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For the past several years, Potomac Conference’s Courthouse Road church in Richmond, Va., has partnered with their county’s Social Services Department to provide backpacks for underprivileged children. They hoped to distribute 26 backpacks this year, but members of the church sponsored 35 instead! One out of every three active members volunteered to buy a backpack for a particular child and fill it with school supplies required by the child’s teacher. The supply lists were long and total cost hovered around $65 per pack, but that didn’t deter those who wanted to make a difference in a child’s life. One member had so much fun preparing the first backpack, she wanted to do a second. Another said her 3-year-old son made sure she picked the “coolest” stuff for the kids. Other members summed up the experience by saying they “had a blast.” Many members also included caring and inspiring notes, sure to encourage the young people who received them.—Joanna Whitaker

Beacon of Hope Conducts Parking Lot Baptisms

As a witness to the community, Allegheny West Conference’s Beacon of Hope Church in Columbus, Ohio, decided to do something a little unusual: they conducted two baptisms in their parking lot. “We decided to go to where the people were to
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Members of the Little Flock congregation at the Western Correctional Institution (WCI) in Cumberland, Md., recently enjoyed their eighth annual weekend revival. Hosted by the Greater Washington Chapter of Prison Ministries, the three-day revival, themed “Caught up in the Spirit,” yielded four baptisms.

Members from Washington, D.C.-area churches, including First, Fourth Street-Friendship and Dupont Park; Metropolitan in Hyattsville, Md.; and Potomac Conference’s Seabrook church in Lanham, Md.; volunteered their time (and gas money) to travel two hours to the facility. Once there, they spent the weekend teaching, learning and praising God with the men of the Little Flock company.

“The walls of the prison seemed to melt away as our spirits were lifted in praise of the God of heaven,” said one inmate. “Our theme song said it best: ‘There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.’” — *A WCI Inmate*

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**Spencerville Celebrates 15 Years With Senior Pastor**

On Sabbath, August 27, members of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., celebrated 15 years under the leadership of Senior Pastor Jerry Lutz (at podium) and his wife, Janet. Present at the service were current and former pastors, including Rob Vandeman, former senior pastor and then president of the Chesapeake Conference.

“Jerry has guided this congregation through many a challenging situation and cast a vision for the future,” said Vandeman. “His keen analytical mind, his broad ecclesiastical perspective, his profound theological insight and his deep spiritual
commitment have helped guide decisions being made at these and other church levels.”

Under Lutz’s leadership, Spencerville church has a long list of accomplishments involving mission, ministries, growth and expansion, not the least of which is the recent completion of the church’s new 14-grade academy. He was presented with a staff carved from a tree related to this project to serve as a spiritual reminder of his calling, commitment and congregation.—Merle Poirier

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LEA MAS Y VEA FOTOS
Meet Winona Hudson, New HVA Vice Principal

Winona Hudson recently joined Highland View Academy (HVA) as vice principal of academic administration. She comes to HVA from Fresno, Calif. She graduated from Loma Linda University with an associate degree in nursing and spent 16 years as a registered nurse. Hudson went on to complete her Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Multiple Subjects Teaching with a Cross Cultural Language Development Credential from California State University Fresno and a Master of Arts in Education with Administration and Supervision Credential. She taught for the Clovis Unified School District for five years, spent two years in Hanford as a learning director and five years as a vice principal/teacher at Fresno Adventist Academy.

“If I can touch the heart of a child so that they can see a glimpse of God, develop their gifts of service, then I know that His will for my life is complete,” she says. She is married to Gary. They are parents to three young adults and grandparents of one.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WAU Students to Host 9/11 Memorial Concert

The Student Association at Washington Adventist University will be presenting a September 11 memorial concert at the on-campus Sligo church. Committed, a group of Oakwood University (Ala.) students who won the The Sing-Off, NBC’s televised
singing competition, will headline the concert. The concert will honor local firefighters and police who responded to the 9/11 attacks, and will feature families who lost loved ones that day. A portion of the proceeds will go to the 9/11 Worthy Student Fund.

The concert begins at 8 p.m., Sunday, September 11, at 7700 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Md. Tickets can be purchased through ticketleap.com.

