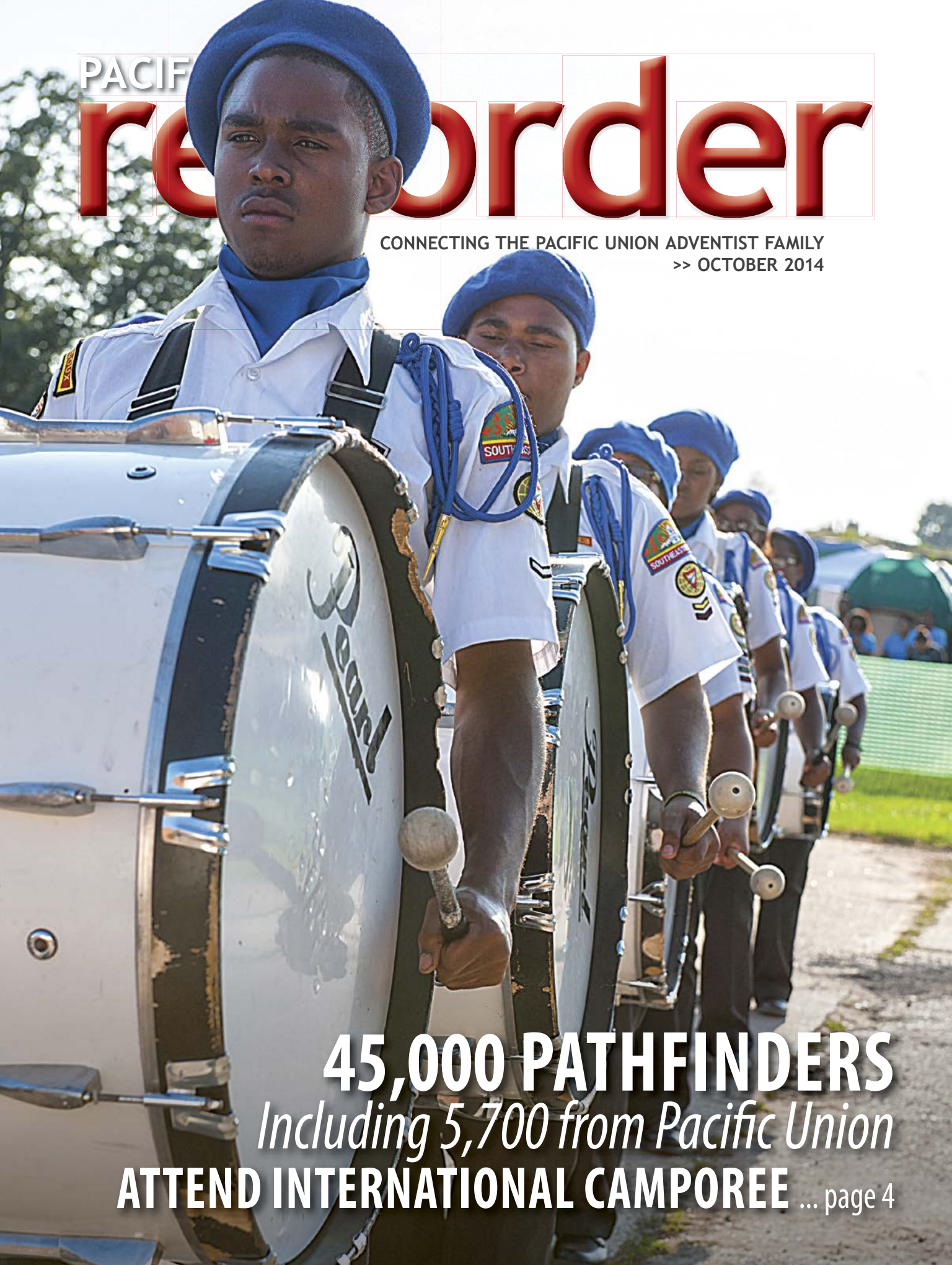


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Pathfinders from the Mt. Rubidoux club, Southeastern California Conference, practice on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, for the parade on Sabbath.

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Tell Them

The other day while a barber was finishing my hair cut, I over heard another barber speaking to his client. It caught my attention. As he concluded his commentary, he said, "I don't think this world is going to last much longer." I really was trying to mind my own business and not eavesdrop, but then he turned to me and asked, "What do you think?"

I told him I agreed. Then he went on to say

"Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains" (Matthew 24:4-8).

he had read an entire series of books on the end times. Being somewhat familiar with the series of books he mentioned, I told him that I didn't necessarily agree with the approach of the author and told him that I had issues with the secret rapture idea those books presented. He asked me what I meant, and I told him I needed more time to answer that question — the serious nature of the subject should really be shared from a study of the Bible. He invited me to his house, and when I told him I would be out of town for a few days, he gave me his business card with his cell phone number on it. "I really want to know," he said. I promised to call when I returned to town to arrange a study time, which I did. We will meet next week for our first study session.

This young man, about 30 years old, is not alone. There are probably thousands surrounding us who want to know Bible truths — truths given to the Seventh-day Adventist church, not to keep to ourselves, but to tell others. Many have receptive hearts that God has prepared to receive His truth. I believe that the Holy Spirit is speaking to hearts in amazing ways to ready people to hear the message that we as

Adventists sometimes take for granted. Just read the August and September 2014 issues of the *Pacific Union Recorder* where some of these things are reported. (Actually, these types of stories from around our union territory appear in every *Recorder* issue). God is at work on hearts and minds. We need to join him as His workers so that there will be a mighty harvest when Jesus comes (see Luke 10:2).

By the way, the conversation preceding his statement of the world's demise touched on Israel and Hamas bombing each other's territory; ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Greater Syria) the "successor" to Al-Qaeda and its horrendous deeds, which Saudi King Abdullah ibn Abdilaziz referenced when he said those terror groups could reach Europe and America within months.

King Abdullah may be right in his prognostication; he may be wrong. But I do know a King who is always right: Jesus.

He said in Matthew 24: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains" (Matthew 24:4-8, NIV).

What we are witnessing in these events and more are the beginning of birth pains. Jesus also noted a prominent sign when he said in verse 14: And this gospel of the kingdom will be

preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Yes, there is the prediction of wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, famine, and pestilence (epidemics and pandemics). More importantly, Jesus promised to be with us to the very end. Things will get worse before they get better, but we cling to the blessed hope of Jesus' soon return, which is a sure promise made

by One who cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

Only God knows when that will be; but completing the mission given us in Matthew 28:18-20 seems to be prominent in the scheme of things. Yes, there are countries in the "10-40 Window" that need to be reached

with the gospel, but there are also people in the barbershop, at the salon, in the gym, maybe on the treadmill or elliptical machine right next to you who want to know. Let's tell them.

Ricardo Graham



5,700 Pacific Union Pathfinders Attend International Camporee in Oshkosh

The Pacific Union, with more than 5,700 Pathfinders in attendance, was the fourth largest group attending the 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 11-16. At least 87 Pathfinders from the Pacific Union made decisions to be baptized, most of whom were baptized at the camporee.

The campout, held at an airfield in the city of Oshkosh every five years, brought together 45,000 people from North America and another 2,000 from 50 other countries.

The event, themed "Forever Faithful," focused on Daniel, with evening programs offering theatrical performances from the life of the biblical hero who rose from the lowly post of captured slave to Babylon's prime minister thanks to his trust in God.

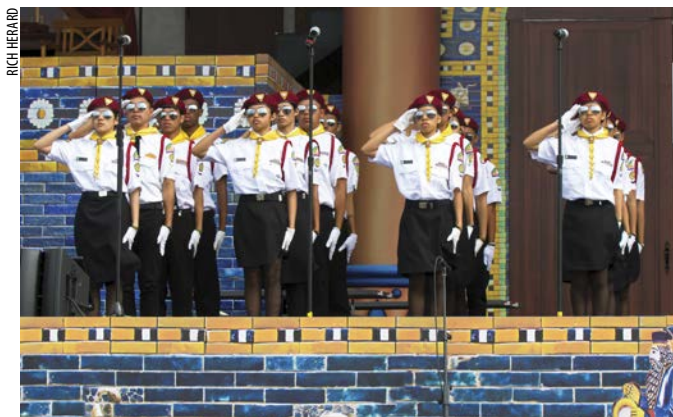
The programs, staged in an outdoor amphitheater with five large video screens, also featured a video summary of the day, puppet acts, Pathfinder talent showcases, worship songs, and a 10-minute talk by keynote speaker Sam Leonor, chaplain of La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif.

Each evening, Leonor summarized a lesson from the latest installment of the Daniel performance and added a personal anecdote before urging the children to accept Jesus — the main goal of the event.

"Jesus is forever faithful," Leonor told the crowd on the evening of Aug. 14.

More than 600 Pathfinders were baptized on the evenings of Aug. 13, 14 and 15 and the morning of the final day, Sabbath, Aug. 16, according to Daniel Weber, communication director for the church's North American Division.

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Loma Linda Filipino church drill team performs a synchronized marching routine during the Sabbath service.



Mariened Aviles and David Zamarron of Sacramento, Calif., file their mallet heads to remove splinters while completing the Oregon Trail Honor.



The Southern California Conference truck arrives with all the camporee gear.



Pathfinders attending the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee meet for the evening program.

Pacific Union

This was the fourth time that the North American Division Pathfinder Camporee, hosted by the Andrews University-based Center for Youth Evangelism, was held in Oshkosh, a gathering that increased the city's population by about 70 percent.

"I've never been so physically exhausted, but I've never been happier to be this tired," Ron Whitehead, camp organizer and director of the Center for Youth Evangelism, said at the start of the event, which he said takes four years to plan. "We really care about and value our young people."

Daily activities included community service projects such as making arts and crafts with children at a local public library, cleaning up the

Winneconne lakeshore, and pulling weeds, cleaning windows, and loading trucks at a Salvation Army community center. The Pathfinders also earned "honor" patches and participated in various learning activities.

Some Pathfinders might seem to deserve an honor patch for just reaching Oshkosh. Eleven Pathfinders from the Carolina Conference made the 830-mile trip by bicycle in nearly three weeks. Other Pathfinder clubs spent years organizing car washes and bake sales to earn the entrance fee of \$195 per person, plus money for travel expenses and supplies.

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Ricardo Graham, left, president of the Pacific Union, baptizes two Pathfinders, Rachel and Kaitlyn Stubbert, on Aug. 14, at the camporee. The girls are members of the Thousand Oaks, Calif., Pathfinder Club.

BRENT HARDINGE



The most sought-after pin at the camporee was the Pacific Union pin.



John Nevstadt, of the Cloverdale Sunseekers Pathfinder Club in the Northern California Conference, points to the pin he wants.

TERRENCE BOWEN

TERRENCE BOWEN

Kylie Speyer of the Santa Rosa Guardians Pathfinder Club in Santa Rosa, Calif., navigates the space walk obstacle course.



Unexpected wind and rain shortly after the camp opened turned the 500-acre campground into a muddy field. But few Pathfinders complained.

"It's been kind of challenging. Our kitchen tent flew away," said Terell Rhooms, 15, from the Frontiers Pathfinder Club at Hope Adventist church in Toronto, Canada. He spoke as he waited for the airfield's hangars to open so he could play basketball, go zip lining, and try out an obstacle course inside.

"I came because I heard it was fun," Rhooms said of the camp. "Everyone said it was a good experience, good memories, and you draw closer to God."

Tiffany Fronda, 27, deputy director of the Challengers Pathfinder Club at the Filipino-American church in Hindsdale, Ill., said the weather wasn't great but it could have been worse.

"The Lord always comes through," she said. "At least we don't have to worry about a sandstorm," which occurred at the 1994 campout in Colorado.

"Honestly, the atmosphere here is amazing and powerful," said Angelica Chan, a three-time Oshkosh attendee and a member of the Pleasant Hill Pathfinder Club in Northern California. She shared her impressions in an eyewitness report published in *Spectrum* magazine. "It's incredible to have so many Adventist youth gathered together to worship God together."

Adapted from a story by Ansel Oliver, ANN, and Andrew McChesney, news editor, Adventist Review



JAMES BROKOVY

Fireworks explode into the evening sky at the main stage.



BRYANT TAYLOR

A drum corps from the Southeastern California Conference performs.



JAMES BROKOVY

47,000 Pathfinders fill the field for Sabbath services.

Pastor Sam Leonor, chaplain at La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif., creates an object lesson via his childhood experiences with his most disliked food, broccoli.



NCC Pathfinders Attend International Camporee



Bobbi Peyton, a member of the Carmichael Cougars, prepares to release a balloon after her baptism on Sabbath.

About 1,000 Pathfinders from 37 Northern California Conference clubs attended the "Forever Faithful" International Camporee Aug. 11-16 — part of the 46,000 people who attended. "The programs and activities greatly impacted our Pathfinders," said Eddie Heinrich, NCC youth director. "The vast majority felt it was a really meaningful experience that drew them closer to Christ."

They also thought it was a lot of fun. "The camporee was so awesome!" said John You from the Paradise Prayer Warriors. "It was so cool!"

Tasha Slaton from the Grass Valley Shields agrees. "It's a fun event where you can basically do anything you dream of ... honors, different drills and competitions, evening meetings, stuff to buy, the talent show and so much more!" Highlights for many included the five-part evening musical about the life of Daniel, the Sabbath morning investiture of dozens of NCC Master Guides and the spectacular fireworks show on the final evening.

Heinrich served as the camporee's daytime onsite activities director — in charge of more than 250 activities for Pathfinders to experience and honors for them to earn. For the past two years, Heinrich (who is also the Pacific Union youth director) prepared for the event with his



Members of the Sacramento Spanish Orión club march in an afternoon parade.

planning team, which included Leoni Meadows Executive Director Craig Heinrich and Assistant Director Eric Henton.

The team made sure there was a huge diversity of activities: BMX bike shows, talent shows, various obstacle courses, the Pathfinder museum, trampoline bungee jumping, just to name a few. About 150 honors were available for Pathfinders to earn, including a number of new ones — everything from prayer to unicycle. NCC church members manned three popular honors booths: gold prospecting, lighthouse and ultimate disc.

