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Congratulations Graduates!

You have worked hard to get your diploma by investing time and effort in learning and completing all the requirements. As you continue on life's journey remember that there are three things that can't be taken away from you: your education, experience and character.

We never stop learning. As students you learn real life experiences and book knowledge. Student life is the process of maturing, taking responsibilities and planning for the future.

An unknown author said, “Experience is what causes a person to make new mistakes instead of old ones.” Our response to situations and events are shaped by our experience. Our thought process, attitude, aspirations, expectations and social behavior are all altered or shaped by our experiences. Aldous Leonard Huxley said, “Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him.” All that we learn in life helps us to grow. We must seek God's guidance to help us learn from every experience.

Earn a Pathfinder honor in seven minutes using a free app!

Take a journey through a 19th century village and try to earn 200 points in order to launch the Pitcairn Missionary boat and earn a Pathfinder honor (God’s Messenger Honor). The light colored questions earn you points. The dark colored questions give you tokens. You can trade your tokens for more time, a risk question or answer cards. Challenge yourself as you learn about the times and prophetic ministry of Ellen G. White.

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Every act of life, every experience, however unimportant, has its influence in our lives and helps form our character (see 4T 657).

The only thing that we will take to heaven is our character. Character has been defined as a collection of personality traits within our behavior that shows who we are. We show our character by our integrity, attitude, moral fiber and disposition. Character is who we are and by abiding in Christ He prepares us live with Him forever. Our character summarizes our walk with Christ. Character is the display case of Christ in our lives and shows others how we live and walk as Christians.

Ellen White wrote, “The traits of character you cherish in life will not be changed by death or by the resurrection. You will come up from the grave with the same disposition you manifested in your home and in society. Jesus does not change the character at His coming. The work of transformation must be done now. Our daily lives are determining our destiny...a symmetrical character must be formed while in this probationary state, that we may be fitted for the mansions above” (13 MR 82).

“True character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within” (DA 307).

As you move forward to the next step of life remember that God is with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will guide by the hand to be successful in whatever you undertake. May God continue to bless you all your endeavors.

Lee-Roy Chacon, President
Spanish Church

Pathfinder Camporee
  June 4-7
  Ruidoso, NM

General Conference Session
  July 2-11
  San Antonio, TX

Conference Evangelistic Meetings

Big Spring (TX)
  May 22-June 27
  Abner Razon

Carlsbad (TX)
  May 23-30
  Daniel Hernandez

El Paso Meraz (TX)
  May 16-30
  Jose Abreu

Hobbs Spanish (NM)
  May 23-30
  Ezequiel Melendez

Tulia (TX)
  May 24-30
  Charles Mesnard

His Story is Still Being Told Through Theirs

Newly formed Amarillo Karen (pronounced Kor-EN) Company

(left to right) Texico Conference president, Lee-Roy Chacon, Dah Nay Way, Company Leader, Jimmy Shwe, NAD Karen Church Planting Consultant, and Phil Robertson, Texico Executive Secretary/Treasurer
What can you say when your family suddenly grows by 50 members in one grand event? That’s actually what happened in Amarillo, Texas on March 21 as the members of the Texico Conference family expanded to include a brand new congregation, the Amarillo Karen Company.

These new family members have been arriving in the United States, along with about 70,000 of their fellow Karen People, over the past 8 - 10 years. They are coming from refugee camps in Southeast Asia along the border between Burma (now known as Myanmar) and Thailand. Most of them were born in the refugee camps as second, third, even fifth generation residents of this displaced people group and now they have a new home in Amarillo through a resettlement program of the United States Government.

And the really amazing part of their story is that these new family members are descendants of the first people to accept the Seventh-day Adventist message in their native land…a century ago.

