Managing Another’s Property
By John Mathews, director, Stewardship Department

Stewardship has been defined as the management of another’s property. However, stewardship includes everything we do, not just the management of property. Stewardship is how we manage our health, time, talents and intersects everything we do in life. Every facet of our life, every decision we make in daily living reflects on how the relationship we have to God is working. How the pieces of our lives fit together with Christ, is stewardship. Everything we do is connected to our relationship with Him. Stewardship is how we respond to the greatest gift of all. Sabbath, November 3, is Stewardship Sabbath. Plan a special Sabbath school or church service that will highlight our relationship to God as managers of His possessions and even of His grace.

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The ADVENTISTS-2 is slated to be released on World Health Day, April 7, 2013. It will be available on video in mid-March via Amazon.com. According to producer/director Martin Doblmeier of Journey Films, the first edition of The ADVENTISTS made it to the #2 position on Amazon last year. Doblmeier would like to make The ADVENTISTS-2 the #1 documentary film in America, with a portion of the sales distributed to the organizations profiled in the film.

In addition, he plans to have a video about Adventist Education ready for Spring 2013.

Get the scoop on who the top award-winning communicators in NAD were this year at the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Convention. Awards were given for six different categories. More than 200 entries were submitted.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Charlotte Ishkanian, editor of the Adventist Mission Quarterly, who has written thousands of stories to promote missions and mission giving under all kinds of conditions in the mission fields.

The 2013 SAC Convention will be held October 24-26, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Adventist Media Center (AMC) has placed all transition requests on hold until a new AMC president is found who will work with the ministries on a master plan which will be in harmony with the strategic plan of the Division. Earlier this year, the AMC Board requested each of the AMC ministries to present a business plan that could include a transition plan for potential moves. The hold on such requests follow recent extensive discussions by the Board.
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A young woman doing door-to-door ministry in California gave a couple a copy of The Great Hope. Later when she went back with more literature, the husband walked into the room and declared, "I want every book that woman ever wrote. This has been a huge blessing to us." That couple has started coming to church.

"We are slowly awakening the power of our young people," said NAD President Dan Jackson. "We have committed young people in our schools who are learning to go out and distribute literature. The young people...
who have already done this are very enthusiastic, and I want that fire to start across our division. By God’s grace we have already distributed 5 million copies in our territories.”

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St. Helena Hospital wins patient satisfaction honor

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ST. HELENA — Generous financial donations from Napa Valley residents have helped St. Helena Hospital rise to the top in a nationwide patient satisfaction survey.

The CEO of St. Helena Hospital recently credited local residents — along with hospital staff — with helping the facility earn a coveted award from NRC Picker, which ranked its top hospitals in various categories.

St. Helena won the 2012 Path to Excellence award for being a “Top Performing Hospital with 100 to 300 beds.” One other hospital — located in Carmel, Ind. — won the same award. Approximately 140 hospitals had enough patient responses to be included in the running.

The award comes for a hospital whose CEO, Terry Newmyer, suggests wouldn’t exist in similar-sized cities.

With a population of about 5,800, cities like St. Helena sometimes have no hospital or a 20-bed hospital — at most, Newmyer said.

St. Helena Hospital, however, has the bed capacity and technology to serve a city with a population of 100,000 people, he said.

A large part of the hospital’s growth comes from the generosity of local residents — primarily upper valley residents — who donate, on average, more than $6 million to St. Helena Hospital each year, Newmyer said.

St. Helena is one of 19 hospitals on the West Coast that belong to Adventist Health, and its donations far exceed other hospitals in the network.

“The total donation revenue to the St. Helena Hospital Foundation in the past decade has been more than double the second strongest hospital performer in the Adventist Health Corporation,” Newmyer said.

Although the St. Helena facility receives strong local support, the hospital has had to overcome challenges in expanding its reach.

“One of the challenges of being successful at this hospital is its location,” Newmyer said.

St. Helena Hospital is nestled into a hillside off Woodland Road, which veers off Deer Park Road and is about four miles northeast of Main Street in St. Helena.

Because of its isolated setting, Newmyer said the facility works to attract patients by being a “destination” hospital — a place that patients from all over the West Coast come to for medical care.

“We know we are inconveniently located,” Newmyer said. “We can’t sell convenience. We have to sell excellence.”

