THE MEASURE OF DISCIPLE MAKERS

Christian author Tony Evans asserts that “the measure of a church is not the size of its membership roll, the structure of its staff or the extent of its programming. The measure of a church is the extent to which it fosters spiritual maturity in its people.”

Fostering spiritual maturity is a core element of discipleship. And as part of the discipling process, there should always be a time when the learner becomes the teacher and the receiver becomes the giver.

This month’s OUTLOOK features real-life disciple John Pendley (p. 6) as a primary example of the in-depth teaching and passing of the baton described in our editorials. Pendley’s mentoring illustrates the value of variety and creativity. Yet disciple making is not a haphazard undertaking. On the contrary, the process has a biblical methodology. Through intentional friendships and careful coaching, disciple makers can communicate Christ-likeness—our shining goal as imitators of the Master Discipler.

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The old truism still holds—
experience is the best 
teacher. It is also the most 
expensive and frequently 
the least efficient. Yet 
there are some experiences from which 
one can learn only by living through 
them. Years ago a friend of mine gave 
up crop-dusting for Alaskan bush 
 flying. “In crop-dusting you don’t learn 
from your mistakes,” he explained 
with his macabre sense of humor. 
Those of us who are led by some inner 
pulsion to “do our own stunts” 
often pay a very high tuition. 

To provide a certain level of quality 
control, predictability, efficiency 
and safety, we all need teachers 
to walk us through necessary life 
lessons—a classroom teacher, a parent, 
grandparent, friend or boss. 

Last time we focused on “making 
disciples” from the gospel commission 
in Matthew 28, noting that as 
important as the right decision at the 
right time can be in one’s journey to 
the kingdom, instruction is needed 
to reach that point. Discipleship is 
a linear process, never a singular 
pixilated dot on the personal timeline 
of life. This time I hope to expand our 
thinking on Jesus’ phrase “teaching 
them to observe all things whatsoever 
I have commanded you.”

From day one, I loved school. Not 
all of my teachers, you understand, 
but most of them. I loved—and still 
love—learning. Elsie Cox taught 
me geometry. When doing church 
or personal construction projects, 
knowing those theorems has proved 
useful. But I learned more than 
theorems. I learned how various things 
relate within space to each other. Grace 
Ashton not only taught me algebra, she 
tremendously expanded my cognitive 
abilities by teaching me how to think. 

Gerry Shadel taught me much more 
than the history of western civilization. 
He skillfully led the class to look for 
the divine hand in the play and counter 
play of nations and societies. In English 
(which I did not usually like), Morris 
Gutman set a higher bar for self-
expression and demanded precision 
in word choice. I am still learning 
my mother tongue and am thankful 
for my editors. Those teachers and 
many others whose names should be 
in lights did much more than impart 
knowledge—they shared their lives. In 
teaching me they discipled me. 

I walked through life with my 
parents; my dad discipled me for 
nearly 50 years. He inspired me in 
countless ways, as did my grandfather 
and my uncles. They led from the front 
while my mother supported, often 
from behind. I have been blessed to 

enjoy the sweet spot of being discipled 
by so many. 

Teaching, in Matthew 28, is 
more than a seminar, more than a 
download, more than a hard copy 
lesson and more than a conversation—
though those tools are often useful in 
the process. When Jesus’ group of 12 
responded to His invitation, He took 
them in for over three years. They 
heard His words, they experienced 
His power, they found security in 
His caring, they relearned the eternal 
values of suffering and abundance, 
they learned to see the world through 
the eyes of their Master’s heart. 

Jesus is still making disciples. We are 
abundantly privileged to hear His call 
through the pages of Scripture. And 
encouraged by the Holy Spirit, we can 
and we must spend time with Him in 
His Word in quietude and in stillness. 
Like Peter, James, John and the others, 
we too can actually learn to see our 
world through the eyes of our Master’s 
heart. 

And while doing that we are 
privileged to reach out to others and 
let them walk with us as we walk 
with Jesus. That takes time, it takes 
intentionality, it takes a plan, it takes 
endurance and it takes a willingness to 
get hurt. But at the end of the story, it 
can be said of you and me as of those 
giants of faith in the first century, 
“They have been with Jesus.”

Tom Lemon is president of the Mid-
America Union.
Of Batons and Trust
by Mic Thurber

One of the great miracles of the life and ministry of Jesus is that He chose to entrust His followers with sharing His great message of hope. What a high privilege and honor! As we consider this commission, I want to touch on two imperatives of discipleship: trust and passing the baton.

While in academy, I was convinced that my life’s work would center around music for the church. I didn’t know what that might look like—only that the Lord had given me a special interest in music.

My choir director, Max Qualley, approached me one day when I was a sophomore and handed me an octavo of “Spanish Eyes,” a popular song in those days. He said, “I like the song but not the arrangement. Would you be willing to make an arrangement that our Chorale can sing on tour?”

I didn’t think I could do it, but he thought I could. So I took the assignment very seriously and spent several days working on it. I even added a guitar part (that was my instrument) and he let me play it in our concerts. It was a huge thrill for me as a young student to hear Mr. Qualley introduce the song as my arrangement!

Two years later my band teacher, Gordon de Leon, asked if I’d like to be student conductor of the band. Would I! He even let me choose the piece, with no restrictions. I made my selection a bit selfishly, choosing what I thought was the best piece in our repertoire that year. Without hesitating or even raising his eyebrows, my teacher agreed.

