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God Got the Glory!

May 12, 2012, was a very emotional day for my family and me. Before I tell you why, please allow me to share the short version of what we experienced from 2008-2009. Our daughter Stefani battled with severe chronic pain for nearly two years before she was officially diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. At the time she was diagnosed, it had already metastasized to her kidney. On several occasions she tried to continue studying at Oakwood but we repeatedly had to withdraw her because of the pain. So, two years ago she had to witness her classmates graduate without her because she fell two years behind. This was also disappointing but she encouraged herself and the rest of us by reminding us that at least she was alive.

The most difficult time for me personally was when I was in Mumbai, India, and she had a severe episode and was hospitalized. I remember talking to her and Maxine on the phone. All I can remember was her screaming loudly because of the pain. I remember vividly her asking Jesus “Where are you?” I remember doing all I could to get a flight home at any cost but none were available for days. Few people can imagine the pain of a parent when your 20 year old cries out like that.

While in the Hospital at John’s Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, she told every doctor, nurse, CNA, and housekeeper that she would be healed and God would get the Glory “because He has a plan for my life.”

My family and I witnessed God receiving the glory from Stefani on May 12, 2012 when she walked across the stage to receive her Bachelors in Social Work Degree from Oakwood University in Huntsville, AL. Not only did she have one of the loudest cheering sections, though I may be biased in that assessment, but for those who did not know her story, it was obvious that this celebration was about something special. As she walked off the stage she just jumped and jumped and jumped. Then she skipped and skipped and skipped.
(Some would call what she did a holy dance LOL). Then all the Social Work professors gathered around her and hugged her. They knew what she had gone through, they had been her mentors, they had been cheering her toward her goal for years! Everyone was crying for joy, including her mom and dad. I should not have been holding the video camera because it was obvious I was messed up with emotion and as a result messed up the video!

All I could remember at that very moment was she promised that “God would get the glory” and He did. Stefani has been in remission for three years now and will be heading to graduate school in Ohio.

Please join me, and my family, as we pray for others who are experiencing something similar or may have already lost a loved one due to a terminal illness. Although God answers prayers as He chooses, we pray particularly for children and young people who may be experiencing deep trials in their life right now and need a breakthrough today.

One of the many scriptures that got us through was Isaiah 65:24 “It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer and while they are still speaking, I will hear.” Nonetheless, we were clear that the results would be up to God and we would accept His will. We still long for the day, according to Revelation 21:4, “when all these things will soon pass away.”

Blessings,

Pastor JB

P.S. Please forward this personal editorial to someone today who needs to know that even in suffering, God can still get the glory.

Announcements
Youth Department Travel Dates:

**Pastor Black --**

June 7 – CASST Academy Graduation Speaker - South Windsor, CT
June 13 – Camp Blue Ridge Summer Staff Training – Staunton, VA
June 20-23 – Miracle Temple Church Youth Spiritual Emphasis Speaker – Baltimore, MD
July 1-15 – Vacation
July 25-29 – Mid America Union Pathfinder Camporee – Rapid City, SD

**Pastor Cruz --**

June 8-10 Lake Union Latino Youth Congress, Andrews University, MI
June 15-16 Academy Graduation, Escondido, CA
June 22-25 Hispanic Youth Camp Meeting, Nevada-Utah
June 25-July 9 Vacation

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Pathfinders

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**Pathfinder Bible Experience 2013**

Lake Union & Conferences Take Vote to Officially Join PBE -- We wish to welcome Lake Union Pathfinder Clubs (Pathfinder Bible Achievement) to the Pathfinder Bible Experience 2013. Other Unions with clubs at the 2012 event include: Canadian Union, Columbia Union, Mid-American Union, Pacific Union, Southern Union, and Southwestern Union.

*Source: Lake Union ~ Ron Whitehead*

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**Studying Already?** Even though the Pathfinder year doesn't begin for many of you until August or September, some may wish to start studying and planning for PBE 2013.

**Books to Study:** Acts and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians
Official Dates for Testing:

- Area level, February 2
- Conference level, March 2
- Union level, March 30
- Division level, April 20 at Lincoln, Nebraska

Source: Gene Clapp, PBE Volunteer Coordinator

Upcoming Union Conference Camporees

Mid-America Union Camporee July 25-28, 2012 Custer, SD
North Pacific Union Camporee September 13-16, 2012 Clatstop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, Oregon
Southwestern Union Camporee October 4-7, 2012 Lake Whitney Ranch, Clifton, Texas
Southern Union Camporee October 10-14, 2012, Camp Kulaqua, Florida

Looking Back at Pacific Union Conference Camporee

The Pacific Union Conference Camporee took place this year on March 28-31, 2012. This was the first PUC Camporee in over 20 years! If you would like to view pictures from the camporee.

PUC Photostream.

Camp Ministry

Summer Camp: Where God Spends His Summers
Seventh-day Adventist summer camps in America are no longer the spooky, uncertain affair they were at their beginning in 1926. Their beginning that year was God’s answer to the dreams and hard work of Grover Fattic, East Michigan Conference youth director, through the support of a helpful Detroit Scoutmaster, and
the backing of Lake Union youth director Gordon Smith. The rustic setting of Townline Lake, in Montcalm County, Michigan, was hardly the most auspicious of beginnings. Indeed, and to Fattic’s dismay, some parents who drove their sons out to the site decided, once they got there, that they were too scared about what they saw to leave their sons at the campsite.

