Camp Hope in British Columbia suffered more than $200,000 dollars in damage from an ice storm that passed through last week. Most of the costly damage was to the power lines which need to be replaced, but the chapel and other buildings were also damaged, and the camp lost more than $3,000 worth of food due to the power outage.

Read MORE. Watch the Global News video. More photos on British Columbia Conference Facebook page.

The First Bridgeport Spanish Church of Bridgeport, Conn. won a $20,000 grant from Walmart with the help of many people who voted for them on Facebook. They want to thank everyone who helped them attain the 44th position out of 75 winners. The grant money, received on Jan. 6, will be used to remodel the church's food pantry and make it possible for them to provide better services to the community in the largest city of the state.

Watch for the Adventist Digital Library in January, 2016. A joint initiative, it will bring together all the digitized historic content of Adventist Archives, the Ellen White Estate, and the Center for Adventist Research. Future web site.

Adventist Archives is working on creating a listing of conference presidents which is incomplete for some conferences. If you can help them fill in the blanks, please contact them under their Facebook post on this topic, or by email.

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Religious Liberty Campaign, January 18-24, "Stand Firm and See." If you have ever known anyone with religious liberty issues that threatened their job or school record, then you understand the importance of religious liberty. Liberty magazine is sent to influential leaders to help persuade their ongoing interest and conviction to stand for religious liberty. Remember the Religious Liberty Offering on January 24, which goes to support this important resource. Share this Facebook post and video with your church and Facebook friends.

CALLED, the NAD Pastor's Convention, will be held in Austin, Texas, June 28 - July 1, just prior to the 2015 GC Session. Take advantage of the early bird registration, which ends Jan 31. Learn about the general session speakers here. There also will be meetings for pastoral spouses. MORE

A Closer Walk, an ADRA production on Hope Channel, premiers Friday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. EST. This weekly show about everyday heroes who transform their communities will take you to remote areas where you will experience the impossible become reality. Whether it's the rain forests of Vanuatu or the refugee camps in Uganda, each episode is about meeting needs with God's love. Download a poster for your bulletin board.

Surgeons needed! Your best Pathway to Health, a pre-GC Session outreach, April 7-9 in San Antonio, Texas, is seeking a minimum of 16 surgeons to perform outpatient operative procedures, specifically in ophthalmology, gynecology, orthopedics, ENT, general surgery or any other surgery specialist willing to assist or do outpatient procedures. Surgeons will be able to obtain temporary privileges to perform surgical procedures under general and other types of anesthesia. Professional liability insurance will be provided. The Central Texas Adventist Medical Center has generously offered six operating suites along with their own anesthesia providers, nursing staff, medications and all equipment and supplies. MORE: Volunteer.

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“Old Fashioned,” the movie that is slated to be shown in movie theaters on the same day as the much promoted “Fifty Shades of Grey,” is providing resources for churches and schools to assist in the use of the movie and group discussion of Christian romance and love. Provided are church and school resources such as a Movie Night Guide, short videos, flyers/bulletin inserts, web banners and e-blast; Also a banner, posters, books, post cards, soundtrack, trailer, and more; More about Old Fashioned: Check local listings (continually updated): USA Today review; Get the book(s).

Adventist Mission’s Mission Spotlight Focuses on North American Division Mission Projects

For more than eight years, I was privileged to travel throughout the world and capture stories that featured the mission work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As the first video producer for the General Conference’s Office of Adventist Mission, I saw first hand how God was working through His people all over the world, and how the Mission Offering greatly benefited mission projects and the people who were being reached.

This year the Adventist Mission videos are reflecting the original mission stories shared throughout the North American Division many years ago, by adopting the name “Mission Spotlight”. This historic name reflects the stories of missionaries past and it focuses on the future and all those who will be reached by the generous gifts of our members around the world. As the official mission resource of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, I encourage you to experience the wonderful world of mission through the new Mission Spotlight videos. Each quarter their free DVD is sent to every church in the North American Division, and is also available on their website at www.adventistmission.org.

