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The Well-Dressed Christian

As a young pastor, I was mindful of the example set by the more senior ministers of our conference in the conduct of their work. I recall one pastor who could always be found wearing a black suit, white shirt, and a dark tie to every meeting or social occasion. I was surprised to learn that even when mowing the lawn of the parsonage on Sunday afternoons, he could be seen wearing a white dress shirt and black pants. Although I learned many helpful ministry skills from this minister, I did opt out of his yard work attire.

Choices in clothing and style have been a permanent conversation for Seventh-day Adventists. However, nowhere is the well-dressed Christian better described than by Paul in Galatians 3:27 — “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (NIV, emphasis supplied). Paul uses the metaphor of attire to teach spiritual lessons for living Christ-like lives in the midst of an unChrist-like culture.

“Clothe yourselves with Christ” reminds us of the amazing gift of Jesus’ righteousness imparted by faith alone. Romans 5:1 declares, “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (NKJV). There is peace with God and hope for an eternal future with Him because of Jesus’ work on our behalf. I recall a long-time pastor who had a heart attack. He confided that as he lay in the hospital bed recovering, he knew that earthly accomplishments, his position of leadership in the church, and the titles to which he aspired made absolutely no difference in his standing before God. He concluded, “Once again, I was clinging to Jesus as the Source of my righteousness — my deed to heaven.” Ellen White writes about this gift: “Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God’s presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul” (The Faith I Live By, p. 113).

The wonderful thing about Jesus’ clothing is the effect it has upon us. A supernaturally born desire is awakened to emulate His way of living in our daily discourse and actions. The well-dressed Christian finds in Jesus the pattern for life. In John 13:4 we read, “He rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.” Here is Jesus clothed in the attire of the servant. He lays aside the honor due Him and humbly serves in a capacity that everyone else in the room deemed beneath their dignity. The well-dressed Christian is the one clothed in the Savior’s attire. Here is the one serving when natural pride is bruised and no recognition is forthcoming.

We also see Jesus shod in the simple sandals of the traveler. Those feet walked the hills, towns and villages, and taught in synagogues and the temple. But where did those sandaled feet walk most? It was among the outcast, the oppressed, and those that were looked down upon. In fact, His feet were often found under the tables of feasts and parties where respectable Jewish folks dare not appear. Like the Master, the well-dressed Christian is shod with footwear that leads to the locales and people that need His grace most of all.

As we consider living as well-dressed Christians, may these words from Ellen White encourage us: “When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life.” (Ibid — emphasis added).
Oakland Rally Presents Bridges Initiative to NCC Church Members

The Northern California Conference and the Central California Conference have joined together to bring the good news about Jesus to the cities of Oakland, San Francisco and other Bay Area cities. Their joint effort is called Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus. Church members learned about the new initiative at two rallies on Sabbath, June 22 — in the morning at the San Francisco Central church (Central California Conference) and in the afternoon at the Grand Advent church in Oakland (Northern California Conference).

The afternoon program was preceded by an hour of prayer. The rally was designed to inform and inspire church members through music and the spoken word. Speakers included CCC President Ramiro Cano, Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham, and NCC President Jim Pedersen, among others.

Pedersen and Cano described the genesis of the new outreach plan. Last year, as they attended a meeting at the North American Division, they learned that the Bay Area has the lowest proportion of Adventists of any large metropolitan area in the US — one Adventist for every 1,004 people. As they individually pondered this statistic, they each felt the Lord calling for a joint conference outreach to the Bay Area. A few minutes later, both walked to the back of the auditorium where the meeting was being held. They began talking and discovered they had been given the same idea. “It’s such an overwhelming experience that the Spirit of God was present in that meeting and affected us both at the same time,” said Pedersen.

During his rally challenge, Pedersen emphasized the importance of unity between conferences in order to advance the Lord’s work in such a difficult mission field. “Far too long we have kept ourselves in our little conference boxes,” said Pedersen. “We’re in this together, my friends.”

This idea struck a nerve with listeners at the rally. “This togetherness between conferences has been a long time coming,” said Steven Johnson, Antioch church member.

“We need to stop the ‘your thing, my thing’ approach,” said Kathy Slater, Immanuel Temple church member.

During the rally, NCC administration presented the four phases of the initiative to reach Oakland — a city of 400,000 with only 2,100 Adventists. The phases are sowing (impact the district/community); reaping (help create new believers); keeping (effectively disciple new believers); and planting.

This last phase calls for the presence of Adventists in every district in Oakland. Currently, Adventist churches — Elmhurst, Grand Advent, Immanuel Temple, Market Street and Oakland Spanish — are located in four of Oakland’s...
seven districts. Plans are in the works to plant congregations in the other three districts, as well as “recruit a critical mass of missionaries for each district.” Other plans in this phase include setting up medical clinics, rehabilitation centers and a multi-use Adventist community service center.

Many curious people from local churches had seen signs advertising the rally and came to see what Bridges is about. The audience seemed enthusiastic about the new outreach plan and the way it was presented. “It’s a spiritual inspiration!” said Hayward church member Roy Querol. Leaders and members realize the daunting challenge of reaching such a secular territory for Jesus. They also know that nothing is impossible with God, who asks His people to partner with Him. “The work we have been called to do is not for lukewarm people,” said Pedersen. “It’s for people who are on fire — passionate for the work of God.”

Julie Lorenz

Antioch church member Tina Glenn sings for one of the special musical presentations during the service.

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NCC Hispanic Congregations Celebrate Growth and Milestones

This spring, Hispanic churches throughout the Northern California Conference celebrated the many ways that God has been blessing them. Here are a few:

Caravan Evangelism
During the recent Caravana de Fe (Caravan of Faith), 103 people responded to calls to give their lives to Christ. Visiting evangelist Alejandro Bullón spoke to approximately 2,000 people at six events in five different locations throughout the conference.

The series of meetings started on May 18 at the Hispanic Convocation in the Lodi Academy gymnasium. It continued at the St. Helena Spanish, Concord International, Santa Rosa Spanish and Hayward Spanish churches, and concluded on May 22 at the Oakland Spanish church.

This “caravan evangelism” is common in Peru, where Bullón worked for many years. “I liked it because the church didn’t depend on an evangelist to be there for a week,” said Pedro Trinidad, pastor of the Concord International church. “We knew we had to work with the people who made decisions that night.”

St. Helena Spanish
The St. Helena Spanish church — the “mother church” to many NCC Spanish congregations — celebrated its 50th anniversary in May. More than 500 people attended various programs, which included speakers Elizabeth Talbot, director of the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute; Jose Rojas, president of MOVEmentum; and Bullón.

During the weekend, attendees were surprised by the presentation of a gift from the conference — a framed deed for the property on which the church is built, signed by Ellen White and her son Willie. “That was very special. The whole place just erupted in applause,” said Nancy Jacobo, church clerk and secretary, who coordinated the weekend’s events. The Whites sold the property to the conference for $10 in 1913, and the deed was recently found in a conference vault.

The St. Helena Spanish congregation traces its roots back to 1958, when Donaldo Thomann, chair of the Pacific Union College Modern Language Department, organized a Spanish club to hold religious programs on campus and reach out to the area’s Spanish speakers. After the group grew to include community members, it started meeting for church services. In 1959, the group moved from Angwin to St. Helena. When the church was organized in 1960, with 32 members, Thomann served as the pastor. Since then, it has had 10 other pastors, including the present one, Tony Ávila. Through the years, the church has served as a springboard for many other Spanish-speaking congregations, including the Antioch, Fairfield, Napa and Santa Rosa churches and the Calistoga group.

The congregation seeks to serve local neighbors — many of whom are first generation Latino-Americans. “We are all aware that we need to be a resource for the Spanish-speaking community in the area,” said Isaias Jacobo, head elder.

Chico Spanish Company
On Sabbath, June 8, the Chico Spanish company held the grand opening of its new church building. The event followed a whirlwind process of purchasing and renovating the structure. In mid-March, Pastor José Díaz discovered the church was for sale. The building had originally been a Church of Christ, but most recently it had been used as a Hindu temple.

By the end of April, escrow had closed on the 3,000 square-foot building, located on 1.1 acres. Unfortunately, three days after the sale was complete, a driver crashed into the front of the church, tearing down several trees and a pillar in the entrance way. The congregation took the opportunity to do a full-scale renovation of the building — including the entrance way, platform, sanctuary, garden and more. The church members worked very hard to complete the renovations before the grand opening. Having their own church building is very meaningful to a congregation that had rented buildings for 10 years. “You can see it in their faces and the sparkle in people’s eyes,” said Díaz. “They are so happy to have their own place.”

