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The ordination ceremony for Mark Sigue, Frederick (Md.) church’s associate pastor for children, youth and young adults, drew more than 200 supporters, many of whom were guests from churches he pastored prior to coming to the Chesapeake Conference last year.

“It was really meaningful,” says Sigue. “People who were key in my spiritual journey were there, kids that I baptized, even kids that I dedicated.”

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Frederick members planned a surprise that made the young pastor “feel loved.” Upon learning that Sigue’s parents, who serve as missionaries in Uganda, Africa, had already used their furlough this year, and could afford only for his father to travel back to the United States for the ceremony, the church raised the funds to bring Sigue’s mother too. Sigue and his wife, Marifel, are pictured listening to the charge given by John Appel, conference director of pastoral development. His father, Pastor Marcelo T. Sigue, is pictured right.—Story by Samantha Young; photo by Carol Biazotto

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Baltimore Junior Academy Students Start School Year With iPads
Last spring **Baltimore Junior Academy**’s principal, Carol Cantu attended a demonstration meeting of the educational applications of the Apple iPad. Amazed at the many educational applications, she determined that her Baltimore students would have this latest technological experience on a daily basis.

She connected with the Baltimore City Title II Office of Education, which underwrote 11 iPads, enough for a class set. “The iPad has thousands of educational applications with endless potential,” Cantu says. “There are instructional, practice and game applications for every subject, including foreign languages, art and music. We are already excited to begin a new school year, but the iPads have taken that excitement over the top!” Pictured from left to right are Andrea Hlongwane, Tahron Ferebee and Dwight Allmond trying out their new educational tool.

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**Blue Mountain Elementary Hosts Prayer Walk**

They ranged in age from kindergarten through retirement. Their mood was reverent and full of anticipation. They were there to pray. **Blue Mountain Elementary** in Hamburg, Pa., hosted a prayer walk this summer, inviting students, parents, friends and family to join them in praying for their school, students and community. Participants were invited to prayer walk through nine prayer stations, with each stop featuring a different topic of prayer, along with a visual to add to the learning experience.

At a table set with pitchers of fruit juice, participants were invited to think about the fruit of the Spirit and pray for God to fill them with His fruit as they drank a cup of juice. In the bathrooms, they were invited to look in the mirror and think about how God sees them and created them. Another room encouraged them to pray for students to be covered with the armor of God. Pictured is first grader Jordyn Schaeffer and her mom, who explained each station.—*Story by Tamyra Horst*
September Visitor Highlights

The September Visitor cover story recounts the Columbia Union Conference’s Choose Without Compromise Camporee held this summer at Camp Mohaven in Danville, Ohio. The issue also features conference, school and healthcare news. Check it out here.

¿Cuál es mi recuerdo favorito de un Camporee?

“Mi experiencia favorita hasta ahora es la lluvia. Algunos tenían miedo cuando tronaba, pero yo vi una oportunidad para poner mi fe en Dios. Después de eso creí que todo estaría bien.”—Kassandra Fernandez, 17, iglesia Passaic I, New Jersey Conference, Club de Conquistadores Soldiers of the King, en Passaic, N.J.

End Quote: Agents for Change

“I strongly support the concept that agents
for change come from within universities. We prepare students for life, and challenge them to go beyond the confines of conventional thinking. We must continue the task of teaching our children how to think, not what to think.

“Students, faculty and staff, you have choices—moral and material. Seek truth, choose wisely and leave a legacy of service to humanity.”—Weymouth Spence, EdD, president of Washington Adventist University, speaking at the university’s September 5 opening convocation

UPCOMING EVENTS
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MARYLAND
September 8: The sacred concert featuring Legacy at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Md., has been postponed. For more information, visit sligochurch.org.

September 10-11: The Potomac Adventist Book & Health Food Store in Silver Spring, Md., is starting their LivingWell Lifestyle Program on September 17. The life-changing, 12-week outpatient lifestyle program is built upon the award-winning Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIPHealth.com). The LivingWell Lifestyle Program consists of lectures, educational activities and cooking demonstrations with samples. Two free informational sessions will be held at the store (12004 Cherry Hill Road) on Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11, at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at livingwelllifestyleprogram.com.

