunteers, and others who were not, but everyone worked together with the common goal: to produce a series that would share God’s love to a Chinese-speaking person, whether here in North America or in Asia.”

Many thanks to the great team who made possible our first taping of [To the Ends of the Earth]! From L to R: John (camera operator), Raj (audio operator), Leonard (director), Pastor Zhao (speaker), Orville (character generator operator), Ashley (director-in-training), Esther (translator) and Stacy (translator/character generator operator-in-training).

LLBN Chinese is the only Chinese Christian television network of any denomination broadcasting full-time here on satellite in North America. In addition to satellite, LLBN Chinese can also be viewed through IPTV services such as Roku, and is streamed live online at [www.llbn.tv](http://www.llbn.tv), making its programs viewable anywhere in the world. LLBN Chinese is also working on uploading programs to its account on [Tudou](http://www.tudou.com), one of China’s largest video communities.

Many Chinese people are atheistic/agnostic, or practice religions such as Buddhism and Taoism. Even in the United States, **52% of Chinese Americans are unaffiliated with any religion.** With over 2 million Chinese immigrants in the US, the Chinese make up the second largest foreign born population among U.S. Immigrants, following only Mexico. Yet there are only a handful of Chinese Adventist churches across North America, with the majority of them in California—which is where God worked so providentially to start a Chinese TV ministry to reach out to the country and the world from right here in Loma Linda. When American viewers contact LLBN Chinese from the mid-West or the South asking if there is a Chinese church in their area to bring their Chinese friends to, we tell them that there isn’t—but they can introduce them to watch LLBN Chinese!

We invite you to join us in our goal of taking God’s Good News to “every nation, language, tongue and people,” including the world’s Chinese people in at least one of the following 4 ways:

1. **Share:** If you have friends, neighbors or colleagues who speak Chinese, or if you frequent Chinese restaurants or other businesses, be sure to share with them about LLBN Chinese, and how they can easily watch any of its programs that span Bible studies to health talks, Christian documentaries to a vegetarian Chinese cooking show, and testimonies to inspirational music.

2. **Volunteer:** As a ministry run almost completely by volunteers, one of LLBN’s greatest resources is its dedicated people. Everyone and anyone who is willing to help is needed. Especially if you are bilingual in English and Chinese, LLBN Chinese can definitely use your skills to further our ministry. Email us at [volunteer@llbn.tv](mailto:volunteer@llbn.tv) for more information.

3. **Donate:** When LLBN Chinese stepped out in faith to start a network to reach the Chinese-speaking world with a message of God’s salvation, it did not have the money on hand to sustain such a massive undertaking by itself. Along with the rest of LLBN, LLBN Chinese relies 100% on donors just like you, as it is not funded by any church, conference, school, medical center or institution. We invite you to invest the financial resources that God has blessed you with back into His work at LLBN and LLBN Chinese, knowing that you are laying up incorruptible treasure in heaven! To make a fully tax-deductible gift or for more information,
4. **Prayer:** There is no point in doing God’s work if God isn’t at the center of all that we do. Please pray for LLBN Chinese, that we will have the wisdom and resources we need to fulfill this burden that God has laid on our hearts.

For any questions or comments regarding LLBN Chinese, please use the contact information above or email chinese@llbn.tv.

**June/July 2012**

Arise, shine! Isaiah’s words are an invitation to all of us to disperse God’s light to the world, and it’s an invitation that the LLBN team takes to heart. LLBN’s four network leaders and staff recently met for a work session to analyze, discuss, and seek solutions to better our service to our audience, while fulfilling our mission of sharing Christ and changing lives. While time is needed for implementation, steps are being made and the plans are on the way to fulfillment!

Through social media, a whole new dimension of communication is available for us, reaching a multitude of people and their friends. There are many social media platforms which provide multiple ways to connect to people. For instance, the LLBNChristianTV channel on YouTube shares music videos and selected series. The total number of views has passed 20,000 and continues to grow daily. (Click any of the embedded links throughout the article to go to that website.) Our Twitter account distributes short messages and links to more content, engaging over 1,000 people from all around the globe. The world map (see below) shows the distribution of our followers by state/province in many different countries.

