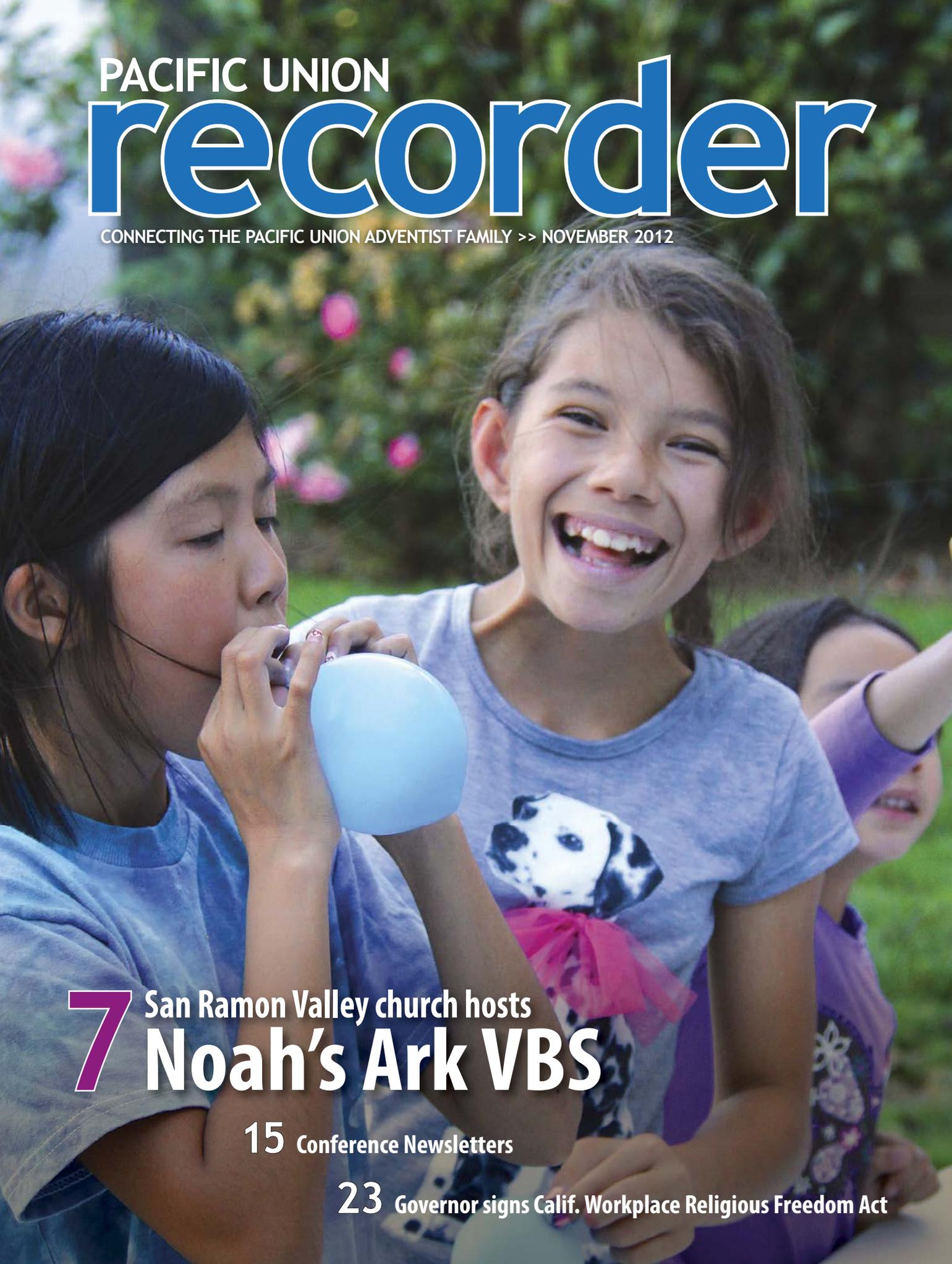


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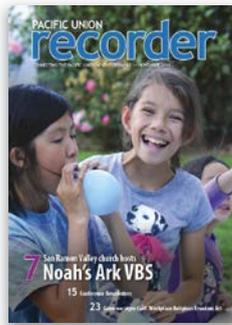
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It's harvest time!

During the years Jennifer and I ministered in rural Illinois, the cycle of planting, cultivating and harvesting were a way of life to many of our members. No one expects an abundant harvest without deliberate planning and preparation. The silos are filled with golden corn in the fall only when the springtime work in the fields has been done. Preparing the ground, planting quality seed and applying herbicide, insecticide and fertilizer keeps the farmers busy. As the gentle rains fall, the corn spikes from the earth with tender, green sprouts. The workers tend their fields all through the summer, all the while praying that rains come in just the right amount. Too much brings flooding and ruin. Too little and the plants are scorched.

The whole community is mobilized at harvest. Timing is everything. Wait too long and the corn spoils. Start too early and the ears are unripe. The combines go to work on the corn stalks, stripping them of their bounty. Day and night they trek across the green landscape. The roads are clogged as tractors pull wagons brimming over with freshly harvested kernels.

And then it is finished. The weather soon turns cold, the soft ground hardens like cement and the snow covers those once-fertile fields with a sterile, white blanket.

Jesus observed: "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together" (John 4:35-36 NIV).

It was the Master's method to use natural life processes to illuminate spiritual realities. The late hour in earth's history is illustrated to us in Jesus' comment about the ripening fields. The cycle of human seasons has come to the critical period of reaping. Now is the time.

In 1903, Ellen G. White had a special application of this passage when she wrote about our work for the cities of America. Her words are powerful today as we look at the territory of the Pacific Union: "There are thousands in America perishing in ignorance and sin. And looking afar off to some distant field those who know the truth are indifferently passing by the needy fields close to them...Wake up, wake up, my brethren and sisters, and enter the fields in America that have never been worked.... May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world" (*Testimonies*, vol. 8, 36-37).

With the monthly influx of new people to our union territory, we have an ever-renewing audience of unreached people. There are also the millions of men and women, boys and girls, who live their lives without the hope of Christ. They await someone bearing the good news of the soon-returning Savior. At no time has it been more urgent for all of us to marshal our time, energy and treasure for the spiritual harvesting work. The signs around us ought to alarm us and motivate us more than any farmer looking out at the cornfield in the fall. What a thrill and privilege to be able to work together at such a time! May God bless us with faithful service at this, God's harvest season.

Bradford C. Newton

Baldwin Park members rededicate their church and themselves

On Aug. 24-25, the Baldwin Park Bilingual church in Los Angeles was rededicated to the Lord, 32 years after its 1980 dedication.

With past and present church members and pastors in attendance, the weekend featured a lunch to which the community was invited, four baptisms, a wedding and a special farewell. Pastor Carlos C. Craig, Texas Conference president and a previous senior pastor of the church, presented the sermon. Carlos Acosta, the church's current pastor, performed the wedding and the baptisms.

Other guests included Velino Salazar, SCC executive secretary; Chaplain Sam Mercado of Florida Hospital; and Dan Robles, retired pastor and SCC vice president.

"The rededication was a moment to pause and give thanks for God's guidance of His people and to rededicate ourselves individually and collectively to His service," said Acosta.

"Why have a rededication?" he asked. "For the past three years, the church has undergone a transformation, both spiritually and physically. With God's guidance, the church sensed a new direction for getting involved with the community. As the world economy slumped, many people from the surrounding community were looking to the church for help.



Baldwin Park Bilingual members kneel for a special rededication prayer, reaffirming their desire to participate in the mission of the church.

Many unemployed families were in major need, even for basic items such as food and clothes. A community services team, led by Noemi Sias, began a food bank ministry.

"I sensed that God wanted us to do something," Noemi says. "He led us to the right place at the right time." In 2011, the church helped 5,214 families with a weekly supply of fresh groceries.

The church also offers a series of Bible studies for community residents, with 120 people currently studying each week. These studies have been followed up with three one-week evangelism

meetings annually. More than 50 people have been baptized as a result of these efforts, and Sabbath services have seen a dramatic increase in attendance.

Church members have also contributed to making the sanctuary more comfortable, especially for community visitors. They proposed, raised funds, and completed in August the repaving of the parking lot, padding the pews, and installing both interior lighting and commercial light poles in the parking lot.

To thank God for blessing the church, leaders decided to rededicate God's house, the worshippers and the community residents. "The rededication experience was a way to refocus on the mission of the church, which is to preach the gospel in the community," said Pastor Dan Robles. "I truly believe that all members and community guests caught the vision during this special ceremony."

Carlos Acosta and Noemi Sias



Members give a special offering for community evangelism meetings scheduled in 2013.

Korean mother church emphasizes second-generation ministry

The Los Angeles Central Korean church celebrated 50 years of ministry on Sept. 22. To mark the occasion, its 130 daughter churches in North America sponsored a one-week satellite series in English with Korean translation featuring Dwight Nelson, pastor of Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church.

The theme of the series was, "A Future and a Friendship You Can Count On."

About 400 members from area churches attended the anniversary events. A video highlighted the church's history and conveyed congratulations from the Korean church family at large, for providing a place for Korean immigrants to first experience Adventism in the U.S.

"The 50th anniversary celebration is particularly important in two ways," said Young Jin Kim, associate pastor, addressing spiritual aspects of the anniversary. "First, it is my hope that any past hurts that may have been caused during 50 years of growth for this church would be healed through this joyful occasion. Secondly, the celebration reminds us that, as the mother of all Korean Adventist churches in North America, we are called to be a good example to the other 130 churches, especially with respect to how we deal with conflict and how we carry out the mission of the church."

Hea Young Chong, a deaconess, explained, "The anniversary is not just the anniversary of our church, but of Korean ministry in North America. We are very proud of our church's involvement in that ministry. As we celebrate this anniversary, we also look to the future and are committed to supporting the



The church conducts free health clinics in Korea Town every Sabbath afternoon.

second-generation English ministry in our church."

In many reflections on the church's half-century milestone, second-generation ministry was the focal point. To minister to its children and young adults, the church began planning its English-language ministry 30 years ago.

"Because the children were learning English in schools here and had learned English since middle school in Korea," said Dae Kang, head elder, "we knew that we needed English-language ministry. We knew the children could not worship with their parents. They didn't know the language."

Solidifying its plans for this ministry over time, the church added an entire wing to its facility, with a meeting room seating 100, plus Sabbath school rooms and a fellowship hall. "The English-language

ministry functions as a church within a church," said Kang.

"The second generation of the church is growing and wanting to learn how to take over. The first generation is hoping for that, and will exchange places with them in their building. It will be a friendly takeover," affirmed Kang, with a smile.

Last month, for the first time in 50 years, the English-language ministry worship service was held in the sanctuary.

Jin Yong Park is the church's senior pastor. Pastor Young Jin Kim ministers to Korean-speaking students attending area universities. To meet the ministry needs of the various age groups, the pastoral staff also includes Chris Chong and Junie Lee, the first woman to serve in pastoral ministry in NAD Korean churches.

"About 100 kids attended our Vacation Bible School this past summer, half of them from the community," said Chong. "What I see is that our English-ministry group really wants to be effective in the community, to do community service; we want to engage in activities that make a difference in people's lives."

Betty Cooney



Dinner and a concert concluded the anniversary celebration. Concert artists included both youth and adult choirs, two quartets and soloists.

Volunteers give and receive blessings in Placerville

One Sunday last spring, more than 70 volunteers from the Placerville church, Camino church and El Dorado Adventist School worked hard to help a nearby school community that had experienced a terrible tragedy the year before. In 2011, the principal of Placerville's Louisiana Schnell Elementary School, Sam LaCara, was shot on campus and subsequently died from his injuries.

