Welcome to the Pioneer Family

This past Sabbath, May 30, Pastor Rodlie Ortiz baptized Christina M. Scott into the family of God. Christina decided to get baptized because she wants to wholeheartedly accept Jesus as her personal Savior. We are always ecstatic to welcome a new member!

Please continue to pray for those who have recently been baptized, including Christina, as well as for those who are on the verge of a decision. Let us continue to pray for Kingdom growth!

by Kryzia Abacan, Interim Pioneer Midweek Editor
Adult Sabbath Schools On Mission!

What is the potential impact of Sabbath Schools on Kingdom Growth? On Discipleship?

Discipleship is following and living like Jesus: We connect, grow, serve and go in His Name. Jesus taught in the context of groups. Our vision is to see that our ministry groups will be intentional in Christ beyond simply providing a social or a service outlets.

The teachers and superintendents have set a goal of 16 baptisms by 2016. They have committed to start praying together for people the Lord would place on their heart to reach out to as a group. Classes have planned social time together in which they have invited College
Students or someone from their local community.

We aim to bring to life our mission by living the values of Prayer, Bible Study, Service, Social Time and, of course, Evangelism for the purpose of inspiring more leaders who will call others to follow after Christ. All of these values are already embedded into the life of the Sabbath School. We are challenging ourselves as a Sabbath School department to go back to our roots of being a “soul winning agency.”

**What steps will be taken for the Adult Sabbath School to become a “soul winning agency”?**

The Superintendents and Teachers’ team will be planning a yearly discipleship equipping session for our Sabbath School Teachers. The goal is for teachers to spend time together in prayer, support one another, grow in their teaching ministry and disciple new teachers. This equipping seminar coming up this Sabbath is one of the initiatives that came out of our Spring leadership meeting.

This past Spring, Pastor Nelson and I joined our Superintendent Judy Aitkens and her team as they called together the teachers to begin to strategize what their
kingdom growth goals might be. The meeting was very dynamic and prayerful, and those dedicated teachers came up with some God-sized goals.

What will this Sabbath’s June 6 Equipping Seminar be about and can anyone join?

This Sabbath June 6, there will be a potluck in the PMC Commons after the Second Worship service. People are welcome to bring their family and a dish to share.

Following our meal, Pastor Justin Kim, the Sabbath School Director for the Michigan Conference, will present powerful principles for kingdom growth and tell of his own experiences with Sabbath School as a powerful tool for evangelism. Anyone interested in learning more is welcome to join us between 2PM and 5PM on this Sabbath, June 6.

by Sabine Vatel, GROW Group/Discipleship Pastor
Andrews Students on a Fiji Evangelistic Adventure

A group of undergraduate students from Andrews University spends a portion of their summer break in Fiji. Under the guidance of Glenn Russell, Gisela Schmidt, and Paul Peterson, students conduct evangelistic meetings in the Sigatoga district from June 8-20. Students team up with Theology majors from Fulton College and live in the local villages, allowing them to encounter a true cross-cultural experience. The students are in charge of running the programs at the local village. This trip is organized by the Religion Department of Andrews University. The team is asking for prayers as they embark on spreading God's love to those in Fiji.

by Paul Peterson, Andrews Religion Department Chair
Bom dia! Nothing like a cheerful bit of Portuguese to launch another sunny day on the south Brazil campus of IAP. Karen and I were blessed to spend a week with the students and faculty of this college (and elementary school and academy), sprawling across rolling green cornfields as far as the eye can see. Our host and my translator, Marcio Costa (academic dean—who with his wife Jane and their daughters Stephanie and Giovanna were members here at Pioneer as he worked on his PhD), invited me to lecture for what they call “Theology Week”—a concentrated week-long focus on pastoral theology for the 125 theology majors in the school. The theology program is just two years
old, so these 125 students will no doubt double in number in the next two years when all four years of the program will be on campus together...read more

by Dwight Nelson, Lead Pastor

Lebanon Mission Trip

Our youth missions team has completed its three-week ministry in Beirut, Lebanon. The team conducted weeks of prayer at Middle East University and at the local Adventist elementary and secondary schools. Glenn Russell presented an evening series on the Psalms and the mission team presented a morning series on the Footsteps of Abraham. The team also assisted at the Syrian Refugee Center and spoke to hundreds of Muslim students at another school. God has richly blessed and we thank you for your prayers and support.
by Glenn Russell, PMC Youth Missions

You can read about a student's experience during the mission trip to Lebanon in this week's bulletin.