On Facebook, **LLBN’s page** reaches approximately 900 people directly, with friends of LLBN’s followers totaling almost half a million. The messages posted by us vary from announcements and pictures to videos, quotations, Bible verses, stories, events, and inspirational posts. Our newest additions are the three new Facebook pages for each of our networks, LLBN Arabic, LLBN Chinese, and LLBN South Asia.
Extra effort is being done to reach Chinese people through networks inside China. With assistance from our Chinese-speaking volunteers, we have established an LLBN account on Tudou, one of the largest video-sharing websites in China. A couple of other Chinese social networks, similar to Twitter and Facebook, are projected to be added in the future.

LLBN's homepage on Tudou.com

"Arise, shine" is an invitation also for you! With so many things to do and so many people and nations to reach, we invite you to take part with us in any way you can. If you have an account with any of these social networks and enjoy spending time reaching others, please let us know by sending your request to volunteer@llbn.tv.

Furthermore, LLBN invites you to join our page on JustCoz in conjunction with Twitter and sign up to donate a tweet a day to raise awareness about our organization and its mission. We are also just starting on Pinterest, and plan to create meaningful boards to encourage, inspire and lead people to Christ. If you are interested in joining us, please send your email address with your request to comments@llbn.tv.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!

**LLBN South Asia- May 2012**

LLBN SA Director Wesley James had a trip to India last month and visited some of our volunteers and supporters in Mumbai, Pune, and Chennai. Read his full report:

Since May 2007, when Ganim Hanna, President/CEO announced that "he felt impressed to start an LLBN India Channel," a lot of prayer, planning and work has gone into the development of this ministry.

LLBN Southern Asia was launched on September 30, 2011- its programs can be viewed online at [www.llbn.tv](http://www.llbn.tv) and on Roku. The station aims to reach audiences from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka (and emigrants from these countries). The programs are currently broadcast in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, and English. However, we are aiming at including seven more languages from the region by the end of 2012.

In April, I traveled to India to visit volunteers and supporters of LLBN Southern Asia in the cities of Mumbai, Pune and Chennai. I found that word was spreading quickly about LLBN SA and a strong spirit of volunteerism was emerging. Some of the ministry's supporters are originally from different religious backgrounds but their journeys to Adventism have made them passionate and eager to share their faith.
and achieving our goals. Despite their experience, skill, creativity, innovation and dedication, they find themselves limited in their capacity by a lack of equipment and frequent unexpected power failures. Their only option is to make appeals for more equipment and funds to remedy the situation.

LLBN SA is also partnering with some existing television ministries such as “Abundant Life Ministries” (Punjabi) in California, “God’s True Light” (Telugu) in Hyderabad, and “The Advent Fellowship Ministries - TAFM” (Tamil) in Chennai, India. We are also receiving invitations and requests from other ministries in different parts of India to partner with us.

One of the most important developments is the opportunity to telecast our Marathi programs on a private television network in Mumbai. This station has the capacity to reach 10 million viewers in Mumbai via cable (the total population of Mumbai is approximately 21 million). Interestingly, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has designated Mumbai as a center for urban ministry. We see the Lord is opening doors in this great city; and, we are making a special appeal for sponsors to support this project.

In addition, we will be working with the South Asian young people in North America to produce programs for the children, youth, and young adults.

We need your prayers and support! If the Spirit impresses you, do not hesitate to join the LLBN SA global network of prayer partners, volunteers and supporters. We are eager to hear from you; please write to llbnsa@llbn.tv or call 909-799-6509.

“All His biddings are enablings.” Praise God that we can be servants in His work!

Wesley James, Volunteer/Director
LLBN Southern Asia

**LLBN SA's Urgent Funds & Equipment Needs**

In order to increase LLBN SA's program productivity and its ministry's success funds and certain equipment are essential.

- **Operations/Broadcasting funds estimated at $3,500 per month**
- Four computer systems with graphics cards at $2,600 per item.
- Three HD cameras with tripods at $6,500 per item.
- One video mixer for $3,812.
- One audio mixer for $500 per item.
- Four lights with stands at $1,500 per item.
- Four shot gun condenser microphones at $1,200 per item.
- Four UHF Omni directional lavalier microphones at $800 per item.
- One Jimmy jib crane for $1,000.
- One Pan tilt head for $800 per item.
- One LCD monitor $400 per item.
- One shoulder mount for a camera for $300 per item.
- Three Blimp windshields at $160 per item.
- One Portable PA system with speakers for $1,000.