Between Tuesday and Friday, about 1,000 kids panned for gold as part of the gold prospecting honor. The water troughs were seeded every morning with gold dust, gold flakes and semi precious stones. "My favorite part was watching the Pathfinders become excited about a portion of Northern California history," said Margaret Smith, NCC executive and LIT Pathfinder coordinator, who helped teach the honor.



NCC Pathfinders prepare to raise the Pathfinder flag.

Betty Newman, NCC Area 1 coordinator, worked to register people for the lighthouse honor at a booth decorated with photos, maps and models. "My favorite part was meeting the people," she said. Among the 800-plus Pathfinders who earned the honor were kids from Italy,

Germany and South Korea.

Those who taught the ultimate disc (frisbee) honor also met people from all over the world. "We had over 300 Pathfinders eligible to pick up the ultimate disc honor patch by the end of the week, with clubs from New York City to Papua New Guinea, Canada, Mexico and South America participating," said John Fleming, Dobbins church member who developed the honor along with Dean Strait, then director of the Sierra Golden Bears.

One of the most widespread activities at the camporee was pin trading. (The Pacific Union Conference pin and the NCC pin were some of the most popular.) Kids and adults traded pins from morning until night — sometimes casually while standing in line for various activities and sometimes with serious intent. "One time I



Eddie Heinrich, NCC youth director, congratulates Diane Wright from the Cloverdale Sonseekers on her investiture as a Master Guide.



JOE LEE

Pathfinders pan for gold at the gold prospecting honor, one of the five most popular honors at the International Camporee.

trekked what felt like a million miles all the way to the Oklahoma camp, who were hosts to the Korean club, to trade for Korean pins and meet some of their club members," said Alexis Im, from the Pleasant Hill Trailblazers.

Since it was too expensive for foreign clubs to bring all the necessary camping equipment to Oshkosh, a number of NCC clubs hosted Pathfinders from other countries. They provided meals, tents, chairs and other equipment — not to mention friendship — for their guests. The Vallejo Central Mariners hosted 22 people from a Fujian club from Sydney, Australia. "By the third day, our clubs started to mesh and really get to know each other," said director Arleen Wong. "They cooked together, shared tents together and washed dishes together."

The camporee was especially memorable for the 14 NCC Pathfinders who were baptized during the event, including Bobbi Peyton, a member



AUDRA GREELMAN

Kids trade pins from all over the United States and other countries.



DAVID MARSON

Pathfinders from the Lodi and Carmichael clubs work on their Blacksmithing honor.



GRANT GUILKE

Kids have fun with frisbees as part of a 3ABN Kids Time television show taping at Oshkosh.

of the Carmichael Cougars. "It was very cold, but amazing at the same time," said Peyton.

She made her decision after hearing evening speaker Sam Leonor, La Sierra University chaplain, make a final call on Friday night, followed up by an invitation from her club's director Keith Anthony. "You love to see your kids make that declaration that they want to commit their lives to Christ," said Anthony. "For the director and staff, it's very rewarding."

Everyone who attended the 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee would agree that it was an unforgettable experience. Teddy Slaton of the Grass Valley Shields summed up his thoughts: "It's a ton of fun, and if you ever get the chance, you should go."

Julie Lorenz



GRANT GUILKE

Pathfinders use teamwork to get over a wall in Union College's obstacle course.

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Napa School Reopens After Major Earthquake; Still Facing Repairs

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, Napa Christian Campus of Education opened its doors for the first time since the earthquake that rattled the Napa Valley on Aug. 24. Principal Justine Leonie and her staff welcomed the school's 130 students back to classrooms that had been cleaned and organized — a huge achievement considering the havoc caused by the earthquake a little more than a week before.

The campus took a heavy hit during the 6.0 quake. Furniture, computers and equipment were damaged, and hundreds of books toppled into piles. Panels and insulation came down from the ceilings. Shelves and filing cabinets — even heavy, fireproof ones — fell. Drawers and cupboards came open, and their contents dumped out. Even video monitors attached to walls were ripped away, and debris scattered over the floors. The school's gymnasium sustained damage of a yet unknown extent, and city inspectors placed a "yellow tag" on it, severely restricting its use. As bad as the

destruction was, Leonie expressed gratitude for the timing of the earthquake. "I am so thankful that this happened in the middle of the night and that there were no children on the school grounds," she said.

Getting the campus ready for classes was an enormous job. The first, heavy cleanup was done by hired workers. Then teachers and parents, Napa Community church members, Pacific Union College students, and others donated many hours of labor to the task. On Thursday following the quake, the entire sophomore class from Lodi Academy traveled to Napa to help with the cleanup. That story made their local newspaper. "Our students and communities need to see us stepping in to help others, especially during times of need," said Lodi Academy Principal Tim Kubrock.

The hard work paid off when the kids were able to return to school the day after Labor Day. That morning, pastors from the Napa Community church brought donuts and then stayed



On Sept. 4, NCC Treasurer John Rasmussen and Undertreasurer Mark Worley present the first check from the website donations to Napa Christian Campus of Education Principal Justine Leonie, Development Director Charlotte Henderson and 1st-4th grade students. By the beginning of September, almost \$18,000 had been donated via the website www.youcaring.com/napaschool.

by to greet the students, parents and teachers. "I'm thrilled to be back to school with my kids," said fifth- and sixth-grade teacher Janet Wright. Anticipating some back-to-school nervousness, she planned to give her class plenty of time to talk about the earthquake. "My job is to make sure they are aware that if something happens, we have a plan to keep them safe," she said.

Some students were a little apprehensive. "I'm glad [the quake] didn't happen during school," said fifth-grader Sadie Hebert. "It's scary coming back."

But not everyone felt worried. As first-grader Julian Johnson enjoyed a donut before entering his classroom, his father Tim said: "He didn't feel the earthquake. He has no idea what everyone's talking about."

The school's recovery efforts have been divided into three stages: cleanup and organizing, which was important to get school reopened; repairing damage and retrofitting to make the school's buildings safer during future quakes; and gymnasium repairs, which are significant. Leonie takes her responsibilities to her students very seriously. "We must never skimp on safety for our kids," she said. "I'm working to make sure our kids are safe in the future."



On Aug. 24, a 6.0 earthquake hit the Napa area around 3:20 a.m., leaving the school with damage and a mess to clean up.



The earthquake dumped thousands of books onto the school library's floor, so teachers set up a big organizing station in an outside corridor.



NATHAN CARR



Sacramento Adventist Academy sophomore Eric Miller donates money to the Nickels for Napa fundraising campaign.

STEPHANIE LEAL



Eighth-grader Sarena Hiddleston (right) helps her teacher Carrie Copithorne organize the classroom during the post-earthquake clean-up week.

MINDY WILLIAMS



Students from San Francisco Adventist School in the Central California Conference wash cars to raise money for the Napa school.

LEROY CHURCHES



Pacific Union College staff and students volunteer during the clean-up week following the earthquake.

Money to help the school has come from a variety of sources, including the Northern California Conference, the Napa Community church, and individuals throughout the United States via the fundraising website www.youcaring.com/napaschool. (Many people have asked what they can do for the Napa school. See the sidebar to learn four possible ways to help.)

Some Adventist institutions used creativity to raise money for their sister school. The nearby Elmshaven church sold organic corn grown in its community garden (and its Adventist Community Services pledged to match the money

STEPHANIE LEAL



Napa Community church Assistant Pastor Miguel Verazas and Napa Christian Campus of Education Principal Justine Leonie offer donuts to the students on their first day back to school after the earthquake.

raised, up to \$5,000). Sacramento Adventist Academy promoted “Nickels for Napa,” with a collection jar in each classroom and signs inviting students to donate spare change and dollars. Hilltop Christian School in Antioch held a car wash and raised more than \$1,300. In the Central California Conference, San Francisco Adventist School also held a car wash, along with a tostada sale, raising \$800 for the Napa school. Other organizations are holding more traditional fundraisers, such as Orangevale SDA School, which set a goal of \$1,000 for its K-8 students.

Leonie has been delighted by the support she has felt from her local school and church family and the greater Adventist community. “All this support is truly the definition of what our church is all about,” she said. “We take care of each other in times like this.”

Stephanie Leal and Julie Lorenz

4 Ways to Help

Starting Sept. 18, an anonymous donor is matching funds up to \$25,000.

1. Online — Visit www.youcaring.com/napaschool.
2. Checks — Mail to: Napa Christian Campus of Education, 2201 Pine Street, Napa, CA 94559. Specify your gift for “Napa School Operation: Recovery.”
3. Checks/Cash (only NCC churches) — Put your donation in a tithe envelope and mark “Napa School Operation: Recovery.”
4. Prayer — Keep this school and its teachers, parents and students in your prayers.

Is your church or school organizing a unique fundraiser for the Napa school? Send your story to stephanie.leal@ncsda.com.

106 Master Guides Inducted at Oshkosh

Kimberly Esteban, a senior high school student from the Newhall Spanish Pathfinder Club, had her heart set on being invested as a Master Guide at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis. In 2010, she decided to begin working on her Master Guide requirements so that she, along with her brother and parents, could all be inducted as Master Guides. She attended Pathfinder Leadership weekends, monthly classes held by the conference youth department, developed a reading plan for the required reading and taught Pathfinder progressive classes and honors to Pathfinders. During this time, she was also in charge of leading the marching for her club, a responsibility she took on after her brother left for college.

Reading *Desire of Ages* had been part of the Esteban family's Friday-evening worship ever since Kimberly could remember. When they completed reading it, they would review their favorite parts of the life of Christ and then begin rereading it. Reading this book with the Gospels for Master Guide requirements brought new understanding about the life of Christ. "Knowing that Jesus became a human being like us made it much more personal for me," Esteban said.

As she read *Messages to Young People*, her favorite book, Esteban said, "I realized that it had been written for me. I know Ellen White wrote it many years ago, but what I was reading matched what was happening to me at the time. I could see that Ellen White related to youth and, specifically, to what I was experiencing."

Esteban began planning to attend the camporee with her father, mother and brother. Everything was arranged when she discovered that her high school had moved the first day of school to Aug. 11, the camporee's opening day. She was crushed and thought her dream of becoming a Master Guide at Oshkosh could not happen, since she could not miss the first week of her senior year.

In June 2014, she and her father made a special trip one Sabbath afternoon to meet with Steven and Lynnette Clement, the SCC teen

coordinators and coordinators of the Master Guide classes. Esteban brought her documentation to show that she had completed her requirements. During the discussion, she shared her disappointment. When she learned that the induction would be Sabbath morning, her eyes lit up and they discussed the possibility of her flying to Oshkosh on Friday so that she still could be inducted there.

They quickly made Friday-afternoon flight arrangements. On that day, though, the flight was delayed several hours, so Esteban arrived in Chicago Sabbath morning, where her father and brother met her at the airport and quickly drove her to Oshkosh. Parking was almost nonexistent, so Steve Clement met them on the road and brought Kimberly and her father, Einar, directly to the Sabbath program, arriving five minutes before the induction took place.

Esteban, along with 105 others from 26 SCC Pathfinder clubs, was inducted as a Master Guide at Oshkosh on Aug. 16. (An additional 15 to 20 young people who were unable to attend the camporee were inducted in their home churches.)

B. J. NATE



Marcus Morris, with his father, Kevin Morris, associate pastor at White Memorial church, at his induction as a Master Guide at Oshkosh. They are holding up four fingers signifying that Marcus is the fourth generation of Master Guides in his family.

STEVE CLEMENT



Einar Esteban inducts daughter Kimberly Esteban as a Master Guide.

"It was one of the best feelings in the world to become a Master Guide at Oshkosh!" exclaimed Esteban. "The journey to learn about Christ and how to be a better leader never stops."

Steve Clement

Community Service Impacts Pathfinders' Education

Four young women have received full scholarships to universities and colleges in different parts of the U.S., largely as a result of involvement with Pathfinder community service projects. Amy Ochola, Nneoma Ibezim, Tiffany Massey and Dajah Massey were granted the awards by the Posse Foundation, which identifies public school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential.

"What is important for this scholarship is community service," noted Ochola, who attends the University of Wisconsin at Madison, "which I did a lot of in Pathfinders. I have found an Adventist church group on campus with more than 50 students and friends that we invite, and I sing in the university gospel choir." Ochola is working toward a degree in nursing, with a certificate in leadership and global health.

Carlos Williams, local Pathfinder leader for 10 years, noted that he felt Pathfinder community service projects really influenced young people in the church. "It was exciting to find that some of the resources in our communities can benefit Pathfinders," he said. "I found that the foremost benefit Pathfinders provides is the fellowship and training that help young people relate to God from a young age. We dealt with very deep

questions as our campfire discussions became spiritual."

Tiffany Massey graduated in 2012. "I majored in English and theater in Grinnell College in Iowa," she said. "If not for my Mom, I wouldn't have been able to attend church while I was at Grinnell, since the nearest one was 90 minutes away and I had no car. My mother called the little five-member church and they arranged for a van to bring me and other Adventist students, plus friends, to church each week.

Dajah Massey, Tiffany's sister, attends Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, studying civil and environmental engineering and business management. "Only two Adventists are at my school," Massey said, "and we are located too far from an Adventist church, so I worship with a Christian group on campus.

"The school has good spiritual leaders," she added. "Non-denominational meetings are held two evenings each week, focusing on commonalities instead of differences. Sabbath mornings, I watch Adventist services online and enjoy Sabbath hikes. I also enjoy interacting and sharing my beliefs with mentors on campus."

Nneoma Ibezim started at Bucknell this year, working on a degree in environmental engineering. "Since I was about 9 years old in Pathfinders, I have loved the community service projects," said Ibezim. "I am interested in environmental engineering because I want to make a difference at the public policy level." Leaving for her first time away from home for a lengthy period, she knew she would miss her church, her family and her church family. "But I know it will be a blessing that will help me grow," she added.



(L. to r.) Nneoma Ibezim, Tiffany Massey, Amy Ochola and Dajah Massey.

These are stories of young adults living their faith on non-Adventist campuses on full scholarships. In addition, hundreds of Adventist students are getting quality scholarships to attend Adventist colleges, according to Harold Crook, Ed.D., SCC education superintendent.

"Funds don't have to be the problem for any students wanting a Christian education," said Crook. "Our Adventist universities will work with us to assure that students have the maximum number of scholarships and other funding so they can attend an Adventist higher education institution. Parents simply need to contact the Adventist college of their choice and work with the financial aid department to open doors for their students having an opportunity for an Adventist education."