Newmyer pointed to St. Helena’s highly-rated Coon Joint Replacement Institute as one of the programs that attracts patients from outside the Napa Valley — and even the state. Among their more high-profile patients was Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll, who came to St. Helena last summer for a knee replacement surgery.

Newmyer also highlighted the hospital’s Recovery Center for drug and alcohol addiction, the Martin-O’Neil Cancer Center, as well as the hospital’s “No Wait” emergency department. The hospital defines “No Wait” as 15 minutes or less, and ER patients who wait longer are given a $50 movie theater gift certificate, he said.

Last year, St. Helena Hospital had approximately 101,000 patient visits — which included roughly 7,400 visits to the ER, 8,200 in-patient visits and more than 85,000 out-patient visits.

The award from NRC Picker was based on one question — taken from a nationwide survey — that asked patients to rate their hospital experience on a scale of 0 to 10.

Both St. Helena and the hospital in Indiana rated at or above the 90th percentile. Patients who participated in the ratings were served between April 2011 and March 2012. Hospitals needed more than 300 patient responses to be considered for the award.
NRC Picker is a division of the National Research Corporation — an organization that works to improve the quality of care provided in the healthcare industry.

The hospitals included in the survey are clients of NRC Picker, which sends out a nationally-mandated patient satisfaction survey for its members. NRC Picker has roughly 2,500 hospital clients, making it the largest licensed firm that provides this service. NRC Picker also analyzes the survey responses and provides the results for its clients.
Walter L. Pearson has been named pastor of Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist Church of Annapolis. He was previously speaker/director emeritus for the Breath of Life Television Ministries for the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pearson has received numerous awards from religious, academic and civic organizations, including three honorary doctorate degrees. On four separate occasions he was named Pastor of the Year by his local conference. In 1991 he became the first Seventh-day Adventist member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers and Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College in Atlanta. With him is his wife, Patricia Pearson.

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Students Learn Life Lessons Through Care Of Horses

By Linda Kor

Being a teenager has always had its challenges. Even the most well adjusted teens may find themselves dealing with depression, inner conflict, the need for acceptance and the pain of rejection. At the Holbrook Seventh-day Adventist Indian School (HIS), Fred Bruce has been helping teens for more than two years to strengthen their self-esteem and build relationships in a positive manner by caring for horses as part of their school instruction.

Understanding the value of working with animals is nothing new to Bruce, who came to HIS in 2010 to teach welding and constructions trades with the condition that he be able to provide a horsemanship program for the school. A skilled horseman, Bruce is a national clinic instructor, and has been a member of the Certified Horsemanship Association for 30 years, taught clinics for the association and received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his service.

According to Bruce, equine therapy has become recognized as a way to promote emotional wellness for individuals dealing with physical and emotional challenges. It’s been shown that working with horses helps individuals communicate better, build confidence and develop trust.

“The thing about horses is that they listen and don’t talk back. This helps a lot for kids who have a hard time relating to people. Here you have a large animal obeying what you tell it to do. These horses are kind and gentle, and provide these kids with something they can love and relate to,” explained Bruce.

He noted that equine therapy teaches kids the value of responsibility, provides confidence in interaction and stresses the value of body language. Using what Bruce calls their “natural aids,” such as the sound of their voice, and how they stand, use their hands and weight when riding, students learn to communicate not only with the horse, but develop skills to communicate with peers and other people in their environment.

In Bruce’s program, the students are taught the basics of caring for a horse such as grooming, how to tack a horse, communicating with the horse and learning how to move with the horse. By learning these skills the students also learn confidence, compassion and self-worth.

According to Bruce, it’s not uncommon for people to be intimidated by horses. They are faster, bigger and stronger than people, making it seem that they would have no need to obey commands.

“We had one student who was scared to death of horses. My wife had to go with her every day to tend to the horse and hold her hand while she took care of it. If that animal swished its tail she would scream. After a few months she was out there by herself, moving in confidence. It was a great success,” stated Bruce.

The program at HIS began with six horses, two that were donated and four others purchased at auction. Unfortunately, one of those horses became lame, leaving the school in search of someone who would donate an-other one so that the program can continue to serve all the
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Bruce believes that working with animals helps to bring out what’s best in people. “It’s about developing relationships. You learn how to treat the horse properly, then that transfers to how they relate to people,” he explained.

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