Members of the local Adventist community wanted to show their care for the grieving school community in a practical way. So Placerville church Associate Pastor Roy Hager asked the school's new principal for a list of tasks that needed to be done to improve the school's facilities.

"I've got a whole list of things," said Patrick Paturel, now principal of the 450-student, kindergarten through fifth-grade school.

On the scheduled workday, more than 25 of the volunteers tackled the main project: the school's outdoor amphitheater, which had fallen into disrepair. First, they removed the old and rotting wooden beams that served as seating. The ground was excavated, and road base was laid down. Then, seven 16-foot-long cedar logs — so long it took 10 men to carry each of them — were brought in to serve as bench seating. The new beams, provided and delivered by



El Dorado Adventist School student Haley Sutton paints a fire hydrant.

Northern California Conference's Leoni Meadows Camp, were sanded and bolted in place for the children's safety. The volunteers also upgraded the stage and then formed a wheelbarrow brigade to lay pea gravel, making a wide pathway leading to the amphitheater.

Other volunteers worked on weeding, planting and beautifying the school's flowerbeds, and repainting the red curbs and fire hydrant.

Meanwhile, a company of painters scraped, sanded, primed and painted 13 picnic tables. "My favorite part was fellowshiping with everybody and knowing that we are all Christians trying to help," said Placerville church member Mary Evans. "We just really enjoyed it! We saw the progress and had enough people able to accomplish a lot."

Unbeknownst to the volunteers, the school was planning to host its open house the next Friday. "I cannot express how pleased my entire staff was with the improvements that your people did here at Schnell School," Paturel wrote to Hager. "Everything is great and the amphitheater is amazing! We have already had classes using it for activities. . . . Again thanks to you and your people. What a tremendous blessing for both of us."

Paturel was correct in identifying the two-way blessing of the day. The volunteers felt indescribably blessed by the experience. "If I had to explain to you how much you are blessed [by serving others], it's not going to work," said Marshall Anders from the Placerville church. "You have to get out there and experience the joy."

Roy Hager and Jennifer Williams



Volunteers carry a new bench for the Schnell School's outdoor amphitheater. The project's organizer, Placerville church Associate Pastor Roy Hager, believes it is vital for churches to participate in community projects. "Nothing happens outside of relationship, and if you want to build relationships with the community, get your hands dirty — get involved with the needs of the community," he said.



Dale Allen and Marshall Anders refurbish a picnic table at the Louisiana Schnell Elementary School in Placerville. They were among more than 70 people who volunteered their time to reach out to the neighborhood school after a tragedy. "We want the community to know that we are Christians because we love serving others in Jesus' name," said Anders.

San Ramon Valley church hosts “Noah’s Art” VBS

The San Ramon Valley church puts an artistic spin on its Vacation Bible School programs. Instead of following a traditional format, the VBS leaders focus on creativity through art. Led by church member Debbie Chin, this past summer’s program was titled “Noah’s Art.”

During the five evening meetings, the children completed numerous art projects, including paintings of flowers, paper-mache fruit, tie-dyed shirts, collages and more. They also learned drawing skills and art appreciation. At each session, they discussed a portion of Noah’s story and then worked on a memory verse. At the end of the week, instead of a typical VBS program, the kids invited their families to view their creations at an art show — complete with photographs of each artist.

“It’s rewarding when they can make something concrete and tangible that they can share,” said Chin.

Several years ago, after leading traditional VBS programs for three summers, Chin decided to try a different approach. For 12 years, she had served as a volunteer art docent, planning monthly art classes at the public school her children attended. She wanted to bring this experience to church. “I like a little bit of variety,” she said. “So I decided to see if I could incorporate art and learning about God.”

The church’s first art-themed VBS was titled “The Art of Creation.” During the week, the students made a mural to represent creation, which now decorates a wall of the church. That program was popular, so Chin decided to do it again this past summer, focusing on Noah.

During each VBS session, the children grew more confident as they developed their skills. “At first, the kids were shy about their art. They didn’t want to show me what they drew,” said Chin’s daughter, Rebecca, who taught the drawing skills. By the end of the week, that attitude changed. “At the art show, they said, ‘Look, Mom! Look what I did!’” she said.

The kids had fun expressing their creativity through art, but the main goal of the week was to point them to the Master Artist. “The greatest benefit of Vacation Bible School is to harness the amazing energy the kids have and help channel

that to the Source of Life,” said San Ramon Valley church Pastor Robson DeOliveira. “It’s easy to see how their lives are touched as you spend time with them through the week.”

Julie Lorenz



After watching slides of Georgia O’Keeffe’s artwork, Hannah Sorrell paints a flower in the same style. “This VBS combined her love of art and her love of God,” said her mother Lori Sorrell.



Miles and Mason Hirst sketch an apple to practice their new drawing skills.



On the final night, kids invited their families to an art show of their work.



Cameron Ziegenfus makes paper-mache fruit.



The San Ramon Valley church held its second art-themed Vacation Bible School this summer, led by Debbie Chin (back row, far right).

Lay leaders inspired by Empower Ministry Leadership Conference

During Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3, the Asian Pacific ministries departments of the Southeastern California Conference, Southern California Conference and Pacific Union hosted the Empower Ministry Leadership Conference. About 320 attendees, mostly lay leaders, participated.

Empower Ministry's main goal is to develop and support Asian/Pacific lay leaders through leadership training, mentoring, consulting and providing unique resources. The conference provides an opportunity for attendees to obtain tools they need for effective ministry.

This year, the meetings were held at the Renaissance hotel in Palm Springs. The event started on Saturday evening with a few planned sessions.

Each of the following days included two plenary sessions — one in the morning and one in the evening. In between these sessions, the attendees had the opportunity to choose from a variety of seminars.

The overall theme of the conference was "iFollow," inspired by Leonard Sweet's book, *I Am a Follower: The Way, Truth, and Life of Following Jesus*.

Lay leaders learned the importance of setting the first example, so that others can join in.

"A first follower is a way paver, a true disciple, and a life sharer. A first follower chooses a way to go even when no one else is going there," said Sweet in the book.

Attendees had a chance to hear from 12 different presenters on topics including: post-modern Adventism, worship, children's ministry, evangelism and more.

In addition to the meetings, the conference featured corporate worship

services and prayer meetings.

Sung Kwon, director of the NAD Adventist Community Services, led the Sabbath morning session. He explored the role of evangelism in the 21st century in cross-cultural settings.

Keith Gray, vice president of enrollment for Southwestern Adventist University, spoke Sabbath evening. He shared insight into the characteristics of a strong leader.

Sunday's featured speakers included Dan Smith, senior pastor of Garden Grove church, and Dylis Brooks, associate chaplain at Loma Linda University.

Smith spoke on the importance of storytelling, and how to develop the skill as a leader. Brooks, final speaker of the conference, focused on small groups and how they act as a catalyst for discipleship.

Emily Leitula, who attends the Vista Samoan church, was inspired by her participation in the

worship service. "Being on stage is an awesome experience — just being able to see all the people there to worship with you and to be able to share fellowship through music. I think that's something that is really important," she said.

"I felt through the seminars and the worship services I was able to grow stronger with not just God, but with the other leaders around me," said Caleb Yoo, who attends Garden Grove Korean church. "It was a really great experience, and I can't wait to come back next year."

Mario Munoz



Attendees discuss what they heard during the general session.



Youth leaders from the Samoan churches gather on stage for a photo.

Doors of Loma Linda Indonesian church open after 25 years of planning and building

The Loma Linda Indonesian church is finally open. Church members opened the doors to their newly built sanctuary in early May, 25 years after purchasing the land.

The new building includes a large lobby, as well as comfort rooms on each wing. The sanctuary seats 1,100 people. Also included are a baptismal pool, changing rooms, a mothers' room, a choir room, and a 40-seat conference room, in addition to the church offices.

On the weekend of May 4-6, church members celebrated the new building's opening by inviting members of neighboring congregations to attend special opening ceremonies. They also invited dignitaries from the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Los Angeles.

Several Southeastern California Conference officers attended, as well. Gerald Penick, SECC president, preached the Sabbath sermon, titled "House or Shack." Sabbath afternoon, Brandon Moningka, the church's associate pastor, appealed to the congregation to wait for God's wisdom.

Senior Pastor Hendrik Sumendap concluded the services on Sunday with a celebratory sermon focused on the motto, "To God Be the Glory."

The opening weekend culminated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Conference officials Sandra Roberts, executive secretary; Thomas

Staples, treasurer; and Jonathan Park, vice president for Asian/Pacific ministries, made speeches and presented a gift on behalf of the conference.

"This church is currently one of the biggest Indonesian Adventist churches in California," said Sumendap. "With this building, we are hoping to better serve our growing Indonesian community."

During the past several months, the reaction of the congregation has been positive.

"You definitely see a change in the new building. There is a renewed energy now," said Moningka. "The old building was a multipurpose room. Now you see a change in how people carry themselves. There is more respect and reverence in the sanctuary."

With the added space, there has also been a renewal of church ministries. The choir now has its own room in which to rehearse and youth ministries have seen revitalization. Youth are able to use the old building for their own activities, such as a Friday night vespers program.

Renovations are underway to transform the old building into a gymnasium. Wooden tiles are being installed, as well as basketball hoops and a place for a volleyball court. They hope to use the space as a community sports outreach. The young adult ministry team is already seeing

interest from non-Adventists through their current programs, and the gymnasium will help enhance their opportunity to witness.

There is still plenty of room to grow.

"The Indonesian population has been growing," said Moningka. He has seen the Adventist population expand through the years and hopes that the new church can



Gerald D. Penick Sr., conference president, is translated during his address to the congregation during the dedication service.



During the ribbon-cutting ceremony there is a lot of excitement. From left to right, Brandon Moningka, associate pastor; Sandra Roberts, conference executive secretary; Hendrik Sumendap, senior pastor, with his wife; and Jonathan Park, conference vice president for Asian ministries.

provide a place where the Indonesian culture can be preserved.

The pastors hope to reach others in the surrounding area that may not be acquainted with the Adventist message, as well as some in the Indonesian community who have Adventist backgrounds but are not attending church.

"The leadership is determined," said Sumendap. "We want to lead this church to be a light to our community, as well as to those who are just passing by. It is also our desire to fulfill the Great Commission left to us by Jesus Christ."

Mario Munoz



Before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, key members and church officials pose for a picture.

Schools In Discipleship teaches educators to train disciples

Dan Meidinger didn't want to go to the Schools in Discipleship training at Camp Wawona in September. As career educator, he had attended too many programs for kids and families. While they gave great ideas, in time those ideas were replaced with newer, better ideas and programs. The principal of Mountain View Academy, Mountain View, Calif., was skeptical.

But he went anyway. Joining him were Greg Richmond, school board chair, and Sandi Colon, the pastor representative for MVA's constituent churches.

The event was unlike anything he had previously experienced. "It was a personal renewal, a chance to re-evaluate my own relationship with Jesus," Meidinger says. "We get so busy — not only the kids, but adults, too. I recognize my need for the quiet times, silent times, taking time with God."

The first Schools In Discipleship training ran Sept. 21-23. Teams from 11 schools included principals, teachers, school board chairs, pastors and parents — totaling 100 participants. Led by Pastor Don MacLafferty, founder of Kids in Discipleship and In Discipleship, the weekend launched an intentional classroom experience — making disciples.



Presenter Don MacLafferty looks on as a school team develops an action plan of practical methods for teachers to include discipleship principles in classrooms. One hundred participants representing 11 schools attended the Schools In Discipleship weekend training.