Julie Lorenz and Ralph Escandon
Churches Team Up for Mission Trip to Guatemala

Members from six different churches banded together as one mission team to minister in Guatemala last fall. Northern California Conference churches — Antioch, Palo Cedro and Redding — were joined by members from the Carson Spanish, Monterey Bay Academy and Palmdale Spanish churches. During their two-week stay, the team held free medical clinics for 800 people and presented two evangelistic series.

Ron Cook, Redding church pastor, held a series in the city of Jalapa, while Stennett Nash (a pastor in New Orleans) held meetings an hour away in Chaparrón — the first Adventist series ever held there, which resulted in a growing church.

The local people were grateful for the help the physicians and the medical team were able to give, including prescribing antibiotics and other medicines and distributing prenatal vitamins. The team also gave fluoride treatments to about 200 children, as well as distributing toothbrushes and teaching basic oral hygiene.

Unfortunately, the physicians also saw a few very sick children, including one boy who was found to have a serious heart condition requiring surgery. Physician Candy Jorteg has been working to raise funds for the boy, José, to have the life-saving surgery he needs in his home country. “We thought if we could get José plugged into the system in Guatemala, he would be able to have long-term follow-up care,” said Jorteg, a member of the Palo Cedro church. So far, about $5,000 has been raised for the boy’s surgery — about half of the necessary funds. (Jorteg’s daughter and her friends at Redding Adventist Academy have been working to raise money for the surgery.) Meanwhile, Cook arranged for a family to take the boy to Guatemala City for medical appointments.

The volunteers also served in other practical ways. They arranged for a local family to get tin for a new roof for their makeshift home. They also distributed bags of food to a poor Mayan village in the mountains and to people living at the local dump. (Due to poor harvests, many people are moving from the mountains to the Jalapa dump, where they scavenge for food.)

Volunteers were deeply moved by what they saw in Guatemala. “The experience changes you, and it changes your entire view on the world. You really don’t understand what the rest of the world is like until you’ve seen it,” said Jorteg. The mission experience “makes you more aware and desirous of helping other people.”

The spirit of the locals also impressed the volunteer team. “You can see the hardship on their faces, but they always have a smile for you,” said Kaye Juarez, from Redding.

Mission trips to the area are a tradition for Antioch church members, who first went to Jalapa in 2006. Since that time, other churches have teamed up with Antioch and gone on five trips, holding 10 evangelistic meetings, as well as medical clinics. Visit www.bc4humanity.com to learn how the nonprofit organization Broken Chains for Humanity is raising money for the work there. One long-term goal is to convert retired ambulances and vans into mobile medical or dental clinics so that local church members in Jalapa can continue to minister to others.

Ron Cook
Four bridges connect the Central and Northern California conferences. Though separated by water, the combined territory includes San Francisco, Oakland and the surrounding communities. Nearly 8 million people live in the Bay Area, so sharing the gospel message is no small commission. The two conferences have joined together to claim their territories for Jesus.

“Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus,” a multi-year initiative, was officially launched on June 22. Two rallies — San Francisco in the morning and Oakland in the afternoon — brought members, pastors, conference and union leaders together to pray, worship and share the vision.

More than 480 people attended the morning rally hosted by the San Francisco Central and Philadelphian churches.

During Sabbath school, teams from San Francisco Latin American and Mountain View Central churches told of recent evangelistic outreaches. And as a personal testimony, Pedro Gomez shared his journey to Jesus and thanked the Lord for sending Cynthia Williams and Linda Capron, members of the Philadelphian church. He was baptized during the service.

Another highlight was meeting the 24-member volunteer team that would train and assist church members how to reach this community for Jesus.

“Bridges are built to connect, to be crossed,” CCC President Ramiro Cano told the congregation during his sermon. “Jesus is the original Bridge between heaven and earth. He bridged the gap of sin. And He is calling His people to build bridges to Him.”

Recounting the story of Peter’s fishing lesson found in Luke 5:1-11, Cano noted that when Jesus asked Peter, a skilled fisherman, to launch his boat into the deep waters to fish during the day, Peter hesitated. After thinking it through and trying to tell Jesus the best way to fish, Peter obeyed the Lord. “Anchored in deep waters and not understanding, Peter dropped his net.” As a result, he caught more fish than his boat could handle.
“Many shared they had never experienced anything like that meeting ever before,” said Cesar De Leon, director of ministerial and evangelism. “There was something in the air, there was evangelistic excitement, missionary joy, a beautiful sense of community. It reminded me of the transcendental words, ‘They were all with one accord in one place’” (Acts 2:1).

CROSS Trainers

“We need workers,” says Roldan Abello, associate pastor of the San Francisco Central church.

The first wave of workers has arrived. Coordinator Jesica Minton, along with 30 nationwide and international full-time volunteers, will work with the city’s 14 churches to inspire and train church members to be involved. “These volunteers stopped what they were doing, quit their jobs and followed God’s calling to be CROSS trainers for a year in San Francisco,” Minton says.

CROSS is an acronym for Churches Reaching Out to Serve and to Save. “Their job is to train and assist church members to be involved, to do evangelism,” Minton explains.

Members learn how to pass out literature, go door-to-door, give Bible studies, become medical missionaries, and assist in other church-planned outreaches. “Seeking people who are hungry for God inspires growth in their own walk with God,” she adds.

Minton’s journey toward this initiative began in the summer of 2012. She was canvassing in Oakland when she heard about a team of student literature evangelists working in San Francisco. “Student literature evangelists aren’t effective in San Francisco,’ I thought. ‘The best they’ve ever done is sell two books.’ The summer team in Northern and Central began to pray. They sold 100 books! In my heart, the burning to go and reach the cities started.”

Later, a two-week mission trip to the city convinced her it was time. “I’d never seen God lead like that in all of my life.”

“The volunteers are well-qualified in evangelistic and medical missionary work. Some even have professional medical backgrounds. They have been trained for this outreach,” says Kelly Morris, coordinator of Operation Blueprint.

Operation Blueprint includes a city-wide evangelistic series planned for April 2014. “Harmoniously merging with a culmination of the first year’s work, there are three priorities,” says Morris. “One, strategically teach the gospel of Jesus Christ via the sanctuary message; two, create small groups of 5-9 members to support outreach, discipleship and spiritual accountability; and three, sustain a prayer initiative to unite members for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.”

Caron Oswald
Marlene Ann Behr was born to Eunice and Fred Stevens on Nov. 21, 1931, in the hospital owned by her parents in Oswego, Kansas (the former Kansas Academy). She graduated from Altamont High School in 1949 and attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb., where she earned a two-year degree in teaching in a year and a summer.

September of 1950 found her employed at Hutchinson Kansas Adventist Junior Academy where Bob Behr was principal. She taught there one year. At the end of the year, she returned to Union College.

In January 1951, Bob was drafted into the Korean War. He was in the service for two years, returning in January 1953. Marlene was finishing college. While Bob worked, they dated, and on June 16, 1954, they were married in Lincoln, Neb. They have been married for 59 years. A daughter, Cindy, was born in 1958.

Marlene spent 51 years teaching in one public and six different Adventist academies, as well as teaching early childhood development courses for both La Sierra University and Pacific Union College. She served various capacities in those years including registrar, secretary, girls’ dean, etc., and taught PE, history, English as a second language, child development, family relations, and home economics.

She impacted thousands of students over the years in the following schools: Oak Park Academy, Campion Academy (where her daughter was born), Golden Gate Academy, Hawaiian Mission Academy (1966-1969 — where she taught her future son-in-law), Orangewood Academy (1969-1983), and returned to Hawaiian Mission Academy in 1983, where she remained until her formal retirement in 1994. During her years at Orangewood and Hawaiian Mission academies, she also taught early childhood development courses for La Sierra and PUC. The Pacific Union courses continued into the 2000s, as well as substitute teaching at both Adventist and Presbyterian schools on Oahu.

In Behr’s spare time, she loved to travel. She made well over 40 trips to Asia, the South Pacific, Australia, and her favorite, Europe. She loved to read and keep in touch with her former students and friends from all over the country.

Behr had a stroke Oct. 9, 2012, and passed away in her sleep the evening of May 16, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Bob; their daughter, Cindy Nylen and husband Bill; a grandson, Billy, and his wife Elizabeth; and one great-grandson, Lenny.

Cindy Nylen

To honor her dedication to Adventist education, her family created the Marlene and Bob Behr Worthy Student Fund at Hawaiian Mission Academy. Behr believed that flowers are beautiful, yet fleeting, but that an Adventist education lasts for eternity. Gifts in her name may be sent to Hawaiian Mission Academy, 1438 Pensacola Street, Honolulu, Hawaii where her daughter currently serves as vice principal and history/creative living teacher.