Looking back, I realize I should have left him with the showcase piece. I’m sure he would have done much more with it musically than I did, but the lesson of trust he placed in me was not lost. He gave me adequate time in rehearsal to prepare it, and was willing to give me suggestions when I asked. Both my music teachers extended significant trust in me, trust which paved the way for me to develop the confidence to do meaningful things in music and Christian ministry.

Something about being trusted brings out the best in people. Which brings me to the baton. Learning to handle our baton in a trustworthy manner is not easy. We get attached to our ministries and want to hold on to them, sometimes longer than we should. But if we are to be faithful disciples for Jesus, our task is not only to disciple others but also to teach them how to be disciplers.

Remember the US track teams in the 2008 Olympics? Both the men and women were disqualified early in the 100-meter relay race because both teams dropped the baton. Perhaps it will be easier for us to appropriately pass the baton if we build into our thinking that we need to always be training others to carry forward the work of the church.

Consider the Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona, Spain. It was started by Antoni Gaudi in 1882 and is still being worked on today. “The people who worked to build the cathedrals in the Middle Ages never saw them completed. It took 200 years and more to build them. Some stonemason somewhere sculpted a beautiful rose; it was his life’s work, and it was all he ever saw. But he never entered into the completed cathedral.”

We are all called to sculpt something beautiful for Christ with our lives and the opportunities He gives us. But we are only a part of building His church. We must be content to actively make our contribution while at the same time teaching others to be ready to take our place—and then trust them when it’s time.

Mic Thurber is ministerial director for the Mid-America Union.

1 Dorothee Soelle, Against the Wind (Augsburg Fortress, 1995).
Some church leaders labor through their entire careers without seeing the fruit of their work, and may even feel they’ve made no difference at all. John Pendley, of Casper, Wyoming, has been blessed to work for God for many years and see children he discipled grow into strong young leaders themselves.

John’s initial dream was to attend the Black Hills College of Evangelism, but he could never afford it. Ironically, after John was unexpectedly laid off when the 2008 economic crisis began, God provided the means for him to attend Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. His goal of becoming an evangelist was within reach when, upon graduating, John was offered a position as a traveling evangelist for the Amazing Facts ministry team. However, John was convicted that this lifestyle would be rough for his four teenaged boys, so he decided to take what he had learned and work in his own back yard.

**Entrust to faithful men**

Returning to Casper, John plunged headlong into ministry, teaching a young adult Sabbath school class and Drilling and Marching for the Pathfinder Club. John is still in touch with many of “his kids.” Two are among his closest friends, and one is the leader of Men’s Ministries at the Casper Church. John works alongside Tom McDonald in almost every step of his ministry, watching someone he taught teach others.

In 2012 John began reviving a languishing Sunday morning men’s small group prayer and Bible study. This core group of 12-15 men constantly generates ideas for ministry, such as hosting a formal Mother’s Day brunch, and moving families with a trailer and many willing hands.

At a meeting last October, someone expressed a burden to teach others about technology. Two men quickly started planning the Adventist Tech Talk Seminar that our church hosted in January covering AudioVerse, Ellen White apps, website and CD-Rom, and the Sabbath school app and website.

Next an idea began stirring to create an opportunity for everyone to experience the fresh and simple worship with God that the men were
says, “Many or few, we are grateful for another opportunity to walk, and talk, and share more about Jesus!”

Deny himself and take up his cross

Recently the Casper Church decided to hire a part-time Bible worker. Several people interviewed for the job, but on the day the committee was to make a decision, John offered to take the job for free. His action inspired other volunteers and spearheaded a weekly outreach training each Sunday.

John has also started a program to train members to be lay preachers and small group study leaders. Three young couples who just moved to the area are all fired up for evangelism. Since beginning these workshops, several men have been preaching God’s Word at other churches on their own dime and their own time.

There are many fantastic leaders across the state, the country, and the world. What makes them good leaders is their ability to disciple others for Christ. Every good leader is led by a good leader, and Christ is the best leader in Creation’s history.

John won’t take credit for all he does for the church and for God. In fact, he credits so many people that space limits their mention. The wonderful thing is that everyone has the opportunity to work for God through the power of God and His Word.

Rachel Ashworth is a member of the Casper (WY) Church and a regular blogger for outlookmag.org.

The vision is to seek a fresh encounter with God, in which Jesus is lifted up and we become more like Him.

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Autumn Gold, Winter Grace: Applying God’s grace to make the golden years the best. If you’re wondering how to grow old gracefully, by which you mean “full of grace”—seeing the full implications of the gospel displayed in your life—then Autumn Gold, Winter Grace is a journey you’ll want to experience.

Footprints for Parents & Mentors is a unique 12-lesson small group Bible study course designed for adults who want to mentor the children in their lives. It guides parents and mentors into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ and equips them to spiritually nurture children.
REVIVING SIMPLICITY

Wagon Train Adventures Offer Unique Mentoring Opportunities
By Brenda Dickerson

Without the distractions of modern “conveniences” it’s easy to focus on face-to-face relationships.

For more information about the wagon train contact Theresa at sundpets@daktel.com.
For the past 20 years Roger and Lorraine Foerderer and their extended family have been hosting an annual wagon train adventure on the prairie surrounding their Triple F Ranch in Medina, North Dakota. Upwards of 70 guests join the family (including their four adult children and spouses and 18 grandchildren) for three and a half days of traveling back in time on a trail that varies yearly from 10-12 miles in length.

