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VOLUNTEERS BUILD CLASSROOMS AT SOLUSI UNIVERSITY

Forty-two volunteers visited Zimbabwe in April to build One-Day School classrooms for the growing student population at Solusi University, near Bulawayo.

The Seventh-day Adventist institution, built in 1894, is Zimbabwe's largest private university. When it opened, the institution trained pastors to help lead a growing church in the country. Years later, Solusi became an accredited university, offering a primary school, an academy and a university. But the school lacked an adequate number of classrooms, and their accreditation was in jeopardy if they didn't come up with a solution.

"We're not sure how they functioned as a college without [adequate classroom space]," says Merrill Zachary, co-leader for the project. "It is no wonder that the new classrooms were a dream come true and will be put to use almost immediately."

The group built 22 One-Day School classrooms in seven working days, which are already being used by students and faculty. In addition to construction, Pastor Tull Murrell, volunteer, held a spiritual emphasis week, which hosted nearly 1,500 people the first evening.

"You could tell they really appreciated what we were doing. We did an amazing amount of work in just seven working days. It seemed to me like there were unseen hands involved," says longtime volunteer George Hill, who has been on some 40 Maranatha mission trips overseas. "This is my favorite project of all the ones I’ve done."

"The volunteers had a tremendous time, and we were greeted with handshakes at the work that was done," Zachary says.
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PATHFINDERS REPAIR AVON PARK HOUSE

A group of Pathfinders from Franklin, N.C. drove south this April to help repair and revamp the Avon Park, Fla. Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Pathfinder house. The 13 teenagers painted, did carpentry work and trimmed trees. They also painted inside the main church building, a 10,000-square-foot project.

“It really worked out well,” says Roger Hatch, Maranatha board member and member of the Avon Park Church. “Every once in awhile people would say, ‘Why don’t we do this ourselves? We have 800 to 1,000 members.’ But it’s not getting done, and there’s a lot to be done. So I thought well, ‘Why not?’”

Hatch explains that they had doubts on the quality of the paint job a group of teens could do with the intricate work inside the church. “They did a wonderful job,” he says. A professional painter came with the group and instructed the Pathfinders as they painted, and a tree trimmer worked outside each day, saving the congregation some $10,000 to $12,000.

Church leadership presented each of the teens with a certificate of thanks and $50 for their time and hard work.
MARANATHA TO BE FEATURED ON 3ABN TODAY LIVE

Maranatha President Don Noble, his wife, Laura, Kenneth Weiss, vice president, and Karen Godfrey, director of special projects, will be featured on the program 3ABN Today LIVE on Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) Thursday, May 12. The program will air live from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. PDT. The group will highlight some of Maranatha’s projects around the globe and discuss how hundreds of thousands of lives are being changed.

Kenneth Weiss will also record a special program in Spanish, to be aired at a future date. Visit 3abn.org for more details.
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Christian Edition, a men’s singing group from Glendale, Calif., will provide the music for the weekend.

“The annual convention is a time to celebrate how God has blessed this organization by opening up opportunity after opportunity to build churches and schools all over the world,” says Kyle Fiess, vice president of marketing and projects. “People leave from this special weekend each year inspired and blessed.”

The convention will be held at the Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin. Click here for more information and to register.
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Volunteers will help paint the large Education and Evangelism Center and build One-Day classrooms on the Adventist school campus. The group will also construct One-Day churches throughout the region.

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