“The Record Keeper,” won the “Best Trailer” award in the “Best One-Shot” category at the 1st Annual Geekie Awards held August 18 in Hollywood, Calif. (Watch it.) “So many people are expressing interest in [White] as an individual and in her writings as a result of ‘The Record Keeper’ project,” said Executive Producer and GC Communication Associate Director Garrett Caldwell. “We simply must consider continuing to tell these stories in this manner.” MORE

Chicago’s WBEZ 91.5 FM radio station interviewed Ansel Oliver, Adventist News Network (ANN) reporter, on its “Worldview” feature Wednesday, August 14 about the unjust imprisonment of Adventist Pastor Antonio Monteiro. Monteiro, who is in jail in the West African country of Togo has been arbitrarily held for more than 500 days, with no evidence and no trial. Listen to the archived interview. We invite you to post the subsequent interview link on your social media accounts. Our individual participation as part of a world church could be a key step in gaining more publicity in helping get Monteiro out of prison. MORE Photo: Pastor António Monteiro has remained in prison without a trial. He is being held at the Lomé Civil Prison in Togo. [Photo courtesy Monteiro family]

August 21, 2013

August Focus: Spiritual Gifts
Aug. 24, Enditnow Emphasis Day (formerly Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day)

September Focus: Family Life
Sept. 7, Men’s Day of Prayer
Sept. 8-14, Nurture Periodicals: (Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Our Little Friend)
Sept. 15-21, Family Togetherness Week
Sept. 22, Let’s Move Day
Sept. 22-28, Hispanic Heritage Week
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Helpful Special Day Websites and Resources

What’s a “Building Block”?

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A coherent media strategy—with an emphasis on social media
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What strategy should the Church take in using social media to reach people?

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**Announcements**

August 24 will be end it now Emphasis Sabbath (formerly Abuse Prevention Emphasis). The theme for 2013 is "Jesus is Your Refuge." NAD Women's Ministries has a suggested program, sermon and children's story on that subject, and a PowerPoint presentation, "Breaking the Cycle of Violence." They were authored by NAD Family Ministries Directors Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra and are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French. In addition, there are 14 videos about the many types of abuse, including spouse and child abuse, bullying, teen and dating abuse and more. They were recorded at the 2011 Summit on Abuse. Sabbath sermons on the same subject also were recorded and posted. If your church cannot do this important emphasis this week, be sure to address it on another date. MORE.

A groundbreaking event, a "virtual" FREE conference, with no travel nor payment required, the Virtual Festival of the Laity will be broadcast LIVE online, September 11-14, from the General Conference. Anyone with internet access can attend. Sabbath School and Personal Ministries seminars will be offered in both Spanish and English. Prison Ministries seminars will be in English only. The goal of this new, free-to-attendees conference is to enhance the ministry capacities of as many of God’s people as possible. Attend from the comfort and convenience of your home, iPad, smart phone, church or any number of other places and media where you can get online. Register FREE.

Special screening events of "The Adventists 2" across the Division. "The Adventists 2," a sequel to "The Adventists" documentary, is being prepared for broadcast on PBS stations nationwide this fall. Special screenings will be shown at the Loma Linda University Church (Ca.), Aug. 31; Sligo Church (Md.), Oct. 5; Canadian University Colleges (Ab.), Oct. 8; Pacific Union College (Ca.), Oct. 10; Society of Adventist Communicators Convention (Utah), Oct. 25; and at the Kettering Church (Ohio), Nov. 16. Additional events are being scheduled and individual colleges and churches are organizing their own events. Watch the ANN interview with Emmy-winning director Martin Doblmeier. Watch "Adventists 2" trailer. Contact John Dillon for more information.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 5, Prayer Call

Sept. 11-14, Virtual Festival of the Laity

Sept. 13-15, NAD Young Adult L.I.F.E.

Sept. 19-22, Retiro de parejas de la Florida

Sept. 22, Let's Move Day

Sept. 22-29, Let's Move Week

Sept. 23-26, Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program-II

Oct. 1-3, Language Arts Clinic

Oct. 3, Prayer Call

Oct. 3-16, GC Annual Council and pre-meetings

Oct 4-6, Campus Catalyst/Florida

Oct 10, Miami Pastor's Intro to Campus Catalyst

Oct 11-13, Campus Catalyst Miami

Oct 24-26, Society of Adventist Communicators Convention

Nov. 7, Prayer Call
Family-to-Family is an initiative of NAD Family Ministries which seeks to involve entire families in the mission of sharing the gospel. This resource will be very helpful for anyone who is addressing the NAD Focus of the Month: Family Life, for their church. There is a Church Guide for Family Life leaders, and a Family Guide, which is a smaller booklet to be used by each family in your church. It contains the basic steps to spiritually prepare each family to share Christ with another family. Ideally, every family in your church should have their own booklet. Adventist Family Ministries