Guests learn about pioneer life first hand by riding in canvas-topped box wagons like those used in the 1840s, or traveling alongside on horseback or foot during the trip. Everyone dresses in period clothing, including bonnets and aprons for the ladies and girls and vests, suspenders and western hats for the men and boys.

“It’s a chance to leave the modern world behind for a few days and enjoy the simple pleasures of tent camping and eating meals cooked over an open fire,” says Theresa Sund, Roger and Lorraine’s daughter. She and her husband, Steve, and their five children look forward to the event all year. “The natural setting under the wide open sky provides a great opportunity for Christian fellowship and fun and discovering more about our western heritage,” adds Theresa.

Wendy Cook, who has participated in the wagon train three times so far, says, “You get a feel for what the people who helped settle our country went through. It was hard and dangerous. Going on the wagon train gives you the chance to experience a bit of what they felt, but in a safe and Christian environment.”

**FUN AND GAMES**

Through the years, activities during the trip have included churning, rug making, soap and candle making, wool felting, fire starting using flint and steel, hatchet throwing, roping and buck sawing. Games always begin with good old-fashioned three-legged races, sack hops and tug-of-war. “Every year is a little different,” Theresa notes. “But there is always an abundance of singing around the campfire.” Everyone is encouraged to bring their instruments and join in the music each evening.

**HEARTY, HEALTHY CHOW**

The chuck wagon provides three delicious daily meals and is always a gathering place for young and old. During the second evening on the trail the older Foerderer grandkids bring in fresh supplies on horseback (simulating the assistance of the Cavalry). The healthful, vegetarian menus often prompt guests to comment at the end of the trip about how good they feel.

The wagon train is community oriented—all members of a “wagon family” participate in the daily chores needed to survive on the trail, including cooking and serving food, carrying water, and hauling and chopping firewood. Everyone helps, from the oldest, which was once age 90, to the youngest children.

**RELAXATION**

No electronic devices of any type are permitted on the trip. Only the wagon master carries a cell phone for emergency use. Theresa describes the days as peaceful and relaxing. “Being in nature calms the spirit. The children pick lots of prairie flowers and decorate the wagons.”

**RELATIONSHIPS**

Christian fellowship is a main highlight of the wagon train event. Attendees from all religious persuasions enjoy the morning devotional thoughts and prayer time, often led by the Foerderer’s son who comes each year with his family from their home in Montana. Many people make it their annual family vacation and develop strong friendships through the years. The Foerderers report that every year they receive stacks of Christmas cards from people as far away as Tennessee and Canada saying how much they loved the wagon train and that it was one of their best family experiences ever.

When Steve and Theresa’s oldest daughter married last summer, 35 of their Amish friends who have been on the wagon train traveled from Indiana to attend the wedding. “It was very meaningful to us that they would come so far to join our family celebration,” says Theresa, who has visited the Amish community several times. “Building relationships is what the wagon train experience is all about.”

Brenda Dickerson is editor of OUTLOOK magazine.
This summer camp story started when I was 13 at Glacier View Ranch. The Sabbath evening before camp started the butterflies kicked in. I was scared and excited all at the same time. I was scared that I would not make many friends, and I was not going to know very many people. A couple of thoughts kept going through my mind, which brought comfort to me—knowing God was with me and that my cousin Kiev, who was more like a sister to me, would still be at camp after breaking her ankle just a week or two before. When I got to my cabin and met my counselor, she made me feel at ease, and I realized I knew more people at camp than I thought. The first of the week went pretty well getting to know new friends and sharing a spiritual bond that is unforgettable. By mid-week, I found out that Billy, my uncle’s dog (who was more like my own dog), had passed away. All the girls in my cabin knew I was sad and showed comfort for my loss. This is when I knew I was where God wanted me to be. A moment that is special to me is when Benjamin, a friend who I have known all of my life, asked if I was okay. There is not a better way to strengthen your relationship with God than to share it with friends at camp. Two years later, it is these friends whom I met at GVR who are helping me through one of the hardest times in my life. I was diagnosed with a life-changing illness. My camp friends are life long, as they show God’s eternal love. Thank you camp friends—you know who you are. You are my family!

The summer of 2012 changed my life. It all started when I opened the Kiowa cabin door at Glacier View Ranch Seventh-day Adventist Camp. There I found six teenage girls hyper on mountain air and the thought that they were finally at camp. When I first got there, it was kind of awkward being the only one who didn’t know everyone, but my cabin mates welcomed me like they had known me forever. One of the girls who really made me feel welcomed and comfortable was Gabrielle, or Gabby for short. She was a pastor’s daughter and we were just like each other! Same religion, same hair, same personality and the list can go on and on! She was my best friend at camp. We did everything together—swimming, horseback-riding, kayaking, and our favorite, go-kart riding. Camp was a blast! Unfortunately, I had to leave camp five days early; my precious Nana died. When my parents picked me up, I introduced them to Gabby. We started the conversation with where she went to school. She said she went to HMS Richards SDA School in Loveland, CO. Come to find out we were actually looking to move to that area. Long story short, we ended up living with Gabrielle and her family for over 2 months! Being in a pastor’s house I developed an everlasting love for God that led to my baptism and a deeper understanding of the Sabbath. Gabby is still to this day my best friend and is one of the reasons I am where I am, and God had a huge part in that too! Who would have known that going to GVR summer camp would have changed my life?
MID-AMERICA UNION

TREASURER’S REPORT

Tithe returned to the Lord throughout Mid-America in 2013 totaled $53,434,316.

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The Lord has blessed us—in order for us to be a blessing!