Marline Behr, respected educator, taught in six different academies over a span of 51 years.
Hawaiian Mission Academy contracted in 2012 with Sunetric, a local full-service renewable energy firm, to install solar energy on campus.

“We’re trying to be a sustainability-minded school,” said Roland Graham, principal. “Installing this system will not only reduce our energy costs significantly, but it will do so with a limited impact on the environment.”

The decision was a timely one. Solar technologies have been steadily improving since the project was first considered in 2007. Unpredictable inflation rates from the electric company gave the school board the incentive to approve pursuing solar energy solutions in 2012. Federal and state tax programs also encouraged renewable energy.

“Nonprofit organizations do not traditionally benefit from tax incentives,” said Graham. “But we found a federal-backed grant that allowed us to work with a financing vendor in putting together a lease. This program gave HMA similar reductions in cost that for-profit organizations receive.”

After vetting several companies, administrators chose Sunetric, and installation began in December 2012.

It took 700 solar panels installed on the roofs of the gymnasium, dormitory and cafeteria to cover 100 percent of the energy needs on campus. These panels will stabilize the rate of inflation and eliminate the school’s energy costs. Projected savings are at $3.9 million over the next 25 years.

“What’s great about our new system,” said Graham, “is whatever power we don’t use gets fed back into the grid so our neighbors can use it. It’s neat that we can share this clean energy with our community.”

HMA will be a fully solar-powered campus by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

Summer Lee
Church members in Castle Valley, Utah, have taken a unique approach to being present in their community. “When a church member suggested that I join the local county search and rescue team, I didn’t know what to think, but the more I thought about it, it just made sense,” shares Pastor Ryan Hablitzel. Grand County Search and Rescue is the busiest search and rescue team in the state of Utah, serving the area out of Moab, with a population of just 9,325.

A mix of tourism, severe temperatures, extreme sports and remote terrain creates an environment where individuals often find themselves in need of assistance. From dehydrated hikers, missing persons, injured mountain bikers, base jumpers and off road enthusiasts, to high angle rope, swift water and avalanche rescue — Grand County Search and Rescue responds to it all.

Church member Kory Meidell once helped a motorcyclist in the back country. “The injured man had to leave his motorcycle behind, so I wrote down the GPS coordinates of his bike on a small evangelistic tract after listening to him share a desire to make positive life changes.”

While direct evangelism is not usually possible with many of the individuals in need, the caring, positive outlook of church members goes a long way to lift the spirits of people in stressful situations. It also gives church members an opportunity to integrate into their community and build friendships with other team members they might not otherwise meet.

“I have had more than one opportunity to share with other search and rescue members about the Sabbath and healthy living,” says Jerry Harris. The presence of church members on the team has increased the community’s awareness of Seventh-day Adventists. Grand County Search and Rescue has even begun rescheduling some training days to Sunday to accommodate the Adventist members who do not attend regularly scheduled training sessions on Sabbath.

Castle Valley church members are also planning to buy an abandoned tram (ski lift) in Moab where they hope to build a creation science museum as a destination point for the millions of visitors that pass by each year.
Winnemucca Church Replaces Dusty Dirt Parking Lot with Pavement

Located in the northern most part of the Great Basin in the state of Nevada, Winnemucca is notorious for its windy weather. Giant billows of swirling dust can create both havoc and a nuisance. Nearly 40 years ago, a tiny band of Sabbath-keepers built a church in town. Green lawns, hedges and trees complemented the facility. However, paving the parking lot was postponed to future generations.

The fine talcum-dust parking lot became a mud pit in the winter and spring. Dirt was constantly being tracked into the sanctuary. In 1996, the members started a fund to pave the lot. For 16 years, members contributed to the parking lot fund, raising $66,000. In 2010, Pastor Robert Roth and wife, Julie, accepted a call to Winnemucca. Under his leadership, a contractor’s estimate of $75,000 was secured. Believing they could never reach this goal, members started to show signs of discouragement.

Roth presented a proposal to the Nevada-Utah Conference requesting $10,000 from Nevada-Utah Conference Advance fund to complete the facility improvement plan. Last year, the conference awarded the church $7,000 to help complete the parking lot project.

Work on the property has continued through the summer. Under the campaign “52 Days,” following Nehemiah’s leadership in building the wall in Jerusalem, several work bees have transformed the dusty, sagebrush lot into a work of art. A 175-foot retaining wall now defines the rear property line. Utilities, including water and electrical power have been installed. Street parking lot lights (donated by Todd Rasmussen, an industrial window contractor from Reno) provide ambiance and security to the 23,000 square-foot paved parking lot.

“We have a great vision for our new parking lot,” explains Roth. “Following the striping of the asphalt next week, we plan on hosting a community ‘block party’ to welcome our neighbors and offer free resources. A Vacation Bible School and FLAG (Fun Learning About God) day camp in August will benefit greatly from this new improvement.”

“We wish to thank our Nevada-Utah Conference Adventist brothers and sisters for helping us realize our dream,” said Roth. “The Nevada-Utah Conference Advance offering shows what can happen when church members from around the conference band together. Conference Advance proves that dreams can come true.”

The monthly Nevada-Utah Conference Advance offering helps local churches realize their dreams. Conference Advance offerings are distributed to churches and schools: 50 percent for evangelism; 25 percent for church schools; and 25 percent to Nevada-Utah Conference capital improvements (land, buildings, and equipment) like the Winnemucca church’s parking lot dream.

Robert Roth

PHOTO BY ROBERT ROTH
The White Memorial Church celebrated the 20th anniversary of its Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs on Sabbath, June 1. Retired educator Terry Ingram, now retired, was the director when the club started in January 1993. “On opening night, there was a tremendous rain storm in Los Angeles,” recalled Kevin Morris, WMC youth pastor. “We had an attendance of three Pathfinders, three staff and three parents — attendees who stayed with the club, in one capacity or another, for years.

“Staff members’ long-term commitment has provided stability to our clubs,” Morris continued. “Our Adventurer club was a first for the church. I initially served as the director, assisted by my wife, Fely, and Kathie Ingram. Our children, Marcus Morris and Annie Ingram, were among the original Adventurer members. When Irene Martinson joined the Adventurer staff as craft director, she really helped us get going.

“Jim Oliver, the current Camp Cedar Falls manager, and his wife, Nove, joined the staff early on. Jim invited his then-WMMC co-worker Robert Torres to join the Pathfinder staff. Torres now directs WMC Pathfinders.”

“Later, we developed the Adventurer Leadership Team Pathfinders who help with the Adventurers,” noted Morris. “It started when a Pathfinder had a younger sibling in the Adventurers. They would bring them to Adventurers, help where they could and, afterwards, take them home. These Pathfinders became an important part of our staff, with at least one ALT assigned to each teacher. The Teen Leadership Training program has helped to keep the interest of teens. Jim Oliver was our first TLT director.

“We are also proud that our club was responsible for writing, piloting and submitting to the NAD the Dutch oven cooking honor,” Morris explained. “When our staff member John Paris became interested in Dutch oven cooking, he experimented at our club campout. The club invested in several Dutch ovens. John Paris and Terry Ingram wrote the honor program. Both have taught it locally, as well as at Oshkosh. Now, we rarely camp out without a cobbler on Saturday night cooked in Dutch ovens.”

“Our daughter, Annie, loved the Adventurer club,” said Kathy Ingram. “As parents, we were grateful for the experience of working with her in Adventurers. It was like seeing pieces of a puzzle in developing the character of children and contributing to their growth as young Christians.”

“A young boy named Peter Harry came to us,” said Terry Ingram. “His mother, on her deathbed, asked if I would help take care of him and his brother. I told her I would do whatever I could. Her husband, who was not a church member, was very diligent in bringing the boys to Sabbath school, church and Pathfinders.

“Peter loved to have fun,” Ingram added. “Whenever we were breaking camp, he would disappear to avoid helping, hiding sometimes in the bathroom by standing on the toilet so his feet didn’t show when we came looking for him! Later, when I was invited back to campouts, my heart was elated to see him take on a leadership role. Peter currently serves as the Teens Leading Teens unit counselor for the WMC club.”

“Looking back over 20 years, it is very rewarding to see all the young people who have come through our clubs,” reflected Morris.

Kevin Morris and Betty Cooney
Tanya Stotz, an elementary teacher at San Fernando Valley Academy, received a national award on Sunday, June 9. Stotz is among 10 teachers selected this spring by the Alumni Awards Foundation to receive a 2013 Excellence in Teaching Award. The award includes a medallion and $2,000 gift sponsored by Loma Linda University.