**September 9-11:** The Chesapeake Conference’s Youth Leaders Convention will be held at the Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md. Featured speaker: Randy Fishell, *GUIDE Magazine* editor. To register, call (410) 995-1910, ext. 2337

**September 25:** *Vibrant Life*’s annual 5K Fun Run/Walk in Hagerstown, Md., is scheduled for September 25 on Let’s Move Day. Registration runs from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 9 a.m. Get more information online at VibrantLife.com, or call (800) 876-7313.

**September Visitor Highlights**

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Remmers is married to Shayne (Bromme) Remmers, a nurse specializing in cardiac care. The couple has two children, Andrew and Kari.
From left to right: Eduardo Munoz, Chesapeake Conference treasurer; Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference president; Rick Remmers; Franke Zollman, pastor of Williamsport (Md.) church and executive committee member; and Wally Carson, vice president and general counsel for the Columbia Union Conference, happily surround the new Chesapeake Conference president.
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Noting that the team is working only from preliminary reports, Frank Bondurant, Columbia Union Conference’s vice president for Ministries Development, said, “ACS DR is poised and prepared to respond to any requests for help.”

To learn more about Adventist Disaster Response contact these coordinators in your area:

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In addition to the pantry, WOFCC offers a variety of services to their community. They operate a clothing donation center and youth drop-in center and offer afterschool tutoring, weekday breakfasts, a Sabbath community meal, an Ohio Benefits Bank and various seminars. They also give the homeless access to a washer and dryer.
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“No pretendo ser el hermano White; soy sencillamente un pastor que ora por su Asociación”, dijo riendo entre dientes al recordar la experiencia. “Cuando miré más de cerca el mapa, me di cuenta que había una línea trazada alrededor del noroeste de Nueva Jersey donde no hay casi Adventistas [del Séptimo Día]”. Al mirar de nuevo el mapa, se reveló la hora de las 6:10, que trazaba una línea alrededor de la región del sureste, donde la feligresía es igualmente poco densa.

La mayoría de los 13,600 miembros de la Asociación adoran en ochenta y seis iglesias en el noreste y sureste del estado, a lo largo de la carretera interestatal 95, lo que Cortés llama “la
zona ocupada”. Las 12:40 y 6:10 revelan dos ventanas de oportunidad para la evangelización, y cuando Cortés entendió esto, le pidió a Dios que le mostrara cómo alcanzar ese territorio.

“Dame esa montaña”

Cortés recuerda la historia bíblica de Caleb quien le pidió a Josué cierta montaña. A la edad de ochenta y cinco años, Caleb conquistó osadamente los gigantes que ocupaban el territorio elegido, y fundó allí una ciudad. Pensando en eso, Cortés se dirigió al comité ejecutivo, luego a los pastores y ancianos, y a los grupos étnicos que apoyaban la misión y trabajaban con sus directivas para elegir la ciudad o pueblo en la cual querían centrarse.

En marzo, al reunirse en TVRC para el retiro anual de ancianos, cada uno anunció sus planes, y participó en capacitaciones para aprender cómo plantar iglesias por medio de los grupos pequeños, ministerios juveniles, servicios a la comunidad, programas de salud, ministerios de música, y otros métodos.

“El plan es de no llevar cuarenta a cincuenta miembros al pueblo”, les dijo Cortés. “En lugar de eso, lleven un grupo de doce Caleb, toquen las puertas, hagan encuestas para determinar las necesidades de la comunidad, e inviten a las personas a estudiar la Biblia”. También amonestó a los recién formados grupos Misión Caleb de no “pescar en las peceras”, sino buscar personas que no pertenecen a una iglesia o que se han apartado de ella. “Hay cien millones de personas en los Estados Unidos que no pertenecen a una iglesia”, dijo él. “Ellos son nuestro enfoque”.

En el campestre en junio, los miembros de cada grupo Misión Caleb se reunieron en la plataforma para una dedicación especial dirigida por Cortés y los oficiales de la Asociación—Jim Greene, vicepresidente de administración, y Modesto Vázquez, vicepresidente de finanzas. “Le entregamos a cada miembro una bolsa especial cuyo contenido era una Biblia, guías de estudio bíblico, folletos, material para compartir, y cuestionarios en español o inglés para la comunidad”, dijo Greene.