THIRD PLACE WINNER August Black

Attending Broken Arrow Ranch my first year, I was surrounded by a group of people I had never met. I was worried if I would be able to make friends. As I moved through the registration tables, all the staff had a smile on their face, which made me feel welcome. Once I completed registration I headed up to my cabin, selected a bunk and deposited my luggage. Then I ran down to the pool. Just as I have jumped into the pool for three years now, I have been immersed into a pool of friends from the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and even one from Texas. I have been able to meet them again at conference events, Pathfinders and Teen Ministries. A few weeks after camp, I was texting one of my friends and we were surprised to find out that she was the daughter of my mom’s friend from when she went to camp! I met another good friend at camp. Amazingly, our birthdays were one day apart! I have superb memories of racing around the track in a go-cart, riding the horses, jet skiing, and tubing. Despite my food allergies, I enjoyed three excellent meals a day, thanks to a great cook. I would highly recommend that everyone go to camp. You get to spend time with kids your age, having more of a blast than you would at an amusement park and this lasts all week. To me, it was worth it to go to camp so much that I mowed yards to earn the money. I may write to you about my experience, but the only way to realize your own adventure would be to go to camp yourself.

There’s more

Read all the entries and see more photos: http://bit.ly/CmpWin14


HONORABLE MENTION Rowan Ball

Camp has made me happier, more helpful to others, and it has given me a kinder spirit...

HONORABLE MENTION Kyleigh Misson

At camp I laugh and smile ten times more than anywhere else...

August Black

Rowan Ball

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CSC Welcomes New Multicultural Ministries Director
by Philip Baptiste

Pastor Roberto Coronado has accepted the call to serve in Multicultural Ministries and to pastor the Aurora West Spanish Church. Pastor Coronado brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the position, having served as a pastor for over 15 years in the Rocky Mountain and Southeastern California Conferences.

Coronado obtained his graduate and undergraduate degrees in Pastoral Ministry from La Sierra University in Riverside, California. He is active in young adult ministry and knows how to reach the unchurched community in relevant and practical ways.

Pastor Coronado has a natural ability to bring people together and is committed to doing ministry with excellence. His passion is equipping leaders to teach, preach and evangelize. He has conducted numerous evangelistic efforts including two international campaigns in India and Indonesia where hundreds of people came to love and accept Jesus through his dynamic preaching.

As the Multicultural Ministries director for CSC, he plans to empower pastors and local churches to reach their communities with the good news of Jesus. President Maurice R. Valentine II shared that he is delighted to have Pastor Coronado in Central States and knows that God is going to do tremendous things through his gifted and inspiring leadership.

Pastor Roberto is married to his high school sweetheart, Elba, and together they have been blessed with two beautiful children: Ellie and Alex.

New Community Services Director Appointed
by Philip Baptiste

Pastor Carlos McConico has been chosen to serve as the Community Services director for Central States Conference. He will assume this new role while continuing to pastor the New Beginnings Church in Wichita, Kansas and the South 18th Street Church in Independence, Kansas.

Pastor McConico connects with his communities in relevant and practical ways. He serves on several community boards and is passionate about meeting the needs of those who are oppressed. Pastor McConico’s desire is to equip and inspire our conference’s churches to impact their communities with the revolutionary love of Jesus.

This year he celebrates 33 years of marriage to the love of his life, the former Audriene Denise Taylor. They have two sons Carlos Jr. (Shirclair), Michael (LaTonya), and one daughter, Caryn, and are proud grandparents to six wonderful grandchildren.
Central States Conference Camp Meeting—June 2014
Revived and Ready—an old-fashioned camp meeting with a new twist

Friday, June 13
Camp meeting begins with a Praise Team workshop.

Saturday, June 14
Spirit-filled worship with guest speaker Pastor Carlton Byrd, director and host of Breath of Life Ministries and pastor to the Oakwood University Church. In the afternoon dinner is served to registered attendees, and our First Annual Praise & Worship Concert will be held.

Sunday, June 15
The Family Life Ministries department will host its first Seniors Banquet for our members 70+ years young.

Wednesday, June 18
Camp meeting resumes in the evening.

Thursday, June 19
Conference departments present various workshops for church officers and members at large.

Friday, June 20
Education Summit

Saturday, June 21
International Day ceremonies begin with guest speaker G. Alexander Bryant, secretary of the North American Division. The day will continue with our Temperance Rally and our Parade of Nations showing the diverse flags of CSC. An ordination service is also scheduled.

Sunday, June 22
We display our athletic prowess with our Family Olympics to conclude this old-fashioned camp meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Pastor Carlton Byrd
director and host of Breath of Life Ministries and Pastor to Oakwood University Church

Pastor G. Alexander Bryant
secretary of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

GUEST SPEAKERS

Celeste Ryan Blyden
Vice President of Strategic Communication and Public Relations at the Columbia Union

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Dakota Adventist Camps Welcomes You

Young people flourish in the out-of-doors! At Dakota Adventist Camps they are introduced to the Creator of all things, Jesus Christ. This year’s theme is *Reflections of the Wise Man*, Solomon. Offered activities will include archery, backpacking, BMX, caving, ceramics, climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, mountain boarding, photography, fishing, sailing, windsurfing, skiing, wake boarding, swimming, basic survival, Geocaching, ukulele lessons and more! Camp is where children and families come together to meet Jesus.