"The Blue Print," a documentary Adventist education by Martin Doblmeier which has been airing on PBS stations in the U.S., will be shown at 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the White Memorial church, 401 N. State St., Los Angeles 90033, and at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Lancaster church, 43823 30th St. W. The filmmaker will be present at both screenings.

Betty Cooney



Every year, SCC Pathfinder projects help students fulfill high school and academy community service requirements and are a factor in applying for scholarships in both public and Adventist colleges and universities.

SCC Youth Rush Experiences Growth

Joseph Samanigo spent his summer selling books with the Youth Rush literature evangelism program. At one house, he stood in awe, watching a woman he had just met share his books with her neighbors. “Just pick two of your favorites! I’ll pay for you,” she told her next-door neighbor.

After her purchase, the woman directed Samanigo to the home of a Peruvian family nearby. Samanigo, a young Peruvian, was excited at the possibility of sharing books with people of his own heritage. While introducing himself, his first customer rejoined him and proceeded to buy books for the family. The surprised neighbor asked, “You would do that for me?”

“Of course! How could I keep something so wonderful to myself?” the older woman replied.

Jessica Choi, a San Gabriel Academy junior, approached a home in the Simi Valley area and found the garage door open, with a man and his daughter inside. When Choi handed him a storybook for children, the man walked toward his home entrance asking, “How much is it?”

Choi chirped a quick response, and he soon appeared with \$20. She gave him a second book of Bible stories and thanked him. As she continued down the street, Choi had a clear impression, “Go back!” Brushing aside the thought, she continued on her way, but the impression strengthened. Finally, she returned.

“Hi again! I make it a point to show all my books to someone at least once a day,” Choi said.

Youth Rush Summer 2014

- \$320,000+ of literature placed in SoCal homes
- 74 young adult workers
- 150+ signed up for Bible studies
- 42,400 books distributed (+26% over last year)
- 350,000 homes visited
- Thousands of prayers offered



“We praise God who ‘always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.’ 2 Corinthians 2:14,” said Carpenter.

“May I show you all of them?” The man agreed. After seeing them, he slipped inside the house, reappearing with money to purchase them all.

“I don’t need the books, but here is something to help you with school,” the man said, handing Choi his donation.

“We love to leave the books with people,” Choi insisted. “Can you think of anyone who might need them — someone struggling spiritually or wanting a healthier life?” The man couldn’t think of anyone. As she left, Choi gave him the last children’s book as a gift, along with *Steps to Christ*, and continued down the street.

A few doors away, she had an overwhelming impression: “Go back!” The garage door was closed. Choi proceeded to knock on the front door, but as her hand went forward to knock, the door opened. “I was coming to find you,” the man said. “I know someone who could use the books you showed me. Is it too late to get them all?” Choi left, beaming, knowing that God had spoken to her and she had willingly gone where He sent.

Richard Gutierrez found Karen on her front lawn, working on a flowerbed. As he tried to hand her a book, she shook her head. “I’m not

interested! My back hurts, and I’m not in the mood today!” she said.

Gutierrez encouraged her, even asking if he could sing “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” for her. She nodded. In the middle of her busy day, the words from that song touched her. Afterward, he handed Karen a copy of *Steps to Christ* and told her what a blessing it would be in her life. She cried, acknowledging her need for what the book had to offer — peace and freedom from worry.

“You’re in luck! I just withdrew \$5,000 from the bank!” Karen said, handing him \$100. “Thank you so much! This book will be such a blessing.”

Gutierrez stared in amazement, recognizing that God had arranged this appointment. “For that donation, you can have these other books as well,” he explained, sharing the remaining devotional and health books with her. Karen gave him \$200 and received 19 books that she wanted. After prayer, she signed up for Bible studies.

Heidi Carpenter

Anne Blech Receives Excellence in Teaching Award

A Southern California Conference teacher created a “Museum of Living History,” a walkthrough museum in which every student in the school researches and dresses as their assigned historical character and delivers a one-minute speech when they are approached. She also encouraged her students to present book reports in unique ways, including from inside a cardboard box decorated like a TV, as if they were news reporters.

For these and other creative teaching methods, Anne Blech, who teaches grades one to three at the Linda Vista Adventist School in Oxnard, was awarded a 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award on May 22.

“Anne is always full of creative and engaging ideas for teaching that reach a variety of learning styles,” said Renee Aguilar, a fellow teacher at Linda Vista.

Blech is also responsible for Linda Vista’s reputation for excellent drama productions. She started the drama department and coordinates large drama productions that include every student from kindergarten to eighth grade.

The students have performed musicals such as “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Annie,” “The Sound of Music,” and others to sold-out crowds each year. Blech also started an afterschool drama club to provide drama enthusiasts with additional coaching in stage presence, voice projection and body animation.

“The drama experience has been instrumental in developing leadership and poise in our students,” said Sharron Crooms-Schwartz, principal of Linda Vista. “Many of our students go on to become high school leaders as a result of this experience.”

“She makes sure that every student has some part in the play, which is no easy feat,” Aguilar said. “She does a great job of identifying and building on our students’ talents and strengths.”

Blech also has been involved in helping other teachers learn. When the Southern California Conference implemented the new Pathways Reading Program, Blech mentored other teachers in the conference on how to use the program, and was on the Pacific Union committee focused on fine tuning classroom implementation of the program.

“Our students’ test scores in reading have consistently improved since implementing the program,” Aguilar said. “Anne has been an inspiring colleague to work with and always has our students’ and school’s best interests in mind.”

Although she had wanted to be a teacher since childhood, Blech believes that God led her to the profession and gives her what she

needs to bring children to Him. “God gives us all the strength to meet the challenges we face every day,” Blech said. “He is the One who gives us the insight to know when a child struggles or is hurting and the One who gives us the right words to say to a child who needs encouragement.”

Kayce Foote



Alumni Awards Foundation board member George T. Harding IV, M.D., presented the award and medallion to Anne Blech on behalf of the AAF Board of Directors.



Dr. George Harding, AAF board member (far left), poses with Anne Blech and her family after receiving her 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award.

SECC Celebrates Three Ordinations in June

Southeastern California Conference recently ordained three pastors. On June 7, Kyle Allen was ordained at the Mentone church. The following week, Edna “Josie” Asencio was ordained at the Corona church. And finally, on June 21, the Calexico Spanish church welcomed Miguel Mendez as an ordained pastor.

The services began with music and prayer, followed by introductions of the candidates. Attendees to each of these services were given the opportunity to affirm their support of the respective pastors, recognizing the gifts of ministry that have been endowed to each of them.

After Scripture reading and a sermon, conference officials and participating clergy consecrated the candidates. Members of each respective congregation celebrated with their newly ordained pastors, encouraging them to continue to pursue their call to ministry.



Kyle Allen addresses the congregation at his ordination service.

Kyle Allen

Native to Chattanooga, Tenn., Allen attended Southern Adventist University before transferring to Columbia Union College, where he double majored in religion and political science. He then went on to Andrews University to receive his Master of Divinity degree.

In 2008, SECC hired Allen as associate pastor for youth and young adults at the San Diego Filipino-American church. After two years there, he transferred to the Mentone church as senior pastor.

In Mentone, he mentored Bible workers, coordinated annual evangelistic meetings and cast a vision for the church to participate in yearly evangelism and discipleship initiatives.

“My passion in life is to see people commit their lives to Christ and the mission of preparing the world for His soon return,” said Allen.

Recently, Allen was appointed as secretary/treasurer of Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries and has left SECC.

Edna “Josie” Asencio

Asencio equates her calling with the passion that she has for sharing Jesus. Growing up, she always worked closely with churches and found support from her immediate and extended family to follow God’s calling. She graduated from La Sierra University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies.

She then attended Andrews University in pursuit of her master’s degree. While there, she enjoyed her time in student leadership. After earning her degree, she worked at several SECC churches, including Palm Springs and Corona.

“God speaks to us about passion,” said Asencio, “and when you do what you are passionate about, it is not really work.”



At the end of her ordination service, Edna “Josie” Asencio takes a few minutes to share her experiences in ministry.

In August, Asencio began a chaplain residency program at Tampa General Hospital in Florida.



Miguel Mendez, associate pastor for study at Loma Linda University church, shares his story during his ordination service.

Miguel Mendez

Mendez admits that it was the faith of his parents and grandparents that led him to ministry. They instilled in him a love of Scripture and a desire to know more about God.

When he went to college at La Sierra University, he was not sure what he wanted to study, but he enrolled in several religion classes. It was here that he felt God’s call to minister and serve others. He earned an undergraduate degree in religious studies and went on to earn his master’s degree in biblical studies.

Although he was born in California, Mendez has a Mexican, Cuban and Honduran heritage. His diversity in culture makes him eager to know more about the community he serves.

“The ability to share my story with people and have others share their story with me is what I love about ministry,” he said.

Mendez served as pastor of the Calexico church and recently joined Loma Linda University church as associate pastor for study.

Mario A. Munoz

Campus Hill Church Conducts Depression Recovery Program

Campus Hill church members recently concluded a 10-week Nedley Health Solutions Community Depression Recovery program held at the church. The program's aim is to help people uncover the root causes of depression and acquire the necessary tools to cope with it in real-life situations.

Mel Thompson, a member of the Campus Hill church and licensed social worker, heard about the program when it was conducted at Mentone church. She was interested in it and decided to go through it herself.

The program takes a holistic approach toward healing. It focuses on proper nutrition, exercise, sleeping habits, overcoming addictions and improving spiritual health.

"It is an educational program," said Thompson. "We work with participants to get them the information, and if implemented can be very beneficial."

Thompson decided to take the program to the church board to see if they would be

interested in hosting the course. The board approved the program and decided to run it through the health ministry department.

Nedley Health Solutions provided all the flyers and posters, while church members volunteered their time to help get the word out and be involved in the ministry. Eight team members volunteered to help with the program. Some were in charge of advertising or helping with the audio and media. Four individuals also volunteered to act as facilitators once the program started.

Each session was two hours long. After showing the video for the evening, the facilitators worked with the individuals in attendance. Thompson underwent special training to direct the program.

Six people completed the entire 10-week course and received certificates. However, their involvement did not end there. Four of them enrolled to continue with a follow-up program based on the health principles found in the

Bible book of Daniel. The follow-up program is intended to continue strengthening those who have been through the recovery program.

Several of those who attended the program were new to the church, and most have continued attending the Sabbath worship service regularly.

"This is just one example of how the church can reach people in places that are sometimes ignored. People tend to avoid acknowledging that they are depressed," said Thompson. "With this program, they can learn to embrace where they are and know that they are OK. The spiritual component is integral to the program. It is a full lifestyle change, and we need God and the Holy Spirit to make that kind of change."

Mario A. Munoz

ENNO MÜLLER



The Campus Hill church grounds provide a place for the Community Depression Recovery program.

Two Southern California Conferences Sponsor Leadership Training Event

The recent Empower Ministry leadership event, held in Palm Springs, focused on seminars to empower, equip and enable youth and young adults for leadership and service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"I believe that the goal of Empower Ministry was to have people leave the place feeling equipped with tools to take back to their own church and neighbors," said Ahrom Kim, a member of the Loma Linda Korean church.

The theme for the weekend was "Learn. Live. Lead." The event was cohosted by the Southeastern California and Southern California conferences, Aug. 30 to Sept. 1.

Tuua Teleni, Santa Ana Samoan church youth director, said, "I have been a leader for the youth group of Santa Ana Samoan church for four years, and every year that I come to the Empower leadership conference, I gain a new perspective, a different understanding and a

challenging vision about effective leadership. I am excited to share everything, not just with our youth ministry but with our entire church."

On Sabbath, Sandra Roberts, SECC president, opened the event welcoming attendees and appealing to youth and young adults not just to not leave, but to lead. Then Jose Vicente Rojas, president of MOVEmentum, presented one of his general session talks on leadership and asked attendees to give their lives to Jesus.

During the conference, Rojas spoke several times, including general sessions, devotionals, presentations and a break-out session, all with his guitar at his side.

Other speakers included Richard Choi, chair of the New Testament department at the seminary at Andrews University; Jonathan Henderson, Pacific Union College chaplain; Roy Ice, associate pastor at Loma Linda University church; and Dan Jackson, North American Division president. However, lay leaders from various churches, including Azusa Indonesian, Inland Empire Filipino, Loma Linda Filipino, Living Water Fellowship, Loma Linda Korean, The Blessing, Vista Samoan and Yucaipa Samoan, ran much of Empower Ministry.

"I was intellectually stimulated by Dr. Choi's presentations in particular because he offers an alternative leadership model to consider. I



Roy Ice, associate pastor at Loma Linda University church, engages participants during a general session.

appreciated his critique of the current power-oriented ideology of the church," said Norman Yazid, associate pastor at the Loma Linda Indonesian church.

On Sunday, participants attended a devotional service before breakfast. Then Rojas began the day with the first general session. After a brief break, participants attended two more general sessions, one by Choi and the other by Henderson. Later, participants selected breakout sessions to attend. These included "Mobilizing People," by Rojas; "Leadership in the New Testament," by Choi; "How to Motivate Young Adults," by Ice; and "Urban Ministry," by Henderson. Attendees were then served dinner



Jose Vicente Rojas, president of MOVEmentum, plays his guitar during one of the general sessions.



The attendees of Empower Ministry pose for a group photo.

and headed to the last general session of the day, presented by Ice.

On Monday, participants attended two more general sessions by Rojas and Jackson before packing their belongings and heading home.

"I've learned a lot. It opened up my eyes, my mind and my heart to give importance to my relationship with God. As teenagers in this generation, many of us face a struggle where we are confused, lost and curious. We tend to be influenced by the people who surround us, but Empower Ministry taught me to free myself from negative matters by putting my full trust in God," said Liana Liegh Panta, an Inland Empire Filipino church member.



Elizer Sacay Members of Loma Linda Indonesian church participate in praise.

Hope Community Group Becomes a Company and Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

Members of the Hope Community group in Thousand Palms recently celebrated a decade of service and the good news that they are now a "company," a milestone on their way to being organized as a church.