Dan Weber, Communication Director
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Adventist Community Services Benefits Ebola Survivors

So far, NAD and ACS have raised more than US$100,000 to assist in the ongoing Ebola Crisis fund raising campaign, joining with the efforts of ADRA, Adventist Health International, GC Health Ministries, and Loma Linda University to provide help for those affected. More is needed to meet needs such as providing...
medicine, medical attention and personal protective equipment, disinfecting rooms and belongings of patients and survivors, providing equipment to restore houses burned down by neighbors concerned for the spread of the virus, and more. Learn more. Donate.
Adventist Camp Resembles 'War Zone' After Canadian Ice Storm

Camp Hope's chapel is seen behind a toppled, ice-coated tree after a severe ice storm last week. Photo: Bill Gerber

Andrew McChesney News editor, Adventist Review

Camp Hope suffers more than $200,000 in damages after a devastating two days.

Posted January 12, 2015

A two-day ice storm has left an Adventist-owned camp in Canada looking like a "war zone," but camp leaders are praising God that no one was injured and that the buildings suffered only minimal damage.

The creeping storm brought freezing rain and snowfall to Camp Hope in the province of British Columbia in the early hours of Jan. 5 and lasted through Jan. 6, splitting hundreds of trees and cutting power lines.

The storm also broke the stained glass windows of the camp's chapel, slightly damaged the roofs of six small cabins and other buildings, and caused the loss of more than $3,000 worth of food when the power went out.

The estimated cost of replacing 40 power line poles, the biggest expense, will reach $200,000, camp director Bill Gerber said late Sunday.

"The storm was not wild and windy. It was a slow insidious thing," Gerber said. "The freezing rain just kept adding to the weight of the trees. On Monday morning, in the wee hours, they started breaking, and they just kept on breaking and breaking through Tuesday as well."
REAL-LIFE SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP: Camp Hope director Bill Gerber dodging falling tree limbs as he examines a road to the camp during a slow-moving, severe ice storm on Jan. 5, 2015.

Thousands of homes in British Columbia’s Fraser Valley lost power during the storm, but Global News, a national news website, reported that no place appeared to have been as badly damaged as Camp Hope.

“Everybody that comes out here just can’t believe it,” a senior camp staff member, Todd Schafer, told Global News. “They think it’s bad, but then they get here and they’re shocked. It’s like a war zone.”

When the storm hit, about 12 guests from Fountainview Academy were staying at Camp Hope, which hosts conference, camping and wedding facilities. No one was injured, and the 12 guests left on Monday morning, Jan. 5. A group of 50 other people were expected to arrive that day from Fountainview, an independently operated Adventist boarding school in British Columbia, but they canceled their plans because of the weather, Gerber said.

“We thank God that no one was hurt and damage to our buildings and structures were minimal,” Gerber said in a separate statement.

He expressed hope that power would be restored in a few days. In the meantime, an emergency power generator is being used, and the only heat source in the lodge is a small wood stove.

“The staff have continued to work uncomplainingly and valiantly despite the cold,” Gerber said.

Read camp director Bill Gerber's full statement

Staff spirits are bolstered by a growing number of volunteers who are offering to help clean up the mess. About 30 volunteers cleared a patch of the camp on Sunday.

“It was two very discouraging days,” Gerber said of the storm. “But as pictures were posted online and word got out, first one phone call offering help, then another and another.

“When the sun came out on Wednesday,” the day after the storm, “and the sky was bright blue, amidst the destruction there was still beauty,” he said. “Our spirits were lifted and the task of cleaning up suddenly started to feel doable.”

The camp was insured, but Gerber said he was still sorting out financial issues.

“We already have an excavator clearing away trees along our access road and a professional faller clearing away potential danger trees that could repeat this power line problem in another storm,” he said. “Restoring power is going to be expensive, and of course there will be other expenses as well.