NEW JERSEY
September 16: The Wayne (N.J.) church’s second annual "Let's Move!" Day 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for September 16 beginning at 8 a.m. Early registration ends September 1 with a fee of $15. Regular and race day registration is $20. Click here to register. If you register with two other people who are not Wayne church members, you are eligible to receive a technical shirt. The church is located at 218 Ratzer Road.

OHIO
September 22: The Ohio Conference is hosting a gathering at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington featuring Elizabeth Talbot. Talbot has been an associate speaker for Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, is the founder of the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute and has authored numerous books. The daylong service, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is themed “A New Song: The Mega Joy of the Redeemed Heart.” The program will feature inspirational praise and worship music, four sessions on the Gospel of Luke, a gift copy of Elizabeth Talbot's book, Luke: Salvation for All, and dynamic age-appropriate programs for children. This program will have strong appeal to your friends and family who are not Adventists. Register online at www.ohioadventist.org for your free lunch by September 13 or call (740) 397-4665, ext. 111.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
September 15: Capitol Hill Back in the Day Concert. This annual concert, directed by Michael Wright, will feature the Reunion Choir, and songs originally recorded by the Georgia Mass Choir, Mississippi Mass Choir, New Jersey Mass Choir, Florida Mass Choir and Colorado Mass Choir. This promises to be an uplifting worship experience! The program will begin at 6 p.m. at the Capitol Hill church located at 914 Massachusetts Avenue, NE. For more information, call (202) 543-1344.

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At the birthday celebration, Kira was wearing an orange gown, and was delighted with the festivities, which included a delicious spread of food, birthday cake and orange ribbon sugar cookie party favors. Guests, especially Kira’s little sister, 18-month-old Allina, enjoyed whacking at the horse piñata.

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Tracy, Kira, Allina and John Glock pose for a family picture during Kira's birthday celebration.

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Praising the Lord with you and lifting up prayers for your family. My daughter had leukemia and she had bone marrow transplant in 2005 September 6 Adrianna is doing well now and is a junior in Highland view. I praise God with you! I want to again thank every one for the help and support from our church and community. God bless you

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Attendee Zoltan Sestak, a Westlake church member, gives a glimpse into the weekend: “The church itself has many mission fields. We have children’s ministries like Pathfinders, summer camp, kids Sabbath School, etc. Women have their own ministries … I have never been exposed to a true men’s ministry where we focus on the issues, problems and challenges that men face in this sinful, wretched world. Manfest was something completely different. We discussed the real issues of life. Being a loving daddy, a loving husband, together leading our family to the throne of God, was just scratching the surface. In small groups we discussed what true manhood was and how to show our families, our church, the world what a true Christian man should live like. It was a truly deep spiritual experience for me personally.”

On Sunday the men walked around the campsite offering to put their muscles to good use. They cut trees, split wood, painted and built the bathhouse. The hard work only helped the men bond.
Another men's weekend is planned for May 17-19, 2013. For details, visit ohioadventist.org.

Manfest attendees lend their muscles to help construct a new bathhouse for Camp Mohaven in Danville.

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Another poignant performance was at the Maluti Adventist Hospital in Lesotho, a favorite of the late Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, NEYE founder and artistic director. Flutist Juliana Baioni continued Rittenhouse’s tradition of giving to the children, and presented blankets to the hospital crocheted by members of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md.

The tour ended with a two-day safari in Krueger National Park, one of the largest game reserves in Africa.
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Historia por Taashi Rowe

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1. La lluvia es parte del paquete. Llovía el jueves, llovía el viernes y llovía el sábado, aunque ya no tanto. Aunque me resistía a conducir y caminar entre el lodo y a correr para protegerme de los intermitentes aguaceros, a la mayoría de los Conquistadores no les importaba el mal clima. La lluvia es parte del paquete, decían mientras tomaban sus impermeables, paraguas y otras prendas protectoras. Según Harriett Ponder, una miembro de los Seahawks [halcones de mar] de Seabrook en Potomac Conference en Lanham, Md., ¡los Conquistadores aprenden a “salir adelante ya sea bajo la lluvia, la nieve o el frío!”.