The group began after George King, vice president for Black ministries at Southeastern California Conference, met with Allen Sovory, former SECC evangelist, to discuss the needs of the urban population in the Palm Springs area. That meeting led to a five-week evangelistic seminar 10 years ago, through which 22 people were baptized. Several families from area churches and those baptized became members of Hope Community group.

The anniversary weekend began Friday night, Aug. 22, with a youth service. Youth participated in the celebration through the arts. Afterward, William Penick, pastor of the Beaumont church, closed the service with a sermon.

That Sabbath, nearly 200 people filled the church for worship. The program began with individuals being thanked for their service and dedication to the Hope Community group. Ken Stagg, ministry coordinator at Hope Community, and his family were honored for their

contributions to the group. After that Sovory, his wife, Rosalyn, and the Gospel Music Workshop of America, San Bernardino chapter, choir performed special music.

Then Sandra Roberts, conference president, announced that Hope Community group had been given company status.

Roberts expressed that the conference is better because of the work that the company does. Later, Jerrold Thompson, associate district pastor of Hope Community company and San Bernardino 16th Street church, preached a sermon.

The weekend ended with a picnic at Civic Center Park in Palm Desert, where the company family could celebrate, fellowship, eat and have fun together.



Jerrold Thompson, associate district pastor of Hope Community company and San Bernardino 16th Street church, welcomes the crowd to the 10-year anniversary of the Hope Community group.

"This is a weekend I will never forget," Thompson stated. "I am so proud of this church and what it has been able to accomplish because of our members' faith and dedication to Jesus Christ."

*Jerrold Thompson with Chloe
Jacqueline Vander Zwan*

Puffins and Polar Biology

PUC Students Experience Alaskan Ecosystem

Grizzly bears, Dall sheep, moose and orcas are unusual college classmates. Pacific Union College students enrolled in this summer's polar biology class encountered these animals and more as the thriving Alaskan ecosystem became their classroom during an 11-day immersion into true field biology. After flying from San Francisco to Anchorage, PUC biology professors Floyd Hayes and Scott Herbert led their students to the city of Seward and on to Denali National Park. The course focused on the natural history of the region; students observed and studied plants and animals first-hand in their natural setting.

Living in relatively close quarters with the native wildlife and experiencing the immediacy of the learning environment were incredible learning experiences. "Being able to see and experience the sights and sounds of Alaska first-hand is a much better learning experience than looking at photos and videos in the classroom," explained Hayes. "You can't forget watching salmon spawn while wading in a frigid river, a killer whale swimming right under your boat, clown-like horned puffins perched on narrow ledges of an island cliff."

Sophomore environmental studies major Dylan Turner said the trip significantly helped him broaden his understanding of ecology through direct interaction with the environment. "It's one thing to see or read about such places and experiences on a presentation or in a book," he stated. "But when you have the opportunity to live in it, there's nothing quite like it."

The PUC travelers will not soon forget the breathtaking scenery of the mountains, ocean and tundra. "Upon arrival in Seward, looking over Resurrection Bay — the enormity of the bay and the huge mountains everywhere. . . It was and is simply immense and awe-inspiring," said Herbert. The class took a nine-hour boat tour through the Kenai Fjords National park near Seward, where many of them saw remarkable species of polar animals for the very first time, as well as a cave-in on the Northwestern Glacier.

Senior Ashley Cotter said the Alaskan landscape felt like something out of a fantasy. "We hiked a hill called Mount Marathon in Seward, Alaska," she reported. "It was strenuous and difficult, but the view was incredible, and the

landscape unlike anything I've seen anywhere else. Not going to lie, I kind of felt like I was in *The Hobbit*."

Exploring Alaska on the road, the ocean and white water, rugged hiking trails, and steep rock faces, was an immense experience for both students and teachers. "I would imagine that [the students] gained an appreciation for the sheer magnitude of the land up there," remarked Herbert.

The polar biology course is the latest in series of recent study tour opportunities for biology majors. Over spring break during the last two school years, a tropical biology course led by Hayes has travelled to the Brazilian Amazon in conjunction with a PUC mission trip. Hayes' colleague Aimee Wyrick took her summer quarter biological foundations students for a one-week field biology experience at the Albion Retreat and Learning Center, PUC's campus on California's Mendocino coastline. In addition to the outstanding academic settings provided by these tours, the opportunity to travel together forms lasting friendships. "It was a great opportunity for us all to come to know each other much better," said Wyrick following the week at Albion. "The students really bonded and it felt like a family. Having the group in camp also facilitated learning. There were fewer distractions and so more time to spend on the class and studying."

In addition to the study tour opportunities, many on-campus biology classes take advantage of the ecological diversity surrounding PUC's Napa Valley setting by regularly accessing nearby streams, lakes, fields and forests. Internships also often include a field biology element; recent student internships have taken students out of the laboratory to research animals and plants where they live and grow. To learn more about these opportunities and to see a full gallery of images of the Alaska tour, visit puc.edu or the PUC mobile app.



SCOTT HERBERT

As part of the polar biology course, students enjoyed views of Resurrection Bay.

Emily Mathe

No Facades Here

by Pamela A. Williams



I grew up playing church. I knew how to dress to fit in with the congregation. I knew how to sing memorized stanzas of the church's favorite hymns. And I could quote verses of the Bible that I had been paid a quarter to memorize. When I became a teenager, I thought I did everything Christians did, but there was nothing to anchor me to God.

Once, I remember visiting Universal Studios. I climbed on a tram and rode through their streets viewing all of the amazing temporary city buildings that were built for movies. However, when we drove behind them, I realized they were not buildings at all but facades. Although I went to church regularly, listened to sermons and so on, the ritual had become a facade. Inside of me, there were my thoughts and I struggled with them.

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Pamela A. Williams

Millennial Matrix

STORIES OF FAITH

Across denominational lines, churches are hemorrhaging young adults. It's no secret that in many religious circles young adults are disenchanted with their religious experience. They're looking for something that is authentic and engaging — something that will not only change their own hearts, but also transform the way they engage with their communities and the people outside of their churches. Find out what Millennial Matrix is, and how it's affecting seven Adventist churches in Arizona.

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Loving Others

by Rich DuBose

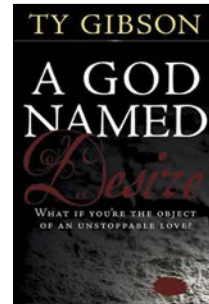


“**K**indness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” –Mark Twain

One of the biggest problems that confronts us as individuals, families, and the world at large is our innate ignorance of how to treat people. Contrary to what many believe, being nice doesn't come naturally. We are not born with the skills needed to successfully navigate life's relationships. They must be acquired and developed. If we don't choose to be loving and kind, it simply doesn't happen.

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Resources You Can Use



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Making Happy Christians

by Tony Morgan

Crazy. You'd think we'd be intentional about living out our faith to do what's best for others. Instead, we make ministry decisions to try to keep people happy. That's how we end up with churches full of happy Christians. That's why churches stop growing. We start doing church for us instead of trying to impact the lives of people around us.

The reality is that if we're going to reach people outside the church and outside the faith, we're going to have to be uncomfortable. And once we figure out what's best for others today, it'll be different tomorrow. That will involve change. That means we'll have to get uncomfortable again.

Read more of Tony's ideas:
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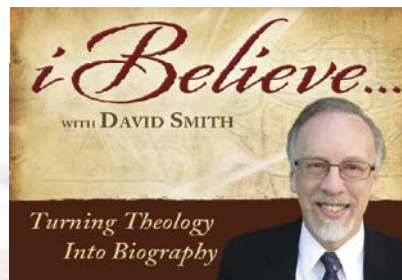
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Second-hand faith and hand-me-down morals can only take us so far. At some point, we either abandon that which was passed down to us, or we re-examine it, study the evidence for ourselves, adjust our thinking, and make it our own. It's painful to watch grown adults try to squeeze their lives into someone else's beliefs and attempt to defend something they don't really believe. Eventually we must each face the questions: "Who am I?" and, "What do I believe?"

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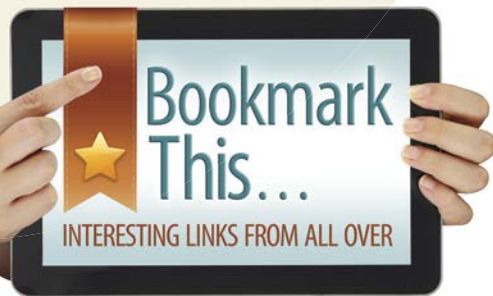
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Hell and Mr. Fudge

Edward Fudge is a small-town Bible-belt preacher. Son of a respected church leader known for his conservative religious views, Edward is confident that whatever the Bible really teaches is right. Trained in biblical languages and theology, he finds the project intriguing. He agrees to take it on, not knowing where it will lead. He dedicates a year of his life to a systematic study of Hell – and his life will never be the same again. You can now rent or buy this video for \$4.99 or \$9.49.

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Soquel Camp Meeting Draws Thousands and Offers Something for Everyone

As July approaches, anticipation begins to build for those planning to attend Central California Conference's camp meeting. Known as the Soquel camp meeting, the 10-day annual event is renowned for its line-up of powerful speakers, its cool climate and peaceful setting close to Santa Cruz beaches and for a host of memorable spiritual and social experiences. While at Soquel, campers can withdraw from life's frenetic pace, and find rest for their souls and rejuvenation for their spirits.

The 134th Central California Conference camp meeting, held July 17-26, brought approximately 3,800 registered attendees from around the conference and beyond to Soquel, Calif., with weekend attendance swelling to almost 10,000. An additional 5,000 people viewed the event via the Internet, in addition to those who joined via the Hope Church Channel. Close to 60 baptisms were celebrated throughout this year's event. Opening night speaker Pastor Henry Wright from the Tacoma Park church referred to Soquel as "the mother of all camp meetings." "This summer was no different," Wright said. "The scope and spirit of Soquel is unmatched anywhere."



General Conference President Ted N.C. Wilson addresses the Soquel congregation.



Camp meeting draws a full house at the Soquel Conference Center.

A Relevant Theme

This year's camp meeting theme was Cradle to Crown: The Disciple's Journey, which emphasized one of Central's major initiatives and the conference's commitment to discipleship. Ramiro Cano, CCC president, elaborated on the theme during his camp meeting introduction. The theme "encourages us to reflect on and perhaps even discover the amazing journey that God calls us to, a journey that begins during life's earliest moments and encompasses every phase of life," explained Cano. "Along this journey, God passionately pursues us, drawing us closer and taking us deeper, resulting in disciples who have a deep and intimate relationship

with Him, and who are equally passionate about making other disciples and adding value to their communities."

"The speakers addressed this theme in very relevant ways," reflected Wanda Driver, member of the Santa Cruz church.

"The Cradle to Crown theme suggests a long and eternal relationship with God, and the parables of the lost sheep, coin and two sons show Christ's willingness to build that relationship," said Wright, whose thought-provoking messages from Luke 15 stirred the audience throughout the first weekend. "They illustrate the patient work of heaven in leading us from the cradle of our walk with Christ to the crowning glory of eternal life with Him."

Other main stage speakers echoed the call to a life of discipleship. Elissa Kido, professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Director of the Center for Research on K-12 Adventist Education at La Sierra University, shared timely research on the role of Adventist education in discipleship, while Leah Jordache, CCC discipleship coordinator, explored a unique perspective on the parable of the good Samaritan as a primer for every disciple's journey. Continuing the unified theme, Joseph Kidder, professor of biblical spirituality at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, shared a memorable middle-eastern perspective on the parable of the prodigal son, and brain function specialist Arlene Taylor, president of Realizations, Inc., offered discipleship-oriented parenting insights. In addition, Pierre Steenberg, CCC vice president for personnel, offered a cultural perspective on Jesus' interaction with the woman at the well, and Rebecca Davis, associate pastor of the Atlanta Berean church, focused on the deliverance of God along life's journey. Finally, several CCC pastors shared early morning devotional thoughts centered on the year's theme, and James Rafferty, co-director of Light



Revelation of Hope team members lead worship in the main auditorium.

Pastor Keith and Joyce Mulligan anoint a camp meeting attendee.

Bearers, spoke multiple times about the second coming of Christ, offering inspiring perspectives on the centrality of Christ in the three angels' messages of Revelation 14.

For many, a programming highlight was a sermon delivered by Don MacLafferty, senior pastor of the Clovis church and president of InDiscipleship. The message emphasized the unity of the family and sought to motivate and inspire parents to disciple their children for Jesus. MacLafferty demonstrated intergenerational ministry possibilities by sharing the podium with a bright-eyed, 12-year-old Abby Tymn, who shared her love for Jesus and commitment to serving Him. The dynamic duo presented their timely discipleship message, demonstrating how "a little child shall lead them."

The final weekend messages were delivered by Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, addressing the Soquel audience for the first time as leader of the world church. Touching on the Cradle to Crown theme multiple times, Wilson gave a compelling call for church members to be unified in Christ, to get involved with the work of the kingdom, and to prepare for the soon return of Jesus. "God is calling us to fully consecrate ourselves as Christ's disciples, proclaiming the end-time message to the world," declared Wilson. "The task is great, the laborers are few, but God is in control, and with Him, we are a majority. Let's stand together for truth as we march toward the crown."

Re-emphasizing the Cradle to Crown theme, Central offered a sizable discipleship ministries booth where attendees were invited to take the "Discipleship Challenge," and to learn more about discipleship resources available in the Central California Conference. "We're excited to see how many people accepted the challenge to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus and to invite others to do the same," said Jordache.

Inspiring Music

This year's lineup augmented memorable speakers with inspiring and uplifting music. "Besides the outstanding speakers, the music was extraordinary this year," said Vera Baker, longtime member of the Soquel church, and camp meeting veteran. "The theme song from Joshua 24:15, 'Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve,' rallied us to stand together to serve Him forever." Revelation of Hope, a Central-based music group, led the theme song, along with

moving praise and worship segments, songs of response and appeal. Throughout the week, multiple musicians from around the conference shared their talents with attendees, including a camp meeting choir that came together during the event itself, led by La Sierra University adjunct professor of voice Javier Gonzalez.

In addition, multiple performances by accomplished and award-winning soprano Brandie Sutton highlighted this year's African-American sponsored meeting, and the Heritage Singers, who have inspired audiences for more than 40 years, gave a full concert to a packed auditorium.