*GOD PROVIDES, YOU SUPPORT, WE SERVE.*
Featured Volunteer Profiles

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Michael Velitis

Michael Velitis is an indispensable member of our LLBN volunteer staff. Every Tuesday, Michael drives to Orange County for work at a non-alcoholic beverage company. Once off work, he drives straight to Loma Linda to volunteer as a cameraman for LLBN’s live television broadcast of Christian Connections. After two hours of rigorous camera work, Michael then drives another 45 minutes to an hour back home to be with his wife and daughter. In addition to the time he contributes with LLBN, Michael is also an active volunteer with his church’s Family Ministries and the Adventurers Club. Michael’s passion for serving Christ and his community is an inspiration to us all at LLBN.

Michael first heard about LLBN through his mother-in-law’s church bulletin. Reading about an open house event, he decided to attend. It has been seven years since Michael first stepped into the LLBN studio, and he has been a faithful volunteer ever since. A graduate of California State University of San Bernardino, Michael spent many years doing camera and computer graphic work for City TV in Thousand Oaks, making him very qualified as a live cameraman with LLBN. Viewers may not see Michael on their television screens, but he lends an additional professional flair to all television broadcasts that he is a part of.

Thank you, Michael Velitis, for your hard work and dedication to LLBN!

* Our summer intern, Jennifer Rowlett, contributed this article.

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March 2013 eNewsletter The Power of His Resurrection

Mephiboset Herrera

Born and raised in Mexico, Mephiboset (Mephi) Herrera has an ample background in music. He started with piano lessons as a child, then singing in the church. He received a B.Mus.Ed. with a voice major from University of Montemorelos and a M.Mus. in conducting from California Baptist University.

His music leadership experience includes serving as minister of music in two Filipino Seventh-day Adventist churches in Glendale and Loma Linda, California, and as assistant conductor for the Riverside Lyric Opera. He has also served as a clinician/conductor in several small projects for schools and churches. He stays current as an active member of the National Association of Church Musicians, has taken classes in worship and attended several conferences in Music and Worship at Andrews University.

His education and experience also include a technical degree in Accounting, training in CISCO Computer Networks (CCNA), and a vast practical experience in computers, data center, projection software and studio recording.

You and I would think that it is enough education! Not Mephi!!!

A certification offered by LLBN around 2007 caught his interest and brought him aboard. "I joined the LLBN family as a Student" he recalls. "I started with camera, then I was given audio training and CG (Computer Graphics). I also received training in programming and lined myself for training in IPTV (Internet Protocol television). Then I was asked if I could direct. I have received a couple of training sessions in VO as well (Video Operator). There is much, much to learn. For this reason I believe I am a permanent LLBN student! All I know is that I am a hand to help and am all eyes and ears to learn."

It is remarkable how Mephi handled all the resources made available in his life and directed his professional career path and personal life to serving God and others.

As a missionary for Adventist Volunteer Service, he taught music and computer classes in Palau, Micronesia and set up the computer department at the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines.

While in Micronesia, he met and married Gladden Tumangday, a missionary medical doctor and pianist. Their musical family is blessed with two daughters.

Praises to God for Mephi and his family! With their skills and talents, they continue the missionary work inspiring others with passion, commitment, and love.

February 2013 eNewsletter Love Holds Everything Together
Ray and Wilda Craig have been volunteers here at LLBN for many, many years.

As facility manager, Ray made everything run smoothly, and ensured the functionality, efficiency, and maintenance of the studio in its day-to-day activities. Wilda Craig has always been a strong support for her husband, participating alongside him in other LLBN activities where she could. Ray also loved to do camera and was participating in many recording sessions, until it got too tiring for him to stand.

A beautiful and heartwarming love story also unfolds in this couple's life, who have been married for over 70 years. Shortly after their marriage, the young bride and groom were separated, with Ray stationed at Pearl Harbor right before the attacks. God in His mercy guarded Ray's life and protected Wilda at home. They always express their love and gratitude to Him not only by words, but by their life of service.

Now in their 90's, both Ray and Wilda are still actively involved in some LLBN activities. They come as reliable on-call volunteers and help stuff the monthly mail. When you hold the envelope from LLBN, the acknowledgment of your donation, or the printed schedule in your hand, keep in mind this lovely couple and their self-sacrificing spirit, and be inspired!