Vázquez se deleita en las posibilidades de crecimiento, y aprecia el apoyo financiero de los miembros por medio de dos ofrendas de sacrificio, y un subsidio especial de la Unión de Columbia para evangelismo. “Estamos aportando $280,000 para Misión Caleb, y la Unión nos dio $100,000”, nos informa. “Somos una Asociación pequeña, y es verdad que no contamos con todos los recursos necesarios para cumplir con nuestro objetivos. Pero esto nos ayudará a alcanzar más áreas del estado y realizar un mejor servicio para el Señor”.

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Ilumina la esquina

Servir al Señor es lo que impulsa a Ramón Merle, un anciano de la iglesia hispana de Hackettstown, quien tiene formado un grupo Misión Caleb en Hackettstown y otro en Newton.
Ramón poya grandemente este esfuerzo de evangelización de la misma manera que lo han hecho los miembros de ambos grupos. Recientemente, invitaron a clientes de una panadería local a participar de un sorteo para ganarse una Biblia. Cincuenta y tres personas entregaron su nombre y veinte se inscribieron para recibir estudios bíblicos. Merle está emocionado con esta primera respuesta y la iniciativa en general. “Si cada presidente decide tomar una esquina de este mundo, el Señor vendrá y nos iremos de este lugar tan penoso”, concluyó él.

Los miembros de la iglesia de Harrison, los que reivindicaron Kearny como su “esquina”, recientemente celebraron los primeros diez bautismos, fruto de Misión Caleb, y formaron la primera misión con veintinueve miembros.

La iglesia de Princeton, cuyo pastor es Art Randall, está trabajando para alcanzar al pueblo de Ivy Leage para Cristo. El pastor se unió a una asociación ministerial local, se conectó con empresas del área, y está prestando su apoyo a los ministerios del campus de la Universidad de Princeton, donde los graduados Josefina Elia y Denver Jn Baptiste, dirigen estudios bíblicos los viernes de noche y distribuyen El conflicto de los siglos. “En Princeton, la ciencia y el intelectualismo es la religión de la época”, dice Elia, “pero yo creo que el adventismo tiene una base filosófica que es más robusta que lo que el mundo tiene para ofrecer. Estoy contenta de estar aquí y reunirme con ellos...en su nivel de pensamiento”.

Los miembros de la iglesia hispana de Trenton, los que reivindicaron la cercana Highstown, pronto dieron seguimiento a los nombres recibidos de los colportores que llegaron al área el verano pasado. Esto produjo veintiocho estudios bíblicos con personas adultos (además de varios niños). Se esperan más bautismos muy pronto. Jorge Agüero, quien dirige la iglesia y sirve como un director de departamento en la Asociación de Nueva Jersey, informa que en un reciente sábado, hicieron encuestas en la comunidad y visitaron veinticinco hogares. Diecisésis personas aceptaron la oferta de estudios bíblicos.

“Así que no es verdad la idea que las personas no quieren conocer a Dios y no quieren estudios bíblicos”, observa Cortés. A su tiempo, él espera que estos florezcan en grupos pequeños, luego en compañías, y luego en iglesias completamente organizadas. “No va a suceder sin el trabajo dedicado de los pastores y evangelistas laicos que dirigen Misión Caleb en la ventana 12:40 y 6:10 de Nueva Jersey”, dijo él.

En estos días, durante los momentos de oración matinal, o al dirigirse en su “caballo negro” (su camioneta GMC) por las ciudades y pueblos de su estado, tiene motivo para orar. “Digo, ‘Señor, tú ves estas personas caminando por las calles de este pueblo, en esta ciudad. Muéstranos cómo plantar una iglesia aquí donde ellos te puedan adorar’, dice él.

Dios ya está contestando sus oraciones por medio de los grupos Misión Caleb.

Conozca más: Mira un video acerca de esta historia en columbiaunion.org/videos.