Compelling Stories

As always, camp meeting programming was peppered with dozens of stories from around the conference, demonstrating the transformative leading of God in the lives of people, churches and schools through many and various evangelistic ministries. Known as the Miracle Roadway, live interviews and shorts films included marked answers to prayer, engaging reports from GLOW, Central CROSStrainers (formally known as Bible workers), Operation Blueprint, and CCC's Capital Campaign, along with many individual stories of lives affected by Adventist educators, literature evangelists, public evangelism meetings and Central members involved in ministry.

"The Miracle Roadway stories always demonstrate to God's children how intimate God is with His earthly family when they serve Him,"



Ramiro Cano introduces the Hmong delegation with Pastors Abel Pangan and Rob Benardo.

remarked George Johnson, CCC assistant to the president, who conducted several of the interviews. "All camp meeting attendees were reminded again that God Himself meets us, walks with us, and warms our hearts as we partner with Him in ministry."

Two feature presentations highlighted each of the two camp meeting weekends. The first focused on Central's emphasis on reaching out to the relatively unreached Hmong people group, which has a significant presence in the Central Valley area of California. Ramiro Cano reported the success of a first-of-its-kind evangelistic series for Hmong residents, and a short video followed the life of a Hmong volunteer who is the creative force behind a Hmong evangelistic television program in Fresno, Calif. In addition, Neng Lee, pastor of the Hmong group in Fresno, conducted a special baptism for a new Hmong believer to a backdrop of a couple dozen Hmong members on the platform wearing colorful native dress.

The second weekend focused on the Bridges initiative, launched last year by both Central and Northern California conferences in the Bay Area.

VICTOR CARREIRO



Spanish tent participants worship together.

Soquel En Español

In addition to the main auditorium, a tent with seating for approximately 2,000 served Spanish-speaking attendees with a cadre of inspirational programming. Alongside messages shared by various CCC pastors, Jose Esposito, Hispanic coordinator for the Potomac Conference, spoke on the camp meeting theme, while Julian Melgosa, professor of education and psychology at Walla Walla University, shared insights into optimum brain health. Other speakers touched on the issue of healthy living, as well, including Esther Alonso-Neal, who spoke on topics including the original diet and the benefits of exercise. Wilson also shared a message with Hispanic attendees.

Perhaps the highlight of the Spanish tent experience was a baptismal service during which 31 people were baptized. While waiting for her baptism, one woman expressed, "I have found what I have been looking for all my life, my Jesus!" The Saturday morning service lasted far beyond its scheduled time-block, yet the tent remained full until 1:20 p.m. for a worship service which was to follow the baptismal service.

Soquel for the Young

Another feature of the Soquel camp meeting is a wide variety of children's, youth and young adult programming. Throughout the event, sounds of voices learning, singing, praising, laughing and playing echoed from tents situated around the campus. In the beginner's tent (ages 0-3), children and their parents sang songs, engaged in activities, and learned many ways to share Jesus.

VICTOR CARREIRO



Engaging children's programming drew hundreds to each tent.

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Pastor Don MacLafferty preaches with Abby Tymn.

The report centered on the collaborative three-day Bridges to Health event in San Francisco and Oakland, which served approximately 3,000 Bay Area residents with free health care. Following a summary video, a panel of event organizers, health care providers, conference leaders and volunteers inspired attendees with multiple behind-the-scenes stories. Cano concluded the discussion by announcing plans to host a Bridges to Health event in Soquel during 2016. The report hit home with those in attendance. "We were reminded of the need to work together to finish the task of spreading the gospel and ministering to people around us," reflected Driver.



A young attendee gives his heart to Christ for the first time.

One parent explained, “I learned so much by just watching the leaders.” In the kindergarten tent (ages 4-6), staff guided the children through stations that included prayer, singing, activities, and crafts. The hands-on, nature-oriented experiences are always a favorite.

The primary tent (ages 7-9) had similar program structures. This year, they were invited for the first time to sing during one of the main auditorium evening programs. Approximately 150 primary children crowded onto and around the platform to sing two of their Scripture songs. Meanwhile, the juniors (ages 10-13) learned how to use puppets, balloons, prayer and preaching while using creative ways to tell others about their best forever friend, Jesus. “It is our prayerful mission that every child in central California will come to know and trust Christ as their personal Savior,” says Rosa Gillham CCC children’s ministries director. “He has called each and every one of them.”

Relevant programming was also available for teens and young adults. “While spiritual challenges are great for a teenager, God’s blessings are even greater,” explained Andrew Uyeyama, conference senior youth director. This was discussed and demonstrated in the youth tent along the theme “The Tipping Point.” The expression, applied to matters of faith, describes the Holy Spirit tugging on the hearts of the teens, taking them to the tipping point of making a decision to follow Jesus. The mission of the youth tent was to provide an environment in which each teen would

hear the call of Jesus speaking to their hearts.

The youth tent staff consisted of the CCC Youth Evangelism Team and various students from Pacific Union College and La Sierra University. The team was able to facilitate programs ranging from off-campus outreach, early morning surfing trips, to powerful morning and evening



Mernie Johnson displays her handmade items in her Case Lots booth. She donated all the proceeds to the evangelism offering.

meetings. “We want these kids in heaven!” said Uyeyama. “Everything we do is an investment toward that. Whether it’s a decision to follow Jesus, to stop resisting the love of Jesus, or to be baptized, our prayer is that they make that decision here.” Before the end of camp meeting, 12 young people had made decisions for baptism.

Finally, the collegiate and young adult program provided enlightening topics, including rekindling your first love when you’ve heard the gospel thousands of times, a practical experience of the righteousness of Christ, and overcoming addiction. If attendees missed an evening message, they could catch it in small group Bible study format the following morning.

A Community-Oriented Experience

While the programming on Soquel’s many stages is arguably the highest profile feature of camp meeting, the Soquel experience involves dozens of other aspects without which camp meeting in Central would not be the same.

One noticeable emphasis is prayer. Upon arriving at the Soquel Conference Center registration area, guests are immediately greeted by members of Central’s prayer team, who ask attendees for any special requests. Personalized prayers are offered for those who have come, inviting the Spirit of God to bless the attendees. Among other things, the Soquel prayer experience involved the Upper Room Prayer Experience, a special room set aside upstairs for prayer throughout the event, and an anointing service during which attendees request a special anointing for specific prayer requests.

The prayer emphasis during camp meeting builds on a prayer walk event, which takes place at Soquel on the weekend preceding camp meeting. Several dozen CCC prayer team members gathered together for prayer and worship, organized into various prayer teams walking throughout the Soquel campus and surrounding community, bathing the entire event and community in prayer. The weekend culminated with a moving agape feast experience. “Throughout the year and during camp meeting, our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will speak to each person individually and that they make a new or refreshed commitment to their intimate relationship with God,” explains Joyce Mulligan, CCC prayer ministries coordinator.

Camp meeting also includes a host of seminars and educational experiences dealing with topics including health, plant-based cuisine, theology, discipleship, brain health, amateur radio, and Bible study methods and tools. “Soquel seminars are intended to meet the felt needs of people, whether they are members of the Adventist community of faith or not,” says Steve Horton, CCC vice president for ministries. “The goal is to give people a better sense of Christ and His love for them so that they can better share their testimonies with others.”

In addition to content-oriented programming, the camp meeting experience offers a variety of activities, experiences and environments for those wanting to take full advantage of their time in Soquel. Those staying onsite, whether in rented or personal tents, RVs or cabins, as well as daily drive-in guests benefit from several stores open throughout the event. Central’s ABC book store featured daily specials and discounts, while the Case Lots building offered fresh fruits, vegetables and groceries, sample items, light meals and sweet treats. Among others, this year, a Case Lots vendor sampling a new taco filling garnered a continuous line, while another donated all proceeds to the annual evangelism offering.

Soquel Evangelism Offering Continues to Drive Ministry Impact



Dramatic skies crown the Soquel camp ground.

Other opportunities onsite include counselors and massage therapists available by appointment, and ministry booths in the main auditorium. And finally, those who attend always appreciate the natural beauty of Soquel and its coastal surroundings. "One of my favorite things to do," confessed Irene Emde, annual tent resident, "is to walk to the top of the hill and look out over the entire encampment. It reminds me of what Moses must have seen when he climbed his hill and looked out over the people and their tents. We also, are on our journey to the promised land."

Camp meeting 2015 is planned for July 16-25, featuring more memorable speakers, music, seminars and experiences. "I'd like to personally invite everyone to experience the camp meeting that has blessed countless lives over the years — including my own — whether in person, online or via satellite," appeals Cano. "You won't regret it."

Costin Jordache with Irene Emde, Debbie Fritz, Rosa Gillham, Florina Morales, Nancy L. Reynolds and Andrew Uyeyama

Central California Conference's annual evangelism offering is the catalyst for many of the creative evangelistic programs and projects that make CCC unique. The offering, which is received mostly during Central's 10-day Soquel camp meeting, provides constituents a tangible opportunity to take part in the commission to preach the gospel to all the world, beginning in the various communities throughout Central California. This year's offering has already exceeded \$910,000 in gifts and pledges.

As a direct result of this faith-based offering, CCC has been able to birth projects that have gone worldwide, such as the GLOW ministry. Other ministries directly funded are 24 CROSStrainers (Bible workers) working throughout CCC territory and the Youth Evangelism Team, whose members travel around the conference, inspiring local churches and schools with relevant and Christ-centered programs. Additional items funded by the evangelism offering are educational scholarships, public evangelism meetings, lay-focused training seminars directed by Andrews University faculty, scholarships for inner-city children to attend summer camp at Camp Wawona, and innovative evangelistic outreach projects, to name a few. "The sacrificial giving demonstrated by members and friends in Central and beyond our borders is truly inspirational," explains Mayra Thompson, CCC treasurer. "It is a blessing to be able to have these funds available for so many ministries that are making a transformational impact in our homes and our communities."

Glenn and Florence Quiñones, active members of the Wellspring church in Milpitas, are an example of those who have made a commitment to give to the evangelism offering every

year. However, this year was different for them. As the year progressed, Glenn Quiñones was unexpectedly laid off from work. Meanwhile, the residential care home which the couple operates was only at 50 percent capacity. "Our care home bathrooms desperately needed to be remodeled, and with my husband out of work, we found ourselves in a serious financial crisis," shares Florence Quiñones. "We didn't have the money to continue giving towards the evangelism offering we had pledged."

However, during that difficult period, the Quiñones family came across a passage from Ecclesiastes 5:4: "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed."

"We decided to walk by faith and fulfill the offering pledge, even though we did not know how we were going to survive financially," says Quiñones. They restarted their pledged giving with a faith-injected, renewed commitment. "We saw God begin to work miraculously after we stepped out in blind faith," shares the couple. "A fourth client was placed in our care home, then a fifth, and before we knew it, we had received our sixth client which brought us up to full capacity!"

"The Central California Conference continues to praise God for His leading on donors' hearts," says Ramiro Cano, CCC president. "This is an ongoing, year-round giving journey that anyone is welcome to join at any time. Take a leap of faith and experience for yourself, the biblical promise of giving in action, which promises the cheerful giver that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive."

Cesar De Leon



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Living Water Fellowship Celebrates 10 Years

Living Water, the Adventist church in Henderson, Nev., celebrated its 10th anniversary Aug. 9 by remembering how God has blessed them from the beginning.

In January 2004, Pastor Tammy Losey felt God calling her to plant the first Seventh-day Adventist church in the city of Henderson, Nev. Other members of the Mountain View Church in Las Vegas shared that passion. Soon a small group of people came together and began dreaming with their sleeves rolled up.

Through prayer, trust in God and faithful determination, their dream began to take shape. Living Water's mission statement was born: Be One in Christ; Bring One to Christ; Build One for Christ.

In August 2004, Living Water became an official company, acknowledged and recognized by

the Nevada-Utah Conference. Thanks to donated funds, they hosted an evangelistic series that resulted in 40 baptisms, and Living Water began to grow.

In February 2005, they outgrew their initial space, so Living Water rented the Henderson Community Church for Sabbath school and church services. Six months later, the Nevada-Utah Conference voted Living Water Fellowship a full-fledged church.

For Losey, the dream finally felt real when Living Water was named. "After much prayer, discussion and brainstorming, the core team voted on our official name — Living Water, A Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship in Christ," said Losey. "At that moment, I experienced a flood of emotion. As tears slipped down my cheeks, I had the overwhelming conviction that we were witnessing a miracle that God Himself was bringing to life the seed of this dream that He had placed in our hearts. All glory belongs to Him alone!"

At the 10th anniversary celebration, a short video of member interviews brought back memories. Members explained what Living Water means to them and why they continue to attend.

"So much of our family is wrapped up in Living Water — from weddings, to births, to adoptions," said Marilyn Orcutt. "My daughter, Celeste, says, 'It is like coming home.'" Orcutt, who recently moved out of state, challenged the congregation

LINDY MORALES-GARCIA



Nevada-Utah Conference President Ed Keyes presents the Sabbath morning message during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Living Water Fellowship.

to carry on the close-knit church family culture, so that every person who walks through the door feels like they are coming home.

To help commemorate Living Water's first decade, Ed Keyes, Nevada-Utah Conference president, talked about "The Best Place to Be," which is anywhere with Jesus.

After the worship service, the congregation had lunch and then traveled to the Boulder City church for a Living Water baptism, welcoming Vianneth Chavez, Anka Hofmann, Tariq and Melinda Memon, Lorraine Quinn, Chris Taivoloja, Michaela Yankeliovich, Roxana Yankeliovich and Debra Zahn into membership.

Gerri R. Smith



LINDY MORALES-GARCIA

Gerri Smith presents and reviews the Living Water Fellowship mission statement as part of the church's 10th anniversary celebration service.

LINDY MORALES-GARCIA



Living Water Fellowship members and friends celebrate the purchase of a new church property in Henderson, Nev.

Youth Rush Program Doubles in 2014

It was a historic summer for the Nevada-Utah Conference student literature ministries program (Youth Rush). In all previous summers, the Youth Rush has only had one summer program (around 20 young people), but this summer they were able to expand to two programs. There were a total of 44 young people knocking on doors and sharing Jesus through literature in nearly every section of the conference, which covers all of Nevada, Utah, and parts of California and Arizona.