“Strength”
Pastor Dan Jackson, President
North American Division

REACH North America

REACH: Community Outreach and Evangelism
Low Budget Evangelism Yields Big Baptismal Returns

The Reno/Sparks Hispanic church budget reflects that of its members, many of whom are on low or very modest incomes, with some out of work. But they are committed to evangelism. Since the typically expensive evangelism is not possible, they found a way to bring their faith to their community, friends and relatives, and with only $3,000 for the series, they brought in more than 50 to attend the meetings. At least 12 have been baptized, and more are continuing studies. They tribute these results to prayer ministry, personal Bible studies and God’s power to transform. — Pacific Union Recorder, July 2013  [Photo: Newly baptized members posing with Pastor Alex Ramirez]
Aug. 25-31: Please pray for the Alberta Conference and its 62 churches with 10,234 members.
The trailer for a Steampunk Web series produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church made headlines last night at the 1st Annual Geekie Awards in Hollywood, California, United States.

"The Record Keeper," which dramatizes the epic struggle between good and evil, won the award in the "Best One-Shot" category for "Best Trailer." The "One-Shot" category recognizes episodes still in the final stages of post-production.

Director Jason Satterlund and Executive Producer Garrett Caldwell accepted the award, accompanied by cast members Aris Juson and Jelynn Sophia. The award show was live-streamed from the Avalon, a historic landmark in Hollywood.

"I feel so honored to be here," Satterlund said. "We are excited to receive this response on a series that isn’t even out yet."

Advanced screenings of "The Record Keeper" are expected to begin in October, producers said.

"We can’t wait to show you the rest of the series," Caldwell said, acknowledging the role of co-creator Rajeev Sigamoney and the two other executive producers, Ben Schoun and Delbert Baker, both general vice presidents for the Adventist world church.

"The Record Keeper" follows the story of Cadan (JuneSoo Ham) and Larus (Dennis Hill), two angels who struggle to maintain their friendship after universal civil war breaks out. Meanwhile, another angel, Raina (Lindsay Frame), pursues an accurate record of events while trying to make sense of the chaos.

The web series echoes major themes from *The Great Controversy*, a touchstone book by Adventist Church co-founder Ellen G. White that chronicles God’s guidance throughout history.

The trailer for "The Record Keeper" shows the angel Raina (Lindsay Frame) reacting as rebellion spreads to Earth. The Adventist Web series based on "The Great Controversy" is scheduled for release in October.

Adventist News Network
New survey shows locals prefer hometown provider

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HANFORD — A majority of Hanford and Armona residents prefer going to an Adventist Health hospital for treatment, according to a new survey.

About 60 percent of nearly local 250 residents chose an Adventist center as their hospital of choice according to a consumer telephone survey held in March by PRC, a national research company. A total of 1,100 residents in Valley communities were chosen for the survey.

“Thank you to the many community members who took part in our survey,” said Wayne Ferch, president and CEO of Adventist Health/Central Valley Network. “This information helps us to identify community health care needs and preferences.”

The survey asked Valley residents which hospital was best for characteristics such as quality of care, caring staff, variety of specialists and community health. In all categories, Adventist Health hospitals were ranked at the top, with an edge of 24 to 64 percentage points.

Hanford and Armona respondents were also asked to rate their physicians. About 39 percent rated theirs as “excellent” and 36 percent as “very good.” Quality of care was the main reason cited for the high ratings.

Finally, respondents were asked about their quality of life and any health concerns they may have. Half of Hanford and Armona respondents rated their quality of life as “much better” or “somewhat better” than the nation as a whole. About 18 percent described their community as an “excellent” place to live, while 26 percent rated it as “very good.”

The respondents’ main health concerns included diabetes at 11 percent, air quality at 10 percent and asthma at 9 percent.

These high ratings come after Adventist Medical Center was also honored and awarded by Healthgrades, an independent health care ratings company, as well as Blue Cross and Blue Shield this year.

Healthgrades presented the center with an excellence award in joint replacement, putting the hospital in the top 10 percent satisfaction rate of hospitals nationwide for results in hip and knee replacement surgeries. The company gave the center high rankings for hip fracture repair, gynecological surgery and gallbladder surgery.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield also recognized the center for its hip and knee surgeries, naming the center as a Blue Distinction Center for outperforming other hospitals in quality, safety and efficiency for those types of surgeries.
“We are deeply grateful for our community’s support,” Ferch said. “Our employees, physicians and leaders are working hard to improve quality and our patients’ experience.”
Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School in Ridgecrest will have some new faces leading classes, but those faces are not new to educating said teacher. Principal Bethany Rubino has been at the helm for two years.