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Butte Centenarian Celebrates in Record Cold
by Karen Boyko and Sandy Blanes

Agnes (Boyko) Warbitsky of Butte, North Dakota, the only living heir of Kost and Eftemina Boyko, celebrated her centennial milestone at the Souris Valley Care Center in Velva, North Dakota. A last minute change due to inclement weather moved the party to Velva from the Butte American Legion, where family and townspeople had planned to gather for supper.

Although many could not make it through the winter storm of life-threatening wind chills accompanied by whiteouts in the buttes and ice and blowing snow on the roads, two of Agnes’ nephews and their families, Roger and Karen Boyko and Richard and Marianne Podruchny, gathered in the center’s dining area to tell stories. There was music by Grant Boyko and the fourth generation of nephews, Seth, Jacob and Brady, with help from Cody and MaKya Kostenko, whose parents, Darrin and Tammy were neighbors to the Warbitskys for many years.

Colten Anderson, son of Derik (great nephew) and Tammy Anderson, added his rendition of the age-old children’s song “Jesus Loves Me.” Heather, a great niece, took pictures of all who came to honor such a beautiful woman.

Agnes Boyko, the 12th of 14 children, was born January 7, 1914, to Ukrainian immigrants in Greatstone Township of McLean County. Encouraged by her father and brother John, Agnes received not only her High School diploma but went on to graduate from Minot State, then known as Normal Training College, with a two-year teaching degree. Miss Boyko/Mrs. Warbitsky taught for 10 years in country schools of Mercer and McLean Counties.

After her marriage to Alex Warbitsky in October 1943, she moved to the homestead where they made a living from milk cows and small grains. A proud lifetime charter member of the Drake Threshing Association, Agnes was known for her beautiful garden and nice yard. Although they had no children of their own, they raised their nephew, Donald Fleming of Chicago.

A member of the Butte Adventist Church until its closing, Agnes is now a member of Turtle Lake. Through the years she held various church offices and even today, she remembers the old hymns and sings along from memory.

During her 100th birthday celebration Pastor Tim Mantei of Butte used his language skills in a tongue not understood by most present to pronounce a blessing on Agnes. Karen Boyko told some of the story of Aunt Agnes’ life and quoted Hebrews 12:1 as fitting for the occasion, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin, which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” What a challenge Agnes has put before her family and friends, running her own marathon for 100 years, as she continues to honor God, singing hymns and quoting Scripture in two languages.

Karen Boyko is married to Agnes’ nephew Roger. Sandy Blanes is a correspondent for a local newspaper.
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Pilot Program Offers Adventist Education for Refugees

by Joseph R. Allison

The news is daily reporting on the number of displaced individuals due to war, famine and persecution. In a world of evil and selfish desires of men comes not only the abuse of power but of the people under their leadership. The United States has made provisions on a yearly basis to become the new country of safety for refugees.

The Iowa-Missouri Conference has experienced growth among its membership from several African countries, Myanmar (Burma) and Samoa. In order to assist these refugee parents (including non-Adventists and non-Christians) who desire to provide their children with a Seventh-day Adventist education in a safe and nurturing environment, our conference has begun a pilot program to provide tuition scholarships over a three-year period. Multiple members in the conference donated the money for this initiative.

This program has three main goals. The first is to provide financial assistance to make Adventist education affordable for displaced families who have little or no extra money beyond the basic living expenses.

A second goal is to provide a safe and nurturing school setting for refugee children who are the most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. According to agencies that assist in the relocation of refugees, these youngest members of the family are prey for sexual predators, human traffickers, school bullies and gangs.

A third and final goal is that given the world wide connectedness through cell phones, families who are not Adventist or even Christian whose children attend our schools and come to a saving relationship with Christ will share their experiences with relatives back in their home country or those who have immigrated to other parts of the world. These families have access to folks we might never be able to reach. We can start an evangelistic explosion one student at a time.

Currently we have 24 students in three schools—Cedar Rapids, Columbia and Des Moines—benefitting from this pilot program. Other schools hope to join the program and are working to overcome obstacles such as lack of transportation.

The success or failure of this program is yet to be determined. Right now, however, for the 24 refugee students and their families, the opportunity to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school is truly a blessing.

Joseph R. Allison, EdD, is superintendent of education for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.
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Three Angels’ Members Provide Clothing for Kids

by John Treolo

Long known for their health and evangelistic ministries, members of the Wichita Three Angels Church have ventured into yet another community outreach: providing quality clothing for children.

According to Pastor Nathan Stearman, the church has partnered with God’s Closet, an arm of Adventist Community Services based in Spokane, Washington, to host their own program in Wichita. Once per quarter for a $1 admission fee, shoppers can fill their bags with new or gently used children’s clothing.

“This outreach is special because we’re trying to reach the community in a way we haven’t tried before,” Stearman said. “We’ve been thinking a lot about Isaiah 58 and how to minister to those in need. We have members who have embraced this chapter.”

Stearman says the clothing comes from members and the community. Volunteers sort the donated clothes by sizes a few days in advance. They advertise on the church’s Facebook page and God’s Closet web network.

Following registration, community members receive a shopping bag to browse tables stocked with clothes. While parents shop, a Children’s Corner offers crafts and Bible story time for the kids.

“My granddaughter is having a baby and this helps out a lot,” said a shopper named Henry. “I’d like to participate in an exchange program where we can donate clothing that we no longer need.”

Volunteer Paula Currey finds this program rewarding: “People have left with smiles on their faces and the children left with the story of Creation. It’s been a blessing.”

For more information on God’s Closet visit www.godscloset.us.