"This is a movement, a lifestyle, a process," MacLafferty explains. "It's leading people in

building a relationship with Jesus Christ to become His disciples and to transform our children into spiritual leaders."

Making disciples

"The church and school exist to support the home," MacLafferty says.

The first conference-wide training with Kids in Discipleship ministries focused on local congregations, disciples of all ages — children, youth and adults. Together they learned the tools needed to nurture a personal, meaningful and fruitful relationship with their Savior.

For 12 weeks, getting deeper into God's Word and prayer was the first priority. Learning how to be intentional disciple-makers was the goal. Next, families began a six-month journey together to become Jesus' disciples. Currently, 40 congregations have committed to grow a culture of discipleship involving all members (www.indiscipleship.org).



A school team prays together, each one committing to become Jesus' disciple through daily time in the Word of God and in prayer, and to make disciples of others — their students, families and church members.

"This whole thing is a DNA restructuring of how we think and how we do things," says Ron Rasmussen, executive secretary. Schools In Discipleship is one of three working parts of the whole Kids In Discipleship ministry.

The ABCs of discipleship

Time Alone with God (TAG) is the vital foundation for becoming a disciple for Jesus. In schools, teachers encourage personal time in the Word of God and in prayer. Sharing TAG experiences becomes part of every school day.

"Every morning, my fifth- and sixth-grade students and I would talk about our TAG time," says Patty Osborne, associate superintendent, about her previous classroom.

"We shared our experiences and agreed to be honest. Being real and vulnerable is essential in a discipling relationship," she explains.

One morning, Osborne missed her personal worship. "I confessed to my students that I had missed my TAG time and how bad I felt about it. One boy said, 'You can do it now. We can have our TAG time again.' Opening our Bibles, each of us had our individual TAG time.

"At recess, fifth-grader took me aside and said she was so happy to know that adults don't always get things right with God either."

It takes a team

"Discipleship is the main reason that we exist as a school system," says Dave Gillham, vice president of education. "Rightly understood, it is an integration process that runs through everything and not a separate class to teach."

Team members include: prayer partners for each student, teacher and their families; a leadership team of the principal, a teacher, a student, a parent, and a pastor; staff regularly meeting together; expanded lesson plans that daily include discipleship principles; volunteer chaplains (church and school board members, pastors, parents); and more (details at ccc.adventist.org).

"I have learned so much that has helped me personally on my walk with God," says Judy Guthrie, a parent from Foster Moore Christian School in Oakdale, Calif. "I am excited about what can be done to disciple our children."

"The precious thing to me is calling each team member to really be in the Word of God and in prayer, just because you are a person, a follower of Jesus Christ. This personal journey will overflow from our hearts and spill out

into our families, schools and churches. Then it will spill out into the community — that's the evangelistic part," MacLafferty says.

Back at Mountain View Academy, the newly-trained leadership team met with school chaplain Tim Mitchell to share their thoughts and experiences.

"I can't wait to talk to our pastor!" Meidinger says. "What does God want me to do for our kids' renewal and closer walk with Jesus?"

"It ended up being a great weekend. We prayed a lot, together and alone," says Stephen Eastwood, pastor of the Merced Olive East and Mariposa churches. "I was reminded that discipleship is not a program, or the cleverest idea. It is walking closer with God and living a life trusting Him and allowing space for God to move."

Caron Oswald

CCC embraces Kids In Discipleship

Cradle to Crown — Children First is a 10-year initiative in the Central California Conference. Beginning in 2012, CCC embraced the Kids in Discipleship ministry. Rosa Gillham, children's ministries director, and Steve Horton, vice president of ministries, oversee the conference-wide trainings of leadership teams from local churches, resource management and continued support. Currently, 40 congregations are actively involved.

Kids in Discipleship began in March 2002 as a pilot project in child discipleship by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, the Southern Union and the North American Division. Don MacLafferty, then pastor at the Collegedale, Tenn., church, spearheaded the project. Since then, the Kids in Discipleship ministry has been recognized in nine of the 13 world divisions.

In October 2011, In Discipleship was created out of a growing need to train and equip all generations to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mission and vision

In Discipleship is an intergenerational ministry calling young and old to:

- Be a disciple of Jesus Christ
- Unite in discipling others to Jesus
- Serve through their God-given vision

In Discipleship values

- The authority of the Bible to test all beliefs and practices
- Calling young and old to a personal revival of living faith in Jesus
- Jesus Christ as Friend, Savior and Lord
- Daily time alone with God through prayer and the Bible
- Jesus' call to everyone to be a disciple
- The urgency to make disciples in preparation for the soon return of Jesus Christ

To learn more about In Discipleship in CCC, go to ccc.adventist.org or www.indiscipleship.org.

This past summer, Don MacLafferty and Eric Johnson became full-time CCC conference employees. MacLafferty is senior pastor of the Clovis church and Johnson, former executive director of Kids in Discipleship, is the principal of Fresno Adventist Academy, one of the program's pilot schools.

New pastors and Bible workers begin service

A number of new pastors and a Bible worker have joined the Nevada-Utah Conference pastoral team, filling vacancies created after pastors have either accepted calls outside of Nevada-Utah or are beginning work in new areas.

New pastors typically are categorized one of two ways. As always, there are full-time denominational employees. But in the current economic climate, a new category of pastor has emerged — the contracted, stipend pastor.

The stipend pastor serves the conference on a part- to full-time basis as pastor of one or more smaller churches, perhaps in an isolated area, where a full-time, denominationally-employed pastor is not economically viable. In some cases, stipend pastors could be bi-vocational (works a regular non-church job and does pastoring on the side), or fully or partially paid by the local church. Often contracted, stipend Bible workers fill a pastoral role in smaller churches or for a group.

In any case, all pastors and Bible workers are carefully chosen to fully represent their office, as well as meet the needs of the groups or a local church or churches.

Bill Bossert

Bill Bossert is the new pastor of the Riverview church in Reno. He most recently served as pastor of The Edge Christian Worship Center north of the Twin Cities in the Minnesota Conference. Bossert has also pastored in California, Oregon, Massachusetts and Wisconsin.

Bossert, a fourth generation Adventist (on both sides of the family), grew up in California and graduated with a bachelor's in theology from Pacific Union College. Later, he received M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from the Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Bossert's favorite part of ministry is seeing people give their lives to Jesus, but he says



fellowship dinners are a close second. Bossert enjoys snow skiing, photography, travel and humor.

Bossert is married to Michele, vice-present of a medical device company, and they have four grown children and three grandchildren.

Villamor Meriales

Villamor Meriales is now serving as an ordained, stipend pastor of the Fil-Am Adventist Fellowship in Las Vegas. He was born and raised in the Philippines.

Meriales graduated from Adventist University of the Philippines, and subsequently served the Northern Luzon Mission for 19 years as pastor and conference departmental director. Most recently, he served as associate pastor of the San Jose Fil-Am church in San Jose, Calif.

Meriales was baptized at age 13 while attending Northern Luzon Academy, and gives his father credit for bringing him to Jesus. Meriales' father learned of the Adventist message while serving time in a Philippine federal prison, where he was baptized and later paroled. Meriales' mother and sister were also baptized.

Evangelism is Meriales' favorite part of ministry. Reading is his hobby, but only after his "hobbies" of visitation and giving Bible studies.

The Meriales family includes his wife, Daphne, a registered nurse, and three children, ages 18, 14 and 12.

Arturo Jeronimo

Arturo Jeronimo is the stipend pastor for the Ogden Spanish church and the Layton Spanish company in Sunset, Utah.

Originally from Peru, South America, Jeronimo graduated from Peruvian Union University with a bachelor's in



theology. He continued his studies at the seminary at Andrews University, where he earned an M.Div. and a master's in leadership.

Married to Esther, a registered nurse (who also has a degree in youth ministry), they are parents to a 9-year-old son, Anders.

Alex Ramirez

Alex Ramirez is the new stipend pastor of the Reno/Sparks Hispanic church.

A native of El Salvador, Ramirez studied theology at Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico.

The passion focuses on preaching the gospel and working with youth.

Ramirez and wife, Martha, are parents to a son, Louis.



Joyce Rapp

Joyce Rapp has begun work in Tonopah, Nev. She is the first official employee in that area, and serves as a Bible worker, leading a very small group of believers. She plans to enlarge the group through Bible studies and other outreach work.

Rapp was born in Indiana and grew up in Washington, graduated from Walla Walla University and received a law degree from the American College of Law. Rapp left her law career and recently obtained a master's degree in religion from La Sierra University.

Rapp, a fourth generation Adventist, loves giving Bible studies.

She is married to husband Don and has two grown daughters.



Denny Krause

PHOTOS BY DENNY KRAUSE

Arizona creates Young Adult Ministries department

Benjamin Lundquist took the scenic route in college with seven different declared majors. While on the island of Pohnpei serving as student missionary fourth grade teacher from Southern Adventist University, he felt the call of God to share his love of Jesus with other youth.

“Upon going public with that decision, the devil tried to kill me,” he recalls vividly. “Just 18 hours later, I fell 50 feet off a cliff and landed on a pile of rocks. Oddly, half way around the world, God awakened my father early that Sabbath morning and impressed him to pray for me at the exact time I was falling down the cliff.” X-rays showed no broken bones.

Lundquist returned to SAU and immediately changed his major to theology. He became the pastor for the Southern gymnastics team, where he directed his first two mission projects to Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Lundquist completed his undergraduate studies at SAU and graduate studies at Andrews University. He has shared the love of Jesus through creative ministries like Christian wakeboard tournaments, extreme home makeover projects, community triathlons, Christian surf camps, student-preached evangelistic campaigns, and international and domestic mission projects.

He has served as the youth pastor at the Camelback church in Phoenix, Ariz., for the last nine years. Recently, he accepted a call to the Arizona Conference to create an exciting new outreach called Young Adult Ministries.

Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile says, “This is a history-making decision for the conference to establish Young Adult Ministries as a full-time position. I believe Pastor Benjamin will take this to new heights.”

Lundquist’s vision is for Arizona’s 101 Adventist churches to allow any young adult to walk into a church and feel love, acceptance and empowerment. He will be encouraging every member to become an active mentor to the Arizona young adult community.

“Every member needs to be mentoring a young adult,” he says. “We will use this opportunity as a laboratory for innovations in young adult ministry, experimenting with new venues which will be shared with the Pacific Union and the North American Division.

“We want to help young adults find a deep personal relationship with Jesus and provide opportunities to serve with significance. This includes assisting in finding jobs and careers, and encouragement for healthy relationships and marriages. We want them to succeed in every aspect of life!”

Lundquist pioneered a new model for youth camp meeting ministry, which focused on community outreach. The program has helped grow youth attendance more than 600 percent in the past seven years.

Lundquist also worked with the Camp Yavapines summer program as full-time young adult pastor, ministering directly to a camp staff of 80

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Pastor Benjamin Lundquist is the newly-appointed Young Adults Ministries director, an outreach for members in their late teens through early 30s.

young adults. Staff commented that this was the most spiritually-focused summer of their time working at the camp.

He has led youth mission trips to Peru, Ecuador, El Salvador, India and Guatemala, in addition to local outreach on the Maricopa Indian and Navajo Indian reservations in Arizona.

One of Lundquist’s objectives is to establish an Adventist presence on Arizona’s major university campuses. In August, Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff officially recognized the first Adventist campus club in the history of the school.

Lundquist, his wife, Kimberly, and their two children, Koa and Remi, live in Scottsdale.

“Love always wins,” says Lundquist. “Jesus wants to save everybody!”