Youth Rush knocked on doors in all of the densely populated areas, including Reno, Sparks, Las Vegas and Carson City, Nev., as well as Salt Lake City, Ogden and Provo, Utah. They even went to some of the out of the way places like South Lake Tahoe and Susanville, Calif.; Fallon and Fernley, Nev.; and, Price and Vernal, Utah. One of the teams was also able to go up to the Idaho Conference to assist them with literature distribution.

With this expansion, Youth Rush was able to meet many more people that are searching for Jesus. Andrew Cota knocked on a door in Reno. A man answered the door, but when he saw Cota, he quickly shut the door and said to his wife, "Honey, there's an Adventist at the door." Cota didn't know what to expect, but the next thing he knew, both husband and wife were at the door smiling with anticipation. They said that they had been waiting for an Adventist to come to their door.

Cota asked them how they knew he was an Adventist, and the man said, "I saw The Great Controversy in your hand, and we have been looking for that book!" The couple had been watching 3ABN, and they were very interested in knowing more about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They asked where the nearest church was. Interestingly, the Riverview church was hosting an evangelistic series. Cota invited them to the meetings, and they took The Great Controversy. A few weeks later, the couple attended the evangelistic series and were both baptized.

Participating in Youth Rush also changed Cota, a former gang member. "Answering the call to come to the program was the greatest decision I've ever made," he said. "The experience taught me how to fully rely upon God, by His grace." Cota was also baptized at the end of the summer.

Caren Valadez was knocking on doors in Carson City. Coming to one of the last doors of the evening, a woman named Zha Zha answered the door and said, "I've been waiting for you!" During the year, her husband had passed away, and she said that the book she had received the previous year helped her through that difficult time. Zha

Zha bought four more books and signed up for personal Bible studies.

The Nevada-Utah Conference has a new ministry called THRIVE — an acronym for Teach Heal Revive Integrated Volunteer Evangelism. THRIVE is a company of six workers who are leading a full

cycle of evangelism in Carson City from September 2014 through May 2015. They are training



Westney White, Nevada-Utah Conference literature ministries director, baptizes summer Youth Rush student Andrew Cota at the iShare meeting.



This dedicated group of Youth Rush students and their leaders worked in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, touching lives for the Kingdom.

church members for friendship evangelism, and holding depression recovery classes, cooking schools, youth spiritual initiatives, and a full-scale evangelistic meeting. THRIVE will also be following up leads that the Youth Rush program generated during the summer.

Total donations for Youth Rush increased by 118 percent over the last summer.

Westney White



Seventeen students and their leaders worked the Reno, Nev., and Southern Idaho areas, spreading the gospel through the written page and their Christian spirits.

Summer Statistics

- 216,150 Doors knocked
- 44 young people participated
- 170+ Bible study interests generated
- 7 people baptized
- 1,400 Great Controversy books distributed
- 13,224 Steps to Christ distributed
- 26,474 total books distributed
- \$201,396 in total donations for education

Oahu Elders Begin Certification Training

On July 27, local church elders from Adventist churches across Oahu gathered at the Aiea church for a full day of ministry training. Dr. VicLouis Arreola III, Asian/Pacific ministries director for the Pacific Union and the North American Division, was on hand to conduct four back-to-back seminars aimed at helping elders perform their duties more effectively. The topics covered included the responsibilities and functions of the local church elder, how to prepare and preach sermons, how to conduct visitations, and how to plan evangelism in the local church.

“We were pleased to have about 45 elders throughout Oahu attending,” reported Gerry Christman, Hawaii Conference executive secretary. “The training was very well received.”

“The seminar was packed full of information and guidance,” said Rick Rincon, who recently became an elder at the Waianae church. “For someone new to the position, it was very beneficial.”

“I appreciated the information about visitation, evangelistic planning and developing your speaking voice, because these were areas I did not know much about,” said Tyler Crouch, from the Waipahu church. “I also appreciated the suggestion for elders to read three books a year — the Bible, a Spirit of Prophecy (Ellen G. White) book, and another book on church growth/evangelism. I am very thankful and excited to have this opportunity to attend this training seminar, not only to better equip myself, but



Arreola trains elders how to prepare for evangelism in the local church.



Elders pose for a photo with Dr. VicLouis Arreola (fourth from right) and Hawaii Conference President Ralph Watts (second from right).



Imelda Arreola shares some quick tips on the health and personal wellbeing of church elders.

also to be of great service to my pastor and my church ohana. There is definitely room for me to grow with the knowledge I received!”

The one-day training composed the first half of a newly launched Elders’ Certification Program (ECP). Arreola explained that the ECP is a new North American Division initiative aimed at providing standardized training for local church elders across the division. The certification is currently being offered through the Pacific Institute of Christian Ministry (www.picm.org). Arreola is expecting to return to Hawaii in the coming months to teach the second half of the ECP curriculum and present certificates to those elders who complete the program at that time.

“It was a tremendous blessing to have Dr. Arreola with our Oahu elders for this full day of training,” said Hawaii Conference President Ralph Watts III. “It was practical, inspiring, with resources to equip each leader to become even more effective and efficient in the role and responsibility given them in the local church. We look forward to further training from Arreola. Until then, I sense and see an energized team of elders passionate about the calling God has placed on their lives.”

Eric Alindogan

One Evangelistic Series Gains Members for Six Churches

This summer, the Hawaii Conference and the Kaneohe church sponsored an evangelistic series on the windward side of Oahu. Entitled "Revelation of Hope," the series ran for the entire month of June and featured Taj Pacalab. The series drew an average attendance of 250 from around the island, bringing back many former members and others new to Adventism who wanted to learn more about the Bible.

At the close of the series, 26 were ready for baptism. Many more had begun baptismal studies. One unique aspect to this series was the number of churches that gained new members. While the event was hosted at the Kaneohe church, five other churches received new members as well, including Kailua, Waimanalo, Waianae, Wahiawa, and Honolulu Central.

With so many new faces at Kaneohe, head greeter Rose Teruya proposed nametags for everyone for the first few weeks following the series. These were so popular that the church decided to keep them for the rest of the year. "It's so exciting to see so many new family members here at the church," she said. "Now we just have to learn everyone's name!"

Pastor Tim Nelson of the Kaneohe church saw not only an increase in attendance, but also an increase in passion for evangelism. "We've added four new weekly ministries to accommodate the increased interest in the church has to explore the love of Jesus," said Nelson. These ministries include a vegetarian cooking class, a workshop for exploring and empowering spiritual gifts, an additional weekly Bible study class, and a Sabbath school class for new members.



Pastor Tim Nelson baptizes Warren and Maili Cummings, who saw two of her sisters baptized that same Sabbath.



Taj Pacalab

Those baptised are welcomed into membership at Kaneohe.



Baptismal candidates await their turn in the shade on a beautiful summer day in Hawaii.

Refuge and Revelation

Compassion Meets Mission in Arizona

Bu Meh's life began in a refugee camp in Thailand. She immigrated with her family to the United States seeking a new life. But the urban jungle is a stark contrast to her life in Burma and Thailand.

Today she lives at Serano Village in Phoenix, Ariz., in a crowded apartment complex with her people. The Karenni are a resilient, gracious people, always eager to smile and be happy. They work hard and rarely complain. Most believe if life is difficult, do what you have to do in order to survive.

Bu Meh, who doesn't speak English, attends the "Youth Empowerment Through Music and Arts" program, which meets once weekly at her apartment complex. This program is in collaboration with a well-known musician, leader and teacher in the Karenni world, Phary Reh, who has a music ministry for Karenni children. His one-bedroom apartment has only two pieces of furniture: a small bed and a table. His small empty living room serves as a music hall accommodating 30-40 children.

Recently Bu Meh's father, Ker Reh, and his friend Kay Reh, were attacked outside an apartment unit where they were attending a prayer service for a friend. Tragically, both were stabbed to death.

Community Care Chaplains went to mourn and grieve with Bu Meh and her mother. Chaplain Geof Tio recalls, "We entered Bu Meh's empty apartment and sat on the floor where her mother and sister grieved silently. Because of the language barrier, all we could do was sit with them in profound silence. We felt the struggles and challenges refugees face in a

big city like Phoenix as they contend with their desire to find peace and freedom. Our silent prayers united with theirs."

Community leaders report the main stumbling block for Karenni refugees is their lack of English skills. Older refugees fear the police and other authorities because of their past experiences in Burma and Thailand.

Glenn Sta. Ana, assistant to the president for Asian/Pacific ministries says, "The growing crisis and challenge among refugees in Arizona prompted the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Community Care Chaplains, local churches, and refugee community leaders to form a collaboration that helps refugees build a more promising and healthy life. We call the program Refuge and Revelation. We seek to reach refugees in their major transition in life after they move to Arizona. Our mission is to develop community leaders, equip family members with resources and life skills to combat hardships, provide emotional healing to individuals and families, restore broken relationships, offer psycho-spiritual support, and share the good news of Jesus."

The Refuge and Revelation project is supported by a \$137,000 endowment fund grant from the Pacific Union.

The team consists of a group of professional and lay people who have built a safe haven to provide care for refugees. They offer support and therapy groups to children, adolescents and adults. Clinical chaplains, mental health practitioners, and pastoral counselors are equipped to assist with a wide range of difficulties.

GLENN STA. ANA



Karenni youth present a sacred concert at the Scottsdale-Thunderbird church.

They emphasize education, training refugees in areas such as English as a second language (ESL), Bible studies, life skills and citizenship.

Some area churches are involved. The Glendale church provides a 200-seat worship space in their fellowship hall for Adventist refugees from Central Africa. Pastor Gary Venden and chaplain Joel Mpabwana are working on a plan to transport new refugees to the church.

Pastor Eugene Taylor and the Phoenix Central church have embraced refugees from Thailand and Myanmar.

Pastor Jim Brauer and the Desert Valley church in Tucson, Ariz., accommodate 40 to 50 Adventist refugees from Central Africa each Sabbath.

The Refuge and Revelation project also provides vans to transport refugees to training centers, jobs, church services and other events. It also offers a traveling mental health and education clinic that goes around the local immigrant centers to meet the needs of the refugee communities.

The Refuge and Revelation Community Center in Phoenix, situated near refugee communities, serves as a resource for learning and assistance. It has a clothing center, and serves as a channel to receive support and donations from those who are moved to support this ministry. Another Community Center is planned for Tucson for another group of refugees facing similar challenges.

"From the Southeast Asian jungles and African forests come a group of people confronting the urban jungles of America," Sta. Ana says.

"The struggles and hardships remain, only different. We can't protect refugees from their pain and suffering, but we can do something to make their presence valued, their stories heard, their journeys more supported, and help them experience the love of Christ through people who have decided to become a good neighbor."

Tio concludes, "So many are still contending with the question, 'What will it take to build a life in America?' As we attempt to offer help, care and hope, we also want to instill in their hearts the desire to build a new life in Jesus Christ."

Phil Draper



Chaplains Glenn Sta. Ana and Geof Tio join Mags Tio in presenting new coats to the Karenni children.



Chaplains Glenn Sta. Ana and Geof Tio present coats to the Karenni youth.

JAMES PONDER



Kerry Heinrich, JD

Heinrich Appointed Medical Center CEO

Heinrich has had a long association with Loma Linda as an attorney, serving on the legal counsel team. Since joining the organization in 1984, he has conducted contract negotiations and negotiated financial acquisitions and complex corporate restructures. He has also led major initiatives to improve reimbursements for the health care entities.

A 23-member search committee — representing hospital, university and physician leadership — recommended Heinrich's appointment.

"After considering a number of strong internal and external candidates from many parts of the nation, he rose to the top as a natural choice," said Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of Loma Linda University Health. "Not only does he have the right mix of business acumen, knowledge of Loma Linda's culture, and passion for our mission, he has also demonstrated during his interim term the ability to provide the type of leadership we need during this critical time in Loma Linda's history."

Heinrich will provide strategic leadership for — and oversee the day-to-day operations of — the six hospitals that together form Loma Linda University Medical Center. In addition, he will serve as executive vice president for hospital affairs of Loma Linda University Health.

"I'm looking forward with eager anticipation to the challenges and successes we will have as an organization wholly dedicated to the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Heinrich said. "The coming years are going to be a dynamic, exciting time for Loma Linda. It will be a privilege to serve with my colleagues."

Kerry received his bachelor's degree in history and a minor in business with an emphasis in finance and management from Walla Walla University in Washington. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oregon's School of Law and has specialized in health-care law.

Jiggs Gallagher

Kerry Heinrich, interim chief executive officer of Loma Linda University Medical Center and interim administrator of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, has been named CEO of both facilities, as well as the Behavioral Medicine Center. His appointment was approved by two governing boards on Aug. 25. He had served in the interim positions since July 1.

Loma Linda University Alumni Serve in Ebola-Stricken Region

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in collaboration with Adventist Health International is keeping Liberia's Cooper Adventist Hospital open in spite of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak.

Gillian Seton, M.D., a 2008 Loma Linda University School of Medicine graduate, began serving a deferred mission appointment at Cooper in February 2014. She has been joined by James Appel, M.D., a 2000 LLUSM graduate; he transferred to Cooper from his post at Abougoudam Adventist Hospital in Chad to assist Seton.

"The most dangerous place to be now is in a hospital," says Seton, "but what are you to do when you have a patient with an OB-GYN emergency? Or severe malaria with almost unsurvivable anemia?"

AHI is a nonprofit corporation headquartered in Loma Linda, Calif., and was established to provide coordination, consultation, management and technical assistance to hospitals and health care services operated by the Adventist church, primarily in developing countries.

Courtney Haas



Patients come and go as Cooper Hospital continues to accept new patients after screening to determine that they are Ebola free. Due to the Ebola outbreak, Cooper is one of the few hospitals still accepting new patients in Monrovia.

La Sierra Academy Student Named 2014 Presidential Scholar



An outstanding academic record and a heart for service are two of the factors that resulted in Rachel Pfenninger being selected as La Sierra University's 2014 Presidential Scholarship winner. The La Sierra Academy graduate will major in English Literature/pre-law.