He said the camp, as a private entity owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, could not call on the Canadian army for clean-up help.

“But we have the army of you, our brothers and sisters here in BC, Yukon and beyond,” he said. “We will need many, many helping hands in the weeks and months to follow. If you can lend us a hand, please let us know as we continue to formulate our clean-up plans.”
CAMP CLEANUP: Volunteers clearing the damage at Camp Hope on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, with a backhoe removing branches and a man cutting down a tree that didn't survive the ice storm. Video by Bill Gerber.
Related links

British Columbia Conference, Jan. 9, 2015: "Camp Hope Hit By Ice Storm!" a statement by camp director Bill Gerbert

Global News, Jan. 10, 2015: "Camp Hope Picks Up the Pieces After Massive Damage From Ice Storm"

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Southwestern Singers prepare for Meyerson, trip to Europe

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The Southwestern Adventist University Singers (Courtesy Southwestern Adventist University)

As the University Singers, Southwestern Adventist University's premier choral ensemble, prepares for its Feb. 15 annual performance at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, they are also preparing for a European tour in May.

The Singers will travel to Italy, France and Switzerland representing Southwestern and sharing their passion for sacred choral music.

Over the past five years, the Singers have earned an international reputation for their variety-filled programs, exquisite harmonies and expressive interpretation of text.

Under the direction of conductor Jonathan Wall, the Singers have performed throughout the United States, with tours in Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Internationally the Singers have performed in Puerto Rico, Canada, Slovakia, Austria and the Czech Republic.

While on tour, the Singers have been featured performers for the American Spring Festival (Prague), the 20th anniversary of U.S. and Slovakian Diplomatic Relations (Bratislava), the U.S. Senate Bible Study (Washington, D.C.), featured choir at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Denver), and as guests of U.S. Ambassador Theodore Sedgwick, Rear Admiral Barry Black and Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This past March, the Singers were featured in the guest choir concert series at the Basilique Notre-Dame in Montréal, Canada, and in the guest choir recital series at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, two of the most prestigious venues in North America.

This fall, the Singers were sponsored by Senator Brian Birdwell for a special concert in the State Capitol rotunda in Austin, and also presented an evening concert in the historical St. Joseph's Parish in San Antonio.

The Singers perform every year at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.
Heavenly Soup Kitchen serves its first weekly hot meal to Vallejo’s hungry

By Rachel Raskin-Zrihen, Vallejo Times-Herald

Some of the places hungry locals can get a meal in Vallejo, include:

- Weekdays – Lunchtime – First Baptist Church, corner of Sonoma Boulevard and Florida Street.

Also there on Saturdays from 2 to 4 a.m. since 1999, Pastors Al Marks and Mike Brown serve soup, barbecued chicken and a bag lunch for the next day to a typical crowd of 40 to 80 of the community’s less fortunate. • Tuesdays at 3 p.m., Community Life Integration Foundation feeds the homeless at 1020 Colusa St. • Thursdays at 4 p.m., Gateway Benicia feeds the hungry at the flagpole behind Vallejo’ John F. Kennedy Library. • Fridays – Vallejo Together’s Care to Share Mobile Unit distributes meals to homeless encampments and cars from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Fridays at noon, a retired Vallejo couple feed the hungry at the flagpole behind the library.

Source: Maria Guevara, Vallejo Together founder

There, but for the Grace of God, go any of us.

That’s why several of the ladies from Vallejo’s Maranatha Sabbath Keepers Seventh Day Adventist Church launched the Heavenly Soup Kitchen for Vallejo’s down and out, volunteer Bessie Johnson said.

“I believe there are a lot of homeless people out there and people need food. This is another place to go if they don’t know where to get anything to eat.” Johnson said

Johnson said she hopes if she ever were to find herself in such circumstances, someone would do the same for her.

“I like the idea of helping someone who needs help, of letting them know someone cares,” she said.

“I’m so happy,” said one man, who made his way to the serving table just inside the church building at 401 Marin St. at York Street, with the help of a cane. “I’m really hungry.”