Wilmer and Doreen Radke
Wilmer and Doreen Radke decided that traveling from Washington state to Southern California shouldn't be only for their personal purposes, but also to glorify God with their service. With a practical mindset, Wilmer made possible not only a meaningful introduction meeting with the LLBN HR and Social Media manager, but also continues daily activities remotely, via the Internet.

A graduate of Walla Walla College School of Engineering, Wilmer transcended engineer positions at Puget Sound Naval Shipyards ranging from design work for shipboard power distribution systems, development of specialized elevator control systems, computer administration of the Acoustic Analysis Branch, to computer administration for the Nuclear Engineering Department, a position held until his retirement.

Alongside his career path, he devoted time to serve in a number of church-related capacities, including deacon, elder, first elder, school board chairman, a building committee chairman, in addition to establishing his Church's web page.

Doreen and Wilmer crafted their experience as family raising their children in the spirit of service and responsibility. Along the way they expanded their own knowledge and service. Says Wilmer, "We believe the Internet can serve a valuable purpose of providing a vehicle for "telecommuting." While Doreen spends time conducting her business via the Internet, Wilmer is also on the computer tending LLBN's social media. It is inspiring how this family, husband and wife, parents, children, and grandchildren sustain each other!

"I am happy to be able to support LLBN... Although I do not use Facebook at a personal level, I see that it is very good communication medium for organizations such as LLBN, and I am happy I am able to provide assistance in this area", declares Wilmer. "My prior work tended to be project oriented. A project's needs would be developed and analyzed then a solution would be formulated to respond to those needs. In a volunteer position one needs to take the approach that the important thing is to take on what ever task is assigned and then execute that task to the best of one's ability. In my case working with Facebook was quite foreign to my prior experience. However, since that is where the need was, my job was to become familiar with Facebook technology and culture then apply that information to the best of my ability."

What a great approach! Wilmer and Doreen are truly examples for the rest of us LLBN volunteers to emulate.

December 2012 eNewsletter  For Unto Us A Child Is Born

LLBN Latino - Volunteer Profiles:
Pablo Gonzalez
Pablo Gonzalez is currently pursuing his PhD in Biochemistry at Loma Linda. He is originally from Puerto Rico, where he was active in his local church and evangelistic campaigns. When he came to Loma Linda, he took over the spiritual leadership of the ALSAD group, a Latino group that originally operated under the Loma Linda University Church. His vision and leadership over the last several years has been instrumental in expanding ALSAD's community outreach in southern California.

Jose Martorell

Jose Martorell hails from Madrid, Spain, where he comes from a family of pastors. His brother pastors a large church in Madrid and also runs a television station there that has won many people to the Lord. He came to the US 9 years ago and went through dental school at Loma Linda, where he met his wife, Lilly, who is a pediatrician. They eagerly added their skills to the ALSAD outreach, where Jose took leadership in foreign medical and dental mission excursions all over the world. During their vacation time, they bring their free clinics to remote areas including Afghanistan, Peru, Brazil, Mexico and Central Europe.

Sept / Oct 2012 eNewsletter  To My Father’s Glory

Volunteer Highlight: Matthew Hanna

It’s Friday, late afternoon. While a crazy world jams the freeways and roads hurrying to the comfort of their homes or an entertainment hotspot, at the LLBN Studio a young man is getting ready for the usual live broadcasting of LLBN Arabic Church Program. Ahead of almost everybody else, he checks every piece of equipment, makes sure every position is filled and every task is covered. This soft-spoken, casually-dressed man exudes leadership, authority, and extraordinary command. Who is this smiling, courteous and helpful young man?
Born in Loma Linda, California, Matthew Hanna is the middle of two equally talented siblings coming from a Christian family of Middle Eastern background, a family dedicated wholeheartedly to LLBN, as founders, visionaries, good managers, and doers. He currently attends California State University of San Bernardino and is working towards achieving his bachelor’s degree in computer engineering.

Matthew has been a volunteer at Loma Linda Broadcasting Network since he was old enough to use a camera. He has dedicated over 15 years of hard work and service hours for the network. He has served on the production crew in various levels: ranging from director, lighting, video operations, camera operator, technician, set construction, floor manager, and more.