To become better acquainted with Arizona Young Adult Ministries, visit arizonayoungadults.com.

Phil Draper

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Benjamin and Kimberly Lundquist love working with youth — especially their son, Koa, and daughter, Remi, pictured here.

PUC receives national recognition

College earns distinctions in several areas

Over the past few months, Pacific Union College has received notable praise in several areas on the national stage. In September, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked PUC the second most ethnically diverse liberal arts college in the nation in the magazine's annual list of the best colleges and universities. The ranking calculates the proportion of minority students among the student body, excluding international students.

Hispanic students make up the largest single minority group, according to the report.

PUC administrators celebrated the distinction as a unique educational advantage. "Living, working, and studying collaboratively with people who come from a variety of backgrounds gives students an opportunity to learn about people, ideas and cultures, and to think critically about new ideas," says academic dean Nancy Lecourt. "It also helps prepare them for the current working world, where they often find themselves working on teams with people who are quite different from themselves."

"Diversity is at the core of what we're trying to do here — really the point of going away to a residential college," says psychology professor Aubyn Fulton. "Part of the value is in learning from and with people who are different, who challenge your preconceptions. So much of the learning on campus happens outside of the classroom. And that includes the gospel perspective of trying to find the answer to the question, 'Who is my neighbor?'"

This is PUC's second year on *U.S. News & World Report's* list of national liberal arts colleges — a change from the regional baccalaureate colleges list, where the college had ranked in the top 10 for many consecutive years.

"The fact is that we are competing among a much more prestigious and much bigger group of schools," says institutional research director Serhii Kalynov's'kyi, who tracks and reports data and statistics on PUC's academic programs and student body. Even so, "we're in the second tier of that category, and not far off from the first tier. Preliminary calculations show that some



HALEY WESLEY



PUC students celebrated the beginning of the new school year in September.

statistics, such as our student retention, have improved considerably this year."

PUC is the only Adventist college competing in the national liberal arts category.

In August, *Newsweek* named PUC the nation's most beautiful college. The ranking aggregated survey data on the attractiveness of both the campus and the students, as well as data assessing the pleasantness of the weather.

"I am absolutely thrilled by this new designation for PUC," says President Heather J. Knight. "This recognition inspires all of us in every area of our campus community to keep working even harder to make PUC a 21st century, state of the art learning environment characterized by a God-given gorgeous and pristine setting."

Larry Peña

Nov. 2-4
Singles Retreat
at Camp Wawona

Nov. 10
Senior Citizens'
Seminar at CCC

Nov. 17
Church Officer Training
at Fresno Adventist
Academy

Dec. 1
Singles Rally
at Fresno Westside
Church

Jan. 25-27
Women's Retreat
at the Tenaya Lodge

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Lydia Baerg Celebrates a Century of Living

By Caron Oswald

A lot has changed since 1912. Just ask Lydia Baerg, who turned 100-years-old on July 30, 2012. But one thing has remained the same – her love for Jesus, her Savior.

Family and friends filled the fellowship hall at the Dinuba Adventist church to celebrate her amazing life on July 29, 2012. Aunt Lydia (as she is known) enjoyed remembering many of her experiences. With her sharp mind and joy in her heart, she expanded on the details to the enjoyment of all.

She was born in Dinuba, Calif., to John and Elizabeth Baerg, owners of a grape vineyard and successful raisin business. Some of her earliest memories were picking grapes and laying them out to dry. She learned that hard work was a way of life.

What follows are a few of her favorite

memories of her extraordinary life.

Cars

A red Model T Ford was the family's first car. To celebrate the new mode of transportation, the family piled into the car for a ride. Only one problem surfaced. As Dad pulled up to the house, the car headed for the barn. "Whoa!" Dad ordered. "But the car wouldn't listen and hit the red barn," Aunt Lydia explains. Dad had forgotten how to stop it!

When she was 14-years-old, her family would drive to Visalia every night to attend evangelistic meetings. H.M.S. Richards, Sr., was the speaker. At the end of the series, Aunt Lydia made her decision for the Lord and was baptized in the Mooney Grove Lake by Pastor Richards.

Aunt Lydia experienced her first life-changing miracle in a car. By her late teens, she was an experienced driver. When the church members held a social at a nearby lake, she drove over. Except she didn't. "I took a wrong road," she remembers. Since her passenger, a young man, had lived in the area, she didn't worry. "But I got him lost."

With growing anxiety, Aunt Lydia called on Jesus to handle their situation. "God just picked us up and threw us over," she says. "The next thing I knew, we were in the parking lot."

"Aunt" Lydia Baerg enjoys a visit to her garden on a sunny day. For most of her life, the garden's bounty was generously shared with her neighbors, friends and anyone that needed food.



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Sewing Machines

She taught herself to sew when her parents became foster parents of two girls. Night and day, she made gorgeous dresses using leftover materials from feed sacks. "With decorative touches, she could make everything look store bought," says her niece Alberta Wilson. When the girls left, Aunt Lydia turned her talent into a business, sewing for the neighbors.

"I could pick out a dress in the store window and she could go home and make it," great niece Dani Torres remembers.

Her Doll Hospital was well-known. Many a prized possession was repaired from her boxes and boxes of spare parts and dressed in the latest fashion.

Children

Her great nieces, Sonja and Dani, needed a home. Sonja was

two-years-old, Dani was six months. Aunt Lydia welcomed the girls with an open heart. The girls lived with her until they started kindergarten. When their dad remarried, she still maintained joint custody.

"She gave us so much love," Dani says. "She read Bible stories every single night, taught us to work hard packing fruit. We were always doing something for everybody – making quilts, sewing for others, very involved in church. She taught us to know and love God."

"I think she saved our lives," Dani adds. "A registered foster parent, she has taken care of children all of her life – children nobody wanted."

Aunt Lydia's Observations and Advice

Her favorite things: "The sound of a sewing machine and the sight of clothes on a clothesline."

Church: "Young people have up and left and now we are very small," she says about



Picking grapes in the family's vineyard was the first step in producing raisins. Lydia is on the far right.

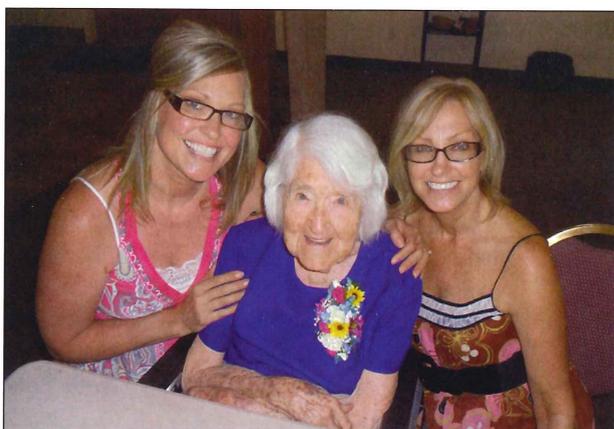
the Dinuba congregation.

Gatherings and Visiting: "People gathered around making quilts, canning food and visiting. We read more instead of watching TV. On Sabbath afternoons, we used to visit other families. Now, the only time we see each other is at potluck."

Recycling: "Everything is disposal today." She threw nothing away and could create crafts and make clothes for anyone at any time.

Teach your children to make others happy: "A lady had a fire and lost everything. I had the kids make her a quilt. When they gave her the new quilt, it made the kids happy. They will never forget how happy they were helping others."

Her family and friends agree that Aunt Lydia has lived her life flowing Jesus' love into the lives of others. **K**



Great nieces Sofia Bratton (left) and Dani Torres share in Aunt Lydia's 100th birthday celebration.

Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering

The Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering total has reached \$1,044,821 in gifts and pledges!



"Our hearts are overwhelmed with praise and gratitude over this year's Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering. This faith journey and testimony are tangible expressions of the hearts of God's people here in Central," says Ramiro Cano, conference president.

This is the ninth consecutive year the Offering has exceeded \$1 million which provides vital resources to assist local church outreaches in their communities. Already, more than 50 percent of the total has been received by the end September through faithful and sacrificial giving.

Sonora's Stars Pathfinders Lead Worship for the Yosemite Summer Church Service

The Sonora Stars Pathfinder club had the privilege of leading the weekly Sabbath worship service on August 18, 2012, for the Yosemite Summer Church. Mickey Clough, Pathfinder leader for 17 years, was grateful for the opportunity. "My pathfinders are a servant to God and a friend to man. Anytime I can get them into the public sharing God's Word, I grab it," she explains. The Stars have 19 members.

The 11 a.m. service was inspired by LOVE LIVE LEAD, the Pacific Union's Pathfinder theme for 2012 and included singing, special music and short sermons written and presented by club members.

For 80 years, volunteers have hosted a summer Sabbath worship services. Since 1992, Sabbath school and worship has been held in the Yosemite National Park's Lower Amphitheater from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Six Pathfinders, Tawni Lloyd, Jonathan Gillespie, Danny Sanchez, Izzie Herrin, Johnny Sanchez, and

Dylan Carlson presented short sermons on their favorite character, sharing how their lives reflected loving, living and leading for God.

The last speaker, Chelsee Scott, made it personal by sharing about the conversion of her own heart by a loving God and family, and how she is living and leading now. The guests were also treated with special music, violin by Lloyd and flute by Scott.

At the close of worship, the audience was invited to join in singing the last verse of Amazing Grace.

"Giving a sermon for the first time is pretty uncomfortable, but it is always makes it easier when you have friends who encourage you," says Lloyd. "Yosemite is a great place to do your



The Sonora Stars Pathfinders lead song service. Front row: (l-r) Izzy Herrin, Mrs. Clough, Chelsee Scott, and Tawni Lloyd; Back row: (l-r) Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Castro, Jonathan Gillespie, Johnny Sanchez, Danny Sanchez, and Dylan Carlson.

first sermon. The audience isn't too big, but the beauty is intense."

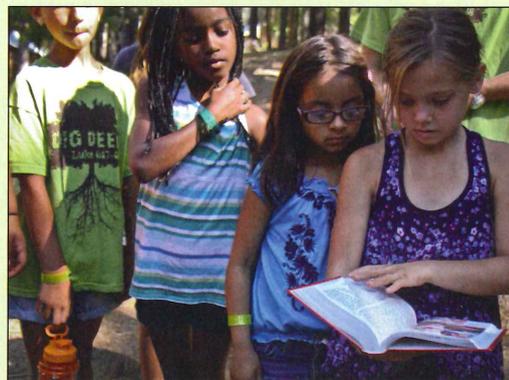
The Stars are already on the 2013 volunteer schedule. For more information about volunteering for the summer church ministry, contact Miranda Nash at (903) 905-3747, email: mn2209@gmail.com or Tom Gearing at (209) 559-3690 email: tagearing@gmail.com. 

Summer Camp Report

From June 24, 2012 through August 5, 2012 Camp Wawona is filled with campers of all ages. There were over 24 specialized camps to choose from for kids ages 7-17. Specialty

camps include: Family Camp, Summit Aquatics, Summit Horse Pack, Summit Yosemite, Cowboy Camp (Cub, Jr. & Teen), Indian Camp, Jr. Chef, Rock Climbing,

Videography, Gymnastics, Guitar, Archery, Art, Geocaching, Soccer, Basketball, Challenge Course, and much more.



Decisions for Christ

- 207 Accepted Jesus as their personal Savior
- 71 Requested Bible studies
- 81 Decisions for baptism

Bible studies and baptismal requests are forwarded to the camper's local church pastor.

www.campwawona.org

The Upside-down Scripture



Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3

It was hard for me to believe what I was reading. At home late one evening while I was spending my time alone with God, I came across one the most amazing Bible texts that I had ever seen. And I began to wrestle with this scripture, because it seemed to me that it was upside-down.