Rachel Pfenninger, a first year student from La Sierra, Calif., has been named as the university's 2014 Presidential Scholarship recipient. Selected for the award from more than 35 applicants, Pfenninger was singled out for her academic excellence and her desire to make a positive impact on the world.

The scholarship covers tuition and fees at La Sierra for one year, and is renewable for up to four years. The awards are just a small part of the \$15 million in direct institutional aid La Sierra University provides to students. Pfenninger applied for the award while she completed her senior year at La Sierra Academy.

Pfenninger is a third generation La Sierra student, following her grandfather, Robert Macomber, and mother, Michele Pfenninger, to studying on the campus. She's entering as an English literature/pre-law major. She had looked at other colleges and universities, but concluded that La Sierra University offered her the highest quality program in the two areas.

Pfenninger's application essay clearly identified her passion for service. She first went on an international mission trip when she was 11 years old. Since that trip to Ecuador, she has learned building skills and led in Vacation Bible Schools.

Last November, Pfenninger went with a La Sierra Academy group to Costa Rica. One of their projects was helping to maintain the home of a man who was blinded from an on-the-job chemical explosion.

"We helped clear his yard and worked around his house," Pfenninger recalled. "He was so grateful that he gave us all the vegetables he was going to be eating that week. I couldn't believe his generosity! We have so much, and he was sharing with us."

Determined to help her new Costa Rican friend in some way, Pfenninger decided to raise money to help with his medical expenses. An exam revealed that the man was suffering with cataracts that were caused by the explosion, and surgery offered a good chance to restore some of his sight.

Back home in Riverside, Pfenninger organized a fundraising volleyball tournament at La Sierra Academy. Through the tournament and other efforts, she raised \$5,000 in just a few months.

"This November, my dad and I are going back to Costa Rica to make sure he gets the surgery," Rachel said

Looking ahead to her La Sierra University experience, Rachel says she's looking forward to getting involved with the campus spiritual life. That will be an extension of her involvement at her home church in Corona. "My church family is huge to me," Pfenninger said. "I could not imagine leaving my church. The members at Corona really encourage youth to be involved in what happens there."

Pfenninger was in France completing a six-week French language program at the Adventist campus in Collonges when she learned she had won the Presidential Scholarship.

"My parents e-mailed me a copy of the acceptance letter. I read it when I checked my e-mail early one morning. I was so excited I woke up everyone in my room," she said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity, having God lead, and seeing where He takes me."

Larry Becker

Palliative Care Demonstrates Christ's Healing Ministry

Palliative care is, at its core, the fulfillment of Adventist Health's mission to share God's love through physical, mental and spiritual healing. Often confused with hospice, palliative care brings physical, emotional and spiritual relief to patients and families not just at the end of life, but also when they need supportive, comforting care during a chronic or advanced illness. It's one of the most rapidly evolving medical specialties in the United States.

"We help them make choices and express their wishes about their medical care," said Lynn Meadows, physician assistant specializing in palliative care at Ukiah Valley Medical Center in Ukiah, Calif. "We sit down with them and with their families and discuss what their treatment options are. We listen. What does the patient want? How can we help them feel better and give them the best quality of life possible?"

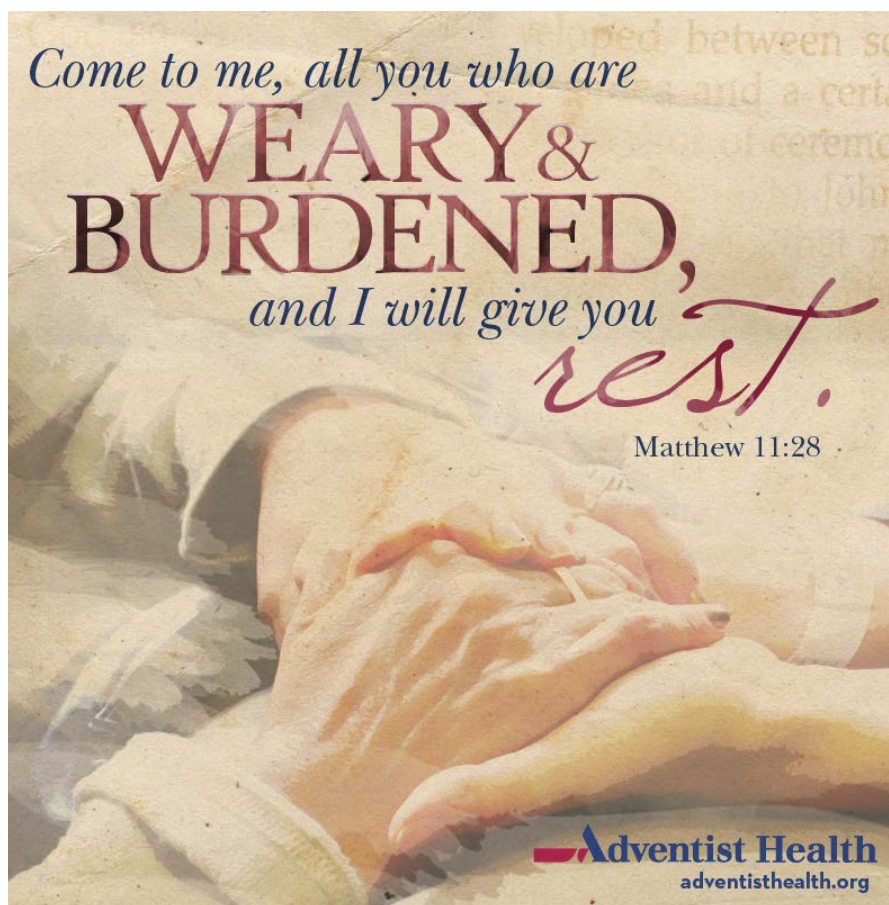
"How can we support them emotionally and spiritually?"

One of the most important benefits of palliative care is helping the patient and family sort through complex medical issues and decide what to do. "For patients and families, medical decision-making is anything but medical," said Emese Somogyi, M.D., who pioneered the palliative care program at Castle Medical Center on the island of Oahu in 2009. "It's about emotions and relationships. The biggest challenge of modern medicine is that we can do so many things, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea to do them, or that they are going to provide the outcomes people hope for. For a doctor to sit down with the patient and their loved ones and help them process these things, express emotions and feel validated is priceless."

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." — Matthew 11:28-29

"A gentleman in his 60s was admitted for debilitating strokes and multiple other medical conditions," she said. "His overall prognosis was poor, as he would be left bedbound, without the ability to communicate and requiring 24-hour care. His family, which included his four children, were scattered all over the United States. The oldest son, who had been estranged from his father for over 25 years, was appointed the designated decision maker. This family needed a tremendous amount of support as they tried to comprehend how their father's quality of life had been impacted and the challenges that lay ahead. They were hopeful for recovery but did not want their father to suffer. Palliative care supported this family by providing them multiple opportunities to express their concerns and validated their emotions as they each dealt with the reality of the situation and helped them reframe hope. Palliative care service offered meaningful presence and humanity in the face of a challenging situation."

"Palliative care is about patient choices," agreed Hyung An, M.D., medical director of the In-Home Primary and Palliative Care Program for the Feather River Outpatient Clinics in Paradise, Calif. "Should they seek traditional medical care or is that care too aggressive and not what they want? Often patients are frail and weak, and often they're depressed, so there is a significant spiritual need. It's wonderful that we have an avenue to meet that need. We're sharing Christ's love with those who are most vulnerable, at one of the most vulnerable times of their life."



Beth Martin



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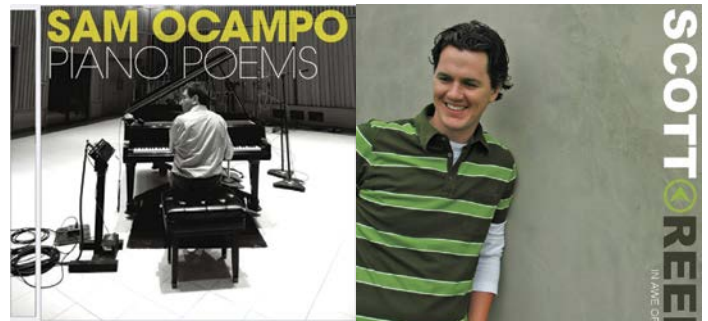
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CALENDARS

Central California

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NEW SABBATH SCHOOL & Church Officer Spanish Training (Oct. 4) Fresno Hispanic church. Info: Florina, 559-347-3144.

PRISON MINISTRIES TRAINING (Oct. 10-12) CCC. Info: Marilyn, 559-347-3142.

NEW SABBATH SCHOOL & Church Officer Spanish Training (Oct. 11) Bakersfield Hispanic church. Info: Florina, 559-347-3144.

YOUTH PRAYER CONFERENCE (Oct. 16-19) Central Valley Christian Academy. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174.

MEN'S RETREAT (Oct. 17-19) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Marilyn, 559-347-3142.

"MESSENGERS OF GOD" Spanish Training for Women (Oct. 24-26) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Florina, 559-347-3144.

PRAYER MINISTRIES TRAINING (Oct. 24-26) Camp Wawona. Info: Joyce, 559-696-3692.

ICC COMMUNITY SERVICES & Urban Ministry Certification Program (Nov. 8-9 & 15-16) Pacific Health Education Center, Bakersfield. Info: Marilyn, 559-347-3142.

La Sierra University

INVITATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL CONCERTS (Oct. 17) 7 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium and (Oct. 18) 4 p.m. LSU church. Info: 951-785-2036.

CHAMBER RECITAL SERIES (Oct. 11) 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK (Oct. 14-16)

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

Northern California Conference

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH (Oct. 1-31)

ALUMNI SABBATH (Oct. 4) El Dorado Adventist School, 1900 Broadway, Placerville. 9:30 a.m., Sabbath school; 10:30 a.m., worship service. Honored classes: 1999 & 2004. Info: Lois Roberts, lois.eas48@gmail.com.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONVOCATION (Oct. 10-11) Friday, Stockton Mayfair church; Sabbath, Stockton Christian Life Center. Main speaker: Dr. Jesse Wilson. Youth speaker: Edwin M. McBride Jr. Programs for kids, ages 5-12. See ad in NCC pages of this issue. Info: African-American Ministries Department, 925-603-5094.

40TH ANNIVERSARY (Oct. 10-12) Sacramento Woodside church, 3300 Eastern Avenue. We would be honored to have all who have been part of our family join us on this inspirational weekend.

Info: gjbenfield@gmail.com, 916-482-6444, www.woodsidesda.org.

Pacific Union College

PARALLAX - PHOTOGRAPHY by PUC Alumni (Oct. 4) 7 p.m. Rasmussen Art Gallery. Over 20 alumni photographers exhibit work from a variety of viewpoints in physical and digital display. Opening reception Oct. 4; exhibit runs through Oct. 26. Info: 707-965-6303.

FALL REVIVAL (Oct. 6-11) PUC church. Fall quarter week of spiritual emphasis featuring Jonathan Henderson, PUC campus chaplain. Info: www.puc.edu.

VINIFERA TRIO (Oct. 11) 8:30 p.m. Paulin Hall. Three award-winning classical musicians present a memorable musical performance. Info: www.puc.edu or 707-965-6201.

COLLEGE DAYS (Oct. 19-20 and Nov. 2-3) High school juniors and seniors from central and northern California academies experience classes and college events at PUC. Info: Enrollment Office, 800-862-7080.

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ANGWIN TO ANGWISH (Oct. 26) Trail run offering Family/4k, 12k, and 24k courses on PUC trails. Benefits PUC's Student Association and Service-Learning Program. Info: www.angwin-toangwish.com.

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Southeastern California

"FOOTPRINTS OF AFRICA" Vespers (Oct. 4) 5 p.m. Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. The vespers will include animals that kids and adults will love.

HEALTH EXPO (Oct. 12) 9-2 p.m. Colton church, 1291 N. Rancho Ave., Colton. The sixth annual health expo will include health, dental, and vision screenings as well as exercise classes and snacks.

Southern California Conference

CHURCH GROWTH SYMPOSIUM (Oct. 2-4) Speaker, Russell Burrill. Pastors only, (Oct. 2) 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (includes lunch) Basic Principles of Church. Pastors/Members, Fri., 7 p.m. Dealing with Change. Sat., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Revolutionized Church Today. (Dinner provided). Pasadena church, 1280 E. Washington Blvd. Info: 626-798-0544. Free, Angeline Matiko, 818-546-8437.

FOCUS ON FREEDOM (Oct. 4) "The Power to Effect Change Belongs to Ordinary People." 10:45 a.m. Norwalk church, 12191 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. Lunch provided. "The End of Protestant America?" 2 p.m. Speaker, Alan Reinach, director, Church State Council, executive director of NARLA-West.

FALL REVIVAL SERIES (Oct. 4-11) 7 p.m. University church, 1135 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles 90037. Info: 323-766-9889.

HOW TO SURVIVE These Tough Times Financial Seminar (Oct. 5) Presenter, Gordon Botting, Dr.P.H., Stewardship director, Pacific Union. Free seminar, free materials. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunland-Tujunga Adventist church, 7156 Valmont St., Tujunga 91043. Info: 818-352-3575, www.sunlandtjungasdachurch.com.

2014 BEST OF NATURE Cooking School (Oct. 7, 14, 21) 7-9 p.m. Enjoy free lectures, cooking demonstrations, recipes and food samples. Free child care available. South Bay church, 401 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach 90277. Registration/info: www.southbaychurch.net/South_Bay_Church/Cooking_School_2014.html.

THE BLUEPRINT, documentary about Adventist education (Oct. 11) 3 p.m. Director-writer Martin Doblmeier will be present. Elissa Kido, Ed.D., La Sierra University, will share results of the recent Cognitive Genesis Research. White Memorial church, 401 N. State St., Los Angeles 90033. Info: 818-546-8451.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT Series (Oct. 11) 4 p.m., presenting Clarissa Shan, soprano; and Timothy Gonzales, tenor; for a vocal recital. Reception will follow, allowing an opportunity to meet the artists. Freewill donations are received at the door. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: www.glendalecitychurch.org; 818-244-7241.

"THE GOD SHAPED BRAIN" Seminar (Oct. 11) 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Presenter, Timothy R. Jennings, M.D., Board-certified Christian psychiatrist/author. Vallejo Drive church, 300 Vallejo Dr., Glendale 91206. Lunch, by advance registration. Registration/info: 818-246-2476; www.graceunconditional.com.