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John Treolo is communication director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.
New Conference President in Minnesota
by Jeff Wines

I have observed him as a pastor, as a departmental director, as a family man, and as an overall spiritual leader. I know of his ability to bring diversities of thought, culture and missional approaches together in effective ministry. Minnesota and the MAUC will be blessed to have Elder and Mrs. Lyons in this new role.”

Lyons served for four years as the director of Gift Planning and Trust Services prior to his three years as vice president for administration. He has also pastored in 10 churches in Minnesota, as well as congregations in the Oregon and Washington Conferences.

Lyons has been married for 25 years in August to Carol Lyons, an office assistant for the Minnesota Conference. Their daughter, Karis, is in 5th grade at Southview Christian School and their son, John, is currently a senior at Maplewood Academy.

“The Lord has been blessing us in Minnesota through good leadership and I wish to continue in the same upward direction,” Lyons said. With multiple endeavors having already begun with the North Star Camp renovations, distance education at Maplewood Academy, and a push for evangelism in the Twin Cities, Lyons said he is excited for the future. “I believe that the Lord is at work and we are going to see Him do great things.”

Two Ordinations Give Cause for Rejoicing

Sabbath, February 1, was a big day for Valera Ruchko and his family as Pastor Ruchko was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Minnetonka Church. Valera is faithfully supported in his ministry by his wife, Lena, and his two sons, Erik and Mark. Also present was special guest Dr. Alexander Bolotnikov, a longtime evangelist from the North American Division. Elder Ruchko pastors the congregations at the Shalom Center (out of the Minnetonka Church) and the Source of Life Russian Church.

On Sabbath, February 8, Carlos Rodriguez was ordained to the gospel ministry during the worship service of the Hinckley Church. His wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Carly, joined in the special dedication. His mother was also present and Rodriguez spoke of her faithful prayers during his powerful testimony. Elder Rodriguez serves as Bible worker and pastor of the Hinckley-Cambridge district.
Daddy, I Want to be Baptized Too!
by Jeff Wines

The warm Minnesota sun sparkled off the lake last summer as cars began pulling into North Star Camp (NSC) carrying excited junior campers and their parents. We were not sure how many junior campers would attend in 2013, due to the addition of the Tween Camp option. However, by suppertime we had 71 campers! (Later there were 65 for Tween Camp—an overall increase of 60.)

The previous fall my oldest son, Zak, and his cousin from California, Miah Mesa, had decided that being best friends they wanted to be baptized together the next year. They also wanted to be baptized at camp, the place that had so many positive memories, experiences and connections to God and the Adventist church. So Miah’s father, Pastor Daniel Mesa, and I started having Bible studies with our oldest sons.

Zak and I were sitting at the table with snow outside and light streaming through the large windows studying the topic of baptism when I noticed my youngest son, Elijah, who was seven at the time, standing beside me. “Daddy,” he said, “I want to be baptized too. I love Jesus!” My heart just melted. “Elijah,” I said, “That is so wonderful that you love Jesus. I don’t see any reason why you can’t be baptized as well. Let’s also study together.”

Joy with Jesus

The lake was calm and sunlight danced off the water as Pastor Mesa and his two wet children, Miah and Eden, came out of the water. Then it was my turn. I walked into the water and my two boys stood on either side of me. I could hardly control my emotions; the prayer that my sons would make a decision for Jesus was being answered. I baptized one and then the other, my joy knowing no bounds!

As long as I live, NSC will have a unique place in my heart. It’s where my children let people know that they wanted to walk with Jesus the rest of their lives. And now it will be a place where my sons are discipled to live a life with Jesus. As far as I’m concerned, there’s nothing like an Adventist summer camp because of how it changes lives.
Some people think that media outreach is best reserved for major ministries like the Voice of Prophecy or It Is Written. But to **Gordon Anic**, senior pastor of the Arvada Adventist Church, it’s just a part of his normal weekly outreach plan.

Since last July, Anic has been airing a radio broadcast titled Fit-Positive-Confident. The program is sponsored by Porter, Littleton, Parker, Castle Rock and Avista Adventist Hospitals in the Denver area. The daily, half-hour show seeks to motivate people to improve their health by taking small steps to change their lifestyle.

This show airs on Colorado’s most powerful Christian radio station, KLTT AM670. It can be heard each Monday through Friday at 5:30 pm during the highest-traffic listening timeslot. The station reaches most of Colorado and parts of New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming. During the past nine months they have answered more than 3,000 requests by listeners for the book *Creation Health Discovery*.

“The Adventist Health System has been absolutely crucial in putting us on the air,” said Anic. “Adventist Hospitals are at the forefront of a major effort to improve the health of large metropolitan areas. These hospitals are pioneering the work that will become the priority for all healthcare providers nationwide,” he added.

The program is recorded in the studio at the Arvada Church where they also film a weekly television program by the same name. That program airs each Sunday evening at 9 pm on DirecTV channel 367. It also airs Saturday at 9 pm and Sunday at 8 pm on many local Colorado stations.

The Arvada Church has grown by 260 members in the last seven years. Last year they experienced 45 baptisms and 10 professions of faith. They believe that leveraging local media outlets is a great way to reach people who would not find them any other way.

Visit the church’s website to see a complete listing of broadcast times and stations: aachurch.org/directv. You can also download podcasts of the radio broadcast by visiting www.FitPositiveConfident.tv.