For most of my life I have thought that I first need to submit my plans to God and then He would crown my work with success. But numerous versions and translations of Proverbs 16:3 had just the opposite — I need to commit my work to the Lord, and then He will establish or bless my plans.

As Central California Conference Executive Secretary, my work involves participating in 23 different committees. In addition, there are other numerous tasks for which I am responsible.

But my work involves more than what I do for the Conference. My work is also to be a loving and devoted husband and father. For most of my life, my work has also meant

being a caring and honorable son. Then there is my work of being an active member of my church family and my local Adventist school family. Oh yes, there is my work of being a good neighbor and a helpful member in my local community. And I am sure that my work is not limited to just these items.

Ellen White shares a most helpful insight about this “Upside-down” scripture. In Steps to Christ, p.70, she states: *“Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work...Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate.”*

There it is. I am to commit my work to the Lord. My very first work is to consecrate (dedicate, set apart) myself to God in the morning, every morning. After that, I can submit and surrender my plans to Him.

There have been numerous times in my life when I have wrestled with difficult circumstances such as moving to a new community, or helping my parents navigate through serious health problems, or financing two daughters through Adventist

education, or helping my local church family as it struggled with major decisions.

I haven’t always had a clear plan in these situations. And I haven’t always fully known God’s plan for me in these cases. But I am truly amazed that when I apply this “Upside-down” scripture, when I first commit my work to the Lord and choose to consecrate myself to Him in the morning, things really do go better! God blesses me beyond my expectation and imagination!

I encourage and invite you to do something bold for God! Do it in your life, your family, your church, and in our conference. Do it now, and do it until Jesus returns. Let God turn our world “Upside-down.” Let Him crown your plans with success.

Will you commit your work to the Lord?

Ronald Rasmussen

Ron Rasmussen
Executive Secretary

“We are very thankful to the Lord to report to you that CCC school have retained 99.7% of last year’s students! Many of our schools have increases, while a few have slight decreases. Overall, our K-12 enrollment this year is 1761. Praise the Lord!” reports Dave Gillham, vice president of education.

The news is in about the quality of education in Adventist schools across the North American Division.

Cognitive Genesis Study

- Are students in our Adventist schools prepared academically as well as students in other schools?
 - ◆ 4 year study
 - ◆ All students in grades 3-8, 9&11
 - ◆ Independent research professionals

- Result?
- Our students scored at least ½ grade level higher than expected for their ability.
 - School size or location didn’t matter.
 - So that’s how individual students did – but how did they compare with other schools nationally?

Test scores are based on a ranking of 1-99

The Adventist Norms Are Here!

The National Norm Is Here

- National Recognition
- Christian Science Monitor
 - LA Times
 - New Movie by producers of “The Adventists”

La Sierra University partners with Southern California church families to host Chinese student tour

When Vinh Nguyen, pastor of the El Monte Vietnamese church, talked about Jesus during his family's worship this summer, his young Chinese houseguests began to ask questions.

"Most of them are atheists or Buddhists. They don't know who Jesus is," said Nguyen. His was among 23 Seventh-day Adventist families that provided homes for 146 Chinese students and 11 chaperones between July 18 and Aug. 15. The students, ages 12-16, came in small groups for week-long visits to La Sierra University as part of a whirlwind 2012 American Culture Summer Camp program that included stops in Boston, Philadelphia, New York City, Washington D.C., San Francisco, and other cities.



Jose Juan Martinez Sr. and his wife, Juanita, center, enjoy a potluck for their Chinese homestay guests at the La Sierra Spanish church in August. The Martinez's grandchildren joined the meal.

Through La Sierra's English Language and American Culture program, the students learned English vocabulary through activities and lessons in music, film, drama/role play, American customs and tennis. They also sampled the CSI Camp program at the university's Criminal Justice Campus, where they learned such detective skills as making foot print casts and analyzing fingerprints.

They visited Disneyland and spent evenings and weekends with their host families,

who collectively represent the following nine churches: El Monte Vietnamese; Corona; Corona Main Street Spanish; Portuguese-speaking; Azure Hills; Mira Loma Bilingual; Loma Linda University; La Sierra Spanish; and La Sierra University.

La Sierra University's homestay coordinator, Shiela Kendall, organized the host family program under the motto, Be a Missionary in Your Own Home. "I consider the homestay as a form of ministry where homestay parents are not just simply hosting the Chinese students, but are also showing Christian hospitality and love and even evangelization," she said.

Gabriela Lopez, whose family attends the La Sierra Spanish church, hosted four 16-year-old girls for one week and two younger girls another week. Lopez took one group to Sabbath school at their own church and then to services at La Sierra University church. They played a game of hide and seek on the campus lawn afterward. "They don't go to church in China," Lopez said. "They're not used to it. They said they don't believe in God."

David and Vicki Murray, members of the Corona church, hosted two teenage boys each week of the four-week tour. Vicki Murray is administrative assistant for La Sierra University's Enrollment Services Vice President David Lofthouse. As the tour schedule permitted, the Murrays were able to take some of the Chinese youth to church. "Our church is such a blend of everybody, so that when they came in they were right at home," Vicki Murray said. "It was fun taking them."

Dante and Patricia Marruffo, youth and children's pastors at Azure Hills and Loma Linda

University churches, provided a home for two teenage girls for a week, and for four, 10- and 11-year-old girls another week. They and their son and daughter took their Chinese guests bowling and introduced them to a Christian lifestyle that included family prayer.

"They would follow what we did and would bow their heads," said Patricia Marruffo. "We wanted to make it fun and let them have a taste of what our own family is like."

"Your life is your testimony," commented Dante Marruffo. "All they can walk away with are our actions and our reverence for God."

Nguyen's family hosted a total of 10 students over two consecutive weeks. They took the Chinese youth to a park to play, cooked American foods and introduced them to a vegetarian diet. Nguyen also took them to a vespers Bible study in Corona where they used Google translation services on their smart phones to understand conversations.

While his time with the students was limited, "at least we introduced them to Jesus," commented Nguyen. "I wanted them to know what a Christian family is about."

To learn more about this story and the experiences of the Chinese students, go to www.lasierra.edu.

Darla Martin Tucker



Chinese students follow the instructions of Sabbath school leader Laura Lopez at the La Sierra Spanish church in Riverside. Lopez's family hosted some of the students this summer while they studied English vocabulary at La Sierra University.

EXSEED program helps science K-12 teachers succeed

Tom Hunt teaches at Magalia Elementary School, located in Magalia, Calif. — about midway between Redding and Yuba City.

Actually, Hunt is the only teacher — and the principal — and probably has a number of other duties, as well. He has 12 students spread over grades K-8, a part-time teacher's aide, and a few volunteer helpers. His wife is one of the volunteers.

"I teach all subjects to all grades," says Hunt. "Our school is annexed to the Upper Ridge Seventh-day Adventist Church here in north Magalia, a nice semi-rural setting with lots of trees."

This past summer, Hunt spent a week at Loma Linda University with about 50 other teachers from Adventist schools across North America who are responsible for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education for their students.

During the weeklong seminar, titled EXSEED (Excellence in Science Experiential Education), Hunt and his education colleagues, who teach STEM subjects to young people from kindergarten through high school, came from as far away as Ontario, Canada, to observe and take part in a variety of presentations by university

STEM scientists and professors.

"The goal of EXSEED," explains Marilyn Eggers, Ph.D., director of the office of educational effectiveness at LLU, "is to build a network of Adventist science and math educators who teach students from kindergarten through post-doctoral education."

During the 2012 EXSEED seminar, professors from Kettering College of Medical Arts, Walla Walla University, La Sierra University, Pacific Union College, Andrews University and LLU presented STEM concepts and ideas through lectures and hands-on experiences.

"I really enjoyed the variety of presenters from so many different fields," comments Karin



(From left) Rhonda Mock and Susan Whitley — both teachers at Redlands Adventist Academy — test various samples with the absorption spectrometers they assembled.

Strom, math and physics teacher at Pacific Union College Preparatory School. "It demonstrated that the higher institutions of learning are committed to assisting and supporting the elementary and high school teacher."

Many of the elementary and secondary teachers taking part were sponsored by their individual conferences to attend the EXSEED workshop, which took place June 18-22.

On the first morning of the EXSEED workshop, teachers were surprised with brand-new Apple iPad tablets. "It was a closely held secret," remembers Eggers. "We didn't want to spoil the surprise."

Following the pleasant surprise — quite similar to Christmas morning — an Apple representative was on hand to teach the basic operation of the new iPads. The EXSEED program also funded the downloading of a variety of applications, which were given to the teachers.

"We only ask that you let your students use your iPads," said Ron Carter, Ph.D., provost of LLU, on the morning the iPads were distributed. "We've given you a full two years of replacement coverage so that you won't be afraid to let



Some of the 50-plus teachers, EXSEED organizers, and higher education partner representative faculty gather near the end of their time at Loma Linda University. The group photo was taken behind the LLU Centennial Complex on the north edge of the campus.

your students experiment with the capabilities of the iPad."

One of the purposes of using the iPad in the classroom is to allow students to "teach" subjects to their peers. "Presenting a subject to classmates is a powerful way for students to learn," explains Eggers. "The process of thinking through exactly how to present concepts to others in clear and concise ways helps students to internalize the subject matter."

A major component of the EXSEED program is a website portal where STEM teachers can network, find resources, and share ideas. For instance, teachers are encouraged to upload videos created by themselves or their students on various topics. The teachers at the 2012 EXSEED workshop were shown exactly how to develop short instructional videos on their iPads, as well as how to access the resource portal.

EXSEED organizers heard many words of thanks and appreciation from the K-12 teachers who took part.

"I would like to say 'thank you' for allowing me to be part of the EXSEED experience," says Principal Norma Howard from Needles. "It has enabled me to open the doors of creativity and to apply new and exciting adventures in learning."

She continues, "I pray that this useful application of knowledge will be a source of understanding of how great and wonderful God is — how each child is loved infinitely more than this life can discover."

For more information about the EXSEED program, visit www.llu.edu/exseed.

Larry Kidder, M.A.

Beth Garibaldi, a kindergarten teacher at Ukiah Junior Academy in Northern California, works with an absorption spectrometer she just built.



Local gifts fund equipment and research at LLU Cancer Center

Women being screened for breast cancer at Loma Linda University Cancer Center are now benefiting from digital breast tomosynthesis, cutting-edge diagnostic equipment. The purchase of the DBT equipment was made possible by a \$190,000 gift from Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer. In addition, the gift is helping to fund pediatric cancer research.

"We count it a privilege and responsibility," says Mark Reeves, M.D., director, LLU Cancer Center, "to partner with Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer in the fight against cancer. Their consistent generosity over the years has allowed us to push back the frontiers of cancer research and treatment. This gift makes a real difference in cancer patients' lives right here at home."

Digital breast tomosynthesis is a powerful tool for cancer screening that offers 3-D views of the breast. LLU Cancer Center is the first in the Inland Empire to offer DBT, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in February 2011.

According to Reeves, DBT creates sharper images that can be manipulated by radiologists. This allows better detection of breast cancers and also lessens the "false negative" rate of traditional mammography. Because of this, fewer women will undergo unnecessary biopsies.

The research component of the gift allows LLU Cancer Center to offer state-of-the-art transplant services to children, including bone marrow and stem cell transplantation.

Reeves is encouraged that the combination of research, transplantation and intensive

chemotherapy will allow more children to be cured of cancer.