THE BLUEPRINT, a documentary about Adventist education (Oct. 12) 5:30

p.m. Writer-Director Martin Doblmeier will be present. Lancaster church, 43824 30th St. W. Host: Antelope Valley Adventist School. Info: 661-942-6552.

PASTORS SEEKING GOD for the Holy Spirit (Oct. 14) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. concluding with lunch. Pasadena church, 1280 E. Washington Blvd. Sponsored by the SCC Prayer Ministry Committee & SCC Administration.

SOUTH BAY JUNIOR ACADEMY 50th Anniversary Celebration (Oct. 24) Kick-off event of a year-long celebration. Sabbath, 11:30 a.m. Worship service and potluck at South Bay church, 401 S. Prospect, Redondo Beach 90277; 2:30 p.m., school tour/activities at SBJA, including a 5 p.m. haystack supper (\$3 donation) RSVP: sbjaooffice@gmail.com by Oct. 5.

L.A. FORUM (Oct. 25) Speaker, Ron E. Osborn, Ph.D., 2014-2016 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Peace and Justice Program at Wellesley College, and a 2015 Fullbright Scholar to Burma/Myanmar. Topic, "Death Before the Fall?" 3 p.m. Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

VALLEJO DRIVE CHURCH 50th Anniversary (Nov. 14-15) Speaker, former senior Pastor Smuts vanRooyen. Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sabbath starting at 11 a.m. All former members, pastors and staff are invited to attend this special weekend. Info: 818-246-2476.

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FRESNO CENTRAL CHURCH 125th anniversary (Oct. 25) 2980 E. Yale Ave., Fresno, CA 93703. Former pastors and members are especially urged to attend or write. If you would like to participate in the program or have questions, please call 559-233-1171.

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ABELL, J. RUFUS – b. July 10, 1948, Newport News, Va.; d. April 27, 2014, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Shirley; son, Jay; daughter, Talitha Harris; five grandchildren; mother, Ida Mae Abell-Henry; stepfather, Robert Henry; brothers, Willie, Jerold, Steven.

ARROYO, JONATHAN JAMES – b. Oct. 2, 1987, Spokane, Wash.; d. April 17, 2014, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: wife, Kirsten Sorenson; daughter, Adalyn; father, Jonathan; mother, Lynell; sister, Corrie; parents-in-law, Ron and Donna Sorenson.

ARROYO, TAYLOR – b. Feb. 4, 2011, Selma, Calif.; d. April 17, 2014, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: mother, Kristen; sister, Adalyn; grandparents, Jonathan and Lynell Arroyo, Ron and Donna Sorenson.

BAILEY, CARMEL JEAN (FERRIS) – b. Dec. 12, 1932, Sacramento, Calif.; d. July 28, 2014, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: son, John C. Jr.; daughters, Dianna Jean Holmes, Judy Marie, Leslie Douma; 17 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; sister, Violet Ferris Beal.

BATTEE, MARILYN KATHLEEN (MILLER) (BIGGS) – b. Dec. 5, 1928, Riverside, Calif.; d. Aug. 9, 2014, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: husband,

Raymond; sons, Stanley Biggs, Verne Miller; daughters, Vickie Belman, Cindy; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

BECKWITH, ELIZABETH (MACOMBER) – b. Feb. 23, 1922, Riverbank, Calif.; d. July 9, 2014, Woodland, Calif. Survivors: sons, Clifford, Arthur Robert; daughter Janette Clark; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

BRANDMEYER, WALLACE, K. – b. April 14, 1933, Moline, Ill.; d. July 18, 2014, Escondido, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sharon; sons, Brad, Jeff; three grandchildren. Taught band at Lodi Academy; Bible, band and drafting at San Pasqual Academy.

BURKITT, VICTORIA TRUITT "VICKI" – b. Dec. 4, 1987, Lancaster, Calif.; d. March 19, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Howard "Jimmy"; sons, Jimmy Jr., Kroft, Owen; parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Truitt; brother, James Truitt; sister, Katie Truitt; grandparents, Travis Truitt, Lynette Anderson.

CHASE, EARLENE "CRISS" (STROUD) – b. March 18, 1929, Tulsa, Okla.; d. July 14, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Alden Jr.; daughter, Pam; two grandchildren.

CHAUVEZ, CHADWICK PAUL – b. Aug. 9, 1975, Hawaiian Gardens, Calif.; d. Aug. 5, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Alyssa; brothers, David, Kevin.

COFFIN, GLORIA EILLEEN – b. Jan. 11, 1924, Long Beach, Calif.; d. Aug. 24, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

CORTEZ, ROSALIA MARCELA "MARCY" – b. Sept. 1, 1956, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. Aug. 16, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: parents, Augustine and Ruth; brother, Rene; sisters, Loida Doukmetzian, Nina Cortez.

DOTSON, WILLIE T. JR. – b. Dec. 15, 1926, Greenville, Mich.; d. Feb. 23, 2014, Manteca, Calif. Survivors: wife, Eva; daughters, Shirley Boyd, Terri Anderson; step-daughter, Tina Randolph; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

GUTIERREZ, JOAN – b. Oct. 27, 1923, Mexico; d. April 26, 2014, Fontana, Calif. Survivor: niece, Patricia Perez.

HARDY, JESSIE (WALKER) – b. Feb. 12, 1921, Fitzgerald, Texas; d. July 6, 2014, Los Banos, Calif. Survivors: son, Daniel Hardy; daughter, Lufreta Bean; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

HEATHMAN, GILBERT RAY – b. Oct. 19, 1930, Chicago, Ill.; d. June 24, 2014, Auburn, Calif. Survivors: son, Michael Ray; daughters: Kim Lynette Gazzigli, Michelle Rene; four grandchildren. Started a mission in the Philippines.

HEBBEL, RICHARD JOHN – b. Aug. 8, 1946, Minneapolis, Minn.; d. Nov. 6, 2013, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carolyn; sons, Brian, Jeff; daughter, Melinda; four grandchildren.

HOATSON, WENDELL M. – b. April 1, 1929, Excelsior Springs, Mo.; d. Aug. 10, 2014, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jack, David; daughter, Wendy Roth; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Carol Chase, Kathleen Manning.

HUERTA, RICARDO M. – b. April 3, 1950, Guetamo, Michoacan, Mexico; d. July 4, 2014, San Jacinto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carmen; son, Richard; daughter, Jackie; two grandchildren. Served as a literature evangelist and pastor.

ILES, ALINE – b. Dec. 13, 1934, Canada; d. June 5, 2014, Lancaster, Calif. Survivors: sons, Douglas, Darryl, Danny; daughter, Debra.

KEEHNEL, WILLIAM "BILL" – b. June 18, 1931, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. April 5, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: wife, Donna Jean Tunnell; sons, Mark, Patrick, Ted; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

KENNEDY, LOELLA MAY (TONN) – b. May 21, 1927, Bowden, N.D.; d. Aug. 15, 2014, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: son, J. Rodney; daughters, S. Alain, Pamela

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Kennedy-Scheideman; two grandchildren; sister, Elaine Owens.

Correction: LEONARD, RONALD LEE — b. Sept. 22, 1948, Eugene, Ore.; d. June 22, 2014, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Margaret; daughter, Molly Franti; stepson, David Krussow; stepdaughter, Lanette Espinoza; seven grandchildren; brother, Charly; sisters, Anita, Annette Slaydon. Served at Adventist Health as a med gas specialist for Northern California hospitals.

Correction: MANN, LIDA BABIENCO — b. Aug. 4, 1921, Harbin, China; d. May 29, 2014, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Julie Mattison, Nancy Debretian.

MARSH, ROBERT LEE — b. July 25, 1920, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Aug. 21, 2014, Glendale, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marguerite; son, Christopher; daughter, Victoria Tapper; son-in-law, Travers; daughter-in-law, Pique; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Dr. Marsh served in WWII as a flight surgeon and had a medical practice in Glendale; he was widely known for his singing.

MATSUMURA, JOE — b. July 13, 1920, San Jose, Calif.; d. June 14, 2014, Palo Alto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Fumi; sons, Gary, Ted; daughters, Sharon Chong, Lynda; four grandchildren.

MORRIS, CLARINE — b. Sept. 20, 1936; d. June 12, 2014, Taft, Calif. Survivors: son, Dale; daughter, Karen Gearhart.

MORROW, RICHARD J. — b. May 27, 1925, Oakland, Calif.; d. June 8, 2014, Upper Lake, Calif. Survivors: wife, Helen; son, Ray; daughter, Martha; stepson, Bill; four grandchildren.

NEWKIRK, DAN — b. June 4, 1943; d. May 4, 2014, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sonia; son, Michael; daughters, Sandra Palmer, Barbara Newkirk, Carol Palmer, seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

ODEN, GEORGE WASHINGTON — b. Oct. 26, 1924, Clanton Ala.; d. July 1, 2014, Pacoima, Calif. Survivors: wife, Vera; sons, Ronald, Antonio; daughters, Michelle, Audrey, Kerry; 15 grandchildren.

OEY, JANE — b. March 7, 1929, Dordrecht, Netherlands; d. May 28, 2014, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: husband, Fred; sons, Fred, Bert, Chuck; daughter, Sylvia; four grandchildren; brothers, Jan Dubelman, Kees Dubelman; sisters, Corrie vander Wal, Toos Tazelaar.

OLIVER, GLYNDA — b. Dec. 18, 1935, Fort Worth, Texas; d. July 4, 2014, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, John; son, Casey De Pie; daughters, Kelly Renslow, Leslie Dalton; seven grandchildren.

PARMENTER, DONALD L. — Aug. 26, 1944, Chehalis, Wash.; d. Aug. 5, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Nancie; daughters, Kristina, Kathleen Viken; one grandchild.

PATTERSON, ANTHONY L. — b. Dec. 26, 1955, Denver, Colo.; d. July 15, 2014, Fairfield, Calif. Survivors: son, Evond; two grandchildren; brother, Joseph; sisters, Patricia, Donna, Dina, Ruby.

PEACOCK, TAYLOR R. — b. July 4, 1941, Weed, N. M.; d. April 8, 2014, Tucson, Ariz.; Survivors: wife, Dainne (Stotz); son, M. Keith; daughter, Lynell Arroyo; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a teacher at Houston Jr., San Antonio, Bourbon Jr., Sunnydale and Upper Columbia academies; also worked at Leoni Meadows.

REEVES, HEATHER JEAN — b. Jan. 29, 1929, Sidney, Australia; d. Aug. 4, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, John; sons, David J., Steven, Michael; daughters, Ann Jass, Heather Few; three grandchildren.

SHERMAN, JACK LEAL — b. April 25, 1939, Cedar Lake, Mich.; d. Aug. 2, 2014, Angwin, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lois; sons, Sam, Lonnie, Vernon; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Linda Reynolds. Served with Pacific Union College in the maintenance department.

SOWDER, JOYCE IRENE — b. May 24, 1924, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. Aug. 29, 2014, Highland, Calif. Survivors: son, Phillip; daughter, Joan Moss; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

STEVENS, RICHARD BYRON — b. Feb. 21, 1947, Riverside, Calif.; d. Aug. 11, 2014, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Barbara; daughters, Kam Uli, Brittany, Paige; two grandchildren.

SUMMERS, GEORGE VERNON — b. April 21, 1929, Youngstown, Ohio; d. Aug. 12, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, R. Joan; daughters, Barbara Ford, Linda Dayen; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

TAMANAHA, FLORENCE FUMIYO — b. July 6, 1925, Makaweli, Hawaii; d. Aug. 12, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: eight nephews and nine nieces. Served as a teacher in Kauai, Molokai and Oahu.

THOMPSON, GARY LEE — b. June 28, 1949, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. July 25, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: mother, Bobbie Jeanette Jones; brothers, Bill, Robert, John; sisters, Shirley Adams, Caryn Jordan.

TORRES, DENNIS — b. April 4, 1954, Santa Monica, Calif.; d. Feb. 21, 2014, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Karen; son, Brent; sister, Lisa Bell.

VIPOND, BERTRAND ADDISON — b. Oct. 31, 1923, Porterville, Calif.; d. June 13, 2014, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: wife, Bonnie; sons, Terry, Randy; daughter, Karen Fisher; stepson, Greg Peterson; stepdaughters, Christine Peterson Nave, Marcia Sanderson, Sandra Peterson Miller, Wanda Alsven; 26 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; sisters, Doris Surprise, Bernice White.

WAHLSTROM, ROSE E. — b. Oct. 23, 1917, Davenport, Iowa; d. Aug. 12, 2014, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Greg; daughter, Ann Totaro; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Elliott.

WAKEFIELD, MILDRED — b. Jan. 22, 1919, Hebron, Ohio; d. July 19, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: sons, Don, William; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

WEBBER, EDNA MAE (GRANLUND) — b. April 29, 1919, Brookfield, Ill.; d. Aug. 3, 2014, Petaluma, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Patti Blount, Kathy Hicks. Served with her husband as medical missionary in Japan.

WINTER, IAN — b. Oct. 19, 1937, McMillanville, Ore.; d. June 28, 2014, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: wife, Betty; sons, Troy, Steve; daughters, Jeanne Dalrymple, Jennifer Tarroll; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

WITHROW, JOY ERLINE (MCCOY) — b. Feb. 26, 1929, Milton, Ore.; d. Aug. 5, 2014, Yountville, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dean, Doug, Bob; daughter, Kathy; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Served as manager for ABC in Angwin; office worker for Valley Retirement Estates, Yountville, Calif.

YOUNG, EVELYN TERESA — b. March 16, 1939, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Aug. 20, 2014, Carson City, Nev. Survivors: son, Ronnie Shortt; daughters, Lisa Slaght, Cynthia Spencer; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; brother, Harry.

ZIMMERMAN, EILEEN (GROSS) — b. July 3, 1925, Beiseker, Alberta, Canada; d. Aug. 1, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: stepdaughters, Judy Beasley, Joyce Barlow, Jeannine Shaw; brother, Harold Gross.

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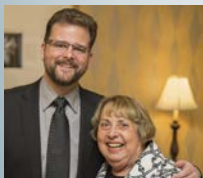
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