One of Stotz's most significant teaching experiences noted was the yearly “butterfly experience.” Stotz purchases 250 larvae and brings them to school so the students can experience the entire metamorphosis of the butterfly within their classroom. Like many of her colleagues, Stotz always uses learning tools in addition to the textbook to teach her students, giving them a solid educational foundation.

“In addition to her teaching expertise, Stotz's compassion and commitment to her students is second to none,” said SFVA Principal David Branum.

Stotz is a dedicated first- and second-grade teacher who works untiringly to present outstanding lessons in ways that captivate students and colleagues. Committed to excellence, she has expected nothing less from her students.

“Tanya enjoys exposing her students to new methods which will enhance their learning,” said Sharon Hairston, fifth- and sixth-grade SFVA teacher.

“My desire for every young child to experience love and support at an early age drove me to become a primary teacher,” Stotz said. “My desire to lead each child into a personal relationship with Christ drove me to become a teacher at an Adventist school.

“Our goal is to make a difference in this world by getting close to God and by spreading the gospel message to others, so that 'every nation, tribe, tongue and people' may learn of God's love and the soon return of Jesus,” Stotz said. “I want to impact the lives of my students.”

AAF annually selects 10 teachers from the Seventh-day Adventist school systems across North America. AAF is a nonprofit organization that has awarded grants to Seventh-day Adventist schools and teachers totaling more than $2 million. Since its establishment in 1995, the organization has recognized 115 exceptional teachers with an Excellence in Teaching Award. In 2011, AAF refocused and created the Renaissance Network, an initiative that improves the level of excellence in Adventist schools by providing leadership expertise, vision, resources and training. AAF aims to awaken the Adventist community to the full potential in Adventist education. Learn more at AlumniAwards.org.

Kayce Foote
Love at Work,” a multimedia musical based on the Ten Commandments, introduced a new ministry on May 25 at the Vallejo Drive church. The event combined taped narration by Lonnie Melashenko, former Voice of Prophecy speaker; taped personal testimonies of notable Adventists, and live performances by acclaimed Adventist singers.

Helmed by Yolanda and Schubert Palmer, M.D., the event and ministry were supported by a team of 30 Bible workers and volunteers from nine SCC churches who dispensed free tickets for the musical. The ministry produces R.E.A.D.Y. Bible studies in song, based on the Ten Commandments, with taped songs illustrating commandments highlighted in the lessons (available online at readysda.org).

“The Palmers knew that the Ten Commandments are not only real for people today, they are very important,” said Mike Kim, Vallejo Drive church senior pastor. “Their vision is to portray the commandments as a medium of God’s love.”

On screen, Lonnie Melashenko echoed that theme. “The Ten Commandments is the only page of the Bible written by God. It’s a comprehensive, concise description of the character of God.”

Soloist Neville Peter sang, “If You Love Me,” as his personal testimony. “As I sang an invitation song one time, I realized I had abused my gift of grace that God gave me by living apart from Him,” he said. “I decided to find out what it was really like to live my life God’s way and found that God has a sense of humor. I sang the invitation song to myself — and I accepted the invitation! I was the only one that night.”

“We wanted the musical and the ministry that are part of it to inform and inspire,” said Yolanda Palmer. “Ellen White wrote, ‘There are few means more effective for fixing His Word in the memory than repeating them in song and such songs have wonderful power.’”

After attending the Ten Commandments musical, David Gardner, assistant for pastoral care at Grace Community in Santa Barbara, spoke on the phone with an individual with whom he had been visiting. “Saba, who is from Ethiopia, shares a rare testimony of God’s grace and power which sustained her through war, drought, famine, slave trade and mass rape in her home country. Grateful for what God has done in preserving her life and leading her to “the Water of Life,” she pleaded earnestly, “Pastor, I love God so much, tell me what I should do.” As Gardner prayed about how to respond, she repeated her plea.

Believing he was led by the Holy Spirit, Gardner replied, “In John 14:15, Jesus says, ‘If you love me, keep My commandments.’ You keep all the commandments but one. God is asking you to keep the fourth commandment also.” Then he explained that he had just attended a concert based on that very verse. Over the phone, they studied eight Bible verses on the Sabbath.

The lady’s spontaneous response was, “I will keep the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sunset Saturday. I won’t go shopping or work on Sabbath; I will worship God in church, share a Sabbath meal with others and enjoy fellowship in His Word and doing good during Sabbath afternoons. One day is not too much to give Him for all He’s done for me. I love Him so much that if He asked me to I would worship Him seven days a week!”

Lay Bible workers are offering the Ten Commandments Bible lessons across Southern California Conference in response to the 147 requests for study that came in from the musical.

*E. G. White, Education, 167
New Korean Group Active in Torrance

The South Bay Korean Group celebrated its first anniversary in Torrance on June 15. The group started out at the South Bay church, but moved six months ago so they could hold Sabbath morning services in addition to Friday evening meetings. Before coming to the South Bay area, the pastor, Hyun Soo Kim, spent 20 years in mission service — in China, Russia, Italy and, most recently, Vietnam. Samuel Lee, SCC Asian Pacific Region director, had sparked the congregation, telling Kim, “We have no Korean church in that area!”

On June 2, 2012, the group began with seven family members; on its anniversary Sabbath, more than 28 members and community guests attended. In addition to weekend meetings held in a Christian Science church (located at 1759 Manuel Ave., Torrance 90501), leaders and members conduct four small-group Bible study meetings in their homes: one each evening, on Monday through Thursday.

“On Sabbath afternoons, we go to the Korean market nearby,” explained Kim. “Our members alternate handing out Signs of the Times magazines, health magazines and other literature.”

Kim reported that there are 70 to 80 large Korean Christian churches in the Torrance area. “One pastor came to me with a deacon and elder and angrily asked, ‘Why do you worship on Saturday?’”

Recently, though, another Christian church pastor and elder came to worship with us. ‘I am 80 percent Seventh-day Adventist,’ he told me,” Kim reported.

“On our anniversary Sabbath, one new member sang a beautiful solo for the service,” said Kim. “She has a doctorate in music; her husband is an attorney.”

Grace Jeau, who became an Adventist three years ago, related her spiritual journey. “I attended more than 30 big Sunday churches,” she recalled. “My health was not very good. One day, I attended a health program at the South Bay Korean Group. The speaker was Sang Lee. I talked with Dr. Lee about our gospel, and he gave me books by Ellen White on health and other subjects. His teachings about health brought healing to me. After I read the books, though, I found truth. I love the health message,” she added.

“The Adventist Church is closest to what the Bible teaches,” said Jeau. “I am very happy attending; my husband, Steve, and our son, Simon, are also attending; and Simon is a student at South Bay Jr. Academy. I am studying the Bible now, too.”

Members are preparing for a Daniel and Revelation seminar in October. In addition to the small-group studies and literature handouts at the Korean market, members are going door-to-door sharing literature and inviting people to meetings at the church or in their homes.

A dentist, chiropractor, acupuncturist and an internal medicine specialist are among the group’s members. They are planning monthly clinics at the office of Joseph Lee, DDS, son-in-law of Pastor Kim. In addition, Lee is inviting friends who are health professionals to join them in conducting the free clinics.

Betty Cooney
Central Valley Network Partners to Provide School-Based Clinic in Reedley

Nearly 100 members of the community, school district and students attended a ribbon-cutting in May for the Community Care – Reedley Jefferson school-based clinic, a partnership between the Adventist Health’s Central Valley Network and the Reedley School District. The Community Care – Reedley Jefferson clinic is a partnership between the network and the Kings Canyon Unified School District and was made possible by a $500,000 federal school grant. A physician, physician assistant and care team provide primary care services Monday through Friday.

Glendale Adventist Medical Center President Named CEO of the Year

President/CEO Kevin Roberts has been named CEO of the Year by the Glendale, Calif., Chamber of Commerce. Roberts was among a select group of community leaders honored at the Chamber’s annual State of the City and Awards Luncheon attended by nearly 500 people. Roberts was honored for his many community involvements.

Howard Memorial Hospital Hosts First Annual Prayer Breakfast

Howard Memorial Hospital hosted its first annual Prayer Breakfast on the National Day of Prayer.

St. Helena Hospital Clear Lake Partners to Promote Literacy

The goal of a partnership between the California’s Lake County Office of Education, the Lake County Literacy Task Force and the St. Helena Hospital Clear Lake is to ensure that literacy begins at the earliest possible age. The first 175 babies born at the hospital will receive a book each month through the mail to read, enjoy and keep.