For the last two years, Matthew has dedicated every Friday night to help with the production of the LLBN Arabic Church Program. You may not see him on the TV screen, but Matthew’s passion is shining through from behind the scenes! Says Matthew, “I still have a lot to learn about the Bible. By volunteering at LLBN, I get to learn from those who do know more than me, and I also get to help them share it with even more people!”

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Volunteer Highlight: Sterling Peter

Have you ever wondered how beautiful images and clear messages are transmitted from a small studio in Loma Linda to be watched anywhere in the world? We’ve got used to the benefits of technology and we take them for granted. However, here are two considerations: there is of course a miraculous High Power in place that makes all possible, and there are also people behind the technical equipment and gadgets. In this context, we introduce to you Sterling Peter, Senior Engineer at LLBN.

Originally from Burma (Myanmar) but having spent over 30 years in the US, Peter’s involvement with LLBN goes back when this ministry was only one year old. He worked as a volunteer along the team where needed, solved many technical issues and helped implement new technologies.

What exactly does he do? With a bachelors degree (BSEE) in electrical high power and control systems from Caltech, Sterling designs and controls the signal to go smoothly on the air 24/7, balances the colors and controls the quality of the images, and verifies video and audio signals. Everything that requires electrical and electronic power in the studios, in the control rooms, and in the servers is personally checked by Sterling. Besides his required presence at all live events where technical issues may occur, his phone is a
significant tool that enables him to engage in the systems anytime, from anywhere, if needed. He volunteers uncounted hours, more than 20 every week, including early mornings, late evenings, and weekends.

Sterling Peter also volunteers as Director of the Arabic Channel, and while he does not speak Arabic, he speaks the language that makes the signal travel on the airways!

Do you have the beloved "Gathering Place" on your watching list? Sterling is co-producer and director of that popular program. His attention to detail in every area under his control results in the quality of the transmission we all enjoy. He is happy to teach anyone willing to learn and help the ministry, and many volunteers owe their technical knowledge and skills to Sterling.

Peter also uses his expertise in his full time job as Special Projects Engineer at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Currently, he is also enrolled at the University of Redlands in their MBA program. Sterling's life is guided by the principles of the Creator and he constantly opens his heart and mind to learn more and perfect his knowledge. Says Peter, "It all started with the promise I made to my grandfather that I would not just 'read' the Bible, but 'learn' the Bible. We have an awesome God and it is our privilege to be able to serve Him!"

Aug 2012 enewsletter Jesus - The Champion

Volunteers for a Long Time *

Volunteer Evie Roach began working with LLBN in 1998, when the network had just begun and was based in a small Sabbath school room in the Loma Linda University Church. At that time, LLBN only aired a few hours of programming that repeated all week via local cable and a big 8-ft satellite dish. She first felt drawn to camera operation when she saw them being used at a local vespers service and thought it looked like something she would like to try. When she saw LLBN airing on TV, she called in to inquire about volunteering. She was interviewed and taught how to operate a camera, as she had no previous experience. She was the first female volunteer camera person in the handful of volunteers that served LLBN at the very beginning. She remembers how multiple programs would be shot in the same Sabbath School room by filming on one side while setting up the next segment on the other side and quickly turning the cameras around to record each piece. LLBN was able to expand into a new studio building in 2004 which was renovated with all volunteer labor. Currently, Evie acts as floor manager for LLBN's Arabic channel and is a camera operator for Christian Connections. She also does make-up for both programs and she is the trafficking manager for the archive library, keeping the post production tapes organized. Evie feels that LLBN is like a big family because everyone has the same goal of lifting up viewers. She knows her efforts are worthwhile if even just one person is touched for a few minutes.
Volunteer Hal Curtis originally was part of the Audio/Visual crew at the Loma Linda University Church before becoming a part of the fledgling LLBN network. He remembers how cramped the studio arrangement in the Sabbath school room, with just three cameras. Since then, he’s been a regular volunteer, assisting in both the audio and camera operation departments for LLBN. He attended La Sierra University and worked various jobs in broadcasting, including radio. Being with LLBN for so long, he’s seen several miracles that have convinced him of God’s involvement. People in the right place at the right time have allowed the network to flourish. Also, donated equipment has been a huge blessing that only God could have orchestrated. Hal’s favorite part of volunteering at LLBN is helping to spread the gospel. He says only three things would make him stop serving: death, Jesus’ second coming, or the end of LLBN.