New for the school is 1-4 grade teacher Nancy Danelson. Danelson has more than 25 years of teaching experience, most of it with the Seventh Day Adventist system.

Rubino said while the school is faith-based, its doors are open to anyone interested. Rubino pointed to the results of a recent study, the Cognitive Genesis Study, that Seventh Day Adventist students consistently score and perform better than kids in other private or public schools.

Rubino and Danelson said part of the results are due to Seventh Day Adventist "educating the whole student," mind, body and soul. Rubino added that the school and church also value education and health as central to the organization.

Part of the education of the entire student includes physical education, which includes healthy and nutritious eating. Hot lunch is served every Wednesday and the public is invited to attend for a $5 fee.

The food is vegetarian with a vegan option. Healthy snacks are provided to the students and there is even a garden on the campus tended to by the students.

Rubino added that while the school does not provide a daily lunch program, "We make sure every child has a lunch."

Rubino said with all sincerity, "We really care." Danelson said the students understand and know that teachers and staff at the school really do care and that makes a positive affect on test scores.

The school and church also offer a Complete Health Improvement Program, or CHIP, exercise and diet regimen that incorporates vegan meals, or meals completely free of animal products.

The small school must use some inventive and efficient tools to teach a wide range of subjects to a small number of students. Differentiated instruction is incorporated into the multi-grade classrooms.

Danelson explained the concept is, in reality, individualized instruction. She said that in many schools, the curriculum is aimed at the average student. Unfortunately, this method can leave students who need help, further behind and trying to catch up, which bores those students that have already excelled at a subject matter. At Seventh Day Adventist, each student is taught at the level they are currently performing at. For example, a third grader who is reading at a sixth-grade level will receive work at the student's respective reading level.

"We meet the student where they're at and grow from there," Danelson said.

The school's academic standards are aligned very closely to state standards and now the federal standards, the Common Core. Rubino said there are some variations to the standards as the faith-based school incorporates religion into the curriculum, but the school is accredited and classes are fully transferable.

The school offers "some unique classes," Rubino explained. The Lego Robotics class is popular and successful, Rubino said. The school came in first during a Lego sponsored robotics competition in Walla Walla, Wash., in 2010. Art, Band and German are available to 5th graders and home-schooled students as well.

Rubino also said that Seventh Day Adventist is the least expensive private school in the area and there is financial aid available to those who qualify. She said two-thirds of the cost of the schooling is subsidized by the church.

The two-classroom campus has an enrollment of 20 kids. Rubino said there is a misconception that small schools have less to offer, but it is the smaller schools that get to know each student and better understand what each student needs.

"We believe everyone has a right to a Christian education," Rubino said. "We don't want finances to be a reason a student can't attend school."

School starts Monday at Seventh Day Adventist. For more information go to www.ridgecrestacs.com or call (760) 375-8673.

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Bible Quiz-o-Rama Sees Back-To-Back Winners!

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54th St. SDA Church team members celebrate back-to-back win at Bible Quiz-o-Rama 2013!

Photo By Ned Lindsay

On Saturday, June 29, the Los Angeles Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) churches of Los Angeles County gathered for the annual Bible Quiz-o-Rama (QOZ) challenge 2013 at Los Angeles Adventist Academy (LAAA). This year 54th Street SDA Church once again took 1st Place and for the first time in QOZ, two churches found themselves tied for 2nd place, Berean SDA Church and Smyrna SDA Church. There was no 3rd place winner this year.

Linda Mackey, first lady of Rainbow SDA Church in San Francisco, continues to serve as Quizmaster. Mackey took over the position from her father, the late Elder Earl Canson, Regional Director of the Pacific Union, who started the annual quiz-o-rama over 40 years ago.

The competing churches in attendance were: Antelope Valley SDA Church, Altadena SDA Church, Berean SDA Church, Breath of Life SDA Church, Compton Community SDA Church, Ephesus SDA Church, Miramonte SDA Church, Nomandie Ave. SDA Church, Smyrna SDA Church, University SDA Church, and 54th Street SDA Church.

Michael Jenkins, pastor of Breath of Life SDA Church, served as moderator and master of ceremonies. Church members showed their support and pride for their respective teams. The book of Isaiah was the subject of this year’s quiz-o-rama. All the teams were required to study the entire book of Isaiah for the competition.

Congratulations to the 54th Street SDA Bible Quiz-o-Rama team: Theresa Owusu Rowe (Team Leader), Jessica Donaldson, Nirsa Oshon, Ashley Smith, Blessing Akpulonu, Darleen Akpulonu, Jasmine Reyes, Charmaine Grismore, Chanell Grismore and Isabel Mejia (runner). Sherilyn Flowers served as the team’s coach. Pastor Adolphus Garnett is the pastor of 54th Street SDA Church.

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