Sonora Regional Medical Center Holds Annual Free Dental Clinic

Dentists, dental hygienists and others volunteered their time and skills to provide the staff, space and equipment for cleanings and restorative procedures such as fillings at a Free Dental Clinic in the foothills community of Sonora, Calif. The hospital has offered this service since 2009, when state budget cuts reduced dental coverage for Medi-Cal patients.

Sonora Regional Medical Center employees Cynthia Jones, RDA, and Jeanette Emery, RDH, work with a patient receiving care at the free dental clinic.

Amid fanfare at the grand opening of Adventist Health’s new Community Care – Reedley Jefferson clinic, Angela Grasser, M.D., cuts the ribbon along with Central Valley Network leadership, city/community leaders, school staff and students.

Kevin Roberts, president/CEO of Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Rita Waterman
The childhood rhyme, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me,” is a lie! Name calling and gossip traumatizes us — sometimes for life. The flipside of negative labeling and criticism is speaking words of positive encouragement. Proverbs states that “The words of the godly are a life-giving fountain ... like sterling silver ...The words of the godly encourage many ... [and] The lips of the godly speak helpful words” (Proverbs 10:11,13,20,21,32, NLT).

Church Support Services is happy to introduce a free web tool to help facilitate positive interpersonal communication. SpiritRenew.org is a portal of encouragement and blessing throughout the Pacific Union and beyond. Features offered include a smartphone app (with over 30,000 downloads) that publishes weekly devotional, health and family life content, and now SpiritRenew eCards to help you commemorate anniversaries, baby dedications, baptisms, birthdays, Sabbath events, and more! SpiritRenew’s eCards include heartfelt messages for family, friends, colleagues, missing church members, as well as other church-related categories. New cards are being developed as well. The format makes it easy to introduce new cards for little cost.

The service is free, but to help limit spam, we do require users to create a username and login. Give it a try, and let us know what you think!

Go to: www.spiritrenew.org/ecards

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Stories of Faith

God is moving upon hearts 24/7 and changing people’s lives. Throughout the Pacific Union, Adventist members are entering into the excitement of sharing God’s healing message with others. What’s your story?

View videos: www.vimeo.com/channels/storiesoffaith
We recently interviewed Chad Stuart, lead pastor of the Visalia Seventh-day Adventist in the Central California Conference, and asked him about his vision for outreach and evangelism.

— ChurchApplied Editor

Editor – There is so much that goes into ministry that people don’t immediately see. How do you measure ministry effectiveness?

Stuart – The first personal measure of effectiveness for me is found in the question, “Am I being true to the convictions God has laid upon me?” If I can answer “yes” to that question, then I find I am able to do my most effective ministry. The times in my life and ministry where I have had my biggest “fails” are when I have compromised on a decision because I didn’t listen to the Holy Spirit convicting my heart, but let another individual or a group’s convictions push me in a direction I was not comfortable with. God is our first boss and the ultimate authority, and we must be true to Him above all! Even if it means conflict or losing our jobs.

The second way I measure ministry effectiveness, and I am aware even as I say this that in some eyes this will make me less spiritual, but that is okay; for me, I measure effectiveness numerically. I used to go along with the reasoning that “numbers don’t matter,” but then I heard Rick Warren say, “Every number represents a person, and every person matters to the heart of God, therefore numbers should matter to us, because people should matter to us.” So at our church, we analyze all kinds of numbers. City demographics, guests/contacts/door knocks, literature distributed, baptisms, overall attendance, retention, giving patterns, volunteers, Bible studies, Bible study leaders, prayer warriors, etc.

Read full article: www.churchsupportservices.org/stuart

Survivor of the Fatherless

Sometimes we don’t have the luxury of having an earthly father to nurture us along and show us the ropes. Then what? Lavance Meeks can tell you all about this.

View video: www.tinyurl.com/okc4cyn

Studying Together App

Studying Together, by Mark Finley, is now available as an iPhone and iPad app. Finley includes 39 new video Bible Study introductions as a part of this valuable study resource. Need study material to share your faith? You now have 50 ready-to-share Bible studies at your fingertips. Price $4.99. Available in iTunes: www.itunes.com
Cowboy-in-tu-i-tive

Adjective: Contrary to intuition or to common-sense expectation.

The more we try to be sensible and follow conventional wisdom, the less like Jesus we are. You may not agree with this, but the evidence is overwhelming that true Christians are “weird” in a good kind of way:

“Love your enemies and be kind and do good [doing favors so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting and hoping for nothing in return but considering nothing as lost and despairing of no one” (Luke 6:35, AMP).

This is not “normal” by today’s standards.

“If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two [miles]” (Matthew 5:41, AMP).

Read full article: www.churchsupportservices.org/weird

inspire Artist Database

If you are an Adventist artist, poet, photographer, songwriter or writer who is serious about your craft and wish to share it publicly, please join the inSpire artist database. Tell us about your passion, give us your website link and contact information so others can learn about your work. Go to: www.visitinspire.org/artist/inspire

inspired to Create

On April 26-28, 2013, a convergence of songwriters, artists, photographers and creative-types of various stripes took place in Berkeley, Calif., to celebrate the arts and share how creativity can be used to glorify God and enrich our lives. One of the opening messages displayed on the big screen throughout the weekend read:

“In the beginning God created...”

“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us’” (Gen. 1:1, 26, NLT).

Sponsored by Pacific Union Conference Church Support Services, the idea of an event for creatives was to foster a greater awareness of the importance of creative expression in our daily lives, specifically as it relates to our mission as a church. Because we live in a media-driven age, we must use media creatively if we want anyone to notice. We can no longer depend upon bland music, stodgy graphics or 20th century media models to attract audiences. We need auditory and visual stimuli that captures people’s hearts with God’s compelling story; music and art that enchants people’s imaginations with heaven’s possibilities and promise!

Read full article: www.visitinspire.org/inspire

Dorothy Stiegler is a renowned blacksmith artist who has taught and practiced her craft in many locations. Not only does she produce incredible art, but she has a powerful conversion story. Listen to her tell how God protected her from serial killer Ted Bundy. Go to: www.visitinspire.org/escape
No Greater Love, by Karl Haffner — No Greater Love is a compilation of timeless stories of human sacrifice and divine love. Full of inspirational stories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for others — both known and unknown. Author, Karl Haffner. Published by Pacific Press. Available at: www.adventistbookcenter.com.

Manifest: Our Call to Faithful Creativity, Edited by Nathan Brown and Joanna Darby. Manifest is a movement of creatives within the South Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists who are responding to God’s call to use their gifts to create redemptive art, music, poetry and literature. Paperback, 181 pages. Publisher: Signs Publishing. Church Support Services has a limited quantity of Manifest and is making it available for $25 (includes shipping). Send check to Pacific Union Conference, Church Support Services, P.O. Box 5005, Westlake Village, CA 91359. Please write the word “Manifest” on your check and include your mailing address.

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GOandDO: Becoming a Missional Christian, by Don Everts. — We are not meant to live safe, happy, successful Christian lives. Jesus calls us to something more. Don’t settle for a life that will soon be forgotten. Mission is not just something for “them.” Mission is for us, here and now. Published by InterVarsity Press. Available at www.ivpress.com.

Roku Correction — In our spring newsletter we stated that you can get 3ABN free of charge using a Roku box, but we have since discovered that 3ABN charges $9.99 a month. HOPE TV and Loma Linda Broadcasting are free. We apologize for the misinformation.
Business School, Student Band Partner to Aid Micronesian Islands

It began as an entrepreneurship class assignment in La Sierra University’s Zapara School of Business — develop a viable venture and demonstrate market acceptance through social media.

Business management and religious studies major Sterling Spence, a member of the business school’s “Principals of Entrepreneurship” class, settled on a path of launching a social venture. Spence, a member of music band The Coyote Bandits, devised a business plan for a band tour that will ultimately become a vehicle for bettering the lives of thousands of impoverished residents of Micronesia, an area of 3,000 or so islands in the South Pacific. His business plan and YouTube ‘elevator pitch’ video, made with the help of friends, earned him an A in the class and the support of the business school.

The group is comprised of six current and former La Sierra University students. Spence’s business plan calls for the group to produce a summer West Coast tour, the Wayfarer Tour, to raise $100,000 for Canvasback Missions Inc. in Benicia, Calif. Established by Spence’s parents 32 years ago, Canvasback Missions provides free medical and dental services, diabetes and nutrition programs and other aid to residents of the tiny islands of the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The Bandits kicked off the tour with an appearance June 25 on Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, then hit the road to perform through July and August, ending at La Sierra University Aug. 25. The band will perform in California, Oregon and Washington, at Redwood Camp Meeting, Soquel Camp Meeting, churches and other venues in between. A tour schedule can be accessed at www.thecoyotebandits.com.