Another man, a member of the carpenters union whose health issues — combined with the Great Recession — landed him “between places” for the last couple of years, Jay said he’s grateful for the hot meal.

“I was just sitting in the park, getting a little serenity, when someone told me they were giving out hot meals here, so, I came,” said Jay, 52, a Vallejo resident who declined to provide his last name. “It’s nice to see someone in the community cares.”

The idea of operating a soup kitchen sprung from the mind of Rosie “Peaches” Harris of Vallejo, who owns a nursing service in town, the women said.

“I came up with the idea of helping the homeless and anyone else who wants to come in and get a hot meal,” Harris said. “It occurred to me from seeing people less fortunate than me, and so I decided to reach out to people who need help. And it occurred to me why not help those who can’t get a hot meal? So I asked some other ladies from my church if they’d help me.”

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Four women, including Johnson, have stepped up so far, they said.
“We decided on a soup kitchen because of the cold weather,” Harris said. “So, we’re making hot soup with crackers or corn bread, and when they leave, we’ll give them some fruit to take with them.”

Each week the menu will feature a different type of homemade soup or hot chili — the dish with which they launched Heavenly Soup Kitchen.

“We’ll make vegetable soup, cream of broccoli, lentil — every week a different type,” Harris said. “When there’s corn bread, I’ll be making that.”

For Thursday’s launch, the women made enough to feed 25 to 50 people, she said.

“After that, when words get out, we’re looking for 100, maybe more,” she said.

At least a half-dozen hungry people had trickled in by 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Among them was James, 72, a former Pacific Gas & Electric Co. truck driver who said he was pleased to learn of the new option for a weekly meal.

“The trouble is, no one knows about it,” he said. “I thank the Lord for the blessing.”

Call Rachel Raskin-Zrihen at 707-553-6824
Have you ever wondered what goes on during the meticulous process of restoration of a historic building? If you are curious, now’s your chance for a behind the scenes tour of four historic downtown Raleigh landmarks! The tours, sponsored by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission, will take place this Saturday, January 10, 3.00-5.00 pm. Read on for the details!

**RHDC Works In Progress Tour**

You are invited to join Goodnight Raleigh and the RHDC this Saturday, January 10, for a behind the scenes, self-guided tour of four recently-restored, current and future Raleigh Historic Landmarks before they are occupied. Representatives of the properties, including architects, will be on hand to answer questions and share rehab information.

The sites open for the tour are:

- **H.J. Brown Coffin House and Embalmers/Raleigh Industrial Bank**, 200 S. Salisbury Street
- **Lewis-Smith House**, 515 N. Blount Street
Gethsemane Seventh Day Adventist Church, 501 S. Person Street
Raleigh Nehi Bottling Company, 3210 Hillsborough Street (refreshments provided)

Saturday, January 10, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The tours are free! No registration necessary. You may tour the buildings in any order.

What you will see:

H.J. Brown Coffin House and Embalmers/Raleigh Industrial Bank, 200 S. Salisbury St.

Erected in 1906, this finely detailed Romanesque Revival commercial building was completely encased with concrete panels in a failed ‘modernization’ attempt in 1972.

Raleigh businessman James Goodnight purchased the property in 2012, removed the panels and embarked upon a major overhaul of the historic structure. Goodnight’s restoration included a meticulous recreation of the street facades and refurbishment of the building’s handsome stonework.

Be sure to check out the creative mural on the south wall, recently painted by Raleigh artist Luke Buchanan.
**Lewis-Smith House**, 515 N. Blount St.

This Greek Revival/Italianate styled masterpiece was built ca 1855. It is one of only a handful of antebellum residences still standing in Raleigh.

To prevent its demolition in the early 1970s, the house was moved from its original site on Wilmington St. to Blount St. It is currently being restored for adaptive reuse as lawyers’ offices. The Lewis-Smith House has been designated a [Raleigh Historic Landmark](#) by the RHDC.