Y vaya que salieron adelante. Algunos de los 1,600 Conquistadores enfrentaron valientemente al clima durante el Camporee de Columbia Union Conference "Choose Without Compromise" ["Elige no ceder"] que se llevó a cabo en Camp Mohaven en Danville, Ohio.

2. La ayuda está solo a una carpa de distancia. Después de una noche de torrenciales aguaceros y fuertes vientos, los miembros del club Central Spanish Conquistadores, un club de Conquistadores conformado por tres iglesias de Chesapeake Conference en Maryland, se despertaron solo para encontrar que su pabellón había sido destruido y que todo lo que tenían estaba empapado. "Nos hubiéramos desanimado pero los Waldorf Wildcats [gatos salvajes de Waldorf] nos rescataron y nos dieron un nuevo pabellón, mientras que otros se acercaron a armarlo", dijo Lourdes Alvarenga, miembro de la iglesia de Washington-Spencerville Spanish en Ashton, Md. “Luego, fuimos bendecidos por los Conquistadores de Hagerstown que nos compartieron su desayuno”.

3. ¡Es divertido, haces muchos amigos y aprendes un montón! Los Conquistadores realmente disfrutan los campamentos, nadar, ganar honores y hacer amigos. Durante los cuatro días del programa los asistentes podían trabajar en 40 especialidades, incluyendo arena, nudos, historia del adventismo y el súper popular teñido anudado.

4. Los Conquistadores no son solamente para los adventistas. John Garrett y su hija Shannon se sienten en casa a pesar de que asisten a una iglesia dominical. Cuando sus hijas hicieron amigas en la iglesia de Chesapeake de Atholton Conference en Columbia, Md., él pensó en visitar el club Faith Blazer [le resplandeciente]. Así descubrió que “mis hijas estaban recibiendo una mejor educación cristiana que en nuestra propia iglesia”. La mayoría de los niños del Club de Conquistadores Crusaders [defensores] de Akron en Ohio Conference en Ohio, no son miembros de iglesia. “No sabemos por qué les gusta pasarla junto a un montón de viejos de entre cincuenta y sesenta años de edad, pero los amamos y ellos a nosotros”, nos dice Mark Sarokes, uno de los consejeros del club.
5. Es un asunto de familia. Sebastián Harris, de dieciséis años y Alexander Azambuja, de diecisiete, miembros de los Hummingbirds [colibríes] de la iglesia de Easton de Pennsylvania Conference, dicen que sus consejeros han impactado sus vidas. "Los consejeros lloran con nosotros, nos dan de comer, pasan por nosotros a casa, juegan y bromean con nosotros", dicen. Y aunque Azambuja va en camino a la universidad, siempre será miembro de este club, porque "uno no puede dejar a la familia".

6. Una vez que uno se hace un Conquistador, uno nunca deja de serlo. Marie Grant, una miembro de la iglesia de Glenville, de Allegheny West Conference en Cleveland, se unió a los Conquistadores hace sesenta y dos años, cuando a los diez años de edad crecía en Trinidad. Desde entonces toda su familia se ha unido a la iglesia y todos sus hijos son Conquistadores también. E.W. y Zelda Bailey, miembros de la iglesia Allegheny West en Middletown, Ohio, tienen ahora unos ochenta años de edad. Recién se jubilaron este año después de servir como líderes de los Conquistadores durante aproximadamente cuarenta y ocho años.

7. Uno se acerca más a Dios. Un Sábado, cuando el conferenciante José H. Cortés, Jr., director de Ministerios Juveniles de Atlantic Union Conference, hacía el llamado de "Elige no ceder" a los Conquistadores, docenas pasaron adelante para ser bautizados. Jonathan Dale, director de los Warriors [guerreros] de la iglesia Summerville de Mountain View Conference, comenta que los sermones impresionaron a sus tres hijos. "Micah, mi hijo de seis años me tomó de la mano y me dijo: 'Papi, quiero ser bautizado', nos dijo. "Vi en derredor nuestro y me di cuenta que de pronto Nathan y Zachary también estaban de pie a mi lado. No sé si ellos saben qué es lo que esto significa, pero esa fue la primera vez en sus vidas que pasaban al frente de esta manera".

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