John Thomas, dean of the business school and professor of the “Principals of Entrepreneurship” course described Spence’s approach as an “out-of-the-box idea worth exploring,” Thomas said. “The business plan he wrote is realistic and viable compared to other plans that made claims that were hard to execute.

The Coyote Bandits project embodies the business school’s motto, ‘Create Value. Make a Difference,’ Thomas said. It is a university-wide ethos that has impacted Spence, his friends and many others. “La Sierra has ingrained in me that service to others is so important,” said Spence. “This whole project came through Dean Thomas’s entrepreneurship class. He’s been very supportive.”

To see Coyote Bandit’s tour promotional video, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ni5Y0Q-7eb8.

Darla Martin Tucker

New Environmental Sciences Major Launches in Fall 2013

La Sierra University’s biology department will introduce a new Bachelor of Science degree in environmental sciences beginning in the fall 2013 quarter.

“There has been growing interest among La Sierra’s students in an environmental science major,” says John Perumal, professor of biology. “We have been able to build the new program by integrating many of our existing courses from several departments on campus, and adding a few new core courses. We see this as an interdisciplinary degree program.”

California’s Inland Empire has been at the forefront of society’s push for an environmentally sustainable future. “Our location gives our graduates connections with significant learning opportunities — both real world research and internships,” explains Perumal.

La Sierra has been increasingly recognized by the Riverside community for its efforts to promote an environmentally friendly campus. The addition this new academic program promises to make the campus’s commitment to environmental issues even more tangible.

For more information on the new environmental sciences major, go to lasierra.edu/biology.

Larry Becker
SECC Conducts Four Presession Meetings to Prepare Delegates for Constituency Session

As the conference prepares for its quinquennial constituency session, four area presession meetings were held for delegates. These meetings were intended to be informational, as well as a sounding board for delegates to ask questions and suggest agenda items.

The four presession meetings were held in different areas of the conference’s territory in order to give all delegates an opportunity to attend. The first meeting was held at the La Mesa church in San Diego on April 21. The second meeting took place at Orangewood Adventist Academy on April 23. The next one took place at the Riverside Kansas Avenue church on May 2, and the last meeting was held at the Loma Linda Indonesian church on May 7.

Each presession meeting started with a devotional. Speakers presented a short message and asked for blessings over the meeting and the upcoming constituency session.

During the meetings, delegates heard reports from each of the three administrative officers, Gerald Penick, president; Sandra Roberts, executive secretary; and Verlon Strauss, treasurer. The three administrators gave reports on conference happenings over the past five years from their respective positions.

Delegates also heard from the bylaws committee. The committee presented suggested updates to current conference bylaws, and updated the delegates on the committee’s progress over the last five years.

Those in attendance were also informed of a major change to the first quinquennial (formerly quadrennial) session. In order to consume less paper and be more echo-friendly, the conference moved all information that was once printed and handed out to a web-based model. Delegates were encouraged to check the session website, seccsession.org, for updates on meetings, agendas, departmental reports and other pertinent information regarding the constituency session.

After hearing reports and updates, delegates were encouraged to ask questions or make comments on the presentations. Delegates were also invited to present items they would like to see placed on the constituency meeting agenda. Before departing, delegates completed a survey. This survey served as a ranking system for agenda items presented.

“I think it was great to hear from the constituency and to recognize that there are some needs from within the conference that we need to pay attention to,” said George King, vice president for black ministries. “It is always good to see church members discuss the work of the church. That is exciting to me.”

Once all the information from the presession meetings was collected and organized, it was presented to the conference executive committee. The executive committee will vote the final agenda for the Oct. 27 constituency meeting.

Chloé Jacqueline Vander Zwan

Conference officers collaborate before responding to a question from a delegate at the Loma Linda Indonesian church. Pictured from left to right: Sandra Roberts, executive secretary; Verlon Strauss, treasurer; Gerald Penick, president; Andy Lampkin, chair of the meeting and member of the executive committee.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the First Quinquennial Session of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

La Sierra University Church
4937 Sierra Vista Ave.
Riverside, California
9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013

The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports; elect conference officers, vice presidents for ethnic minorities, the executive committee and the bylaws committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Gerald Penick, president
Sandra Roberts, executive secretary
Verlon Strauss, treasurer

Julihana Madison, chair of the bylaws committee, shares with delegates at the San Diego county meeting the proposed changes.

Delegates at the San Bernardino county meeting, which took place at the Loma Linda Indonesian church, vote on a recommendation of an agenda item for them upcoming conference constituency session in October.
Students from Mesa Grande Academy and La Sierra University designed and built a modern-construction Navajo-style hut, called a hogan, for a Native American family. They began the project in November 2012 and finished in April 2013.

Thomasina Nez had been surviving with her large family in Cameron, Ariz., in an inadequate trailer. When her husband died in 2010, the family struggled on many fronts, especially financially.

Mesa Grande Academy’s principal Alfred Riddle came across their situation in 2011 while looking for an opportunity where he could direct the Christian Youth Builders’ resources. CYB is a mission service project agency of southwestern Adventist schools.

Riddle said, “The Nez family lives 40 miles off of dirt roads to nowhere [in] a third-world mission in the U.S.”

While taking an architectural drawings class, MGA senior Jeremy Noble drew a 3D schematic of a hogan on the computer. The school used his blueprint design for the project and is expecting to keep it as the standard for future hogan projects, an example of how academic classroom experience can combine with meaningful service.

Students wanted to help the Native American family and readily adopted the project. MGA joined with Project Pueblo, founded by alumni of LSU and U.C. Berkeley, and the Forgotten Navajo People through the Marsha Monistersky Foundation.

During their 2012 Thanksgiving break, 31 high school students and eight adult sponsors constructed the entire outside shell, leaving a weather-tight building ready for interior construction.

University students from LSU and U.C. Berkeley finished the interior during spring break this year. By April 2013, their friends moved into the new hogan and called it home — and an answer to many prayers.

“We have been so worried for the family,” explained the Rev. Richard Bush of the Cameron Assembly of God church. Shortly before Nez’s husband unexpectedly died, he had committed his heart to Jesus and become active in the church. Riddle and Bush were amazed at how the Spirit of Christ had extended beyond cultural and denominational barriers.

“I am completely amazed by the enthusiasm and ability of our youth and their capacity to want to do something for someone else. It is something that makes your heart glad,” admired Riddle.

For more information, call Riddle at 909-855-5193.

Kimberly Grace
Vacation Bible School is more than a fun summer activity for children. It is a unique opportunity for learning and outreach within each church's local community. Throughout Southeastern California Conference, coordinators and volunteers are approaching VBS in unique ways.

The Fontana-Juniper Avenue church may be small, but they take on VBS with enthusiasm each summer. This year, a volunteer team accompanied children through the theme of “Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God.” Focusing on love and family, the program explored new ways of viewing Bible stories.

“Take the story of Esther,” said DeDe Cruz, a volunteer from Fontana-Juniper Avenue church. “Instead of concentrating on Haman, the bad man, we considered how Esther’s uncle Mordecai loved her so much.” This more interactive, up-close view of positive individual characters was not only helpful for the children, but intrigued the volunteers, as well. Cruz went on to say that even as an adult she “learned a different way to look at the story.”

Angie Ross of the Palm Springs church explained that their VBS session was slightly different from previous years. Aside from advertising in their local libraries and boys’ and girls’ clubs, the program was held in the evenings to emphasize family togetherness.

“We provided a light dinner,” said Ross, “so that parents and kids could come participate together without having to worry about going home to eat.” As they immersed themselves in the theme of “Athens: Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth,” volunteers hoped that parents and children would be able to learn about sharing the gospel in spite of the feeling of adversity. The church also held two separate segments of VBS, one during the early evening for the young children in kindergarten and below, followed by another for older children and preteens. This allowed for the smaller children who have earlier bedtimes to get the most out of the experience without falling asleep.

“It was something we’ve been noticing during the past couple years,” said Ross, “so we tried something new. This year, the youngest kids were done with their program by the time the older ones were just beginning their crafts.”

While both churches are small, and don’t yet have a heavy presence in their communities, they welcome each family and child that is brought closer to Christ.

“We’re all blended together in the end,” said Cruz. For her and her family, VBS is also an opportunity for personal growth. Her son Ryan led the crafts every night, making the entire experience interactive.

“It doesn’t really matter how old you are,” Cruz says. “You can see them ‘get it.’ You can see the light bulbs come on when people realize that the Bible stories are applicable to their daily lives.”