Mark Bond is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

More than 3,000 copies of the book *Creation Health Discovery* have been requested as a result of the Arvada Church’s daily broadcast called Fit-Positive-Confident.
Love Triumphs Behind Prison Walls

by Mark Bond

Navajo Judiciary Complex

The prison ministries team from La Vida Mission, near Farmington, New Mexico, is reaching Navajo inmates incarcerated at the Navajo Judiciary Complex. Each week Dori and Polly Panganiban share Jesus’ love through Bible studies and practical lifestyle classes.

Recently Wayne and Betsy Dennison, who have been attending the La Vida Mission Adventist Church for some time, asked Dori and Polly if they could go along. Wayne, a retired Navajo welder, explained that he knew what it was like to be in jail because he had been there himself and wanted to share his testimony with the inmates.

“I was once in your shoes,” Wayne told the prisoners. “I had a good job, but I was into heavy alcohol drinking and so I landed in jail. I was scared that I might lose my beautiful wife and daughters. In my cell one night, I knelt down and wept and cried to God to help me. Then I felt His loving embrace, and heard His voice of assurance.”

Wayne described how a few hours later the jailer told him that his wife and boss had come with an attorney to help him out. He entered a treatment facility for several months, and was allowed to work during the day but had to return to his cell at night.

“God healed me,” Wayne stated. “From that time until now, I have never touched alcohol. I’m happier now and I pray to God a lot. I go to church with the nicest people you ever met. So if you want to overcome your problems and be out of here, listen to these people and come to Jesus. Ask Him to help you, and He will, just as He did for me.”

Wayne’s powerful testimony moved many inmates to inquire about his church and how to get closer to God.

Wyoming Medium Correctional Institute

Pastor Ted Williams began prison ministries in the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institute while serving as pastor in Torrington, Wyoming in 2010. Although Pastor Williams has since transferred to Fort Lupton, lay leaders are continuing to give Bible studies every Sabbath evening. So far 16 young men have become members of the Torrington church through baptism. And many of the inmates have adopted the “SDA diet” (vegetarian), as they like to call it, after learning of the health benefits.

Durango Jail

Elder Ruben Belaguer reports, “In October 2013, I obtained permission to give Bible studies at the Durango Jail every Monday evening. Spanish is my first language, so the first time I went, prepared with Spanish Bible study materials, I asked an officer to call any interested Hispanic inmates to my designated room.”

To Belaguer’s surprise, six English-speaking inmates showed up, plus two who spoke both Spanish and English. He wondered how he could teach them if they didn’t know Spanish. But they were hungry for the Word of God and desired to come anyway. So he acquired Bible studies in English for the following week.

From humble beginnings with eight inmates, the group has grown to 16 currently attending. “They are so interested that every time I pass out magazines and books, they want more! I ask your prayers for them,” said Belaguer.

To find out how you can get involved in prison ministry in your area contact Pastor Ted Williams at 333ptw333@gmail.com.

Polly (left) and Dori Panganiban (far right), outreach coordinators for La Vida Mission, along with Wayne and Betsy Dennison (center), visit inmates at the Navajo Judiciary Complex near Farmington, New Mexico.
Pastoring Practicum Builds Real Experience  
by Joellyn Sheehy

“Even during the first week, I saw God work in so many ways, and it has been such a blessing,” said Hector “Ricky” Melendez, who spent the fall 2013 semester as a student pastor for Maplewood Academy and the Hutchinson Church in Minnesota. “We had a spiritual retreat with the academy, and God poured Himself out. For five hours these students just studied the Bible. We gave them the opportunity to leave, but they wanted to stay and we were all just bombarded with Jesus. That’s the kind of event that has had a year-long effect on these kids.”

The first of its kind among Adventist colleges in North America, Union’s new student pastoring practicum saw eight senior theology majors acting as associate pastors throughout the fall semester in seven churches across the country.

Responding to needs articulated by new pastors and conference administrators, the Division of Religion sought to better prepare graduates for their future roles—and found there is no better preparation than real-world practice. “You graduate, a conference hires you, and suddenly you have 50 sermons to do, prayer meetings to host, and Pathfinders to lead—it’s overwhelming,” explained Robert Fetrick, chair of the Division of Religion. “There was an obvious need to prepare students to be more comfortable and know what to expect.”

Practical learning

“We haven’t had a good mentorship process,” said Wayne Morrison, senior pastor for the Hutchinson Adventist Church and mentoring pastor. “Graduates are often dropped in a two-to-four church district on their own without any experience or really knowing how to cope.”

The new semester-long program developed gradually, the confluence of three forces: the church’s needs, the graduates’ needs and a generous donor’s contribution. “The conference presidents always ask for practical, real-life experience from new graduates,” said Fetrick. “In the past, we’ve had practical sessions through the Biblical Preaching and Church Leadership classes, where students would be paired with a church. They’d preach a few times and attend board meetings but they didn’t get actual experience.”

Reacting to high expectations placed on new pastors, recent alumni consistently encouraged greater hands-on preparation for undergraduates.

The creation of the practical semester was catalyzed by an alumnus’ donation. “The division received some money for theology students to give Bible studies, but we really didn’t have an effective way to facilitate that,” said Fetrick. “In a class with eight students, I can’t follow all of them around to people’s houses.”

The religion professors discussed strategies to enable students to conduct Bible studies while gaining real-world experience, and decided on the new practicum. Conference presidents place students in compatible churches, where they take on roles preaching sermons, conducting prayer groups and giving Bible studies under the mentorship of the presiding pastor.