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**Gethsemane Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 501 S. Person St.

This charming, vernacular Neo-Gothic church was erected in the heart of Raleigh’s African-American community in the mid-1920s. The building suffered substantial structural damage as a result of the tornado that struck downtown Raleigh in 2011. It is now being restored for adaptive reuse.
Raleigh Nehi Bottling Co., 3210 Hillsborough St. (refreshments provided)

Raleigh’s renowned modernist architect, William Henley Deitrick, designed the Nehi Bottling Plant in 1937. It was Raleigh’s first commercial building to embrace the International Style of architecture.

Following many years of disuse, the landmark was purchased and faithfully restored by James Goodnight. The restoration includes recreation of the Hillsborough St. facade and the visually striking wall sign, which was researched and repainted by Raleigh artists Luke Buchanan and Ollie Wagner.

The Raleigh Nehi Bottling Plant has been designated a Raleigh Historic Landmark by the RHDC.

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12th Annual Raleigh Home Movie Day —
MILLVILLE – A community and church service leader has been selected as the Greater Millville Chamber of Commerce’s Outstanding Citizen for January.

Linda Green, this month’s recipient, has been involved with church and community service since she was a teenager. She credits her mother and her church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Bridgeton, with her deep commitment to serving others.

The Greater Millville Chamber of Commerce will honor Green at its next luncheon, which will be held Wednesday at New Jersey Motorsports Park. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. It costs $20 to attend with a reservation or $25 at the door. Reservations are due by Friday and can be made by calling (856) 825-2600.

Green moved to Millville from Bridgeton in 1975. She became active in First Presbyterian Church in 1995, serving on the Board of Deacons, teaching Sunday School and participating in the FISH outreach program that delivered food to the needy.

A member of the Millville Woman’s Club since 2009, Green became president in May.

Jane Christy, a former club president and a recipient of the Chamber’s Pride in Millville award, describes Green as an energetic leader who has initiated several successful projects. Those include fundraisers for the New Jersey Federation of Women’s Clubs, which is raising money for the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

Green is a Big Sister in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties, a volunteer at Mount Pleasant School, a volunteer for the Cumberland County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and a youth leader at Seventh Day Adventist Church.
Through the church, she is working on a project called “God’s Closet,” a national nonprofit organization that provides free clothes to children.

“I hope to open in May at the church and will be contacting other churches in the area to join our efforts in supporting the needy children in our community by donating clothing and volunteering,” Green said.

She and her husband, Dominick, have three grown children and two grandsons.

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Peters Foundation gives $540k to Valley Children’s for Fowler health center

The Fresno Bee

Valley Children’s Hospital has received a $540,000 from the Leon S. Peters Foundation for a new outpatient specialty care center in Fowler.

The gift will go toward building the health center on the east side of Highway 99, near the Merced Avenue off-ramp. The center, which is planned to open in 2016, is a collaboration between Valley Children’s Healthcare and Adventist Health/Central Valley Network.

“We are pleased to be an integral part of Valley Children’s plans, in partnership with Adventist Health/Central Valley Network, to expand their services in Fowler,” Kenneth “Butch” Peters, chairman of the Leon S. Peters Foundation, said in a written statement. “Fowler happens to be home for many of our members, and we are excited about the role Valley Children’s will play in the southern portion of Fresno County for generations to come.”

Leon S. Peters was born and raised in the Fowler area. He owned Valley Foundry and Machine Works, an equipment manufacturer. Peters and his wife, Alice, devoted decades of their time and money to philanthropic work in the central San Joaquin Valley. Leon Peters died in 1983, but the Leon S. Peters Foundation continues to support philanthropic causes.

“Thousands of kids within close proximity of Fowler will soon enjoy new access to quality care closer to home,” said Rob Saroyan, Valley Children’s vice president, philanthropy and chief development officer. “We cannot thank the Leon S. Peters Foundation enough for its extraordinary generosity.”

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