When asked if she was disappointed that there was not a larger response from the community this summer, Cruz chuckled. “It’s about growth. One candle lights another candle.”

The Colton church shared the theme of “The Kingdom Rocks,” making Bible stories that deal with knowing God’s love and experiencing His power more relatable to children. Colton has a history of utilizing VBS to reach out to the children in the community. Over the last several years, they have baptized several young people as a result of VBS.

This year was no different. “We consider VBS ministry to be an evangelistic outreach to the community,” said Ulisese Mataafa, pastor of the Colton church, as he clarified what goes into the planning each summer.
For Colton, like many other churches, VBS is a family activity for the church members who participate. “The VBS ministry brings our church family close to each other — we feel rewarded to see so many children from the community coming out every year,” said Mataafa. Of the 80 to 100 children attending this year’s VBS, about 80 percent were non-Adventist. Some of these children have attended for years, and invite their own family and friends, resulting in a community function activity.

Colton also keeps track of how many children attend VBS every year in order to utilize the list for follow-up ministries, such as children’s church, Sabbath nature field trips and other outreaches. This way, they extend the evangelism of the summer program throughout the year.

While the church members always feel blessed to lead children and their families to Christ and baptism, that is not what drives their VBS ministry. “Our main emphasis is on building community relationships so that families with children can feel comfortable in claiming that they belong to our church family,” said Mataafa.

Natalie Romero
Gustavo Martin Elected Arizona Conference Education Secretary

When former education superintendent Ruben Escalante announced his decision to return to California to full-time pastoring, the conference officers began searching for his replacement. During his three years in Arizona, Escalante brought many innovations and became a valuable part of the Arizona Conference family.

“We considered many highly qualified people,” says Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile, “but finally realized the right person for the job was already working in the conference and available to take the reins of leadership. I look forward to working with my good friend Gus Martin and truly believe he will continue to make Christian education his focus. Gus loves our kids and will do a great job!”

Gustavo Martin was born in Argentina to missionary parents serving in Bolivia at the time. His father, Claudio Martin, pastored the Paradise Valley Spanish and Mesa Spanish districts until his sudden death in March 2011. His mother, Elba, is a member of the Glendale church.

“I grew up involved in our denominational education system,” Martin says. “My father became the education superintendent for the Austral Union, part of the South American Division. Because of this experience, my passion has been to teach and lead young people to serve God and the church.”

For his undergraduate studies, Martin attended River Plate Adventist University in Argentina, pursuing a degree in the science of education. Later, when the family moved back to Grand Rapids, Mich., he earned his master’s degree in education. Currently, he is working toward his Ph.D. in educational technology.

Martin’s work experience ranges from elementary level to community education as a teacher and administrator. His past successes taught him the value of education and the influence it can have in society and the church.

“My vision for the Arizona Conference,” he says, “is to see our schools grow and take advantage of the many technological resources available to improve, not only academically, but spiritually, as well. I believe our schools should become evangelistic centers where our young people can be given the opportunity to accept Jesus and share the good news of His second coming with everyone around them.”

“I am pleased with the choice made by the search committee and confirmed by the executive committee,” Escalante says. “Gustavo Martin is passionate about Adventist education; he has a heart for students and a strong commitment to Jesus Christ. I am confident Gus will work tirelessly to further the cause of Christ in the Arizona Conference school system.”

Martin and his wife, Heidi, have three boys: Kevin, 14, Kenneth, 12, and Nickolas, 7.
Two Ordained at Arizona Camp Meeting

Pastors Myckal Morehouse and Felix (Phil) Vecchiarelli were ordained to the gospel ministry during Arizona camp meeting on Sabbath, June 8.

Both men regularly attended classes conducted by Arizona Conference ministerial director Ed Keyes for unordained pastors. Keyes says, “Myckal and Phil are doing outstanding jobs as pastors, and I’m proud to recommend them for ordination.”

Morehouse is the only child of Allen and Rene Morehouse. Since an early age he wanted to become a minister.

He began his study of theology at Avondale College in Australia. During this time, he says he experienced a recurring vision where he saw God using him to preach to thousands the message of righteousness as a gift obtained by faith. In this vision, as men and women received the message, God’s Spirit would fall upon them and there was a great revival. This vision continued throughout his entire year at Avondale. A year later, he returned to the United States and enrolled at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas.

While preaching an evangelistic campaign in Tennessee, Morehouse met Delaney Magee. They were married May 28, 2006. Two months later, they began their ministry in the Arizona Conference where he was associate pastor at Litchfield Park Evangelism Center and Paradise Valley church.

Morehouse developed a 40-day devotional program, a 10-day evangelistic outreach to non-religious individuals, and led many people to Christ through personal Bible studies and evangelistic seminars.

He also began a master’s degree program at Southern Adventist University while Delaney completed her degree as a naturopathic physician.

Recently Morehouse helped facilitate the merger of Litchfield Park and YES Adventist Fellowship churches, resulting in the new Desert Cove church. The congregation hopes to move into its new church building by Christmas.

The Morehouses have one son, Joshua. Phil and Sharon Vecchiarelli currently pastor the church at Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, Ariz.

Phil is the oldest son of Adventist parents who he says made great sacrifices to put him through Adventist schools.

Growing up in Fresno, Calif., Vecchiarelli decided to stay home for college and enrolled at Fresno State University, studying to be a physical education teacher. Though something didn’t feel right about that career path, so he changed his major to history.

Vecchiarelli felt impressed to take a break from college, so he interviewed for a position at Holbrook Indian School. He was hired, and moved there in January 2001. There he met his now-wife Sharon Dedman. Today, the Vecchiarellis have three children: Felix, 10, Eliza, 7, and Titus, 3. They have also opened their home to 24 foster kids during the past 18 months.

Vecchiarelli accepted a call as youth pastor at Fresno Central church and served there three years.

Eventually, Vecchiarelli felt called back to Native American Ministries in Arizona. He spent three years pastoring in Kinlichee and Window Rock, learning a lot about the Navajo people. He then accepted a call to pastor at Holbrook Indian School.

Vecchiarelli loves preaching about Jesus. His goal is to be in heaven before Felix is a teenager, he says.

“Myckal and Phil are uniquely gifted and have great futures as soul-winners,” says Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile. “Both men are dedicated to winning men and women to Jesus. We are blessed to have them work in the Arizona Conference.”
Fifth Annual Maxwell Scholarships Awarded to Incoming Pacific Union College Freshmen

The Maxwell Scholarship is Pacific Union College’s most celebrated student award and its most prestigious scholarship. The Maxwell Scholar Program is named in honor of Pacific Union College’s longest serving president and the only alumnus to serve as the school’s top administrator, Dr. Malcolm Maxwell, who along with his wife Eileen dedicated his life and career to Adventist education and ministry. Each year since 2009, five scholarship recipients have been selected, and their gifts in academics, leadership and service honor Dr. Maxwell’s legacy from the moment they begin attending PUC.

The Maxwell Scholars are chosen from applicants who must demonstrate academic success throughout high school. The selection committee learns about the scholars through the application process, which includes sharing personal experiences in formal essays and demonstrating significant Christian leadership and service experiences. Of the hundreds of incoming freshmen, only five applicants could be selected as outstanding finalists and deserving recipients of the first-place award of $15,000 in annually renewable scholarship funds. For the 2013-2014 academic year, the Maxwell Scholar Program selected as their finalists Armando Camacho-Santos, John Reynolds Jr., Caitlin Terukina, Taleah Tyrell, and Charlene Wang.

Armando Camacho-Santos
Armando Camacho-Santos of Concord, Calif., achieved success both in athletics and service during his time as a student at Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy. Before graduating with high honors from PHAA, Camacho-Santos managed to find time to volunteer to homeless communities in the Bay Area, both play and coach varsity soccer, attend a mission trip to Belize, and serve as a group leader for younger students during a spiritual retreat to Leoni Meadows. Camacho-Santos, who is also a first-generation college student, felt blessed to receive the scholarship.

“In fourth grade, I moved to California after living in Mexico my whole life,” Camacho-Santos recalled. “I came in speaking zero English. I still remember all the hours my teacher Mrs. Sanders spent with me, trying to teach me the regular work plus a new language. So when I was told that I was one of the finalists, all I could do was smile and say thank you, over and over.”

John Reynolds Jr.
The second finalist, John Reynolds Jr. of Kailua, Hawaii, who also goes by JJ, is a newly-minted graduate of Hawaii Mission Academy in Honolulu. Reynolds spent much of high school consciously preparing for collegiate success and post-secondary leadership scenarios. In addition to high academic honors and mission trips to the Philippines and Kenya, Reynolds served as the student association president at Hawaii Mission Academy his junior and senior years, leading the way in several significant campus renovations, as well as being the varsity basketball and volleyball captain for three and four years respectively.