Volunteer James Strachan has been with LLBN so long, he can’t even remember when he started! He is truly a marvel—at 84 years old, he is still ready to climb up on rooftops and install satellite dishes. He also assisted in renovating the LLBN studio in 2004. Besides being a handyman, he operates a camera on set as well. He was involved in camera operation at the Loma Linda University Church vespers before volunteering at LLBN. He had worked with LLBN President/CEO Ganim Hanna prior to becoming a regular volunteer for the network. He remembers when LLBN only reached the medical center, before branching out to local cable and satellite. When asked how long he thought he’d continue serving, he said he will take a test to renew his license when he turns 85, and if he doesn’t pass it, he will ride his bike to the station from his house 5 miles away.

Are you interested in volunteering? Wherever you may be, there’s always something you can do! Send us an email at volunteer@llbn.tv or call us at 1-866-552-6881.

* Georgia Standish is the author of the article and provided the information from live interviews of the volunteers

June/July 2012 eNewsletter ARISE, SHINE...

Karen Martell is LLBN’s Prayer Ministry Coordinator. She has been dedicating her time and efforts to respond to each prayer request that was and is addressed to LLBN. For now, she is ready to take another step, to expand this ministry on social media reaching the ones in need with messages of hope, encouragement and inspiration. Her ministry at LLBN is an important part of her whole prayer ministry.

Karen is the Prayer Coordinator for Pacific Union Conference, and for Southeastern California Conference. She also works with the North American Division Prayer Ministries to build and encourage the local conference prayer teams on the West Coast, which include the Pacific Union and North Pacific Union Conferences.

Her passion is to lead individuals to Christ through the ministry of prayer. As a presenter in seminars and workshops she shares what happens when one begins to seek a deeper relationship with Christ through prayer and the power of God’s Word. As an RN, she has applied these lessons in her workplace and in
her ministry. She is a graduate of Pacific Union College and of Columbia Union College.

She has served in ministry with her husband, Pastor Lynn Martell, in evangelism and in church administration. She is the mother of three and enjoys spending time with their seven grandchildren.

Says Karen, "Working with Christ, to grow His Kingdom through a relationship of trust, is exciting! Lives are forever changed when we take time to discover what is in Jesus' heart. Then, take action and follow His ways. God's power is made available, and our prayers become powerful and effective when we work with Him".

Prayer has changed Karen's life. Will you join Karen in praying for LLBN and its viewers today?

May 2012 eNewsletter Alive With Christ!

Leonard D. White, an ordained minister, is a volunteer and the Production Manager for LLBN SA in Chennai, India. He graduated from Spicer College, Pune in 1997, and is currently the Pastor of the Arumbakkam SDA Church in Chennai. In 2008, he started a Tamil language television ministry – a program that is viewed in India, Singapore, Malaysia and the Middle East.

Leonard joined LLBN SA in 2010 and coordinates the production of programs in different languages from all across India. He has a team that is trained, very creative, innovative, and dedicated. Some of the volunteers are from his church, while others are from different Christian traditions and other religious backgrounds. In fact, two of the volunteers, an instructor in information technology and a restaurant manager, recently converted from Hinduism to Christianity and are eager to share the Good News with others.

LLBN SA is thankful for and appreciative of what Leonard and his team are doing to spread the Good News.

February/March 2012 eNewsletter Fresh Reasons for Praise

New team members – While outreach is the essence of our ministry, we firmly believe that inreach to our staff and volunteers is also crucial. We are grateful that retired pastor Don Vollmer has accepted the position of volunteer LLBN Chaplain, where he will be a source of spiritual support for the team in their work and daily lives. Don pastored and taught for 42 years in Southern California, Florida, North Carolina, and the Republic of Ireland, and is also a member of the Wedgwood Trio.

God has also sent Lili O'Ara Sararu our way to serve as our Volunteer Coordinator, where she will be recruiting new volunteers and increasing communications with our existing volunteer family. Born and raised in a communist country, Lili learned at an early age to trust God in any circumstance. With a degree in business, she projects a career path while caring for her sons and mother and helping her husband in business. Lili has also been playing an active role in LLBN’s social media marketing. We are blessed to have them both.