Perhaps you may recall the wonderful stories that many of us remember from camp meetings, record albums and children's books. These were stories with strange names like “Pip Pip, the Naughty Chicken”, “Mr. Crooked Ears” and “Clever Queen”. These stories, and many more, were told by master storyteller, Pastor Eric B. Hare, as both children and adults listened with interest on the edge of their chairs. These stories are the special treasure of a missionary experience that began 100 years ago this year when this Australian pastor arrived as the first Adventist missionary to Burma.

Pastor Hare served the Karen people of Burma for about twenty years. He learned to speak their
Statistical Snapshots

Texico Membership as of May 28, 2015
12,340

Number of Texico Congregations

Churches: 71
Companies: 6
Groups: 5

Tithe Received
March: $559,924
TD: $2,270,388.68

April Remittance closed at 5.73%

Texico Advance for April was $8,043.65

language, he learned their stories and he told them his, stories about Jesus, grace and living forever. The people quickly accepted “Dr. Rabbit”, as they came to refer to him, since one of their long-shared cultural stories told that some day a tall, white man carrying a black book with gold edges would come and the people should listen to him because he would tell them the truth. And so, they believed that he had arrived and they listened to him.

For those twenty years Pastor Hare preached, and taught, and treated the people’s illnesses. He faithfully built up a wonderful group of leaders who have continued to share the message of hope and salvation with succeeding generations. As a result, there are thousands of Seventh-day Adventists among the Karen People today. Most of these people still live in the refugee camps and in other groups of displaced people in Thailand and Myanmar.

But now some of these folks have come to Amarillo, and over the past several years they have found each other and have shared their faith with still others until now some 90 people are worshiping together each Sabbath. On that special Sabbath in March this group of fellow believers was organized as a Company and as a part of the Texico Conference family. With the support of the NAD Office of Refugee Ministries, this newly established Company in the Texico Conference was welcomed as the 40th officially recognized congregation of Karen members in the North American Division.
Eh Htee Kaw, former Buddhist monk, signs as a charter member of the Amarillo Karen Company on the day of his baptism.

There were 46 Seventh-day Adventists members who had been baptized in the refugee camps or at sometime earlier while living in Amarillo. In addition, four young adults were baptized by Texico Conference president, Pastor Lee-Roy Chacon that day, one of them being a former Buddhist monk who led out in the Sabbath School program that morning. All together, the members who signed the Charter Membership Roster totaled 50 very excited, happy and dedicated members. We are very grateful for the leadership of Dah Nay Way, the new company Leader and also for Pastor Jimmy Shwe, NAD Karen Church Planting Consultant, who minister to these faithful members.
And so, as this new congregation is committed to reaching ‘their new community’ for Christ it is clear that the story of Pastor Eric B. Hare continues to be told. The Karen people will never forget his commitment to Jesus and to them. During the weekend of July 23-26 this year there will be a special 100 Year Celebration at Andrews University to remember and to honor, the faithfulness of this special missionary pastor.

When the family expands by 50 people at one grand event it calls for a season of rejoicing indeed! What else can we say but “Praise the Lord!”

Phil Robertson, Texico Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Hi-na (He Lives)
Hi-na, Hi-na Christ Jesus Kad Hi-na! Shijei biidi hi-na. “Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me..... You ask me how I know He lives. He lives with-in my heart.” I love this song (He Lives). Have you heard it sung in the Navajo language?

My journey of Jesus coming into my heart began when I was almost five years old. I was introduced to Christianity at a Vacation Bible School in Naschitti, New Mexico. As I heard the story of David and
Goliath it impressed my little heart so much that it became my story.

During my fifth year in school, one of my brothers was killed in an auto accident. Another brother was attending school in California at the time and wanted to come home for the funeral, but he didn't have a ride. Paul and Mary Jane Stewart offered to bring him home for the funeral. It was nice to have the Stewart's around my family during this difficult time. Before going back to California, Paul enrolled each of my family members—parents, brothers and sisters in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence course. I really enjoyed every subject I studied.