Caitlin Terukina
Caitlin Terukina of Moreno Valley, Calif., is another academically successful finalist who demonstrated spiritual leadership during her time in high school. In her years at Loma Linda Academy, Terukina ministered to her classmates as senior class president, to children as a Vacation Bible School leader at Mission Road Seventh-day Adventist Church, and to the...
congregation of the same church as a performing member of a contemporary praise band. Terukina is a high achiever in sports also, as she picked up several prestigious awards in high school, including Most Valuable Player in both varsity girls flag football and basketball, along with Loma Linda Academy’s 2012 Athlete of the Year award.

Taleah Tyrell

Taleah Tyrell of San Diego, Calif., earned recognition as a Maxwell Scholar in part for her contributions to American democracy. In addition to her outstanding academic success and tireless church involvement while a student at San Diego Academy, Tyrell worked in Washington, D.C., as a page for the United States Senate where she was required to memorize the faces and names of all 100 senators and serve as the first point of contact when organizing and processing bills and amendments. Her experience in government also included volunteering for the Registrar of Voters in San Diego County by counting ballots, monitoring voting activities, and assisting disabled voters during the 2012 presidential election.

“To be named a Maxwell Scholar is a blessing,” Tyrell explained. “At the same time it is a great responsibility and challenge to, by God’s grace, continue to contribute positively to the legacy of the Maxwell Scholar Program.”

Charlene Wang

Charlene Wang of Redlands, Calif., was awarded the Maxwell Scholarship after demonstrating to the selection committee her excellence in multiple areas of academy life including community service, music and drama, ministry and academics. Wang began earning academic credits for college as early as her sophomore year at Loma Linda Academy and continued to do so while being enrolled in four dual credit classes with La Sierra University. During her time in high school, Wang performed as first soprano for Loma Linda Academy’s Pro Musica singing group, volunteered 173 hours of her free time at a hospital tending to patients’ needs, and taught Bible studies as LLA’s student ministry director.

Semi-Finalists

The 2013 semi-finalists were Jeremy Brown of Lodi Academy, Brett Dickinson of Newbury Park Adventist Academy, Ryan Goldring and Daniel Grigore of Mountain View Academy, and Natalie Wolske of Monte Vista High School. These runners-up will receive an annually renewable scholarship worth $12,000.

The five finalists and five semi-finalists join hundreds of other incoming PUC freshmen in September for the start of the 2013-2014 academic year, where they will continue to honor the legacy of Dr. Malcolm Maxwell not through the submission of scholarship forms and résumés but as contributing members of a vibrant school community and worshipful student body.

Martin Surridge
Union Holds First Asian/Pacific Bible Conference

More than 110 Asian/Pacific pastors and their spouses attended the first Asian/Pacific Bible conference held at Camp Cedar Falls in Angelus Oaks, Calif., April 28-30.

Guest speaker and lecturer, Jiri Moskala, Th.D., Ph.D., is a professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology, chair of the Old Testament department, and dean-elect of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

The lectures, inspired by the theme, “God, Adventist Identity and Mission: A Fresh Look into the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6-13,” earned commendations from the participants. “Dr. Jiri Moskala hit home the theme of the Bible conference,” said Mark Lastimoso, associate pastor of the Glendale Filipino church. “I appreciated the relevance of his messages in my ministry and am so glad to have attended the meeting. Truly, it was worth taking the time off!”

“Although there have been many presentations on this topic, our presenter cited simple, practical insights and different dimensional understandings of the characteristics of God that pastors can share with their members,” said Jonathan Park, vice president for Asian/Pacific ministries for the Southeastern California Conference. “We learned to see a God who extends His concern and heart for His followers.”

Music set the mood for each presentation, and time for questions followed, to encourage audience participation and feedback.

“The conference was very beneficial to us,” said Naofumi Nozawa, senior pastor of the San Francisco and Mountain View Japanese churches. "It was great to see former seminary friends, spend time with one another, and pray together. Being out in nature listening to what God has to say was refreshing. Dr. Moskala brought biblical perspectives that people sometimes miss on the judgment, the three angels’ messages, and other important issues. I can definitely plug some of the shared insights in Bible studies and sermons.”

“I am looking forward to the next Bible conference,” Park says. “Besides the fact that Dr. Moskala is a well-loved speaker, I credit the event’s success to the leadership and diligence of the Asian/Pacific ministries directors in our conferences,” said Vic Louis Arreola III, Ph.D., Asian/Pacific ministries director for the North American Division and the Pacific Union. “I thank my team — Glenn Sta. Ana (Arizona), Dan Botabara (Central California), William Gemora (Northern California), Jonathan Park (Southeastern California), Sam Lee (Southern California), and Maricel Felarca, my administrative assistant, for working with me in making this conference happen. I’m very pleased with the notable attendance and hoping more will attend our joint West Coast and East Coast NAD Asian/Pacific pastors’ conference on Feb. 23-26, 2014.”

Maricel P. Felarca
Central California


Southern California Conference

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PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION (Sept. 6-8) Leoni Meadows. Info: Youth Ministries Department, 925-603-5080.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (Sept. 6-8) Sacramento-area hotel. YOU CAN have a better marriage! Info: Rob & Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798 or purvis4@comcast.net; John & Carolyn Wilt, 916-362-6244.


Southeastern California

CAMP MEETING (Aug. 2-31) 11125 Campus Street, Loma Linda, 92354. Services will be held Fridays at 7 p.m.; Sabbath worship 9, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. The services will cover several themes. Info: Mary K. Becker, 909-558-4570, ext. 4709 or www.lluc.org.

SECC WORSHIP at the Beach (Aug. 9) 3-9 p.m., Coronado Beach. Big franks and s’mores will be provided. You are welcome to bring whatever else you wish to grill. Info: Liz Adams, 951-509-2260 or www.seccyouth.com.

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ANAZI, DIANE (BETAT) — b. April 4, 1960, Santa Monica, Calif.; d. Jan. 8, 2013, Mariposa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Morris; daughter, Jessica; two grandchildren; father, Heinz Betat, mother, Maria Betat; brother, Olfat Betat. Served as a teacher at Holbrook Indian Mission School and as an RN.


HOOPER, DAVID E. — b. May 21, 1956, Glendale, Calif.; d. March 6, 2013, San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lynda (Winterberg); son, Chase; daughter, Gabrielle; mother, Harriet; brothers, Jim, Dan; sister, Jan Lind.


KUHN, LEVI DONALD — b. June 25, 1938, Whittemore, Manitoba, Canada; d. May 25, 2013, Roseville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rose Marie; sons, Troy, Mark; four grandchildren; brother, Lloyd Kuhn; sister, Dorothy Holm.


MORRISON, BILL EDWARD — b. July 25, 1925, Burk Burnett, Texas; d. May 27, 2013, Citrus Heights, Calif. Survivors: wife, Eleanor; son, Bruce; daughters, Lynn Sanders, Susan Mallory, Sharyl Tobin; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.


MUSGRAVE, LILLIAN BERNICE (DEMELT) — b. June 7, 1935, Waukesha, Wis.; d. June 2, 2013, Camino, Calif. Survivors: husband, John; daughters, Judy Shevake, Lor; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Clayton DeMelt; sister, Christine Washivelyshen.


Covel, Calif. Survivors: wife, Luthean (Estey); sons, Geoffrey, Gregory, Douglas; daughter, Cynthia Hudson. Served in U.S. public health service; as a missionary doctor in Nigeria; family practice in Dunlap, Tenn.; and for U.S. Indian Health Service in Covel, Calif.


WAT, BO YING – b. Feb. 15, 1925, Honolulu, Hawaii; d. April 19, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Margaret Lui; son, Michael; daughters, Karen Nielsen, Linda Jacobson, Pamela Caster; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.


Name: Jonathon Payne

Hometown: Riverside, California

Major: Biochemistry/University Honors Program.

Why Biochemistry?: Jonathon’s favorite books as a child were those showing cut-away illustrations of skyscrapers and cruise ships. He loved seeing how internal parts contribute to the function of the whole structure. Biochemistry lets him do the same thing with the human body.

Summer Plans: Conducting mentored research in the lab of Dr. Sinisa Dovat of Penn State University, attempting to develop specialized treatments and genetic screening for pediatric leukemia patients.

Career Goal: Developing a targeted cure for childhood leukemia.

Perspective: “La Sierra University gave me the opportunity to find what I am passionate about. My professors then gave me the knowledge and skills to go out into the world and do something meaningful about it.”