Jack Brown, chairman and CEO, Stater Bros. Markets (wearing scarf), holds a presentation check for \$190,000, a gift to Loma Linda University Cancer Center. He is joined by officials from Stater Bros. Charities, members of Inland Women Fighting Cancer, staff from Loma Linda University Medical Center, and other supporters in the fight against cancer. According to Judy Chatigny, MSN, executive director, LLU Cancer Center (to Brown's left), the donation from Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer has enabled the purchase of cutting-edge technology and is being used to fund pediatric cancer research at LLU Cancer Center.

Herbert Atienza

Seaton coordinates youth-oriented religious liberty programs

When Dennis Seaton joined the Church State Council earlier this year, he saw that many Adventist youth are interested in the link between the gospel and religious liberty. Seaton developed a vision for expanding the role of academy and college age students in the ministry of religious liberty. At present, this vision is taking shape in three ways:

Freedom Classroom

Norm Farley, president of the North American Religious Liberty Association – West, launched a pilot program last year to integrate teaching about religious freedom in the curriculum in Adventist academies. In addition, through an essay contest, students would be selected for a trip to Washington, D.C., to receive intensive training in the history, theology and advocacy of religious freedom. Farley has since turned over the ongoing management of this program to the Church State Council.

This year's essay topics, program details, deadlines, etc., are available at www.church-state.org, or by calling Natalie at 916-446-2552. The program sponsors a dozen students for an eight-day trip to D.C., with a full scholarship for one winner, and half the expenses paid for the rest.

Legislative Advocacy

For the past two years, the Church State Council's annual lobby day has recruited students from Pacific Union College to spearhead a personal Adventist presence in the California legislature. Seaton and several NARLA West board members have begun visiting academies to invite student groups to come to Sacramento, obtain special training and orientation, and meet with legislators about important issues. Students are encouraged to research issues they care about so they can speak to legislators and their staffs, and experience government — not just study about it.

The Church State Council annual lobby day has been scheduled for April 8, 2013, and all are welcome to register for that event. Meanwhile,

student groups are welcome to visit any time the legislature is in session, and special arrangements will be made.

Student Groups

The Church State Council is helping students form NARLA clubs on both academy and college campuses. The clubs help students become

active and engaged in advocacy and education on important issues.

For more information on any of these programs, contact neva@churchstate.org, www.churchstate.org, or 916-446-2552.

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Program details are available at: www.plusline.org/events but late registrants must call **805.413.7396** to register

Governor Jerry Brown signs California Workplace Religious Freedom Act

The North American Punjabi Association conducted a rally on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the California State Capitol in memory of the victims of the temple massacre last month in Wisconsin. During the rally, Governor Jerry Brown publicly signed two bills sponsored by the Sikh Coalition, designed to remedy religious bigotry and discrimination.

Hundreds of Sikh Americans, from as far away as Texas, Colorado and Washington, gathered to pay their respects to those who died in Wisconsin. Speakers invoked the memory of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and even Nelson Mandela, in preaching peace, the need to combat hatred and intolerance, and upholding the ideal of an America where all have equal rights under the law.

The climax of the rally was the appearance of the governor, who spoke passionately about how America is built on immigration, with some 113 languages spoken in California alone. "Breaking down prejudice is something you've got to do every day," said Brown, as he announced his intention to sign the two bills. He talked about his own grandfather, who came to California in 1852 from Germany and spoke no English.

The first bill signed by Brown was AB 1964, authored by Mariko Yamada [D-Davis], whose district will include the Napa Valley and Pacific Union College next year. AB 1964 was numbered after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which first outlawed employment discrimination. AB 1964 included three key provisions: first, it clarified that workers have the right to express their faith in their dress and appearance, such as wearing beards and turbans as Sikh men do, the Jewish yarmulke, or the Muslim hijab. Second, the bill clarified that an employer is justified in denying a religious accommodation only if the accommodation would result in a significant difficulty or expense to the company.

Seventh-day Adventists have been working tirelessly to enact this provision into federal law,

but have been unable to achieve agreement with the ACLU on a compromise as to how this right of religious accommodation would interact with the rights of others. In California, the ACLU got on board upon agreement that an employer need not violate civil rights laws in order to provide religious accommodation.

The third provision in the bill makes it unlawful to segregate workers who express their faith in their appearance. There have been numerous cases where companies have shunted workers away from the public because of their appearance. In testimony before the Assembly Judiciary Committee, bill author Mariko Yamada referred to the bill as the "Rosa Parks bill of the 21st century," because no longer would workers be sent to the back of the store to languish in the stockroom rather than be allowed to work with customers in the front of the store.

The Church State Council provided both support and leadership in drafting and negotiating bill language, and coordinating the coalition promoting the bill.

The second bill signed by Brown will continue the process of revising the state's history curriculum standards to include teaching about the history and contribution of Sikh Americans in California. This is yet another step in combating intolerance with education and understanding.

"We have begun an important and valuable friendship with the Sikh community," reports Dennis Seaton, government relations director for the Church State Council. "When I participated in a Sikh-sponsored lobby day in August, I was made an honorary Sikh. These are people who really understand what it means to be an American, and cherish the American ideal. They preach peace, and are very active in community service. Sikhs are wonderful friends and neighbors."

A large coalition supported AB 1964, including a variety of religious groups — American Jewish Committee, Agudath Israel of California, Council on American-Islamic Relations,



Governor Jerry Brown, holds up AB 1964 to show his signature, while bill author Mariko Yamada (left) looks on.

Hindu-American Foundation together with the Sikh Coalition, the bill's sponsor, and the Church State Council, a Seventh-day Adventist organization.

Key civil rights organizations that supported the bill include: American Civil Liberties Union, California Employment Lawyers Association, California Immigrant Policy Center, Consumer Attorneys of California, Japanese American Citizens League and the North American Religious Liberty Association — West. Labor organizations also supported the bill, including: AFSCME, AFL-CIO, and the California Nurses Association.

The Church State Council hopes AB 1964 will send a clear signal to companies that they have to provide religious accommodation to their workers, including Seventh-day Adventists.

Alan J. Reinach, Esq.

Adventist Health News Notes

Adventist Health adds new board member

Melody Gabriel was appointed to the board of directors of Adventist Health on Sept. 17, according to board chairman Ricardo Graham.

Gabriel fills a position previously held by Lynn Creitz. Creitz, a businessman from the Portland, Ore., area, contributed more than 12 years of committed service as a dedicated member of the board of directors of Adventist Health. Graham noted Creitz's steadfast support and guidance over the years.

"We are pleased that Melody has accepted Adventist Health's invitation to serve on the board of directors," stated Graham, who also is president of the Pacific Union Conference.

"Melody's background in marketing, management and operations will make a significant contribution to the Adventist Health board of directors, as well as provide insight as we continue to expand services across the continuum of care."

Gabriel is currently the vice president of operations and an owner of Generations LLC, a Portland-based management company for large senior living campuses. In addition, she is an owner/member of three senior living campuses



The AIS Cancer Center at SJCH

that are located in Portland; greater San Diego; and Walla Walla, Wash. Gabriel is also the managing member of White Gabriel White.

Gabriel graduated from Pacific Union College.

Adventist Health hospitals awarded for quality

The Joint Commission recently recognized 620 U.S. hospitals as top performers in adhering to evidence-based care practices that enhance patient outcomes.

Three Adventist Health hospitals were among the top — Castle Medical Center on Oahu, Hawaii, Sonora Regional Medical Center in Sonora, Calif., and Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook, Ore.

St. Helena Hospital Napa Valley was recently named best hospital in the West for "overall rating" by NRC Picker based on the hospital's HCAAP scores for April 2011-March 2012 in the 100-300 bed category. Only one other U.S.

hospital in that size category has been selected for this annual award.

Hospital receives large donation for new cancer center

San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield, Calif., announced recently that its new cancer center facility will be named for a local business, "Advanced Industrial Services," after receiving a \$2 million donation from the company, the largest financial gift ever made to the hospital. The \$36.2 million, 60,000-square-foot, four-story, comprehensive, hospital-based facility will be known as: The AIS Cancer Center at SJCH.

AIS employs about 180 employees and services 60 clients — including Chevron, Aera and Oxy — in the field of industrial tank cleaning. Company officials cited SJCH's commitment to patient- and family-centered cancer care with only the best technology and top tier caregivers as some of the main reasons they chose to support this new project. Knowing one in five Kern County residents leave the area to fight their cancer was yet another deciding factor. Like SJCH, the representatives at AIS believe the battle against cancer should be fought with a "home field advantage."

The AIS Cancer Center will open in late 2012. A community celebration to dedicate the center is scheduled for Dec. 9.



Melody Gabriel

Brittany Dobbs

Canvasback medical teams bring expert care to tiny Pacific islands

Canvasback Missions orthopedic, cardiology, ear nose and throat, and youth extreme teams just finished a record-breaking mission to the coral atoll of Majuro in the Marshall Islands where they provided medical services valued at over \$1.378 million.

"We saw God's amazing providence from the very beginning," said Jacque Spence, co-founder of Canvasback Missions. "We prayed that God would provide all the equipment and supplies needed for the mission. He answered those prayers by helping us fill a 40-foot sea freight container with everything that was needed to do the surgeries."

First total knee replacement

The orthopedic team made history by performing Majuro hospital's first ever total knee replacement and shoulder arthroscopies. In just nine days, the orthopedic team completed 215 clinic visits and performed 32 surgeries, including seven total knee replacements, 11 arthroscopies, and other upper extremity surgeries for people who have no means of receiving this type of care.

"I felt God's hand in our work in so many ways," said orthopedic surgeon Steve Peterson of Sonora, Calif. "We treated so many unusual and unanticipated cases." Twelve-year-old Hersey was one such case. She was born with a syndrome that caused a deformity of her wrists and forearms.



Orthopedic surgeon Steve Peterson of Sonora, Calif., examines 12-year-old Hersey's broken wrist.

One day while playing volleyball, she bent her left hand backwards, badly tearing ligaments in her wrist. She went from limited hand function to no function. Peterson performed a reconstructive surgery that straightened out her wrist and put her hand back in a normal position. "I was so touched by her situation," he said. "It was such a blessing to be able to give her the chance to use her hand once again."

God's hand-picked volunteers

"It was so evident that each team member was chosen by God," said Spence. When cardiologist Alan Jacobson from Loma Linda joined the orthopedic team, he said he was willing to do anything, even paint walls. Instead, he evaluated 90 cardiac patients in Majuro. He clearly identified patients with serious heart disease who needed to be immediately sent the 3,400 miles to a hospital in Manila.

First tympanoplasty ear surgeries

The ear, nose and throat team also made history by performing the first-ever tympanoplasty/mastoidectomy ear surgeries in Majuro. They conducted 437 clinic visits and performed 44 surgeries.

Patients packed the waiting room. "There were so many people who had suffered from chronic ear infections and thyroid problems for years," said Spence. "There were people with very serious medical conditions that needed immediate attention."

When 12-year-old Yashimi came into the clinic with a large swelling behind her ear, Drs. Charles Stewart and Jennifer Ta of Loma Linda immediately scheduled her for surgery. "I was afraid we might lose this little girl," Stewart said. "She had a large abscess that could have ruptured into her brain. I've seen a lot of cases, but nothing like this. She would have died without the surgery."

Dr. John Kim, Loma Linda, focused mostly on thyroids. But Kim's specialty as a maxillofacial surgeon came in handy when a 20-year old woman arrived who had been suffering from a broken jaw for 5 months. "We felt God's hand in this, because



Audiologist Dave McGann examines a patient.

the patient came in just the day before Dr. Kim flew to the islands, so he was able to bring the instruments needed for the surgery," said Spence.