On April 20, 1974, after evangelistic meetings which were held at the Albuquerque Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, my sisters and I were baptized. At the same time, I shared Christ with my best friend who was later baptized also.

Today, I am an active member at the Gallup All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church along with my wife, Angie. We are passionate about sharing Christ with other Native Americans.

Every year we have the privilege of sharing Christ at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow, an annual event in Albuquerque, NM, by helping out at the Adventist booth along with other members from the Albuquerque Heights and Rio Rancho Churches. This year we also had help from Cheryl Joe and her daughter who are new members at Gallup. At this event thousands of Native American Indians attend the Pow Wow.

We were privileged to be able to share Jesus with some of the people who stopped by to visit our booth. My next door neighbor, who is also a Navajo
speaking Native American, stopped by. He asked what our booth was giving out and I thought to myself “thank you Jesus” as I started telling him about the greatest Gathering of Nations that will occur when Jesus comes again and handed him some free information.

We share Jesus in the market place because we don’t want our Native people to miss out when Jesus comes again. I pray for our Native people to get to know and love Christ, and to accept the call of the Great Spirit and live with Him forever.

I long for the moment in heaven, when the universe, and all the angels and every nationality hush and listen to the Native people sing the song of the redeemed as we enter the Holy City. Hi-na, Hi-na Christ Jesus Hi-na.

Let’s spread the word that Jesus is alive and He wants us to live with Him forever!

Raymond Nez

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One More on Board
On Sabbath, May 23rd, I was invited to be the guest speaker for the morning worship experience at the Ruidoso Seventh-day Adventist Church. I had the privilege of sharing a testimony of the difference that prison ministry has made in the life of a certain young man. As I talked and visually scanned the audience, I noticed that a very distinguished looking couple was sitting in the front and listening very intently, giving a frequent nod as if to agree and relate to what I was sharing.

Immediately following the worship hour, I went to this couple and introduced myself. I was surprised to hear that they are actively involved in prison ministry and even more surprised to hear that the husband, Dr. Ron Rockey had served time in prison. I talked to them for several minutes and they presented me with autographed copies of their books for our use in the Texico Conference Prison Ministry. Drs. Ron and Nancy Rockey (both Ph.D), returned for the afternoon seminar. Together we challenged the church to
become an agent for change via prison ministry. When the appeal was given the Ruidoso Seventh-day Adventist Church accepted the challenge with the assistance of the Texico Conference Prison Ministry team. Ruidoso will establish an active prison ministry outreach.

We now have "One More on Board." Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! If you would like to become actively involved in jail or prison ministry please contact the Texico Conference for further information and instruction.

Leroy Green,
Texico Prison Ministry Coordinator

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Spring is certainly in the air! In spite of the occasional thunderstorm, temperatures are definitely on the rise and---judging by the numbers seen biking, hiking, golfing, playing tennis, washing their cars or working in their yards---so is the activity level of most people. Not only does God bless us with all that makes spring such a welcome and wonderful season,
but He also blesses us with eyes to see the first new leaves, noses to capture the wafting scent of blossoms, and ears to hear the happy melody of the songbirds.

Applying these seasonal observations to the subject of stewardship is easy! First of all, spring is such a beautiful reminder of just how much our Creator provides for, not only our needs, but also our enjoyment. Doesn’t He ask for so very little in return for this “abundant life” that He has both promised and delivers?

Also, a broader understanding of stewardship could easily include our cherished health message. Perhaps you’ve already noticed that I consistently promote a holistic understanding of stewardship (it’s not just all about tithes and offerings!). God provides everything to His children--including good health. When we practice the tenets of our health message, we are being good stewards of that “temple” that He entrusted us with. Now, hopefully, you will remember stewardship the next time you breathe in that cool spring air while hiking in the mountains or get a healthy sweat going as you tend to the yard.

Jeff Metherell,
Texico Association Secretary, Planned Giving and Stewardship Director

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