“I preached four times a week for a whole month during an evangelistic series...”
in October,” said Chavez Morris, a student pastor for Allon Chapel Adventist Church in Lincoln. “My theme was Jesus is Calling, and we started planning for it a year in advance. Some of the topics were on core Adventist doctrines so I used other sources, but for the most part I wrote all the sermons myself.”

**Pilot program for NAD**

While practical sessions are common among Adventist institutions in other countries, Union’s student pastoring semester is the first of its kind in North America. “In Australia, they assign students to a church for six months, where they do essentially the same thing as our students,” said Fetrick. “That inspired our program. I talked to a few people from Australia and adapted it to suit our needs.”

Students have done everything from visiting sick church members to reviving vespers programs and empowering new leadership. “I don’t think sitting in classes can paint ministry as a whole, said Melendez. “I can learn all the theology, Hebrew and Greek in the world, but it doesn’t matter until I see how it applies in someone’s life. That’s what this semester did. It taught me about what ministry really is: asking yourself ‘How am I going to build a relationship with a hurting church member and help bring them to Jesus?’”

Still in its early stages, the program’s core concept has been lauded by all of its participants. “It’s been awesome for us,” said Pastor Morrison. “I think it’s a great opportunity for the students to have some exposure to what a real church looks like, but we also benefited extensively from the energy Ricky brought to the church. We are at a point where we need a youth or associate pastor, so having him around helped us catch a vision of what we might need.”

**Loaded with potential**

“Understandably, there were some kinks the first time,” said Melendez. “But I think they’ve hit the nail on the head.”

In fulfillment of requirements of Personal Witnessing I, Biblical Preaching II and Church Leadership II classes, practicum students and their mentoring pastors write reports of their progress and activities to be reviewed by Fetrick. “It’s very rewarding to see how students develop and grow,” he said. “After they’ve preached in church several times, there’s a difference about them, and by sermon six they’re usually pretty good. I think they’ve also all learned a bit more about time management.”

After being dispersed among churches in Lincoln, Minnesota and California, the majority of the students returned to Union’s campus for another semester of regular classes. “Five came back for more classes,” said Fetrick. “And four out of those five said they would rather just stay in their church.”

The program has plenty of potential for impassioning students for their forthcoming career, observed Fetrick. “It’s gone well; much better than we expected. All the students were involved in Bible studies, had preaching experience, interacted with church boards and did home and hospital visitations. It’s the real, full experience,” he concluded. “I can’t imagine graduating in May without having gone through this program,” said Melendez. “That semester taught me more about being a pastor than I ever could learn in the classroom. I had four baptisms, which was incredible. To have salvation in your hands and see someone be reborn—that epitomizes my semester.”

Joellyn Sheehy graduates from Union College in May with a degree in International Rescue and Relief.
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“Our future is about more than being a hospital,” said Ken Bacon, president and CEO of Shawnee Mission Health (SMH). “When the community hears the name Shawnee Mission Health, they should think of a network of healthcare facilities and providers Shawnee Mission Health. We’re dedicated to their long-term health and well-being, and if more serious health challenges occur, we can provide crucial access to the specialists at Shawnee Mission Medical Center.”

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Survivors include daughters 12 siblings; 1 granddaughter. Paulette Fay; son Danny Ray; by husband Frank; daughter Church. Preceded in death in Holly, CO. d. Oct. 18, 2013 Bruce, Julia M., b. Aug. 15, 1929, in Gillette, WY. d. Oct. 15, 2013 in Loveland, CO. Member of Fort Collins Church. Preceded in death by wife Judy; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Debbie Mauro; stepdaughters Patty Swan Bronsert and Peggy Swan Pottorf; sons Dan, Jack Jr. and Lonnie; 1 sister; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.


Bunch, Armand, b. Apr. 11, 1951, d. Sept. 1, 2013 in Christian County, MO. Member of Nixa Church. Preceded in death by parents Donnie and Alta. Survivors include wife Lily.


Dahl, Charlyn, b. Aug. 15, 1915 in Whitmore Lake, MI; d. Oct. 4, 2013 in Scottsdale, AZ. Member of LifeSource Fellowship and Littleton churches. Survivors include husband Alvin; daughters Sharon Wedin, Sheila Dunn and Diane Danforth; 3 sisters; 2 granddaughters; 4 great-grandchildren.

Dickerson, Lois, b. July 29, 1928 in Washington, KS; d. Nov. 25, 2013 in Ft. Worth, TX. Member of Piedmont Park (Lincoln, NE) Church. Served as Dean of Girls at Valley Grande Academy 1979-81. Preceded in death by husband Melvin; son Donald. Survivors include daughters Debbie Nakamura and Terri Capps; sons Dennis, Mike and Jon; 14 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.


Hubble, JoAnn, b. Feb. 1, 1942 in Harvard, IL; d. Feb. 9, 2013 in Centralia, MO. Member of Moberly Church. Preceded in death by son Steven Ebert. Survivors include son Kenneth Ebert; stepsons Doug and Kenney Hubble; 4 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 3 stepgrandchildren.

Kahler, Myrna, b. Aug. 21, 1938 in Brainerd, MN; d. Dec. 21, 2013 in Kimberling City, MO. Member of Kimberling City Church. Survivors include husband Bud; sons Emil III and Michael; 5 siblings; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.


Long, Jack Alvin, b. Nov. 15, 1929, in Gillette, WY; d. May 2, 2014 in Littleton, CO. Member of Fort Collins Church. Preceded in death by wife Trudy; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter raschelle Casebier at 402.484.3012 or raschelle@outlookmag.org.

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