Conducting hearing tests and dispensing hearing aids is part of the Canvasback outreach. Audiologist Dave McGann of Loma Linda dispensed 43 hearing aids and gave the gift of hearing to the deaf.

Extreme youth team

Youth team co-leader Sterling Spence (LSU, 2013) saw the opportunity for students to share their faith with the children of the Marshall Islands through service, friendship and prayer. In the afternoon, the youth team ran a children's ministry program. Cristobal Villasante and Isabelle Snyder of Pleasant Hill, Calif., worked under the blazing tropical sun, tackling jobs such as power-washing, painting, and pouring a concrete slab. In the afternoon, they reached out to the island children and inmates at the prison through music. "On this trip, we really tried to give the team a tangible taste of what it means to live out the words of Jesus in Matthew 25," said Spence.

Canvasback Missions Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1981 to serve remote Pacific Islands with much-needed health care and health education. They are looking for volunteers to fill ophthalmology, ENT, orthopedics, and dental missions for next year. They are also seeking donations of hearing aids. For more information on how to help or volunteer, visit www.canvasback.org.

Linda Sue Martin

CALENDARS

Arizona

4TH ANNUAL MUD MADNESS Triathlon (Nov. 4) Thunderbird Adventist Academy, 7410 E. Sutton Drive, Scottsdale. All ages 3.5-70 are invited to participate. Details at arizonayoungadults.com.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK Supper (Nov. 10) 6:30 p.m. 2nd Saturday of each month at Central church, 777 W Montecito, Phoenix. Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. For recipe ideas, visit www.hacres.com. Info: stanhowerton@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

INTERNATIONAL VALLEY-WIDE Food Fair (Nov. 11) 3-7 p.m. hosted by the Tempe church and held at the school grounds, 630 W. 17th Pl., Tempe. Host a table representing a country, with all proceeds going to missions. Traditional dress and music will add to the fun. Info: Vanessa Lynch, vicolabra@hotmail.com or 480-495-9785.

Central California

SENIOR CITIZENS SEMINAR (Nov. 10) 3-6 p.m., CCC office. Guest speaker: Dr. Erylene Piper-Mandy. Info: 559-341-3142, ministres@cccsda.org.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING for all church leaders (Nov. 17) 3-6 p.m., Fresno Adventist Academy. Info: 559-341-3142, ministres@cccsda.org

SINGLES RALLY (Dec. 1) Fresno Westside church. Guest speaker: Dr. Erylene Piper-Mandy. Info: 559-341-3142, ministres@cccsda.org.

TREASURES TRAINING (Dec. 2) CCC office. Info: Claudia 559-347-3196, carias@cccsda.org.

EARL MEYERS HOLIDAY CONCERT (Dec. 8) 4 p.m., Fresno Westside church. Info: 559-233-3648.

La Sierra University

FALL ORCHESTRA CONCERT (Nov. 10) 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

4TH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGY Discovery Weekend (Nov. 10-11) "Cyprus: Birthplace of Copper-Crossroads of the Eastern Mediterranean." Hands-on labs; archeology lectures with keynotes by Dr. Pamela Gaber and Dr. Thomas Davis; Bedouin hospitality tent; Kids 'dig' for artifacts; Middle Eastern banquet; teachers' workshop; and a grand opening gala for the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology. Most events free. Info: 951-785-2041, archaeology@lasierra.edu, www.lasierra.edu/archaeology.

FALL WIND ENSEMBLE Concert (Dec. 1) 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium. Info: 951-785-2036.

"THE LION, THE WITCH and the Wardrobe" (Dec. 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9) LSU of Dramatic Arts presentation, Matheson Hall. Info: 951-785-2241, soday.lasierra@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING BREAK (Nov. 17-25)

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Candlelight Concert (Dec. 7) 7:30 p.m., LSU Department of Music, LSU church. Info: 951-785-2036.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP Fridays at 8 p.m., LSU church. Info: 951-785-2090.

Nevada-Utah

GREATER RENO AREA Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Training (Nov. 4) Riverview church, 7125 W. 4th St., Reno, NV 89523. Info: Pastor David Hall, 775-322-6929, nuyouthdirector@gmail.com.

GREATER LAS VEGAS Area Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Training (Nov. 11) New Life church, 3920 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146. Info: Pastor David Hall, 775-322-6929, nuyouthdirector@gmail.com.

CPR/FIRST AID Training for Master Guides (Dec. 2) Riverview church, 7125 W. 4th St., Reno, NV 89523. Info: Pastor David Hall, 775-322-6929, nuyouthdirector@gmail.com.

Northern California Conference

28TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S Spiritual Koinonia (Nov. 2-4) Leoni Meadows. Theme: Rising Above the Storms of Life. Keynote speaker: Dr. Andrea Trusty-King, senior pastor of Imani Praise Fellowship. Info: womenskoinonia.com, 707-552-2278.

2012 MEN'S CHORUS FESTIVAL (Nov. 3) 5 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Featuring six men's choruses: Bakersfield, Bay Area, Carmichael, Modesto Praise, Sonora and Christian Edition. Free! Info: 916-487-8684, www.carmsda.org.

TEEN PATHFINDER CAVING (Nov. 9-11) Lava Beds National Monument. Info: 925-603-5080.

JAIME JORGE CONCERT (Nov. 17) 4 p.m. Sacramento Central church, 6045 Camellia Avenue. Bring a friend to this Abundant Life Broadcasting TV benefit honoring Jaime for 25 years of music ministry. Info: 916-457-6511.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS Concert (Dec. 8, 9) Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Lodi English Oaks church, 1260 West Century Blvd. Musical groups of all ages. Info: Rick Fickess, 209-334-1608.

Pacific Union College

VESPERS: David Asscherick (Nov. 2) 8 p.m. The Adventist evangelist speaks at PUC's Friday night student worship service. PUC church.

RASMUSSEN ART GALLERY: Recycled (Nov. 3) Sculptor Anthony Hansen presents an exhibit of art created from reclaimed metal, through Dec. 8. Opening reception: 7 p.m. Free admission.

FINE ARTS SERIES: Quo Vadis Brass Quintet (Nov. 3) 7 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. The acclaimed ensemble includes students and graduates of New York's prestigious Juilliard Academy. Free; donations accepted.

PUC ORCHESTRA Fall Concert (Nov. 10) 7 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. A selection of sacred works, under the direction of Rachelle Berthelsen Davis. Free.

THANKSGIVING RECESS (Nov. 16-24)

ACADEMY BASKETBALL Tournament (Nov. 28-Dec. 1) Adventist academies from around the state travel to PUC for some friendly competition. Info: kmbrower@puc.edu.

ADVENTIST HERITAGE COLLOQUY: Pastor Charles White (Nov. 29) 10 a.m. PUC church. The great-grandson of Ellen White and pastor of the Camelback church in Phoenix, Ariz., shares stories of his family at PUC's Thursday morning program.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS Program (Dec. 1) 4 p.m. Paulin Hall Auditorium. PUC's performing ensembles present a concert of sacred holiday music. Free.

Southeastern California

"DECODING PROPHECY" Evangelistic Series (Nov. 1, 5-6, 8-10) 7 p.m. Hemet church. Presenter, Michael Sadly.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA Conference Pathfinder Camporee (Nov. 1-4) Rancho Jurupa Campgrounds. Info: www.seccyouth.org, or Judi Jeffreys: 951-509-2265, judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org.

BENEFIT CONCERT (Nov. 3) 4 p.m., North Coast Christian Fellowship, Carlsbad, Calif. Concert will benefit the Hope for Mtshbezi foundation (www.hopeformtshbezi.org). Music by Thokoza and other special guests. Info: 760-591-9364.

TREASURERS WORKSHOP (Nov. 11) 8 a.m. Southeastern California Conference. Info: Ellen Morse, 951-509-2243.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Dec. 21 & 22) 7:15 p.m., 11 a.m. Inland Empire Filipino church, 604 E. State St., Redlands 92374. Jun Israel, conductor. Info: 909-709-8448.

Southern California Conference

SCC FAMILY/STEWARDSHIP/CHILDREN'S Ministries Training (Nov. 2-4) Fri., 7 p.m.; Sabbath, 3-6:30 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. White Memorial church, 401 N. State St., Los Angeles. Presenters: Elder Arthur and Kim Nowlin, Ph.D., family; Theodore Brown, Ph.D., stewardship; Luz Benitez, children; Elder Carlos Acosta, Baldwin Park. Info: 818-546-8465, lortiz@scsdsda.org.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER Bible Conference series (Nov 3-17) 7 p.m. Pastor Loren Hodnett, speaker. Smyrna church, 4394 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90016. Info: 323-732-4464.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FAIR (Nov. 4) Noon-4 p.m. Prevent/be prepared for disasters. Donate blood. Fun activities for kids on child safety. Learn CPR (for first 100 to sign up). Learn how to support your community. Crescenta Valley Elementary School, 6245 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta. Sponsored by Living Stones church. Info: 818-249-2492.

HISPANIC REGION School of Evangelism (Nov. 17) 3-5 p.m. Topic: Denominational History. Central Spanish church, 1366 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles 90006. Presenter, Ruben Tenorio, a pastor/former professor, Montemorelos University; San Fernando Spanish Church, 14646 Chatsworth Dr., Mission Hills 91345. Presenter, Moises Benitez. Info: 818-546-8448.

LIFE AFTER 50 (Nov. 18) 9 a.m. Preparing for surprises; children moving back home, parents moving in with children, health issues, and more. Presenter, Lynda Park, CEO, Consultants Extraordinaire, a consultant to the assisted living industry. Scholl Canyon Estates, 1551 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale. Free brunch. Reserved seating. 818-546-8400; e-mail, gpark@scsdsda.org.

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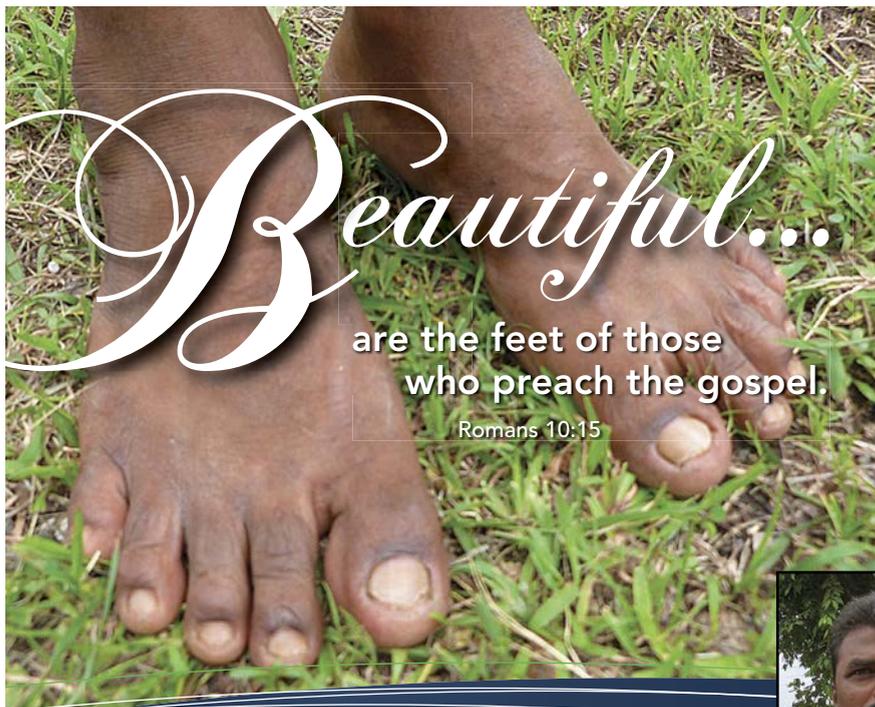
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ADAMS, JOYCE MAY (TAYLOR) — b. Sept. 11, 1926, San Diego, Calif.; d. May 10, 2012, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: husband, F. John; son, John F.; daughters, Nancy Cronnelly, Patsy Bunn; brother, Elton Taylor; sister, Melita Sullivan; six grandchildren.