Read the rest of the article from AdventistReview.com

Author: former Atlantic Union Conference Youth Director, Bill Wood (Thanks Bill!)


Youth/High School

Latino Youth Congress Events

Changed Latino Youth Net
Launched in January 2012 by the NAD Multilingual Ministries in partnership with the NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries, “Changed – Real Lives in a Real World” is the Hispanic Youth Evangelism initiative of the North American Division. Evangelism Kit $14.95 -- http://www.changedlatinoyouth.com/kit/

LIVE Broadcast from Orlando, FL October 13-20, 2012 More info: www.changedlatinoyouth.com or download the NEW app! Go to the Apple App Store and search "Changed -- Real Lives in a Real World."

Also coming soon....Pacific Union Latino Youth Congress, July 31-August 3, 2013, Phoenix, AZ

"Living it" is the web-based Discipleship Resource Center for public high school ministry. There is a growing list of resources for: visiting high school students in their world--including on campus, nurturing your personal spirituality, sharing devotional experiences, creating outreach ideas, along with resources for dealing with teenage
at-risk behaviors. The site features video testimonies from high school students and leaders about how they have been used by God to reach their world.

**Pilot a Pathfinder Honor** -- If you would like to help pilot this new initiative or the new Pathfinder honor in Campus Ministry in your club, church or Conference or have resources to share or ideas to develop please contact Pastor Scott Ward, the NAD Public High School Campus Ministries Coordinator. Pastor Scott and his team are also planning to film 3-5 minute testimonies at JCI 3 for the Resource Center website. If you have a testimony to share, or know of an already great high school ministry to network with please email your story to: pastosward@mac.com.

The "Living it" Facebook page for networking, discussions and support is already up and running--please join and contribute to the conversation!

![Facebook](Living It on Facebook)

**Adventurers**

**Allegheny East Adventurer Family Retreat August 9-11, 2012.** "Awards Day," "Fun Day," "Walk with Jesus Spiritual Retreat..." Registration Deadline in June 30, 2012. AECAdventurerASSN@hotmail.com

**Young Adult / Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF)**

**ACF INSTITUTE 2012 Campus Ministry Training** -- If you know of campus ministry leaders or prospective leaders looking for a
great introduction to campus outreach and ministry on today's public college campuses, make plans to join us for this summer's ACF INSTITUTE, scheduled for July 22 - August 3 at La Sirrea University. Participants will spend time honing their skills in campus outreach while drawing closer to God in preparation for ministry for the 2012/2013 academic year. For more info go to: ACFI. To register go to: ACF Institute.

Source: Ron Pickell, ACF / NAD Volunteer Coordinator info@acflink.org

**Church In The Wild:** Rapper Jay-Z claims that there is no church in the wild in his popular music video. Baby Isaac, the ACF group at University Of Florida decided to challenge Jay-Z by sponsoring Church In The Wild in Gainseville from April 2-7 as a campus outreach event. ACF students took over a Christian cafe near campus and turned it into a meeting hall where speakers Jeff Tatarchuck and Justin Wilson talked about the pressing issues of who Jesus is and God's love for the outsider and the pious. Hundreds of students attended the service throughout the week and 14 made decisions for baptism. Bible workers are still doing follow up on hundreds of student interests. To see and learn more go to: Church In The Wild.

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**Impact WCYCS South Africa 2013**

Are you looking for a Mission Project & Spiritual Retreat all rolled into one? Impact South Africa might be for you and your group!

More Info: impactgcyouth.org
Service Projects: impactgcyouth.org/Projects/
Registration Information: email Gael Murray, NAD Youth Ministries Admin. Assistant

Forms/Letters:

- Application Form
- Congress Fee Remittance Form
- Congress Participant's Form
- CSP Participant's Form

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Ministry Opportunities

**Canadian University College** is looking for an additional chaplain who will be hired by the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, to work in conjunction with its current chaplain to witness to and worship with its students, faculty and staff. For a complete job description go to [www.cauc.ca](http://www.cauc.ca). If you are interested, please email your resume with three references to the Senior Pastor of the College Heights SDA Church, Pastor Ron Sydenham at pastorron@collegeheightschurch.com

Welcome!

**Ken Rogers** is joining the NAD team as Southern Union Youth Director. He will replace Allan Williamson who is retiring after the SouthernUnion Pathfinder Camporee.

Resources
Are you going on Vacation to any Adventist Heritage Sites this summer? The Adventist Review has several suggestions for making the most of your trip. http://www.adventistreview.org/

Implications of Aging Ministers Could Challenge Future Pastoral Staffing -- A recent review of pastoral demographics in the United States reveals that nearly 50 percent of Seventh-day Adventist ministers will reach retirement age within 10 years, a discovery that is prompting ministry officials to examine potential scenarios to address the coming dilemma.

Namely, will the denomination hire a new crop to replace retiring ministers, or will it urge much of its experienced, aging workforce to continue working longer than previously planned? Each option has its own advantages, and church leaders say

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