ALO, FAITALA TASI — b. Oct. 27, 1932, American Samoa; d. Aug. 25, 2012, Vista, Calif. Survivors: wife, Susie Susii Alo; son, George Talalima Alo; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

BADGER, MARTIN L. — b. Oct. 28, 1935, Lawrence, Kan.; d. May 23, 2012, Hemet, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rosalie; son, Jeff; daughter, Jannell Gallemore; three grandchildren.

BARNHART, GARY LEE — b. Aug. 10, 1947, Wadena, Minn.; d. July 9, 2012, La Quinta, Calif. Survivors: wife, Brenda; son, Sean; daughter, Tonja Christianson; four grandchildren.

BLEHM, AL — b. Sept. 2, 1932, Long Beach, Calif.; d. Aug. 19, 2012, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Darlene; daughters, Robin Ainsworth, Rochelle Harding; three grandchildren.

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Correction: **BURUM, DAVID** — b. Sept. 6, 1957, Scotia, Calif.; d. July 8, 2012, Yakutat, Alaska. Survivors: stepfather, Jerry Elwell; brothers, Steve, Walter; sister, Amby.

CARROLL, KAY — b. May 30, 1925, Lark, Utah; d. July 14, 2012, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: sons, Gene, Calvin, James Cameron, Clifton; daughter, Janet Rattay; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

EMMERSON, PATRICIA — b. Jan. 8, 1920, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; d. Aug. 23, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: son, Bill; daughter, Sharon Lemons; three grandchildren.

FANDRICH, EUGENE C. — b. Feb. 8, 1930, McClusky, N.D.; d. Sept. 9, 2012, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruth; son, Bryan; daughters, Cindy Mize, Carol Belleau; seven grandchildren.

FELTER, LLOYD WALLACE — b. Nov. 9, 1925, Mountain View, Calif.; d. July 3, 2012, Santa Rosa, Calif. Survivors: wife,

Beth; son, Ron; daughter, Judy Hahn; two grandchildren.

FINNEY, CONRAD G. — b. April 8, 1930, Paonia, Colo.; d. April 28, 2012, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lorna; sons, Conrad Jr., Lorin, Arland; brother, Terry; sister, Clayoma Soloniuk; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Worked as a singing evangelist for Southern and South-eastern California conferences; pastored in San Diego, Escondido, Vista, Orange County and Battleground, Wash.

GRIFFITH, ELDRIDGE L. — b. May 14, 1922, Long Beach, Calif.; d. Sept. 4, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Grenith Zimmerman-Griffith; sons, Lynn, Judd; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

HAKE, KENNETH LESTER — b. Feb. 27, 1941, Janesville, Wis.; d. April 25, 2012, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jeannine; son, Kirkham; daughter, Saacha; sister, Joyce Chase.

HOYOS, ANDREW M. — b. Aug. 26, 1940, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Sept. 14, 2012, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Roberta "Bobbi"; brothers, Miguel, Josue, Samuel; sister, Connie. Served on the boards of trustees for La Sierra University and the Adventist Media Center, served on the Southern California Conference Executive Committee, pioneered a bilingual church in the Los Angeles area.

HULL, SARAH — b. Dec. 1, 1926, Tucson, Ariz.; d. Aug. 10, 2012, Fortuna, Calif.

HURST, DORIS E. (INGALLS) — b. Dec. 7, 1926, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; d. Sept. 6, 2012, Santee, Calif. Survivors: son, John; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

HURST, ZANDER — b. Sept. 28, 1934, Lawton, Okla.; d. Aug. 24, 2012, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: sons, Johnny, Keith; daughters, Gloria Miller, Lucinda Tinney; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

JAMES, HERBERT C. — b. Oct. 23, 1930, Pee-wee Valley, Ky.; d. March 17, 2012, Fort Bragg, Calif. Survivors: wife, Julia; daughters, Diane Lionberger, Melody; one grandchild.

JOHNSON, LYNN C. — b. Aug. 15, 1923, St. Paul, Neb.; d. Feb. 18, 2012, Glendale, Calif. Survivors: wife, Maxine Sears-Johnson; son, Daniel Lee; daughter, Lynette Clement; stepdaughters, Shirley Sears-Babienko, Linda Sears-Martella; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren. Taught industrial arts at Monterey Bay Academy and Rio Lindo Adventist Academy for 31 years.

JONES, VERNON — b. Feb. 22, 1920, Portland, Ore.; d. Aug. 20, 2012, Colton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ellamae; sons, Vernon, David, Orhun, Terry; daughters, Verna, Ginger, Heather; 19 grandchildren and 29

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great-grandchildren. Served as a pastor in Havre, Mont., in 1965 and then in northern California until he retired in 1985.

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KEY, WILLIAM J. — b. June 2, 1938, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. May 20, 2012, Corona, Calif. Survivors: wife, Margaret; daughters, Laura Conrad, Kimberly Minesinger; four grandchildren.

LEDINGTON, WILLIAM — b. May 26, 1920, Hutchinson, Minn.; d. Aug. 18, 2012, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ruth; sons, Stanley, John; daughters, Anna Christian-son, Becky Simmons, Barbara Plubell; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

LOGAN, JANET — b. July 21, 1923, Philadelphia, Penn.; d. April 27, 2012, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: sons, Richard Haseltine, Philip Haseltine; daughter, Deborah Prany; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

LORENZ, ARETA (BOSWELL) — b. June 27, 1922, Jefferson, Texas; d. Sept. 22, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Elmer; sons, Lester, John, George; daughters, Carol Tucker, Adelle Beagle; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

MANTZ, EDNA L. (BENTZ) — b. Feb. 1, 1918, Harvey, N.D.; d. May 13, 2012, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: sons, Fred, Tom; daughter, Kathy Payne; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

MARTIN, ALBERT K. — b. May 6, 1932, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Sept. 4, 2012, Rialto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Norma Williams; sons, Albert (Chip), John; daughters, Krista, Kari Melissa Marlowe; three grandsons; sister, Anita Rockwell Hayden.

MCBRIDE, EUNICE — b. Feb. 14, 1912, Okla.; d. Aug. 2, 2012, Westminster, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Beverly Jacobson; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

MENDEZ, RAMONA — b. Aug. 21, 1935, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico; d. Sept. 5, 2012, Salinas, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jose R., George; daughter, Pauline Mendez-Aguilar; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

MILLER, ESTHER LILLIAN — b. Nov. 16, 1919, Stonington, Conn.; d. Aug. 2, 2012, Watsonville, Calif. Survivors: husband, Donald; sons, Carl, Tim; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

NASH, JAMES IRA — b. July 28, 1918, Huntington, W.Va.; d. Sept 5, 2012, Peoria, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Alice; son, Sid; daughter, Carol Trujillo; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild.

OSBORN, LEORA EDITH (FRANKLIN) — b. Jan. 15, 1917, Hyattsville, Md.; d. April 13, 2012, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: son, Tom; brother, Vernon Franklin.

OSBORNE, VIRGINIA (JEYS) — b. Jan. 20, 1923, Nevada, Iowa; d. Aug. 7, 2012, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ellsworth; sons, Charles, John, Edward.

PARDUE, MARIAN — b. May 25, 1927, Rolla, N.D.; d. July 18, 2012, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Loyd; daughter, Elaine Mcauley; five grandchildren.

PENDRY, FYRNN J. (NEVIS) — b. Aug. 21, 1911, Watsonville, Calif.; d. April 29, 2012, Glide, Ore. Survivors: daughter, Candice Rose; brother, Dan Nevis; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Taught at church schools in Camino and Burlingame, Calif.

PETERSON, SALLY (CONGELMAN) — b. Feb. 23, 1925, Deer Park, Calif.; d. May 17, 2012, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: husband, Orval; son, Orley; daughter, Anne Dunn; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

PORCO, CHRISTOPHER B. — b. Feb. 3, 1959, Glendale, Calif.; d. April 2, 2012, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: father, Setty; stepmother, Shirley Hall Porco; brother, Mark; sister, Brenda Porco-Smith.

RENDELMAN, HARRY — b. Aug. 9, 1920, Paris, Ill.; d. June 10, 2012, Magalia, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mary; daughters, Lori, Dianna Urbigit.

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RUEB, LYLIA KATHERINE — b. July 31, 1933, Hillside, S.D.; d. Aug. 25, 2012, Surprise, Ariz. Survivors: husband, Melvin; sons, Craig, Chris; brothers, Harold and Roger Maisch; sisters, Mary Voegle, Gloria Gerber, Debra Hardy; four grandchildren.

SALSA, CLARICE AGATHA — b. Feb. 1, 1921, Berbice, British Guiana; d. Sept. 14, 2012, Chico, Calif. Served as a Northern California Conference Bible worker for more than 32 years in Arcata, Chico, Eureka, Fortuna, Hayward and Yuba City.

SANBORN, AGNES V. (WUTZKE) — b. July 31, 1919, Goodrich, N.D.; d. April 29, 2012, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: son, Richard; daughters, Jeanette Tawney, Joan Frommhagen; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Alfred Wutzke.

SELTZER, CHARLES "CHICK" — b. Aug. 7, 1916, Keokuk, Iowa; d. Sept. 20, 2012, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mabel; sons, Richard, Marvin; daughter, Patt Witt; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

SHAFER, GENE — b. Dec. 10, 1921, Middleborough, Mass.; d. July 2, 2012,

Naples, Fla. Survivors: daughter, Cherilyn Typaldos; four grandchildren.

SNYDER, GARY L. — b. April 5, 1935, Modesto, Calif.; d. April 23, 2012, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dixie; daughters, Steffanie, Lisa Bryant; four grandchildren.

SUELZLE, BEVERLEY JEAN — b. July 10, 1932, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. April 12, 2012, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Karen Morris, Cindy Mansu; sister, Lorraine Crawford; brother, Gary White; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

SWITZER, DONNA RAE (COLE) — b. Jan. 17, 1936, Newberg, Ore.; d. Aug. 25, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert; daughter, Lisa Lechuga; three granddaughters.

TANDY, SUSAN C. — b. Sept. 6, 1942, Napa, Calif.; d. Aug. 5, 2012, Vernonia, Ore. Survivors: brother, Douglas; sister, Cindy. Served Loma Linda University as an executive secretary.

WALKER, LORRAINE (WARREN) — b. July 12, 1924, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. April 16, 2012, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: sons, Wesley Newell, Warren Newell; daughter, Jeanne Ross; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

WIESE, NEVA I. (WOHLFEIL) — b. Feb. 19, 1929, Stanfield, Wash.; d. April 19, 2012, Carmichael, Calif. Survivors: husband, Bill; sons, Leland Miller, David Miller; daughter, Lori Miller; stepsons, Kurt, Craig; stepdaughter, Cristy; sister, Adria Fisher; four grandchildren.

WOODS, ADRIAN C. — b. Feb. 17, 1919, Kettle Lake, Minn.; d. May 14, 2012, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mary Ann; sons, Alan, Norman, Dale; daughter, Joanna Moore; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a pastor in California, Arkansas and South Dakota.



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